

The Village Pump Nymet Rowland

December 2025

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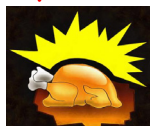
CUPPA & CHAT with a Book Swap

NYMET ROWLAND VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 2 December - 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Christmas Draw for a Chicken Dinner

£1 per ticket



Everyone welcome 🍷

Profits to Nymet Rowland Village Hall

Please contact 01363 83256 with any queries

CUPPA & CHAT

The next Cuppa and Chat will be Tuesday 2nd December at 2.30pm, in Nymet Rowland Village Hall.

W.I.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th December when we will be going to a kitchen for a Festive Food Demonstration..

New members are always welcome or come as a guest (£3). Meetings are held (with the odd exception) on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Coldridge Village Hall.

W.I. contact Liz Smith 83515

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

An important date for your diary

DEFIBRILLATOR & CPR TRAINING



Nymet Rowland Village Hall

10:30 am Saturday 13th December 2025

FREE OF CHARGE

Owing to limited available space, Nymet Rowland residents will be prioritised. Please register early with

Anthony Odhams T: 01363 83344 E: anthony@odhams.co.uk

NYMET WALKING GROUP

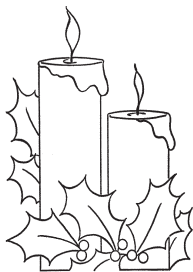
Our next walk will be on Monday December 8th with a pub lunch. Car share - meet at the Village Hall 10.30.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

...by THE WINKLEIGH SINGERS

Sunday 14th December in St Michael's Church, Great Torrington at 7.30pm
Tickets from Roland and Liz Smith, 4 Pitt Court.

St Bartholomew's
Church
Nymet Rowland
Monday 22nd December
at 6:30pm



**CANDLELIT
CAROL SERVICE**
All very welcome

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Monday 1st December

Blue Food Caddy

Recycling

Monday 8th December

Blue Food Caddy

Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Monday 15th December

Blue Food Caddy

Recycling

Black WheelieBin: Non - Recyclable Waste

Monday 22nd December

Blue Food Caddy

Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Tuesday 30th December

Blue Food Caddy

Recycling Tuesday

6th January

Blue Food Caddy

Brown Bin: Chargeable Waste

Black WheelieBin: Non - Recyclable Waste

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THE VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

Please be aware that, weather permitting, as from Monday 1st December, the Village Defibrillator will be relocated to its new home in the Phone Kiosk. This will ensure that it is fully protected from the elements. We plan to repaint and officially open the Kiosk in the Spring.

As a reminder, there will be a free refresher CPR and defibrillator training session in the Village Hall at 10:30 hrs on Saturday 13th December.

To reserve your place, please contact me on 01363 83344 or anthony@odhams.co.uk

Anthony Odhams



Sponsor a Christmas Bauble

Dedicating a bauble is a unique and memorable way to remember someone special and support the Village Hall and St Bartholomew's Church Fabric Fund.

Help us light up the Village this Christmas

Baubles available from the 1st December

Collect from:

- ♦ Elaine Little – Enfield House
- ♦ Penny Odhams – Upcott House

Or at the Cuppa & Chat – Dec 2nd Village Hall

Donations from £3.00 per bauble





QUIZ

Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun event and donated Draw prizes. Congratulations to the winning Team – Nymet Allstars (above) – who won by a magnificent half point!.

£214.96 was raised for Village Hall funds.

Marion Born

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPYAPPEAL 2025

Thank you to everyone in the parishes of Nymet Rowland and Coldridge who contributed so generously to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. £584.82 was collected and has been sent to the Royal British Legion for the continuance of their valuable support to the serving and retired members of our Armed Forces and their families.

Marion Born

NYMET WALKING GROUP

Our walk on November 17th was close to home. We set off towards the church and walked down towards Aller Bridge then picked up the foot path just along from Cleaveanger Farm. This took us up through three fields to the wood above Diddicombe Dandy. We walked down the steep field and crossed over Diddicombe stream and back to the road up to Nymet.

Next walk Monday December 8th with a pub lunch. Car share - meet at the village hall 10.30.





WI

The Village Hall became a second home to Coldridge WI in November as we hosted our 'Breakfast is Served...' event on 8th November and our regular monthly meeting on the 12th.

The breakfast was a very busy and successful event for us and thank you to the army of helpers who served, cooked, washed up, made cakes and donated raffle prizes, as well as the customers who came and underpinned our efforts. It means the world when everyone comes out to enjoy an event as it means community groups are able to carry on

providing friendship, interest and entertainment to parishioners, especially in rural areas.

After a couple of sleeps we were all back at the Hall to enjoy an evening of festive papercrafting hosted by WI member, Andrea. Some were wondering how you start with a magazine and end up with a Christmas tree, but all was revealed under Andrea's expert guidance. Much folding and inky fingers later, we had some very pretty and festive creations. Thank you Andrea for bringing supplies and plenty of patience.

We get a change of scenery for our next meeting in December as we're all off for a cookery demonstration and sampling of Christmas canapes and treats. This is a members only event, but to be honest, there are no spaces left for this much anticipated event.

So, if you're visiting a friend and neighbour's house this holiday season, do comment on the creative decorations and next level party nibbles! It's been a productive few weeks.

