



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

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NAYLAND CHURCH FETE



The weather may not have been very kind on 6th May but the array of activities, stalls, sideshows and sports were enjoyed nonetheless - see page 10.

CONSERVATION SOCIETY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Conservation Society, which was established in 1974, is marking it's 50th anniversary in June with a celebratory evening and exhibition for members. A colour feature on the history and achievements of the Society can be found in the centre pages herein.

NAYLAND OPEN GARDENS

After months of high rainfall and a somewhat disappointing spring Nayland is looking forward to its Open Gardens which promises to be a lovely afternoon with 26 beautiful gardens, some not opened before, available to enjoy. See page 16 for details.



NAYLAND & WISTON CALENDAR COMPETITION

Thank you to every who participated in the competition; the entries were amazing. Thanks also to those who voted for their favourites images the 2025 calendar will include stunning scenes of Nayland and of Wiston. See pages 38-39 for details and photos.

The calendars will be available from early July - see www.naylandandwiston.net and will be on sale at Nayland Flower Show on 3rd August.

POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Monday & Tuesday from 9.30am to 2pm

JUNE 2024

No: 209

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Notes by observer of the meeting: 10th April 2024

(Minutes will be available on PC notice board in the High Street or <https://naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk> after the next meeting)

Robin Thorogood chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mike Hunter (Conservation Society) raised the issue of a public consultation on removal of restrictions on night flights at Stansted. He confirmed arrangements were in hand regarding the forthcoming spring litter pick on 20th April.

HIGHWAYS

Correspondence had been received regarding damage to a road sign at the bottom of Campions Hill which had been knocked by HGV; the pole has been reinstated but the sign is missing. The Chair agreed to investigate further.

The road sweep of the Bear Street cul-de-sac had been carried out very successfully with the double yellow lines now visible again.

Dawn Harris will be further discussing the issues on the by-pass central island - including weeds, surface dressing and the previously illuminated bollards - with James Finch.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **3 Gravel Hill [DC/24/00578]** for replacement roofing and extensions.

A planning appeal had been raised, following Babergh's refusal for erection of a single-storey detached dwelling with carport and garage on **land adjacent to Nayland Primary School, Bear Street** (next to Burial Ground) – APP/D3505/W/24/3336897. [Babergh's original planning reference DC/22/05339]. Councillors agreed to submit an objection to this application Appeal.

Discussing recent applications at the **Doctors Surgery 93 Bear Street [DC/24/01508]** for erection of single storey rear extension (for an office) councillors had no objections but it was agreed for the Clerk to contact the Surgery seeking their cooperation in relation to a complaint about their lighting.

A response to the Council's letter to the Chief Planning Officer regarding the site adjacent to Paddock Grove had been received; councillors had no comments.

The Clerk confirmed she has made enquiries with SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils) seeking information about training sessions on planning for the full Parish Council.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

A weed barrier and chippings have been installed around the Royal Memorial tree for ease of maintenance.

The Play Park Safety Inspection had been carried out; it considered the Play Park was in a well-kept condition, a matter of concern has been roped off and is being dealt with. Gerry Battye said it had been disappointing not to have met the inspector in person as arranged.

Dawn Harris agreed to liaise with Isabelle Reece in relation to a planting and maintenance scheme for the old bus shelter green space. In the meantime just mowing is required; this needs to be clarified with Babergh as they cut grassed areas on the Heights.

The bus shelter itself needs some maintenance; Dawn Harris will look into this and circulate details.

The PC expressed compliments and thanks to Bear, Fish and friends for a charming Easter display in the old bus shelter.

The wooden rail above the Caley Green culvert needs painting. The Clerk will contact SCC Properties to chase them regarding installation of the wooden revetment at Caley Green.

ALLOTMENTS

Some allotments are currently in a poor state of upkeep and cultivation, some rents remain outstanding; letters will be sent to tenants in this regard. There remain two names on the waiting list.

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Dawn Harris said County Broadband had offered a free internet connection for the Village Hall which was being considered.

They were grateful to those helping at the spring tidy of the VH garden. A tree in the Village Hall car park will need attention; a meeting will be arranged with the PC's grounds maintenance

contractor. The Village Hall Roof Project was to be discussed in committee after the meeting.

BURIAL GROUND

The patching repairs to the Fairfield Drive are scheduled for 7th May and our grounds maintenance contractors have been advised.

The contractors will be asked to remove and dispose of the Jean Griggs memorial bench at the burial ground which is beyond repair. The new Jane Walker Memorial is now in place; the unveiling ceremony will take place on 18th April.

Sam Treharne was approached by a resident concerned by the condition of the old Burial Ground; concerns will be raised with Babergh who manage the old Cemetery.

It was noted that the new fence panels installed by the PC contractors are a great improvement in the new Burial Ground (which is PC responsibility)

Following discussion on complaints received regarding the difficulties experienced in parking in bays at the Fairfield turning circle to visit the burial ground it was agreed that: the Chair would speak to the School and Woodland Corner about their use of the spaces and one of the bays will have a notice stating it is for burial ground parking only.

The 'dogs on leads' sign at the entrance to the burial ground will be laminated.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Owen Brown confirmed that Sue Downs from Community Action Suffolk, would attend the Parish Assembly on Wednesday 24th April and will talk about community or affordable housing. Graham Walker will give a report from the Lady Anne Windsor Charity which manages the Almshouse at Stoke. Parish councillors will each highlight an aspect of PC responsibility and questions would be answered. Gerry Battye will update on the Walsh Trust. It's hoped residents will come along to the meeting at 7.30pm for 8pm in the Village Hall.



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- **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 PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the annual meeting: 8th May 2024

Minutes will be available on PC notice board in the High Street or <https://naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk> after the next meeting

PARISH COUNCIL

Officers were confirmed as follows: Chairman Robin Thorogood. Sub-committees were confirmed - as included on page 7. Village Hall representative Dawn Harris; Community Council representatives Laura Erith, Sam Treharne.

PUBLIC FORUM

Stuart Davis raised the subject of low cost housing following the talk by Sue Downs of Community Action Suffolk during the annual Parish Assembly.

Sally Dalton raised several points: she advised that the PC's contractors had not been strimming as close to the riverbank at Caley Green as usual and nettles were beginning to get established again; she asked if the PC will be submitting an objection to National Grid's final consultation on the Norwich to Tilbury Pylon proposals; as the reed cutting at Caley Green had originally been at the request of the PC and as the complaint of a resident had resulted in additional work and expenditure by the SSC she suggested an email of support and thanks be sent to the officer dealing with this issue.

Sally also advised that over the Bank Holiday weekend what appeared to be considerable amounts of human excrement had been noticed in the river. Paddle-boarders had mentioned there were greater amounts up river from Nayland. On 7th May water flowing down the culvert from Bear Street into the river was orange suggesting some sort of contamination. The Environment Agency had been informed and had 'logged' the notification.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece will put the PC in touch with Imogen Tink, Community Officer for Grants at Babergh who may be able to help in getting funding for various projects including installation of metal fencing to replace the wooden fencing at the Fairfield Playpark.

Dawn Harris will explore low maintenance and biodiversity planting options for the old bus shelter site at Harpers Estate which may qualify for funding.

Some grounds maintenance work had been carried out by Babergh at the old cemetery; further work will be carried out on a regular basis. Removal of overgrown vegetation has revealed some damage to the boundary wall which needs investigating and repairing. The lych gate, walls and cemetery are included in the 'Local List' (of buildings and structures of significant importance) adopted by Babergh in 2004. Isabelle will take the issue regarding the wall forward.

Gerry Battye asked if there was any update on central government's plans for consistency across counties for waste streams and refuse collections Babergh are considering what they can do to meet this requirement.

HIGHWAYS

Dawn Harris raised the ongoing issue of the poor state of the by-pass central islands island (weeds, surface dressing and the previously illuminated bollards) with James Finch; he said resurfacing work on the A134 at Nayland is due to take place on 12-14 June. Tricia Fuller again raised the number of unfilled potholes in the parish; he said they are being dealt with on priority.

Problems with two road signs (on Campions Hill and Cawley Road) have been reported.

FINANCE

Consideration of charity donations. A donation of £1,000 had already been made to the Nayland Community Pantry. It was agreed to give £100 each to Sudbury Citizens Advice Bureau; Homestart Suffolk; Age UK and Suffolk Accident Rescue.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections 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; 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.

It was noted that an advertisement consent application had been refused at **Harpers Hill Farm Harpers Hill** [DC/23/05311] for retention of replacement entrance signage. It was agreed that the large blank sign at the entrance would be photographed and raised with Babergh's Enforcement Officer.

Between meetings councillors had no objections at **Stourview 34 Stoke Road** [DC/24/01774] for works to trees to reduce 1 Sycamore to previous pruning points, reduce 1 Conifer to previous pruning points and trim garden side, reduce height of 1 laurel hedge and trim garden side, reduce 1 Cherry to previous pruning points, reduce height of 1 Magnolia, reduce 1 Cherry to previous pruning points and reduce 1 to previous pruning points.

Discussing an application at **27 Harpers Estate** [DC/24/01791] for construction of single-storey extension (following demolition of existing single-storey flat roof building and covered way), construction of new vehicular access, hard-standing and car port and retention of close boarded fence to the north boundary councillors had no objections to the proposed plans but they had concerns that the curtilage of the property needs clarification. It is adjacent to the old bus shelter site, owned by Babergh and rented by the PC and where landscaping work is proposed.

Tricia Fuller was asked to arrange the purchase from SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils) of recordings of planning training sessions; arrangements will be made for councillors to view them together.

The Clerk would be submitting the Council's objection to the current Norwich to Tilbury pylons project consultation.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

The patching repairs to the Fairfield Drive were carried out on 8th May. It was suggested that financial allocation for future maintenance should be budgeted for. Robin Thorogood has reminded Woodland Corner that the parking spaces on Fairfield are for use of the community. Dawn Harris is organising an A3 polite notice dedicating one of the spaces for use of the burial ground.

The Clerk will email Matthew Lee, Properties Officer at SCC for an update on the cutting of reeds along Caley Green and contact the Environment Agency to report the incidents of possible sewage in the river and contaminated water flowing into the river from Bear Street culvert.

ALLOTMENTS

There remain two names on the waiting list. After discussion it was agreed to postpone sending termination letters to allotment holders who had still not paid rents or have not kept allotments in cultivation; they would be given another opportunity to respond to letters. However, next year the PC will expect payment within one month.

COMMUNITY PANTRY & HARDSHIP FUND

Foodstuffs and toiletries always accepted at the pantry situated in the West porch of St James' Church. We cannot, however, accept clothing or bric-a-brac.

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NEIGHBOURS IN NEED APPEAL

The Community Council issued this appeal when they 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. Residents excelled themselves when the appeal was made by putting themselves forward.

If you would like assistance that we can offer please let Lorraine Brooks know via email at lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com or 262807.

Or if you may be able to help by being included on a volunteer list to help someone local to you if the need arises please make contact. 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

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A MONTH ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

This is just a brief insight about what we do in this voluntary role. I joined the PC several years ago – my children had left school and I felt I should 'put something back'. Nayland with Wissington has nine councillors and our amazing Parish Clerk Debbie – without her the wheels would come off. Debbie is a font of knowledge – amazingly efficient and very good at dealing with the huge amount of emails that come her way - a lot from me!

We have a Chairman but have agreed that we will do a six month rotation as no one wanted the onerous task of being labelled Chairman. We also have a Vice Chair who is incredibly supportive. At the moment we have a full council – 3 from Wiston and 6 from Nayland. The PC is the link between the village and the District and County Council. We try our best to deal with highways, footpaths, burial ground, playground, various open spaces, trees, street lighting, allotments; each area has sub committees that meet up when there is an issue and then it is reported to and discussed with the full council in the monthly meeting. I am on the burial ground, allotments and finance sub-committees and am a PC representative on the Community Council.

The PC are informed of planning applications; we read the applications and look at the documents on line, neighbours opinions are also sought. An online form is used to collate and record comments for discussion at the next meeting when the PC decide whether to object and on what planning grounds. During the month we also answer correspondence from people as it comes in. Some months may be busier than others.

We meet on the second Wednesday each month in the village hall and have a zoom facility for those who cannot attend personally. The meeting starts at 7.30pm when there is a public forum where residents can raise issues or ask questions. The Babergh and District Councillors then give their reports and answer our queries before the agenda business is discussed. The meetings can last until 9.30pm. Progress with issues can often be rather slow as the PC has hoops to jump through and red tape to combat. We would encourage residents with any concerns to come along to our meetings; it can a better way of raising issues with us than correspondence.

The next meetings will be on 4th June and 10th July; do pop along to the committee room in the village hall at 7.30pm or contact the Clerk if you'd like to attend via Zoom.

Laura Erith, Joint Chair, NwW Parish Council

Road Closure:

**12 & 13 June overnight 8pm-5am
A134 & Harpers Hill**

Horkesley Road to Harpers Hill for carriageway resurfacing and Bear Street and north for approx. 225m for highway repair and maintenance works by Suffolk County Council.
Further details: <https://one.network/>

Traffic Delays Nayland: Wednesday 29th May

10.30-11am & 11.45am-12.15

For the Funeral Cortege of Tom Bugg

The skip lorry taking Tom on his final journey will leave Gravel Hill at 10.30am and travel slowly through the village up Harpers Hill to Harpers Hill Farm; it will then return to the village, over Anchor Bridge to St James' Church for an 11am service.

At 11.45am the skip lorry will leave the church followed by mourners on foot and move slowly along Bear Street and up to the burial ground.

There will be a police escort. This is during the half-term so there will be no school traffic.

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: 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.

The Village Hall Management Committee would appreciate new members.

We meet once a month on the first Monday of the month.

If you could offer a little of your time to keep this community facility prospering for the benefit of the whole village, please contact Iain Wright 01206 263646 or Chris Thompson 01206 262825

VOLUNTEER NEEDED CHURCH HALL BOOKING SECRETARY

Can you assist in the smooth running of this valuable village asset? The position is not onerous.

See also page 23

If you are interested in knowing more about this role please contact: **Rachel on 262422 or naylandchurchhall@yahoo.com**

CAN YOU HELP SUSTAIN NAYLAND'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT

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.

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 six 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. Contact Helen Walder 07810 275836
- **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, *see page 29 for contact details*.
- The **Church Hall** requires a volunteer Booking Secretary. The role is not onerous. Contact Rachel on naylandchurchhall@yahoo.com or 262422.
- **St James' Parochial Church Council** require a volunteer Minute Secretary for their 4-6 weekly meetings. Contact Kathy Hunt on 262014 or kath12hunt@gmail.com.

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

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.

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COFFEE, CAKE & CONVERSATION
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10am to noon
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Join us for coffee, tea, cakes and friendly chat in an informal atmosphere with others from our local community. Everyone Welcome.

Mid-Summer Solstice & Suffolk Day PICNIC ON CALEY GREEN FRIDAY 21st JUNE @ 1pm

Doesn't time go quick when you're enjoying yourself? It's that time again for the annual ritual of the midday picnic on Caley Green; meet at 1 o'clock !

