



# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

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## CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to put your clocks forward when you go to bed on 30th March! An extra hour of daylight in the evenings will be very much appreciated.



## POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Maundy Thursday 28th March will be the last Thursday that the PO will open. The PO will be closed over Easter week.

Thereafter the PO will only open on :

**Monday & Tuesday from 9.30am to 2pm**

## NAYLAND CHURCH FETE & OPEN GARDENS

See pages 7 and 12 for more details of the fun and games in store at the Fete; also for a few volunteers still required.

Open Gardens also promises to be a lovely afternoon; see pages 23 and 29 for more information; additional participating gardens and helpers with teas would be welcome.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

### Wednesday 24th April

7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall see page 6

Sue Downs from Community Action Suffolk will be attending the Parish Assembly to talk about affordable housing to raise awareness of the different options other parishes have taken in providing community, or affordable houses. If there is interest here the PC can take names of residents who may want to help them form a working group to explore options more deeply. A local plan may form part of what this working group explores.

## Nayland with Wissington Calendar PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

We're all looking forward to seeing your fabulous images.....  
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### WHAT'S ON

Cinema *'The Miracle Club'*

Hortsoc: AGM & Fun Quiz

RBL: St George's Day Lunch

Community Litterpick

Nayland Church Fete

Village Lunch: *'Humphry Repton'*

Hortsoc: Morning Market

May Footpath Walk

Village Players: *'On Golden Pond'*

Woodland Corner Anniversary

Nayland's Got Talent

Outing: *Hyde Hall Gardens*

Nayland Open Gardens

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## Notes by observer of the meeting: 14th February 2024

(Minutes will be available on PC notice board in the High Street or <http://naylandwithwissington.suffolk.cloud/> after the next meeting)

Laura Erith chaired the meeting.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Mike Hunter expressed his support to a resident who had offered to co-ordinate a local voluntary Speed Watch group; this would provide evidence and statistics about the speed of traffic within the village centre.

An owner of land adjacent to the burial ground raised his concern regarding 8 overgrown trees on the northern boundary of the cemetery; work commenced had been interrupted by Storm Babet in October and had not been completed. He felt the condition of the boundary fence required a maintenance plan.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece is continuing to follow up the untidy state of land by the Old Bus Shelter at the junction of Heycroft Way/Harpers Estate.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR

James Finch said SCC remain united against the Norwich to Tilbury onshore pylons option. He provided a potential traffic calming programme for Nayland as requested.

### HIGHWAYS

Laura Erith reported that the crumbling road surface edge, adjacent to the ditch, opposite Little Bulmer Farm remained a danger to drivers particularly now that bollards/cones had been removed. James Finch was asked to pursue this; he pointed out that there were limited resources available.

Jonathan Pearson has offered to set up a voluntary Community Speed Watch group; this would operate under the guidance of Suffolk Constabulary. Councillors agreed to support this proposal. James Finch agreed to speak to the co-ordinator at Newton Green and obtain useful advice.

As requested James Finch had been exploring suitable traffic calming equipment available at SCC that was suitable for Nayland. He confirmed that Horkesley Road would qualify for a Temporary Vehicle Activated sign (TVAS) which would be shared on a rota with other locations. This should be sited just outside the 30mph limit within the 40mph zone.

Stoke Road will qualify for a Speed Indicator Device; experience suggests a battery unit would be more reliable than a solar panel and did not require a tall pole. The PC would be required to fund this.

Councillors agreed to look into purchase options. Isabelle Reece would look into potential grant funding for speed management.

### PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE

The Finance Committee's recommendations, which were approved, include: A Precept increase of 7%; to increase allotment rents by 10% and burial fees by 7%, that CIL monies are to be used towards a new Defibrillator for Wiston supported by a grant from the Community Council.

Other new capital projects to be prioritised for CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies as there is still no confirmed timescale for completion of the Village Hall roof. The funds need to be spent within 5 years of allocation. The detailed CIL returns can be viewed on the PC website.

Adam Sedgwick, Community Hardship and Community Pantry Fund management, asked whether Nayland with Wissington PC would consider allocated charity monies to the Fund within the benefice; it was agreed to invite him to the January meeting.

### PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **Lower Courtwood, 13A Court Street [DC/23/04878]** for works to trees; to remove to ground level an Ash tree and a Sycamore tree.

Discussing an application at **Harpers Hill Farm [DC/23/05311]** for advertisement consent councillors object on the grounds that the size of the proposed signs was too large for this site, adjacent to Gladwin's Farm entrance and within the AONB. The need for two signs was questioned. Signage in itself was appropriate, as with the neighbouring business, but the number and design, as per application should be refused.

Councillors had no objections to listed building consent at **72 - 74 Bear Street [DC/23/05458]** for variation of conditions relating to materials providing the Heritage Team ensure the integrity of the heritage asset should not be compromised by the choice of materials; or at **52 - 54 Bear Street [DC/23/05592]** for repair of lime render on the front elevation and replacement of concrete render on brick plinth with lime render, replacement of plain tiles on the north facing roof slope and introduction of a pentice board over raised band along the front elevation as long as Heritage Team approve materials.

Owen Brown reported that investigation into future affordable housing was on-going.

The benefits of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) was discussed; Isabelle Reece pointed out that Babergh's Planning Team placed great emphasis and weight on NDPs.

Tricia Fuller felt the PC should pursue whole council planning training; it was agreed that enquiries should be made at SALC and with Babergh.

### RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

The Royal Memorial project was coming to fruition: the copper beech tree with railings around and the bench are in place. A plaque is to follow. Thanks were expressed to Dawn Harris for coordinating the project, the contractors and the Community Council for their financial contribution.

SCC's work at the culvert between Bear Street and the river is completed; the rotten wooden safety rail over the culvert, adjacent to the bus shelter has been replaced.

Sally Dalton said that work on the wooden revetment isn't likely to happen in the near future but it's hoped reduction of the long reed bed will be undertaken.

Gerry Battye reported that the Fairfield Playpark equipment had been repainted. The sub-committee would need to resolve signage, both in the Playpark and the field and parking areas.

Councillors were very disappointed by the delay to the repair to the Fairfield/Cemetery driveway by the Diocese. There are safety concerns for cars carrying children, visitors to the care home, funeral vehicles and ambulances using the drive with one particularly deep pothole. The Diocese will be chased again.

### VILLAGE HALL

The Council has received correspondence expressing an interest in the possibility of free EV Charging points at the hall. This has been discussed by the VHMC; the electricity supply would need to be updated to make this possible. Such updating is already part of the Roof Project. Separate costings for the points themselves would have to be sought.

### BURIAL GROUND

Dawn Harris reported that some individual metal crosses were being repaired and new ones being made for marking the graves of former Jane Walker residents. It will be necessary to liaise with our grass-cutting contractor concerning the crosses.

### IN BRIEF:

Councillors congratulated the Community Council on their Christmas Fayre and other festive activities.

The allotment rents have been requested. There are currently two people on the waiting list; one from this parish and one from a neighbouring parish.

Signage has been damaged at both ends of the permissive path, created by the Conservation Society, between Nayland and Stoke; Mike Hunter agreed to liaise with the Tendring Hall Estate regarding this.

Suffolk Constabulary have re-organised local policing and a Community Policing Team has been created; PC 1293 Niall Johnson and PCSO 3092 Jo Adams are our new allocated officers.

### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sue Downs from Community Action Suffolk, would attend the Parish Assembly on Wednesday 24th April; she will talk about affordable housing.



## Notes by observer of the meeting: 13th March 2024

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Robin Thorogood chaired the meeting. Tim Leach was welcomed as a new councillor; the PC is now at full complement.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

James Carver explained that the reduction of a Yew tree at 12 Mill Street was greater than the expected 30% as it was found to be diseased. Councillors noted there had been no objections to the original planning application [DC/24/00067].

Two residents asked why the two temporary bus stop signs on Harpers Hill had disappeared; the PC did not know but were updated during the meeting (under Highways).

### **HIGHWAYS**

Isabelle Reece had been asked to request a sweep of the Bear Street cul-de-sac by the A134 as the double yellow lines have been obscured by leaves, etc. If Babergh can give a date for the work residents will ensure the road is kept clear. It was pointed out the lines were experimental to prevent the driveways of residents living there being blocked; the trial was successful and the yellow lines are permanent.

Tricia Fuller raised the issue of repairs in January to a small patch of Harpers Estate (below the junction with Heycroft Way) although resurfacing had been expected. James Finch said this is unlikely to be a priority but will look into it if the reference number of the report is supplied.

Gerry Battye queried if the criteria for maintenance was available; he was advised it can be found Googling SCC HMOP (Highway Maintenance Operational Plan).

James Finch advised that the two temporary bus stop signs on Harpers Hill, and some in other villages seem to have been stolen. He said new stock has been ordered but it may take some time before they are replaced.

Issues on the by-pass were discussed with James Finch. Councillors felt the area was a mess and needed attention. He was asked if a more effective weedkiller, than the glyphosate free alternative product the SCC have been using since 2022, could be applied to the traffic islands. He said surface dressing of the island will not be done in the short term. He confirmed SCC will not provide illuminated bollards as they were previously for the central islands; they will be reflective.

Robin Thorogood raised the issue of a ditch along Bures Road (opposite Old Maltings Farm) was not draining.

James Finch said he is pushing hard for the closure of Boxted Bridge to be resolved. Robin Thorogood pointed out that while the Bridge is closed it is creating higher traffic through Nayland.

### **FINANCE**

Councillors heard that installation of metal fencing to replace the wooden fencing at the Fairfield Playpark would be costly and CIL monies were currently spoken for. It was felt the renovations to the area look lovely and it would be nice to finish it off and it could be a safety issue. It is not known when further CIL money may be available (NwW receives a lower percentage as there is no Local Plan). It may be necessary to look for grants. Isabelle Reece said some funding may be available from her locality budget after April.

### **PLANNING**

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **Roziers Wissington Uplands** [DC/23/05891] for erection of pool plant room with changing facilities (following demolition of existing) or for works to trees at **85 Bear Street** [DC/24/00486] to reduce the crown of a Silver Birch with a TPO by 2 metres (back to previous pruning points); at **Vine House 1 Court Street** [DC/24/00576] to reduce all branches on Cherry overhanging the neighbouring property by 1 metre back to natural pruning points; at **8 Jane Walker Park** [DC/24/00625] to reduce a Walnut tree with a TPO back to framework branches top allow it to continue carrying the climber already on the tree. It had a thin, weak crown last summer, large lesions in trunk and cavities in base of tree and bark starting to leave trunk in places.

Discussing recent applications at **5 Elm Grove** [DC/24/00995] for erection of 1.5 storey side extension (following demolition of attached garage) and construction of front and rear dormer

extensions, including widening driveway (re-submission and amended scheme to DC/23/04998) councillors had no objections overall, however, to help preserve neighbour amenity, suggest a smaller window to the rear and the French doors may not be necessary as there is already an outside door in the kitchen.

Councillors have no objections at **52-54 Bear Street** [DC/24/01052] for erection of single storey rear outbuilding for use as artist studio/store (following removal of existing summer house) or at **11 Gravel Hill** [DC/24/01128] for listed building consent to repair and/or replace existing slate tiles and Installation of 2 roof lights, however, councillors note there is an error in the Design and Access Statement still showing 3 roof lights.

Tricia Fuller expressed concerns that the PC's comment sheet for planning applications had limited feedback. It was pointed out the comments are useful for many reasons for current, resubmitted and future applications as well as if responses need to be submitted to Babergh between meetings. Debbie will make enquiries about planning training sessions; training would be useful to new councillors and provide information on changes to policies.

### **RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES**

Sally Dalton was asked for an update on works at Caley Green. Due to a complaint by a resident regarding the work due to take place to cut reeds in the long reed bed Matthew Lee at Suffolk CC is obtaining additional ecological reports; the time taken to for this put the work back beyond the 1st March which is the official bird nesting deadline, so work will be delayed. SCC has funding in place to carry out installation of the wooden revetment and it will be done at some point.

The poor condition of the Fairfield driveway remains of urgent concern; as previously discussed quotes have been obtained for patching and resurfacing. Responsibility for the drive lies with the Diocese and shared with Nayland Care Home; the PC share responsibility up to the burial ground. The decision on whether the drive will be patched or resurfaced is yet to be agreed. The PC's funds are limited. A meeting between the Diocese and AgeCare (Nayland House) has taken place.

Dawn Harris raised the issue of the old bench on the high ground of Caley Green being in need of repair; it was agreed to go ahead with this at a cost of £245.

A resident has raised concerns regarding parking at the spaces near the burial ground; they have frequently been unable to park when wanting to tend family graves due to cars parking there for long periods or all day. They have requested the possibility of signage to remind drivers of the purpose of the parking spaces. Councillors commented the problems of parking in the wider area are historic but have been exacerbated with two additional years of school children and the success of Woodland Corner. It was queried why Woodland Corner installed a back gate which encourages use of Fairfield drive. It is thought the origins of the parking spaces were to cater to the burial ground and playpark. During discussions the idea of designating one space for the burial ground and putting up a laminated notice was suggested. However, it was finally agreed that the spaces are not specifically for the burial ground and no further action be taken but the situation would be monitored.

Following discussion at the last meeting and final proposals being made available between meetings, councillors had no objections to a 'Woodland Corner' sign being erected at the entrance to Fairfield Drive.

Laura Erith updated councillors on a quote for work proposed by residents at the Horsecwatering on Bear Street; there is a budget for this. It was agreed to cover the cost of £150 per year for 3 treatments of weedkiller to the gravel area. Gerry Battye said the Horsecwatering is an area of common land which the Council maintained, although not very satisfactorily, until a group of nearby residents refurbished the area with monies donated by local residents.

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## APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

Previously residents excelled themselves when an appeal was circulated for volunteers to assist others who were isolated or unable to venture out.

The Community Council has become aware that there are a few residents in the village who at times are unable to get out for themselves due to age or physical issues and would benefit from having a prescription collected, an errand run or some shopping dropped off.

We are therefore appealing to residents to consider being included on a volunteer list to help someone local to them if the need arises. Volunteers names would not be made public; they would only be given out if someone requiring assistance contacted us.

If you can help OR if you need assistance that we can offer please let Lorraine Brooks know via email at [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com) or 262807. Please let her know your name, telephone number, email and the road that you live in. Only when approached by someone who requires an errand would details of nearby volunteers / those in need be exchanged.

Nayland with Wissington is a kind and generous parish so we are hopeful this appeal will ensure residents do not feel alone.

**NAYLAND & WISTON:**  
Local volunteers  
to help neighbours

**SO THEY ARE NOT ALONE**  
when in need of help collecting a  
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### NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

# ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

## Wednesday 24th April 2024

7.30pm for 8pm at Nayland Village Hall

**Guest Speaker Sue Downs, Community Action Suffolk**

Listen to plans and ideas for community and affordable housing  
in our parish and local communities

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### Planning Issues and Applications

Do you feel our points and opinions are being heard by the District Council?  
Are planning application decisions reflecting our local views?

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Come along to question your elected County, District and Parish Councillors about local issues and services. Representatives of Nayland with Wissington Community Council and Nayland Village Hall Management Committee will be available.

If you are unable to attend but wish to ask a question about matters relating to services and responsibilities of any of the three local councils, please email or telephone the Parish Clerk before Friday 19th April. Councillors will endeavour to give an answer during the meeting or soon afterwards.

Debbie Hattrell, Parish Clerk [pc@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:pc@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk)

Robin Thorogood, Chairman [newtons.farm@gmail.com](mailto:newtons.farm@gmail.com)

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Following a site meeting regarding the land at the Harpers Estate/Heycroft Way junction by the Old Bus Shelter it was felt the possibility of a low maintenance planting plan should be explored. Dawn Harris is moving this forward.

#### IN BRIEF:

Dawn Harris said allotment inspections had been carried out; two in particular are in a poor condition but others have been reported as needing attention. Not all rents have been paid. The allotment sub-committee will visit on Saturday to check and speak to allotment holders before any decisions are made. There are two people on the waiting list for allotments.

Dawn Harris reminded councillors that the Village Hall spring garden tidy is on Saturday 6th April at 9am. Iain Wright said the VHMCC are still pursuing their grant application with the

National Lottery to help fund a new roof for the village hall.

