



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

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CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to put your clocks forward when you go to bed on Saturday 29th March! An extra hour of daylight in the evenings will be very much appreciated, especially as the following day will be Mothering Sunday.

FEBRUARY 2025

No: 213

WHAT'S ON

Cinema: *'The Critic'*, *'Small Things Like These'*, *'Paddington'*

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VILLAGE HALL SECURES NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT

The Village Hall Management Committee should be congratulated for, after several years of hard work, securing a grant from the National Lottery towards replacing the village hall roof which has reached the end of its service life.

Further funds and donations have been raised locally for which the VHMC are most grateful. The Babergh District Council grants will be subject to their cabinet consideration on the 11th March.

The project will incorporate fully insulating the roof and fitting photovoltaic panels to harvest energy; this is expected to take four months to complete. The hall will have a protective roof covering during this time and as the work will be carried out externally the hall will remain open during the roof replacement works.

For further information see page 39.

NAYLAND FUN VILLAGE QUIZ

Friday 7th February 7.30pm sharp start Village Hall

For further details see page 10

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Reg Charity No 304926

&

NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Reg Charity No 304928

Monday 3rd March

in the Village Hall

7.30pm Community Council

(CC Exec meeting at 7pm)

8.15pm Village Hall Management Committee

Everyone welcome

Please come along and support YOUR Community

Anyone interested in joining the Community Council Executive Committee should contact Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309 or Claire Buller 07971 065856

Anyone interested in joining the Village Hall Management Committee should contact Iain Wright 263646 or Christine Thompson 262825

View the CT in colour on: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Notes by observer of the meeting: 11th December 2024

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

Laura Erith chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sally Dalton confirmed the willow tree on Caley Green damaged during Storm Darragh was dealt with promptly by the SCC's contractors, however some large logs remain. It was agreed to check the situation with SCC.

Mike Hunter put forward a suggestion for the Scout hut to be relocated to the allotment field for use by the allotment holders. He also raised an issue regarding a footpath diversion near Pop's Piece which may need formalising. He volunteered to pursue this on behalf of the Conservation Society and keep the PC informed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece said the sweep of the A134 by-pass islands has been done, however, she will ask if they can visit again. The matter with the burial ground wall is continuing as is the weeding near the Harpers Estate old bus shelter. The PC asked Isabelle to chase up replacement of the Campion Hill name sign.

HIGHWAYS

A damaged Heycroft Way sign (potentially caused during recent Anglian Water works) has been reported and is in hand.

FINANCE

- Recommendations from Finance Sub Committee include:
- A Precept of £50,000 (just below 5% increase) for 2025/26
 - Our contribution towards the Village Hall Roof increased to £60,000.
 - A new capital fund is created for Fairfield driveway starting at £2,000. It is recommended that the driveway surfacing should not take place until after construction works of a dwelling adjacent to the burial ground.
 - £7,000 to be earmarked for the Playground.
 - The contribution towards Webbs Meadow grass cutting to stay at £385.
 - The Allotment rents to increase to £52 (£1 per week) whole plot £26 half from October 2025.
 - The Burial Fees will have an uplift of 3%
 - Parish CIL monies are to be used for new capital projects such as the Village Hall Roof and potentially the Playpark signage and fencing (subject to checking the criteria). We cannot use CIL for maintenance, just new items.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had refused an application at **11 High Street** (formerly the White hart) [DC/24/04395] for retention of pub bracket without a sign.

Plans for double carport at **2 Gravel Hill** [DC/24/03691] were discussed and it was agreed to raise objections on the grounds that the prominence of the proposal is on rising ground above Birch Street. They gave concerns about the lighting scheme which is currently unspecified. The PC strongly suggest a site visit by the Planning Officer confirming existing boundaries and to fully appreciate the land levels and therefore the potential effects on neighbour amenity.