Who can forget the fun we had last year at both the Summer and Winter Solstice picnics. A crowd of at least half a dozen gathered last June and enjoyed a relaxing time in the summer sun.

Of course the date is also Suffolk Day. So enjoy the day just taking it easy and moaning - having a sandwich, pork pie, whatever (bring your own !), and sharing a drink or three. See you at the picnic, or not. Happy days.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING PARTIES

Chair: **Robin Thorogood**
newtons.farm@gmail.com
Laura Erith (summer)
lauraerith@icloud.com

Vice Chair: Dawn Harris

WORKING PARTIES:

Allotments: Dawn Harris, Laura Erith, Adam Birchweaver, Tim Leach
Burial Ground: Laura Erith, Owen Brown, Tim Leach
Caley Green: Robin Thorogood, Owen Brown, Dawn Harris, 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

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27	28	29	30	31			3	4	5	6	7	8	9

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

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

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 1st May 2024 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309
Full minutes available at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

Executive Committee: As always we welcome new members to join the team – please spread an encouraging word to anyone who may be interested in joining us. It is an enjoyable friendly village committee that provides positive events and facilities for the community. Contact Rachel on 07788 954309 or rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com if you would like to know more.

Members were in favour of a suggestion for a plaque to mark the contribution of Ken Willingale, founder member, Treasurer, Chairman and President of the Community Council (from 1966-2024). Rachel will liaise with Trevor Smy with a view to organising a tribute in the HortSoc section of the village hall garden alongside an existing one for his wife Olive for her contribution to HortSoc (Secretary & President 1980-2011).

Fundraising Activities/Events: A always future ideas and support are welcome.

Community Defibrillator: Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. The defibrillator at the Village Hall is managed by the CC; is regularly checked and there have been no problems.

Regarding the possibility a public access defibrillator in Wiston. There has been no recent progress; consideration will be given to the best location. The PC has confirmed they will be able to assist financially via CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding. Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) confirmed a defibrillator could operate without a power supply; the cost would be in the region £2,300; a location by the Parish Council noticeboard in Wiston has been mooted.

River Stour Water Level Gauge: Rachel has made progress. Danny Thurlow is happy to install the gauge in the revised position. This will be out of the way of the yet to be installed revetment and craft entering the water but won't be shrouded by the reeds! Suffolk CC has confirmed that they are happy with this. The surveyor confirmed change of location to the south bank would not affect the datum mark for the above sea level gauge. A revised quote from Shelley Signs with gauge only on one side of the post is £355. It was agreed to purchase the gauge; go ahead for installation will be confirmed via email.

Online Ticketing Facility: NaylandEvents.org – This has become increasingly useful for selling tickets to village events. If village organisations wish to use this facility to sell tickets for their events contact Justin Dowding at jpdowding@gmail.com.

Village Hall Gardening Morning: The spring session was on 6th April achieved a reasonable turnout with lots achieved. Some CC members who were unable to attend will pop down to do some maintenance; a low level shrub is needed for the CC section.

Community Involvement: Ideas to help raise participation in village groups and events are welcome. An item 'Volunteer Vacancies' has been added to the Community Times, listing the various volunteers needed by different groups; please let Lorraine know if you have vacancies to be included along with an idea of the level of commitment needed.

It would be helpful if everyone, when they see promotions for Nayland events on Facebook, could make a comment (however brief) and not just click on 'like' which is no help. All village groups would benefit from the additional publicity.

Resident Volunteer List: This is a list of residents prepared 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. Eight people have kindly come forward to help; two of them have been put in touch with nearby residents who would benefit from occasional assistance.

Recent Activities:

Fun Village Quiz: *Friday 2nd February.* The quiz was a great evening and a sell-out which made over £600 for CC funds.

Rachel Hitchcock thanked everyone for their help and support.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt Cable gave his report on finances to 30th April.

Breakdown of profits: Quiz £664.20, Calendar £80.

Grants paid: Nayland Chior £1,500.

Expenses: Defibrillator annual maintenance £198, Hall hire charges £64.

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £26,235.45 represented by Deposit a/c monies £11,308.86, Current a/c monies £14,165.27, Cash in Hand £761.32. We hold £43.81 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000.00, VH coffee machine £280 and Lizzie's Fund £153.

Therefore unencumbered assets are £15,713.94.

GRANTS & DONATIONS:

Nayland Baby & Toddler Group: A grant for £300 to assist with the cost of hall hire was agreed.

School Choir/Music Group: A grant for £400 to assist with re-establishing school choir for year 2 and above and maintaining the cost of choir provision at affordable subscriptions for the summer term was agreed.

Community Times & Websites: Lorraine Brooks thanked all for contributing to recent issues. Heading towards deadline; space is extraordinarily over subscribed this issue but a good sign the village has lots going on. The Conservation Society will be funding the 4-page colour insert to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Village Calendar: Lorraine Brooks said end of year sales in 2023 for the 2024 calendar amounted to a profit of £766 but recent additional income of £178 takes the profit on the 2024 calendar up £944.

The Calendar Photo Competition was held as usual online with voting from 26th-28th April. 34 people submitted photos and 44 people participated in the voting. The most popular photo overall, voted for by almost 70% of voters, was of swans by Caley Green in frost taken by a 10-year-old resident. Not far behind was a scene of lambs at a Wiston farm, then a rainbow over Lock Cottage. To date 12 Nayland businesses have agreed to sponsor again, confirmation is awaited on the final 2. The draft calendar has been assembled, Wendy will be writing the captions.

The extended calendar team - Wendy and Lorraine now plus Claire and Jo - met on 24th April with a view to gaining final sponsors and optimising and organising sales. The 2024 print quote was again £695 for 300 calendars or £599 for 250; it's likely that we will reduce the number to somewhere between the two. They will be printed in June/July and on sale at the Flower Show as usual.

Forthcoming Activities:

Bonfire & Fireworks: Tuesday 5th November. Rachel Hitchcock, Claire Buller & Jo Metson leading. Firework Crazy is booked - this is our final year at the pre-agreed price of £2500 which is extremely good value.

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 7th December. Rachel Hitchcock & Vicki Sargent leading. Village hall is booked.

SOCIETY REPORTS

HortSoc: Trevor Smy said the number of Spring Show entries had been hindered by the weather but the event went well and was enjoyed, including by those calling in for refreshments or to buy cakes. Attendance for the AGM & Fun Quiz in April was very poor, which was disappointing. The Morning Market with refreshments and raffle is on 11th May; plants and cakes and preserves will be on sale. There will be a coach outing to RHS Hyde Hall on 12th June. The Flower Show is on 3rd August - schedules are available.

Friends of Caley Green: Sally Dalton reported there are two swans on the river but there is no sign any cygnets will be produced, no ducklings have been seen but a couple of Moorhen

chicks spotted... but the herons are hanging about to prey on them. The Green and river has been busier with locals and those from further afield: adventure groups from Brantham, a Norwich school and Essex University.

First Responders: Tracy Le Grys reported the responders continue to grow in numbers and the newest member of the group will start her training this month (May) and be on the road with us as soon as possible. They continue to give the area as much cover as we can. They also continue to support the ambulances by volunteering extra hours to cover a dedicated CFR car which operates in the Essex area.

Parish Council: Laura Erith said the Parish Assembly clashed with another village event resulting in a turnout of just 8/9 residents. Sue Downes from Community Action Suffolk gave a very interesting talk about Low Cost Housing in the county and Graham Walker talked about the Lady Anne Windsor Trust, which provides Alms houses in the local area.

One of the parking spaces by the turning circle at Fairfield will be signposted as being for burial ground only – it's hoped this will be respected; Babergh DC have tidied up the old cemetery and will hopefully keep more on top of maintenance; the unveiling of the memorial stone for residents of Jane Walker Hospital was well attended and featured on TV, a roses was placed on each iron cross which mark the individual graves. The next PC meeting is on 8th May, they encourage residents to come and raise issues or ask questions during the Public Forum.

St James Church: Kathy Hunt reported weekly services continue; at the end of Lent we held the Maundy Thursday Service, on Good Friday the Service was the Objects of the Passion which is a very quiet and reflective, on Easter Eve we held the first Communion of Easter where the Paschal Candles are lit and taken into a dark Church. There has been 1 baptism, 2 more plus 3 weddings in the next few weeks. At the Annual Parochial Church meeting Kathy Hunt was again elected as Churchwarden and members of the PCC remain, except the minute secretary who has resigned. Reports were given by those who help the Church to run. The Wednesday Coffee Mornings continue to be popular. The Community Pantry is well used but due to some abuse it is being locked at night. Nicola Thorogood is resigning as Benefice Administrator and Sam Bridgeman will be taking over the role. There are vacancies for volunteers to help with day-to-day running of the Pantry.

Conservation Society: Mike Hunter reported this year's Open Gardens takes place on 9th June and have 26 gardens participating; a number featuring for the first time. The Spring Litterpick on 20th April was successful with around ten people taking part. Chris Hunt is leading our annual Footpath Walk on 12th May; meeting at St Mary's Church, Bures at 2.15pm and taking a circular walk to Mount Bures. On 25th June the Society will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary; members only are invited to a celebratory glass of fizz before hearing four members reminisce their favourite memories of the Societies activities. Wendy Sparrow is preparing a substantial display on the Societies activities over the years. The June Community Times will contain a special colour feature on the history of the Society.

Land Company (Nayland Meadow): David Slater said the persistent rain necessitated keeping the improved section of the permissive path closed for longer than they had hoped. Unfortunately damage caused by those who ignored the very obvious closure signs had to be repaired. The recent weather has helped establish the grass in the path. They have received many favourable reports from walkers since reopening. They have ambition to do more next winter subject to funding being available. They are grateful to the PC for adding mowing of the paths to their contractor's schedule. The trees and hedges have benefited from the rainfall. The sheep have plenty of grass and it's hoped everyone will enjoy the cowslips and other wildflowers.

RBL: Robert Dossor reported that 40 people attended the St George's Day lunch at The Anchor. Their next meeting is 13th May to listen to David Wiles, they have planned a fully subscribed visit to Stephen Walters & Sons' silk mill in Sudbury.

They may be present at the Nayland War Memorial to commemorate 80th Anniversary of D-Day, details to be posted on our Board in the village. An outing to the 100th & 95th Bomb Group Museums near Diss is on 24th July; this USAF force was featured in the Apple TV series 'Masters of the Air'. Anyone (not restricted to RBL members) is welcome, the cost will be approx £25 plus lunch.

Baby Toddler Group: Gillian Manser reported they have recently welcomed some new families and the group remains well supported. As the weather has finally improved we have been able to enjoy some outdoor play in the sunshine.


Village Hall: Iain Wright said that they are still pursuing Lottery grant application and meeting their demands. The noise limiter has been installed and seems to have resolved the problems with noise reported by neighbours.

Nayland Art Group: Kathryn Niven reported they have been enjoying some more sessions, both self-guided and with their tutors who have recently focussed on landscape and still life. They looked at the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and used pastels to make over-scaled representations of tree bark. They're pleased to have a couple of new members and attendance has been more regular; they would be pleased to welcome new people. They have the summer term planned and looking forward to some more life drawing and maybe another trip out to visit a gallery.

Village Players: Iain Justin Dowding said their production of 'On Golden Pond' was very good although was not sold out. They will have a pantomime in December; the title is yet to be confirmed but auditions likely to be in July.

Nayland Choir: Justin Dowding said their next concert 'Shakespeare in Song', with modern and not modern music, will be held on 5th July in the Village Hall. Rachel Hitchcock said the 30th Anniversary concert 'Mozart's Requiem' had been really lovely.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: will on **Wednesday 3rd July** at 7.30pm (Exec 7pm) in the Village Hall.



APPEAL FOR BELLRINGERS

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 are looking for a new hobby in which you can 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.

A certain amount of training is required, which Chris will provide. You do not have to be strong, have musical ability or be a churchgoer. You just need physical co-ordination and a willingness to learn.

He would love to hear from lapsed ringers too.

Contact Chris Hunt on 01206 262014

NAYLAND FETE:

We had a wonderful day at the Fete on Monday 6th May, even though the weather didn't quite play ball! Most activities were covered by tents and marquees, allowing everything to continue as planned.

There were plenty of options for shopping, with the book stall making a return this year. The Victory Jazz Band managed to play through the rain and the participants heroically braved the weather so that the sports and tug of war provided great entertainment.

Our usual selection of inflatable slides, coconut shy, china smash, sponge throw and face painting, to name a few, were much enjoyed as was the very popular petting farm and cuddle corner with rabbits and guinea pigs to cuddle and friendly sheep and a pony to pat.

New sideshows this year included a fabulous and hugely popular handmade treasure island, welly throwing and the very unique and entertaining human fruit machine!

There was a wonderful selection of vintage cars and vintage tractors. As always homemade teas were served all afternoon in the village hall and there was a delicious BBQ so all tastes were catered for.

We are always delighted with the amount of help that ensures the fete goes ahead each year. A big thank you to everyone that supplied the huge array of cakes for the teas, those that collected, donated, created, cleaned, put up tents, served visitors, became great sales teams and entertainers. Without all of you the fete is not possible.

We are also really lucky to receive sponsorship to reduce expenses, that enables us to raise money for the upkeep of St James' Church.

This year, the fete raised approximately £12,000, which is amazing. Following a recent review, it is apparent that the roof needs some repairs and it is hoped to provide disabled access, so the funds will be well utilised. The Church has become a popular music events venue in addition to a place of worship, which ensures that the beautiful building remains well used by the community.

Finally, we would just like to let you know that next year the fete will be held on Monday 5th May 2025 and that you can find out more or contact us on our Facebook page, Nayland Village Fete.

So thank you again and see you next year!



NORWICH TO TILBURY PYLONS

Please don't be complacent – this will impact on Nayland and Wiston... in the short term with closure of roads, including the A134, increased traffic including HGVs and construction vehicles, noise, etc. Where undergrounding is proposed the disruption to wildlife, huge loss of trees and hedgerows, and massive trenches will have a long term affect on the landscape and countryside. Where giant pylons (50 metres high) are proposed the landscape will be blighted forever.... Boxted is within sight across our valley!

