

The Village Pump

Nymet Rowland

July 2024

What's on...

CUPPA & CHAT with a Book Swap

NYMET ROWLAND VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 2 July - 2.30pm to 3.30pm



**Come and join us and meet friends
and neighbours for a cup of
tea/coffee and a catch-up**

Everyone welcome

Profits to Nymet Rowland Village Hall

Please contact 01363 83256 with any queries

NYMET ROWLAND VILLAGE HALL

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 6 July 2024

10.30am to 12.00pm

**Come and enjoy tea or coffee and a slice of
cake**



Including draw, cake stall and bring & buy stall

Free entry! All welcome!

Proceeds towards Nymet Rowland Village Hall

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W.I.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th July, when we will be learning about Art of Belly Dancing. N.B. This meeting will be in Nymet Rowland Village Hall.

W.I. Programme for 2024

10th July: Art of Belly Dancing – Jill Alcott (Nymet)

11th September: Follow your Dream – Lyn Gould

9th October: Blood Bikes – Rob

13th November: Crafting – TBC

11th December: Christmas Celebration

W.I. contact Liz Smith 83515

A RARE OPPORTUNITY...

...in North Devon to hear baroque opera in live concert performance:

Monday 8th July, Umberleigh Village Hall, 8:00pm

See page 3 for more information. Advance booking recommended.

A REMINDER!

*The 'Pump Year' is from July to June. If you would like to continue receiving a copy, please put £3 in an envelope **with your name and address**, and post through the letterbox of 4, Pitt Court.*

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Monday 1st July

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 8th July

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste
Black Wheelie Bin: Non-Recyclable Waste

Monday 15th July

Blue Food Caddy
Recycling

Monday 22nd July

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Monday 29th July

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

Monday 5th August

Blue Food Caddy
Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

THE STATE OF OUR ROADS – MORE

We wanted to advise everyone on the current situation regarding remedial action for the condition of the roads leading into the village.

There have been countless emails and phone calls with the Head of Highways at Devon County Council and help from Mel Stride MP. David Gruncell and I, recently had an on-site meeting with Cllr Maragaret Squires and the Highways Engineer who is responsible, for a huge area.

We were encouraged to learn that a budget for drainage works on Barton Hill (Eggesford Cross to Allerbridge) has now been allocated for Financial Year '25. In the meantime, given the current funding situation, limited repair work was identified as follows.

Verge ploughing and clearance, will in places,

reveal and widen a metre or more of existing road. This in turn, should reveal some existing drainage grills that are shown on the official highways mapping system. These will likely need jetting to clear them.

There are two sources of water that cause the repeated surface damage and potholes. Suspected springs under the road, will be investigated and probably need new drainage. Also, a blocked ditch in the neighbouring field that overflows down the verge needs clearing. This had severely eroded a fifteen metre stretch of the road shoulder on the left side. The damaged road was very hazardous and has now been repaired.

In conclusion, it seems that finally the problems have been officially recognised. Realistically, I'm afraid our patience on this has to continue until 2025. However, in the meantime, it is really important to please continue reporting potholes using the Highways website.

If you Google 'devon highways report a problem' that will take you to www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/

DCC Highways entirely depend on this system and I have found it works. We are advised that it is counter productive to persist in emailing reports or complaints. All this does is to tie up a member of staff in trying to reply, instead of scheduling actual repair work

Anthony Odhams – Nymet Rowland Parish Council.

FULL FIBRE BROADBAND

I have had a few enquiries recently about the Openreach plan to upgrade the broadband connection at Lapford Exchange.

It has taken six months longer than originally planned, but subscriber pledges of their allocated Government grant for Openreach to carry out this work, currently stands at 86% of the designated target. Clearly this is very encouraging for those wishing to take the option of having a full fibre broadband connection to their property.

It would appear that the first priorities for this work are in Lapford and Coldridge, where I am advised, engineering planning surveys have been undertaken and in some places, rolls of fibre cable are hanging from poles. From my various conversations with Openreach, it's evident that before committing to any further expansion of the fibre network, they take quite a cautious approach in terms of being able to cover any un-anticipated costs, as this work progresses. Nymet Rowland should not be at risk of this happening, but it is something to bear in mind

Likewise, I am cautiously anticipating that we should expect work to start in the village in the late summer to autumn, but for obvious reasons, please don't quote me on that!

An indication might be when the Government starts asking those who submitted their original

pledges to Openreach, to confirm that they are actually happy to assign their allocated grant to Openreach.

There do seem have been some administrative muddles in this Government voucher scheme, so I wonder if there may be some instances to come here too.

It is important to clarify that the Government is funding these vouchers, subscribers are not asked to pay anything. However, bear in mind that subscribers who do NOT pledge now, may be liable for a connection charge from the property to the nearest pole, should they decide they want to be connected at a later stage.

If you wish to pledge, Google www.openreach.com/connect-my-community

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VENUS & ADONIS

Concert performance of John Blow's opera with supporting programme

Umberleigh Village Hall, Monday 8th July 2024 at 8.00pm

The Winkleigh Singers & South West Baroque Players



Early Bird Ticket £10.00

– ends 15th June,

then £15.00

Accompanied under 16s FREE

Tickets from

- <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-winkleigh-singers>
- Choir members or
- on the door from 7:30pm, subject to availability

WALKING GROUP



It was a bright, sunny day on Monday June 10th when six of us met at the village hall carpark for our second walk. We set off turning right out of the carpark and then right again by the village bench. Our walk took us up the hill past Hele Cottage and down towards the A377 branching off to the left to the footpath part way down hill. This took us across the field and into a green lane providing welcome shade from the bright, warm sun. We passed Nymet Mill on our left and walked back to the road chatting all the while with our fellow walkers.

We turned right and headed for Nymet. The long climb up the hill was quite challenging and tested our stamina! It certainly gave us a good cardiac workout! A few stops to catch my/our breath helped us to the top and back to Nymet. Everyone enjoyed the walk and it was a bonus having a fine and dry day.

Our next walk is planned for Monday 15th July, meet at 10.30am in the village hall carpark.

Come and join us!

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NYMET ROWLAND**

Services for July
Sunday 21st July
9:00am Holy Communion
Reverend David Robottom

ALLERBRIDGE CHAPEL

Sundays: 10:45am service only.

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VILLAGE HALL...
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Marion (83482)**

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