An application at **The Willows, Wiston Rd** [DC/24/04272] for erection of single storey rear extension will be dealt with between meetings to meet Babergh's deadline.

Further viewings of planning webinars were being arranged for councillors.

COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

Tricia Fuller reported that the Lady Anne Windsor Charity had been in touch regarding the 12 acres off Plough Lane in Leavenheath and a meeting was to be arranged for January 2025 to discuss this further. It was agreed to retain Community Led Housing as an Agenda item.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

The request for one-off permission for a banner on Caley Green for the Mill Street Deli until 2nd January was approved subject to a satisfactory risk assessment and proof of public

liability insurance. It was noted The Anchor have a banner on display currently and Sam Treharne agreed to discuss with them the arrangements for the future.

A bench has been installed on the Fairfield Recreation Ground, believed to be from Nayland House for their residents. This will need to be checked for safety and potentially installed properly. It was agreed to contact Nayland House and offer to obtain an assessment/quote from our grounds maintenance contractors.

A site meeting with our grounds maintenance contractors will be arranged to finalise the specification and quote for work required along Candy Lane.

Use of Fairfield Drive was discussed. The surveyor for the Diocese (who own the drive) are checking with the land registry. Legalities and other concerns would be involved. The PC need to maintain the charitable aims of Fairfield which is recreation.

It was agreed for Sam Treharne to follow up with Woodland Corner regarding their suggestion regarding further parking spaces along Fairfield drive. It was anticipated further discussions will be needed in the future in this regard.

ALLOTMENTS

All the vacant plots had been let and rents were being received for the current period. The condition of plots will be an agenda item in February; to review their condition and agree actions regarding any neglected plots. It was agreed to respond to the Conservation Society representative about the suggestion to re-locate the old scout hut seeking further information.

IN BRIEF

It was agreed to seek further details regarding the use of the Thermal Imaging camera/project; Owen Brown is happy to represent the PC in this regard.

The PC streetlights will mirror SCC lights in remaining on all night on both Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

The vacancy for a new Footpath Warden from May 2025 have been promoted in the Community Times and local Facebook.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY FOR
FOOTPATH WARDEN

The Parish Council is looking for a new Footpath Warden.
No specialist knowledge or experience needed, just a keen eye
while you are out enjoying our wonderful countryside.
Please contact the Parish Clerk, Debbie Hattrell, for more
information on clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk
or 01376 425744.
Residents are encouraged to report any issues with the network
of footpaths to the Parish Council and on the County
Council's online reporting tool - see page 46 for details.

Notes by observer of the meeting: 15th January 2025

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Gerry Battye chaired the meeting. Adam Birchweaver and Tim Leach have resigned from the PC.

PUBLIC FORUM

Iain Wright was pleased to advise that the National Lottery Community Fund has granted, with conditions, a sum of £275 for the roof replacement and upgrade works.

Following an update from Matthew Lee (Suffolk CC) for the Community Times Lorraine Brooks asked if, as she requested previously, the PC had written to the Environment Agency in support of Matthew Lee's permit application to reduce the wall of reeds at Caley Green as they are dragging their heels processing a permit. The PC wrote to Matthew Lee expressing their support, and will now ask him whether their contacting the EA would be helpful.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece said a new name plate and posts have been ordered to replace the missing name sign at the bottom of Champions Hill. The Heycroft Way sign, pulled up during works by Anglian Water, has been replaced. An issue at Harper's Estate garages has been dealt with. The issue regarding damage to the old burial ground wall is ongoing.

Her report included that Babergh District Council Leader, Deborah Saw's response to the Government's White Paper on Devolution had been decidedly reserved but has since indicated her support for Devolution.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils say a huge rise in house building requirements set by the Government has left no option but to review their Joint Local Plan. Parishes are urged to develop up-to-date Neighbourhood Development Plans, to give their communities statutory influence to shape how their local area develops.

DEVOLUTION

Councillors observed reports on Devolution - transference of power from central government to local government – by our District and County Councillor with interest.