A flickering street light outside 101 Bear Street was reported; it has now stopped working.

Fencing work in the burial ground had been carried out. Progress on the making and installation of the Jane Walker memorial is in the hands of the project group; councillors have previously approved their proposals.

Work to the tree in Star Alley is the responsibility of SCC; their risk assessment found the tree is healthy and no work is required.

#### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Owen Brown confirmed that Sue Downs from Community Action Suffolk, would talk about 'community housing' at the Parish Assembly to raise awareness about the different options. If there is interest names will be taken of those who may want to help the PC form a working group to explore options more deeply.



## SUSTAIN COMMUNITY SPIRIT - AND HAVE FUN ALONG THE WAY!

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Nayland has for years been recognised as having community spirit in abundance with a good variety of activities on offer. It is important that community energy should be encouraged... it can only flourish with the continued involvement of residents. Below are a few village organisations that would be delighted to welcome new committee members or helpers. If you think you may be interested, please make enquires. Being part of a group is rewarding and you will meet new friends.

### YOU CAN EVEN HELP WHILE BROWSING SOCIAL MEDIA

You could help our village event organisers enormously just by making a comment (however brief), or asking a question, when you spot a promotion on social media.

'Liking' a post does not help in the same way; it does not help keep the post in the discussion.

### VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

Would you like to make a difference in your community and by getting involved and thereby making new friends?

Then please consider putting yourself forward...

- **Community Council** would welcome committee members and/or helpers at community events: they meet 6 times a year, see page 47 for dates. Contact Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member; they meet on the first Monday of the month. Contact Iain Wright 01206 263646 or Chris Thompson 01206 262825.
- **Conservation Society** would like another committee member; they meet monthly, usually on a Tuesday. Contact Mike Hunter 01206 264100.
- **Nayland Choir** would like another committee member; they rehearse on Thursdays (during term time) at 8pm at Nayland Primary School.
- **Village Lunch** is a friendly team needing help with preparing and serving lunches in mid-April and mid-October. Contact Gale Scott 01206 262061 or Terry Bannister 01206 262454.
- **Women's Institute** would welcome further members and also help with running their branch which meets on the second Thursday of the month at 2.30pm.

*Please support the events organised by our wonderful village groups. They are so important to the well being and future of our community but need your participation in order to continue.*

### NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING PARTIES

Shared Chair: **Robin Thorogood** (from March)  
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**Laura Erith** (summer)  
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Vice Chair: Dawn Harris

#### WORKING PARTIES:

Allotments: Dawn Harris, Laura Erith, Adam Birchweaver  
Burial Ground: Laura Erith, Owen Brown  
Caley Green: Robin Thorogood, Owen Brown, Sally Dalton  
Fairfield: Gerry Battye, Robin Thorogood, Dawn Harris  
Finance: Robin Thorogood, Tricia Fuller, Laura Erith, Sam Treharne  
Footpaths: Sally Bartrum (Footpath Warden)  
Highways: All councillors with individual areas  
Planning: All councillors  
Trees: Terry Bannister (Tree Warden), all councillors



Monday 6TH May

1-4pm at Nayland Village Hall

## Could YOU help?

Wanted - volunteers are needed to help with setting up, taking shifts manning the gate, car park marshalling, etc

Volunteers are also needed to help with sideshows & stalls particularly the bouncy castle and kitchen stall.

Help serving teas in the village hall and donations of cakes would be most welcome

Please consider joining our friendly Fete Team  
contact Annie Elston: [acelston@btinternet.com](mailto:acelston@btinternet.com)

### BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL: REFUSE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR EASTER & MAY BANK HOLIDAYS

Please make sure your bin is out by 6.30am on collection day

[www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services)  
or phone 0300 1234 000 (option 4)

March 2024							April 2024							
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- Refuse (general rubbish) collection week
- Recycling collection week
- Collection following a bank holiday will be a day later than usual for the rest of the week

**Garden waste collections** following a bank holiday will be a day later than usual for the rest of the week

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

**AGM: 4th March 2024** Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309  
Full minutes available at: [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

**Chair's Report:** 2023 was another positive year for the Community Council (CC).

**Thank You:** Thanks as always to all members for their many contributions throughout the year – we couldn't operate without the support and participation of members from many different village societies – and to the Officers and Executive Committee: Bryan Smith, Julie Clark, Lorraine Brooks, Matt Cable, Claire Buller, Iain Wright, Vicki Sargent, Jo Metson, Luke Rumbelow, Maggie Ryan and Heike Ellwood. Special thanks to Lorraine for her continued perseverance in ensuring the smooth running of the CC machine! We are sorry to lose Luke from the committee – he has been a supportive participant in our activities despite having moved out of the village – and for several years has organised the very successful Nayland 10k Fun Run.

I must also take this opportunity to acknowledge Ken Willingale, founder member and long-standing President of the CC, who sadly passed away in January 2024. Ken and his wife Olive contributed a huge amount to the CC (and indeed the village as a whole) over the years. He was there at the start, when he was appointed Treasurer at the inaugural meeting of what was to become the CC on 20th June 1966 (the aims of the group being to take forward the project of providing a recreation ground and village hall for the village). Ken remained a valued part of the organisation; he remained supportive of all that we do and always offered encouragement for our ongoing work. He will be missed and remembered fondly by so many including members of the CC Exec who remember a lovely, kind man who was at the heart of the organisation and was a stickler for protocol and 'doing things properly'. Thank you to Ken for paving the way. Our love and condolences go to Ken's family.

**What does the Community Council do?** Represents and brings together a membership of over 20 village societies; Fundraises to support village activities and organisations; Funds and co-ordinates projects that are of benefit to the community; Organises key events in the village calendar; Communicates village news through the Community Times.

**Community Council events and activities:** Thank you to everybody who helps with all the CC events, especially the committee who organise them and all the village organisations who ensure that our community has such a full diary.

**Bonfire Night:** 1400 people attended our community firework display which took place, as usual, on 5th November. Once again, professional display company Firework Crazy, did a fantastic job, especially in light of the fact that the display end of the field was under water! Everybody rose to the occasion and the event was a huge success with the impressive display beautifully reflected in the large 'puddle'. A big thank you to our many helpers for this event, in particular Fred Bugg for the bonfire, Woodland Corner for the very impressive guy, Iain Wright for the multitude of 'kit' and everybody who helped on the gate, stalls and refreshments – Bonfire Night is a real team effort! Thanks to [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org) and village shops, Forget-Me-Not and Mill Street Store and Deli and the Post Office for their help with ticket sales. Bonfire Night remains a firm event in the Nayland Calendar and is the CC's biggest fundraiser.

**Christmas Fayre:** Huge thanks to the village societies including Woodland Corner, Horticultural Society, Women's Institute, Conservation Society for providing Christmas stalls as well as the abundance of external stallholders who brought a fine array of goods and wares. Thanks also to the children and staff of Nayland Primary School whose singing and ukulele playing provided some lovely festive entertainment and encouraged audience participation. Thank you too to Father Christmas for paying us a visit again and to our refreshment team who kept

everyone supplied with hot chocolate and mince pies. This event continues to provide a lovely, traditional start to our Christmas activities.

**Father Christmas, Christmas Eve Village Tour:** We were delighted to welcome back Father Christmas for his Christmas Eve tour of the village – this year in a slightly different mode of transport, Foster Jones having retired his wonderful vintage Humber. Huge thanks to George Pratt for providing perfect transport in the form of festively decorated tractor and trailer much to the delight of Nayland and Wiston residents, young and old! Thanks too to Father Christmas and his willing helpers for this very special visit on what is a very busy day in his calendar!

**Christmas Trail:** We were delighted to bring back the Christmas Trail of trees, wreaths and advent windows for its fourth year. Once again it brought sparkle, colour and Christmas cheer to the village throughout December and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated and helped make this such a success.

**Village Christmas Tree:** Once again, thanks to Fred Smith for supplying an excellent tree which provides a lovely, festive centrepiece for the village throughout December. Thank you too to Nayland Dental Surgery for supplying the electricity and to Claire Buller and the team who put it up.

**Village Quiz:** With the emphasis on fun, and an air of good-humoured competition, the quiz has become a regular fixture in the Nayland calendar – we have already held our 2024 quiz which built on last year's success with another sell-out event!

**Coronation Picnic:** On 7th May we were delighted to mark the King's Coronation with a lovely, informal, celebratory picnic at the Village Hall with traditional entertainment and refreshments. Many villagers turned out to enjoy the celebration and the sunshine!

**St James' Flower Festival and Christmas Tree Festival:** The CC was delighted to contribute to both of these lovely events which brought together village societies and organisations and allowed them to let their creative juices flow. Both resulted in fine displays that adorned our beautiful church. A big well done to all involved.

**Public Access Defibrillator:** The CC continues to monitor and maintain the public-access defibrillator at the Village Hall through the Community Heartbeat Trust and their Webnos service. A series of well-received community first aid training sessions were led, at the start of 2024, by our local First Responders who continue to grow in number and provide a valuable service to our community.

**Nayland 10k and Fun Run:** We were again pleased to support this event – organised by Luke Rumbelow and Event Nation – a big thank you to all of the volunteer marshalls who add to the friendly atmosphere and community feel. We were extremely grateful to receive a donation of over £400 in 2023.

**GRANTS:** One of the roles of the CC is to provide grants to village organisations whose activities support our constitution. The grants awarded during 2023 are listed in the accounts on page 9. Further details and our grant application form are available on the CC website at [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

**GOING FORWARD:** The committee are looking forward to another busy and successful year and it is a credit to the people involved in the CC that we all are keen to continue. That isn't to say that we wouldn't welcome some new members on the Executive Committee to bring a fresh perspective and new ideas and as you will have noticed I haven't yet relinquished my role as Chair, but remain open to offers! So do consider joining us – we guarantee a warm welcome as well as the chance to make a real contribution to your local community.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Matt Cable presented the year end accounts for the meeting – see page 9 – and they were adopted.



TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**Statement of Income & Expense**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
Community Times	2,805.00	2,082.91	722.09
Village Calendar	1,372.00	766.55	605.45
Bonfire Night	8,582.09	4,483.09	4,369.00
Christmas Festivities	.....	447.78	(447.78)
Village Quiz	666.00	103.06	562.94
Christmas Fayre	490.10	270.13	219.97
Coronation Party	.....	566.21	(566.21)
Nayland 10k	425.00	.....	425.00
Grants (note 1)	.....	3,803.60	(3,803.60)
Centre (note 2)	474.80	1,187.54	(712.74)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 15,084.99</b>	<b>(£ 13,710.87)</b>	<b>(£ 1,374.12)</b>

Over the course of 2023, the Community Council's principle sources of income were Bonfire Night (net income of £4,369), the Community Times (£722) and the Village Calendar (£605). The Village Quiz (£563) and Christmas Fayre (£220) also made helpful contributions and the Council was grateful to receive a generous donation from the Nayland 10K run (£425).

Grants were made to support Nayland First Responders (£2,165) and the Parish Council tree and bench commemorating the late Queen and coronation of the King (£1,538). We also paid £100 to support the 'Nayland Bear'.

The Community Council spent £566 on the Coronation party and £448 on activities around Christmas. £631 was spent on purchasing the annual insurance that covers events run by the Council.

At the end of the year the Community Council held £28.1k in cash, mainly in its current and deposit accounts. After net accruals of £11.3k this left unencumbered assets of £16.8k as shown in the accompanying financial statements and footnotes.

**Statement of Financial Position**

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>Change</u>
Cash (note 3)	26,282.80	26,138.34	1,855.54
Accrued Income	214.50	.....	(214.50)
Deferred Income (note 4)	.....	(43.81)	(43.81)
Accrued Expenses (note 5)	(10,831.18)	(11,234.28)	(403.10)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 15,666.12</b>	<b>£ 16,860.25</b>	<b>£ 1,194.13</b>
of which RBL Services Fund	(268.50)	(88.51)	179.99
<b>Unencumbered assets</b>	<b>£ 15,397.62</b>	<b>£ 16,771.74</b>	<b>£ 1,374.12</b>

**Notes:****1. Grants made during the year:**

First Responders	2,165.60
PC tree and bench	1,538.00
Nayland Bear	100.00

**TOTAL** **£3,803.60**

**2. Central costs incurred during the year:**

Annual insurance	631.36
Web Hosting & Village website	182.18
Family Fun Day	300.00
Other: Hall hire for meetings and general expenses	74.00

**TOTAL** **£1,187.54**

**3. Cash balances at year end**

Cash on hand	1,253.28
Current account	15,532.39
Deposit account	11,308.86
Paypal	43.81

**TOTAL** **£28,138.34**

**4. Deferred income**

Quiz tickets sold in December	43.81
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**TOTAL** **£43.81**

**5. Accrued expenses**

Grants made but not yet paid: <i>inc. Village Hall roof, coffee machine and Lizzie's fund</i>	10,433.00
General expenses: <i>Expense claims received post year-end</i>	801.28

**TOTAL** **£11,234.28**

TREASURER *Matt Cable CFA*

CHAIRMAN *Rachel Hitchcock*

I have examined the books of The Nayland with Wissington Community Council (without carrying out an audit), and in my opinion, the accounts for 2022 represent a true and fair record of the Society's financial affairs. *Maggie Ryan FCA*

Community Council report continued.....

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The following officers and committee were elected en bloc: **President** Bryan Smith, **Chairman** Rachel Hitchcock, **Treasurer** Matt Cable, **Vice Chairman** Claire Buller, **Secretary** Lorraine Brooks, **Executive Committee** Jo Metson, Vicki Sargent, Julie Clark, Heike Ellwood, Maggie Ryan, Iain Wright. Parish Council representation continues to be shared between Laura Erith and Sam Treharne.

**MATTERS ARISING:**

**Recent Events: The Fun Village Quiz** on 2nd February had been a great evening. It made over £600 for CC funds. Rachel Hitchcock thanked everyone for their help and support.

**Community Defibrillator:** Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. The defibrillator at the Village Hall which is managed by the CC is regularly checked and there have been no problems. There has been no progress on provision of a Defibrillator in Wiston; consideration will be given to the best location. The First Responders were thanked for holding 3 AED training sessions in January which

help build confidence.

**River Stour Water Level Gauge:** Rachel Hitchcock met Danny Thurlow on site; he is willing to install the gauge. Matthew Lee (Suffolk CC) has agreed in principle; Rachel will send him the proposed positioning and email confirmation from the EA that a permit is not required. Rachel will check the current costs with Shelley Signs; with the change of location to the south bank it may not be necessary to have a gauge on both sides of the post which would reduce the cost.

**Nayland 10k Fun Run:** Luke Rumbelow will be taking a break from organising this fabulous event. Thanks were expressed to Luke for the sizable donations each year to the CC and other local charities, and to all the volunteers who helped with marshalling and other valued tasks.

**Village Hall Gardening Morning:** The next gardening session will be on Saturday 6th April from 9am - please support this if you can; it is a pleasant social activity and refreshments are provided.

Community Council report continued.....

**Community Involvement:** This is aimed at encouraging residents to participate and/or volunteer with village groups and organisations. An article is included in the Community Times; if any groups need specific volunteers let Lorraine know details to include.

The Fete Committee are currently appealing for volunteers to take shifts manning the gates, to help with stalls and in particular to help with teas in the hall.

**Resident Volunteer List:** This is a request for residents to put their names forward to assist other residents who at times are unable to get out for themselves and would benefit from having a prescription collected, an errand run or some shopping dropped off. No names will be published; Lorraine will co-ordinate volunteers and requests for help. If you can help please let her know.

**Community Times & Websites:** For over 34 years, and 207 issues the CT has been keeping residents informed of what is going on in the parish. New technologies have enabled some changes and content differs slightly but it's hoped it continues to fulfil its role and be useful. New ideas and content are always welcome.

There is quite a team behind producing the magazine. We are very grateful to: all those who take the time to contribute articles, copy and reports on their societies, village happenings, letters and photographs; to members of the local Facebook group who raise awareness of issues and permit use of their photographs for inclusion; the dedicated team of distributors led by Trevor Smy; Pat Bray for her contributions of village news and for proof reading; our long standing editor, Lorraine Brooks who tirelessly puts together every issue; the advertisers who cover printing costs and provide much valued income for the CC. Many thanks to all.

