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**A happy and peaceful new year to all our members
and their families.**

February
2014
Nailsea

Nailsea Christmas scene

We thought it would be interesting to tour the town centre and high street to see how well our local shop windows were decorated for Christmas. Well, I'm afraid we weren't impressed. Very few shops had made any effort at all. We looked at all those who had decorated their shop windows to judge which, in our opinion, was the best. Without doubt our congratulations have to go to Explodium in the Arcade (see picture) with Aaron's Pets in 2nd place. Well done to them both.

We think it would be a good idea to do it again next Christmas. So come on all you shop owners! Let's see who can provide the best display and give us all some Christmas cheer ■



DIARY WATCH

WEDNESDAY, 5th MARCH

7:30pm at the **UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL**
Stockway North, Nailsea BS48 1AQ

Our guest speaker will be Nicola Beebee, Community & Events Fund Raiser, for the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity. Nicole has a long history of working in the charity sector most recently for Mencap but also Muscular Dystrophy, The Vassall Centre Trust and local community groups. Our local Neighbourhood Police Team will also be there as always to report and discuss the latest crime issues with you. So come along and enjoy an interesting evening.

All members are most welcome at these General Meetings which are arranged for your benefit. It is also an opportunity to meet fellow members in a relaxed social atmosphere.

Free refreshments are provided.

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USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999 Emergency
101 All non-emergency calls, Nailsea Station

0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers
www.nailseanhw.org.uk
Chairman /Committee email:
nailseanhw@googlemail.com

Christmas Social

P.A.C.T.

It was a record attendance with over 70 people staying for the whole evening, not to mention all those coming along to pay their annual subscriptions. Every year this event proves more popular with increasing numbers of people coming along to join in the fun and meet with other members.

Treasurer Gill McConachie and Committee member Trevor Lyons were kept busy receiving the annual subscriptions from Scheme Contact Persons.

Bingo was again very popular with Trevor doing the 'calling'. Thanks are also due to Ian Mottram and Mike West for supplying the quiz and cartoon caption competitions which generated a lot of member participation. Everyone enjoyed the fun element of the cartoon caption competition and there were some imaginative and amusing suggestions from the floor. Maybe we shall repeat it or do something similar next Christmas.

Steven Andersen from the Clevedon Window Centre, who has been a long term supporter of this event, was in attendance exhibiting his products. Thanks to Steven and also to Justin Robbie, our local PCSO, who was standing in for PC Matt Christie to answer members questions.

Our refreshment team—Margaret and Audrey— did a sterling job serving tea and coffee with Margaret's home made mince pies.

Finally thank you to my Committee and all of you for making it a most enjoyable evening. Judging by the happy smiling faces below, everyone enjoyed themselves ■

The Chairman



Matt Christie reported that there is a burglary team working out of Nailsea Station covering the town and North Somerset. Burglaries are down 25% in Nailsea.

Anti Social Behaviour has risen however this can be attributed to more rigorous reporting.

Shoplifting has risen from 38 in 2012 to 45 in 2013. The Police have been successful in catching offenders. Rigorous processes are in place to tackle this issue.

Inconsiderate parking, including parking on pavements, was again discussed, particularly with regard to danger to the public. A 3 month trial was agreed whereby members of the public should call Nailsea Police Station on 101 to report obstructive and repeated inconsiderate parking incidents.

The Police priorities for this quarter will be Highway Safety in Nailsea and garage & shed burglaries in Tickenham, Wraxall and Failand.

The AGM was held immediately after the main meeting. John Hunter was re-elected as Chairman and Peter Smith as Treasurer.

The next PACT meeting will be on Tuesday 15th April at Nailsea Fire Station ■

Smoke Alarms

The Fire and Rescue Service is very interested in preventing fires from happening, by educating groups and individuals in basic fire prevention, how to protect themselves when fire does start, and what to do to escape rapidly and safely.

They offer free Home Fire Safety Visits to give people advice on how to stay safe in their own homes. The alarms fitted are trouble free, designed to avoid climbing to reach them, with a ten-year battery that does not need replacing during the lifetime of the alarm; also, they can easily be silenced whenever burnt toast or cooking has set them off.

