

# NAYLANDWITH WISSINGTON Community Times

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# SEASONS GREETINGS

The Editor and the Community Council would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous New Year

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## **BONFIRE NIGHT**

The annual fireworks display this year suffered because of bad weather; that did not stop many members of the Community Council assisting in this very important event in their calendar. Every year they give their time in helping to make this event memorable for all those who attend. We thank them all for their time and expertise.

> Ken Willingale, President, Community Council

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## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting: 14th October 2015

(Minutes available on PC notice board in High Street or www,naylandandwiston.net after the next meeting)

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Addis, chairman of Stoke by Nayland Football Club spoke about the rabbit problem the team are encountering on the playing field. Following discussions on the potential solutions of ferreting, shooting and clearance of the boundaries, it was agreed to approve ferreting subject to agreement by the Village Hall Management Committee.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

PCSO Mandy Coleman's report stated an agricultural machine had been stolen from Bures Road.

A letter had been received from Suffolk Police advising that Police attendance at Parish Council Meetings will be reduced. PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mary George welcomed Russell Badrick as Parish Councillor.

The appointment of a Vice Chairman was deferred. Councillors were appointed to committees as follows: Walsh Trust - Gerry Battye and Tricia Fuller, Open Spaces - Mary George, Ian Harris and Kathleen Cannings, Allotments - Ian Harris and Graham Walker, Burial Ground - Mary George, Gerry Battye and Ian Harris, Fairfield Playground - Gerry Battye assisted by Ian Harris, Community Council - Martyn Booth, Village Hall MC - Tricia Fuller, Finance Committee - Mary George, Tricia Fuller, Graham Walker and Kathleen Cannings, Tree applications are to be reviewed by the Tree Warden, Ian Harris and Kathleen Cannings.

#### PLANNING

Reviewing planning applications Mary George said listed building consent had been granted for work to lean to rear roof at Dresden Cottage, 10 Birch Street and at Clover Cottage, 4 Bear Street for work to garage. Permission had been granted for the installation of heat pump in rear courtyard at 5 Court Street.

Councillors were updated on the Appeal for refusal to grant permission to remove agricultural condition at Little Firmins, Cawley Road. Following discussions it was agreed the Parish Council will not send a representative to the hearing.

Discussing new applications councillors had no objections for an application at 5 Jane Walker Park to insert double glazing and replace the dining room floor or at 8 Willow Grove for a first floor side extension.

A letter has been received from Jennie Jenkins. Chief Executive of Babergh DC requesting parishes to identify 3 short stay stopping sites for travellers, which after consultation, should be effective at the end of 2016. Councillors were not aware of any suitable locations within the Parish and considered that Nayland with Wissington Parish falls outside the criteria.

## SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSE: 4 BURES ROAD

Mary George read the response from Martin King, Head of Housing at Babergh, but no replies to their letter had been received from the elected district councillors who made the decision, apart from one who had similar experience in his ward.

Martin King apologised for not informing the Parish Council of the intention to dispose of this property but added whilst the towns and parishes are welcome to comment, the final decision will rest with the District Council. He stated that Babergh's adopted viability assessment model found while this property would be in demand the cost of bringing it up to a lettable standard (insulation, kitchen, bathroom etc) would be around £41,000 and the 30 year forecast £91,000. In addition there was a lack of parking and local amenities. He confirmed that capital receipt from the sale of an empty council house will not necessarily benefit the parish in which the house was sold; Babergh has a strategic housing responsibility for the whole district and must make the best use of its resources to provide affordable housing.

Councillors expressed concern that the response had not addressed fully the points raised and there had been no reply from other high profile interested parties who received the

PC's letter. It was agreed for the Chairman to draft a suitable response. Concern was expressed about the future of other properties.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

Parking at school pick up and drop off times is problematic presently. There have been three recent incidents when buses could not get through and PCSO Mandy Coleman has been investigating. Mary George had discussed this with the head teacher and a reminder had been issued to parents. There has also been parking on the Fairfield Recreation Ground most days; parking signs are planned for Fairfield area.

The notice board and bus shelter on Heycroft Way is deteriorating. It was agreed to include this as an agenda item next meeting giving members the opportunity to inspect between meetings and come up with ideas. The possibility of siting a cycle rack near the Bear Street bus stop would also be discussed next meeting.

The question of whether the White Hart Inn sign is possibly becoming unsafe and a potential danger to pedestrians was raised; it was agreed to make enquiries and put this on the next agenda.

Pot holes/erosion on the edge of the road outside 4 Fox Cottages, Bures Road will be reported to Highways.

The willow tree is starting to hang down close to the road on the A134: this would be reported to Highways.

The Willow Grove sign had been fixed.

#### **RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES**

A quotation to refurbish 12 village benches was approved. Quotations have been received for safety surfacing at Fairfield.

#### STREET LIGHTING

All the authorised improvements to street lighting, with the exception of two units, have be carried out. A tree obscuring the light from one unit and the light near the horse-watering in Bear Street which is not working will be reported.

#### FOOTPATHS

Work started on Merles bridge and then stopped. The Footpath Warden, Sally Bartrum, continues to chase for a resolution. **ALLOTMENTS** 

## Parking for a geophys survey on 17 October was agreed for

the visitors involved in the survey. If the grass is too long it is possible the survey could be diverted to a nearby field.

Dates were awaited from the Dedham Vale Project to meet to explore ideas for the future management of the Allotment field.

It was agreed to issue a reminder to Allotment Holders to minimise parking during between November and February to reduce muddy conditions at the Allotments.

#### POLICY FOR BANNERS ON CALEY GREEN

The working party had started to consider a policy for banners on Caley Green and Horkesley Road; the next step is to arrange a site meeting with Highways. It is hoped when making a booking hirers of the Village Hall will be advised that public liability insurance and a risk assessment will be required by the PC for any banners to be erected.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S RAFFLE AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Donations of prizes for the Community Council's raffle at the Christmas Family Fayre - on Sunday 6th December - would be very much appreciated and can be left at Star Cottage, 81 Bear Street or brought along on the day.

## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## POLICE REPORT

Police officers are no longer reporting to PC meetings. Mary George advised that there had been damage to a tarpaulin in Church Lane; computer equipment was stolen from Bear Street and a woodpile was set alight on Harper's Hill. The PC will ask for the Police to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSE: 4 BURES ROAD

Councillors were disappointed that some Council committees have not responded to their letter.

Mary George had attended a Housing meeting at Babergh. The term 'affordable' was used to mean everything below a certain value, including those for sale. The housing officer said that the Government expects district councils to sell high value properties that have high maintenance costs. The last census gives clear information on the proportion of people living in social housing, rented and shared housing in the parish. PCs were advised to carry out a Housing Needs survey if it was more than five years since their last one. This will be on the next PC Agenda.

#### PLANNING

Reviewing planning applications Mary George said an application to insert double glazing and replace the dining room floor at **5 Jane Walker Park** has been withdrawn.

Although they had not received proposals in time for consultation, Councillors had no objections to the amended plans for a single storey rear extension, roof-light, French doors and internal alterations at **Bridge House**.

There were no objections to an application for the porch and conservatory at **York Cottage**, **5 Stoke Road** but the PC will remind Babergh that York Cottage is on the Local List.

The Local List includes Victorian and Edwardian properties, certain railings and features and involves recommendations rather than regulations. Councillors agreed to include the Local List on their next Agenda.

The PC has been sent a second apparently identical set of plans for an application at **24 Stoke Road** and will clarify with Babergh what new point they are being asked to consider.

Councillors discussed a proposals for an agricultural barn at **Gladwin's Farm**. Under Agricultural Permitted Development (APD) rights, only seven days' consultation period was given to the PC and the plans were not on Babergh's website. Councillors viewed paper copies and commented that the barn would be a sizeable structure standing on the brow of the hill. Mary George will write to Babergh for clarification on the planning process through APD.

#### **RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES**

Following a recent inspection, the PC is arranging all repairs at the Fairield playground. Councillors will research suitable gates including 'non-finger trapping' types.

Councillors discussed the condition of the Heycroft Way noticeboard and the shelter itself. Ian Harris will inspect the Wiston noticeboard as the supporting posts are insecure.

The PC is awaiting potential grant news in connection to providing a bicycle rack which is likely to be sited near the bus shelter on Caley Green.

#### BUS SHELTER AND TIMETABLE

Martyn Booth pointed out that the bus shelter is frequently far too small for the number of people waiting and raised concerns about the reduction in bus services to Colchester. There is no bus between 7.45 and 10.15 for example and the early bus is desperately overcrowded. It was agreed to survey the need for the bus in the village. The PC will write to Suffolk CC to express their concern while students will be encouraged to write to the specific officer individually. The issue will be on the next PC Agenda.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT Meeting: 28th October 2015 Chairman: Neil Barbrook 263619 www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Neil Barbrook welcomed members to the meeting.

**Executive Committee:** Neil Barbrook said we would welcome potential new members to come along to meetings.

**Fundraising Activities:** Ideas for fundraising are always welcome. Thanks to the volunteers selling advance raffle tickets at the Farmers' Markets has been successful.

**Community History & Website:** Lorraine Brooks laid out press cuttings, documents and information relating to the history of the CC that had been gathered so far. She said a display will be staged in St James during the Street Fayre a set of display books containing the highlights for each of the last 50 years would be compiled. The cost of three A3 display books would be just under £50 - this was agreed. If anyone has any further details, memorabilia or photos on past CC activities which could be copied or photographed please let Lorraine know.

Lorraine said the <u>www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk</u> has current details and booking forms and asked everyone to get in the habit of taking and sending in photos of CC activities, events, grant outcomes, etc for inclusion.

Village Hall Gardening Morning: The next gardening morning will be Saturday 7th November from 9am.

**Community Defibrillator:** The possibility of having community defibrillator sited at the Fire Station was considered a good idea at the last meeting. The costs and availability of government funded equipment are not confirmed. We understand the cost of the package could be in the region of £2000 but that grants may be available for a limited time. The Exec will be updated on progress. Jon Southgate, Deputy District Commander, Fire & Rescue Service has agreed to meet at Nayland Fire Station to discuss the possibility further with the CC and PC. Neil and Colin Ramsell are able to attend on 6th November.

#### **RECENT ACTIVITIES:**

**Fun Village Quiz - Friday 2nd October:** Members felt it had an enjoyable evening and feedback was that the level and variety of questions was better. The CC are very grateful to Rachel Hitchcock and the Woodland Corner team for organising the evening.

#### Grants & Donations:

**Village Stiles:** Neil Barbrook said there is no news currently on the possibility of replacing another stile, located after the footbridge turning right towards Gravel Hill.

**First Response:** FR want to buy a new ipad SP1 defibrillator and a training mannequin costing about £600 and £300 respectively. Their existing defibrillator is 9 years old. They can contribute about £300 and have obtained £200 discount; so are asking the CC for a £400 grant. This grant was agreed.

**Archive Exhibition:** Wendy Sparrow, the Parish Recorder, would like to hold a Local History Exhibition weekend in February 2016 to display the archive photographs, documents and artefacts she has collected over many years for everyone to see. She is asking for a grant to cover the hire of the Church Hall Hire for the weekend which she believes will be £150. It was agreed to cover the full costs for the hall.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Main Income to date includes: Community Times £3675.00, Calendar £1086.30. The main expenditure includes: Community Times £1086.50, Calendar £616.15, Fireworks £1054.56, Grants £1853.92. We hold £794.67 for First Response, £270 for the Services Fund and a grant of £500 for the Conservation Society Book. Therefore unencumbered assets are £**19,040.37**.

