

The objective of the Nayland Community Times, which is published by the Community Council, is to

- (i) keep members of the Nayland and Wissington community informed about the activities of the various clubs, associations and organisations in the Village;
- (ii) help promote the objectives of the Community Council, which are to foster and encourage recreational and leisure pursuits and offer support - financial and other - to the clubs engaged in these activities in the Village.

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It is hoped this publication will appear at least three or four times a year, and possibly more frequently, depending on how things go. Letters are welcome on any matters appropriate to the business of the Community Council, and should be addressed to the Editor:

Keith Worricker, 'Weavers', 14 Bear Street, Nayland (Tel 263132).

We hope to produce an informative and informal newsletter, of interest to all.

First, an introduction from the Community Council President, Mr William Gray ...

'The Community Council is conscious of the fact that communication between the various bodies making up the Council is not only desirable but essential.

To this end it has been decided to publish a newsletter, and I am delighted that Keith Worricker has agreed to edit this publication. May I commend this venture to you all and ask all organisations to support by supplying details of their activities to the Editor.

I would also hope that further material will be supplied to the Editor by individuals who have a point to communicate. It may be of interest, criticism, or suggestion.

I can assure you that, if nothing else, the Council will be good listeners.

A venture of this kind can only succeed with your support, which I hope you will give wholeheartedly.

WILLIAM GRAY  
(President)

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#### THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL - WHAT IS IT?

The Community Council was established in September 1966 under the auspices of its first Chairman, the late Major General Fairbanks.

In its Constitution, the objectives are defined as follows:

'providing adequate recreational facilities, playing fields etc, for the benefit of the community residing in Nayland and Wissington and the neighbourhood in the interests of social welfare and with the objective of advancing education, furthering health, relieving poverty, distress, sickness or in pursuing any objective which now and hereafter may be deemed in law to be charitable, and to raise by subscription or otherwise funds for the furtherance of the objectives of the Council'.

One of the first acts of the Council was to lease Webbs Meadow from the Parish Council for the building of the Village Hall, which is now managed by a separate organisation, the Village Hall Management Committee.



The Community Council is now concerned with two main activities: firstly, the raising of funds and their administration, to help village clubs and societies which may have call for such help; and secondly, to organise communal leisure projects such as the August Bank Holiday Fair and the November Fireworks Party, etc.

The organisation of the Council consists of

- ( i ) President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Legal Adviser - elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- ( ii ) Representatives from all the clubs and associations in the Village.
- (iii) An elected member of the Parish Council.
- ( iv ) A number of Individual Members (not exceeding half the number of representative delegates) elected at the AGM.

This comprises a large body and fortunately the Constitution allows for the appointment of an executive committee comprising Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven other Council Members to run the day to day business but, of course, always in accordance with decisions and policies set by the full Council.

The current Executive Committee members are

Chairman :	Bob Hawtin
Secretary :	Ida Drake
Treasurer :	Julian Baker
Committee :	William Gray, Bob Marshall, John Padget, Keith Worriker, <del>Derek Wolsten-Croft</del> Pauline Norfolk, Margaret Thompson.

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#### THE PARISH COUNCIL

##### 'From The Parish Pump'

What a great idea - a regular newsletter for the people of Nayland! It's something we've been wanting to mount for a number of years. Well done the Community Council! Now the real problem - trying to produce a chatty and interesting paragraph about the exciting, fascinating, crucial and awe inspiring life of the Parish Council. I will do my best to contain my zeal and confine my first piece to one paragraph. We have nine councillors elected by the ratepayers of Nayland-with-Wissington. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the committee room of the Village Hall. Despite our limited local government powers we never seem to have difficulty filling our agendas with items of importance to our community. Well that's the way we see it - but we would of course, wouldn't we? Seriously, amongst the recent issues discussed by your councillors have been the building of our new children's playground, the redefinition of Dead Lane into a Byway 'open to all traffic' ('Where?' I hear you ask), numerous planning applications that will alter the face of the village, and the condition of roads in the village and their traffic use. We own land, help clean the streets, provide street lighting, waste paper bins, and seats, and have our own cemetery. Contrary to popular opinion, the latter is not for imminent use by the Council itself. We are a mixed bunch of people with different ages and backgrounds, and were all elected by the ratepapers of Nayland and Wiston. Thus, we are not a pressure group but there to represent the village as a whole. I'm sure that not everybody agrees with our decisions but hope that all residents feel that the issues are aired fully and fairly. That's it - the first introductory paragraph for the village newsletter, telling you what we are and what we do. Of course, we wouldn't be there unless residents paid rates. I'll give some

information on the Community Charge (Poll Tax) in the next issue of this newsletter. Finally, here's who we are:

Clerk - Mrs Sparrow  
Vice-Chairman - David Mitchell  
Susan Atkins      Alan Cropper      David George      Ian Harris  
Cyril Holden      Kathy Hunt      Margaret Thompson  
Gerry Battye (Chairman)

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### SOCIETY NEWS

It may come as a surprise to many people to know there are so many active clubs and associations in the village. Below is a brief summary of the activities and current programmes of many of them. The Editor hopes to be able to update and extend this record regularly so that due publicity can be given to societies' activities, and hopefully encourage support and increasing membership. They are listed in no particular order.

