

Nailsea Christmas Lights

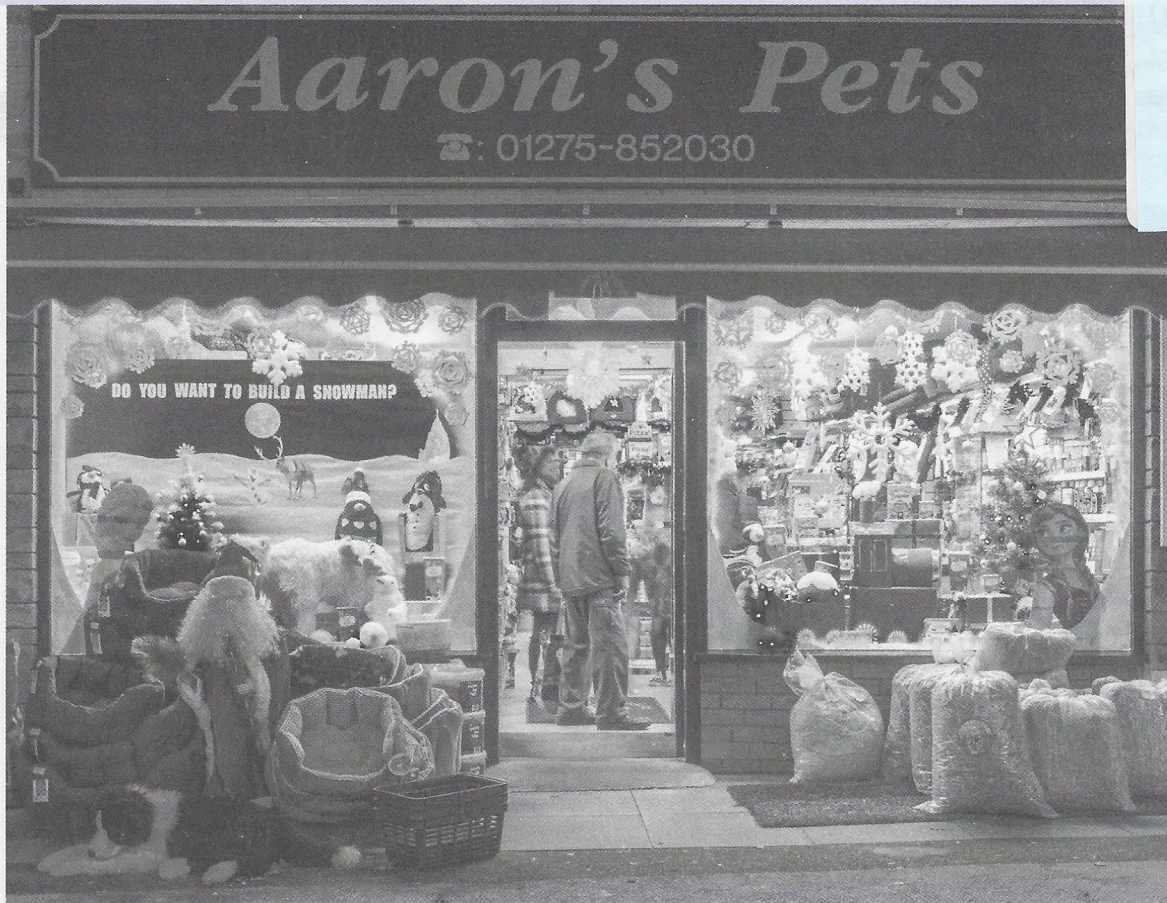
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Nailsea



This is the second year we toured the High Street, Somerset Square and Colliers Walk. Last year we were not impressed. This Christmas is no better. Again very few shops had made any effort at all. Some decorations were just a token effort.

This year we judged the best to be Aaron's Pets. Congratulations to them. We are hoping that next Christmas Nailsea shop owners will make Nailsea centre an attractive Christmassy place for buying presents and provisions ■



Urgent — more committee members needed

Several of your committee have served for many years. We urgently need new members to ensure the future of Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch. The committee only meets 5 times a year for an hour and a half. For more details contact either Peter Smith 01275 857418 or Mike West 01275 854566 ■

DIARY WATCH

WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH

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

Our guest speaker will be **Chris Harrison** from the CCTV centre in Weston super Mare. The CCTV centre manages and monitors the CCTV in each town in North Somerset. Chris will describe current operations and future developments.

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.

THE HIGHER THE VIGILANCE the lower the crime....