**Community Times:** Lorraine Brooks said Jenny Tibbles is moving out of Nayland and the CC are very grateful to her for many years commitment in distributing the Community Times. Julie Clark has kindly agreed to take over her distribution round on the Heights.

Lorraine is no longer able to attend events to take photographs. Claire Buller kindly took photos at the Quiz, but volunteers are needed for the Christmas Fayre. Anyone who takes photos is very welcome to email them through. This includes photos of all village activities to include in the CT.

A volunteer has not come forward to volunteer to write reports on alternate PC meetings but Andora Carver kindly sent her notes for the September meeting which will enable a report to be included. A volunteer for every other month is still required; the meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month.

**Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said calendars are on sale in local shops; the Post Office, Blue Owl Hatten's Village Stores and Forget Me Not. This year's calendar is now £113 in profit. Suggestions to help boost sales are welcome and if anyone is able to assist by selling calendars at events please let Lorraine know.

Don't forget to take seasonal photos for next year's calendar competition.

#### FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**Bonfire & Fireworks - Thursday 5th November** at 6.30pm for 7pm display: Neil reported on progress and the list of volunteers was confirmed.

**Christmas Fayre - 6th December at 12noon-2.30pm:** Neil said Father Christmas will be attending and the School Choir and Ukuleles will perform. Catherine Burbidge is willing to organise FC's presents. Julie confirmed Transition Nayland will not be doing soup. The CC will sell hot chocolate/tea/coffee. Andrew & Sue Gowen will kindly run a Mulled Wine stall for the CC. Claire Buller will organise the bunting and Christmas tree and man the raffle with helpers. John Baker will kindly help prepare Santa's grotto.

**Village Christmas Tree:** Claire Buller said the tree had been ordered and plans were in hand. As the Christmas Fayre is on the 6th December, the usual Saturday to erect the tree, it will be erected on the 13th and taken down on Sunday 3rd January.

**Street Fayre - Sunday 17th July 2016, 11am-4pm:** Claire Buller is leading the sub-committee. Their next meeting is on Monday 30th November, 7.30pm at 107 Bear Street.

Street closure is being applied for but there is stricter criteria than previously; this will require someone attending traffic management training. Parking provision is not going smoothly; the Tendring Estate will not allow Court Knoll to be used and the Fennages are not available during July. A Grand Draw will be discussed; prizes will be sought and a sponsor is required.

Punch and Judy, a 60s band and some side stalls are booked and the Village Players, Nayland Choir and Nayland School Choir are all going to contribute to the day. Village organisations are being asked to commit to holding a stall/activity. They will not be required to pay for their pitches/tables.

#### SOCIETY REPORTS

**Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said the autumn term has been busy; they completed scenes with their tutor, Vernon Lever and with their other tutor, Keith Whitelock, they are working on landscapes using acrylic paints. They will have Christmas lunch at Newton Golf Club on 16th December and planning an exhibition of their work in 2016.

**Conservation Society:** Andora Carver said their next event was a joint meeting with HortSoc when Barry Kaufmann-White would give a talk on *The Role of a Police Wildlife Crime Officer*. They will be having a stall at the Christmas Fayre and have their usual activities planned for 2016.

**Parish Council:** Martyn Booth said there is still one vacancy on the PC, repairs to the Horkesley Lock footbridge have been completed, problems with rabbits on Webb's Meadow are being discussed. The PC was appalled about a council house at Wiston being sold but they were unable to prevent this. He reminded the meeting that problems regarding trees, potholes, street lights etc should be reported to the PC.

Nayland Choir: Rob Swan said their Jazz Age concert had been a great success. They have three events coming up; a PAGE 6 general knowledge Quiz on 6th November, a concert in St James on 29th November and they will be singing at the Candlelit Carol Service in St James on 20th December. New members would be very welcome.

**Royal British Legion:** Alex Murrison said their AGM was held on 26th October: they will support the Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning organised by the Women's Section on 7th November, Remembrance Services will be on Sunday 8th November at Wiston and 10am and at Nayland War Memorial at 10.50am followed by a Service in St James; the Joint Christmas Party will be on 15th December.

Their proposed outings for 2016 include: Brightingsea Museum, Sizewell Power Station, Hedingham Castle and proposed dates for meetings are 22nd March, 16th May, 18th July, 26th September and AGM on 24th October.

**HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said the sun beamed down on them for a very enjoyable coach outing to Hatfield House and Gardens in Hertfordshire during September. In October Michael Warren gave an interesting talk 'Gardeners Delight: vegetable gardens, mine and others' showing his vast collection of photos. On Monday 9th November at their joint meeting with the Conservation Society, Barry Kaufmann-White, lecturer, naturalist and author, will give an illustrated talk on *The Role of a Police Wildlife Crime Officer* which relates to Barry's period in this role with Essex Police. HortSoc will have a stall at the Christmas Fayre then go into semi-hibernation until March when they spring back to life with a talk on Cottage Gardens and the Spring Show.

**Village Players:** Bryan Smith said rehearsals are going well for their production *'The Woman in White'* by Constance Cox'. Performances will be on 19th-21st November and it promises to be a good show.

**Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said the Coffee Morning in September to mark the centenary of the National WI had gone very well. In September they heard at their meeting about the

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work of *Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding* and four members attended the West Suffolk Federation's 95th Anniversary celebration. November's talk will be *Workboards Workshop* by Sue Butcher and in December they will have a stall at the Christmas Fayre and enjoy some *Country Dancing* at their meeting.

**Book Club:** Wendy Sparrow said have been reading a variety of books; the last was *Light Between Oceans* by ML Stedman and the latest book is *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern. Some members went to see Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* at the Mercury Theatre in October. On 21st December they will have a Christmas Lunch at The Crown at Stoke.

 Table Tennis Group:
 Neil Barbrook said they are continuing to play each week and have been approached by another group about having friendly matches. They are going out for Christmas dinner on 18th December.

#### AOB:

**Damage at Allotments & Webb's Meadow:** It was pointed out that incidents of damage have taken place at these locations. Youths doing this were approached on one occasion. Martyn Booth would advise the PC.

**Executive Committee:** Iain Wright said he was resigning as the CC representative on the Village Hall Management Committee and asked the CC to find a replacement. He said he is not happy with the direction the CC is taking with regard grants; he will continue as caretaker Treasurer until a replacement can be found. Several members questioned his comments regarding grants. Grant application criteria will be discussed at the next meeting. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be **Monday 11th January** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm

## STALLS AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

There are still one or two spaces available for stalls. Please contact Neil Barbrook on 263619 or nbarbrook@hotmail.com



# Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks

The Nayland Bonfire Night went ahead on 5th November despite the predicted wet weather, which meant numbers were down on previous years, and some temperamental fireworks made it a very difficult night for the firework team with a significant number not lighting in the rain.

The decision was made to have food and drink inside the hall



## **COMMUNITY COUNCIL ARCHIVES**

The process of collecting press cuttings, documents, photographs or souvenirs and hearing people's memories of the Community Council and village life in general over the last fifty years has been extremely interesting and I would like to thank those who have delved into their archives and recalled their memories.

Some of the press cuttings in particular tell of hilarious antics. At the first '*Carnival and Donkey Derby*' the donkey derby had its drama but there were no broken bones, the stewards caught the donkeys who had thown their riders. In 1968 when an old Nayland custom the '*Feast of Floralia*' was revived there were tests of strength and Duile Flunking, an old ale house sport. In 1976 at the '*Market Fair and Meadow Larks*' the crazy sports for all ages provided some hilarious moments

## Nayland Over 60s LUNCHEON CLUB

A Monthly Lunch for Senior Citizens Church Hall ~ 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm ~  $\pm$ 3

## Tuesday 8 December : Christmas Party Tuesday 26 January Tuesday 23 February Tuesday 29 March

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If you would like to join us for lunch just come along. If transport down to the Church Hall is difficult telephone Olga Alexander on 263923 to see if we can collect you.

which was the right decision in view of the weather but maybe impacted on the atmosphere outside.

The firework team have promised a bigger better display next year regardless of the weather so we hope to see as many people as possible coming.

Finally a big thanks to the team of volunteers who helped both beforehand in the planning and organising of the event, setting it up and running things on the day, and clearing up the next morning. Thanks also to everyone who came to watch on a rainy evening.

See you next year !!



as competitors hurled swedes, tossed pancakes and staggered round the arena under enormous straw bales. A few years later the annual 'Nayland Fair and Rustic Romps' had similarly crazy sports. In the 80s there was a 'Nayland Festival and It's A Knockout'.

In 1977 Nayland celebrated the Silver Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II in style with a '*Street Party for Children*' and many village societies contributed to the various other events.

I will not give too much more away here as the archives will be collated over the next couple of months and will be on display next year to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Community Council. If you have any photos, press cuttings, etc that we could copy for this please let me know on 262807 or <u>lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com</u>.



The Street Party for children on Tuesday 7th June 1977 to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II took place in Nayland High Street

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#### **HIGHWAYS**

SCC Highways have been advised of a daytime trading van operating as a café occasionally at the end of Bear Street (by the A134) as advertising is placed on the traffic island on the A134 at Nag's corner.

The white fence barrier over the flood channel looks as though it has never been cleaned. The PC will write to highways to enquire about its maintenance.

#### STREET LIGHTING

The authorised improvements to street lighting, have been completed with the exception of two units.

#### ALLOTMENTS

Ian Harris explained that the Allotment Gate needs adjusting while a post on the gate onto Webb's Meadow from Candy Lane needs re-siting. The PC will obtain prices.

There was discussion about a installing another gate at the Allotments to prevent unauthorised parking.

One allotment holder reported vandalism.

Neil Catchpole, of the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project, has agreed to a site meeting at the allotments to suggest potential plans for its future use.

#### FOOTPATHS

Improvement works on the steps of the Horkesley Lock footbridge have been completed. Although Essex CC call it

Merle's Bridge, the parish and the PC knows it as Horkesley Lock Bridge. The PC will write to thank Essex CC for their work. **VILLAGE HALL** 

The VHMC invited the Parish Council to comment on the new alterations to the kitchen.

There had been some vandalism on the playing field. The VHMC is happy for ferreting to go ahead to reduce the rabbit population on the field.

#### COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Martyn Booth reported on a site meeting with Jon Southgate, Deputy District Commander of the Fire & Rescue Service, and Neil Barbrook to discuss the possibility of fixing a community defibrillator on the exterior of the fire station with the Fire Service supplying electricity at their expense. Permission is being sought from the fire station landlord. Mr Southgate raised the possibility of installing a fire station sign on a grassed area which could include a defibrillator sign to alert the public to its location.

The Treasurer, lain Wright has resigned but will stay in post until there is a replacement.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE FIRE SERVICE

Nayland Fire Station will be retained but will be under greater demand as other local stations go out of service. There will be a public consultation about the broader changes after Christmas.