84 BUS ROUTE

Councillors unanimously support Stoke by Nayland PC who are making a case for the route 84 service to be the primary route for Sudbury to Colchester services, instead of the 784 service which runs along the A134. The 84 service is more accessible and provides for a greater population.

HIGHWAYS

Dawn Harris suggested asking the grounds maintenance contractors to quote for spraying the A134 by-pass islands with weedkiller twice per year and incorporate it into their schedule. Councillors agreed in principal, subject to the cost; it was delegated to the Clerk and Chair to take this forward.

Fly tipping on Stoke Road, near the Nayland sign, has been reported.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **16 Court Street** [DC/24/04752] for listed building consent to create a WC on the first floor; or at **72 - 78 Bear Street** [DC/24/05478] for discharge of conditions [for DC/24/03738] condition 4 Biodiversity Enhancement Layout.

Between meetings to meet Babergh's deadline councillors had no objections at **The Willows, Wiston Road** [DC/24/ 04272] for erection of single storey rear extension.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **Star House 83 Bear Street** [DC/24/04756] for listed building consent for the removal of a fireplace, part replacement of the frontage and excavation around the fireplace to deal with an oil leak from the supply line and remedial works.

Discussing an application at **Vine House 1 Court Street** [DC/25/00057] for construction of a shed a query regarding the hard standing was raised. Further comments are awaited; the clerk will summarise councillors' comments and submit them ahead of Babergh's deadline.

Regarding an Appeal application at **11 High Street** [DC/24/04395] listed building consent for retention of pub sign bracket without a sign the majority of councillors still had no objections.

Councillors will meet to view further Webinar recordings of planning training sessions.

The topic of a Neighbourhood Plan was raised as the parish would be stronger with one and without one the parish is missing out on the higher rate of CIL money (Community Infrastructure Levy). This will be an Agenda item next month.

COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

Tricia Fuller said she will be attending a meeting of the Lady Anne Windsor Charity to find out more about a proposed housing project for 12 acres of land off Plough Lane in Leavenheath.

Councillors were reminded that when the PC instigated the local needs housing in Wiston Road being built the process had gone very smoothly and the residents have been happy in their homes.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Following a site meeting with grounds maintenance contractors Dawn Harris reported that less work than originally thought was required along Candy Lane. The Clerk will ask them to requite on this. Work needs to be carried out before bird's nesting season.

OLD SCOUT HUT

Following an appeal for suggestions for potential uses for the old scout hut adjacent the burial ground there had been one letter of response suggesting some options in saving the hut which has some historical significance and is on the Local List. The hut was gifted to Nayland Scouts, which no longer exist, but it sits on land owned by Tendring Estate who do not wish to maintain it.

Suggestions included moving it to the allotment field or the new burial ground. No definite viable future use for the hut or proposal to take responsibility has been identified. Moving the hut would incur costs and future maintenance. After some discussion it was agreed that this is not something the PC could be involved with; they are just the messengers in this instance, so will pass the letter on to Tendring Hall Estates.

IN BRIEF

Gerry Battye has reported SCC's No 24 streetlight on Elm Grove as it has been hit by a vehicle and demolished.

The finance precept form for Charging Authority for 2024-25 was completed and signed.

The village hall garden spring working party will be on Saturday 5th April.

An old tree in the Babergh burial ground which came down during Storm Darragh has been reported.

It was agreed that the advertisement for a Footpath Warden would be repeated in the Community Times.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 30th April

- provisional date -

7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall

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and in due course on the Parish Council website
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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.

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Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society
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NAYLAND OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 8th JUNE
2pm-6pm

If anyone would like to include their
garden, and we would welcome gardens
on the Heights and all areas of the village,
please contact: Mike Hunter
on 264100 or mikejphunter@gmail.com

www.naylandconservation.org.uk



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SCHEDULED ROADWORKS

Heycroft Way

21st-23rd January - 2-way traffic control
Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance Works.