Thanks also to Justin Dowding for managing the website [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net) and for establishing the online ticket sales facility at [www.naylandevents.org](http://www.naylandevents.org) which has become increasingly beneficial to village organisations.

**Village Calendar:** The NwW Calendar, has proved very popular with residents, since it was first published 15 years ago. We are enormously grateful to the small team for their commitment and hard work in producing the calendar.

The calendar team are very grateful to: local businesses that sponsor the calendar, all those who enter their photographs and those who help with sales at local shops or village activities. And last but certainly not least, those who buy the calendars.

We are delighted that Wendy Sparrow and Lorraine Brooks have agreed to continue with this project for another year, with support from Claire Buller and Jo Metson. Plans are in hand for the next photographic competition to generate images for the calendar. This is conducted online and we ask residents to be the judges and select their favourite images for inclusion in the calendar. Further details will be available in the Community Times and at [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net). Deadline for entries will be 21st April with voting the following weekend.

#### SOCIETY REPORTS

**HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said their first event for 2024 will be the Spring Flower Show on 23rd March; their AGM and Fun Quiz with horticulture in mind is on 16th April; and the Morning Market and Coffee Morning on 11th May. They are taking bookings for a coach outing to Hyde Hall on 12th June; the cost for travel and entry is £18. Schedules for the Spring and Summer Flowers Shows, AGM documents and the booking form for the outing can be found on [naylandhortsoc.co.uk](http://naylandhortsoc.co.uk)

**Art Group:** Kathryn Niven said they had another enjoyable year. Watercolour painting was applied to landscapes and still life and they have explored some different art styles, they revisited life drawing and tried some other art forms such as acrylic painting. They turned some drawing into lino prints. They visited a watercolour exhibition and went to Blue Owl Pottery to paint some Christmas decorations. They participated at the flower festival and the Christmas tree festival in St James.

**First Responders:** Tracy Le Grys said they are continuing to grow in numbers and a sixth person attending the next training sessions with the Trust. They are continuing to provide CPR

training to the local area. The third kit which the CC funded will be soon be in use. Thanks to a generous donation from a resident we have been able to purchase Trust Issue trousers and jackets; we are truly grateful to them.

**Friends of Caley Green:** Sally Dalton reported that unfortunately the long reed bed won't after all be cut this spring, hopefully it will be able to take place in the autumn. The female swan has continued to visit our resident male but we still wait in anticipation as to whether they form a proper pair; there has been no sign of nest building. The daffodils on the Green are providing some welcome colour.

**Royal British Legion:** Rober Dossor reported that the Branch lost its President oldest and last surviving WW2 veteran Ken Willingale. On 1st March there was a short service at the War Memorial to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Lt Charles Gumm, who was killed steering his failing aircraft away from the Village. On 11th March the speaker will be Richard Turner from the Boxted Airfield Historical Association. They are organising a St George's Day lunch at The Anchor on 23rd March and a visit to Stephen Walters & Sons' Silk Mill in Sudbury – all are welcome to book.

**St James' Church:** Chris Hunt said a rota of services has been maintained including a monthly family service. Wednesday coffee mornings are well attended. The Annual Fete is on 6th May; if you can spare an hour or so to help you will be most welcome. The Annual PCC meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**Parish Council:** Laura Erith reported that the Annual Parish Assembly is on 24th April with a speaker coming to talk about low cost housing; the development of a Local Neighbourhood Plan will also be on the agenda. They are trying hard to get the drive up to the burial ground repaired; a sign asks people to please keep their dog on a lead in the burial ground. A Community Speedwatch team has applied for their training with the Suffolk Constabulary.

**Nayland Land Company:** David Slater said a further 435m of improvement to the permissive path has been added to the 200m completed last year. It was necessary to temporarily close this length because heavy rain has washed out a lot of the soil from the plastic grids. Once the weather allows the grids will be filled with a mixture of topsoil and grass seed.

**Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter said the speaker after AGM business on 12th March will be Mick Inkpen talking about his career as a writer and illustrator of children's books.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary there will be a feature in the June CT, and a champagne reception for members; four speakers will share their memories and there will be an exhibition of the Society's activities over the years. In October Nigel Amies will speak about the Home Guard and in November David Pryor will talk about the reconstruction of a Viking Longship. Open Gardens will be on 9th June; it's hoped some gardeners on the Heights may consider opening their gardens. The community litter pick will be on 20th of April and the Spring Footpath walk on 12th May.

**Baby & Toddlers:** Gillian Manser reported sessions have been well supported, averaging about 16 children each week. They have enjoyed some lovely activities, going on a gruffalo hunt, enjoying the local policeman's visit.

**Nayland Choir:** Emma Bishton said they are rehearsing for 'Requiem' by Mozart in readiness for their 30th Anniversary concert on 24th March in St James' Church. There will be an orchestra accompanying the Choir. She thanked the Community Council for their contribution towards this event.

**Village Players:** Nick Moriarty said there are preparing for the spring play 'On Golden Pond' with performances on 18th-20th April. This follows on from their success in 2023 in the North Essex Theatre Guild Awards. Their December production is yet to be decided.

**AOB: Thank You:** Bryan Smith thanked the committee for their work throughout the year for the benefit of the village. Claire Buller expressed thanks to Rachel Hitchcock for her enthusiastic commitment in leading the CC on for another year.

**NEXT MEETING:** will be the AGM on **Wednesday 1st May** at 7.30pm (Exec 7pm) in the Village Hall.



# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON VILLAGE CALENDAR COMPETITION

This popular competition - first held in 2009 - will soon be taking place again. As holding it online has proved successful it will be conducted this way again.

As usual we welcome photographs taken in recent years, reflecting any of the 12 months of the year, representing our beautiful parish and our thriving community. These may include scenic views, architectural and natural features, street scenes and any seasonal or unusual aspects of the parish. Community events, such as the Coronation Picnic, Fete, Open Gardens or Nayland 10K and other society activities would also be appreciated.

The images should be recognisable as being in Nayland or Wissington. (Please remember that while shots of magnificent birds soaring overhead, cute animals in a field or spectacular skies are impressive they could be taken anywhere.) So please capture something familiar in the background.

It is necessary to remember that photographs of children must have parental knowledge and consent and whilst it is fine to photograph people participating in a public event, any bystanders in your scenes must be agreeable to publication.

The Community Council look forward to your participation in the presentation of our 'Village' calendar. There is no age limit and we would love to have more entries from young people, the aim is to make it an enjoyable community project.



## Rules of Entry:

- The competition is open to residents of the Nayland with Wissington parish, and those who work in the parish or are active participants in parish societies or groups.
- Photographs should be landscape orientation and of good pixel size (high resolution).
- The images should be recognisable as being taken in Nayland or Wissington.
- If in doubt the map of the parish can be viewed at: [naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar](http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar)
- If photographs include children parental consent must be obtained by the entrant.
- A maximum of 8 photographs per person may be entered.
- Photographs should not be digitally enhanced.
- The deadline for entries will be **Sunday 21st April** - see details below.
- The display of photographs will be available to view online via [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net) from **26th to 28th April**
- Email the numbers of your 12 favourite scenes to [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com) Voting will close at **midnight on 28th April**.
- The 12 most popular photographs will announced on 4th May and will be included in the 2025 calendar.

## Entries for Nayland with Wissington Calendar Photography Competition

When emailing your photographs for the competition, please include the following information in your first email which will act as your entry form.

### Name - Telephone number - Address

Also if you are not a resident of Nayland with Wissington please give the name of your Nayland/Wiston workplace or the society/group in which your participate and your employer's or organisation secretary's name and telephone number.

Photographs can then be emailed through as attachments to: [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com) in multiples or singularly but please send them as original high resolution .jpg files and provide brief details of the location where the photograph was taken.

*(Please note: dragging photos into the email usually only provides a thumbnail and not a full size jpg attachment, it is generally better to use the email paperclip to find and attach your photo files.)*

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch: [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com) or Lorraine on 262807

# NAYLAND

## ST JAMES' CHURCH

# FETE

NAYLAND PLAYING FIELD  
FREE CAR PARKING

**MONDAY 6th MAY**  
1pm-4pm



Traditional stalls & sideshows  
Attraction: Petting Farm & Cuddle Corner  
Teas, BBQ, Ice Cream, Beer & Pimm's  
Sports for all ages  
Jazz band, Classic vehicle display  
The Fete is mostly cash only

Tickets available online now or at the gate  
visit: [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org)  
Adults £4, under 16s free  
on the gate £5



Funds raised for the upkeep of St James' Church



## STALLS

Donations for the stalls would be really welcome please. The stalls are hugely popular. We are still accepting resalable donations for the following stalls:

- Toys
- China & Glass
- Kitchen items
- Vintage items
- Pictures
- Gifts
- Bric a Brac
- Jewellery & Handbags
- Good Quality Ladies Clothes
- Garden Tools/DIY
- Bottles for the Tombola

(sauce to bubble bath, to wine and beer)

### China for the china smash

**Homemade biscuits and cakes** would be much appreciated to serve with the teas, these can be left in the Village Hall on the day.

*No books this year*

*Unfortunately, we **cannot** take general clothing, luggage, electrical items or large furniture.*

**Items can be left in the changing rooms at Nayland Village Hall until 22 April.**

**Access via side door to the right of the hall. Open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm.**

**Vintage items to Forget Me Not please.**

**Helpers are always very welcome.**

Please contact the following:

Stalls:	Annie Elston	07818 601264
Field set up:	Gillian Stanton	07771 858717

**Thank you very much for your support.**

Your donations and support are invaluable. The fete raises funds for the Church fabric fund which is used exclusively to the upkeep of this wonderful historic building.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising and running the fete, the donations and of course those that come along on the day.

Many hands make light work as they say, so we are always grateful for helpers on the day, whether for an hour or two or for the duration. It really is good fun.

We look forward to you joining us on the new date for the fete this year, Monday 6th May 2024.

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## Thank You

Justin Dowding and family would like to thank everyone who came to Margaret's thanksgiving service in January.

It was wonderful to see so many people and to be able to share happy memories of my parents' time in Nayland.



## FUN VILLAGE QUIZ

The annual fun village quiz, organised by the Community Council, was, once again, a sellout with 24 teams of four taking part at the event at the village hall on 2nd February. The winners were Quiz Team Aguilera (Alexandra and Cameron Duncan and Marian and Paul Squire) with Norfolk 'n Chance in second place and Phillip's Pirates and the Don't Knows in a tie for third.

It was another excellent quiz and most of all great fun; well done Rachel for all the great questions and being a perfect question master.

Many thanks to Claire Buller for helping to set up, the Hitchcock girls and friends who did a sterling job on the scoring, Jo Metson and Vicki Sargent for managing the raffle and Nick Moriarty for his technical assistance.

Community Council Chair, Rachel Hitchcock said: "Thanks so much to everybody for making this evening such a success, for creating such a jovial atmosphere and taking part so enthusiastically!"

The event raised over £600 for council funds.



# Nayland & District Horticultural Society

coach outing to

## RHS Garden Hyde Hall

### Wednesday 12th June

Nestled in a landscape of rolling hills and with beautiful panoramic views, Hyde Hall is an oasis of peace and tranquillity. Since its inception in the mid-1950s, this vast garden has established from a handful of trees atop a windy hill to a jewel in the landscape that embraces superb ornamental horticulture, wild woodlands, majestic meadows and stylish gardens.

Highlights include the Dry Garden with its fantastic range of drought resistant plants and the Hilltop Garden with its roses and herbaceous borders.

From global produce to courtyard gardens and arboreta, the Queen Mother's Garden to the Australia and New Zealand Garden, the Island Beds and Lawns to the Woodland Garden, the Robinson Garden to the Reservoir and Bird Hide and Sky Meadow, Hyde Hall delivers something for everyone.

**Coach leaving Nayland 10am, departing the Hyde Hall at 4pm.**

The cost will be £18 to include travel and entry.

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For more information contact Trevor on 262022 or [trevor.smy24@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.smy24@gmail.com)  
or visit [naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://naylandhortsoc.org.uk)

## RHS Garden Hyde Hall Booking Form

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Names of Guest/s: .....

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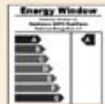


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Lots of toys, activities, singing & refreshments

# WE ARE 50!

WOODLAND CORNER 1974 - 2024



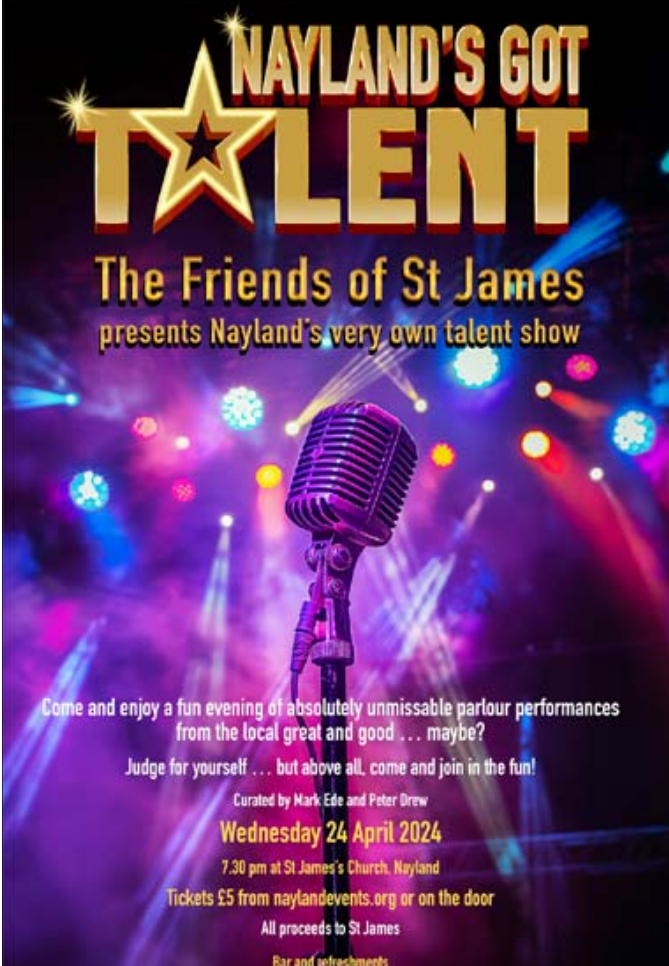
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Come and enjoy a fun evening of absolutely unmissable parlour performances from the local great and good ... maybe?

Judge for yourself ... but above all, come and join in the fun!

Curated by Mark Ede and Peter Drew

**Wednesday 24 April 2024**

7.30 pm at St James's Church, Nayland

Tickets £5 from [naylandevents.org](https://naylandevents.org) or on the door

All proceeds to St James

Bar and refreshments

## THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

### LIZZIE'S FUND



# LIZZIE'S FUND: EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for an outdoor Easter Egg trail on **Good Friday, 29th March**

from 10.30am - 12.30pm, at The Anchor Inn, Nayland CO6 4JL

There will be a Fun Quiz to win a chocolate Easter Egg, plus refreshments, games, raffle and a guest appearance from The Easter Bunny.

Tickets are £6.50 in advance. Limited tickets available on the day, at £8 (accompanying adults go free!) available from <https://naylandevents.org>

Any questions or to reserve a dairy free Easter egg (which must be requested at least 48 hours in advance), please email [lizziesfund@yahoo.com](mailto:lizziesfund@yahoo.com).




All proceeds to Lizzie's Fund, on behalf of The Brain Tumour Charity



# The Village Lunch

Wednesday 10th April

11.45am for 12 noon talk, lunch at 1pm  
Nayland Village Hall



An illustrated talk by Peter Lawrence

## 'Humphry Repton:

*the last great designer of the English landscape garden,  
often regarded as the successor to Capability Brown'*

Tickets: £15 on sale from 4th March



at: [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org)

or from Mill Street Store & Deli (cash only)

Last date for tickets Friday 5th April

**Please bring your own drinks**

*All proceeds to the Village Hall fund*



A play by Ernest Thompson  
Directed by Liz Mullen

# On Golden Pond

Thursday 18th April @ 6:30pm  
Friday 19th April @ 8pm  
Saturday 20th April @ 8pm



Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane, CO6 4JH  
Tickets: Adults: £10, Under 16s: £6  
from [www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk)

or contact Nick Moriarty on 01206 262808  
or [markfrankrussell@gmail.com](mailto:markfrankrussell@gmail.com)

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International on behalf of Josef Weinberger Ltd

## Nayland & District Horticultural Society

### AGM & FUN QUIZ EVENING

### Tuesday 16th April

7.30pm - Church Hall

All welcome

Come along and see what a friendly bunch we are!