## Sunday 17 July, 11-4pm

and Street Fayre 20

Planning is now well under way for the Village Street Fayre with the next planning committee meeting on Monday 30th November - further news will appear in the next community Times. As well as the traditional street fayre stalls, the High Street will be alive with activities throughout the afternoon including sets by an excellent 1960s band, Punch and Judy, mosaic building, fancy dress parade, bouncy castle and much more still to be confirmed. The theme for the Street Fayre will be the 1960s celebrating the decade in which the Community Council was founded.

Thank you to the societies who have returned their forms or are involved in street entertainment in some way: Conservation Society, Women's Institute, HortSoc, Nayland Choir, School Choir, the PCC, Anna Boon's Art Class and the Village Players.

We hope more village groups will come forward to participate and help celebrate fifty years of the Community Council while at the same time raising some funds for themselves if they wish - please return the registration form below (or available on www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/news) by 22nd January to Claire Buller, 107 Bear Street, Nayland CO6 4LR. If you have any queries please contact Claire on 01206 263344 or <u>clairejbuller@gmail.com</u>

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

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Competition was keen when 12 teams took part in Nayland with Wissington Community Council's annual fun quiz at the village hall on October 2.

Winners were Where is Jayne with The Triers and Bricks and Mortar joint second and Three Point Five third.

The event was hosted by Rachel Hitchcock, on behalf of the council and Woodland Corner, who said: "It was a great evening with some closely fought competition and several high scoring rounds.

"The animal noises round was fun as well as one guessing what was in the pot by smell. We expect to have raised about  $\pounds 200$  for council funds but it was also about getting people together to have a bit of fun."



Rachel Hitchcock with winners 'Where is Jayne', from left, Gill Boardman, William Kennedy, Emma Bishton and Jayne Kennedy



## SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...

Thanks to Andora Carver for capturing this seasonal scene near Horkesley Lock in early November. The beautiful autumn foliage shimmered gold as the sun was setting - see this photograph at its best in the colour version of the CT at www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/

<u>CommunityTimes.html</u> If you have a snapshot taken in the parish to feature in a future issue please send it to lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com

## HORKESLEY LOCK BRIDGE

Improvements to the steps on each side of Horkesley Lock Bridge have now been completed by Essex County Council so the footpath is open again for all to enjoy.

## **ST JAMES CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY**



The churchyard autumn working party comprised a smaller group than usual, but all pitched in with enthusiasm and completed the tasks which needed doing. The weather was good and the churchyard now looks very tidy for the coming winter. Some of those involved are shown in the photo.

Grateful thanks to all those who helped, especially to John Jervois, who directed proceedings. James Carver

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## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

Secretary: Andrew Gowen 262534 parkersag@yahoo.co.uk Chairman: Alex Murrison 262369

The Remembrance Service on 8<sup>th</sup> November was well supported and the Church collection which goes to the Royal British Legion raised £303 which was an increase on the previous year. The Service was led by David Pryor and a very thoughtful and appropriate sermon given by the Revd Val Armstrong. The Branch is very grateful to them both. The Revd Armstrong also dedicated the four ceramic Poppies from the Tower of London that are displayed in a beautiful show case in the Remembrance Section of the Church. Two minutes silence was also observed at 11am at the War Memorial on Armistice Day on the following Wednesday.

On 26<sup>th</sup> October 2015 we had our Annual General Meeting in which all the branch officers were re-elected; President Ken Willingale, chairman Alex Murrison, vice-chairman John Partridge, treasurer Richard Cave, secretary Andrew Gowen, welfare representative Chris Hunt, standard bearer Jim Turner and Poppy Appeal organiser James Carver. The meeting was preceded by a short talk by Roy Chapman on his experiences in Horse Racing. It was a most enjoyable and amusing talk. We are on the lookout for more speakers at our future meetings.

We hope to confirm our planned outings for 2016 at our January meeting. Possibilities are visits to Sizewell Nuclear Power Station; to the new Brightlingsea Museum and to Debach Airfield Museum near Ipswich.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Party in the Church Hall with the Women's Section on Monday 14th December 2015. The format will be the same as last year at 7.30pm with a short amusing film and Christmas Carols washed down with wine or similar and small eats which I hope members will contribute!

Our next meeting is 7.30pm for 8pm at the Anchor on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and we are looking for somebody to give a short talk on any subject. Subsequent meetings for the year are: 22 March; 16 May; 18 July; 26 September and AGM 24 October.



**OVER 60s CLUB** 

Secretary: Barbara Smith 501492

President: Eva Rolfe 263151

In November we will be visiting the shopping centre near Colchester North Station to do some Christmas shopping and in December we are looking forward to attending the Over Sixties Luncheon Club's Christmas Party at Longwood Barn.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month, our next meetings will be on 10th December and 11th February - there is no January meeting - at the Community Centre in Parkers Way at 2 30pm. We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Diana Whiting

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

## POPPY APPEAL

Poppy Appeal Organiser: James Carver 262970

I would like to thank all the collectors and those who allowed a static box to be placed on their premises as well as those who helped count the

donations, for their hard work and support, which resulted in a total of £2,938.07.

Static boxes in 20 locations took a total of £743.73. The 16 house to house collectors took £1,355.70 between them - possibly a new record. The Women's Section Coffee Morning raised £199.40 and the collections at the Remembrance Services in St. James and St. Mary's churches took £303.07 and £230 respectively.

I am very grateful to all those involved for loyally supporting this year's Poppy Appeal.

#### James Carver

Pictured: members of the Royal British Legion prepare to count the Poppy Collection - John Partridge, Malcolm Lukey, Alex Murrison, Roy Chapman, James Carver.





## NAYLAND FIRE STATION

Watch Commander Tony Gardner, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, Fire Station, Bear Street, Nayland

I would like to thank everyone and the crew who took part in our September car wash for the Firefighters Charity. We raised grand sum of £137 which will go

towards helping firefighters and their families who are injured or sick to make a speedy recovery.

Woodland Corner came to the Fire Station for a visit on Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> November, which the children, teachers and parents enjoyed.

There are ongoing talks to have a community defibrillator attached to a Fire Station external wall. This will be available to the general public in the unfortunate event of someone having a cardiac arrest in the village.

On 8th November wreaths were laid by Fire Service personnel at both Nayland and Wissington War Memorials, to remember the servicemen and women who lost their lives in past conflicts.



## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Sec: Lorraine Brooks 262807 lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk Chair: Trevor Smy 262022



As autumn arrived our activities retreated indoors when on 20th October when Michael Warren returned to Nayland to give a very interesting talk about 'Gardeners Delight: Vegetable gardens, mine and others'. As we travelled through Michael's vast collection of photographs he showed us the joys of growing edible and interesting plants from his own intensively planted and productive

garden and elsewhere. He said his interest in gardening began during the war in Wattisham when everyone grew produce and after the war when his father was head gardener at a big house. His photographs revealed that some of the crops were beautiful as well as tasty, especially some of the more unusual, such as Golden Beetroot 'Bolder' and Kale 'Nero di Toscano'. There were some other interestingly named varieties, such as Cauliflower 'Cheddar' and Melon 'Orange Sherbert' and a Tree Tomato (*Solanum betaceum*).

At the joint meeting with the *Conservation Society* on **9th November** Barry Kaufmann-Wright gave a very enlightening talk about his former career, *'The Role of a Police Wildlife Crime Officer'*. His passion for wildlife and his time in this role was evident as he recalled his experiences and advised of some regulations. He felt one sly fox certainly lived up to its name when it retreated into a Badger's sett to avoid the hounds; Barry was called but the sett could not be disturbed so the fox was safe. Barry told of dealers in wild birds which had been prosecuted; one had an annual turnover of £¼million until he was caught and his ill-gotten gains seized. The fine for taking native Bluebells from the wild is £1,000 per bulb as a group of refugees who removed 8 hundredweight are about to find out when they face Crown Court. Mute Swans belong to the Crown and are legally protected as another group of refugees were reminded when they were caught with 70 swans killed to sell for food. Herons, the bain of many, are protected as one gentleman was reminded when he received a £500 fine and his shotgun licence was revoked. He suggested to deter herons from your pond do not put out an

artificial heron as these birds are colonial and will be attracted; as a heron lands by the water, not in it, the best solution is to have a barrier of fishing line round the pond.

At the start of the talk Barry posed the question; how was his twisted Blackthorn stick produced? The answer was revealed at the end; by Wild Honeysuckle growing round it.

HortSoc will be having a stall at the Community Council's **Christmas Family Fayre** on Sunday 6th December, 12 noon to 2.30pm in the Village Hall. As usual, donations of seasonal items for sale on the Hortsoc stall, or for our raffle, would be very much appreciated and can be brought along on the day or left with a committee member.

The committee has been busy planning the calendar of events for 2016 including the **Spring Show** which will be held on 19th March, so bear this in mind when planting your bulbs and pot plants - the classes which remain much the same as last year is shown on page 32 and on the website. Our activities for 2016 include:

15th March:	Spring Speaker: Andrew Sankey 'A Year in the Life of a Cottage Garden'
19th March:	Spring Show – the schedule is shown on page 32, and on the website
19th April:	AGM & Fun Quiz Evening
21st May:	Morning Market
15th June:	coach outing to Hindringham Hall Garden and Oxburgh Hall & Garden
8th July:	Summer Garden Party
8th August:	Annual Flower Show – schedules will b available in early March
4th September:	coach outing to Wrest Park and Bennington Lordship Garden (
18th October:	Autumn Speaker: Simon White 'Highlights of Chelsea & Hampton Court
14th November:	Joint meeting - Edward Martin 'The Lost Gardens of Suffolk'

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Barry Kaufmann-Wright with his twisted Blackthorn stick



## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Hon. Secretary: Andora Carver 262970 carversnayland@tiscali.co.uk www.naylandconservation.org.uk Chairman: Mr J Alexander 262676

More fascinating facts about the manorial history of Wiston and the Rev. Charles Birch, the incumbent for over 50 years, were shared with us by Rosemary Knox at our October Open Meeting. It is so good to know more about the parish, which Rosemary has been researching for many years, and an appreciative audience was most impressed with what she had to say.

Thanks to Rosemary's research into the manorial rolls dating from 1352, we were able to visualize life in Wiston with some wonderful examples of agricultural practices, such as growing oats and barley together for animal feed and an illustration of harvesting by glove-wearing labourers.

In the second part of her talk, Rosemary focused on the life of the remarkable Revd. Charles Birch, Rector of Wiston from 1832, who spent his whole life as a parish priest at Wiston and died aged 81. He is buried in the churchyard. He was obviously a very charismatic man who raised enormous sums of money to restore the church including the installation of a barrel organ, which is still in working order. He is probably best known for uncovering the wall paintings but then covered them again as he thought them distracting to the congregation during his sermons. They were uncovered again in 1932.

A splendid talk by Barry Kaufman- Wright on his many experiences in the role of Police Wildlife Officer entertained the audience at our annual Joint Meeting with Nayland Hortsoc on November 9<sup>th</sup>. There were some sad stories which did not always have a happy ending, especially involving horses, ponies, and badgers. Barry spared us the sight of some of his more graphic photographs, which he explained were used in Court Prosecutions.