New members are always welcome or come as a guest (£3). Meetings are held (with the odd exception) on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Subjects range from charities and local interest groups, cookery demonstrations and craft workshops to the arts and wellbeing. Look out for more information on the village socials. Hope to see you soon.

Lyn Green
WI Secretary

NYMET ROWLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the 202nd Parish Council Meeting
Held in Village Hall on Wednesday 12 November
2025 at 7:30 pm

Present:

Councillors: Anthony Odhams (AO), David Gruncell (DG), Jan Coeshall (JC), Babs Channing (BC), Elaine Little (EL) – Clerk
Guest: Cllr. Steve Keable (SK)
Apologies: Viv O'Dell (VO),
4 MOPs

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2025 were approved and signed.

2. Questions from Members of the Public

- An MOP raised a concern regarding state of the roads into and out of the village AO advised it was a Matter Arising on the PC Agenda for the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

3.1. Road Maintenance /Repairs

- AO gave an update on his correspondence to DCC & Mel Stride MP (MS) office. A reply received from MS office, stated that the work was planned. AO responded by asking why the work was not included in a DCC road works schedule listed on the Internet and had MS been mis-led? A subsequent email from MS stated that the work was actually no longer scheduled owing to lack of funds. AO then wrote to the head of highways, copied to the head of DCC and others, demanding a resolution following the promise & guarantees that funding had been provisioned in the FY '25 budgets. Consequently, an onsite meeting was held on 5th Nov with AO & DG with highways engineers Steve Tucker, Tom Vaughan & Steve Short – Meeting was positive, and the engineers then fully understood the poor condition of the road and committed to do a full review and schedule repair work. A full technical assessment of the road and its drainage requirements will now take place. AO & DG asked for detailed written confirmation of what was agreed at the meeting. (Subsequently received)

- AO reiterated the priority of the repairs with 1st Barton Hill Road to Allerbridge 2nd Road down to Lapford and also the Nymet Bridge Road. During the PC meeting, SK explained that due to AO's persistence and letters, a very unusual step was taken to transfer £70k of funds from another budget and set aside for the repairs.

3.2. Defibrillator/Planning

- AO provided an update of the phone box. The Council is now the owner of the Phone kiosk and has now commenced work to relocate the defibrillator from the wall of No 1 Pitt Court, into the kiosk. The latter will be cleaned, but weather conditions are like to delay repainting work.

- Electrician has reviewed what's needed and quoted for the required work. PC agreed on the costing of the work.

- Clerk to instruct the electrician and to confirm a date

Defibrillator & CPR Training

- Saturday 12 December DEFIB & CPR training will be held in the Village Hall

- As the Clerk will be away beforehand, please contact Anthony Odhams to book a place

3.3 Planning Control & Enforcement

- AO advised the latest on Nymet Mill Field and the need for the Planning Enforcement Officer to inspect and ensure that all non permitted buildings and items are demolished and removed.
- SK advised that enforcement is agreed & noted, and he will speak with the Enforcement Office on the matter.

3.4 Christmas Tree

- Clerk requested budget for the purchase of a Christmas tree for the Village. This was agreed unanimously.

- Clerk was invited to explain her fund-raising idea. Namely, to benefit both the Village Hall and the Friends of St Bartholomew's Church, she suggested using the Christmas Tree as a Tree of Dedication. Villagers can purchase a bauble to inscribe their dedication to a loved one or a cause. By taking part, they can honour the memory of someone special, and these will be lit up on the

tree throughout the Christmas festival.

- It was also explained that this will also help to ensure the Christmas Tree is an active feature of the community

- Baubles will be on sale from December from either Penny Odhams @ Upcott House or Elaine Little @ Enfield House for a minimum donation of £3.00 per bauble.

3.5 Schedule of 2026 Parish Council Meetings discussed and agreed.

- Q1 - Wednesday 11 February 2026

- Q2 - Tuesday 12 May 2026

- Q3 - Wednesday 12 August 2026

- Q4 - Tuesday 10 November 2026

4.0 Financial Report

- Clerk reported

- Current Account balance: as of 01 Nov 25 £1395.51

- Deposit Account balance as of 01 Nov 25 £855.45

Expenditure between Aug-Nov 25 = £18.00

4.1 Nymet Rowland Precept

- Budget & Precept review discussion took place and agreements made to increase the precept for 2026 from £1200 – £1500

- Notification of increase in Parish Council Charges for a Band D would increase from current £24.51 to £29.09 equivalent of £0.09p per week (or a £0.35p per month increase)

5.0 Any Other Business (AOB)

- DG discussed the potential danger of an accident at the Eggesford Cross T junction. It was agreed to report the problem via the Devon Highways website as hidden and dangerous.

- To request the renew the road markings with the option of a stop sign.

- DG requested from SK that the road sweeper is to come through the village and clean the roads which are very dirty, primarily from farm machinery traffic.

6. Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for 11 February26

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Why are we waiting?

(to the tune of O come all ye faithful)



**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH,
NYMET ROWLAND**

Services for December

Carol Service

6.30 pm, Monday, 22nd December

Reverend Anthony Geering

Christmas Day

9.30 am

Holy Communion

Reverend David Robottom

Arthur

ALLERBRIDGE CHAPEL

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Marion (83482)**

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