Following the brief formalities, there will be refreshments and a fun quiz with horticulture in mind.

For those interested in becoming a member, membership is available for £3 or £5 for joint.

### MORNING MARKET

### Saturday 11th May

9.30pm to noon

Church Hall, Bear Street CO6 4HY

- Plants including Bedding & Vegetables
- Home-made Cakes and Preserves
- Refreshments
- Raffle (draw at 11.30am)

Donations of items for sale or raffle prizes would be very welcome and may be brought to the Hall from 8.30am on the Saturday morning or left with a committee member during the week leading up to the event.

[www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk)



## RIVER WATCH

Thank you to those who kindly allow use of your interesting photographs to be included in the Community Times. As always if you spot anything of interest or unusual, do please send details for inclusion here to: [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com)

The Environment Agency (EA) state: any environmental incidents should be reported to their 24 hour hotline number: 0800 80 70 60. Any concerns regarding Avian Flu should be reported to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577. More details at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

### WATER LEVELS

As highlighted last issue and as reported in David Lowe's weather report on page 37 the rainfall continued to be very high. Consequently river levels have been high and flooding continued on and off.

Drawing on a positive from this, at least levels in the groundwater chalk aquifer should stand us in good stead whatever the summer throws at us... and our poor under-maintained river shouldn't stop flowing.

### REED GROWTH AT THE WEIR

With spring on its way the well established reeds around the Horseshoe wier, which had died down and been dormant during winter, will be romping away to claim more of the river, capture more silt and reduce its water holding capacity.

The likelihood of the EA undertaking any much needed reed management or removal seems unlikely given their previous broken promises.

### WILDFOWL & SWANS

After losing his mate the resident cob swan overwintered on the river and Caley Green alone. A pen swan started visiting him regularly on 16th January, but they seem to be maintain a rather casual relationship. Despite an early sighting of mating, they seem to have 'cooled off' and there is no sign of nest building activity. Swans mate for life; we will have to wait and see if in time they will form a bond.

However, this aloofness with the opposite sex brings back memories of Nayland's beloved 'Gordon the Greylag Goose'; it's hard to believe we lost this legendary character three years ago. He is still talked about and missed.

Cormorants have been spotted along the river and Kingfishers continue to delight passers by.

### BIRDWATCH

The results of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch won't be available until mid April, however there remains concern for some species.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

There has been a decline in the numbers of many birds, including the song thrush, skylark, lapwing, house sparrow, lesser spotted woodpecker and willow tit.

Sometimes there are perfectly natural reasons for not seeing some species; the weather, the amount of natural foodstuff available will affect their behaviour. Cold winters can kill a lot of birds, especially the smaller species, through starvation. The amount of food available in May and June is a key factor in deciding how many chicks survive to fly the nest. Owls, for example, cannot hunt in the rain to feed their chicks; faced with starvation the weakest owl may be sacrificed to feed the stronger.

Some believe that changes in the natural food chain have had a considerable effect; there is an increased number of raptors preying on smaller birds. We have seen distressing scenes ourselves in



*The resident cob swan and the visiting pen on Caley Green.  
Photo by Antony Day*

Nayland with the herons literally waiting to pick off cygnets on the Meadow pond, which they did systematically in 2020. Ducklings also fall prey to herons, gulls, crows and other birds; also foxes, otters and from beneath the water surface pike.

A school of thought is that densely overgrown habitat causes problems; some species are unable to flea from their prey when habitat is very congested.

Diseases are another threat facing bird populations; avian flu, trichomonosis and salmonella.

So birds in general, as well as those whose habitat is along our river have a hard time of it. It is obvious, and sad, that there are far fewer ducks resident in Nayland in the least few years.



*This photo, taken by Mike Hunter in 2016 and featured in the 2017 Nayland calendar, reminds us of happier times with Gordon the Goose and the many ducks that used to frequent this part of the river.*



## CALEY GREEN

The Friends continue to keep an eye on the Green and the wildfowl. It is lovely to see it being enjoyed even during the early spring months.

### BENCHES

The Parish Council have agreed to carry out maintenance to the four-seater memorial bench on Caley Green.

### THE LONG REED BED

The work to cut some of the reeds in the long reed bed was scheduled to take place on 12 February. However, at the last minute there was a complaint from a resident and the work postponed. In view of this SCC ecologists suggested a mitigation and method study report is completed by a professional independent ecologist before the reed cutting takes place. SCC is going to bear the cost of this. However, the delay in getting this in place means the work could not be done before the 1st March (the start of bird nesting season).

### RIVERBANK LITTER BY SLUICE GATES

As confirmed previously SCC are the landowners of the triangle of land between the A134 and the fork in the river adjacent the sluice gates. They were alerted to a considerable amount of litter and flytipping; their appointed contractor did not carry out the rubbish clearance properly. The SCC Properties Officer said he will look once again at getting the matter rectified but there is no progress to date.



### RIVERBANK PROTECTION UPDATE

SCC have indicated that they will fund and take forward installation of wooden revetment around the bay at Caley Green to protect it from future erosion. There is no update on when this work is likely to take place.

## ALL RIVER CRAFT NEED LICENCES

*All craft must be registered to take to the water on any part of the Inland Waterway network of England.*

The Environment Agency takes enforcement action if it finds any boat moored or in use if it is not displaying a current, valid registration plate.

The **River Stour Trust** can issue craft registrations for private unpowered craft. Register at: <https://www.riverstourtrust.org/boat-trips/paddling-the-river-stour/craft-registrations/>

Alternatively, membership of **British Canoeing** includes a licence - but it covers the member and not the craft, individual adult costs £47.

Join at <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/>

## IT IS NOW FISHING CLOSED SEASON

**NO FISHING SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON THE RIVER**

*The closed season, when you cannot fish on rivers and streams, is 15th March to 15th June 2024.*

At any time of year a rod licence must be carried if you are aged 13 or over and you fish for freshwater fish, smelt or eel or you could be prosecuted and you can be fined up to £2,500.

A yearly 2-rod course fishing licence costs: £33 for adults, £22 for over 65 or the disabled and is free for 13-16 year olds. 1-day or 8-day licences are also available.

Licences can be purchased at Post Offices, online at <https://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences/buy-a-fishing-licence> or by telephone to the Environment Agency fishing licence service on 0344 800 5386.

## If you find a baby bird out of the nest...



Dear Walkers,

We are in lamb now. Please keep your dogs on leads and don't let them run about in our fields in case you worry us.

If you come across one of us lying on our back with our legs up, we are 'cast'. Please roll us back over and hold us steady for a moment. We can die if not rescued, along with the lambs we are carrying.

**Thank Ewe**

*Please remember: Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, if a dog worries sheep on agricultural land, the person in charge of the dog is guilty of an offence. 'Worrying' includes attacking sheep, chasing them in a way that may cause injury, suffering, abortion or loss of produce or being at large (not on a lead or otherwise under close control) in a field or enclosure in which there are sheep.*



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View the colour version of the Community Times at:

[www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/CommunityTimes.html](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/CommunityTimes.html)

Do keep scenes you see coming to [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com).

Thank you to Mandy Cook who kindly shared her view in Fen Street; on a sunny day in mid-March there were blue skies and beautiful blossom. What a delight... and relief after months of gloom and very high rainfall.

In contrast two months ago... thank you to David Lowe for capturing these scenes where he and his wife, Caroline were able to enjoy skating in Nayland towards late January. This was possible due to the shallowness of the water with the ground beneath giving support to the ice.

Spotted by Antony Day in February... a 'Welcome to Nayland Beach' sign has mysteriously sprung up along the river path. Spring may have arrived but it's certainly not beach weather yet!



This still doesn't do justice to Elle Torry's video of the very fast flow along the flood channel on 12th February, after yet another deluge of rainfall.

## MISSING BUS STOP SIGNS

Here today, mysteriously gone tomorrow. During early February the temporary bus stops signs on both sides Harpers Hill on the A134 disappeared. Hedingham Chambers Buses confirmed the service will be running as normal and Suffolk CC are responsible for the signs. It appears that these signs, along with some in Leavenheath and other villages have been stolen! New stock has been ordered.

*Makes you wonder, they aren't exactly attractive or worth their weight in lead!*





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## CHURCHYARD SPRING TIDY

The weather was perfect for this year's St James' churchyard spring clean and our volunteers were enthusiastic and efficient as usual. Refreshments were provided making it a social morning too.

Mowing of the grass will start soon so the churchyard will be looking tidy for Easter.

## NWW PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you to James Carver for capturing a photo of Nayland with Wissington parish councillors, now at full complement, during their monthly meeting on 14th March. The public may attend these meetings either at the village hall or via Zoom.

Residents will also have the opportunity to raise questions with councillors at the Annual Parish Assembly on 24th April, see page 6 for details.



## BURIAL GROUND

Thanks to Antony Day for these scenes. The burial ground has recently seen some work completed, including replacement of a number of fence panels. The memorial stone for ex-residents of Jane Walker Hospital has been approved; preparation of the stonework and installation will be arranged by the project group, who raised funds to create a memorial with a successful 'My Iron Cross' Just-Giving appeal.

## OLD BUS SHELTER SITE

Debris has recently been cleared from the site around the old bus shelter following the loss of trees and hedging. It looks rather barren now. The Parish Council, who pay Babergh a peppercorn rent for the site, are now exploring the possibility of improving the area with some low maintenance planting.

Before that though it's hoped Nayland Bear and Fish will pay a visit... keep your eyes peeled.





Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society  
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# SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY

## FOOTPATHS THE WALK

Meet 2.15 for 2.30pm start  
at St Mary's Church, Bures

**BURES ST MARY'S TO MOUNT BURES**  
Join Chris Hunt for a circular walk from Bures St Mary's Church to Mount Bures. If you wish we can climb the Motte of the presumed Norman castle. The walk will last about two hours and will involve some hill ascents. Stout walking shoes are recommended and please try to car share to reduce parking.

# NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

## Saturday 20th April

Meet at 1.30pm  
at the Village Hall Car Park

All welcome to help collect litter from  
the village and footpaths.

Equipment provided but please wear gloves.

Contact [mikejphunter@gmail.com](mailto:mikejphunter@gmail.com)  
or 01206 263100 for more information



## ROGATION SUNDAY

The usual trailer ride take place on

### Sunday 5th May

starting at 3pm from Newtons Farm, Wiston

We will 'beat the bounds' from Wiston, up to Shaddelows Farm, Nayland and back blessing the crops, farm animals and river en route, returning for tea and refreshments at St Mary's Wiston.

All are very welcome.

## VILLAGE HALL GARDEN WORKING PARTY

### Saturday 6 April

from 9am



Please come along and join us  
and make it a social occasion.  
Refreshments will be provided.

IT WILL BE USEFUL TO BRING TOOLS,  
GLOVES, SECATEURS, WHEELBAR-  
ROWS, ETC.

## WISTON CHURCH PORCH BOOKS

- 4 for £1 !

There is a wide selection of second-hand books for sale in the church porch at St Mary's, Wiston.

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*Donations of books are welcome too; these can be left in the clearly signed metal box in the Wiston church car park at Newtons Farm before you reach the church.*

## ST JAMES' APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on **Thursday 11th April** at 6.30pm in St James' Church.  
All are welcome to attend.

During the meeting churchwardens will be elected, reports of organisations involved with church events and the general running of the church will be presented. Persons on the church electoral roll can vote at this meeting.





# NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

Starts 7.30pm Doors open 6.30pm

LAURA LINNEY KATHY BATES MAGGIE SMITH STEPHEN REA

Comedy  
Drama  
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90 minutes



## The Miracle Club

Four Women Went to Lourdes in Search of a Miracle

Future Cinema Dates  
to put in your diary:

17th May

14th June

12th July

23rd August

### Friday 12th April

Bar selling a variety of beverages. Pizza available before the film and in the interval.  
Ice creams and other refreshments also available.

Tickets £5, under 16 £2, on the door or from [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org) - further details on page 25

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# NAYLAND OPEN GARDENS

## SUNDAY 9th JUNE

2pm-6pm

### TEAS in the Village Hall

Tickets £5 (children free) in advance from:

[www.naylandevents.org](http://www.naylandevents.org)

or cash only on the day from Gardens or Village Hall

It would be a pleasure to include new gardens in this event especially from the Nayland Heights area of the village, if you would be willing to participate please contact:  
Mike Hunter on 264100 or [mikejphunter@gmail.com](mailto:mikejphunter@gmail.com)

[www.naylandconservation.org.uk](http://www.naylandconservation.org.uk)





# Nayland with Wissington Society News



## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Chairman: Robert Dossor 265912 robert@ovcottage.com

Secretary: Kathy Hunt 262014

The Branch started its 2024 programme on 11th March with a well-attended talk from Richard Turner, Chair of the Boxted Airfield Historical Association, during which he related the history of the Station and showed a film about Lt Charles Gumm, whose death is recorded on the bench by the War Memorial. This was most appropriate since the Branch had held a short commemoration of this event on 1st March, the 80th Anniversary of Lt Gumm's crash. See more about Lt Gumm on page 36.

Our next event is the St George's Day Lunch at The Anchor Inn on Tuesday 23rd April, to which anyone is most welcome. The Anchor will open specially for us and will serve a traditional Roast Beef of England 2-course lunch for £36.

The year continues with a visit to Stephen Walters & Sons' silk mill in Sudbury in April and the next Nayland meeting on Monday 13th May, followed by a potential visit in July to the USAAF Base at Thorpe Abbots near Diss, featured in the Stephen Spielberg/Tom Hanks TV drama *'Masters of the Air'* which relates the story of the 100th Bomb Group based there.

We are delighted to record that a new member, David Wiles was recently awarded the Sir George Creasey medal for services to the RBL in Essex and David will be our speaker at the May meeting.

All our meetings are open to everyone and we hope some of the topics and visits will be of interest to anyone in the village. If you would like to join our trip to 100th Bomb Group, please contact our Chairman, Robert Dossor 07879 843319.



## VILLAGE PLAYERS

[www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk)



Chair: Mark Russell 07572 031769 markfrankrussell@gmail.com

The Players are busy preparing for our spring production *'On Golden Pond'* directed by Liz Mullen, running from 18th-20th April - see page 17 for further details. Tickets at: [www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk) - **please** be there!

The plot of this 1979 play by Ernest Thompson focuses on ageing couple Ethel and Norman Thayer, who spend each summer at their cottage on a lake called Golden Pond. During the year the story takes place, they are visited by daughter Chelsea with her fiancé Billy Ray and his son Billy Ray Jr. The play explores the often turbulent relationship the young woman shared with her father growing up, and the difficulties faced by a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage.

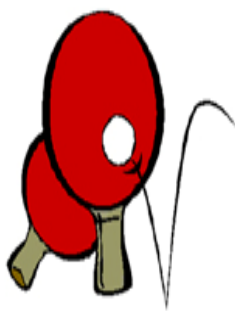
Meanwhile, we are already making preparations for our 2024 pantomime for the first week in December. Auditions are likely to be in July – watch this space for more details.

We even have a director lined up for our spring 2025 play and are looking at several alternatives to bring to you – we are so organised, more details to follow.

Our **AGM** is on Wednesday 1st May 2024. 7.30 for 8pm start at the Church Hall, Nayland with drinks and nibbles. We are always looking for more people to join in, especially on the stage production side where we have a talented but small team working tirelessly to bring us the high-quality productions we have become used to. **We would love to see you there.**

Because of the timing of the AGM, our usual bi-monthly drink at The Anchor is unlikely to happen – but we hope to meet up again in July.

If you would like find out more about what we do or to join the Players, contact contact [markfrankrussell@gmail.com](mailto:markfrankrussell@gmail.com) or 07572031769.



## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Jane Barbrook 263619 janebarbrook@hotmail.com  
Tony Mann 262492 ad.mann@homecall.co.uk

We sadly lost one of our regular players recently. Margaret Dowding was a long-standing member of the club, and several of our members attended her funeral service.

The Table Tennis Club meet every Monday, including most bank holidays, in the Church Hall between 2pm and 4pm and we have a good number of regular members playing.