Barry is proud to be a member of the British Naturalists Association whose ranks include Sir David Attenborough. He started his career at Jersey Zoo where he met and worked with Gerald Durrell and has been a keen wildlife photographer for years with a collection of 72,000 slides. The audience were amazed to learn that he gives 200 talks a year on varying subjects connected with wildlife and his work with the Police. He explained that bats, great crested newts and badgers are all protected under the law as are all our native birds but non-native birds are not.Herons cannot be shot. Stealing native bluebell bulbs can result in a fine of £1,000 per bulb. Surprisingly wildlife crime is not a



Barry Kaufman- Wright

recordable crime but is the second biggest money earner in terms of fines.

Barry has recently been given a major Award for his contribution to Wildlife Crime Enforcement. He left the audience with much food for thought and it is reassuring to know that the Police Wildlife Unit is ready to prosecute when acts of cruelty to animals and birds are discovered.

This annual meeting with Hortsoc has become something of an institution which benefits both our groups.

Our Programme for next year is already on the Society's website and the noticeboard in the High Street. Please note all our meetings now take place on Monday evenings. This change is due to accommodating a new regular weekly booking of the Village Hall.

On Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>the Society will run a stall at the Community Council Christmas fair selling our new edition tea towels, history books and cards. These are also available at Forget Me Not, the Blue Owl and the Post Office throughout the year.

Finally, thank you to all our members for their support this year. If you have ideas for future speakers, please let me know. The AGM will be on Monday 14th March 7.40pm for 8pm in the Village Hall when Anna Moore of the Colchester Archaeological Group will tell us about the Bures Crop Circles which the Group discovered recently.



## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Jeannette Finch 262993

Secretary: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

We have enjoyed listening to our speakers during the year, who have talked on various subjects. We are now planning a very interesting programme for 2016.

On 3rd December we will be attending the Group Carol Service at Boxford Church, and on 7th December the Federation Carol Service at St Mary's Church in Bury St Edmunds.

At our meeting on 21st December we will have Country Dancing with Keith Wright, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. We are also supporting SESAW with donations of food for the birds and animals.

On 18th January Bruce Root from Essex Bird Watching will be giving a talk, and on 15th February Jan Derbyshire will be talking about the Samaritans.

If you would like to be a guest, do come along to any meetings which are held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The programme for 2016 will be on display in the WI notice board in the centre of the village soon.



## NAYLAND ART GROUP

Daphne Berry 262641

The Art Group as usual has been well supported despite absentees due to coughs and colds. Our tutor Vernon Lever set us the task of completing two water colour winter scene landscapes for this session and his final session in a fortnight's time. A lot of people had made good progress towards completion of the first landscape by the end of his first session and some had completed copying his rough pencil sketch for the start of the next session.

Our other tutor Keith Whitlock, who spends a lot of his working life teaching at the Adult Community Learning Centre in Colchester ran a session on acrylic painting in particular with regards to Landscapes. To help us he brought along a few of his own Landscape paintings plus a book on Edward Seago to give us some guidance on ideas to incorporate into our own works. Most of the attendees thought it provided an interesting alternative to water colours in future.

Finally with the approach of the festive season we are returning to the Newton Green Golf Club for our Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16th December with members and their partners to end the year.

Colin Ramsell



## NAYLAND LUNCHEON CLUB FOR OVER 60S

A Monthly Lunch for Senior Citizens ~ Church Hall ~ 12.00 noon for 12.30pm ~  $\pounds$ 3 Olga Alexander on 263923

The Christmas Party at Longwood Barn will be on Tuesday 8th December. The next luncheons will be on Tuesday 26th January, Tuesday 23rd February and Tuesday 29th March. Make a note of the dates in your diary and come along and join the friendly atmosphere for a chat with friends, old and new.

If you would like to join us for lunch just come along. If transport down to the Church Hall is difficult telephone Olga Alexander on 263923 to see if we can collect you.



BOOK CLUB

Stephanie Deering 264126 slouisethorne@aol.com

Our book club has been reading a variety of books including *The Handsome Man's Deluxe Café* by Alexander McCall Smith and *Light Between Oceans* by ML Stedman. Our current book is *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern.

Some members went to see Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap* at the Mercury Theatre in October; they are sworn to secrecy about the play but thought it was a fantastic production and well worth seeing. On 21st December we will have a Christmas Lunch at The Crown at Stoke by Nayland.



## THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Jo Murrison 262369

The last Village Lunch held on Wednesday 21st October 2015 was a great success. The speaker was Martyn Roper who gave a very amusing talk on *The History of Printed Cartoons* after which we enjoyed a excellent lunch. A sum of £434.50 was raised towards kitchen improvements and general maintenance of the Village Hall. Many thanks to all our helpers.

A three-course **Curry Supper** will be held on Saturday 23rd January in the Village Hall. This will be an authentic curry made by ex Gurkha Urmesh Pun of the Gurkha Restaurant and Bar. The desserts will be prepared by our Village Lunch Team. There will be entertainment by Indian Dancers and a licensed bar and raffle. More details and a booking form can be found on page 13.



## FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH

Registered Charity No 1158565 Secretary: Caroline Ross-Stewart 263701 wistonfriends@gmail.com Chairman: Bill Starling 262397 billstarling@hotmail.com

## Wiston Church gets into the Christmas mood!

The Friends of Wiston Church are very proud to present a concert of Christmasflavoured music to be performed by the outstanding Marenzio Singers. This is something very special and not to be missed. The concert is on Sunday 6th December at 6pm. There are a few tickets left and they can be had by making your reservations as per the announcement on page 10.

The Marenzios are a treat at any time but to be able to see them in the unique surroundings of one of the most beautiful small churches in the area is a rare opportunity. The acoustics are great and the atmosphere will be just what is required to ease you into the festive season.

We look forward to welcoming you!



## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Neil Barbrook 263619 or 07817 449920 nbarbrook@hotmail.com

The Nayland Table Tennis Club is in the process of arranging a friendly with the Stoke By Nayland Club which should take place in Nayland in the next few weeks with a return at Stoke in the New Year. New members are still very welcome as the Club has three tables in use for their Monday afternoon sessions, so just come along to the Village Hall between 2pm-3.30pm or ring Neil Barbrook 263619.

#### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Women's Section**

Secretary: Kath Hunt 262014

We would like to thank all who supported the Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th November for the Poppy Appeal. It helped raise £199.40 for the Appeal.

New members are always welcome, contact Kathy on 262014 for more details.

## NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

Co-ordinator: Karen Elliott on 01206 263233 or kazelli@btinternet.com

We are delighted to welcome 3 new members to the team: Tracy Le Grys (Little Horkesley), Lisa Patterson (Great Horkesley) and Vince Strafford (Boxted) with additional new recruits in Leavenheath and Stoke by Nayland looking forward to joining us in the new year. Together with other members, this greatly enhances our capacity to respond to emergency incidents in and around Nayland and we are in the process of purchasing new equipment for a second kit enabling us to offer simultaneous localised cover. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Nayland Community Council who have awarded £400 grant towards a new iPAD defibrillator, part sponsored by the British Heart Foundation. The device incorporates the latest technology and can be used with adults or children in cardiac arrest. Grateful thanks also to First Responder Les Finch who has raised an amazing £300 towards our funds.

We have been called to several incidents recently with special mention to Carl Carrington who attended a heart attack, the patient's life was undoubtedly saved by immediate CPR intervention and shocking the heart to restart before paramedics arrived. Carl and Karen were invited to deliver AED awareness training by Leavenheath Parish Council who have secured a public access defibrillator located at the village hall. Carl is a Training Officer with the East of England Ambulance Service as well as responding with Nayland in his spare time, Karen is the team co-ordinator and a trainer for Suffolk groups. The session was well attended by more than 30 members of the local community and sparked interest from several people about becoming a First Responder. We were subsequently invited to give a presentation to Nayland Community Council who are exploring a similar public access defibrillator for the village in partnership with the Parish Council.

One of our new members has written about her decision to join us: "I trained as a First Responder earlier this year; my mother-in-law had a fall at home and the ambulance took nearly an hour to get to us. It was only after that I realised how stretched resources are. This became even more apparent after spending a day shadowing an ambulance crew, people assume because a station is based near them that it will be there in minutes - I learnt that was not the case and the crew could be sent wherever needed. I feel that now I am a First Responder I am helping remove some of the pressure off the service but I'm also putting something good back into the area I live and for its residents. The team I have joined are all friendly and there if you need any help or advice. I'm glad I made the decision to become a First Responder and will carry on doing my bit for the community for as long as I can."

For more information about the role of a Community First Responder, or to apply to join us, please contact Karen Elliott (Tel: 01206 263233) or see link: <u>http://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/Get-involved/CFRs/community-first-responders.htm</u>



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Rachel Beales, Practice Manager 578070

As it is fast approaching the festive season again just a reminder to all our patients who are on regular medication to ensure they have a sufficient supply to last over the Christmas/ New Year period. Please be advised that due to the increased activity we may take 3 working days to process routine repeat prescription requests.

<u>Opening hours:</u> Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 8am-6pm Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 8am-6pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 8am-6pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 8am until 2pm \* *Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December – closed Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December – closed Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December – closed*  Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December – closed Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December 8am-6pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 8am-6pm Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 8am until 2pm \* *Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – closed Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – closed* Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - closed Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - normal opening times \* Our West Bergholt Surgery is open from 8am until 6.30pm with a Doctor and Advanced Nurse Practitioner available in the afternoon as part of our duty team.

Please note that local Pharmacies, the Walk in Centre and NHS 111 are all available for medical advice when the surgery is closed.

May we take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



## NAYLAND CINEMA

Chris Thompson Secretary V.H.M.C.

On Friday **27<sup>th</sup> November** we will be showing *Woman in Gold*. This film stars Helen Mirren and is the quest of a Jewish woman to reclaim for her family art that was stolen by the Nazis. The title is a reference to Klimt's beautiful golden paintings. We will have a break until **February 19<sup>th</sup>** when we will be showing *The Lady in the Van*, starring Maggie Smith. This is the true story of the woman who parked her van on playwright Alan Bennett's drive and stayed for 15 years!

All films start at 8pm. We have a bar from 7.30pm and an interval for tea and coffee and ice creams. Tickets cost £5 either from the Post Office or on the door. All profits go towards the maintenance of the Village Hall.



## **BOWLS CLUB**

Secretary: Eva Rolfe 263151

On 30th September Martlesham came to us; one team won 11-6, the others went home to re-group only two points scored. The result on 7th October was the same, although three of the games were close only one team won. On 28th October we went to Stratton and again the first two teams lost and only one of the second session won. So in our first three games we only managed six points.

The Burstall match on 7th November was postponed due to the fog, on 11th November Hintlesham cam to us; in the first session one team won 14-2 and the other drew, on the second round both teams lost although one game was very close which also gave us the shots. Five points scored which was nearly double the previous three games. Let's hope things soon improve!

#### Fixtures:

December: 2nd Somersham home, 9th Harkstead home January: 6th Burstall home, 13th Bramford home, 24th Bentley away, 20th Branford home, 28th Hintlesham away

Sylvia Bond



VILLAGE PLAYERS

Chair: Gale Scott 01206 262061

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Membership: Jill Fernandez jillyfern@gmail.com

As I write this, we are having dress rehearsals for the upcoming performances of **The Woman in White**. Based on the well-known novel by Wilkie Collins, it is regarded as one of the first mystery novels written. With just a few days to go before curtain-up, it promises to be a splendid evening of entertainment, with suspense, comedy and lashings of Victorian melodrama.

