

Annual General Meeting

JUNE
2016

Nailsea

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 6th July when we will have our A.G.M. to elect the Officers and Committee for 2016/17. This will be our most important AGM for some time as both the Chairman and his deputy are standing down after many years of service. We already have people to publish and distribute the newsletter, to maintain the web site and provide street signs. All we need is someone who would be happy to chair the meetings.

The present committee offering themselves for re-election are:

- Treasurer: Colin Oliver
- Members: Sue Lomax
- ✂ Trevor Lyons
- ✂ Pam Wakeling
- ✂ Brenda Dashfield

Peter Smith (Chairman) and Mike West (Deputy chair) are not standing for re-election. **We therefore need nominations for Chairperson and at least two more Committee members.** The minimum

required is just a couple of hours for each meeting so please complete the nomination form below. The present Chairman will be pleased to answer any queries you may have (tel: 01275 857418).

If the above positions are not filled, Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Association will cease to operate and will be wound up. This will mean there will be no more public meetings with guest speakers, no newsletters and no replacement street signs.

Please use the form below to make your nomination. Note that whoever you nominate must know that you are doing so. You can nominate members as Officers and/or to the general Committee.

The Chairman would like to express his thanks to Margaret and Janet for providing the refreshments for our meetings and also Jill & Geoff Collard for collating and distributing the newsletter ■



Nomination for Committee 2016

I nominate:.....

To serve as:.....

This nomination is with the approval of the nominee.

Signed:

Please place in a sealed envelope marked **“Nominations”** and either pass to your Contact Person or forward for the attention of **“The Chairman, Nailsea NHW c/o Nailsea Police Station”** by Friday 1st July.

DIARY WATCH

All meetings 7:30pm at UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, STOCKWAY NORTH

WEDNESDAY, 6th JULY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Cliff White and the topic will be “Behind the scenes of the Antiques Road show”. The Police will be present to give everyone an update on the crime scene in Nailsea and to answer your questions ■

All members are most welcome at our Open Meetings which are always interesting and arranged for their benefit. It is also an opportunity to meet fellow members in a relaxed social atmosphere. Free refreshments are provided ■

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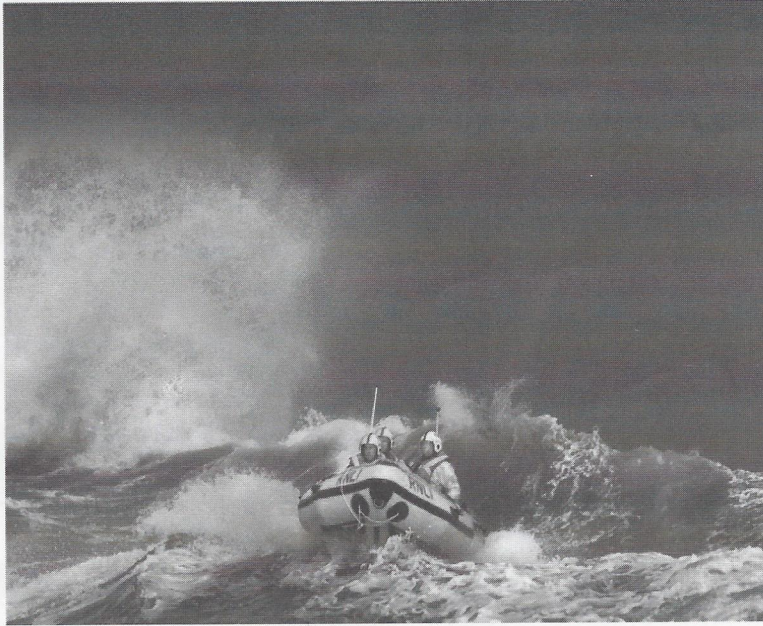
USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999 Emergency
101 All Non-emergency calls

0800 555 111 Crime Stoppers

Chairman: 01275 857418

Committee:
nailseanhw@googlemail.com
Web site: nailseanhw.org.uk



The RLNI

Jon Yabsley began his talk with a short DVD showing the scope of the RNLI operations. This exciting footage was filmed live from the helmet cameras of volunteer lifeboat crews, lifeguards and flood rescue teams. It demonstrated the wide range of rescues dealt with around the British Isles. It also showed us the condition in which they go to sea.