Please contact Tony or Jane for more information or call in on a Monday afternoon for a chat. No previous experience necessary!





## NAYLAND CINEMA

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We continue to be given the opportunity to obtain new film releases as they become available from the Moviola film menu with films such as *'The Great Escaper'* and *'A Haunting in Venice'* being our latest screenings.

Films are screened with subtitles to be inclusive, help with those difficult accents, mumblings and speed of speech!

Audience figures are definitely higher at the evening performances with I'm sure the draw of the bar and Tim's delicious pizzas contributing to this number. Signs of spring are all around and we are looking forward to the warmer, lighter evenings when we can enjoy the refreshments outside on the playing field.

There was a change to a scheduled film due to the release date for Napoleon changing but this will definitely feature at some point in the next quarter.

As many of you may be aware I will be leaving the village in the near future but will continue co-ordinating the cinema with the help of the team who work hard to provide a lovely evening out so do please come along, bring your friends and family and enjoy.

- **Friday 12th April: 'The Miracle Club'** (2023), set in 1967, is a heartwarming story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) of Ballygar in Ireland. They share one tantalizing dream: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes to taste freedom and escape the gauntlet of domestic life. a heartwarming story of three generations of close friends, Lily (Maggie Smith), Eileen (Kathy Bates), and Dolly (Agnes O'Casey) of Ballygar in Ireland. They share one tantalizing dream: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes to taste freedom and escape the gauntlet of domestic life.
- Further dates will be: **17th May, 14th June, 12th July and 23rd August**
- **Date tbc: 'Napoleon'** (2023). Against a stunning backdrop and with some of the most dynamic battle sequences ever filmed director Ridley Scott captures the iconic Napoleon Bonaparte (Joaquin Phoenix), confident in his abilities as a military strategist, infused with terrific ambition, and a desire to bring Europe peace through war. The Napoleon represented here by Joaquin Phoenix presents a dour man who through sheer will wins the affection of the love of his life, Joséphine de Beauharnais (Vanessa Kirby). However, Napoleon is pulled by an obsession stronger than his love for Joséphine. His desire for acceptance by the aristocracy of the other major European powers and their petty conflicts leads to his making war to extend French control beyond her borders. General turned Emperor, Napoleon seeks to achieve through conquest what he could not otherwise, but it leads to exile, resurrection, and eventual downfall.



## NAYLAND CHOIR

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By the time you read this Nayland Choir will have performed the choral masterpiece, and one of our firm favourites, Mozart's Requiem, to a full-house (judging by ticket sales so far!) at St James's Church. If you were there, thank you so much for coming along and we hope you enjoyed our 30th Anniversary Concert!

We were fortunate to be accompanied by a fabulous orchestra and four wonderful soloists, Catherine Blanchard-Knapp, Owen Butcher, Sean Moriarty and Maggie Ryan - thank you to them!

As it was such a special event, to mark 30 years of singing together, members plus their partners and a few special guests headed over to the Village Hall for cake and fizz to celebrate our birthday.

Looking ahead to the next term, the programme for our Summer concert will have a Shakespearian theme, including George Schearing's Songs and Sonnets, which have a jazz feel, and a West Side Story medley. The concert will be held in Nayland Village Hall on Friday 5th July.

As always, we are on the lookout for new members so if you fancy singing with us please come along on a Thursday evening at Nayland Primary School at 8pm. We will have a short break for Easter but rehearsals will commence from Thursday 25th April.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



## NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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A reminder of our dispensary opening hours: We are open Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm and Friday 9am - 3pm.

We continue to offer appointments in the evenings and Saturdays as part of our enhanced access service.

The surgery will be closed for staff training in the afternoon from 12pm on 23rd April and 27th June.

The surgery will be closed on Bank Holiday Friday 29th March, Monday 1st April and 6th and 27th May.

Did you know you can contact the surgery via our website to ask non urgent questions and request your medication using online services or the NHS app.

We have NHS App promotion support sessions from the North East Essex Digital Access Support Team at Nayland Surgery on the 3rd week of the month, please send us a message via the website or speak to the reception team at Nayland for more information.

For those patients that have been attending our Dementia Café and Coffee mornings the venue has now changed to St Cedds Hall, Colchester.



## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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Just after the Community Times goes to print our annual **Spring Flower Show** will be held on **Saturday 23rd March** at 10am in the Church Hall. This is usually a cheerful, colourful occasion and we will report how it went and the results of the classes in the next issue.

For those reading the early, online issue of the CT do come along and enjoy the displays of spring flowers and relax with refreshments. Cakes will be on sale and there will also be a raffle

so we would be very grateful for donations of cakes, or prizes for the raffle which can be dropped off at the Church Hall early on the day of the show.

For those interested in exhibiting, entry forms available on [naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://naylandhortsoc.org.uk) should be submitted by 6pm on Thursday 21st March; classes and further details are given on the entry form. Winners of each class will be awarded a certificate and the Olive Noakes Cup will be awarded for the most successful exhibitor.

Please come along to our **AGM & Fun Quiz on 16th April**, at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Our fairly brief AGM formalities will be followed by a fun horticultural-themed quiz. Members and prospective members are very welcome.

Membership for 2024 is now available and good value at just £3 for single or £5 for joint membership. Application forms are available at any of our events, from Margaret Smy.

The **Morning Market on 13th May** will be held in the Church Hall between 9.30am and 12 noon. Bedding and vegetable plants will be on sale, as well as home-made cakes and preserves. Refreshments are available and there will be a raffle (draw taking place at 11.30 am). Donations of items for sale or raffle prizes would be very welcome and may be brought to the hall from 8.30am on the Saturday morning or left with a committee member during the week leading up to the event.

Our next coach trip is on **Wednesday the 12th June** when we visit **RHS Hyde Hall**. The coach leaves Nayland at 10am and will depart Hyde Hall at 4pm. The cost will be £18 which includes travel and entry. Hyde Hall is set in the heart of rural Essex. The vast hilltop garden with beautiful panoramic views has an eclectic mix of traditional and modern style gardens, wild woodlands and majestic meadows. Highlights include the Dry Garden with its fantastic range of drought resistant plants and the Hilltop Garden with its roses and herbaceous borders. There are eateries with delicious treats and a garden centre. Further details and booking form are on page 13.

Schedules for the **Summer Flower Show** to be held on **Saturday 3rd August** will be distributed shortly and will also be available in local shops, including Forget Me Not, Mill Street Deli, the Post Office, or can now be downloaded from our website. Please note that there have been a few changes to the classes this year so please check the schedule. The subject for the adults' photography section will be 'Through a Window', and for young people aged 14 and under 'A Day Out', so don't forget to get out and about with your cameras soon to capture some colourful shots. HortSoc are grateful to the advertisers in the schedule who enable us to fund this promotion.

Events coming up later in the year will be a speaker meeting in October (date to be confirmed) and a coach outing on **13th November to Polhill Garden Centre** near Sevenoaks; it's a great place to go shopping thanks to an extensive range of departments with a huge variety of products available... and they have a fantastic Christmas display.



## NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

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The Nayland First Responders Group are continuing to grow in numbers and a sixth person who is based in Assington will be attending the next training sessions with the East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST) and hopes to join us on call outs as soon as possible. We are continuing to provide CPR training to the local area and have another one planned for this month in Sudbury.

The Third kit that the Community Council helped us purchase with a grant is waiting for a couple of items from the Trust and then it will be live and on duty.

We have been able to purchase ourselves EEAST issue trousers and jackets thanks to a generous donation from a member of the village, we are truly grateful to them for this and will endeavour to provide the village and local area with the best cover that we can.

If you would like any more information on the group and how we operate please do not hesitate to contact me, details above, or view <http://www.eeastamb.nhs.uk/join-the-team/community-first-responders>



### The Church Bells....

Quintessentially a very special English tradition; the delightful sound of bells chiming in a country village...

but the art of bellringing is in decline and once gone is unlikely to be revived.

So, if you have rung before and would like to take it up again and make a valuable contribution in keeping the art of bellringing alive.....

Chris Hunt, the Nayland Church Tower Captain would be delighted to hear from you on 01206 262014





## ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

Kathy Hunt, Church warden Tel: 262014 kath12hunt@gmail.com

It has been a quiet time since Christmas. Our Wednesday coffee mornings continue to be very well attended with a glorious selection of homemade cakes on offer.

The rota of services every Sunday includes a family service once a month. The church also provides the local Community Pantry and this is well used.

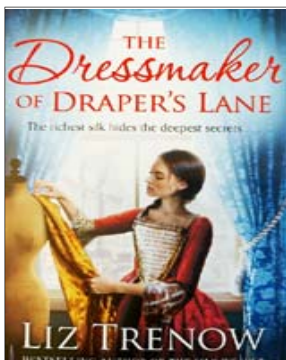
On the 28th January a benediction service was held at Stoke by Nayland where Bishop Martin presided.

With Easter being early this year Ash Wednesday was on the 14th February which is the start of Lent. Revd Stéphane held Lent courses with the theme 'Everything you want to know about the altar', explaining the history and customs of the different colours of the altar clothes and vestments and how to prepare the altar for the Communion. Mothering Sunday fell on the 10th March and at the Service posies were given out. There were only a small number of children but they helped with the offertory and distributing the posies.

Ken Willingale who was a Reader for many years at St James died in January; he was a great supporter of the church and will be greatly missed.

The Annual Parochial Church (PCC) meeting will be held on 11th April at 6.30pm in St James. The reports of organisations involved with church events and the general running of the church will be presented and churchwardens will be elected. Those on the church electoral roll can vote at this meeting

The Annual Fete is on 6th May; if you can spare an hour or so to help you will be most welcome: see the appeal on page 12.



## BOOK CLUB

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We recently finished reading 'The Dressmaker of Draper's Lane' by Liz Trenow. Liz's family have been silk weavers for nearly three hundred years, and she grew up next to the mill in Sudbury. The novel is set in the world of the silk trade London in 18th century London. Miss Charlotte was left at a Foundling Hospital as a baby, but by determination and luck she manages to become a successful dress shop owner, employing several staff. Charlotte endeavoured to find out who her birth mother was.

Our latest book is 'The Midnight House' by Amanda Geard.



## SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

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### Nayland and Nayland with Wissington Crime Review 1/1/24 – 12/3/24

So far this year, in the Nayland and Wissington area, there has been a theft of number plates (which I already mentioned in my last article), two assaults – both between people that know each other, a business burglary where oil was stolen and an anti-social behaviour incident.

Outside of my patch there has been a spate of vehicle thefts, due to this I would encourage you to keep your car keys secure or hidden within your home, this would make it harder for the keys (and in turn your vehicle) to be stolen in the event of a burglary. If you have a keyless car, please get a faraday pouch or box and keep the keys in there to prevent the signal being copied. For more advice on crime prevention, please visit the Suffolk Police website [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) – the website is also useful to view crime and anti-social behaviour stats in your area and that section has a zoomable map.

Nayland and Wissington continues to feature in my patrols and will continue to do so. I checked around the perimeter of the primary school one night, which I think gave the cleaner a shock.

My Inspector has created a community survey, the results could help to determine future police action/focus. Use the QR code to access it to share your police related thoughts and feelings about your local area which will be reviewed by the Inspector.

I would encourage all of you with Facebook or X (aka Twitter) to follow the Hadleigh Police pages on these social media platforms. I put the odd post on there with some of what I get up to in the local area.

By the time this article is published, my next monthly engagement location will be within Elmsett Village Hall on the morning of 13th April 2024 between 10am-1pm, pop along if you have any ongoing issues for the police or simply want to say hello. The village hall has a market event running between those times as well.

P.S. I have been amused by comments on social media likening my appearance to PC Ventress from the old TV show Heartbeat. All I will say is, as I take my hat off the similarity ends, as I have far less hair than him. ©





**NAYLAND AND DISTRICT  
WOMENS INSTITUTE**

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975  
Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

In February Nick Barrett-White gave an excellent and enlightening talk about the 'National Coastwatch'; this is a voluntary organisation set up in 1994 to restore visual watch along UK shores after many small Coastguard stations had been closed. They are all volunteers and do a fantastic job.

To celebrate the 67th birthday of the Nayland and district branch of the WI fifteen members enjoyed a lovely meal at the Saracens Head; the sunshine even made an appearance.

On 11th April the subject of the meeting will be 'Posture Pose and Balance' with our speaker Andrea Walsh. Our AGM will be held on 9th May.

Further ahead, on 13th June our speaker will talk about Medical Detection Dogs which are trained to detect minute changes in an individual's personal odour triggered by their disease and alert them to an impending medical event, helping them manage complex, life-threatening medical conditions and improving their quality of life. On 11th July the subject of our talk will be the History of Perrywood Garden Centre, a family business that has been operating since the 1950s.

We welcome new members and guests who may be interested in our talks and activities. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Our notice board in the High Street (near Fen Street) gives details of our activities.



**NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS**

Church Bells Tower Captain: Chris Hunt 262014 - Handbells Hazel Gardiner 262582

The handbell team have been practising hard for their appearance in Boxford Village Hall at the invitation of the Boxford WI. During a short interval a number of ladies volunteered to play a hand chime and with direction produced a pretty fair rendering of Daisy Daisy. From comments made it seems the afternoon was much enjoyed.

We meet between 1.30pm and 3pm in Nayland Church Hall each Tuesday of school term time - all-comers welcome.



Now, the 'big' bells in the tower.....

It is hoped that with better and warmer weather we could start again with a practice session once a week for our new ringers. When will the rain stop ??

We are still short of people to ring but we are not alone. Churches in the area are finding it difficult to recruit ringers, and that includes St Peters in Colchester, (top of North Hill), and that is the civic church of the city!! I suppose in our 'instant' world, people think things can be done at the press of a button on an Ipad (whatever that is?). Spending time learning a centuries old skill may not be to everyone's taste, but I am sure there may be some lapsed ringers out there who could come and help 'fire-up' our ancient six and send the sound of old England across the countryside. We often go to the pub afterwards!!

Anyone interested please give me a 'ring' (get it!). 01206 262014



**NAYLAND ART GROUP**

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We have been busy with watercolour again and our tutored sessions, which occur a couple of times a month, have been about landscape (making choices about colour and what to include), still life (choosing from a range of suggested styles) and scaling up natural materials (tree bark) to produce an abstracted picture inspired by artist Georgia O'Keeffe. We also have another acrylic painting session planned.

We are very pleased that a couple of new members have joined us. If you too are interested, the first two taster sessions are free and new members (of any experience or none) are always welcome so please do get in touch, details as above. We're always happy to share ideas, suggestions and – most importantly – the biscuits!

We meet in the church hall on Wednesday afternoons during term time.

**WHERE ARE THE 2 PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS IN NAYLAND?**

- **Nayland Fire Station**, Bear Street, Nayland CO6 4HY on the outside wall by the entrance.
- **Nayland Village Hall**, Church Lane, Nayland CO6 4JH on the outside wall to the right of the main entrance.

Please familiarise yourself with these locations and let your friends, family and neighbours know. Minutes Matter.





## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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The Society's AGM was a great success with one of our largest audiences, no doubt attracted by the appeal of our speaker, local resident and internationally renowned children's author and illustrator Mick Inkpen. Mick gave a memorable talk supported by an excellent visual presentation containing his well-known children's book characters.

The business part of the AGM saw the re-appointment of the current committee for 2024/25.

Our next event is the spring litter pick, held in conjunction with the Parish Council which will take place on Saturday the 20th April. Please meet at the village hall car park at 1.30pm. You are advised to wear gloves and litter pickers and refuse bags will be provided. Everyone will be allocated an area of the village for litter picking.

Our Spring Footpath walk will take place Sunday on the 12th of May when Chris Hunt will lead a circular walk from St. Mary's Church in Bures up to Mount Bures. Please meet outside St. Mary's at 2.15pm. The walk will last around two hours and will be interspersed with amusing anecdotes by our walk leader!