Our thanks must go foremost to our Director, Mary Moriarty, for all her hard work in bringing everything together. Behind the scenes, we have had tremendous support from many people, be they involved in set-building, props, costumes, front of house or the kitchen. Thank you, everyone!

Our next production will be **Separate Tables**, which will be performed on May 12th, 13th and 14th. Written by Terence Rattigan, it is two one-act plays set in a hotel in the 1950s. Our director will be Jim Bond, and auditions will be held at the Church Hall on **January 31st** at 7:30pm and **February 3rd** at 5pm. We are always delighted to welcome newcomers to the Village Players, so if you would like to help - be it on stage or behind the scenes - please come along! For more information on the auditions, call Jim on 01206 262535.

On **Sunday**, **January 17 from 2-5pm**, we will be holding a **Family Open Day** at Nayland Village Hall. It's going to be a day for all the family, with backstage tours, a lighting demonstration, costumes to try on and a props corner. There will also be a video and photo exhibition of some of our past successes. At 3:30, there will be a drama session for children, culminating in an impromptu performance on stage!

Everyone is welcome - both children and adults. The event is free, and light refreshments will be available. For more information, please call Emma Wallis on 07942 778536.

For information on upcoming performances, auditions and events - and photos of recent productions - please head to our website at <u>villageplayers.co.uk</u> or follow our Facebook page at <u>facebook.com/naylandvillageplayers</u>





## MESSY CHURCH AT PENTACORD BENEFICE

Churches of Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Polstead, Stoke by Nayland For children and parents: Activities, crafts, worship followed by afternoon tea. For further information: 01206 262719.



The Messy Church team have a little rest in December but will be back for more Messy Church fun in January. Please remember that during the winter months we hold Messy Church in Stoke by Nayland Village Hall as it is somewhat warmer. Please come along and join in the fun – all members of the family welcome. Next Messy Church will be – Sunday 31 January 2016, Stoke by Nayland Village Hall at 4pm-6pm. Fun art and craft activities and games for children and families based around informal worship and afternoon tea. For further information: 01206 262719.







"I'm sorry Michael - even if you HAVE changed your ring-tone to 'Away In-A-Manger', it's still ALL mobiles OFF!"



#### HOLLY

We sing about the 'Holly and the Ivy' and prickly green leaves and red berries are everywhere in Christmas decorations.

In Scandinavian countries the holly is even known as the 'Christ-thorn' and it seems that the name of the holly actually came from the word 'holy'.

The holly reminds us of the death of Jesus – the sharp prickles on the leaves are like the crown on thorns that Jesus was forced to wear on the cross. The red berries remind us of the drops of blood that came where the thorns hurt his head.

Holly is an evergreen, which means that it does not lose its leaves in the autumn, but keeps them all year round. And because its leaves are always green it is a symbol of eternal life.



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL : MUSICAL COLLABORATIONS

Jayne Kennedy

## NAYLAND SCHOOL YOUTH CHOIR AND NAYLAND SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR

As part of Benjamin Britten's centenary celebrations, Nayland School Youth Choir were selected to take part in special concert on November 20<sup>th</sup>. This was a performance with a difference though as we, along with the other 750 choir members, were live streamed on the internet as we sang. The eight songs were set by Nico Muhly to well-known poems, such as From a Railway Carriage by Robert Louis Stevenson, and were both challenging and exciting to learn and sing.

The Youth Choir have a short reprise now before their next performance in February at the O2 in London, where they will be joined by Nayland School Children's Choir. The concert at the O2 affords the choirs the opportunity to learn medleys of both current and past popular music and this year includes favourites such as Chattanooga Choochoo and Uptown Funk.

In the meantime the Children's Choir are also rehearsing for their performance at Nayland Community Council's Christmas Bazaar on December 6<sup>th</sup> where they will be joined by some ukulele, recorder and brass players to bring some musical festive cheer to the event!

## NAYLAND MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Leaders: Michelle Plumb 264116 michelleplumb11@gmail.com Alice Palmer 263629 alice\_brown42@hotmail.com

We meet every Friday in term time at Nayland Village Hall from 9:45 til 11:45. Its a friendly group with lots of toys for your little ones to enjoy. Tea and coffee is available to mums, dads and carers and juice and biscuits for the children. It's a great place for new mums to meet people and make friends! First visit to us is free! Then it's £3 per mother and child(ren).

The last day of Toddler Group this term will be 18th December and the group will be back on 8th January. We would like to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.** 



## Woodland Corner

Administrator: Caroline Keep 263054 e-mail: woodlandcorner@outllook.com behind Nayland Primary School, Bear Street, Nayland, Colchester, CO6 4HY

Manager: Cheryl Leeks 263054 http://woodlandcornernayland.blogspot.com Registered Charity No. 1035330

Our Harvest festival went very well with lots of Parents/Carers attending and bringing produce from their gardens. We sold the vegetables and cakes and donated the money to Unicef. We took a basket of vegetables to the Nayland Care Home behind us. The children really enjoyed interacting with the residents, they sang songs to them and then the residents sang us one!

This is our busiest and most exciting Half Term of the year. In the build up to Christmas we will be learning about celebrations of Darkness and Light and exploring the festivals of Diwali, Hanukkah, Advent and of course Christmas. We look forward to welcoming our Pre-School children to join us for our Nativity Play and Christmas Party in December.

We visited Nayland Fire Station on the 11th November 2015. Fire fighter Tony and Ben showed us around and made us feel very welcome. We even got to use the hose!

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Jamie our new apprentice, who has joined us for 2 years to gain his Level 3 Early Years Educator. Jamie is working in both our Pre-School and After School Clubs. In addition we are pleased to welcome back Jessica who did Work Experience with us last year and has chosen us for her 6 month placement.





Registered Charity No 304 928

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646

Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



#### OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING **MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK**

- The Housekeeping book was checked
- · A comment in the comment book praising the facilities in the Hall was appreciated.
- There are now plasters in the first aid box.
- Lock Electrical will be asked about lights in the ladies toilet which do not come on even when the daylight is poor.
- The kitchen and backstage will be checked at the next meeting A third refuse bin will be arranged as one is needed for major
- events • The cost of having WIFI at the hall will be researched.

#### MAINTENANCE

- Jim Brown has been asked to service the boiler.
- The kitchen upgrade is now complete. There are 2 new appliances; a cooker and a hot cupboard. Thanks are to be sent to the ladies who organise the Village Lunches for their help with the new layout. Extra fundraising events will be put on next year, possibly on Tuesdays to avoid clashes with regular users.

#### BOOKINGS

- The footballers will be asked to place caps on the pipes they have placed in the ground to secure their goalposts.
- The Community Council will be asked to organise the removal of the remains of last year's bonfire after 5th Nov.
- An organisation is interested in starting a ballroom dancing class on a Thursday evening.
- If hirers want to put banners on any open spaces in Nayland, they are to be reminded in the Guidance Notes on the website that they must obtain permission from the Parish Council.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

• No reply had been received from the letter to the Community Council. The chairman of the CC will be invited to attend the next VHMC meeting.

#### **CINEMA & FUNDRAISING**

• A bingo night will be held to raise funds for the Hall.

## NOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- COIF Endowment £13,531, COIF £13,916, Bank £10,429, Cash £216, Debtors £0, Assets £4,832.
- There are £5180 in bills to pay this month.
- An inventory check will be carried out this month.

#### **MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK**

- The firm of Edward Hyde has repaired the surface coating of the flooring. However they will be asked to check the floor under the stage as some of the boards are stuck together. Also some of the flooring is peeling up.
- · We have contacted Suffolk County Council Highways requesting both a sign from the A134 and another in the centre indicating Church Lane. We will request a site inspection. James Finch has been informed of our request.
- · A Post Box has been obtained and placed on the wall of the Hall so that booking forms can be posted there rather than to the Booking Secretary's home address. The booking forms and website will be amended now that the box is in place.
- A quotation will be sought for the repainting of some of the interior around the foyer.
- · Quarterly inspection: a kettle lead will be replaced, the door will be checked, David Hewitt will be asked to strengthen the cross spars in the gents toilets, the kitchen sink top will be fixed.
- · Notices have now been placed in the kitchen explaining how to reset the safety switches.
- The dishwasher notice will be reworded.

- Some more large kettles will be ordered for the kitchen.
- . The firm of Edward Hyde will be asked to carry out the floor inspection.
- The caretaker will be informed if several VHMC members are not in Navland.
- A list of tradesmen used by the VHMC will be complied.
- The H&S report is now complete and will be circulated. PAT testing needs to be done and labels placed on both kettles and leads.
- Fire Drills are not compulsory but it was agreed that a drill should take place at the AGM.
- · Quotes for a Fire Risk Assessment will be sought from Firepower and SVC.
- The VHMC were shown how to turn off the fire alarm.
- The bulbs for the exit signs have been replaced.

#### MAINTENANCE

- · Provisional quotes for replacing roof tiles will be sought in Feb/March 2016.
- Brian May will be asked to fix the leak in the ladies toilet.
- It was agreed to order 12 photos (cost £120) and some paint to brighten up the bar.
- · An insurance claim will be made for the stage curtains as a large hole has been burnt in them. Also a quote will be sought for the cost of replacing them.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

- The banner sub-committee reported at the October meeting that a site meeting should be arranged with Highways so that they can say exactly where banners can be placed on Caley Green and the top of Horkesley Road because of the proximity of these sites to the A134.
- The problem caused to the footballers by the rabbits on the field was discussed. It was agreed to look into ferreting as a way of controlling this problem and investigate cutting back the playing field boundary hedges.
- James Finch said that a grant of between £500-£1000 would be available from SCC towards the kitchen upgrade. He will be asked how to apply for this.

#### BOOKINGS

- Unfortunately one of the art classes will relocate to Assington Village Hall next spring due to a clash with yoga.
- Webpages: information for the update is complete, photos of the key facilities in the hall have been taken. A draft of the changes compiled following the meeting with Tony Price will be circulated.
- Unfortunately Trot on Fit have cancelled their bookings. Tuesdays (except for Conservation Soc bookings) and Thursday evenings are now available for other activities. The possibility of a tap dancing class will be investigated.
- · One licence was signed.

## **CINEMA**

- . It is hoped to find a site to display the cinema banner in Bear Street.
- Dates for 2015: 27 November Woman in Gold.
- Dates for 2016: 19 February The Lady in The Van, 25 March, 22 April, 27 May, 24 June, 29 July, 26 August, 30 September, 28 October and 25 November .
- . The subtitles will be put on if a majority wish for this. Ways of improving the sound quality will be researched.
- · Suggestions for film titles will be requested in the next Community Times.
- The National Theatre Live will be investigated.

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.45pm.

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## BRIDGE DRIVE: CANCER RESEARCH (UK)

On behalf of the Colchester Committee of Cancer Research (UK) may I please express appreciation to all who supported the Bridge Drive held in Nayland Village Hall in October.

It turned out to be a very successful event, producing £1,700 for Cancer Research thus contributing to the £1.4 million (yes, that's right!!) raised since the committee was formed in 1962.