The Westerings

22nd-24th January - some carriageway incursion
Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance Works.

Court Street

27th-31st January - 2-way traffic control
Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance Works.

Bear Street

17th-18th February - Road Closure
Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance Works.

Mill Street

11th March - Road Closure 8am-6pm
Suffolk County Council: carriageway resurfacing

Further details: <https://one.network/>

*This was correct when Community Times went to print
(this can be subject to change/delays)*



LORRIES ON UNSUITABLE ROADS

This French lorry was caught out, probably by SatNav, in Nayland High Street on 3rd January.

If you come across similar incident of vehicles travelling on unsuitable minor roads please take a photo, make a note of the registration and company name and report it online at: <https://connect.suffolk.gov.uk/hgv/>

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: AN APPEAL TO YOU

Nayland with Wissington Community Council is seeking a new Secretary to join our friendly and enthusiastic Executive Committee.

Come along and make a difference! For those of you who don't know, we organise social events and activities for the village and fundraise to support a multitude of village projects and societies. From community access defibrillators to helping to maintain our local permissive paths to Bonfire Night and Jubilee Celebrations to supporting local groups and organisations such as the Village Hall and the Baby and Toddler group, not forgetting the Christmas Trail and ever popular village quiz - the Community Council is a lovely organisation to be part of at the heart of village activities.

We are supported in our activities by many of the village groups and a host of volunteers but would love to have a few more members on our Committee, including a Secretary to help co-ordinate our activities, take minutes at our meetings and keep in touch with our membership (our current Secretary, Lorraine, is stepping back to focus on the ever valuable Community Times and her many other commitments in the village).

Could this be you?

Please do get in touch to find out more. Just call Rachel Hitchcock on 07788 954309 and come along to see for yourself.

For more about what we do visit:

<http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/>

OTHER VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Nayland has 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 generosity and involvement of residents.

For those new to the village participation it is an ideal way to get to know others, make friends and become part of our lovely community.

Please consider putting yourself forward...

- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member and a Treasurer; they meet on the first Monday of the month. Contact Iain Wright 01206 263646 or Chris Thompson 01206 262825.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING PARTIES

Further details on page 46

Chair: **Laura Erith** lauraerith@icloud.com

Vice Chair: Dawn Harris

WORKING PARTIES:

Allotments: Laura Erith, Dawn Harris, Jo Reed
 Burial Ground: Laura Erith, Owen Brown
 Caley Green: Owen Brown, Dawn Harris, Sally Dalton
 Fairfield: Gerry Battye, Dawn Harris
 Finance: 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

- **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.
- **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, *contact* Jeannette Finch 262993 or Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975



BATTERY RECYCLING

Although we no longer have a battery recycling point in the village, batteries can now be recycled at all local supermarkets and other key locations.

For more information about battery recycling and to find your nearest battery recycling point, you can go to: <https://www.battrecycle.org/> where there is also information about community battery recycling.



Also... don't forget you can also drop off your old electricals with retailers when you buy new ones: <https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/>

For more general information go to: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consumer-products-recycling-batteries-and-electrical-waste>



COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 6th January 2025 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.

Fundraising Activities/Events: The idea of a Barn Dance was suggested to celebrate the CC's 60th anniversary in 2026. It was agreed that this could be a nice family event but that we can consider further nearer the time.

Community Defibrillator (AED): AEDs are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. The AED at the Village Hall is managed by the CC and regularly checked.

Regarding the proposed public access AED in Wiston. Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) confirmed a defibrillator could operate without a power supply. The cost would be in the region £2,600; the PC have agreed to contribute 50% of the cost (approx £1,300) via CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funding. A location by the Parish Council noticeboard in Wiston is being considered; the PC are writing to a nearby householder to advise of the proposal.