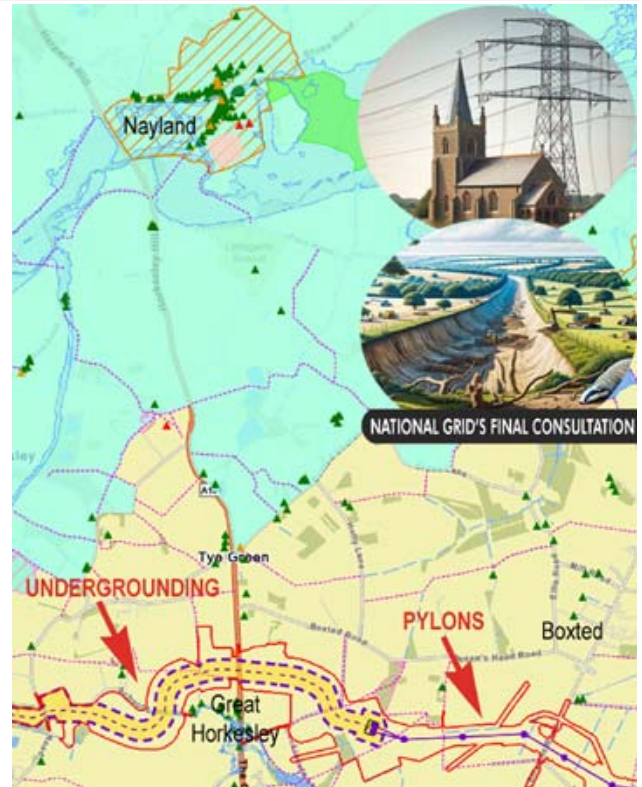
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To view the map go to: <https://norwichtotilburymap.nationalgrid.com/>

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Nayland & District Horticultural Society

SUMMER FLOWER SHOW



Saturday 3rd August

2pm - 5pm Nayland Village Hall

Teas, Produce Stall, Raffle, Nayland Calendar 2025

Admission 50p - Opening 2pm, Prize Giving 4.30pm

Classes for: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arranging, Cookery, Preserves, Country Drinks, Art & Craft, Photography, Children's & Family's Sections - Entries in by 3rd August.

Show schedules available at Nayland shops, Trevor 01206 262022 or at www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk



Nayland & District Horticultural Society

TALLEST PARISH HOLLYHOCK

This is a fun competition for all ages - Be on the lookout around the village

We will be looking for the tallest hollyhock - of any variety or colour - grown anywhere accessible (your own garden or allotment, roadside, alleyway, footpath, public open space, etc) within the parish of Nayland with Wissington. Entry is free.

- The Hollyhock of any variety can be located anywhere accessible in the parish; not necessarily grown by the entrant.
- Entries to be submitted to Star Cottage, 81 Bear Street, Nayland by Saturday 27th July.
- Entry forms should give the measured height of the Hollyhock plant and a photo of the plant should be submitted with the form. *(If you cannot print a photo email one to trevor.smy24@gmail.com with your name and address and subject as hollyhock competition)*
- The tallest entries will then be verified before final judging.
- Photographs of entries will be on display at the Flower Show on Saturday 3rd August and prizes awarded at the Show.

Tallest Hollyhock Competition Entry Form

Name: Signed:

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT: THE HOLLYHOCK WAS PHOTOGRAPHED BY ME

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Height of Hollyhock: Location:

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If you are also interested in helping backstage,
with set-building or in any other way,
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For further details, please contact Emma Wallis
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95th Bomb Group Museum The Red Feather Club

As featured in 'Masters of the Air'

Wednesday 24th July

Leave Nayland Surgery at 9:30am
Tour of 100th Bomb Group Museum, Thorpe Abbots with refreshments
Transport to local pub for lunch – from set menu (to be advised)
Tour of 95th Bomb Group Museum Red Feather Club, Horham
Return to Nayland about 6pm
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Please contact Robert Dossor robert@ovcottage.com or 07879 843319



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

Early booking is advisable. Open to non-members.

Garden centre, café, restaurant & picnic areas.

Cheques payable to Nayland & District Horticultural Society.

Booking forms should be returned to the HortSoc box in Mill Street Deli,
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For more information contact Trevor on 262022 or trevor.smy24@gmail.com
or visit naylandhortsoc.org.uk

RHS Garden Hyde Hall Booking Form

You will receive an acknowledgement of booking.

I would like to book seat(s) Payment attached: £.....

Name: Tel:

Address:

Email:

Names of Guest/s:

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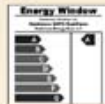


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www.naylandevents.org
or on the day at the Village Hall or cash only at the Gardens
www.naylandconservation.org.uk



Nayland Choir present

Shakespeare in Song

If music be the food of love, play on...

Friday 5th July
Nayland Village Hall
Doors open 6.30pm with bar available
Light supper served from 7.00pm
Concert from 7.30pm
Tickets: £15 / £5 school age children (including light supper)
Available from naylandevents.org




Tickets must be purchased in advance to guarantee supper availability

ROGATION SUNDAY: 5TH MAY

On a brilliant sunny afternoon, some twenty parishioners took part in the traditional Rogation Sunday service of 'Beating the Bounds', journeying through Nayland and Wiston and asking for God's blessing on our communities, crops, animals, gardens, fields and rivers.

Derek Johns read the passages of scripture, Stéphane Javelle the 'calls and responses' and David Pryor led the prayers at each stopping point, with everybody singing the appropriate hymn as we went along. All together a very happy occasion. The tea was enjoyed afterwards outside Wiston church.





NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL CINEMA Starts 7.30pm Doors open 6.30pm

A BOLD NEW TAKE ON THE BELOVED CLASSIC

THE COLOR PURPLE

Drama Musical
Cert 12A
140 minutes

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IT'S NOT A WHODUNIT IT'S A WHO WROTE IT

Wicked Little Letters

Comedy Crime Drama
Cert 15
100 minutes

Friday 14th June

Bar selling a variety of beverages. Ice creams and other refreshments also available.
Pizza will not be available at these film screenings.

Tickets £5, under 16 £2, on the door or from naylandevents.org - further details on page 24

Friday 12th July

Friday 23rd August

JULIETTE BINOCHÉ BENOÎT AMGIMEL

Romance Drama
Cert 12A
100 minutes

SAVOUR EVERY MOMENT

the TASTE of THINGS

This film is in French with English subtitles.
The evening will be French theme with delicious French cuisine to enjoy before the film.
Further details in the next Community Times and in due course at naylandevents.org

Marathon Walk along part of Stour Valley Path from Clare to Nayland



Sally and Angela are organising a Marathon walk with friends and family in memory of Lizzie and William, raising money for The Brain Tumour Charity



on Saturday 13th July 2024
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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

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

With rainfall remaining high the river levels remained normal until 18th May when they dropped very briefly and the horseshoe weir stopped flowing; presumably that was due to maintenance.

Low levels had been reported in Dedham the preceding week.

WATER QUALITY & SEWAGE

Over 7th/8th May what appeared to be human excrement was seen in the river at Caley Green. Paddleboarders said there were greater amounts up river from Nayland. It seems release of sewage into our rivers is a nationwide issue.

On 8th May a bright orange discharge from the Bear Street culvert was spotted. It has been suggested that this may come via the spring on sandy soil on land above the Heights.

Incident were reported to the EA.

REED GROWTH

Reeds around the Horseshoe weir, will be romping away to claim more of the river, capture more silt and reduce its water holding capacity.

It appears, however, that the EA have cleared vegetation around both entrances to the A134 tunnel.

WILDFOWL & SWANS

The current pair of river swans, after a somewhat aloof relationship, appeared to build a nest but it has not been used and no eggs have been laid. Sadly, ducklings have become something of a rarity. Moorhen chicks have been seen... but herons were hanging about waiting to prey on them.

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

BIRDWATCH

The results of the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch are available at: <https://www.rspb.org.uk>

Looking through the results for Suffolk and thinking of our own garden in Nayland it's surprising to see Blackbirds are down -11%; nesting pairs here entertain us at much the same level as usual, likewise the drop in Wrens of -8.6% as they too nest here, several times under our porch. We rarely see a Starling so their drop by -15% cannot be argued, neither can a drop of -12% for Collared Doves – they frequently seem to fall victim to Sparrow Hawks here. Goldfinches are frequent visitors despite their drop by -12%. Seeing a drop in Jackdaws of -14% is a surprise – at times our garden is like a scene from Hitchcock's 'The Birds' with the number of Jackdaws, Crows and Rooks bullying other birds. The drop for the Song Thrush by -32% is extremely sad - last year, for the first time in many years, we were lucky to witness a pair bringing up their brood but there is no sign yet this year. Greenfinch and

Chaffinch numbers used to be high on our feeders, but they have dropped dramatically in recent years. Although the Suffolk figure for Pheasants is 33% with Tendring Estate no longer raising them for their shoots visitors to our garden have dropped from ten or so making a couple of visits a day to perhaps just one visiting a couple of times a week.

Like many others, in these times of high inflation and bird food prices sky rocketing we have to be more frugal in the way we help the birds, especially as the Corvidae family (including rooks, crows and jackdaws) and squirrels were emptying the feeders soon after they were filled each morning. Yet with the threat of Avian Flu and the increased number of creatures preying on them, birds need all the help they can get.

THE RIVER & COUNTRYSIDE AS AN AMENITY

We are lucky (or wise) enough to live in a charming village in the countryside which can bring much enjoyment and recreation. However, this does bring with it a few responsibilities and rules and regulations to be aware of....

- **Rivercraft:** All craft (kayaks, paddleboards, etc) must be registered to take to the water.
- **Fishing:** Once the closed season is over, on 15th June, and fishing on rivers can resume a rod licence must be carried if you are aged 13 or over. Ensure all line, hooks, etc are not left to endanger wildlife.
- **Livestock:** Leave gates as you find them, keep dogs under control and on lead near sheep and lambs.

Stick to designated paths and open spaces; take your litter home or bin it; bag and bin dog waste; don't have BBQs or fires. Enjoy and protect our natural environment.



Thanks to Sally Dalton for these photos



CALEY GREEN

The Friends continue to keep an eye on the Green and wildfowl. It is lovely to see it being enjoyed, however, it is concerning that there has been an increase in the number of people not picking up after their dogs. The Green is an area where children play and people enjoy picnics and relaxing on the grass.

THE LONG REED BED

The long running saga regarding reduction of the enormous wall of reeds along Caley Green has currently hit a stalemate due to a last minute complaint by a resident. A mitigation and method study report could not be completed before bird nesting season arrived. It's hoped this will be in place and a solution arranged for autumn.

SCC will be meeting an EA Waterways Officer on 22nd May concerning 'River Stour Aquatic Vegetation Management'; the PC also have the opportunity to meet the Officer. At this stage the EA Officer is looking at summer weed cutting... not reed cutting or silt accumulation which is what concerns many residents!

This rather goes to show if the PC's original idea to plant more vegetation round the bay had gone ahead how long might it have been before residents lost enjoyment of the river there too.

RIVERBANK LITTER BY SLUICE GATES

SCC are the landowners of the triangle of land adjacent the sluice gates. Flytipping and litter was reported to them in October 2022; their appointed contractor did not carry out the rubbish clearance properly; SCC said they will look at getting the matter rectified.

In early April this year campers were seen on the site, when they departed on 9th they left behind a considerable amount of rubbish. SCC were advised of this, and reminded of the previous outstanding issue; the Properties Officer will visit the site on 22nd May and take the appropriate action.



Thanks to Kevin Sheath for these photos



RIVERBANK PROTECTION UPDATE

While SCC have indicated 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 further update.



EUROPEAN FIREBUG

Thanks to Karen Saunders for this photo of a Firebug - spotted in a Porch in Bear Street on 21st April.

Until relatively recently, the common European firebug - *Pyrrhocoris apterus* - wasn't commonly found in the UK, but recently they have been spotted in the southern counties of England.

Firebugs have wings but are unable to fly. They are a very distinctive species that should be unmistakable, but the Cinnamon Bug, *Corizus hyoscyami*, is superficially similar.

These small, 8.5-10mm long bugs may look dangerous with their blood-red and black shells, but they're actually harmless to humans and feed on seeds from a wide range of plants, aphids, using a piercing-sucking stylet that is inserted into a food source to feed. So, they can help control aphid infestations. Their most common host plants are the Malvaceae family, which includes mallow, hollyhock, hibiscus and linden.



June: the season for swarming Honey Bees

Swarming is a natural process. It is the colony reproducing by the old queen leaving with some of the bees. They leave their hive and find somewhere to hang in a cluster until the scout bees decide on their new home.

Swarms are not usually aggressive or sting but it is wise to stay away from the swarm and keep children and pets indoors. They normally settle into a cluster within 15 minutes.

Should you be in need of a beekeeper to collect a swarm; Simon Cousins - 07845 900 614 - is a helpful, very experienced bee keeper, just up the road at Wormingford.

Please note: Beekeepers will only remove honey bees; they do not deal with bumble bees or wasps; Bumblebees are best left alone as they are valuable pollinators, some are endangered, Wasps may require a pest controller if in a dangerous position.



ASIAN HORNET: be on the lookout

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.

Eradicate them with care; like other hornets and wasps they have a nasty sting.

It is important to report any suspected sightings of this species as soon as possible at:

https://www.nonnativespecies.org/non-native-species/alerts/#Species_53

or by iPhone and Android recording app: **Asian Hornet Watch**

Or by email to: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

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View the colour version of the Community Times at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/CommunityTimes.html

Do keep scenes you see coming to lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com

Once again the village was delighted to see Bear and Fish creating excitement this Easter at the Old Bus Shelter by the entrance to Heycroft Way.

Huge thanks as always to Elaine and Di for their artistic flair and hard work keeping these much loved characters accommodated.



ROAD SIGN RESTORATION

The anonymous road sign restorer has once again been out breathing new life into the old metal road name signs; this time in Church Lane and Newlands Lane. Many thanks to them for there efforts in keeping the village looking good.



FAIRFIELD DRIVEWAY & PARKING

The long awaited patching repairs to the Fairfield driveway were carried out by Wellham Surfacing Ltd on 8th May. The Diocese have ownership of the driveway but responsibility, including financial, is shared with Nayland House and the Parish Council.

Following complaints regarding parking spaces near the burial ground frequently being taken up all day the PC have agreed to erect a sign dedicating one space for use by visitors to the burial ground. It is hoped that those who work nearby will respect that.



STAG BEETLE

Kevin Sheath spotted this male Stag Beetle (*Lucanus cervus*) when it flew into his garden near Harpers Hill on 16th May. Famous for their fearsome jaws, the stag beetle does not have the bite to match; males display their massive jaws to attract females and duel with their rivals. Female stag beetles lack large mandibles (jaws) and are smaller. They prefer oak woodlands, but can be found in gardens, hedgerows and parks in SE England. The larvae depend on old trees and rotting wood to live in and feed on, and can take up to six years to develop before they pupate and turn into adults.

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VILLAGE HALL GARDEN

Much was achieved at the Village Hall Gardening Morning on 6th April. Some helpers shot off before this photograph was taken by Mike Hunter.

EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

Between Easter Vigil and Sunday morning, the five parishes of the Benefice have enjoyed well attended and joyful celebrations of Easter. Families, visitors, hymns, candles, incense, sprinkling, loud noises and laughter were involved. This is the service at St Mary's Church, Wiston.



April lived up to its reputation throwing a variety of weather conditions at us; showers, hail, thunder and lightening and some beautiful rainbows. This delightful example was taken on 9th April looking across Bell Meadow from Newlands Lane by Mandy Cook.



