

The Village Pump

Nymet Rowland

November 2023

What's on...

MOBILE LIBRARY

Next visits: Tuesday 7th November, and 5th December 12.20 - 12.40 by the car park.

There's still no news about the future of our Mobile Library.

W.I.

For our next meeting on Wednesday 8th November, we will be having a Soap Making Demo with Tracy Johnson – 7.30 in Coldridge Village Hall.

13th December - Christmas Celebration

W.I. contact Liz Smith, 83515

DEVON'S ANCIENT BENCH ENDS

Dr. Todd Gray will present an evening talk in the Victory Hall at Lapford on Friday 3rd November 2023 to raise funds for Lapford Village Archive.

Tickets £5.00 available from The Orchard Centre on Tuesdays between 10:00am and 12:30pm, The Ark on Tuesdays and Fridays or email archive@lapford2022@gmail.com

A reminder that back issues of The Pump can be found on the website <https://nymet-rowland-pump.uk>

There's a contact form on the website where you can upload items and images for inclusion in this monthly newsletter or for display in the various photo galleries.

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7-30pm in the Village Hall

AGENDA

Apologies for absence.

Minutes of the last meeting to be approved and signed.

Questions from Members of the Public

Matters arising:-

1. Pothole/road maintenance.
2. Street lighting.
3. Repairs to bench at junction. RC

New business.

1. Introduction & welcome of Councillor Steven Keable MDDC
2. New Planning Application for Holiday Cabins south of Nymet Mill Farm. Ref NGR 271282 108982. (MDDC Planning application number 23/01406/MFUL. Ed.)
3. Fibre Broadband project *

Finance report:-

1. Expenditure & Bank balance. R.C.

Any other business.

Date of next meeting.

Wed 7th Feb 2024.

* If you haven't registered yet for the Demand Led Fibre Community Partnership build project, go to <https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity> and pledge your voucher now, and encourage others in your community to do the same. Ed.

IMPROPER BATTERY DISPOSAL CAUSES TWO FIRES IN MID DEVON

Two incidents took place in one day, serving as a stark reminder of the importance of responsible recycling.

On Monday 25 September, a small fire broke out in the back of a waste collection vehicle in Bradninch. The driver noticed in his camera system a large amount of smoke billowing out of the hopper at the back of the vehicle. When investigated, a battery was found that had been compacted and caught fire. This was disposed of in a black waste bin rather than recycled correctly. Thankfully, the fire was contained and extinguished without significant property damage or injuries.

On the very same day, a second fire broke out, this time at the Council's depot in Willand. Once again, a discarded battery was found to be the cause. The fire occurred whilst the depot team were baling cardboard — they noticed smoke coming from the top of the baler and took swift action to stop production. The bale of cardboard that had caught fire was taken outside and broken down. Crushed batteries were found which had caused them to ignite. Had this not been noticed immediately, it may have resulted in a major fire causing extensive damage to property and putting lives at risk.

These incidents underline the critical importance of proper battery disposal. Batteries, especially lithium-ion batteries commonly found in everyday devices, can pose a severe fire hazard when disposed of incorrectly.

Recycling batteries correctly is not only a matter of safety but also a vital environmental responsibility. Batteries contain hazardous materials that can leach into the soil and water if not recycled properly. By ensuring batteries are placed in designated recycling boxes, we contribute to the protection of our environment and reduce the risk of accidents like these fires. Mid Devon Council urge residents to follow these essential guidelines:

- **Use designated recycling boxes:** General household batteries can be recycled as part of

your fortnightly recycling collection - batteries must be placed in a clear plastic bag or tub, and left on top of the black box clearly visible for our collection crews. **We do not collect Lithium-Ion batteries at this time.**

- **Wrap or tape batteries:** Used batteries are not always completely discharged so take caution when disposing of multiple used batteries that could come into contact with one another. To dispose of the batteries safely, cover the positive terminal of each battery with tape.
- **When in doubt,** consider dropping off batteries at designated recycling centres or collection points.
- **Educate others:** Spread the word about the importance of proper battery disposal to friends, family, and neighbours.

Councillor Josh Wright, Cabinet Member for Environment and Services, said:

"By working together and using the correct recycling boxes, we can prevent future incidents and create a safer, more sustainable community. Luckily our staff dealt with these incidents very quickly, but if unnoticed these could have had major consequences."

For more information on what to put out and where, please visit www.middevon.gov.uk/recycling-guidance.

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RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Monday 6th November

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 13th November

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Monday 20th November

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling
Black Wheelie Bin: Non-Recyclable Waste

Monday 27th November

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Monday 4th December

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, NYMET ROWLAND

Services in November

Sunday, 19th November
9:00am Holy Communion
Reverend Robert Gordon

Victoria

ALLERBRIDGE CHAPEL

Sundays:

10:45am service only. No evening service.

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