Jon went on to explain the Royal National Lifeboat Institution covers the whole of the British Isles including the whole of Ireland. The charity which rescues an average of 22 people every day is a massive national charity with 240 lifeboat stations, over 4200 volunteer crew members and RNLI Lifeguards at over 230 beaches, many in the South West of England. On the topic of statistics Jon told us that the RNLI costs a staggering £330,000 each day to provide its fantastic lifesaving service. All this money coming from donations, large and small.

Jon told us the moving story of the loss of the Penlee Lifeboat the 'Solomon Browne' on 19th December 1981 in a hurricane strength storm off the south Cornwall coast. The eight volunteer crew who died that night were all from the tiny village of Mousehole. Jon explained how when a father and son turned up to volunteer the Coxswain Trevelyan Richards made the decision to only take one man from each family for what every man knew was an extremely dangerous mission. Despite the dangers the men launched the lifeboat into the storm and despite their heroic efforts all eight volunteer crew were lost as were all the eight men, women and children on board the stricken vessel the Union Star.

Jon explained how the young man stood down that night had gone on to be the coxswain of the Penlee lifeboat himself and how his son was currently a crew member. Jon told us that the widow of one of the crew was now Vice Chair of the Penlee lifeboat and that another son of one of the crewman who lost his life was also part of the team. There is a great tradition of family involvement in the RNLI. As well as a tradition of selfless service, courage, professional skill and dedication.

Jon then brought us up to date by showing slides of the current fleet from simple rigid inflatable boats through to the £2.7 million Tamar class boat. Jon talked about the amazing Shannon class

lifeboat, the nearest to us being at Exmouth which is twice as fast as previous boats and has no propellers being powered by jets. The last picture of boats was of the most important boat in the fleet, the plastic collecting box in the shape of a boat, Jon explained that without this boat nothing happened.

Jon briefed us on the plans for a new station at WSM and new equipment in use at this time including the Norwegian caterpillar vehicle which allows the boat to be taken out over the mud to the water.

Jon told the story of how a few weeks ago the lives of two boys were saved at Weston when they had been cut off by the tide. On this occasion the boat launch time from the pagers calling the volunteer crew to the boat hitting the water was 7 minutes.

Jon brought us up to speed on the situation at Portishead, the newest RNLI Lifeboat station in the country.

Jon explained that his role in the RNLI was that of Education Presenter who was available to visit schools and youth groups to promote the RNLI and talk to children about beach and water safety. Jon stressed that all these Education visits were free and were an important part of the objective of the RNLI to reduce the loss of life by drowning. Jon gave us an idea of the local dangers. Of tides, the second biggest tidal range in the world, mud and the use of inflatables in offshore winds.

The talk was followed by questions ■



Jon Yabsley

Holiday and Travel Booking

When using the internet to research or book your holiday or other travel arrangements, the world is literally at your fingertips. However, there are risks associated with doing so – some specific to holiday and travel booking and some which are in common with other types of online purchases.

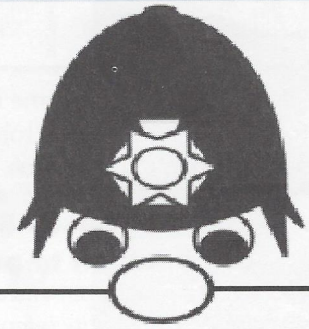
The Risks

- Fraud resulting from making payments over unsecured web pages.
- Flight scams:
Where you book a flight and receive a fake ticket, or pay for a ticket that never arrives.
- Holiday scams:
Fake websites and email offers for holidays or villas that do not exist. They require you to pay a deposit, which you never see again.
- Fake competition scams defrauding you out of a fee to secure a holiday. Inadvertently advertising the fact that your house will be empty when you are away, by posting on social networking or travel tracking sites. Some insurance companies are now rejecting claims if homes are targeted by burglars while the owners are away on holiday and made reference to it on social networking sites.