OLD BURIAL GROUND

It has been very good after such neglect to see Babergh transit type trucks on site over several days with work being carried out to improve the poor state of the old section of the burial ground. (The new section being regularly maintained by the Parish Council). Considerable improvement has been achieved but it seems they could have gone further towards uncovering a few more graves, the old wall and removing brambles and saplings, etc. There remains some debris too. The foreman of the working team said they had been hampered by nesting season.

Some damage has been uncovered to the old stone wall surrounding the burial ground which is included in the Local List (of buildings and structures of significant importance) adopted by Babergh in 2004. At a recent PC meeting the District Councillor said the site would be regularly maintained in future and said she would request the repair to the wall.



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NORTHERN LIGHTS OVER NAYLAND

Residents were amazed on the evening of 10th May as the skies above Nayland and Wiston turned shades of pink, purple and green. *(view the colour version of the CT for dramatic full effect)*

The impressive Northern Lights, also known as Aurora Borealis, are usually only visible from very northern parts of the British Isles. The rare phenomenon of them being seen further afield was due to an 'extreme' geomagnetic solar storm which caused them to be more visible.

Intense aurora displays are generated following massive explosions on the Sun's surface known as 'Coronal Mass Ejections'. These explosions release clouds of hot plasma and when the clouds reach the Earth's atmosphere, they interact with the Earth's magnetic field to cause geomagnetic storms. The Sun's activity fluctuates, with activity reaching a peak every 11 years. The last time solar activity peaked was in 2014, and the cycle is now reaching its solar maximum.

Thank you to Sophie Mortlock who captured the display in the skies above Birch Street, Jayne Kennedy the lights over St James' Church and Sue Pilgrim who also captured the reflection in the river from Caley Green.



NAYLAND MOBILE LIBRARY

Tel: 01473 351249 www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

Route 20 : High Street P.O.

Saturdays at 10am-11.15am, every four weeks

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Route 9 : Parkers Way

Saturdays at 3.55pm-4.30pm, every four weeks

1 June - 29 June - 27 July - 24 August



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NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

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A VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR THE CHURCH HALL COMMITTEE

Could you assist in the smooth running of this valuable village asset?

A new Booking Secretary is needed

The position is not too onerous and we are a friendly committee. The church hall is not busy and the role involves monitoring and confirming the bookings, billing the hirers twice a year and assisting if anyone requires help with the online booking system.

If you are interested in knowing more about this role please contact: Rachel on 262422 or naylandchurchhall@yahoo.com



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Chairman: Robert Dossor 265912 robert@ovcottage.com
Secretary: Kathy Hunt 262014

Forty people enjoyed the St George's Day traditional Roast Beef of England lunch at The Anchor on 23rd April; thanks to Becky for opening specially for us.

At our meeting on 13th May David Wiles described his involvement in the Tabor Academy Festival of Remembrance over a number of years and his colleague, the Essex Youth organiser, supported the talk with an outline of the RBL's objectives. The meeting was sparsely attended.

A visit to Stephen Walters & Sons' silk mill in Sudbury is arranged for 22nd May in small groups and promises to be fascinating, as the Company has been involved in the production of so much fabric of importance, such as Princess Diana's wedding dress, the Gloriana Royal launch and restoration of the Coronation coach.

We will have a presence at the Nayland War Memorial on 6th June at 11am to commemorate 80th Anniversary of D-Day when a wreath will be laid. All welcome to support.

Our next outing is on Weds 24th July to the 100th & 95th Bomb Groups' museums. This will involve a tour of 100th Bomb Group Museum at Thorpe Abbots (www.100bgmus.org.uk) with refreshments, a local pub lunch (at cost from a set menu) followed by a tour of 95th Bomb Group Museum Red Feather Club at Horham (<https://www.95thbg-horham.com>) with refreshments. We will depart from Nayland Surgery at 9.30am and return at approx 6pm.

The 100th Bomb Group unit was known as 'the bloody hundredth', due its terrible losses early in their deployment, although, statistically, they were not much worse than the whole 8th USAAF. As featured in 'Masters of the Air' - Stephen Spielberg/Tom Hanks drama mini series on Apple TV - and relevant to the 80th anniversary of the bombing campaign in Europe leading up to and after D-Day. Both museums are established in contemporary buildings, including the control tower at Thorpe Abbots and the technical site at Horham. Both have remarkable collections of artefacts.

The outing is open to all. Cost will be £25 per person plus lunch. Museum entry is free but donations would be appreciated. Further details or to book a space contact Robert Dossor, details above.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 8th July in the Church Hall at 7.30 for 8pm, when the speaker will be Pat O'Malley with tales of his Father's exploits in WW2 – as always, all are welcome.



VILLAGE PLAYERS

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Hello all – our spring play 'On Golden Pond' was a great success, "resonating deeply with the audience" and a "wonderful production to experience" according to the adjudication!

But there has been no time to rest on our laurels; our AGM was held on 8th May. Mark Russell has stepped down as Chair to be replaced by Emma Wallis.

Now it's time to look ahead and we are pleased to announce that our Christmas 2024 production will see Mike Poole returning to direct an old favourite – 'Rapunzel'. Auditions are Thursday 4th July (7:30pm – 9:30pm) and Sunday 7th July 5pm – 8pm at the Church Hall on Bear Street. There is a cast of between seven and twelve main characters and any number of children/villagers. We may be holding further auditions to find extra littluns/singers – watch our Facebook page for updates. This will all be a lot of fun, so please come along and throw your hat in the ring.

On Sunday 4th August, we will be taking our annual boat trip from Sudbury Quay to the Henny Swan, with lunch – sorry, all the places have gone! But we'll show you some pictures. We're also planning a late summer barbecue at the Eriths' pile. More about that later.

In other news, we will be pausing our drinks at The Anchor for the summer. We will take a view as to whether to resume in the autumn, as turnout has stayed low since Covid. As always, we are keen to welcome new members; whether to act, direct, help with the stage production or help in any other way. For more information, contact emmawallis369@gmail.com



NAYLAND CINEMA

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Since the last edition of the Community Times we have screened *'The Miracle Club'* with Maggie Smith which was a light-hearted story centred on understanding and forgiveness but with a humorous vein running through it. By the time you read this we will have screened *'The Holdovers'* with 'The Colour Purple' in June and *'Wicked Little Letter'* in July. I'm told that the latter film incorporates some rather 'colourful' language and comments - you have been warned!

We won't unfortunately have pizzas available at these screenings but the bar will be open as usual offering a variety of beverages and refreshments and ice creams will be available.

In August we are screening *'The Taste of Things'* which is a film beautifully acted, shot and dedicated to the theme of food in a very unique and tasteful way. Starring Juliette Binoche, Benoît Magimel, Emmanuel Salinger, Patrick d'Assunção. Official Selection Cannes International Film Festival 2023, Winner Best Directing. Official French entry Best International Movie Academy Awards 2024. This film is in French with English subtitles.

The evening therefore will be everything French and we will be partnering with Mill Street Stores to provide some delicious French cuisine to enjoy before the film. This particular evening will be a ticketed event only for food and the cinema but tickets for the cinema only will also be available online or payment at the door. We envisage a later screening time of 8pm with the usual refreshments, bar and ice creams available. Please check the website nearer the time for details and there will be more information in the next edition of the Community Times but do save the date Friday 23rd August.

- **Friday 14th June: 'The Color Purple' (2023).** In 1909 Georgia, African American teenager Celie Harris (Fantasia Barrino) lives with her sister Nettie (Halle Bailey) and abusive father Alfonso (Deon Cole). In this decades-spanning tale Celie is given away in marriage to a local farmer Albert 'Mister' Johnson (Colman Domingo) who treats her cruelly. Her husband is still smitten with another woman, Shug Avery (Taraji P Henson), a 'fast and loose' blues singer. However, Celia is not entirely alone in the world; she befriends Sofia (Danielle Brooks), her daughter in law, and Shrug who will help her to see a new possible life for herself.....
- **Date Friday 12th July: 'Wicked Little Letters' (2023).** In the 1920s an English seaside town bears witness to a dark, absurd scandal in this riotous mystery comedy. Based on a stranger-than-fiction true story, 'Wicked Little Letters' follows two neighbours: spinster and devout Christian Edith Swan (Olivia Colman) and rowdy Irish migrant Rose Gooding (Jessie Buckley). When Edith and fellow residents start to receive wicked letters full of unintentionally hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. The anonymous letters prompt a national uproar, and a trial ensues. However, as the town's women, led by Police Officer Gladys Moss (Anjana Vasan), begin to investigate the crime themselves, they suspect that something is amiss and Rose might not be the culprit after all.
- Further dates will be: **23rd August and 20th September**



ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

Many thanks to those who gave donations towards the cost of lilies for decorating St James' church for Easter. Donations towards flowers throughout the year 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.



NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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Nayland Dispensary opening times: 9am-12.30 and 1.30-5pm Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm on a Friday. Please note that we are **temporarily shutting the Dispensary from 12.30-1.30 Monday to Thursday**. We will keep you updated when we are back open for the full day via Facebook.

There is a up-coming Training afternoon on Day on Thursday 27th June—the Surgery will be closed from 12 noon.

Did you know Nayland Surgery and West Bergholt Surgery have a limited amount of appointments throughout the month that can be pre-booked? These are face-to-face and telephone appointments. Please contact the surgery on 01206 570371 and request a pre-bookable appointment.

If you have any prescription queries and you are a dispensing patient at Nayland Surgery, please press option 4 on the telephone menu to speak to a member of the Nayland dispensary team. Please note we cannot take any prescription requests over the telephone.

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 Tuesday of each month, (next one 18th June) please send us a message via the website or speak to the reception team at Nayland for more information. The team can help you with everything from getting started with the NHS app or system online to finding community support or public transport etc.

We also have a blood pressure machine in our Surgery waiting room if you have a note on your prescription - this can be used and pass results to reception who can update your records.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

In the 1960s there was public concern over the pace of development in historic towns and villages and in order to protect them many were designated areas of special architectural and historic interest. They were called Conservation Areas and Nayland was designated a Conservation Area in 1973.

About this time the late Blair Lees who lived at Stour House in Court Street was appointed Parish Recorder for Nayland by the Suffolk Local History Council. Discussions in the Anchor Inn with his neighbour Wendy Sparrow led to the creation of the *Nayland Record*, a quarterly historical journal which they produced for about ten years. They discussed how Nayland was changing and decided to find out if there was interest in the village for a "preservation" society.

In the first edition of the *Nayland Record* which was put through every door in the village readers were invited to return a slip if they were interested in forming a society. In all, 57 replies were received and an inaugural meeting was planned to be held in the Village Hall on the 6th June 1974. Meanwhile discussions were taking place with friends in the Anchor and the first recruits were found. In the beginning there was a group of five who subsequently formed the original committee. These were Blair Lees, Joan Moore, Francis Fowke, John Randall and Wendy Sparrow.

Michael Archer, Secretary of the Dedham Vale Society, came to the inaugural meeting in June to give advice on setting up an amenity society. There was much enthusiasm for the idea and it was agreed there was a need to preserve and improve the charm and antiquity of Nayland. A motion was therefore carried that an amenity society should be formed. It was felt that the society would encompass more than just preservation and it was agreed it should be called the Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society.

The original group of five were proposed for the committee and Blair Lees was elected Chairman, Francis Fowke, Treasurer, Joan Moore, Secretary, John Randall and Wendy Sparrow, committee. Two more committee members, Fred Hammond and Roy Berry, subsequently joined them.

The Society was registered with the Civic Trust and Charity Commission. Its aims were and still remain: (a) to stimulate public interest in Nayland, (b) to promote high standards of planning and architecture and (c) to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest.

During the first year membership increased to 109 and the number has steadily increased to nearly 300. Of the founding members there are now only 4 surviving, namely, Jean Dryden who was on the committee some years ago (her late husband Angus was an early treasurer), June Freeman, Linda Clapham and Wendy Sparrow. Ken Willingale, who sadly died earlier this year was also a founder member.

COURT KNOLL

Over recent years Court Knoll has been the subject of a major project but back in 1974 when the Society was established, few people knew much about its history. To walkers on the footpath it appeared to be just a field with a ditch around it. The committee decided to erect an information board and after gaining all the necessary information and permissions it was finally erected in 1978. In 2021 it was decided by the current committee to refurbish the sign and it was removed and renovated. Two committee members who attended the original unveiling in 1978 also did the unveiling of the restored sign some 40 years later!

In between these events a great deal happened at Court Knoll. In 1924 a group of local historians had carried out an archaeological dig there when they discovered the remains of a Norman building which was rich in Roman and medieval material. The site was scheduled as an Ancient Monument in 1962.

Despite periodic interest after that first dig in 1924 there was no further action until 1998 when The Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project instigated an Archaeological and Historical Study, carrying out a survey to identify what remained on the site. Eventually in 2001 a Fieldwalking Project was organised with the Conservation Society which involved a geophysical survey, a search of documentary sources and systematic fieldwalking by many village volunteers. There was no actual digging on this occasion. Some prehistoric, Roman and medieval pottery was found as well as building materials such as roof tiles, Roman tile, limestone and sandstone, medieval glass, clay pipes etc. The large quantity of Roman tile found suggested that this came from a high status Roman building in the area and was used in the construction of later buildings on Court Knoll.

The Society's Secretary, Andora Carver, promoted the idea of a major excavation which took place in 2016 involving more experts and more than 70 volunteers from Nayland and beyond. A licence to excavate was granted by English Heritage for six weeks. Seven trenches were dug on the knoll and there were a huge number of finds which were analysed with the help of volunteers. The project, which is still continuing, has cost in excess of £35,000 to date. An exhibition was held in 2018 when the project leader gave a detailed report on the progress of the enormous amount of work involved in analysing the finds, some of which were on display. They included late Saxon fragments, early medieval pottery, metalwork, Roman tiles and 2 silver coins, one dating from 1216.

On the final afternoon of the dig in October 2016 evidence of a human burial was found and a particle of bone taken from the grave was sent for carbon dating – it was dated as being between 969 – 1018, i.e. the late Saxon period. As the licence for the dig expired that day no further excavation could be carried out to find out more. The trenches were then filled in, much to the frustration of many people! Analysis of the recovered finds is still being undertaken but it is hoped that a final report will be published within the next eighteen months and in due course an information board will be erected within the vicinity of Court Knoll.



OPEN GARDENS

One of the Society's major achievements has been the annual **Open Gardens** event. The committee were discussing ways to raise funds in the Spring of 1978. Fred Hammond suggested asking residents if they would like to open their gardens. It was agreed this was an excellent idea and it was decided to hold the event on Sunday 16th July. In that first year there were 11 gardens open: Mr and Mrs Randall at 18 Heycroft Way, Mr and Mrs Gordon Padget on Harpers Estate; Dr and Mrs Cloudsley-Smith at Sargeants, Bear Street; Mr and Mrs Findlay at 54 Bear Street, Mrs Southall at 38 Bear Street, Mr and Mrs Dryden, 30 Stoke Road, Mr and Mrs Horlock at Stream House, Fen Street; Brigadier and Mrs Litton at The White House, Church Lane; Mr and Mrs Hines at the Post Office and Mr and Mrs Fowke at Knollgate, Court Street. The ticket to visit all the gardens cost an exorbitant 50p. The eleventh garden was Parkers in Bear Street where Mr and Mrs Milne-Redhead lived and, as well as opening their garden, which they did for the next seven years, they very kindly offered the use of their barn for the teas.