In particular I must thank a group of ladies from within the village who gave up their time to produce a quite outstanding tea which has received plandits from all who attended. It was a touch of "old England" served on cake stands - quite brilliant!!

Roy Chapman



## VILLAGE HALL GARDEN WORKING PARTY

On Saturday the 7th November this doughty band of volunteers braved the elements to care for the gardens of the Village Hall. Missing from the picture are John and Clare Partridge who were busy maintaining the beds to the side of the Village Hall so they deserve a special mention.

## THE FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NAYLAND



Registered Charity Number 1052641 Chairman: Alan Edwards 262800 alan@edwards-online.net

Delicious home-made preserves will be available at the Nayland Christmas Fayre on 6th December at 12noon to 2.30pm but do call in early as demand is likely to exceed supply! Our thanks to Hazel Gardiner for organising this for the Friends

Finally, a date for your diary, the Annual Candlelit Carol Service of Carols and Lessons on Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm in St James' Church. Nayland Choir will be leading the carols and David Pryor taking the service. Following the candlelit service enjoy a glass of wine and a mince pie before the journey home.

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** by Pat Bray

A very successful year with good attendances at meetings was reported at the annual meeting of Nayland and district Royal British Legion branch last Monday. Chairman Alex Murrison said he felt the inclusion of talks at meetings added to their value. Visits to the Tower of London, Bletchley Park and a local solar farm had all been successful as well as a St George's Day lunch organised by Roy Chapman.

Mr Murrison thanked key branch officers, including the secretary, treasurer, Poppy Appeal organiser, welfare officer, standard bearer and particularly Ernie Smith for keeping the village war memorial decorated with flowers and in good order throughout the year. He was pleased the four ceramic poppies were to be displayed in their own cabinet in St James's Church.

Welfare officer Chris Hunt confirmed he was in touch with infirm members and the meeting agreed to provide jute bags and Christmas cards to 17 ex-service widows and those connected to the armed services.

Branch officers re-elected included: President Ken Willingale, chairman Alex Murrison, vice-chairman John Partridge, treasurer Richard Cave, secretary Andrew Gowen, welfare representative Chris Hunt, standard bearer Jim Turner and Poppy Appeal organiser James Carver.

Remembrance Sunday arrangements on November 8 were agreed and will follow last year's order of service, starting at the war memorial at 10.50am and continuing in the church. On Armistice Day it was agreed members should meet at the war memorial at 10.55am to observe the two minutes' silence led by the chairman.

Members were asked to support the women's section Poppy Appeal coffee morning at the church hall on November 7 from 10am. The joint Christmas party will be held on Monday, December 14.

Before the meeting Roy Chapman gave an interesting talk on his personal experiences with horse racing.



## NAYLAND FARMERS MARKET

Every month around twenty of the region's very best, small scale producers join us in Nayland Village Hall to bring

the village a Farmers' Market to be proud of! We have delicious locally made savoury pies, homemade muffins, freshly baked cakes, local preserves, organic, fresh herbs and of course the staples like freshly baked bread, local pork and beef, and delicious, fresh fruit and vegetables – all grown or produced within a thirty mile radius. We always have plants for sale and one or two craft stalls in case you're looking for that perfect gift and we now have a new café run by Linda Martin so you can sit down, take some time out or catch up with your friends over a bacon roll or a slice of cake.

The Farmers' Market is held every month on the second Saturday with our Christmas Market on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December when seasonal highlights will include fresh, local, oven ready game including pheasant, grouse, partridge, rabbit and duck from Long Melford and Lavenham Game Meats and special Christmas Table goodies from Mrs H's Cheese Stall and the Cavendish Smokehouse.

The market will be closed in January and will return, in full Valentine's splendour on Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please show your support for the small producers in your area by coming along to visit us. We very much look forward to welcoming you.

For information about the Farmers' Market and to enquire about a stall please contact Suffolk Market Events on 07704 627973. www.suffolkmarketevents.co.uk

# **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

Remembrance Sunday began at Nayland with a wreathlaying service at the village war memorial. The ceremony was led by lay elder David Pryor and wreaths were laid by Andora Carver and Malcolm Lukey for the Royal British Legion men's and women's sections, parish council chairman Mary George, Anne Turner of Boxted Airfield Historical Group and Shane Gladwell of Nayland fire station.

Last Post and the nationwide two minutes' silence was followed by the citation spoken by legion chairman Alex Murrison and Reveille.

Led by standard-bearers Kathy Hunt and Jim Turner, the congregation then moved to St James's Church for the main service conducted by Mr Pryor.

Four ceramic poppies were dedicated by the Rev Val Armstrong who also preached the sermon. Mr Murrison listed the names of Nayland and Wiston servicemen killed in the two World Wars and the lesson was read by legion president Ken Willingale.

Earlier, Mr Pryor led a short service at St Mary's Church, Wiston, where wreaths were laid by Mrs George and Gerald Knox.

Bill Slark of Colchester Brass Band was the bugler at both locations.

#### **ARMISTICE DAY**

Led by chairman Alex Murrison, 25 members of Nayland Royal British Legion and other villagers gathered at the village war memorial on Armistice Day to observe the two-minutes' silence at 11am.



# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2016

The calendar team are now working towards the format of a calendar for 2017. So many people have enjoyed reading the historic notes accompanying this year's pictures that we hope to include something similar next time.

A competition to select thirteen pictures will be held in the Church Hall on the **May bank holiday, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May**.

Photographs which represent our beautiful parish and our thriving community are welcome. This may be scenic views, community activities, street scenes, and any aspects of the parish. So don't miss any photographic opportunities - keep your cameras close over the next few months!

Finally a warm thank you to all who have been involved in the selling of these calendars; the Community Council is so very grateful for your help.

The Calendar Team, Community Council

## **CONSERVATION SOCIETY** by Pat Bray

More than 50 members and friends, many from Wiston and surrounding villages, attended a meeting of Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society at the village hall on October 13.

The speaker Rosemary Knox gave a fascinating insight into reasons to study Wiston. Thanks to her research into the manorial rolls dating from 1352 the audience was able to visualize life in Wiston at the time with examples of agricultural practices such as growing oats and barley together for animal feed and harvesting by labourers wearing gloves.

In the second part of her talk Mrs Knox focused on the life of the Rev Charles Birch, rector of Wiston from 1832, who spent his whole life as parish priest there and is buried in the churchyard. A charismatic man, he raised enormous sums of money to restore the church, including the installation of a barrel organ which is still in working order. He is best known for uncovering the church's wall paintings but covered them again as he thought they were distracting the congregation during his sermons. They were later uncovered in 1932. Mrs Knox was thanked by society secretary Andora Carver.

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## Garden Notes

## by The Old Muckspreader

A year ago we mentioned the reduction in height of the beech hedge in the churchyard. At that time we weren't entirely confident of the result of the operation, but it has turned out to be a success; this year we have reduced the width on the inside, and next year we intend to reduce the outside. The result should be a bushy hedge of a height suitable for easy maintenance. The OM/S is describing this operation to illustrate his point that it's not always possible to carry out a major operation such as this on trees and large shrubs in one season.

At the time of writing we have still had no really cold weather, and as a result two shrubs here are already in full bloom. The first one is the yellow Winter Jasmine -J. Nudiflorum, whose normal flowering period is late winter to early spring; the second is Viburnum Bodnantense which usually flowers on and off throughout winter in mild spells; at the moment it is crowded with scented blossom.

The Viburnums, incidentally, are a wonderful plant family, with several spring flowering species. The best of these is V. Burkwoodii, a hybrid with large bunches of sweetsmelling white flowers, It will make a large bush if left unpruned, but it is easily kept under control by careful pruning, carried out as with most spring flowering shrubs soon after the flowers have died.

In recent years the OM/S has inclined to be a bit blasé about Honey Fungus, saying that its effect in often exaggerated. No longer! A serious outbreak in the orchard here, originating from the stumps of two Balsam Poplars which came down in recent years has spread far and wide, and has attacked and killed several cherished Apples, already weakened by attacks from muntjac and/or rabbits.

At the moment a full-scale gale is blowing. It's an ill-wind that blows no good as the saying goes, and in this case the benefit is the removal in one go of the remaining leaves from our Oaks. These will go into one of our leaf pens and in a year or two will turn into good leafmould. This is not, as some suppose, full of nutrient which can be added if needed, but is an excellent soil conditioner.

The OM/S' standard present to his horticultural friends is a few bulbs of the comparatively rare Tulipa Sprengeri. This is the last Tulip to flower, in late June/early July. If it likes you it will seed itself around (seed to flower about 5 or 6 years!), but in some cases it seems to disappear after the first year. It may be that it dislikes its soil or situation, although here it's not all that fussy. More likely it has got dug up by mistake, since the bulb, difficult to spot being so small, is the same colour as most soil; leave some sort of marker in its place even though the seed heads remain for several months.

Just now there is a good crop of Holly berries; pick now and store in a plastic sack away from mice or the birds will get there first.

It only remains for the OM/S to wish his readers a Happy Christmas, and good gardening in 2016.

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## THE BLAIR -**ALSTON** LETTERS

This year marks the 200 year anniversary of the defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte at the Battle of Waterloo and I am reminded of a series of interesting letters in my archives dating from the period 1797 to 1815 which Blair Lees wrote about in The Nayland Record in 1981. These letters were from Edward Blair, a gentleman who held property in Great Horkesley but lived in London where he practised as a solicitor. The letters were sent to George Alston, Attorney, who lived Horkesley Park circa 1920 in Nayland at Alston Court



(at that time the house was called Grooms). It seems that George Alston administered Edward Blair's estates in Great Horkesley and Blair, in return, looked after the Alston family's affairs in London.

There are 18 letters from Edward Blair and they cover a wide range of topics, from religion and local politics to events in Europe. In a letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1815, just before the Battle of Waterloo, there is a reference to "Little Boney" and a comment that "all the powers were disposed to quarrel with him under pretence of restoring the Bourbons, yet while the Bourbons reigned we were for ever at war with them". Earlier, in 1805 he referred to the slaughter then carrying on in Germany - "Surely the madness of Kings shall be richly rewarded!"

The tone of the letters indicate a friendly relationship although Edward Blair was a confirmed bachelor with a somewhat acid stomach judging by some of his comments. On the occasion of George Alston's engagement and marriage in 1806 Blair wrote telling him how unwise he was, referring to "all the pains and penalties of matrimony" but wishing him "all the comforts the state is capable of, which are in my estimation so small that they are in no respect a balance for the certainty of their opposites." However, not long afterwards he was buying carpets, music and a pianoforte in London and sending them by common stage waggon to Nayland. The carpets were for Alston Court's two parlours and were "as new and ugly as fashion can desire. I hunted in vain for a neat octagonal pattern for the front room on account of the angular fire place but no such patterns have been manufactured for these last 7 years ...." It seems the Alstons must have owned a harpsichord as in another letter Blair said he was sending some special wire for the harpsichord. It is not difficult to imagine this fashionable instrument being played around the year 1800 in the great hall at Alston Court, perhaps to an audience of Nayland friends.

There are other insights into the fashions of the day. In one letter Blair states "Your wig is in hand and is expected daily but as you propose to be in town soon, perhaps you would like to see it before it be sent. The maker says that straight hair is the present fashion but I have ordered this to be like the former." In a later letter, "Having observed your fondness for Pork, I had thoughts of sending you a collar of Brawn but shall defer it till I see you, as the taste is peculiar. It is to me insipid food, though recommended by the name of Fashion".