Open Gardens will take place on Sunday the 9th of June. If you would like to participate in this event please do not hesitate to contact me at [mikejphunter@gmail.com](mailto:mikejphunter@gmail.com). In particular, it would be a pleasure to see some gardens in the Nayland Heights area included in this event. Many volunteers will be needed on the day and if you would like to assist please contact Lucy Carpenter at: [lucycarpenter22@googlemail.com](mailto:lucycarpenter22@googlemail.com)

The Society celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and will hold a celebratory evening at the village hall on Tuesday the 25th of June starting at 7.15pm. Please note this evening will be limited to MEMBERS ONLY and will consist of celebratory drinks at the beginning of the evening followed by memories of three long standing members followed by an amusing summary by Mr Chris Hunt! The village hall will also contain a large number of stands exhibiting photos and details of the history of the Society. The next edition of the Community Times will contain a special section devoted to the history of the Society written by our excellent local historian and recorder, Wendy Sparrow.



### ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

Donations towards flowers throughout the year, and for Easter, can be given to Jeannette Finch, Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street.

The village is most grateful to the team of dedicated and talented flower arrangers who keep the church decorated throughout the year.

If anyone with an interest in flower arranging would like to join our little team or like to know more, do contact Jeannette on 262993.



### THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

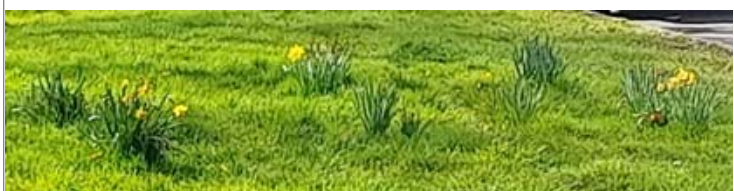
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There has been a little more human activity on the Green as spring has approached but the frequent rain has kept people indoors.

Unfortunately the long reed bed won't after all be cut this spring, hopefully work will be able to take place in the autumn.

The female swan has continued to visit our resident male but we still wait in anticipation as to whether they form a proper pair; there has been no sign of nest building.

The daffodils on the Green are providing some welcome colour, however, perhaps due to damage to the Green when SCC vans got stuck in the mud, during work on the ditch and the, the sodden ground this winter the display is poorer than usual. Perhaps it might be time to consider adding to the display.







## THE VILLAGE LUNCH

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The next Village Lunch will be held on Wednesday 10th April in the Village Hall. There will be a most interesting talk by an excellent speaker; Peter Lawrence will give an illustrated talk about *'Humphry Repton and his remarkable garden designs'*.



The format as usual; 11.45am for the talk at 12 followed by lunch at 1pm. A two course lunch will be served and please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £15 and will be available from 4th March until 5th April online at [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org) or from Mill Street Store & Deli.

Humphry Repton (1752–1818) was born in Bury St Edmunds, and considered the last great English landscape designer of the eighteenth century, often regarded as the successor to Capability Brown. In 1788, aged 36 and with four children and no secure income, he hit on the idea of combining his sketching skills with his limited experience of laying out grounds to become a 'landscape gardener'. As a skilled water colour painter, each commission was accompanied by one of his ingenious 'red books' to illustrate his proposal. He produced a red book for Tendring Hall Estate at Stoke by Nayland.

Thank you to everyone who supports the village lunches and ultimately our Village Hall.



## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON LAND COMPANY

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### PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH IMPROVEMENTS

We have recently completed phase 2 of resurfacing improvements to the permissive footpath. The improved section, 435 metres in length, starts near the bench close to the Horkesley Road/A134 junction, runs between the two sheep grazed fields and then loops back to the River Stour. It adds to the 200 metres of footpath that we improved last year. The new path has been top dressed with soil and seeded. We have temporarily closed the path to allow the new grass to get established.

A huge thank you to all concerned. These works were largely (but not exclusively) funded by DEFRA and the input of the Dedham Vale National Landscape and Stour Valley, and in particular Simon Amstutz and Emma Black, has been much appreciated. Danny Thurlow and his team have carried out the works on time and on budget.

### SITE MANAGEMENT

We are grateful to the Stour Valley Volunteers who spent a productive day removing the invasive poplar suckers that were spreading into our rewilding area. The growth of the suckers was beginning to shade out the wild grasses, flowers and insects which we are aiming to encourage, and sucker removal should enable the target vegetation communities to flourish.

We have recently completed annual management of the sections of hedgerow that were laid and coppiced. We cut these so that they are a little wider and higher each year. This management ensures that the hedges develop into dense habitat suitable for nesting birds and other wildlife. Ongoing management is needed to prevent the hedges reverting to a line of trees.

A small number of additional trees (alder, field maple and white willow) have been planted between the A134 culvert and pond, and also downstream of the weir. These are to replace a small number of failures from the original planting, and also to help compensate for the two mature alders close to the A134 that were blown over during the winter storms.

If anyone is interested in helping out with future practical management of the site then please get in touch.

### NEST BOX USAGE

We have a total of 14 bird nest boxes attached to trees throughout the site. These comprise a "barn owl" box, two large nest boxes, a "starling" nest box and 10 small nest boxes. In the 2023 nesting season nesting was attempted in 10 boxes. Eight of the boxes, including the starling box and one of the large nest boxes, were successfully used by blue/great tits. One of the old nests was particularly interesting in that it was lined predominantly with coarse mammal hair, probably that of deer or badger. The barn owl box and the other large nest box were used by wood pigeons or stock doves, but the presence of old eggs in the boxes when inspected in February indicated that these nests had not been successful. Over this winter some of the nest boxes have been utilised by small mammals, almost certainly wood mice. During a clean out of the boxes prior to the bird breeding season a number were found to contain large accumulations of leaves, used as bedding material, as well as the shells of eaten hazelnuts.







# Woodland Corner

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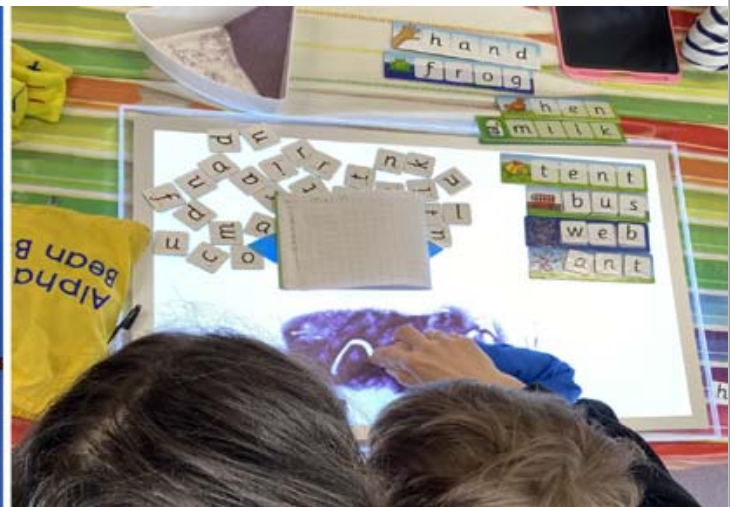
We have been busy celebrating this half term. First, we made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday, coloured daffodils for St David's Day and made a bracelet for the first day of spring.

We celebrated World Book Day with children dressing in their favourite costumes, bringing in their favourite book and making a hungry caterpillar craft. We have made cards and planted a viola for Mothering Sunday. We have invited mothers or ladies who are special to them on Monday the 11th March for an hour for tea and cake. On the 15th March it's Red nose day and we are decorating a biscuit and wearing 'red'.

We are also holding Parent Appointments for our two year old children (and some that have recently turned 3). We will have lots of Easter crafts and activities in the last two weeks of term and are looking forward to joining Cynet class for an Easter Egg Hunt on the 27th March.

We are now full for Pre-School sessions until September 2024 but please phone or email us to arrange a visit and go on our waiting list. Our extended schools are also nearly full with only a few spaces remaining!

This year marks a very special milestone - as it's the 50th anniversary of Nayland Playgroup! re-named Woodland Corner in 2008. To mark this special occasion we are having a party - with The Greatest Showman theme - at the Village Hall on the 18th May in the afternoon/evening. See poster on page 16 for further details.



## Family@Nayland

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We continue to hold our family services on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 10am at St James'. We enjoy crafting, games and action songs as well as a familiar service pattern and well-known hymns, with the age range of our congregation spanning at least 80 years!

During our March service we remembered the Easter story and what it means. We made little bugs to remind ourselves how small we feel when we do wrong, then added a cross to remind ourselves that Jesus died for us, and finally stuck wings to the cross to make a butterfly, because the Easter story means we can be forgiven and don't need to feel sad and small at all.

The next family services will be on 21st April and 19th May.







## NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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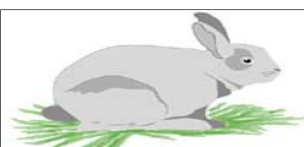
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 Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



We have been having lots of fun at the Toddler Group. We have been on a gruffalo hunt on the field, enjoyed washing toy cars in a car wash, and finished each session with rhymes and musical instruments. The children particularly enjoyed PC Niall's visit to the Village Hall and some even had their finger prints taken. Each session is finished with rhymes, musical instruments and singing.

Our entrance fee is £4 per family with tea/coffee, biscuits, healthy toddler snacks and drinks all included in the entry price along with lots of toys, activities and space for children to use up some energy.

We hope that you and your little ones can come and join us on Friday mornings at 9.15am until 11.15am. Our dates are April: 19th and 26th; May: 3rd, 10th and 17th; June: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th; and July: 5th.



## NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Miss Connell

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### YOUNG VOICES CHOIR AT THE O2 ARENA

Since September every Wednesday morning, 40 students at Nayland Primary School have been practising and perfecting their singing and dance moves to prepare for performing in the show of a lifetime! The Young Voices Choir at The O2 in London! On Monday the 15th January, they set off on a journey they would never forget. After about two hours of excitement bubbling up on the coach journey, they finally arrived. Their astonishment at the size of the arena was nothing compared to the excitement, empowerment and joy to come.

As the amazed Nayland students entered the cavernous arena, they were surrounded by a bustling throng of students who, just like them, were eager to perform. Once the thousands of students from other schools had filed into their seats, rehearsals began. Led by a kind conductor called David Lawrence, the children practised the songs they had learnt by heart over the duration of the last four months.

Then, the show began! All of the students were nervous and excited at the same time. All of the superstar children's parents were there, eager to see their young stars perform. Inside the arena, it was a confused jumble of emotions; all of the students were happy because they were there and grateful that they had been given this opportunity to sing their hearts out. However, some were sad that this experience was coming to an end after so much time spent rehearsing. The show was a huge success! The Nayland Young Voices Choir were so proud of themselves.

Being part of this magnificent experience is truly something that no one will ever forget. We personally loved every minute! Thank you to everyone who helped our young dream become a reality.

*by Maddie and Evelyn (Year 6 pupils at Nayland Primary School)*







# VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Chairman: Iain Wright 263646    Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



## FEBRUARY MEETING

### MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for February was read out.
- The monthly fire check for February was carried out.
- The annual battery exhaustion test has been completed and a detailed report presented to the VHMC.
- The VHMC agreed that all the lights should be changed to LED lights.
- A & B Glazing will be asked to service the three fire doors
- When the fire extinguishers are checked, the inspector needs to be given the key to the boiler room.
- The next quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The annual external inspection of the hall will be carried out.

### MAINTENANCE

- Brian May has serviced the boiler.
- Hadleigh Glass will complete remedial maintenance on the front doors on 18th February.
- The sinks in the kitchen need replacing; commercial sinks are being researched. The electrics under the sinks will need to be moved & the flooring extended.
- Someone who can replace the hall curtains will be sought.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Endowment Fund £15,630, COIF £20,326, Bank £27,963, Cash £888, Debtors £45, Assets £24,428.

- The VHMC discussed whether to raise the hiring fees, but the recommendation was to leave them at the present level.
- It was decided to accept the offer from Southern Electric to fix the electricity price for 2025.
- The PRS Licence will be paid.

### ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The VHMC is continuing with submissions to the Lottery Fund and Babergh Council for funding the roof replacement.
- There will be 2 major fundraising events in the summer this year.

### BOOKINGS

- The hall is being very well used and early booking is advised.
- A 4-way 13amp distribution bar has been stolen from the cinema projector in the Meeting Room. To prevent further vandalism the VHMC agreed that the Meeting Room will only be let out by special arrangement & will be kept locked.
- The donations for the Fete will be stored in the changing rooms from 1st March.
- The community policeman will be available for consultation on 9th February from 9.30am-12.30pm in the foyer of the hall.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be on **Monday 8th April @ 7.30pm** in the hall committee room.
- The Garden Working Party will take place on **Saturday 6th April** at 9am

## The Village Hall Management Committee would very much appreciate some new members joining us.

We meet once a month in the meeting room of the hall for a couple of hours on the first Monday of the month.

If you feel you can give a little of your time to keep this community facility prospering for the mutual benefit of the whole village, please contact any member of the VHMC.

## DONATIONS: ROOF REPLACEMENT

If you would like to make a donation to the Village Hall roof replacement project. The Village Hall bank account is:

- Bank: Santander
- Account Name: Nayland Village Hall
- Sort Code: 09 01 51
- Account Number: 05239305.

Please mark your donations for the roof replacement.

## COLLECTION OF KEYS

Please collect keys from Amy Christie, the caretaker, at 5 Meadow Cottages, Wiston Road, Nayland CO6 4FR. Phone 07581 036164.

## VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

The VHMC would like to remind villagers that when an event is held in the hall the hirers have the sole use of the car park.

## CLASSES & GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Mondays: 9.30am Acrylic Painting 2pm Table Tennis
- Tuesdays: 9.15 Pilates, 10.45 Dance Fitness Club
- Wednesdays: 2pm Yoga
- Thursdays: 10am Botanical Painting, 6pm Zumba Class
- Fridays: 9.30am Baby & Toddler Group (*term time*)
- Saturdays: 8am Yoga

Further details of these classes are available on the village hall bookings website via [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net).



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If you're not already part of our small community, we'd love to hear from you! We're always looking for new supporters - business and personal - so if you might be willing to help, we'd be delighted to hear from you!

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# VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Iain Wright welcomed the audience and thanked them for coming to the meeting.

We come to the end of another year within the life of the Village Hall and I am pleased to note that the use of the Hall is continuing apace with additional bookings, together with those regular village users.

This year was a very interesting year with four events being sponsored by the Village Hall Management Committee to help raise funds for the replacement roof. These events were:

- The Beatles Tribute band
- Afternoon Tea
- Proms in the Park
- Fun and Food Festival

The total profit for these events was approximately £7,500 and my thanks go to my team of helpers, Patricia Wilkie, Claire Buller and Emma Bishton. Currently there may be a repeat of the Beatles Tribute Band, depending on the health of the lead singer and this will be confirmed later.

During the year we have continued with updating the maintenance of the Village Hall with the replacement of light fittings to the upstairs meeting room and a battery replacement for the emergency lights, and further works in progress.

The cinema made a profit during the year of £673. This includes drinks sales, ice creams, pizzas and ticket sales. I note that the last two films have been well attended, showing a good profit. Our thanks go to Karen and her team for the film selection and for organising the cinema bar and pizzas, together with our thanks to Lorraine Brooks for producing the posters.

The VHMC is looking into replacing the curtains for the main hall as these were fitted in the year 2000 and are beginning to show signs of age.

I must thank the whole of the Village Hall Management Committee for their diligent and excellent work throughout the year. The Management Committee now comprises 5 people, with all the Committee tackling at least two jobs. It would benefit the Village if we had some new members of the VHMC to assist with the workload and, in that respect, I am looking for volunteers.

Peter will speak later about the year's accounts. He has steered us through another difficult year and I hope, when you read his presentation, you will understand a bit more about the Hall's finances.

During the year we received several complaints about noise emitting from the Village Hall during some of the parties held. To act in good conscience and respect for our neighbours, a sound limiter has been installed within the Village Hall and hopefully there will be no further complaints about noise emitting from the Village Hall.

Although I am no gardener myself, I am always very pleased to see the results of the Village Hall Gardening parties and huge thanks from the Committee to those who take part.

We also have the benefit of the Village Lunches which run twice a year, and which rely on several ladies, and some gentlemen, to assist with the production and delivery of the food and the setting out of tables and chairs. The lunches raised £6183 and some of these funds have been used to purchase two new under-counter fridges for the kitchen.

Our thanks go to them and their contribution to the well-being of the Village Hall finances is very important.

Our thanks go to Amy and her team for their contribution to the cleaning and well-being of the Hall. The time spent keeping the Village Hall ship-shape is very important to the Committee and its many users of the Village Hall to enjoy clean and tidy premises.