An important part of the day was, and still is of course, tea and cakes. The three lady members of the committee (Joan Moore, Linda Clapham and Wendy Sparrow) remembered baking for days before and the almost medieval conditions of the barn – a far cry from the modern conveniences of the village hall. In that first year there was no idea what the response would be. However, the sun shone and the crowds came! Needless to say the cakes ran out!

Many people will remember Edgar Milne-Redhead, a distinguished botanist and conservationist who worked at Kew for many years. He was made an MBE for his work and lived at Parkers for about 20 years. He and his wife Olive were great supporters of the Society from its inception and Edgar became a Life President.

The committee agreed the occasion had been a huge success and a net profit of £90 had been made which was used to pay for a spirit duplicator for office use. It was decided to hold a similar function the following year and over subsequent years many different gardens have opened in all parts of the village including Wiston.

As the years went by the number of visitors and profits have increased. People come from far and wide and many still return year after year. Donations from the proceeds have been made to various conservation bodies and projects, including the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, restoration projects for Nayland and Wiston churches, Pakenham Mill, Colchester Castle, Hadleigh Deanery Tower and others. To celebrate the Millennium a record 30 gardens were open when about £2,000 was raised.

For over 40 years this event had taken place until Covid struck when for two years the event went online. In 2022 there was a welcome return to many village events including Open Gardens but the following year the event was cancelled for the first time ever because for various reasons there was a shortage of gardens being offered. In the Society's 50th year it is hoped the event will be a special occasion.

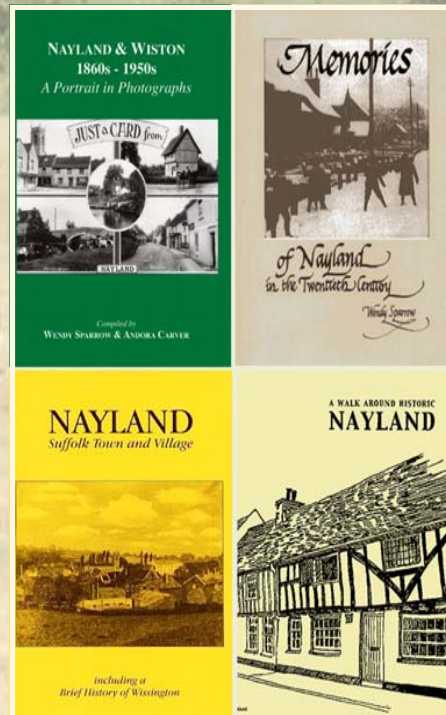
EXHIBITIONS & PUBLICATIONS

In 1974 the committee immediately set to work and many ideas for working party projects and activities were discussed. In the first month of its existence the Society held its first exhibition of old photographs and documents of Nayland at the August Community Council Fair on Webb's Meadow. Norfolk's Buses loaned the Society one of their vehicles which was fitted out with display boards. Visitors went in the front door and left through the emergency door at the back. This created a lot of interest and was great fun for the committee.

There have been many exhibitions in the past 50 years. In 1976 the bicentenary of the birth of John Constable was celebrated by the village and the Society contributed a display. In 1985 a successful photographic competition and display was mounted and in the following year an art competition was organised and judged by the Royal portrait painter, Richard Stone.

In 1987 a major Past and Present exhibition was held in the Church Hall during the Civic Trust's National Environment week. Many interesting items were loaned by residents and the Suffolk Record Office. By then the Society had acquired its own display boards which are still in use today!

The 1980s was a busy decade and it was decided that it was time Nayland should have its first printed history book. Many people know that Dr Sidney Slade, our GP in the early years of the 20th century, (1911–1937) did a vast amount of research into Nayland's history but his work was never published. The booklet, *Nayland*, published by the Society in 1984 was a slim volume written by several residents and its contents owed much to Dr Slade. This was followed by a larger publication in 1991, *Nayland Suffolk Town and Village*, again written by several residents, some of whom were invited to the newly created Radio Suffolk studio in Ipswich to talk about it. This led to *A Walk Around Historic Nayland*, in 2000 and *The Portrait of Nayland* published in 2002. *Memories of Nayland* in 2006 is a collection of memories from members of many old Nayland families.



PHOTOGRAPH ARCHIVE

In 2010 the Society purchased by auction some of the late David May's large collection of old postcards of the area which included many of Nayland and Wiston. As part of the Society's 40th Anniversary celebrations in 2014 these postcards of Nayland were added to other family collections kindly donated to the Society over the years to form a historic archive and are available to view digitally on the Society's website or in albums at some meetings.

Also included in the archive is a collection of deeds and documents donated by Usha Taylor on behalf of her late husband Keith.



HORKESLEY LOCK

One of the first aims of the newly formed society in 1974 was to clear up the old lock site but it was not until 1995 that the site was restored with the help of the society.

In the 1970s Horkesley Lock pool was just a muddy pond near Court Knoll. Few people were aware of its history. The official right of way from Court Street ended at the pool but until the early part of the 20th century it was possible to cross the river into Horkesley.

Horkesley Lock was one of several built as a result of the Stour Navigation Act of 1705 when the river was made navigable from Sudbury to Manningtree. Commercial barge traffic was a common sight through Nayland until the navigation declined, partly because of the railways. There were two bridges, one from the footpath onto the island where the Lock keeper lived and the main one over the lock connecting the footpath to Horkesley on the Essex side of the river. When the navigation ceased about 1920 the locks gradually fell down. From 1919 Nayland Parish Council wrote several times to Great Horkesley Parish Council about the dangerous condition of the bridge across the river appealing for its repair, to no avail. The matter was raised again in the 1960s but the County Surveyor of Essex said the cost could not be justified.

When the Society was formed in 1974 it began by clearing up the site and consulted with the water authority and other bodies but the scheme had to be abandoned because of the lack of finance and voluntary help. However, in the 1980s the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project which had been set up to promote the AONB were interested in carrying out a scheme at the site and during 1994 and 1995 the site was restored by the then National Rivers Authority at a cost of £70,000: the trees were thinned and pollarded and the central area was dredged and reconnected to the river by digging out the inlet and outlet channels. Two new bridges were built, almost in the same positions as the old ones. The larger one went over the river where the lock had been and the smaller one onto the island where the lock cottage had been. As soon as the bridges were in place the old footpath was restored creating a circular walk which is now well used by walkers.

At the conclusion of the project the Society's volunteers and many residents including families and children planted many trees around the pool. Since 1995 the society has kept a watchful eye on the site and some necessary repairs have been carried out to the main bridge by Essex County Council. However, sadly the pool seems to be reverting to the condition it was in before it was rescued.



MEETINGS

At the first general meeting in October 1974 a talk was given by the Chairman of the River Stour Trust, and ever since then there have been many talks by local and national guest speakers, on topics including planning, history, art and architecture, nature conservation to name but a few. Films from the East Anglian Archive have also been shown.

One highlight was a talk by David Walsh about the Stour Valley Railway and a proposed extension to go through Nayland which never happened, another by John Slater on the relationship between Modern Farming and Conservation. One entertaining evening was about the History of Morris Dancing with a live demonstration by Mount Bures Morris Men. There has been no shortage of interesting talks. The Society continues to hold four speaker meetings each year in the village hall.

As well as talks, since 1974 members have enjoyed outings to places of local interest, such as Sutton Hoo, historic churches and houses and the annual guided footpath walks also continue each Spring.

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS

One important aspect of the society's activities has been planning and by 1976 it was establishing a good working relationship with local authorities, landowners and farmers. The committee review every planning application in the parish and it has commented on hundreds of planning applications from proposed new development to trees and in 2003 contributed to a project to survey unlisted buildings and other features of historical and architectural interest which formed the basis of the Babergh District Council Local List which was adopted by the Babergh Planning Committee in 2004.

In 1980 the society conducted its first traffic survey, monitoring heavy lorries which travelled through Nayland. It was felt that heavy lorries were endangering property and were a danger to residents' safety and a petition campaigning against them was organised which was signed by most residents. The society also wrote to the Common Market Commission opposing the EEC proposal to increase the maximum load for heavy lorries from 32 – 40 tonnes. Through the years it has worked with the Parish, District and County Councils on environmental matters including traffic calming. Attempts to reduce the speed of traffic to 20 mph have not as yet been successful but this issue is ongoing.



1995 – 21st ANNIVERSARY

In June 1995 the Society celebrated its 21st birthday with an exhibition in the Church Hall over the weekend 10th/11th June, Open Gardens on Sunday, the 11th, and a reception and meeting on the 13th in the Village Hall. The exhibition described how the society began and its first 21 years. A commemorative mug was on sale. For the Open Gardens event in this anniversary year there were 18 gardens open to the public in Nayland and Wiston and £800 was raised.

During recent years the Society has continued to support various projects connected with the environment and wildlife conservation, some examples are:

- Funding the resiting of the George V trough in the High Street back to its original position;
- Contributing to the cost of entrance gates to Webb's Meadow; funding gates at entrance to Court Knoll from Court Street;
- Repairs to Scout Hut; Donations to Village Hall refurbishment in 2000.

Regular donations have also been made to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the Suffolk Preservation Society, St Marys Church Wiston for repairs to church fabric and to St James' for security of the Constable painting and window guards. Also, the Society arranged conservation of Coronation Altar Frontal and the William IV coat of arms over the north door of St James'. Donations have been made to St Edmundsbury Cathedral Tower Appeal.

When what was believed to be a Doodle bug was dredged from the river in 2000, the Society arranged for storage until it was housed on permanent loan to the Flying Bomb Museum near Southend.

For the Millennium the Society participated in the village's celebrations with a major history exhibition in the Village Hall, coinciding with a special Open Gardens weekend when 30 gardens were open.

Other miscellaneous activities include:

- In 2011 following the unexpected removal of the K6 telephone box in Bear Street negotiations led to the decommissioned box from Wiston being adopted by the Society; it was restored and is now used as a book and magazine exchange in Bear Street.
- In 2012 the Society purchased by auction an original sketch of the design of the stone reredos made for the John Constable painting in St James's Church, a copy hangs in the church.
- In 2014 the Society initiated a popular and well used permissive footpath alongside the Nayland to Stoke Road on Tendring Hall land which has added greatly to walkers' enjoyment and safety.
- In 2020 the Society organised the erection of 31 Swift boxes on residents' houses.
- In 2021 a 15-minute film about the 'History of Nayland' was commissioned by the Society.
- In 2022/23 the Society acquired two books written by the Reverend William Jones, Nayland minister in the 18th century who was a musician and theologian of national importance, one by auction and the other was donated by a member. A display case was specially made for the books to be displayed in St James's Church.

TEST PITS

Another interesting archaeology project took place in 2012. The Society's Secretary, Andora Carver, arranged for Nayland to be one of 6 locations in the area chosen for research by Cambridge University in collaboration with the Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Project and the Society. One metre square pits were dug in 33 gardens and open spaces all over Nayland by local volunteers and all finds processed by the University. It was a very enjoyable and successful community event which was followed by a second in 2014 when 16 more pits were dug. There were many interesting finds, which revealed evidence of Neolithic, bronze age, Roman and late Anglo Saxon settlements. More than a

It can be seen that in the first 50 years of its existence the Society has been very active and can be proud that it has achieved all its aims for Nayland and Wiston which it set out in 1974. From small beginnings it has gone from strength to strength and hopefully will continue to do so, keeping a watchful eye on Nayland and Wiston's welfare and ensuring that they both retain their unique character.

The Society's first Chairman and Life President, Blair Lees, sadly died in 1989 and did not live to celebrate the Society's 21st anniversary but he would undoubtedly be very proud of what the Society has achieved and that it has become such an established part of the community.



NAYLAND MEADOW

Perhaps the biggest project undertaken in the Society's history was the purchase in 2005 of the seventeen acre field beside the River Stour after a very well supported fundraising campaign. Over 90 villagers and friends raised the purchase price of £65,000 in a little over 4 months. The Nayland with Wissington Land Company Ltd, a registered charity, was formed to own and manage the land for the parish in perpetuity. It was decided that the land should revert to grassland under the DEFRA Suffolk River Valley ESA scheme. This involved seeding with a meadow mixture and an annual regime of hay cutting following by sheep grazing. A mixture of flowers and grasses was sown on the margin between the fence and the river bank.

In 2012 a further area of land adjacent to the meadow was acquired with funding supplied by many residents of the village.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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The number of entries for our annual **Spring Flower Show** on Saturday **23rd March** were fewer than we had wished; the early spring weather had not been helpful. Despite this we had a good number of visitors during morning who were able to enjoy the beautiful floral entries, relax and chat over refreshments and a chat. Delicious home made cakes and preserves were also on sale. Our thanks to the judges and the helpers on the day.

The Show had a total of 8 entrants producing 30 exhibits. The winner of the Olive Noakes cup was Liz Bennett on 18 points, Trevor Smy took second place with 15 points and Jane Barbrook came third with 12 points. The class results are listed below. #

Pot Spring Bulbs	Jane Barbrook
Pot Five Narcissus:	- , Trevor Smy
Pot miniature Narcissus:	Liz Bennett, Trevor Smy
Pot Polyanthus or Primula:	Jane Barbrook
Flowering houseplant:	- , - , Margaret Smy
Non-Flowering houseplant:	Liz Bennett, Alan Bennett, Jane Barbrook
Three blooms floating in water:	Alan Bennett, Liz Bennett
Arrangement 'Host of Daffodils':	Terry Bannister
Arrangement 'Spring Fever':	-
Vase Hyacinths:	Liz Bennett, Trevor Smy
Vase mixed flowers/shrubs:	Terry Bannister, Jane Barbrook, Trevor Smy
Vase single flowering shrub/tree:	-
Vase three Tulips	Liz Bennett, Anne Spencer, Margaret Smy
Vase one Camellia:	-
Vase six assorted Narcissus:	Liz Bennett, Terry Bannister, Trevor Smy,
Vase six miniature Narcissus:	Trevor Smy, Guy Niven
Vase three specimen Narcissus:	Anne Spencer, Trevor Smy, Liz Bennett
Rhubarb, 3 stalks:	Jane Barbrook, Trevor Smy



The next event on 16th March was our **AGM**, which was followed by a horticultural-themed Quiz. Sadly this was poorly attended but those who were there had an enjoyable evening. The Chairman, Trevor Smy said that last year we organised a full itinerary of events with varying degrees of success; the Spring Show had few entries but a good attendance; the Summer Show by comparison had a good number of entries and it was very encouraging to have more entries by children, This is very pleasing, because we need to get the next generation interested. Our talks were not very well attended; the outing to Bressingham Gardens was very enjoyable but lost money. We aim to break even and cannot continue running at a loss. Please let us know your suggestions for other interesting and enjoyable activities.