#### Women's Institute

Secretary - Mrs Olive Noakes (Tel 262607)

Meets on the third Monday at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Each meeting has a speaker and a range of social activities, and refreshments are served. Newcomers and visitors are welcomed at Open Meetings, the next being on 16 October. The subject for the speaker on that occasion will be 'Microwave Cookery'. Other subjects which have been covered in recent meetings have been 'Tracing Your Ancestry', 'Stone Polishing', 'Wedding Traditions', etc. Courses on Flower Arranging and Sculpture have also been arranged in the Village Hall.

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#### Mothers' Union

Secretary - Mrs Rindy Perry (Tel 262076)

Meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 2.30pm. In June an illustrated talk on the linked diocese of Australia and the West Indies was given by Mrs Wilson in the garden of the Warden's House at Windyridge. In July a visit was organised to Cavendish (Sue Ryder Home - Museum Garden and Restaurant), and on to Clare for tea in the vicarage garden followed by Evensong in Clare Church.

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#### Conservation Society

Secretary - Mrs Mary George (Tel 262712)

In June the Society organised its annual Open Gardens which attracted over 400 visitors to the 21 gardens which were open. In July, the Society entertained members of the Suffolk Preservation Society who visited Nayland as part of their Diamond Jubilee Programme. Five members of the Society undertook a research project into the history of Nayland and produced material for a script for guided tours. The five members then acted as guides to over 60 members of the SPS. Subsequently, older children from the Nayland Primary School were also taken on the same tour by two of the guides, and a further tour for members was arranged for 30 September. Also in July, a visit was made to the Suffolk Herb Garden at Cornard. The next General Meeting of the Society is on 11 October in the Village Hall and a guest speaker - Mrs Juliet Hawkins - will speak on 'Farming and Conservation'. Visitors and new members are welcome.

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Royal British Legion - Women's Section

Secretary - Miss Kathy Hunt (Tel 262014)

Speakers at meetings in the School this year have included Bob Baker from the Swan Rescue Service, Mr L Kingston on 'Customs and Excise Procedures', and Mrs Allgrave on 'Life and Hardships endured in Japanese POW Camps'. Members have also attended Group Meetings at Glemsford and Long Melford as well as a regional get-together at Ipswich.

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Playgroup

Enquiries - Mrs Patricia Hall (Tel 262639)

It was with some sadness, after 14 years as Supervisor, Mrs Axcell has decided to stand down. However, Patricia Hall and her assistant, Sonia Leach, are continuing to provide a lovely atmosphere for the children to play in and learn. Visits have been made to local zoos and further outings are planned. 'Play Mornings' with children from neighbouring groups have been arranged with great success. Fund raising - in order to keep fees down - is a constant concern but cake stalls in the High Street have been a useful source of revenue.

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Over 60s Club

Secretary - Mrs Doris Norfolk (Tel 262581)

The Club meets at 2.30pm on the second Thursday of each month in the Village Hall. As a result of a successful Coffee Morning at Alston Court (with many thanks to Mr and Mrs Cropper), funds were raised for a very enjoyable outing to Peterborough and later to Felixstowe, including a stop on the way back for a meal at the Bristol Arms. Members also enjoyed gardens and tea provided by Mrs Alexander (at The Bear) and Mrs McTechnie (at Mill House, Wiston).

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Village Players

Secretary - Mrs Mig Knight (Tel 262789)

The Players are now as strong a group as they have been for a long time. 'Pack of Lies' (produced by Jean Jones) was not only much enjoyed by many in the Village, it also won major awards in the Essex County Standard Annual Drama Awards - Best Production, Best Actor (Gerald Battye), and Best Actress (Chrissie Cropper). The Spring production of 'Lord Arthur Saville's Crime' was not eligible for the Awards as the play was produced by the paper's critic! However, the Players have now joined the North East Essex Theatre Guild and both plays have strong nominations in all areas for awards in September.

Current energies are directed to the January 1990 production of 'Cinderella', produced by Jim Scarlett (of former dame fame). New members, either acting or non-acting, are always welcome. If you are interested, ring Chrissie Cropper at Alston Court (263452).