Adam Lunn has liaised with Jenny Taylor at the Fire Station about the need for the Fire Station defibrillator to be registered with the British Heart Foundation Scheme and she is going to raise this at their meeting on Thursday. Adam is going to reiterate the importance of this for us to be able to proceed with locating the Wiston defibrillator and the importance of it being checked regularly (as we do with the Village Hall one). He will keep us updated.

Online Ticketing Facility: NaylandEvents.org – This is extremely 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 will be on 5th April from 9am with refreshments. Chris Thompson agreed unveiling the plaque to Ken Willingale would be a good idea.

Community Involvement: Ideas to help raise participation in village groups and events are welcome. Please let Lorraine know if you would like to include an appeal under 'Volunteer Vacancies' for committee members or volunteers.

Resident Volunteer List: This is a list of residents prepared to assist other residents with collection of prescriptions or errands. If anyone requires assistance or could give assistance if needed please contact Lorraine.

Plaque to mark the contribution of Ken Willingale: Members had agreed a plaque to commemorate the contribution of Ken Willingale to the CC and for this to incorporate an existing tribute of his wife Olive in the HortSoc section of the village hall garden. Tony Fryer has produced an engraved slate plaque mounted on an oak backing at no cost. The CC are extremely grateful to Tony for doing this. He will drop it to Trevor Smy who will install it on the existing post; it will be officially unveiled during the village hall garden working party on 5th April.

Recent Activities:

Bonfire Night: 5th November. It was a huge success and raised an incredible £4,816. Rachel expressed thanks to the many volunteers who help make the event such a success. She has booked Firework Crazy again for 5th November next year.

Remembrance Service: Claire Buller said it was an honour to lay a wreath on behalf of the CC. The organisations laying a wreath paraded behind the flag bearer (Kathy Hunt) to the war memorial. After the last wreath was placed on the war memorial a bugler sounded the last post followed by Andrew Gowen reading a Remembrance verse. It was a very moving experience.

Christmas Fayre: 30th November. Thank you so much to everyone who was involved in this with special mention to Father Christmas, the Nayland Primary School performers and Vicki's family who helped with set up and manned the refreshments.

We had lots of stallholders and had lovely feedback from them all.

Christmas Trail: Advent Windows, Christmas Tree Trail & Wreath Competition. Elaine Muskett won the wreath competition. These activities received many positive comments. Thanks to Lorraine for putting together and to all who participated. There were other lovely festive displays around the village. Bear and Fish were visiting and provided a lovely display.

Due to dwindling numbers for the wreath competition it was suggested that an alternative competition might be more popular.

Village Christmas Tree: Many thanks to Claire Buller for organising the village tree and to Claire and the team for putting it up despite the, once again, inclement weather conditions! The tree looked spectacular and received many compliments.

Father Christmas Visits Nayland: 24th December Tour of Nayland in George Pratt's vintage tractor and decorated trailer, driven by his father Jim. There were many comments of how lovely this activity was. There was a large crowd waiting for them at the Christmas tree and they were mobbed at Caley Green. Over 100 bags of chocolate coins were given out to children. Many thanks to Claire, Wayne, George and Jim.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt Cable gave his report on finances to 6th January. Please note these results are preliminary and awaiting certain income and expense items.

Breakdown of profits: Community Times £1,080, Bonfire Night £4,852, Quiz £664, Village Calendar £717, Christmas Fayre £283.

Grants paid: Nayland Village Choir £1,500, Nayland School Choir £400, Baby & Toddler Group £300.

Expenses: £900 for path maintenance, £1,045 for new water level gauge, £446 for Christmas activities, £1,116 for central costs including insurance for the year.