George Alston had a younger brother, William, to whom Edward Blair made monthly visits. William was mentally unstable and was more or less imprisoned in apartments in Islington. He was looked after by a manservant who sounds guite tough and a lady who encouraged him to sing, and his condition varied with each visit.

In a letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 1804 Blair wrote: "I called at Lincoln's Inn for the particulars of Horkesley Park, but at that time none were printed and the manuscript they showed me was very imperfect as it did not specify the particulars of all the rents. The sum total at that time demanded was 17,500 Guineas for 300 acres of land and two small manors! The price for the mansion and 51 acres was only 4,000 Guineas; but including the Manor of Nayland £6,500. If Sir William's trustees are staggered at the price, who in his neighbourhood can compete with him?"

The house we see today at Horkesley Park (now Littlegarth School) is possibly not the "mansion" referred to in Blair's letter. The current house is believed to date from a later date in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the photograph shows it as it looked around 1920. At the time of Domesday the Manor of Nayland included Great and Little Horkesley but these were separated in 1517. Horkesley Park was earlier called Nayland Park and passed through many hands. In 1786 the estate was held by Samuel Gibbs and by 1814 it had passed to the Rowley family - as a result of the sale referred to in Blair's letter in 1804 perhaps? Towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century it was sold to the Kelso family who occupied the house and were Lords of the Manor until 1937.

#### Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder

[Sources: The Nayland Record; Victoria History of the Counties of England; Kelly's Directories]

## **NAYLAND HISTORY EXHIBITION**

Parish Recorders are appointed by the Suffolk Local History Council and their main role is to record current events, significant changes and memories of their village, also to be on the look-out for items of historical interest which might be overlooked or lost for ever.

I am planning to hold an exhibition of some of the many photographs, documents, artefacts, etc, I have collected over the years during the weekend 13th and 14th February 2016 in the Church Hall, Bear Street. Further details on page 11.

## KENNY'S SESAW NEWS

It's that time of the year to acknowledge all the good people who have donated time, money and goods to the Sanctuary over the last twelve months. Many SESAW animals are now happily enriching the lives of families and those living alone.

Our priceless volunteers take care of the animals, walk the dogs, carry out repairs and maintenance and raise money to pay the bills. SESAW could not exist without the help of all these people and we thank them most sincerely. We wish everyone health and happiness this Christmas and hope 2016 will be a good year for all of us. If you are looking for a last minute present, there is still time to sponsor a SESAW animal or purchase SESAW calendars at £6 each.

Before I sign off may I remind you that Christmas is NOT a good time to introduce a new pet. Also, please remember to feed the birds and give them clean water. That's all folks because I have to hide that Santa hat before anyone else tries to put it on me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

# Nayland & District Conticultural Society Spring Flower Show

## on Saturday 19th March 2016 in the Church Hall

Classes: 1. Pot of spring bulbs, corms or tubers (other than Daffodil/Narcissus)

- 2. Pot of 5 Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs any colour or variety
- 3. Pot miniature Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs
- 4. Pot of Polyanthus or Primula (Primroses)
- 5. Flowering Houseplant
- 6. 3 blooms (any one variety) floating in a dish of water
- 7. Flower arrangement: 'A Host of Daffodils'
- 8. Flower arranging: 'Spring Fever' (max size 12" overall)
- 9. Vase with 3 stems of hyacinths
- 10. Vase of mixed flowers and/or flowering shrubs
- 11. Vase of one kind of flowering shrub or tree
- 12 .Vase of 3 Tulips (any variety/varieties)
- 13. Vase with 1 bloom Camellia
- 14. Vase of 6 assorted Daffodil/Narcissus
- 15. Vase of 6 Miniature Daffodil/Narcissus
- 16. 3 specimen Daffodil/Narcissus blooms (any one variety)
- 17. Rhubarb: 3 stalks, leaves trimmed, but if forced foliage should remain

This is an advance notice to enable you to plant up your entries! More information will be available in later issues of the Community Times, or www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk or Lorraine 262807 lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com PAGE 32

#### NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

## CYCLE AFRICA CHALLENGE FOR 'WOMENVCANCER'

Following a successful fundraising Race Night last March, in Nayland Village Hall, I am pleased to report that I completed the challenge and thank you all sincerely for your support.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, ninety three women from all over the UK, boarded a plane for Nairobi and transferred by road to Moshi, Tanzania, to begin an adventure of a lifetime.

After the two days of travelling, we set off on our bikes for what turned out to be a very challenging on and off-road 420 kilometre ride. Each day began around 4.30am, suitcases packed, followed by breakfast, the briefing for the day, and setting off by 6.30am. All of this before daylight!

Day1 was an exciting day, because on route we came across about fourteen giraffes in the bush who peered curiously at these colourful lycra-clad women on bicycles! Our destination today was Olpopongi, an authentic Masai Village where we camped for the night. The villagers made us welcome by singing and dancing to greet us and again after a BBQ dinner around the camp fire.

Day2 was a tough day, cycling on very rough tracks through a volcanic landscape, made even more difficult by a sandstorm. However, we were lucky enough to see impala, baboon and monkey as well as giraffe once more. Our destination was Arusha, the main town of Northern Tanzania.

Day3 was the longest day's cycling, almost 70 miles, which began with a police escorted ride out of busy Arusha, passing through the Masai heartlands. We visited a school where the children sang for us and we donated gifts of much needed essentials, such as books, pens, toothbrushes etc.

Day4 we cycled in the beautiful Rift Valley in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro, passing through cotton fields, sugar cane and rice fields. Children came out to greet us all along these routes and we rewarded them with sweets bought in the local shops.

Day5, was a challenging uphill cycle to the Ngorangoro Crater, 2000mts above sea level, where we crossed the finish line. During these five days many of us were affected by the heat, diarrhoea and sickness, making us even more determined to

## **SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY** Taking pride in keeping Suffolk safe Babergh East Safer Neighbourhood Team

Welcome to this month's Police news item. **DARKER NIGHTS** 

Leaving your home unlocked, all in darkness and with valuables on view could mean that you end up giving burglars a gift. **Don't make it easy for them**. Burglars watch for houses with no signs of life. Leave a light on or better still put your lights on a timer and leave a radio on if you go out during the hours of darkness. Think about the security of your home. Lock up doors, windows and gates. Remember to lock your garden shed and store tools and ladders securely inside: it stops burglars using your tools to break into your house.

Motion detecting lighting, trellises at the top of fences, gravel pathways and prickly plants all make a silent and unnoticed approach much harder.

We are now well into the run up to Christmas. It is the time of year when we are all thinking of what to get loved ones for gifts, and also a time sadly when opportunist thieves are on the lookout for expensive items that have been left in vehicles. Please make sure you lock any purchases out of sight, preferably in the boot of your vehicle, and when you get home make sure you remove all items and take them inside to remove the risk of your vehicle being broken into. Don't make life easy for the minority of people who will think nothing of breaking into other people's property in order to make some fast, simple money.

Use timer switches at home to give the impression of someone being in now that the nights are darker sooner. Try not to leave presents wrapped and visible from windows. The less incentive there is, the lower the risk you have of a break in complete the challenge. The success of the trip was an astounding £330.000 raised by our group for Breast Cancer Care, Jo's Cervical cancer Trust and Ovarian Cancer Action. *Gilly Dutton* 



to your property. Also, if you are thinking of making expensive electric purchases, consider marking them with a security pen. We have these available at the Police station if you haven't got one.

#### WINTER VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - CHECK YOUR CAR

**Antifreeze** – check coolant level regularly and, if required, top-up with a mixture of the correct type of antifreeze. Your garage should check concentration to ensure adequate cold temperature protection.

**Battery** – the most common cause of winter breakdowns. A battery more than five years old may struggle in the cold - get it checked and replaced if necessary to avoid the inconvenience of an unplanned failure.

**Fuel** – keep at least a quarter of a tank in case of unexpected delay.

**Lights** – check and clean all lights regularly to make sure you can see and be seen clearly. Carry spare bulbs.

**Tyres** – should have at least 3mm of tread for winter motoring. Consider winter tyres for improved safety. Check pressures at least every fortnight.

**Windscreen** – reduce dazzle from the low sun by keeping the screen clean inside and out. Now is a good time to renew worn wiper blades.

**Screen wash** – use a 50% mix of a good quality screen wash to reduce the chance of freezing in frosty weather.

Locks and door seals – stop doors freezing shut with a thin coat of polish or Vaseline on rubber door seals. A squirt of water dispersant (WD-40) in locks will help stop them freezing.

Finally, from all of the officers and staff at Hadleigh Police Station we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous New Year!

#### Mandy, PCSO 3108 Coleman,

Email: babergheast.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk



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## **CHRISTMAS WINE FESTIVAL** The Assembly Rooms, Dedham

## *Saturday* 5<sup>th</sup> *December*

Wheelers Wine Cellar is a brand new wine shop situated just off the A12, on the outskirts of Dedham. To walk into this shop is like walking into a fine wine cellar in France – the perfect environment in which to peruse the 300+ wines on offer from delicious wines for the weekend starting at £6, to the greatest fine and rare wines from around the world.

Join the Wheelers Wine Cellar team this December for a day of wine tasting. Their wine festivals offer exceptional value for money and are the best way to discover new and interesting wines from their vast portfolio in a very relaxed, informal setting.

They'll have a number of wine producers in attendance showcasing dozens of wines from tasting stations around the main Assembly Rooms hall. This is your perfect opportunity to meet the growers in a fun, casual setting, and hand-select your wines for Christmas.

All the wines shown will be available at heavily discounted prices for attendees, and wine experts will be on hand to share a glass and offer advice and guidance on the world of wine.

This is a must for those who share a passion for great food and wine, and it's just around the corner!

## • Where: The Assembly Rooms, High Street, DedhamCO7 6HJ

- When: Saturday 5th December, two sessions, 10am 2pm
- or 3pm 7pm
- Cost: £10 per person (£5 of which will be donated to local charity, The Friends of Dedham Church, which support many local causes) will get you in to the festival to taste over 50 wines and Champagnes sourced from vineyards all over the world.

In addition to general attendance, you can also pre-book onto one of 4 tasting sessions, taking place in an adjoining private room:

Tasting Sessions (must be booked in advance)

- 10am 11am Dom Perignon vs Cristal £19/ticket
- 12am 1pm Pinot Noir Masterclass, 6 wines £12/ticket
- 2pm 3pm 1985 Ch Margaux vs 1986 Monte Bello, Ridge £49/ticket
- 4pm 5pm Port Masterclass: Ruby through to mature vintage, 6 wines £15/ticket

Visit **www.wheelerswine.co.uk** or call 01206 713560 for further information and to book your tickets.