Safe Booking

- Ensure that any holiday or travel company unfamiliar to you is reputable by researching them online. Ensure that they are a member of a recognised travel authority which offers financial protection and a complaints service.
- When possible, pay for holidays and travel using your credit card as this offers additional financial protection over other methods. Please note that your holiday or travel company may levy a surcharge for credit card payments.
- Double check all details such as travel dates, itineraries, destinations and travelers before confirming payment, as you may be charged for amendments.
- Take out travel insurance adequate for your destination, activities and everyone in your party.
- Do not reply to unsolicited emails from companies you don't recognise.
- If renting a private apartment or villa, call the owner/agent directly to ensure that it is legitimate. If the number is not provided, email and request it. Check reviews on Trip Advisor or similar sites.
- Get the full address of the property and find it on Google maps to check its location and legitimacy.
- Prior to payment, obtain a contract setting out terms and conditions of the rental, deposits, payment terms etc.
- Before entering payment card details on a website, ensure that the link is secure, in three ways:
There should be a padlock symbol in the browser window frame, which appears when you attempt to log in or register. Be sure that the padlock is not on the page itself ... this will probably indicate a fraudulent site.
- The web address should begin with 'https://'. The 's' stands for 'secure'. If using the latest version of your browser, the address bar or the name of the site owner will turn green.
- Some websites will redirect you to a third-party payment service (such as WorldPay). Ensure that these sites are secure before you make your payment.
- Safeguard and remember the password you have chosen for the extra verification services used on some websites, such as Verified by Visa.
- When making a payment to an individual, never transfer the money directly into their bank account but use a secure payment site such as PayPal, where money is transferred between two electronic accounts. Always log out of sites into which you have logged in or registered details. Simply closing your browser is not enough to ensure privacy.

- Keep receipts for all online holiday or travel bookings and payments.
- Check credit card and bank statements carefully after booking to ensure that the correct amount has been debited, and also that no fraud has taken place as a result of the booking.
- Before you post details of your travel dates on social networking or travel tracking sites, ensure that the correct privacy settings are in place.
Ensure you have effective and updated antivirus/antispyware software and firewall running before you go online ■
Source: Get Safe Online



On the Beat

A 25 year-old man from Nailsea was arrested for possession with intent to supply class B drugs today, 4 March 2016, following a drugs warrant in the town.

Officers from the Nailsea Beat Team and Special Constabulary executed the search warrant, under the Misuse of Drugs Act, following information from the community about suspected drug dealing at a property in the West End area of the town.

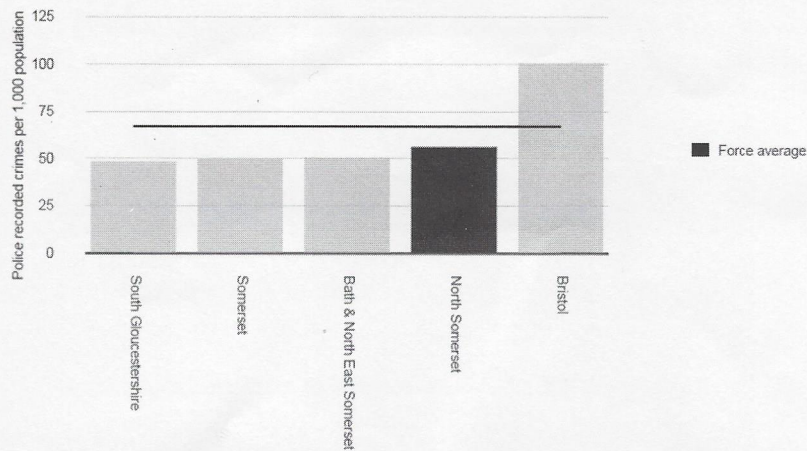
The man was arrested and bailed pending further investigation. Officers seized a large amount of what is believed to be cannabis, which was bagged up into street deals. They also seized other paraphernalia associated with dealing including electronic scales.

Sgt Mark Raby, who led the operation today, said: "We have received community intelligence about suspected dealing at this property. We always take information from the public seriously, and based on further police intelligence, we executed this warrant to deal with the issue and reassure the public that we will take robust action. "The public are our eyes and ears. They know what's happening in their street, their neighbourhood. Please keep talking to us. No one wants to live near drug crime. It often brings anti-social behaviour with it, including visitors at unsociable hours, noise and other nuisance behaviour. We will listen and will continue to take action to deal with it, so get in touch ■

P C Peter Rooke



In the year ending December 2015, the crime rate in North Somerset was lower than average for the Avon & Somerset force area.



