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The newsletter for Nailsea's Neighbourhood Watch
February 2019 edition



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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019! We hope you find this edition interesting and informative. We are always keen to hear your feedback and welcome requests for future topics. Please email the editors with any queries or requests at newsletter@nailseanhw.org.uk

Wanted: Voluntary Social Media Manager

We are currently looking for someone to manage our social media presence. The role will involve updating content and engaging with subscribers on Facebook and any other appropriate platforms. This is a unique opportunity to gain valuable experience in this field. Please contact Colin Oliver, our website administrator for more information at colin.oliver@nailseanhw.org.uk

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch: The success story

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch (NNW) was started in 1991 and is now one of the most successful and active Watches in North Somerset, covering approximately 3900 homes. Your Committee would like to expand the coverage as we believe the low crime level in Nailsea is due in part to the presence of the NNW. In order to achieve this, we need volunteers to take on the role of Coordinator for each scheme set up. If you know anyone who is interested in setting up a new scheme in their road please contact Tim Holman at tim.holman@nailseanhw.org.uk

Subscription reminder

If you haven't had a chance to pay your £1 subscription, there is still time to do this. Please don't wait for your Coordinator to come around and collect, just post it with your name and house number/name through their letter box.

Coordinators: Please ensure all collected subscriptions are paid in before the end of the accounting year (31st May 2019). Payments can be made via internet banking or directly at the Barclays Bank in Nailsea. You will need a 'paying in' slip for the latter; please contact Sandra, our treasurer, at sandra.hearne@nailseanhw.org.uk

Open Meeting – Wednesday 6th March

United Reform Church, Stockway North, BS48 1AQ at 7.30pm

Our guest speaker at the next open meeting will be Terry Ransom and the title of his talk will be: **Yuri Gagarin and the Chief Designer.**



Once around the Earth at roughly 5 miles per second, this 27-year-old Soviet Cosmonaut became a National Treasure. Quite a lot of us will remember that momentous moment on 12th April 1961 when Yuri Gagarin became the first human to orbit the Earth, but apparently there is a lot more to the story. 1961 was at the height of the 'space race' and 'cold war' and it is only relatively recently that much of his life (and mysterious death) have been disclosed by the Soviet Union. This is a story not to be missed, come along and find out more!

Be Home Safe scheme

Your Committee welcomed David Raybould from 'Be Home Safe' (previously the 'Bobby Van Man') to the September Committee meeting. Be Home Safe is a free referral service that gives security to victims of crime and helps vulnerable people to stay safe. David does this by providing advice on issues such as home security and installing safety equipment (door locks, door viewers, window locks) free of charge.

Unfortunately, there are no longer sufficient funds to provide proactive assistance which had previously been available and so your Committee has contributed a donation of £250 with the proviso that it should be used to help Nailsea families. For more information about who can use the scheme and how to apply, please visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/services/home-security-for-victims-of-crime or call 101

Engraving kit

We have a marking kit available free of charge for members to borrow. It is suitable for a variety of materials including glass and metal. If interested, please contact the editors at newsletter@nailseanhw.org.uk

Resolution of the month

Add reminders in your calendar to test your smoke alarm twice a year and gently clean it to remove dust. A good reminder is to do this when the clocks change.

Annual Crime Report

At the time of going to press, the latest crime report on the Police.uk website was for the annual period between December 2017 – November 2018 and is as follows.

Anti-social behaviour	131
Bicycle theft	5
Burglary	30
Criminal damage and arson	50
Drugs	5
Possession of weapons	1
Public order	56
Robbery	1
Shoplifting	40
Vehicle crime	28
Violence and sexual offences	161

Policing priorities for Nailsea are:

- To work at reducing speeding within the community and increasing road safety within Nailsea
- To add targeted patrols where required in Nailsea, including Millennium Park

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 12th Feb:

'Meet the Nailsea Policing Team' at Crown Glass Shopping Centre from 10am – 1pm

Wednesday 6th March:

Nailsea Neighbourhood Watch Open Meeting at United Reform Church, Stockway North at 7.30pm

Tuesday 9th April:

'Meet the Nailsea Policing Team' at Crown Glass Shopping Centre from 10am – 1pm

Schemes update

- A new scheme has been set up in Vynes Way with about 40 members
- Replacement Coordinators are needed for Sycamore Close and Broom Farm. Please contact Tim Holman if you would like to take on one of these schemes. They will have to be de-registered with the police and signs removed if we are unable to find replacement Coordinators

Keep safe on your doorstep

LOCK: Secure all your other doors and entrances

STOP: Think - are you expecting anyone?

CHAIN: Put door chain on or look through window to check

CHECK: Ask for ID and examine it carefully

If you believe you have been contacted by a fraudster (at the door, on the phone or online) please report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or find them online at

www.actionfraud.police.uk/contactus



Pictures from the 2018 Christmas Social

A big thank you to Nick Hastings for providing us with these photos from the Christmas social.



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

999: Emergency services

101: Non-emergency calls

0800 555 111: Crime Stoppers

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