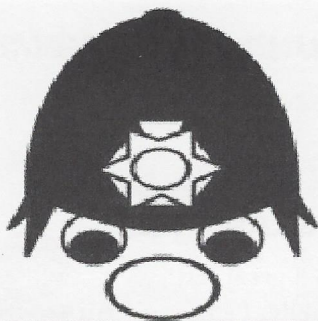
If you would like to speak to someone about a free Home Fire Safety Visit, please call 0117 926 2061 ■

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This newsletter is delivered to 3,900 households in Nailsea. Would you like to see other topics/items covered or advertise your business in the newsletter and/or on our web site, or promote your business? If so, please let us have your suggestions by email (nailseanhw@gmail.com) or call 01275 857418 ■

Police Successes



On the Beat

I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to all the Neighbourhood Watch members in Nailsea. I have come over to Nailsea from working in Clevedon for the past four years and I am trying to fill Adam Clarke's rather large shoes or should I say boots.

I am pleased to say since September 2013 there have been stark reductions in the number of burglaries reported to the police with a total of 4. This compares to the same period last year where 12 were reported. The four most recent

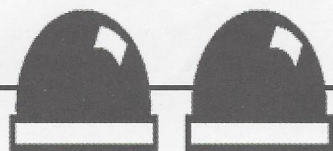
burglaries have been committed between 5pm and 11pm when home owners have been

out shopping. Please be vigilant during these times leaving lights on or radios playing to deter any opportunist thieves.

These reductions have also been experienced across North Somerset thanks to ongoing operations which have been co-ordinated with local intelligence officers the burglary squad and the Nailsea beat team. These operations which were run during autumn and are still being ran targeting suspected offenders when they enter North Somerset.

These operations have been helped by local members of the public reporting to the police sightings of suspect vehicles or persons that have been seen hanging around Nailsea ■

PC Matt Christie



Burglars Caught

In December 2013 the Nailsea Burglary Squad arrested two males after they broke into a property in the Kings Hill area of the town. These two males are currently on remand in prison awaiting trial.

Robber Caught

In December 2013 a male tried to steal the contents of a till from a shop in Colliers Walk, Nailsea. Using the town centre CCTV cameras detectives were then able to identify the suspect who had also been responsible for a theft from the Factory Shop as well. The male who wasn't from the town was detained by British Transport police where he was interviewed and charged with attempt robbery and theft ■

Beat News

The Nailsea beat team have also taken to Twitter and we can be followed on @ASPNSomerset. Twitter is a great way to follow the local beat team allowing members of the public to interact with officers and find out when local meetings are scheduled in your area. I would also like to point you in the direction of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary website. Each town has its own beat page with up to date current news stories that affect the Nailsea community ■

Crime Figures

November/December	2013	2012
Other	1	9
Anti Social Behaviour	58	56
Criminal Damage	7	18
Assault	18	4
Theft	20	20
Burglary House	1	6
Burglary shed/garage/business	3	10
Theft cycle	0	3
Robbery	2	0
Theft of Vehicle	0	1
Theft from vehicle	3	5
Possession of drugs	0	1
Total	113	133

Crime Reduction

Please be vigilant with mountain bikes and racers. A number of expensive push bikes have been stolen from garages and outbuildings over the past 12 months. The Nailsea beat team are promoting an excellent website, 'bikeregister.com'. On this website anyone can record the details of their bike for free; the added advantage of doing so is that when the police come across any suspected stolen bike, the frame number can be checked to see if it's stolen. Nailsea beat team are also selling a number of secure bike locks and property marking at a reduced price. These are being offered at community events across Nailsea and the wider community of North Somerset.

Pin Crime

Take care with your Pin number when making card transactions. During October and November two crimes were reported in Nailsea when members of the public used their bank cards and somebody in the queue has watched as the customer enters their Pin. The suspects have then remembered the Pin code and when the customer is not looking dipped into the handbags of the victim and removed their purse. The cards were then been used to either withdraw money or pay for shopping. Be aware of people looking over your shoulder ■

PC Matt Christie

STOP PRESS - Avon & Somerset Constabulary are announcing their new 'Operating Model' at the end of January. More on this next issue.