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Ancient Order of Foresters

Secretary - Charles Warner (Tel 262707)

The Ancient Order of Foresters is a non-sectarian, non-political organisation whose local branches are known as Courts. The Stoke and Nayland Court, founded in 1865, covers an area including Hawksly and Dedham and has over 350 members. It is a Friendly Society and provides charitable help to its members. The Stoke and Nayland Court has raised funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind, National Lifeboats, and the Secretary has served on the local CAT Scanner Appeal for Colchester General Hospital.

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Carpet Bowls Club

Secretary - Mrs Eva Rolfe (Tel 263151)

The Club meets Wednesday afternoon and evening in the Village Hall. In its first full year this has provided a most successful venture with nearly 40 members already. Furthermore, loans for two carpets and two sets of 'woods' have been repaid and trophies provided for domestic competitions - men and ladies singles and pairs. Plans are in hand for an open Pairs Competition over a whole day, with profits being donated to the Village Hall, and also to encourage younger bowlers - possibly even with their own separate evening to take up the game. Anyone interested should contact Bob Marshall or members of the Committee.

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Horticultural Society

Secretary - Mrs Olive Willingale (Tel 262531)

Our year starts in April (next will be our 10th) with an AGM where the main business is to plan the Summer Flower Show. We also have a morning market early in the year to raise funds by the sale of plants and cakes donated by members and friends. Other meetings during the year include a wine and social evening in June where members meet to discuss their garden problems etc. In previous years we have visited the Chelsea Flower Show and Wisley.

The Summer Flower Show this year was relatively low in entries - probably the effect of the dry summer, but it was enjoyable and well attended. On 22 November we are holding a joint meeting with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the Conservation Society in the Village Hall, where the speaker will be Dr Robert Dryden whose talk, illustrated with some wonderful slides, is entitled 'From Amazon to Andes - Peru and its Wildlife'.

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Royal British Legion

Secretary - Ron Padget, 19 Harpers Estate (Contact Tel 262655)

It is the duty of the Branch to look after all ex-Servicemen and women in times of illness or hardship. Functions are organised to raise funds to provide gifts for members who may be sick. Sometimes grants are obtained from HQ to assist members who fall on hard times. We welcome any ex-Servicemen or women to join us as our numbers are sadly declining. Our AGM is to be held on 27 October at 8pm in the Village Hall.

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St James' Church

PCC Secretary - Mrs Rose Emond (Tel 262663)

Like most English villages Nayland has a very active Anglican church. St James' programme is a full one indeed with weekly services at Nayland and Wissington. We have a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, the Rogation Day activity when, with the help of a tractor and trailer, we 'beat the bounds' of the Parish. These are just examples of our activities and perhaps the most visible is the Church Fete in the spring when Nayland becomes a centre for visitors from miles around. The church (it would appear) is also on the itinerary for coach visitors who call to view the Constable painting and, it is hoped, to absorb the peace of the church and its surroundings.

The Vicar, David Stranack, would always be pleased to see newcomers in the church on Sundays - or, indeed, callers seeking peace and quiet at any time. The main services are 8 and 9.30am Communion and 6.30pm Evensong with a 10am Family Service on the third Sunday each month.

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Windyridge Probation Hostel

Warden - Derek Wolsten-Croft (Tel 262332)

Windyridge has been a probation hostel on the outskirts of Nayland for over 30 years. We co-exist with the Village and seek to help (rather than harm) its activities. We have provided help at the Church Fete and the Community Council Fair, and also at Nayland and Stoke Schools. In the Spring the Village Playgroup comes to visit our farm where sheep, goats, pigs and a peacock are kept.

We would like the people in the Village to view Windyridge as one of the best probation hostels in the country where, in general, the young men and women do succeed in their endeavours to become law-abiding members of society. If you or your organisation require any help which we can give, do not be slow to ask.

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Nayland Eagles Football Club

Chairman/Secretary - John Padget (Tel 262775)

The Club has a membership of about 60 boys, ranging from under 10 years old up to the senior side. The junior sides play in the Essex and Suffolk Village League, with the senior side playing in the Colchester Sunday League. Last season the Club was promoted to Division 5 in the Sunday League. This is particularly rewarding for the Club as the side is basically made up from boys in the Club since it was formed, and have only played senior football for three seasons since we became affiliated to the Essex County FA in 1986.

The lads in the teams would appreciate support from anyone who has time to spare on a Sunday morning. Matches kick off at 10.30am. Visiting teams are usually well supported, so please turn out and support your local Club! Since it was founded, some thirteen years ago, against some local doubts as to its future, it has certainly gone from strength to strength.

Two dates to note:

- 10 Nov - Nayland Eagles, Dance to 'Cut Loose', in aid of Football Club and Village Hall.
- 23 Dec - Annual Nayland Eagles Christmas Dance - to a Live Group - at Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club.