The above chart compares the crime rate in our local area to the average crime rate across the force area. It shows the total number of crimes over a twelve month period per thousand residents, for the crime type selected.

Award given to Nailsea Sergeant and PC, recognising their commitment to policing and helping others.

The Angela Yeoman Award is presented in recognition of initiative, commitment and endeavour to increase community safety in the local area.

Sergeant Mark Raby was presented with the Angela Yeoman award, by Mrs Yeoman herself, for his support and commitment to improving community safety in Nailsea.

Working as the Neighbourhood Sergeant for the town for more than two years, PS Raby has been involved in a number of schemes including introducing a Shop Watch radio network which has helped to reduce incidents of shoplifting and increase confidence among retailers and shoppers. Last year PS Raby gave up a considerable amount of his own time to organise a charity assault course event, raising money for a new skate park for the town's young people.

Sgt Mark Raby said: "I am really proud to have received this award today but I don't feel the award is just for me. This was a real team effort. Every officer, PCSO and staff member on my team who has been involved in the work and projects in Nailsea such as the shop radios, the skate park and the charity events, they all deserve an award."

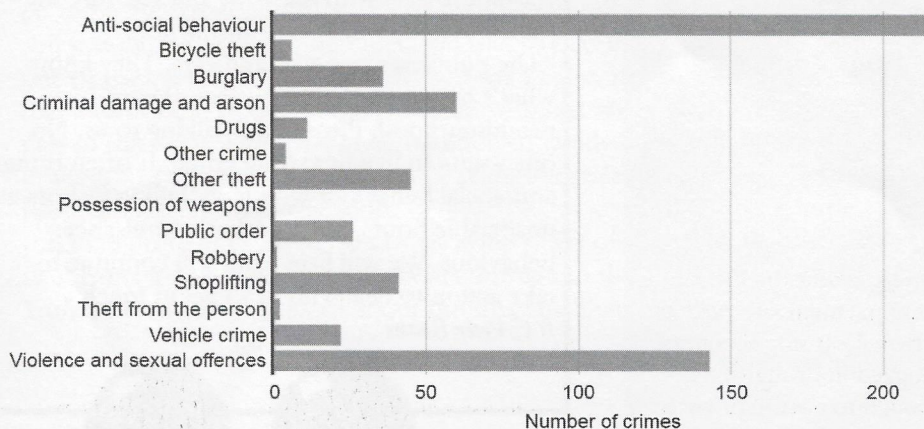
Mrs Raby added: "I'm really proud of him. The Tough as Nails event has been a real success and there is real appetite from the community to do it again, and he is."

Royal Humane Society Awards:

The Royal Humane Society Award is a national award for acts of bravery while saving a human life, or in an attempt to do so.

Nailsea-based PC Mark Neal and PC Katy Hockey based at Weston-super-Mare received a Royal Humane Society (RHS) award for giving first aid to a man suffering serious blood loss after self-harming with a knife in an incident in November 2014. The officers pressed on and elevated his wounds to prevent further blood loss for more than an hour until an ambulance was able to attend. Medical staff believed their actions prevented the man's death. ■ *P C Peter Rooke*

Comparison of crime types in this area between March 2015 and February 2016



Around the Schemes

We need replacement Contact Persons for Ash Hayes Drive, Beechwood Road (West), Downland Close, Hazelbury road (north), Valley Way Road, West End Lane and Wyatts Close. Ash Hayes Drive is a long road so this scheme could be split into two.

If anyone would like to volunteer or like to know more, please contact Colin Oliver at colin.oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk.

Future dates for your diary

WEDNESDAY 6th Jul 2016

AGM

Cliff White

"Behind the scenes of the Antiques Road show"

WEDNESDAY 5th Oct 2016

Gary Gowans

"The Stately Homes of Roman Britain"

WEDNESDAY 7th Dec 2016

Christmas Social

WEDNESDAY 1st Mar 2017

Speaker tbc

WEDNESDAY 3rd May 2017

Speaker tbc



Hey, you've bought an alarm! People usually do - after I've been round..

Nailsea Police Station Opening Times

Monday—Friday 10:00am to 6pm
(closed for lunch 1:30-2:15pm)

Saturday/Sunday **CLOSED**