He went on to thank the many people who support HortSoc. Andrew Gowen for making sure our books are in order, Pat Bray for press coverage, Justin and Lorraine with computer stuff and keeping me on my toes. There are many more so thanks to you all. Not forgetting the committee for all the time they gave to running the Society in 2023/4.

He finished on a sad note, as HortSoc have lost some long-term members this year – Peggy Shreeve, Jean Evans, Gwynith Coley, Margaret Dowding, Ken Willingale, Pat Dewsbury and Liz Thorne who gave valued support over many years.

Richard Cave kindly chaired the election of officers; those re-elected were Trevor Smy (Chair), Jane Barbrook (Secretary), Margaret Smy (Treasurer). The committee going forward for 2024/5 will be Colin Ramsell, Sheila Wildish, Shirley Whitnell, Anne Spencer and Jenny Court.

The **Morning Market** on **11th May** was a great success. There were lots of flower and vegetable plants for sale, as well as home-made cakes and preserves, and we had a large number of visitors during the morning. We received invaluable donations of vegetable plants and flowers from people in the Village, which made our Morning Market even better than usual. Please accept our very grateful thanks.

There are a few spaces remaining for our coach outing on **Wednesday 12th June** for the visit to **RHS Hyde Hall**; further details and booking form are on page 13 or please contact Trevor or Margaret Smy to book your place. 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.

The schedules for the **annual Flower Show on Saturday 3rd August** have been distributed locally. If you require additional copies, they are available from the Forget Me Not and Mill Street Deli or can be downloaded from our website. Schedules can also be collected from a committee member. Please note entries must be submitted by 6pm on Wednesday 31st July.

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 10-14 it is *'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.

As part of the Show, the **Tallest Hollyhock Competition** is being included again - see *details and entry form on page 11*. We are simply looking for the tallest hollyhock - of any variety or colour - grown anywhere within the parish of Nayland with Wissington. A photo of the hollyhock with the measurements will need to be submitted by Saturday 27th July. Photos will be displayed and the winners announced at the Flower Show.

Another event coming up later in the year will be 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.



ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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Weekly church services continue; at the end of Lent we held the Maundy Thursday service, on Good Friday the service was the Objects of the Passion which is a very quiet and reflective, on Easter Eve we held the first Communion of Easter where the Paschal Candles are lit and taken into a dark Church. There have been three baptisms and three weddings. The rota of services every Sunday includes a family service once a month.

At the Annual Parochial Church meeting on 11th April Kathy Hunt was again elected as Churchwarden and members of the PCC remain, except the minute secretary who has resigned so we have a vacancy for that role. Reports were given by organisations involved with church events and those involved with the general running of the church.

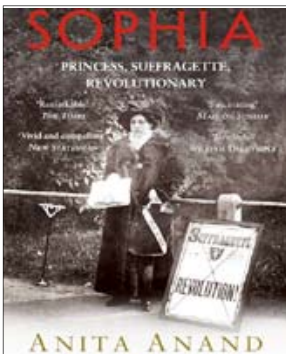
Nicola Thorogood is resigning as Benefice Administrator and Sam Bridgeman will be taking over the role.

The Community Pantry is well used but due to some abuse it is being locked at night.

The Wednesday Coffee Mornings continue to be popular with a glorious selection of homemade cakes on offer.

The weather was not kind for the Annual Fete on 6th May but it was enjoyed and raised fund for the upkeep of St James' Church fabric fund which is used solely for the upkeep of the historic building.

The churchyard is in full flower again and thanks are due to the volunteers who cut the grass. It is difficult keeping the churchyard tidy as there is an effort to retain as much 'wildness' as possible, but it is still a garden in the middle of the village and needs regular attention. Interestingly a young hare (leveret) has been seen and it was left in its own patch of long grass.



BOOK CLUB

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We recently finished reading 'The Midnight House' by Amanda Geard. Set in Ireland with three different timelines and three different women, we learnt how their lives entwined. In 2019 a young female journalist flees home to Kerry from Dublin following work and relationship issues, where she discovers an old letter, written during the war, tucked in the pages of a book from Blackwater Hall. She is drawn in by the mystery of a long-buried secret.

Our latest book is 'Sophia: Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary' by Anita Anand.



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

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Nayland with Wissington Crime Review 13/3/24 – 4/5/24

Within this 7 ½ week period in the Nayland and Wissington area, there have been the following incidents reported to police (or that police have been involved in) – A domestic non crime incident, an adult safeguarding referral related to fraud, two child safeguarding referrals, a domestic coercive and controlling offence, criminal damage to a car and two assaults on children (people known to them). Also,

between Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April there were burglaries at three business premises at Nags Corner.

Here are some crime prevention advice tips for general theft prevention and security in relation to your garden and house perimeter: • Create layers of security • On your front door, have a door chain or door bar and viewer (spy hole) • Front boundaries should be less than 1m high so your neighbours and passers-by can clearly see the front of your property • Rear boundaries should be 1.8m high with locked gates, to prevent easy rear access - also remove climbing aids • Remove tools/bricks from the garden that could be used to force entry • Always lock garages, sheds and outbuildings • Have dusk to dawn lighting at the front and back • Always lock your doors with the key and keep your windows secure, even when you're at home • Install an alarm/CCTV • Leave lights on timers • Register your valuables at www.immobilise.com and mark your property with UV pen (I have these available at my monthly events) • Avoid keeping cash at home • Hide car keys.

By the time you read this, I would have had my monthly engagement event at the Chapel St Mary Library. My June engagement is likely to be in Statford St Mary, but the place and date are to still to be confirmed. If you visit the www.suffolk.police.uk website, put in your postcode or village in the "Find your area" section it will take you to the page for your community policing team. From there you can see a tab called "Meetings and events", this is the area where you can see the locations/dates/times of my forthcoming events.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975
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At our April meeting Andrea Walsh enlightened us on the do's and don'ts of looking after our bodies showing us poise, posture and balance.

Our May meeting was our AGM; the committee was elected en bloc gaining one new member and losing one long standing member. Lorna Rumsey and Jeannette Finch remain as President and Secretary (details above) and Shirley Williams as Treasurer. Committee members are: Penny Allen, Anne Channon, Mary Hussey and Sue Carbutt. We finished the afternoon with tea and a chat.

Looking ahead, on 13th June Norma Howell will give a very interesting 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.

For garden lovers, 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. In August we will enjoy our annual Garden Tea Party.

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 gives details of our activities.



NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

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The Nayland First Responders are so pleased to let you know that the third kit bag and defibrillator that we purchased with the grant from the Community Council is now up and running and is being used on call outs. This means that we can have more responders on call at one time giving the local area more cover and peace of mind.

As you can see from the photograph we are now all fully kitted out in the East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST) uniform. We were able to purchase a set of trousers each from the donations that we made from doing the CPR Training sessions. And we managed to purchase a 3 in 1 jacket for each of the Responders due to one local individual's very kind donation. The Nayland First Responders receive no funding and rely on donations to fund most of the equipment and our uniform.



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

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Our speaker on 10th April was Peter Lawrence who gave a well researched and very interesting illustrated talk about *'Humphry Repton and his remarkable garden designs'*, an accomplished artist and landscape designer who was often regarded as the successor to Capability Brown.

Once again the lunch was well attended and most enjoyable; we were spoilt for puddings which are quite a highlight of the lunches. Thank you to everyone who supports this fundraiser for our village hall and to the hard working team who work so well together.

The two new refrigerators that we bought for the village hall from last year's profits from the lunches are a very welcome and well used addition to the kitchen.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th October and the talk will be on 'Colchester Zoo and it's Conservation Programme'. This promises to be very interesting and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Further details will be available in the next issue of the Community Times.



FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH

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The Friends of Wiston Church is a charity dedicated to raising money to help maintain the fabric of our much loved ancient building.

If you're not already part of our small community, we'd love you to join in with our future Social and Cultural events! We're always looking for new supporters - so if you might be able to give something, we'd be so pleased to hear from you!

Many kind people donate regularly - and if you might be willing to do the same, please do get in touch (the amount is entirely up to you). As you can imagine, the need to maintain the church fabric never ceases so, if you might consider leaving a bequest, your memory would live on in the Church.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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The Society celebrates its 50th anniversary on the 6th of June this year and you will have found in the centre pages of this edition an excellent history of the Society written by founder member Wendy Sparrow.

We are holding a celebratory evening at the village hall on Tuesday the 25th of June starting at 7.15 pm. 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 and the evening will be rounded off with 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.

Open Gardens will take place on Sunday the 9th of June and at the moment we have 26 participating gardens. Tickets can be bought in advance at <https://naylandevents.org>

We always need volunteers to assist in running this event so please do not hesitate to contact me at mikejphunter@gmail.com or by telephone at 01206 264100 if you would like to help.

The spring litter pick, held in conjunction with the Parish Council took place on Saturday the 20th April when around ten volunteers helped to make your village a tidier place.

Our Spring Footpath walk took place Sunday on the 12th of May when Chris Hunt led a circular walk from St. Mary's Church in Bures up to Mount Bures. As usual Chris interspersed humour and historical detail in equal measure.



THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

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It seems summer may have finally arrived; regulars and visitors have been enjoying the green. Groups of canoeists from Norwich School and kayakers from Essex University took advantage of the weather to take to the water during the Easter break

The dubious state of the river water has been mentioned elsewhere in the magazine, needless to say all incidents are reported promptly by the Friends.

We can now confirm that there are no cygnets this year from our current resident swans; let's hope for better luck next year. There have been Egyptian, Canada and Greylag geese visiting, however they are not tolerated by the swans who have chased them off. Cormorants have been spotted in recent years, and have returned.

As elsewhere in the village, there has been an increase in the number of people not picking up after their dogs. We will remind people when seen and point them in the direction of the free poo bags and waste bins. The green is there for all to enjoy, let's look after it.



NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



We have been having lots of fun at the Toddler Group both indoors and, when the weather permitted, out in the sunshine. 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 have recently welcomed lots of new families and would love you and your little ones to come and join us on Friday mornings at 9.30am until 11.15am. Our dates are June: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th; and July: 5th.





NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

This is the handbell team at Boxford recently - a handsome bunch don't you think!

We continue to receive requests for performances which is lovely and also testament to our musical abilities! Our audiences are amazed that they too can create music on the hand chimes, the chosen piece is "Daisy, Daisy Give me your answer do" also a good sing-along song.

To remind you we meet during school term times in the Church Hall Bear Street between 1.30pm and 3pm each Tuesday afternoon - all-comers welcome.



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

Now the warmer weather has arrived it is hoped to start a regular practice afternoon again at St James. Anyone interested in learning to bellring please contact me for information - Chris Hunt 01206 262014. Or if any lapsed ringers who would like to come and help 'fire-up' our ancient six and send the sound of old England across the countryside I would love to hear from you.

We have usually practiced on a Monday but if any other day would be better, I am open to negotiations!

The bells have been in action however as Nayland is a popular spot for bands of ringers to visit.



NAYLAND CHOIR

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Thank you to everyone who came to the Choir's 30th Anniversary Concert! The performance of Mozart's Requiem at St James's Church was such a joy and to hear all the wonderful feedback makes all the hard work in the rehearsals worth it! To sing to a full-house too was a fabulous experience. We were very fortunate to be accompanied by a fabulous orchestra and soloists - thank you to them!

After the concert our members plus their partners and special guests (notably Mandy Cook who set the ball rolling all those many years ago) headed over to the Village Hall for cake and fizz to celebrate.

We'll be seeing more of Mandy when we continue our anniversary celebrations in our Summer concert, for which we are now well into rehearsals. The repertoire will include music inspired by Shakespeare, varying from jazzy settings of Shakespeare's Sonnets by George Shearing, classical settings of songs from his plays, and familiar tunes from two re-tellings of Shakespeare plays: 'Kiss Me Kate' and 'West Side Story'.

As has become our tradition, the concert, on Friday 5th July in Nayland Village Hall, will follow a well-tried recipe: Music, Food and Wine. Tickets will be available in the coming weeks on Naylandevents.org.

As always, if you fancy singing with us, it's not too late to join, so do come along on a Thursday evening to Nayland Primary School at 8pm.





Woodland Corner

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The caterpillars were waiting for us when we returned after Easter and from today (7th May) they are hatching into beautiful butterflies.

We made flags for George's day on 23rd April. Our theme this half term is 'People who help us' and 'Traditional tales'. A dental surgeon came in on 22nd April to talk to the children about dental hygiene. We incorporated 'Healthy Eating' into the dental visit as we talked about how much sugar was in some of our favourite food and drink. We are going to have a visit from a paramedic, police officer and a visit to our local fire station! All staff are now up to date with their paediatric first aid.

At Woodland Corner our staff are our main asset. We arranged for them all to have a thirty-minute reflexology treatment as a thank you for all their hard work and dedication!

Children going to school in September 2024 will be taking part in one 'Learner Gang' session a week and a 'Ready for school PE session'. To help your child have a smooth transition to school we do a variety of activities such as: mind maps, stories, games, dressing up in a variety of different school uniforms, visits to 'Cygnet' class (if going to Nayland) and we also welcome reception teachers to visit us.

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 - details on how it went in the next issue.

On 21st May the Pre-School Children and their parents/carers are all going on a sponsored walk in Nayland and finishing with a picnic lunch and birthday cake.

We are taking bookings for September 2024, please phone or email us to arrange a visit. Our extended schools' bookings for September are filling up quickly, so please put your child's name down now!



Family@Nayland

Helen Schalin
helen.deex@gmail.com
07717 766683

Family@Nayland continues to run on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10am at St James'. We're excited to move into our fourth year!

This Spring we have celebrated Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and Pentecost. Activities have included batting balloons around the church (herding our sheep) and making helicopters to throw down from the organ loft, thinking about forces we can't see like air, gravity and the Holy Spirit.

Enjoyed by all ages - everyone is welcome! Our next services are on 16th June (Father's Day) and 21st July.





NAYLAND ART GROUP

Kathryn Niven 07867 878443 nivenkathryn@gmail.com

We have been enjoying some more painting as well as exploring different drawing techniques. We have just had a second session exploring acrylics and we've enjoyed trying something new although the group consensus seems to be that we prefer our usual watercolours!

We learn a lot from each other and from our tutors (every other week or so) and are always pleased to share ideas and discuss techniques with each other.

If you are interested in joining us, we're a friendly group who meet in the church hall on Wednesday afternoons (during school term time) and the first two taster sessions are free so please get in touch.



TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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

Sadly one of our founder members Liz Thorne died recently. Liz was also involved with lots of Village groups, including the Book Club and Art Group. At our very first session 10 years ago she came along to Table Tennis in Nayland, along with her husband and daughter. Several of the Table Tennis members plan to attend her funeral service.

The Table Tennis Group meet every Monday in the Village 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 and all are welcome.



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Miss Connell Robins@nayland.suffolk.sch.uk

Owl class visit to Thorpe Woodlands Activity Centre: The place to face your fears!"