## Feedback from James Finch - Your Stour Valley County Councillor

#### THOUSANDS ATTEND SUFFOLK SKILLS SHOW

Suffolk businesses turned out in their hundreds to support the second annual Suffolk Skills Show; a skills and careers event reaching over 4,500 young people. The event set out to engage with Suffolk's young people and provide an insight into the career opportunities available to them locally. The show, which took place at Trinity Park in Ipswich, targeted those aged between 11 and 24. The diverse range of businesses exhibiting at the event worked hard to ensure those attending left with their eyes opened to the many career streams across Suffolk. There were many interactive indoor and outdoor stands; showcasing opportunities in energy, IT & technology, finance and business services, creative digital, agriculture, construction, motor vehicle, advanced manufacturing, ports and logistics as well as HM Forces and a 'have a go' area where attendees were able to try their hand at new skills.

#### SUFFOLK'S 5-YEAR-OLDS OVERTAKE NATIONAL AVERAGE

More five-year-olds in Suffolk are 'school ready' according to new figures just published by the Department for Education. With an 8% increase in the proportion of Suffolk children achieving a 'good level of development' at the end of reception, this puts the county above the national average at age five. Nationally 66.3% of pupils achieved this level, with Suffolk pupils 1.3% above this at 67.6%. The 'good level of development' measure is the assessment of children at the end of reception class, or Early Years Foundation Stage Profile. Teachers assess whether children are achieving the expected levels in literacy and maths, as well as in physical development, communication and language, and personal, social and emotional development.

#### SCHOOL ADMISSIONS CONSULTATION

SCC is seeking views on its proposed admissions policy for

the 2017/18 school year; ensuring school places are offered to children in a fair way.

The consultation runs until Monday 14 December 2015. As part of this, the council is considering whether or not to include the children of staff employed by a school within the oversubscription criteria to give them some priority for school places. These criteria are used to rank applications when a school receives more applications than it has places available. There are different ways we could introduce this and your views are important to us.

Other proposals include: minor changes to the Suffolk Coordinated Admission Scheme, which sets out the details of our arrangements for the 2017/2018 school year; and some amendments to the Fair Access Protocol which supports the admission of unplaced young people who live in Suffolk, especially the most vulnerable, so that they are offered a suitable place as quickly as possible. The governing bodies of voluntary aided, foundation, academies and free schools are responsible for admissions to their schools. If you want to view the arrangements for these schools you should contact the school directly. To view the consultation documents and to have vour say on the proposals, please visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations, alternatively you can write to Georgina Beard, Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX or email: admissionsconsultation@suffolk.gov.uk

#### James Finch,

Suffolk County Councillor, Stour Valley Division Assington, Boxford, Bures St Mary, Edwardstone, Groton, Leavenheath, Lindsey, Little Cornard, Milden, Nayland with Wissington, Newton, and Stoke by Nayland Tel 01206 263649 Mobile 07545 423796

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## CHURCH SERVICES: DECEMBER 2015 & JANUARY 2016

Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland & Polstead

Date	Time	Venue	Service	Priest / Leader	Time	Venue	Service	Priest / Leader
29 <sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday	10.30am	Stoke	Benefice	Revd Valri Armstrong & Revd Jackie Sephton				
6 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2	8.00am 9.30am	Stoke Nayland	HC 2 HC 1	Revd John Fowler Revd Jackie Sephton	10.00am 11.00am	Leavenheath Polstead	First Sunday HC 2	V Armstrong & Team Revd Jackie Sephton
13 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Leavenheath Nayland Polstead	HC 1 Café Church MW	Revd Val Armstrong Congregation Congregation	11.00am 11.00am 4.30pm		HC 2 by Ext MS Evensong	David Rowe Derek Johns David Pryor/Kathy Hunt
20 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4	8.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Nayland Stoke Wiston	HC1 2 MP HC 1 tr	Revd John Fowler David Rowe Revd Valri Armstrong	6.30pm	Polstead Leavenheath Nayland	Carol Service Candlelit Carols Candlelit Carols	Jim Sephton Revd Valri Armstrong David Pryor
24 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	3.00pm 3.45pm 4.30pm	Leavenheath	Crib Service Christingle Christingle	Jane Addis Revd Valri Armstrong David Pryor/Kathy Hunt	6.30pm	Polstead Stoke Nayland	Christingle Candlelit Carols Midnight Com.	Jim Sephton/Jane Addis Revd John Fowler Revd Valri Armstrong
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	9.00am 10.00am 10.00am	Leavenheath Polstead Wiston	HC 1 FC FC	Revd Valri Armstrong Jim Sephton Revd John Druce	11.00am 11.00am	Nayland Stoke	Carol Service HC 1	David Pryor/Kathy Hunt Revd John Fowler
27 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1	10.30.am	Leavenheath	Benefice	Revd Valri Armstrong				

Services from 1st January are provisional as arrangements across the deanery will be subject to change. The ministry are no longer supplying details of the worship leaders.

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3 <sup>rd</sup> January	8.00am	Stoke	HC 2	10.00am	Leavenheath	First Sunday	
Epiphany	9.30am	Nayland	HC 1	11.00am	Polstead	HC 2	
10 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Leavenheath	HC 1	11.00am	Stoke	HC 2	
Epiphany 1	9.30am	Nayland	Café Church	11.00am	Wiston	MS	
	11.00am	Polstead	MW	4.30pm	Nayland	Evensong	
17 <sup>th</sup> January	9.30am	Leavenheath	MP	11.00am	Stoke	MP	
Epiphany 2	9.30am	Nayland	HC 1	11.00am	Wiston	HC 1 tr	
	11.00am	Polstead	HC 1	6.30pm	Leavenheath	EP	
24 <sup>th</sup> January	8.00am	Nayland	HC 2	11.00am	Stoke	HC 1	
3 before Lent	9.30am	Leavenheath	HC 2	5.30pm	Wiston	Evensong	
	9.30am	Nayland	MP			Ū.	
31st January 2b	pefore Lent	- details not a	available				
7th February Cal	ndlemas -	details not ava	ailable				

<u>Key</u>: FS : Family Service, FC : Family Communion, HC 1 / 2 : Holy Communion 1 or 2 , PC : Parish Communion, MP : Morning Prayer, MW : Morning Worship, EP : Evening Prayer, Ev Praise : Evening Praise, B : Baptism, *Worship leaders shown are subject to change*.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN ST JAMES'CHURCH

Donations for flowers for decorating the Church for Christmas would be gratefully received, and can be given to Jo Murrison,11,Fen Street or Jeannette Finch Rose Cottage, Fen Street. Many thanks to all our Flower Arrangers who keep our church looking so welcoming throughout the year. *Jo Murrison* 262369

## Weekday Services and Groups

Bible Study18 Laburnum Way (*Rita Dibble 262580*): Mondays 11am 14th December, 4th & 18th January, 1st , 15th, 22nd & 29th FebruaryParkers WayCommunion: Tuesdays 10.15am 15th December, 19th January & 16th February (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month)Parkers WayPrayer & Praise Service: Wednesdays 3pm 2nd December, 6th January & 3rd February (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month)Nayland HouseHoly Communion: Every Wednesday 10.45amMessy ChurchSundays 4pm-6pm: 29th November, no MC in December, 31st January at St Mary's Stoke by Nayland (last Sunday of month)Page 36

## Dear All,

I wonder if you feel the same as I do and wonder where the days go. When you read this letter it will the beginning of December and I have to finally think about Christmas. In our family I have a rule that I will not start any preparations until December 1<sup>st</sup>.

We can get so caught up with the commercialism that surrounds this time of the year that we can forget what the Advent season is all about. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Advent leads us into the darkest time of the year with the longest day on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Light becomes important to us and it is wonderful to see the many houses with Christmas trees lit up, they look so welcoming.

In some of our parishes there will be journeys, on Advent Sunday we will begin our **Posada** where we begin the journey of Joseph and Mary around each parish. You can sign up to host them for a night or several nights as they begin their journey to Bethlehem. Their journey begins on the first Sunday in Advent, 29<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to participate please contact one of your churchwardens or come to the service on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Stoke by Nayland at 10.30am**.

Our services during Advent take up the theme of light and waiting, the circle of our Advent wreaths remind us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The greenery speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. As we progress through Advent the glow from the candles becomes brighter as the days become darker. The light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope.

There will be Carol services in all our churches, so look up the one nearest to you, we sing together those well-known carols reminding us of what Christmas is really about, a child, a gift from God, who came for all of us, whatever age, gender, or nationality. As we approach Christmas Eve there will be Christingle and Carol and crib services for families to come together to hear the Christmas story afresh.

What this season does is bring to light the many people for whom this time of year is difficult, those who have been recently bereaved; those who may be lonely; those who are struggling with unemployment or debt and those who have no one to care for them. During all our preparations I would encourage you to spare a thought for them and if you can try and be inclusive in your celebrations. To be able to give the gift of shared time, company and family love is the real meaning of Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our services over the Christmas period and there are many, so come along and celebrate with us.

May you all have a blessed Christmas. Revd Jackie Sephton

## **Church News**

## **New Parish Priest**

A Section 12 Meeting will be held on Thursday 3 December at 7.30pm at Stoke by Nayland Village Hall and is open to all PCC members. This meeting between the PCC, Patron and Bishop will discuss or iron out matters relating to the Benefice Profiles which have been submitted by the five parishes. It will likewise be an opportunity to clarify the person specification and job description. Following the meeting the post will be advertised in the church press.

## SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

## **SPONSORED BIKE RIDE**

Chris Hunt for St James Nayland and Nicola Thorogood for St Mary's Wiston cycled for their respective churches. Wiston raised £110 and Nayland £80, half of which goes to St Mary's and St James's respectively.

## **PUMPKINS**

Wiston pumpkins sold out very quickly and £133 was raised in aid of St Mary's Fabric Fund. Many thanks to George Storey for growing and selling the pumpkins on behalf of The Friends of Wiston Church.

## **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

A 35 strong congregation turned out for the Remembrance Service at St Mary's Wiston. We are very grateful to David Pryor for leading this service once again. As ever the service was very poignant, standing in silence in the Suffolk countryside with the wind blowing through the trees and the distant cawing of the rooks.

## **Other Dates for your Diary**

Sunday 6th December	Nayland Christmas Fayre 12noon-2.30pm Village Hall [page 7]
Wednesday 16th Dec	Carols Around the Christmas Tree with the Boxted Silver Band at 7.30pm in the High Street <i>[page 12]</i>
Sunday 20th December	Candlelit Carol Service & Nine Lessons at St James' Church at 6.30pm [page 12]
Thursday 24th Dec	Christingle 4.30pm at St James' Church
Thursday 24th Dec	Midnight Mass 11.30pm at St James' Church

## CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS ON PAGE 43

The Benefice is now in interregnum. Either call Nicola, the benefice administrator, the clergy named on page 43 or the Rural Dean, Revd Martin Thrower at St Mary's Hadleigh on 01473 822218 email: office @stmaryshadleigh.co.uk

www.suffolkbenefice.org

## FROM THE REGISTERS

## FUNERALS

Paul Griffiths (Wiston) Joan Wilkinson (Wiston)

## THANKSGIVING

Lady d'Esterre Stuttaford (Nayland)

## WISTON CHURCH PORCH BOOKS

Running out of reading material?! Dip into the church porch at St Mary's Wiston and browse through the selection of second-hand books - autobiographies, cookery, children's, fiction, and non-fiction.

## Weekday Prayer

<u>Monday</u> Morning Prayer	9.00 am	Nayland
<u>Tuesday</u> Morning Prayer	8.30 am	Leavenheath







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