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The Chapel of the Sacred Heart

Secretary - Mrs Patricia Cave (Tel 262146)

The Catholic Church in Nayland was built in 1902. It is part of the Hadleigh Catholic Church, comprising also St Joseph's Hadleigh and St Edmond's Withermarsh Green. The Parish Priest is Fr Tony Sealy (The Priest House, 12 Long Bessels, Hadleigh - Tel 823939).

Mass times at Nayland are 9.30am on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays (Anticipatory Mass 6pm Saturday); at Withermarsh Green on 2nd and 4th Sundays (Anticipatory Mass 6pm Saturday). Other times - on the door.

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THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall had a new chairman and committee appointed in April 1989 and hope for a successful year.

There has been an opening up of conditions under which the Hall is let, and these will be of benefit to local groups. The current rates are displayed outside the Hall. Contact D Whiting, 10 Harpers Estate (262023) for further details.

The Hall has recently been redecorated outside. It has been in a poor condition. Also, more chairs have been purchased as replacements.

The playing field is kept in its excellent state by Nayland Eagles.

Many local groups are thriving, notably the Playgroup, Badminton, and Bowling Societies. The Bellringers put on a Village Hall Benefit Evening to help raise funds towards the financial running of the Hall.

Contact R Whiting on 262023 for any further details.

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THE NAYLAND FAIR - HOW DID IT GO?

A Report from the Chairman

Well, we were blessed with a lovely, sunny, though breezy day, an attractively laid out field, some interesting stalls, a spinning lesson, children's competitions, an hilarious 'It's a Knock-out Tournament', a big bouncing Castle, side shows, and everyone generally enjoying themselves.

Because of other local activities, attendance was not as good as was expected, and the failure of some sideshow operators to put in promised appearances somewhat marred the 'fun of the fair' atmosphere.

On balance, the organisers can mark up a success as well as considerable knowledge gained, and I feel that the team should be given the opportunity of putting that knowledge into the 1990 Fair ...

I wish personally to thank the team who worked so hard during the past months to achieve this success.

Bob Hawtin - Chairman

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THE EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

To those of us who live in Bear Street and Birch Street particularly - but this also applies to other residents who live in the Village - the problem of heavy lorries is a serious one. With narrow pavements, which in places barely accommodate mother, pushchair and accompanying toddler(s) on the way to school, the potential danger to life and limb is real and should not be underestimated. The HALT (Householders Against Lorry Traffic) Campaign is endeavouring to have restrictions placed on the use of these roads as a shortcut for heavy lorries passing through with no direct

business in or around the village. Their endeavours warrant everyone's support.

It would be helpful if any incidents involving heavy lorries in the village are notified to Alan Cropper at Alston Court. He is collecting factual evidence to put to the Council and Transport Authorities, to have weight restrictions applied (except for access).

Don't let us be too late. A serious incident prevented is a thousand times better than having to react to one afterwards.

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#### DOES NAYLAND NEED A PUBLIC LOO?

Recently, your Editor and his wife were members of a party visiting a nearby village, to be entertained by the local history society. The day included a guided tour of the church, mini-lectures by members of the society, and a guided walk round the village. It was a leisurely day, lasting from 10am till 5pm, and most enjoyable. There was one drawback: there were no public toilets in the village.

The only loo available was in the pub - and we could hardly use the pub's facilities without buying a ½-pint which, in the long run, tended to defeat the object!

Do we need public loos in Nayland? There are occasions - two spring to mind from experience with the Conservation Society: Open Gardens and the Guided Tours - when such facilities would have been beneficial. Nayland, whether we like it or not, is on the tourist map. Is this a social facility we should provide?

What do you think, readers? - Let the Editor have your views.

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As you see, the Nayland Community Times is a free paper. However, there are costs of production to meet (mainly typing, printing and paper), and in future editions we would hope to include some paid-for advertisements to help defray the costs.

We plan to have another issue produced before Christmas - so if you want to sell your canary, or can offer baby-sitting services, or renovate lawnmowers, let me have details. Rates are very modest - 10p a word - minimum charge £1.

Circulation is to every household in the Parish.

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#### FUTURE EVENTS

Firework Night and Barbecue - 3 November 1989

This is the next major event being organised by the Community Council, and will take place on the Village Playing Fields on Friday 3 November. We hope this event will be blessed with clement weather - and a huge turnout.

Fun for all the family!

Watch for details on posters around the Village soon!

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Christmas Bazaar - 16 December - Village Hall

The chance to top up your Christmas Shopping.  
Stalls from Village societies offering a wide range of Christmas goodies in aid of the Community Council.

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