From 13th to 15th May the Owl Class from Nayland Primary went on an adventurous and exciting residential trip to Thorpe Woodlands Activity Centre in Norfolk. We went on the trip so that we could experience being away from home for a couple of nights to prepare us for future activities, such as PGL in Year 6 and also to have a fun time facing challenges with our friends and teachers.

As soon as we got off the coach we were desperate to explore the centre and to see our dorms. Next, once we'd had a special introduction from the instructors, we got straight on with some team challenges in the hot, sunshine including the rope swing, balance board (which was like a giant see-saw) and a blindfold trail where you had to rely on the person at the front to explain where they were going!

The rest of our time there was spent climbing (including the power fan), zip-wiring, caving, doing archery, canoeing, crate stacking, tree-top climbing and braving the 20 metre drop. Our days were tiring but jam-packed with excitement. We all got to do something that took a lot of courage and we all felt very proud of ourselves afterwards. All of the instructors were very friendly and encouraging although we all agreed that our special favourite was definitely Jess the dog!

Our evenings weren't boring either because each evening we did something different and fun; scavenger hunting, marshmallow roasting round the campfire plus manhunt and capture the flag in the vast forest.

In addition, the food there was very tasty and there was lots of choice. Sometimes we got to have seconds and even thirds! Also we did have some free time and the chance to relax and have a yummy biscuit break.

We finished our trip doing a shelter building competition in our groups and we had to test if they were waterproof, stable and could fit everybody in. Everyone did get a little bit wet but we still had a brilliant time.

We arrived home, exhausted but happy and a little bit sad that we couldn't stay for longer.

by Elvie and Bella





VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 304 928 www.naylandandwiston.net > Village Hall

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646 Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



APRIL MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for April was read out.
- Iain Wright will prepare a brief for the Parish Assembly.
- The monthly fire check for March and April were carried out; no problems were found.
- The VHMC agreed that all the lights should be changed to LED lights. A few still need replacing.
- A & B Glazing will be asked to service the fire doors the field side of the hall.
- The next quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The annual external inspection of the hall will be carried out.

MAINTENANCE

- The sinks in the kitchen need replacing; commercial sinks are being researched. The electrics under the sinks will need to be moved and 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.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

- An offer of free broadband has been received from County Broadband. It was agreed to proceed with caution to investigate this offer.
- West Bergholt youth football team manager has requested the use of the playing field. However, as they would not be able to give us much notice of when the matches would be played and the rabbit problem affecting the pitch it was decided that we could not agree to their request.

- The organiser of the Church Fete has been advised that the field may be too waterlogged to hold the Fete on 6th May. It may have to be postponed until 27th May.

MAY MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for May was read out.
- The monthly fire check for May was carried out; no problems were found.
- SRL Technical Services have been asked to calibrate the noise limiter.
- The next quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The annual external inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- A & B Glazing have serviced the fire doors on the field side of the hall.

MAINTENANCE

- The sinks in the kitchen need replacing; commercial sinks are being researched. The electrics under the sinks will need to be moved and the flooring extended.
- Someone who can replace the hall curtains will be sought.
- Hadleigh Glass will be asked to service the front door.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The VHMC is continuing with submissions to the Lottery Fund and Babergh Council for funding the roof replacement. The question asked by the lottery about the number of solar panels in the plans is being answered. The Parish Council are very supportive.
- 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Endowment Fund £15,831, COIF £20,587, Bank £27,183, Cash £624, Debtors £45, Assets £24,428.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be on **Monday 3rd June @ 7.30pm** in the hall committee room.

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.

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.



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NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: March & April 2024 *by David Lowe*

March saw a pretty well constant run of depressions running in from the Atlantic over the UK, and thus it was a very mild month – the mildest over the 16 year record period – and also damp. There was no cold weather at all – and only one air frost. It was the 7th month in a row with above average rainfall.

Mean temperature was 9.2°C (6.97) with a high of 18°C (17.12) and low of -0.9°C (-1.79). There was one ground frost and two grass frosts. There were no days of less than 5°C max (0.75) five less than 10°C max (11.81) and twenty-six less than 15°C max (27.31).

Bright sun hours were 203.3(210.41) solar energy was 5800 Ly (6309) and evapotranspiration 45.75 mm (48.06).

Monthly rain was 46.8 mm (40.8) with one day over 10mm (1.12). Highest rainfall rate was 14.6 mm/hr (27.78). Evapotranspiration slightly exceeded rainfall.

Average wind speed was 5.7 mph (5.01) with the highest day average, 12.2 mph (11.92). There was one day with a gust over 35 mph (1.87). The dominant direction was south.

April was a warm and wet month – albeit with a notable cold period between the 20th and 26th. It was the seventh consecutive month with above average rainfall – more than double.

Mean temperature was 10.4°C, third highest over the 16 year record period, with a max of 21.8 °C (20.84) and minimum of 0.2 °C (0.93). There were two grass frosts - no air or ground frosts.

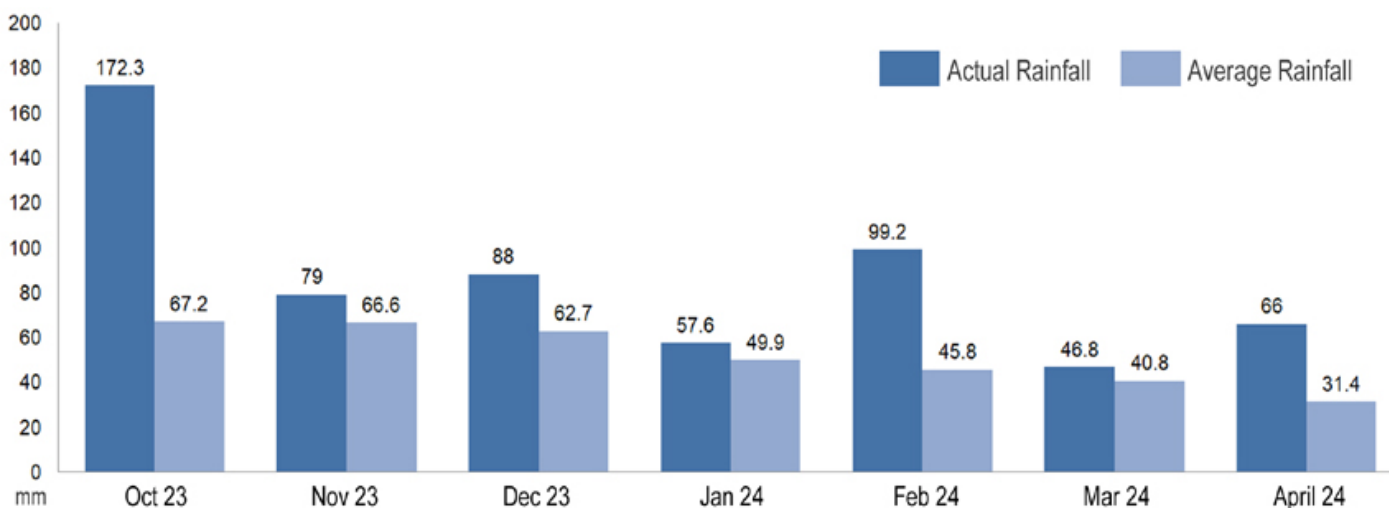
The temp failed to reach 10 °C on one day only (3.69) with eighteen less than 15 °C (18.56) and twenty-seven less than 20 °C (27.75). First day over 20 °C was the 6th – three days in all (2.25).

Bright sun hours were 283 (285.6) and solar energy was 9350 Ly (10524). Evapotranspiration was 71.75 mm (74.97).

Monthly rain was 66 mm (31.36) more than double the normal of 31.36 mm and the second highest over the 16 year record period. Highest rainfall rate was 28 mm/hr (31.69) and highest daily amount 14.6 mm. there were two days with over 10 mm (0.56).

Average wind speed was 6.4 mph (equal highest) with highest daily average 10.0 mph (9.69). Max gust was 39 mph with six days over 30 mph (2.5) two over 35 mph (0.81). Predominant wind direction was SW.

NAYLAND ACTUAL RAINFALL AGAINST AVERAGE RAINFALL OCTOBER 23 - APRIL 24



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON LAND COMPANY

Chair: Martin Wright 07768 006546 martincewright2@hotmail.com
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What news from Nayland Meadow ?

The sheep and lambs are all over much in evidence on the meadow giving universal joy! There have been a couple of sheep incidents and we will be putting up signs shortly with the shepherd's mobile number for reporting any issues - to Trevor Street on 07885 745074.

Following completion of phase 2 of the path (i.e. the new 400 metre section of permissive path) at the beginning of 2024 I am delighted to be able to report that this has all now greened up as the new grass cover gets established. We thank people for their patience and understanding during the installation of the new surface and the temporary path closure that this necessitated. Sadly some ignored the closed signs, walked along the closed newly laid grassed route and caused some damage.

Now for the photo. We have installed a new deluxe bat-box on one of the riverside trees - out of the way hanging from the branch. (Not all bats know Bruce Wayne or live in a cave...!).

We are very grateful to The Anchor Inn, Nayland for sponsoring the purchase of this bat-box. Bat-boxes provide secure sites for bats to roost in during the day and can sometimes be used as a maternity roost for breeding females. Bat-boxes are especially important in areas which have few natural roost sites. Much of the tree cover within or near the meadow is quite recent and the trees have few holes or crevices in which bats can roost. In future we will be installing additional boxes around the site to try and encourage more bats to the area.

Perhaps you too will sponsor a deluxe, well-appointed bat home at £49.50 and give nature a real boost !!!!



VILLAGE PLAYERS: 'ON GOLDEN POND'

Nayland's Village Players served up a real treat with their spring production of Eric Thompson's 'On Golden Pond'. The play's single set meant that Nick Moriarty, Mandy Cook and Lorraine Coombes, with assistance from Roy Norfolk, Alice Gurden and Mark West, could really go to town on constructing and dressing the living room of a New England summer house – and they did not disappoint. The lighting from Elliot Mo also helped to provide the desired charming ambience. Visiting director Liz Mullen's inspired decision to have a live pianist (Helen Walder) playing the wistful theme tune before the start and during inter-scene setting put the audience in the right frame of mind for the play's main theme – Norman and Ethel Thayer coming to terms with the autumn of their own lives. John McCarroll and Jackie Grant have both won awards for their individual acting, and together they were formidable. Norman - irascible, tactless but ultimately loveable; Ethel the mainstay and calming influence for this force of nature.

There were certainly lighter moments too. Tim Dotchin was perfectly cast as the hapless mailman Charlie "Mackinarkley" Martin, whose every utterance melted into infectious laughter.

Norman ultimately showed his gentle side when being reconciled with his estranged daughter Chelsea (superbly played by Emma Wallis) and was firmly taken to task by Chelsea's lover and, eventual husband, Bill Ray (played by Mark Russell in an unassuming way as befitted the character) when he had overstepped the mark once too often. This showed that Norman was ultimately as vulnerable as the rest of us and we felt for him as he showed signs of aging and memory loss. The bright light for him, though, was a new force in his life- Billy (a strong performance by young Alex Walder) with whom he became the firmest of friends.

All was well cast and superbly executed, but the plaudits must go to the main two characters and the actors who played them – Norman and Ethel, John and Jackie. They had us in the palm of their hand throughout, including the moment we thought Norman



was going to die, and we didn't want it to end. This was a well-conceived and well-executed piece of drama, which one needed reminding was after all amateur. Touching and sentimental this was a portrayal of the fragility of existence. Well done to all, we look forward to your next production.



What a night it turned out to be! A packed house witnessed a pantomime cow dance routine, traditional Suffolk clog dancing, poetry, storytelling, musical pieces of commendable quality, one or two musical pieces (from our in house professionals) of exquisite beauty, kazoo playing of extraordinary... well, something... in amongst a whole smorgasbord of er...talent, on show! What a great night, everyone got into the spirit of things and a four figure sum was raised for repairs to our much loved church. Well done Naylanders - such a community spirit!



Tablao Flamenco
 NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH LANE CO6 4JH
 Tuesday, 11th June

Doors 7.30pm **DIRECT FROM SPAIN!** Starts 8pm

José Almarcha Flamenco Trio

José Almarcha: Guitarra
 Lucia Ruibal: Bailarina, Palmas
 Demi García Sabat: Percussion

"José Almarcha's Alejandro is a true labour of love."
 - Helen Alonso Paisley

Embark on a journey through flamenco's soul-stirring rhythms with the José Almarcha Trio, who will captivate your senses with virtuoso guitar skills, passionate dance moves, and percussive prowess.

Tickets: Adults £20, Students, Under 21s, Children £10 *
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(*Proof required. Children must be accompanied by an adult)
 Artist/fine-up may be subject to last minute alteration without prior notification

MEMORIAL FOR JANE WALKER HOSPITAL PATIENTS

A memorial to honour disabled patients of the former Jane Walker Hospital has been unveiled

Organisers of the 'My Iron Cross' campaign have lauded the public's generosity in helping to raise over £3,000 for a permanent memorial for residents of the former Jane Walker Hospital in Wissington which closed in 1991. Many of the patients had been left and forgotten by their families.

Forty-eight residents of the institution, which housed and cared for people with learning disabilities, are interred at Nayland cemetery, with each of their burial sites marked with a small inscribed iron cross but they had become damaged or had disappeared prompting the fundraising campaign.

The unveiling ceremony, with a blessing and speeches, held on 18th April was very moving. Small roses were placed on the iron crosses that mark the graves in the cemetery.

The headstone was made by Hunnaball Funeral Directors and features the names of the patients as well as an image of the former hospital.

Jennie Hunnaball was very involved and supportive in making the memorial, as was Nick Tindle Stonemason and Jason Tipple of Essex Forge who made and donated 15 new iron crosses.

Photos clockwise: single roses on each iron cross, the unveiling ceremony, organisers of the campaign: Heather Free, Tom Weston, Beverley Cheeseman & John Millbank.



GREAT HORKESLEY SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 29th June

12pm to 4pm - Great Horkesley Village Green CO6 4EA (off Tilehouse Lane)

Pony Rides - Petting Farm - Fairground Rides - Children's Entertainer - Face Painter
Family Games - Penalty Shoot Out - Ice Cream - BBQ - Cake Sale - Raffle - Tombola & much more...

SESAW NEWS:

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



Ollie has definitely mellowed. Our resident black cat has watched a brood of baby robins fly the nest without the slightest twitch of his tail! He hasn't even tried abseiling off the garage roof to reach the blue tits nesting box. Apparently he is more interested in finding a home for Lizzie, a pretty, but shy, tabby cat that has been with us since last summer.

She is slow to come to you, hardly surprising after being cast aside, yet another casualty of the pandemic. She arrived pregnant and with her first litter of kittens, all of which have been homed. Now she waits for that special someone with the patience and love she deserves. We can loan a large crate to house Lizzie as she is introduced into her new home.