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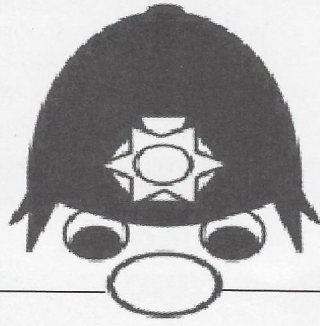
USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999 Emergency
101 Non-emergency
 calls
 Nailsea Station
0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers

Web site: nailseanhw.org.uk
Email: nailseanhw@gmail.com

Christmas Social 2014





On the Beat

Welcome to 2015 from PC 3494 Peter Rooke.

I have recently been moved into the Nailsea beat area, replacing PC Matthew Christie who is off to pastures new within the organisation. Thank you to Matt and his help on the beat during the handover period. I certainly have some big boots to fill.

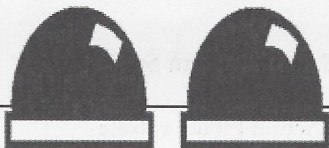
The team within Nailsea has recently changed with PCSO 7919 Charlotte Thompson joining the ranks, not to be confused with PCSO Charlotte Thompson who left Nailsea town centre last year to work in Bristol.

The New Year brings new challenges. Shed breaks are still a common theme this time of year and I remind all residents to lock their sheds and identify their own property that is kept within. On the subject of property marking, at Nailsea police station I run a cycle marking scheme using the system called Bike Register. This is a permanent, highly visible marking system that is primarily used for a preventative measure but also a recovery tool for the police should we locate the cycle. Unfortunately there is a charge of £5 for the product, which is minimal compared with a theft of a bike. Please contact me for further details. Please view www.bikeregister.com should you have any questions.

On a final note, the town centre shops are now linked up with a radio system. This is a radio system linking all the shops and public houses together along with North Somerset Council CCTV, giving the retailers the best opportunity to deter shoplifters and the police a better chance of identifying the offenders should a shoplift take place. This is a benefit for retailers and shoppers alike, providing a safer community for all to enjoy.

I look forward to bumping into as many of you as I can during the next few months either out on patrol or at the NHW meetings■

PC Peter Rook



The AGM of our local 'Partners And Communities Together' group was held on 6th January. Previously on 19th of November there had been a town Community Safety meeting at which Nailsea residents said they still wanted a team. However, due to lack of attendance at the AGM and the lack of commitment to become involved, it was decided that the PACT group should be dissolved.

Over many years, the PACT group (formerly LAT) had reduced the menace of pavement parking substantially, their view being that our pavements should be for pedestrians. There have been many other initiatives working with both the Police and Town Council. Community Speedwatch will continue to operate as an independent unit as it has grown from strength to strength. The PACT Chairman, John Hunter, would like to thank everyone who has contributed to both LAT and PACT over the years.■

A few home security tips

Bogus Callers and Rogue Traders

'Not sure? Don't open the door!' Most callers are genuine, but watch out for alleged utility workers, council workers, police or repair workers who haven't made an appointment. If you're alone and unsure, ask them to come back later when someone else will be there■

Lock up

Deadlock doors and close and close windows if you go out or upstairs. Unlocked UPVC units can be sprung. Keep keys away from doors and windows in a place where they are not visible to anyone looking in, and don't hide them outside.

Get a strong door with insurance company-approved locks. Fit an entry viewer and/or a good door chain or door bar. A letterbox cage will prevent lock release or theft via the letterbox. Change locks in new houses so only you have keys. Don't give keys to anyone you do not know well.

The Master Locksmiths Association (MLA) licenses its approved locksmiths through a process of vetting and checking. Visit the MLA website to search for an MLA-approved and registered locksmith■