We continue to liaise with funders and are cautiously optimistic that we should be able to achieve a significant grant from the National Lottery towards our goal.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The results for the year ending 31.12.2023 show total receipts of £46,267 and expenditure of £32,846 (including £1895 depreciation), giving a surplus of £13,421. Balance sheet items are as follows:

Endowment Deposit	£15,630
'Own' Deposit	£20,326
Bank	£28,463
Debtors	£45
Cash	£388
Assets	£23,200

The very satisfactory surplus for 2023 was greatly enhanced by the fund raising activities and donations in aid of the roof replacement, which together contributed £10,686. The cinema and Village Lunches also made healthy contributions, for which we are very grateful. Bookings for the Hall were also good, although 2 regular hirers have ceased.

With regard to expenditure, costs were in line with expectations. The hall does need regular maintenance, and this is reflected in the amount of £4280 spent during the year.

Finally, it should be noted that the hall building and land (which are very significant village assets) do not show in these accounts, as they are owned by the Parish Council but leased and managed on their behalf by the VVHMC.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The VHMC were re-elected: Chairman Iain Wright, Treasurer Peter Mann, Secretary Christine Thompson, Committee Nick Moriarty and Dawn Harris.

### AOB

- Negotiations with the National Lottery are continuing for funding towards the roof replacement. The VHMC are cautiously optimistic that we will be successful.
- The oil-fired boiler will need to be replaced with an electric one in the future. The solar panels on the new roof will enable the Village Hall to generate enough electricity for both its own needs & to make an income by supplying the excess to the National Grid.
- Mike Hunter thanked the VHMC for installing the noise limiter.
- Rachel Hitchcock thanked the VHMC for their hard work.

## APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR ANIMAL CARE ASSISTANTS

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Leavenheath, CO6 4PP.

or by email to: [sesawken@gmail.com](mailto:sesawken@gmail.com)



## KENNETH GEORGE WILLINGALE

(June 1926 - January 2024)

Ken, as he was known to most, was born in Loughton, Essex, the child of Harold and Nellie and brother to Alan, Jean and Margaret.

Even as an infant Ken was more than useful at English and Maths. He went to Beale school for boys and also played cricket for Ilford boys. In 1939 Ken and Alan were evacuated to Ipswich and this is where they first went to the cinema to see a George Formby film; their father was not in favour of this form of entertainment but they went to the flicks many more times. This period of time is known as the 'Phoney war', so their mother brought them home.

The Beale School evacuated Ken again to Kennylands Camp in Buckinghamshire. He was in charge of the pigsty there when King George VI and the Queen visited and they shook his hand; it was a moment of fame as the occasion was recorded on newsreel and he had his picture in the Daily Mirror.

His first job was as a cub reporter for the Daily Express, but he did not like the hours and lifestyle so he became a messenger for an American merchant bank in the City of London. He was to stay there for 40 years, albeit with one authorised break to do his duty and join the Royal Navy.

Ken moved down to Portsmouth and the Navy recognised he was capable in English and Maths; after initial training he went to Scarborough to be trained as a signaller. He majored in Morse Code, Semaphore and the Aldiss Lamp. From there he went to the Isle of Man where he learned the new techniques of Sonar and Radar before starting his active service on a Corvette, HMS Dahlia.

6th June 1944 is an important date in the annals of world history. HMS Dahlia was on escort duty but received orders they were to patrol off the Omaha landing beach where the Americans had incurred high casualties. That event increased Ken's Christian faith as he saw the effects of man's inhumanity to man.



and a requirement for greater recreational facilities and amenities. Ken and Olive supported this enthusiastically with Ken being appointed Treasurer of a Steering Group (which became the Community Council) to take forward the project of providing a recreation ground and village hall for the community; this was achieved when the hall opened in 1972. As founder member and long-standing President Ken remained a valued part of the Community Council until his death in January.

They moved a short distance to live in Fen Street. Ken became a director of his bank, Singer & Friedlander, where he was in charge of staff as it was his forte to help and look after people.

Over the years Ken and Olive contributed to many village groups. Ken did a stint as Chairman of the Parish Council and became a Lay Reader of St James Church. They were both members of the Royal British Legion, later being honoured as Presidents of the RBL and the Women's Section. While Olive was the force behind, and eventual President of the Horticultural Society, Ken gave his support and enjoyed entering the annual Flower Show with his baking.

In 1982 the bank was taken over and Ken was fortunate to retire after 40 years service.

Shortly after that they moved to Church Mews and also bought a small apartment in southern Spain where they could spend the winter in a warmer place. They became grandparents with the births of Chloe and Sam.

In 2008 Ken and Olive were honoured to be awarded a Babergh Achievement Award recognising community heroes; the citation described "the list of organisations who have benefited from their commitment is endless and many of the things we take for granted in our village owe their existence, in part, to their work."

Sadly Olive passed away in 2011 but Ken coped very well and even went cruising on his own; his last being a round the world cruise, which lasted three months. He continued his independence and it was only on reaching 97 years of age last June that he finally gave up driving.

Ken left his mark on Nayland and will be fondly remembered by many. He will be greatly missed by his family including his great-grandchildren, Finn, Allegra and Arthur, but they will find inspiration and comfort that he had a life well lived.

- "Ken had stepped back somewhat by the time I joined the Community Council. A stickler for protocol and 'doing things properly' he remained supportive of all that we do and always offered encouragement for our ongoing work."

*Rachel Hitchcock, Chair, Community Council*

- "Ken had unwavering passion for the CC; his memories of both the CC and HortSoc were sharp and enlightening when I was assembling histories for these village organisations."

*Lorraine Brooks, NwW Community Times*

- "As President of the RBL Ken was our esteemed figurehead. We have much to be grateful to Ken for; he was instrumental in acquiring Webbs Meadow and building the Village Hall which continues to benefit our village."

*Andrew Gowen, RBL & Community Council*

- "I recall during our time together on the CC, with his usual good humour, Ken would take me to task for what he perceived as my cavalier approach to the protocol and rules of the Constitution. We remained good friends!"

*Bryan Smith, Community Council*



Babergh Achievement Awards 2008

The following year he was posted to Ceylon, Sri Lanka as it is now, as one of the personal signallers to Commander Louis Mountbatten. He then served in Burma and Malaysia and in Singapore where he became as motorcycle despatch rider.

Eventually he received his de-mob orders and returned to the bank. Here he was promoted and more importantly found the love of his life, Olive Emery, and they were married in June 1950. They lived in south Woodford and along came Andrew in July 1953 and Malcolm in April 1956. Ken supported the British Legion, he played cricket for Woodford Green and volunteered to raise funds for anew charity called Oxfam. He gained more promotion at the bank and journeyed abroad to gain new banking customers.

In 1966 while attending the Ideal Home Exhibition Ken and Olive bought a new build house in Willow Grove, Nayland. This was the start of their long dedication to community life in the village.

They both took up golf and were founder members of Stokeby-Nayland Club. Ken also played cricket for Tendring Park CC.

They arrived in Nayland at a time of great change and expansion

FREE PRESS, Thursday, August 15, 1996



Expert bakers both - Ken and Olive Willingale took first prize in the men's and women's fruit cake classes



## MORE ABOUT OTTERS

It was interesting to read in the February Community Times about the otter spraints recently seen on the fallen willow by the culvert on Nayland meadow. Some people have been lucky enough to see these fascinating animals along the river in Nayland but having lived here for over fifty years I have still not managed to catch even a glimpse of any. I think I will have to take an evening stroll in the hope of seeing one as otters are secretive animals and are more likely to be seen at dusk.

Ambrose Waller writing in his book *The Suffolk Stour* in 1957 said that at that time otters were still fairly common on the Stour and recalled that the Eastern Counties Otter Hounds had occasional meets at various places on the river. From that time, however, otters were in decline, due to hunting and the destruction of their riverside habitat, pollution and diminishing fish stocks.

In 1971 the Otter Trust was established at Earsham near Bungay, Suffolk, to encourage the conservation of otters throughout the world but with particular emphasis on the British Otter. It opened to the public in 1976 and during a visit there in the eighties I was pleased to see otters for the first time living in a completely safe environment. They were part of an extensive breeding programme carried out on behalf of the then Nature Conservancy Council which was very successful, the 117th otter being released into the wild in 1999. The programme was then scaled back and the centre was closed to the public in 2006 but still exists. Work also goes on locally to encourage the return of otters to the Stour Valley and there have been many sightings in recent years.

Readers might be as shocked as I was to see this disturbing photograph of Frederick Lucas who was the landlord of the White Hart in the 1920s. He is in the middle of the group and if you look closely you will see that the men either side of him are each holding a dead otter. I understand from Mr Lucas's



grandson that these otters were caught in the river behind the White Hart. Since otter hunting was outlawed in 1978, and under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act it was made an offence for otters to be killed, injured or disturbed or to obstruct their access to places of shelter or protection, we shall never see anything like this again.

## YET ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY!

There are several anniversaries to celebrate in Nayland this year and one which should not be missed is that of the first known archaeological dig of Court Knoll which took place 100 years ago in 1924. Major Dick, who lived in Little Horkesley, was the first local history enthusiast on record to discover Roman materials in the remains of what was believed to be manorial buildings on the site. It has taken a very long time for the Major's discoveries to be investigated further but with modern technology, local enthusiasm and cooperation with professionals in recent years much more is now known.

*Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder*

Following on from the RBL report on page 24

## REMEMBERING Lt Charles Francis Gumm Jr.



29th October 1920 - 1st March 1944

On the 80th anniversary of the death of this heroic American fighter pilot the Royal British



Legion remembered the gallantry and ultimate sacrifice made by Lieutenant Charles "Chuck" Gumm Jr. They held a short ceremony at the War Memorial and adjacent memorial bench to recall the event, lay a wreath and present and lower their Standard followed by a 2 minute silence.

For those who are not aware....on 1st March 1944 Lt Gumm's career ended unexpectedly. The P-51 Mustang he was flying on a cross-country flight to Goxhill lost power at 800 feet shortly after becoming airborne from Boxted Airfield. He realised he was over the built up area of Nayland and that if he bailed out to save himself his plane would crash into the village and claim innocent lives. He decided to remain with his plane to steer it away from the village and attempt a forced landing but it crash landed into a tree on the banks of the river Stour near Court Knoll and claimed his life when he was thrown from the cockpit and killed instantly.

The Charles Gumm memorial bench was installed next to Nayland War Memorial in 2001. He was just 23 years of age when he died, leaving a wife Muriel and 10 month old daughter Toni.

Lt Gumm is buried in his hometown of Spokane, Washington. He received the air medal and three oak leaf clusters and was awarded, posthumously, the silver star, the soldiers medal and distinguished flying cross for gallantry in action. He was the leading ace for his squadron with 7.5 victories to his credit.



## NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: January & February 2024 *by David Lowe*

**January** started and finished mild and wet, but had a cooler two weeks from the 5th, culminating in five days with mean temperatures close to, and in one case below, freezing. Shallow residual flood water permitted ice skating in the valley in the 18th and 19th, a rare occurrence at all in recent times – and rarer still on two consecutive days. However, this was only possible because of the persistence and extreme shallowness of the flood water – a few inches – the ground close beneath giving considerable support to the ice.

Mean temperature was 5.5°C (4.46) with a high of 14°C (12.74) and minimum of -4.4°C (-4.3). There was one day with a mean temp sub-zero (2.53). There were six days with air frost (9.8) thirteen with ground frost (14.47) and eighteen with grass frost.

There were six days with a max of less than 5°C (9.13) and eighteen less than 10°C (23.67). So, overall, not a cold month.

Bright sun hours were 75.2 (66.26) solar energy 2040 Ly (1833.33) and evapotranspiration 24.8 mm (16.07) a record, probably down to the high average wind speed.

Monthly rainfall was 57.6 mm (49.89) with highest daily rainfall 17.8 mm (11.03). Highest rainfall rate was 19 mm (38.2). There were 3 days with over 10 mm (1.2) equal record and none over 20 mm (there never has been in January over the 16 year record period).

Average wind strength was 6.6 mph (4.53) only beaten in 2018, with highest gust at 63 mph on the 2nd, against an average of 38.5. No. of days when 30 mph or more was reached, was 7 (4.87) 35 mph, 6 (1.87) and over 40 mph, 4 (0.53). The over

35 mph and over 40 mph figures are both records. The dominant wind direction was WSW.

**February** was a record for both warmth and wet. The mean temperature was 8.8 °C (5.42) 1.6°C higher than the previous record of 2022. Rainfall was 99.2 mm (45.82) more than double the average and 22mm more than the next highest.

The cause was low pressure areas surging into the UK from the Atlantic pretty much un-interrupted, with the normal 'channel' north of Norway generally blocked, and the absence of any high pressure area keeping them at bay.

The highest temperature was 16.1 °C (14.42) not, in fact, a record and the lowest, -1.3 °C (-3.16). The lowest maximum was 7.9 °C (3.25) which was a record. There were only 2 air frosts (6.44), 3 ground (10.56) and 7 grass.

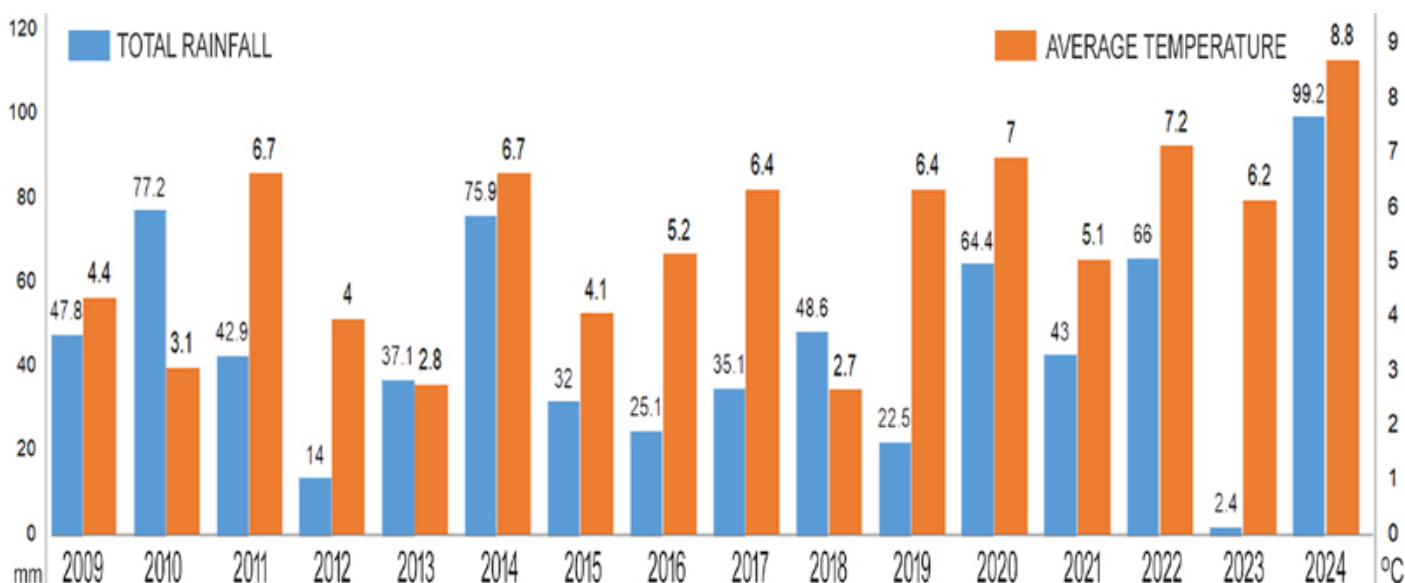
There were no days with a maximum of less than 5 °C (5.56) five of less than 10 °C (16.81) and twenty-seven of less than 15 °C (27.62).

Bright sun hours were 117 (119.34) solar energy was 3080 Ly (3242.81) and evapotranspiration 27.5 mm (25.71).

The record monthly rainfall of 99.2 mm featured a high rainfall rate of 46.2 mm (29.99) and a record three days of over 10 mm (0.81). Over the 16 year record period, there has never been a day of 20 mm or more.

Average wind strength was 5.9 mph (5.22) and highest gust 38 mph (38.75). The highest day average was 13.5 mph (11.61). There were 4 days over 30 mph (4.19) 2 over 35 mph (2.12) and 0 over 40 mph (0.94). The dominant direction was WSW.