We still have Lily and Grey, a bonded pair of Saluki dogs. They are looking for a loving home with a comfy sofa. If you could be the perfect person for them or our pandemic puss, please visit them between 10am and 1pm, Thursday to Sunday.

That pesky puss has just smashed Mum's favourite mug in the kitchen. Now, instead of admiring a cute Yorkie dog as she sups her tea, Mum has a photo of Ollie staring back at her but he's not so clever. He hasn't noticed there is a different picture on the back. Yes, you guessed it's a photo of me, **Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!**

Books in Aid of SESAW

Frank Payne, Honey Tye's latter day author and poet, is, following his April 90th birthday, just a few hundred pounds short of his SESAW £5000 small animal target.

His books include 'Here Today "Goon" Tomorrow', followed by 'Well Worth Waiting For', then came 'It All Kicks Off On Sunday' which chronicles incidents occurring during his forty two years as a qualified Essex soccer referee.

Sold singly for £5 or as a set for £10, the books have so far sold for £4,726 for the benefit of SESAW. To order your copy, or copies, contact Frank on 01026 263600 or email cahors@live.co.uk

Calendar

The photographic competition to generate images for the 2025 Nayland with Wissington Calendar took place over the weekend of 26th-28th April. There were just over 180 beautiful photographs submitted by 34 residents, making selection of just twelve scenes and a cover very difficult indeed; thankfully the choice was made by the 50 residents who voted.

Those viewing online over the weekend made their choices and the photographs selected were submitted by Sarah Amos, Amelie Palmer (age 10), Mandy Cook, John Revett, Darius Laws, John Dalton, Elaine Muskett, Jenny Rix, Tony Fryer, Suki Cohen and Julie Clarke. Congratulations and very well done to all.

You will have to wait for the calendar to see the selected entries but shown here are an example of some of the other delightful images submitted. As hoped entries represented the different seasons with our range of weather conditions, from glorious sunshine to mist and light snow.

Locations ranged from village activities and events such as the Nayland Coronation Picnic, Christmas events, Nayland Family Festival, Bonfire & Firework Night, the Flower Show and river recreation to parish landmarks, such as St James' and St Mary's churches. There were a variety of street scenes, views of the meandering river Stour, the countryside and farming views and some interesting architectural and natural features. Several people managed to capture spur of the moment scenes, with our feathered and furry residents.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

The images selected for inclusion in the calendar are now being inserted in the village calendar which will go on sale at



Sunrise over allotments, Jayne Kennedy



Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks, Rachel Hitchcock



Firefighters' at the Christmas Tree Festival, Phil Border



Fun at Caley Green, Jackie Clarke



Abell Bridge, Kathryn Niven



St James; Church & organ, Rita Stillaway

Competition

the Flower Show on 3rd August and thereafter at various village venues and events.

In the meantime, don't forget to keep your cameras to hand to capture scenes for next year's competition; it's amazing how often the most fabulous shots come from just being in the right place at the right time.

View these images in the colour version of the Community Times at www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk on the Community Times page. All the photographs submitted will remain online for viewing in the Calendar page of the same website.



Father Christmas' visit to Nayland, Sally Dalton



Steam Engine in Bear Street, Chris Hunt



Coronation Picnic, Claire Buller



View from Wissington, James Bates



Swans on the Stour, Catherine Burbidge



Post Office window at Christmas, Wendy Sparrow



Swan at Wiston Mill, Adam Lunn



FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES:

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland & Polstead

Please check the Benefice website and Facebook page for updates:
www.lspnw.org.uk - www.facebook.com/naylandchurches

CHURCH SERVICES: May/June

<u>Sunday 26th</u> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Sung Evensong	Wiston Stoke Leavenheath Nayland
<u>Sunday 2nd</u> <u>June</u> <i>Trinity 1</i>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am First Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Nayland Wiston Leavenheath VH Polstead Stoke
<u>Sunday 9th</u> <i>Trinity 2</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Leavenheath Nayland Stoke Wiston
<u>Sunday 16th</u> <i>Trinity 3</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Family Service 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Stoke Polstead Wiston Nayland Leavenheath
<u>Sunday 23rd</u> <i>Trinity 4</i>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	Wiston Stoke Leavenheath Nayland
<u>Sunday 30th</u> <i>Trinity 5</i>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.00am Benefice Service	Polstead Wiston

CHURCH SERVICES: July

<u>Sunday 7th</u> <i>Trinity 6</i>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am First Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Nayland Wiston Leavenheath VH Polstead Stoke
<u>Sunday 14th</u> <i>Trinity 7</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Leavenheath Nayland Stoke w. Polstead Wiston
<u>Sunday 21st</u> <i>Trinity 8</i>	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Family Service 4.00pm Gospel Oak Service 6.30pm Evening Praise	Stoke Polstead Wiston Nayland Polstead Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 28th</u> <i>Trinity 9</i>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	Wiston Stoke Leavenheath Nayland
<u>Sunday 4th</u> <u>August</u> <i>Trinity 10</i>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Holy Communion 10.00am First Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Nayland Wiston Leavenheath VH Polstead 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

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

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.

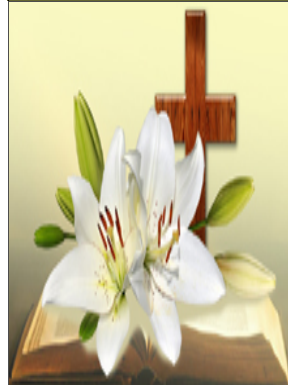
St James' Parochial Church Council

require a volunteer

MINUTE SECRETARY

for their meetings which are held every 4 to 6 weeks. It is not an onerous role; it involves producing and distributing the Agenda and Minutes for each meeting. Contact Kathy Hunt on 262014 or kath12hunt@gmail.com.

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

Amelia Bannister-Watson
Winston Ferber
Penelope Ferber

DEATHS

'Liz' Elizabeth Thorne
'Tom' Thomas Bugg
Mary Fairhead

WEDDINGS

Holly Morgan & Charles Glen

CHURCH CONTACT ALL DETAILS ON PAGE 47

If you require information about a baptism, marriage, funeral or anything pastoral please contact:

Rector: Revd Stéphane Javelle on 01206 263589 or rector@lspnw.org.uk (Friday is his usual day off)

Benefice Administrator: Sam Bridgeman on 07770 884682 or admin@lspnw.org.uk

Retired Clergy: Revd Val Armstrong on 01206 262814 mrsvarmstrong@hotmail.com

Churchwarden for St James': Kathy Hunt (262014) is the point of contact for Nayland church queries or Nicola Thorogood 262453 for St Mary's Wiston.

PAT DEWSBURY*(March 1931 to February 2024)*

Pat was born in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, in 1931 the youngest of three daughters. Into sport and mischief from a young age, she was the tomboy of the family much to her dad's delight. Part of a loving family, she had a very happy childhood also enjoying her time at Greenhead High School with her close group of lifelong friends. The Big 6. Their adventures included going on harvest camps to help after the war, where her mother would post her a homemade cake and Pat would post the tin back for a refill! Hockey was her main sport then, and she was particularly proud to play once for England against France when she was 18 - they lost 9-0 but as Pat said she wasn't playing in her usual position!

After A-levels, on her father's advice, Pat sat the demanding Civil Servants exam which just 10% passed. Just passing, her proud father said it doesn't matter which carriage of the train you get on, you all get off at the same station. She left home at 18 to begin her career, quickly qualifying as one of the youngest female tax inspectors. The job required moving around a lot. Everywhere she went she joined a church, tennis club and choir, playing hockey and golf where she could.

In 1962 she met the love of her life David on holiday in Austria. Within three years, they met got married and had two children, the twins Deborah and Angela. In 1968, they moved to the beautiful village of Nayland, where family life truly began. In 1974 the family had the unexpected but lovely arrival of John David; they were extremely happy years.

Pat was very involved in village life. This included with the churches (St James and United Reformed), choirs, tennis,



ladies sports group, WI, supporting charity events, to mention just a few. She had such a rich warm alto voice, and loved being part of the Nayland choirs.

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After David died suddenly in 1980, Pat's immense strength allowed her to bring up her three children on her own in such a remarkable way, with such fierce love, support, friendship, happiness, and laughter. She also forged forward with her charity work, which was such a huge part of her life. This included 27 years delivering meals on wheels around the parish, working at the hospital shop, delivering parish magazines, and being bus and second-hand clothes treasurer for Ipswich School. In 1992, she started volunteering at St

Helena's Hospice. If she had any questions, she always worked on finding an answer so she could be there for people. She was so proud to be presented with her 21-year long-service badge for her hospice work. At his time, she retook up golf making many friendships among the ladies and vets at Stokeby-Nayland club.

In recent years Pat was focused on maintaining her independence so she could live in her own home as she wanted. Her children are so thankful for all the many people in Nayland who helped her with that. It was lovely to see so many at Pat's Celebration of Life Service. What shined through from all the conversations was her amazing sense of fun, how caring and supportive she was, her strong faith and character she was and how many happy memories they will now cherish.

FROM THE BENEFICE ADMINISTRATORS

After 11 years, two interregnums and three vicars it is time for me to hand over the role of Benefice Administrator to someone new. I have very much enjoyed working with you all and getting to know many of you across the Benefice.

The administration will now be in the capable hands of Samantha (Sam) Bridgeman who lived in Wiston and now lives in Nayland. For the time being I will continue to manage the benefice bank account.

I have been Churchwarden of St Mary's Wiston for over 20 years and will not be going anywhere and will still look forward

to seeing many of you from time to time. I hope Sam enjoys the job as much as I have.

Best wishes, Nicola Thorogood

I am very happy to have been offered the position of Benefice Administrator and look forward to meeting and working with everyone involved. Nicola is showing me the ropes and hopefully I can do the job as efficiently!

The email address will remain the same admin@lspnw.org.uk but the a new contact telephone number will be 07770 884682.

If you have not met me before, I will be helping on the plant and book stall at Nayland Church Fete.

Best wishes, Sam

Dear All,

The weeks that are coming ahead are known in the Lectionary (liturgical calendar) as Ordinary Time.

It is described as ordinary by opposition of the extraordinary time of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost, which can make sense. So we have to understand it like in a duality of usual versus unusual not in the way of boring versus fantastic. Because ordinary time has got nothing boring at all. We put big festivals on a side to concentrate on the teaching and the deeds of Christ.

Summer is the good setting to think quietly about this, with its shinier weather and its long evenings. I invite you to sit in a garden, relax in the sun and have a look at these readings to have a foretaste of wonder in the ordinary.

Sunday 2nd June: Mark 2:23-3:6 Jesus teaches the rabbis what is the sabbath about. The Sabbath was made for human-kind, and not humankind for the Sabbath.

What is our relationship with rest? Do we struggle to disconnect from our business? Do we take too much rest when we should be in action? Do we judge others about what they do to rest and how often? What is rest? What is work?

Sunday 8th June: Mark 12:38-end Jesus points the widow who put just a small amount in the collection when rich people show how much they can pour. He tells us she's making a sacrifice when the others just get rid of extras. Are we quick to judge? Do we take time to know the whole story behind a situation? Do we acknowledge the fact that we sometimes can't have the full picture? When we give, how much do we give? What we don't need? What we want to share? Do we wait for a reward?

Sunday 16th June: Mark 4:26-34 The parable of the mustard seed. Do we see all the potential of marvellous outcomes in the smallest things? Do we value the everyday small actions that patiently change the world around us? Do we realise the power of a smile? Do we accept this who am I to make a change as an answer?

Sunday 23rd June: Mark 3:35-end Jesus quiet the storm on the lake. How often do we feel overwhelmed when we shouldn't? Have we got enough discernment? Do we spontaneously see solutions when we face a problem or have we got a pessimistic view of it? Where's our hope? Who do we trust to accompany us through difficulties? Are we trustworthy people? How much

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space do we leave for prayer and meditation?

Sunday 30th June: Mark 5:21-end Jesus cures the woman suffering from haemorrhages and wakes up the girl in a coma. Do we believe everything was created through Jesus, which gives him power to command the creation? Do we turn to him when we are desperate? Do we believe something can always happen? Do need to see these miracles to believe he can change our lives?

These are just a few examples of the readings we will go through this month. No festival, no pomp and circumstances, but the wonderful in the ordinary. Brothers and sisters in Christ, the building of the Kingdom of God is not only in shouts of joy, it can be also in a quiet voice, in a simple action. Let's enjoy the ordinary time and make the best of it!

Rev Stéphane

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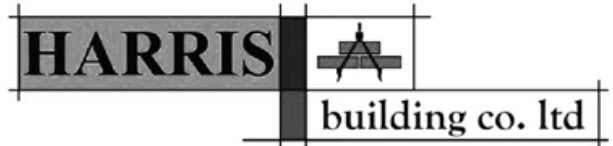
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Colchester North Station	0806	0943	1043	1143	1249	1443	1622	1622									
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June		
3rd		Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>pages 34 & 47</i>
6th		Royal British Legion: Laying of wreath to commemorate 80th Anniversary of D-Day 11am War Memorial <i>page 23</i>
9th		Conservation Society: Open Gardens 2pm-6pm <i>page 16 & 30</i>
12th		HortSoc: Coach outing to Hyde Hall Gardens leaving Nayland 10am <i>page 13 & 27</i>
12th		Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 3 & 47</i>
13th		Women's Institute: 'Medical Detection Dogs' 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 29</i>
14th		Village Cinema: 'The Color Purple' open 6.30pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 17 & 24</i>
21st		Mid-Summer Solstice Picnic on Caley Green 1pm
25th		Conservation Society: 50th Anniversary Celebration for members Village Hall <i>page 30</i>
July		
1st		Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>pages 34 & 47</i>
3rd		Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) <i>page 8 & 47</i>
4th		Village Players: Auditions for 'Rapunzel' 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 12 & 23</i>
5th		Nayland Choir: Summer Concert Village Hall <i>page 16 & 31</i>
7th		Village Players: Auditions for 'Rapunzel' 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 12 & 23</i>
8th		Royal British Legion: meeting 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 23</i>
10th		Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 3 & 47</i>
11th		Women's Institute: 'The History of Perrywood Garden Centre' 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 29</i>
12th		Village Cinema: 'Wicked Little Letters' open 6.30pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 17 & 24</i>
13th		Lizzie's Fund: Marathon Walk on Stour Valley Path <i>page 9</i>
24th		Royal British Legion: outing to 100th & 95th Bomb Group Museums <i>page 12 & 23</i>
August		
3rd		HortSoc: Nayland Summer Flower Show 2pm-5pm Village Hall <i>page 11 & 27</i>
4th		Village Players: boat trip from Sudbury Quay to the Henny Swan, with lunch <i>page 23</i>
14th		Parish Council: summer meeting only held if needed for urgent matters <i>page 3 & 47</i>
23rd		Village Cinema: 'The Taste of Things' French theme evening Village Hall <i>page 17 & 24</i>
September		
2nd		Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) <i>page 8 & 47</i>
9th		Royal British Legion: meeting <i>page 23</i>
20th		Village Cinema: 'tbc' open 6.30pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 17 & 24</i>
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