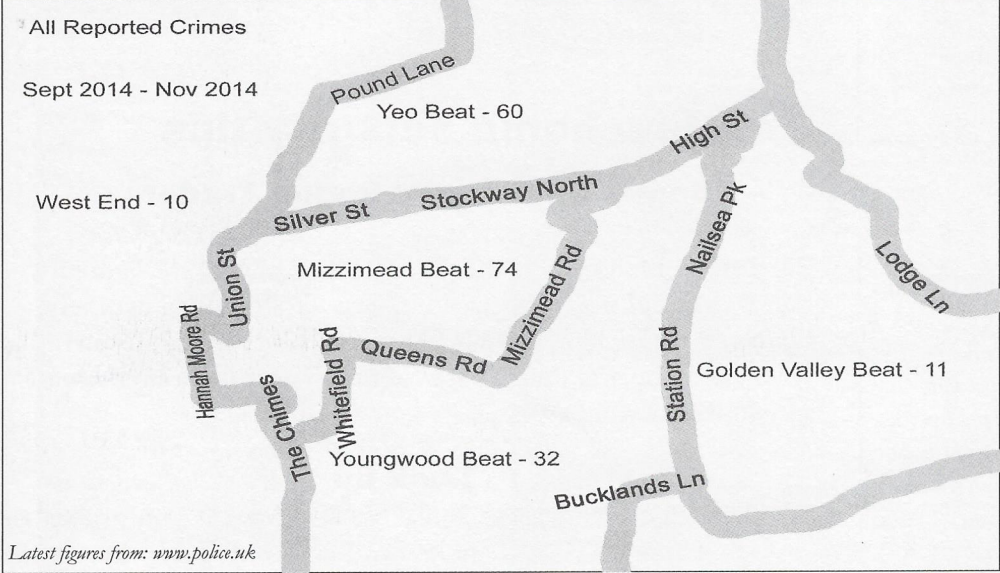
While you're away

Don't make it obvious that your home is empty. Use timer switches for lights (preferably upstairs), radios (tuned to talk stations), and a 'fake TV' flickering light box. Ask a neighbour to keep a car parked in the driveway. Ask someone to take in mail, milk, dustbins etc. If you have a trusted neighbour, friend or relative with a key, ask them to close the curtains at night and open them in the morning■

Advice taken from http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/safety_advice/safer_homes/

Crime Figures

November/December	2013	2014
Other	1	19
Anti Social Behaviour (ABS)	58	50
Criminal Damage	7	23
Assault	18	4
Theft	20	20
Burglary House	1	0
Burglary shed/garage/business	3	1
Theft cycle	0	0
Robbery	2	0
Theft of Vehicle	0	1
Theft from vehicle	3	0
Possession of drugs	0	3
Total	113	121



AROUND THE SCHEMES

Welcome new Coordinators Sarah Crane (Corfe Close) and Phil Frier (Sunnymeade Road). We would like to thank the previous incumbents for their service over the years ■

BURGLAR BILL



“Mid-morning's the best time for me. It's when you're most likely to be out ■

Future meetings

WEDNESDAY 4th March 2014
Chris Harrison, CCTV Centre, Weston

WEDNESDAY 6th May 2014
Clevedon Pier Trust

WEDNESDAY 1st July 2014
Backwell & Nailsea Macular Support Group

WEDNESDAY 7th October 2014
Guest speaker TBA

WEDNESDAY 2nd December
Christmas Social

Nailsea Police Station Opening Times

Monday-Friday 10:00am to 6pm
(closed for lunch 1:30 to 2:15)
Saturday/Sunday CLOSED

CYBER CRIME

Cyber crime encompasses any criminal activity using computers and networks. It includes online fraud, identity theft and the abuse of young people. More criminals are exploiting the speed, convenience and anonymity of the internet where they can maximise profit quickly. Avon and Somerset Police recently announced that cyber crime is on the increase.

There have been many instances of online fraud in the news. People being coerced into parting with their money on the basis of an email telling them they had won a competition or were overdue with a parking fine. The amount of money in each case may be small, but online criminals targeting thousands of victims can make a lot of money quickly. If you receive such an email, ask yourself - have I ever entered this competition or was my vehicle parked there? Always treat such emails with suspicion. If in doubt – delete it. Another example is an email, allegedly from your Bank or Credit Card Company, informing you that you are overdrawn or your account has been frozen due to suspicious activity.

These are phishing emails and they often contain a link for you to open. If you receive such an email and believe it is a scam, you should NEVER reply to the email or open any link within it. You should report it by contacting the organisation using a valid email address/telephone number – not one from the email. Then delete the email. All the Banks have an email address and telephone number you can use to report scam emails:

Barclays	0345 600 2323 / internetsecurity@barclays.co.uk (7am to 11pm, 7 days)
Coop Bank	08448 44 88 44 / Ihaveseenascam@co-operativebank.co.uk
Halifax	08456 02 00 00 / security@halifax.co.uk
HSBC / First Direct	08456 002 290 / phishing@hsbc.com
Lloyds	0845 3000 116 / emailscams@lloydsbanking.com .
NatWest	0345 301 5748 / phishing@natwest.com
Santander	0845 600 4388 / phishing@santander.co.uk (7am to 11pm M-S; 9am to 9pm Sun)

If you believe that you have become a victim of any type of online fraud you can also contact the Action Fraud website (www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call them on 0300 123 2040.