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £28,822 represented by Deposit a/c £11,748, Current a/c £16,402, Cash £663. We hold £144 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000.00 and Lizzie's Fund £153. Other accrued expenses total £100 and there is £476 of accrued income. **Therefore unencumbered assets are £18,902.**

GRANTS & DONATIONS:

Nayland Village Hall: £10,000 towards the Replacement Roof Project. The VHM have applied for grants from the National Lottery and match funding from different sources which is a requirement of the National Lottery bid. The VHM have asked the CC for a further £10,000 in addition to the £10,000 already committed, subject to the National Lottery grant approval - this was agreed.

Nayland Bear: Contribution towards the cost of batteries and decorations for the various seasonal displays. It was agreed to contribute £100.

Permissive footpath maintenance: David Slater has asked Danny Thurlow to look at the soggy stretch of footpath between Court Knoll and the Allotment Field to see whether a similar solution to that on Nayland Meadow footpath would be viable and if so how much it might cost. He will let us know once he has the details. Once we have costs and idea of the best solution it was suggested that we could perhaps approach the Parish Council and potentially Tendring Estate with regard to contributing. (Obviously any solution would need to be approved by Tendring too). The Conservation Society may also be interested in this as the stretch they maintained might also benefit.

Community Times & Websites: Lorraine Brooks thanked all for contributing to recent issues, adding we are heading towards another deadline.

Village Calendar: Lorraine Brooks said this year's sales are currently 120 calendars with profit to date £717 (£185 of which is for 2023 late sales). To add to this there will be a few sales from the Choir [£56 for 8 calendars], Wednesday Coffee Mornings and there will no doubt be some late sales.

It was agreed that it would be good to produce another calendar; it is still well received and a valuable fundraiser thanks to Lorraine and Wendy's efforts for which the CC are very grateful.

Forthcoming Activities:

Fun Village Quiz: Friday 7th February. Rachel is leading. The quiz is in hand. Jo Metson has kindly offered to help on the evening and Vicki Sargent will assist on the raffle. Raffle prizes are welcome.

AGM: Monday 3rd March with VHMC AGM on the same evening. The CC at 7.30pm (Exec 7pm) and VHMC at 8.15pm.

SOCIETY REPORTS

HortSoc: Trevor Smy said the Spring Show will be on Saturday 22nd March; the AGM and Fun Quiz with horticulture in mind on 15th April and the Morning Market on 10th May. They are pleased to be able to have a Summer Garden Party again this year which will be on 11th July and the Flower Show will be on 2nd August.

Friends of Caley Green: Sally Dalton reported the willow tree which came down during Storm Darragh in early December has been dealt with but some of the wood remains stacked on the Green. Winter activity on the Green has been much the same as usual; there was a fisherman who camped overnight in early January and a lady who braved the cold to take a dip on New Year's Day. The swans have been toing and froing.

First Responders: Adam Lunn said they provided training for the Great Horkelesley Guides in basic life support; they welcome requests from all community groups for the basic life support sessions. Over 40 people attended Dr Anthony Roberts' recital of *A Christmas Carol*, with Jamie Cunliffe on the piano; the event raised £424.32. They have secured the status of 'Chosen Charity' during the upcoming year, for two local community groups: Men's Senior Team at Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club, and Springwood Sun Club, West Bergholt. They are grateful to St James' Church PCC for the generous donation of half of their Christmas collection. Responders are only deployable by the NHS Emergency Operations Centre to 999 calls. This is for the safety of the volunteers and patients, and to ensure that our volunteers are utilised to best meet the demands of the ambulance service.

St James Church: Kathy Hunt reported Christmas was busy as usual and services well attended including the Christmas morning communion singing to accompany 'on-line' music. The traditional nine lessons and carols service was full to capacity. Many thanks are due to all those who helped with these events. Littlegarth and Nayland Primary schools each held their own lovely carol services; a rendition of a verse of '*Silent Night*' in sign language was particularly moving. The normal service pattern has returned and the Wednesday coffee mornings resume in mid January.