### NAYLAND FEBRUARY TOTAL RAINFALL & AVERAGE TEMPERATURE 2009-2024



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- ✓ New pupils
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**Opt-in deadline**

- ! Applications must be received by 31 May 2024

**Opt-in now at** [www.suffolkboard.com/school-travel/opt-in-apply/](http://www.suffolkboard.com/school-travel/opt-in-apply/)

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If you are unsure if you need to opt-in please contact customer services at [customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk) or on **0345 606 6173**. Please ensure you provide the child's full name, date of birth, postcode and their student ID number if known.

## SESASW NEWS:

**Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare** [www.sesaw.co.uk](http://www.sesaw.co.uk) Tel: 01787 210888  
Email: [info@sesaw.co.uk](mailto:info@sesaw.co.uk) Reg Charity No.1124029) Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP.



Have you heard about those scary Asian Hornets which are a huge threat to our native honey bees? I hope our volunteers watch out for them in the garden at SESAW. People can report any sightings via a mobile phone 'app' from the gov.uk website. Read about it at: New app to report Asian hornet sightings - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

Birdsong, daffodils and lighter evenings herald the arrival of Spring but we have animals from last summer, still awaiting new homes, including a bonded pair of Saluki dogs. Lily and Grey are looking for a loving home with a comfy sofa after raising their five puppies. If you, or someone you know, could be that special person they deserve, please call or email.

We are full to overflowing with rescued animals which is impeding vital maintenance so we have decided to close from 1st April for at least one month to facilitate renovations. Rescue intake is now on a strictly emergency basis to free up the accommodation in need of repairs. Rehoming of animals will continue by appointment only during April and extra help will be drafted in to take incoming calls and emails. We apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst these essential works are carried out and hope everyone will be understanding until normal service can be resumed.

Warmest wishes for a blessed Easter and don't forget to keep any chocolate eggs away from animals, particularly dogs like me, **Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!**

## SEEN IN NAYLAND – BE ON THE LOOKOUT

# ASIAN HORNET

(*Vespa velutina*)

It's a highly effective predator of insects, including honey bees and other beneficial species, which can cause significant losses to bee colonies, and potentially other native species. The Asian hornet is active mainly between April and November peaking during August/September. May be seen on flowering plants, around beehives, around rotting / fermenting fruit and protein. Nests are usually high in trees or man-made structures, sometimes closer to the ground, pear shaped up to 60x80cm. The entrances are on the sides (*European hornets have an entrance at the base*). Do not disturb or provoke a hornet's nest, check from a safe distance before reporting. They have poisonous venoms which can be painful if stung; human life is usually only threatened by multiple stings, or anaphylactic shock.



**Asian Hornet**  
*Vespa velutina* **non-native**

**Legs:** Yellow at ends  
**Head:** Black from above, orange face  
**Thorax:** Black and velvety  
**Abdomen:** Mainly black with one obvious yellow/orange band

**European Hornet**  
*Vespa crabro* **native to UK**

**Legs:** Brown  
**Head:** Brown from above, yellow face  
**Thorax:** Black and brown  
**Abdomen:** Mainly yellow with black bands, spot marks like 'dripping paint'



It is important to report any suspected sightings of this species as soon as possible (with a photo). Use the QR code or report them at: [https://risc.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian\\_hornet](https://risc.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian_hornet) or by email with a photo to: [alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk](mailto:alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk)



More info or download the Asian Hornet Watch App at [https://www.nonnativespecies.org/non-native-species/species-alerts/#Species\\_53](https://www.nonnativespecies.org/non-native-species/species-alerts/#Species_53)



# NAYLAND CHOIR: ORIGINS & FIRST CONCERT

## Vivaldi Gloria - 27th March 1994

Nayland Choir & Orchestra

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Vivaldi

GLORIA in D major RV 589

6.30 pm SUNDAY 27th MARCH 1994  
St. James Church Nayland

ADMISSION FREE

Collection for Community

Following a riotous and tuneful 'Christmas Carol' Village Players' post-production party in December 1991, I was persuaded to set up a women's choir in Nayland.

With the first rehearsal on 9th January, 1992 and quickly named 'Tapestry', rehearsals were in members' homes until the November when we arrived at the Church Hall (which I noted at the time had an acoustic resembling St Mark's Venice). Tapestry then sang Heinrich Schütz 'A Christmas Story' at St James Church. Fulfilling twelve public engagements during the

two years and raising funds for causes and charities within and outside the village, Tapestry's repertoire ranged from Music Hall to madrigals, Palestrina and Purcell and included a recital at Holy Trinity, Long Melford. We were even featured on Anglia TV when they visited Nayland. I particularly loved the performance of 'The Lady of Shalott' (set for two sopranos and alto by Armstrong-Gibbs at Wiston Mill, with a beautiful accompaniment from Emma (Bishton, of course!) on keyboard and viola, Jayne Kennedy (flute) and Jeremy Hughes (cello). Absolutely the right setting and the right sound. Then - our former vicar, the Rev David Stranack asked if I could teach 'Something in which we could all take part' - that meant adding Tenor and Basses to the sound.

Tapestry had given me the confidence - so from January 1994, Nayland Choir started rehearsing Vivaldi's 'Gloria' in the Church Hall where I played a recording of the work. Some fifty people had turned up, were not deterred and so we clearly had to find larger premises. By kind permission of the Easts, Nayland Choir was fortunate to relocate to the Old Chapel on



Tapestry

Palm Sunday, 27th March 1994 saw a full afternoon rehearsal followed by the concert. The church was packed and it was a joy to hear the (then) Nayland Orchestra perform works by Boyce, Handel and Bach. Following the interval, the singers rose to their feet. The sense of energy was palpable and I thought 'Here we go!' The first choral piece was the solemnly beautiful 'O Sacred Head' from Bach's St Matthew Passion. A serious tone had been struck. But then came the introduction to 'Gloria' from Vivaldi with its bright trumpets tootling along, and away we went. It was quite wonderful to hear the confident, open singing that evening. When we reached the end, Rev Stranack asked if we could sing the final chorus, 'Cum Sancto Spiritu' (a rousing fugue) a second time - which we did with even more enthusiasm. Being a 'one off' no costs venture, the concert raised £515, shared between Nayland Primary School and Parker's Way.

Tapestry and Nayland Choir came about because everyone wanted to sing and there was enormous support from the singers and community. I was very privileged to be in the right place at the right time; having attended a girls' school (where I'd gleaned almost all the Tapestry music) and to have had a lot of choir experience as a music student and singing locally helped too. Sharing conducting responsibilities with Jeremy and Trevor

Hoskins, I conducted in Nayland on and off from 1992 till 1999. Alas, my singing days are over but the Choir has invited me to conduct 'something Shakespeare-themed' at their Summer Concert 2024. I am delighted to be asked and am scouting already.

Nayland Choir now flourishes under the inestimable baton of Emma from whom much terrific music flows. I know the Choir will continue to delight us all in the years ahead and would like to wish everyone many crochets and quavers, even if they're not necessarily in the right order at rehearsals. Bonne chance!

Mandy Cook



Choir: The Old Chapel

Stoke Road. Rehearsals were very sociable events with a tea and biscuits rota and folk from eight to eighty bursting to sing. (In fact, one little one would regularly fall asleep on a duvet during the rehearsals).

It was clear from the start that Nayland Choir was creating something very musical: but how would it be accompanied? We were blessed that Emma, Jeremy and Sarah Firnberg (resident in the Chapel) put together a full orchestra, including trumpets and oboe (played by James Finch). Our soloists came from the choir too. As this was a very new venture, I'd drawn up a seating plan and we even had a 'dress rehearsal' in which singers wore their concert clothes so they would know how the whole thing would feel.



Choir: St James' Church



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## CHURCH SERVICES: March/April

### Holy Week

Monday 25th	7.00pm	Introduction of Easter	Polstead
Tuesday 26th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Leavenheath
Weds 27th	7.00pm	Compline	Wiston
Maundy Thu 28th	7.00pm	Eucharist & Foot Wash	Nayland
Good Friday 29th	9.00am	One Hour at the Cross	Leavenheath
	10.30am	Objects of the Passion	Nayland
	2.00pm	Easter Meditation	Stoke
Saturday 30th	7.00pm	Easter Vigil Eucharist	Nayland

Easter Sunday 31st	9.30am	Family Eucharist	Polstead
	10.00am	Family Eucharist	Leavenheath
	10.30am	Family Morning Prayer	Wiston
	11.00am	Family Eucharist	Stoke

<u>Sunday 7th April</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	10.00am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke

<u>Sunday 14th</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke w. Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston

<u>Sunday 21st</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Leavenheath

<u>Sunday 28th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	6.30pm	Sung Evensong	Nayland

### Weekly Pew Sheets & Reading

If anyone would like to receive the weekly church pew sheets and readings via email please let Nicola know via email: [nicola.church@yahoo.com](mailto:nicola.church@yahoo.com)

### Weekday & Saturday Services

The following services will be held in our churches **every** week unless indicated in the weekly pew sheet. Do join us in our weekday worship.

Mondays:	8.30am	MP	Nayland
Tuesdays:	8.30am	MP	Leavenheath
Wednesdays:	9.00am	HC	Nayland
Thursdays:	8.30am	MP	Wiston
Fridays:	6.30pm	EP	Stoke
Saturdays:	6.00pm	C	Polstead

Key: MP Morning Prayer, HC Holy Communion, EP Evening Prayer, C Compline, BCP Book of Common Prayer

**Daily church opening times:** Nayland 10-4pm, Wiston 9-4pm, Stoke 9-4pm, Leavenheath 10-4pm, Polstead 9-4pm.

## CHURCH SERVICES: May

<u>Sunday 5th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	10.00am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	3.00pm	Rogation Trailer Service	Wiston
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke

<u>Sunday 12th</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke w. Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston

<u>Sunday 19th Pentecost Whit Sunday</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Leavenheath

<u>Sunday 26th Trinity Sunday</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	6.30pm	Sung Evensong	Nayland

<u>Sunday 2nd June</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	10.00am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke

*This rota is correct at time of going to print please also check timetable of services in your church porch, on the website or Facebook*

## FROM THE REGISTERS



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### Dear Friends,

As I write on Mothering Sunday, in the middle of Lent and with thoughts turning towards Holy Week and Easter, several things come to mind concerning the Church and the future.

Perhaps unusually I have been inspired by local events with which I have been involved and also by writings in the national press to name just two.

Many of you, at least in my 'home' parish, will know of my involvement with the reconstruction of the Sutton Hoo Burial Ship. As part of this project, this past week we have been planting out some 2000 oak saplings, each grown from a seemingly lifeless acorn. In years to come they will grow into a mature woodland for those who follow us to enjoy, and in due course potentially use.

With this thought in mind, collectively we need to make sure that there is always a pipeline of new joiners to our Christian way of life, of all ages and backgrounds. We need to make sure that they are not passive members but are actively engaged

and want to make a difference.

Recently I was introduced to an important publication, "How Village Churches Thrive; A Practical Guide", Church House Publishing 2022. This multi-authored book really sums up where we need to be thinking and I will pick out one or two of the ten chapters as hopefully food for thought:

1. Extending a warm welcome
2. Using buildings creatively
3. Welcoming more children
4. Reaching the isolated and lonely
5. Communicating effectively

In this time of Lent, let us think very carefully about 'what does your church mean to you, what are our challenges and where would we like to be in five years time?'

The sky's the limit. Let's bring it down to earth and look forward to the future with hope in our hearts.

*David Pryor, Lay Elder*

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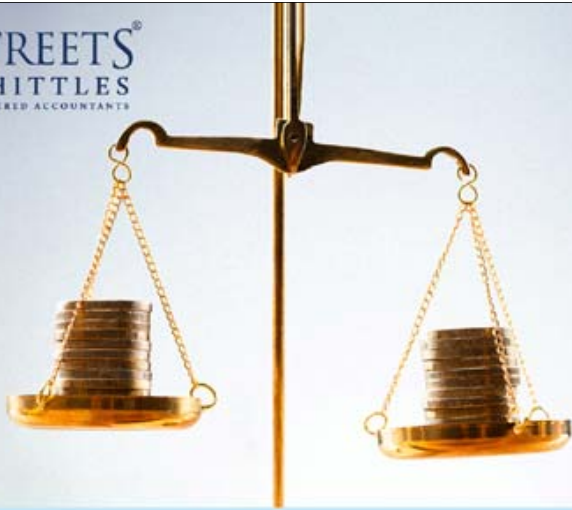
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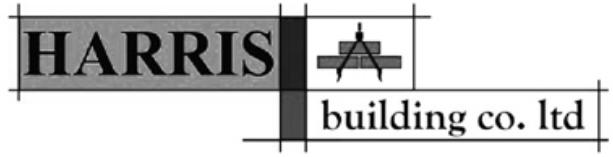
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## VILLAGE DIARY

Weekly on	Mondays: Tuesdays: Wednesdays:  Fridays:	Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 24</i> Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall <i>page 28</i> Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall <i>page 28</i> Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James <i>page 27 &amp; 41</i> Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall <i>page 32</i>
<b>March</b>		
29th 31st		Easter Egg Hunt: 11am Anchor Inn in aid of Lizzie's Fund <i>page 16</i> British Summer Time begins: Clocks 'Spring' Forward
<b>April</b>		
6th		Village Hall: Spring Gardening Morning from 9am <i>page 9, 22 &amp; 33</i>
8th		Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>pages 33 &amp; 47</i>
10th		Village Lunch: 'Humphry Repton' Peter Lawrence 11.45am for 12 Village Hall <i>page 17 &amp; 30</i>
10th		Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 &amp; 47</i>
11th		Women's Institute: 'Posture Poise and Balance' 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 28</i>
11th		St James Annual Parochial Church Meeting 6.30pm in St James <i>page 22 &amp; 27</i>
12th		Village Cinema: 'The Miracle Club' open 6.30pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 23 &amp; 25</i>
16th		HortSoc: AGM & Fun Quiz 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 17 &amp; 26</i>
18th		Village Players: 'On Golden Pond' 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 17 &amp; 24</i>
19th		Village Players: 'On Golden Pond' 8pm Village Hall <i>page 17 &amp; 24</i>
20th		Nayland Community Litterpick: meet 1.30pm Village Hall Car Park <i>page 22 &amp; 29</i>
20th		Village Players: 'On Golden Pond' 8pm Village Hall <i>page 17 &amp; 24</i>
21st		Nayland Calendar Photographic Competition: deadline for entries <i>page 1, 10 &amp; 11</i>
23rd		Royal British Legion: St George's Day Lunch Anchor Inn <i>page 24</i>
24th		Parish Council: Annual Parish Assembly 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 1, 3 &amp; 6</i>
24th		Friends St James: Nayland's Got Talent 7.30pm St James' Church <i>page 16</i>
26th-28th		Nayland Calendar Photographic Competition: online voting - closes midnight on 28th April <i>page 1, 10 &amp; 11</i>
<b>May</b>		
1st		Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) <i>page 8 &amp; 47</i>
5th		Rogation Sunday: Trailor ride from 3pm St Mary's Wiston followed by picnic <i>page 22 &amp; 40</i>
6th		Nayland Church Fete 1pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 12</i>
8th		Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 &amp; 47</i>
8th		Village Players: AGM 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 24</i>
9th		Women's Institute: AGM 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 28</i>
11th		HortSoc: Morning Market & Refreshments 9.30am-noon Church Hall <i>page 17 &amp; 26</i>
12th		Conservation Society: Spring Footpath walk <i>page 22 &amp; 29</i>
13th		Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>pages 33 &amp; 47</i>
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17th		Village Cinema: 'film tbc' open 6.30pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 23 &amp; 25</i>
18th		Woodland Corner / Nayland Playgroup: 50th Anniversary Celebration <i>page 16 &amp; 31</i>
<b>June</b>		
9th		Conservation Society: Open Gardens 2pm-6pm <i>page 23 &amp; 29</i>
12th		HortSoc: Coach outing to Hyde Hall Gardens leaving Nayland 10am <i>page 13 &amp; 26</i>
14th		Village Cinema: 'film tbc' open 6.30pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 23 &amp; 25</i>
25th		Conservation Society: 50th Anniversary Celebration <i>page 29</i>
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