Parish Council: Laura Erith reported the remaining wood from the fallen tree on Caley Green will be dealt with in due course; they have agreed to increase their financial support for the village hall roof so hope that the target can be met subject to the lottery money and grants; they further supported the food bank over the Christmas period; there is no progress regarding the possibility of a community led housing project; ground works have begun on the site adjacent Nags Corner for 5 dwellings so CIL money will be payable. No solutions have been found regarding parking issues and access on Fairfield Drive relating to Woodland Corner; planning permission for a dwelling adjacent to the cemetery may add to the issues.

Royal British Legion: Robert Dossor reported they had a very successful 2024 with visits to WW2 airfields and Stephen Walters & Sons silk mill in Sudbury. Their Poppy Appeal raised over £3,500 and they heartily thank all contributors to this most important annual fund raiser. For 2025 dates or meetings with be Mondays: 10th March, 16th June, 1st September and the AGM on 24th November. They hope to have at least one external visit and there will be talks from local speakers and hopefully a couple of guests. 2025 is the 80th Anniversary of both VE-Day and VJ-Day and they hope to have some joint events with the Community Council and Nayland Choir in September.

Conservation Society: Mike Hunter reported their programme of speakers this year begins with an additional talk on '*House Martins*' on Wednesday 22nd January at 7.30 pm. The speaker

is Martin Tickler who is a member of the Suffolk Bird Group. As usual everyone is welcome to attend. At the AGM in March, Professor Jules Pretty will speak about how we can work together to solve the climate and conservation crisis. In conjunction with the Royal British Legion we hope to arrange a visit to Ingatestone Hall later in the year. Open Gardens will take place on 8th June this year and as usual we are looking for as many garden openers as possible. If anyone is tempted please do not hesitate to contact Mike Hunter.

Nayland Meadow: David Slater said the riverside section of the completed circuit was reopened on time at the end of November and has since then provided a level, clean and dry surface to walk on. We regret that there is much more plastic grid exposed than intended because the grass seed mixture used frustratingly failed to take advantage of the excellent growing conditions this autumn. We hope to remedy this by reseeding in the spring, as our intention has always been to create the 'least urbanised' all weather path possible.

Art Group: Kathryn Niven reported that before the Christmas break they went to the Blue Owl pottery to paint Christmas decorations. They continued to explore colour mixing with different shades of the primary colours and used a scene from the Nayland calendar as inspiration for landscape painting. They have used Nayland calendar pictures before and enjoy recreating local scenes. After a meal at The Crown, they had a Christmas break but are looking forward to re-starting on 8th January.

Village Hall: Iain Wright said he is hopeful that the National Lottery bid for half the funds required will be successful. If that is the case then the next step will be to secure funding from Babergh. Assuming funding is secured, once work commences it will be done externally so that the hall can remain open throughout.

AOB: Battery Recycling: The suggestion of introducing another location for battery recycling in the village was discussed. It was highlighted that when this was attempted before it became unmanageable due to the need for volunteers to regularly take quantities of batteries to e.g. the tip which wasn't always able to receive them. It was suggested that all supermarkets now had battery recycling points which reduced need for a point in the village and it was also mentioned that some supermarkets (Tesco and Sainsburys) also take batteries with home deliveries. We will research and put a brief note in Community Times about where batteries can be recycled locally.

Noticboards: Rachel Hitchcock will contact Bryn Hurren for a quote to replace the CC noticeboard. When we hopefully have the go ahead to install the defibrillator by the PC noticeboard at Wiston she will pass on details should they wish to take the opportunity to refurbish their noticeboard.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The AGM will be on **Monday 3rd March 2025** at 7.30pm (Exec 7pm) in the Village Hall. The Village Hall AGM will follow at 8.15pm.

**NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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AT THE VILLAGE QUIZ**

Donations of prizes for the Community Council's raffle at the **Fun Village Quiz - on Friday 7th February** - would be very much appreciated.

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Friday 7th February

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Team Name:

Payment: £

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CALENDAR & PHOTO COMPETITION

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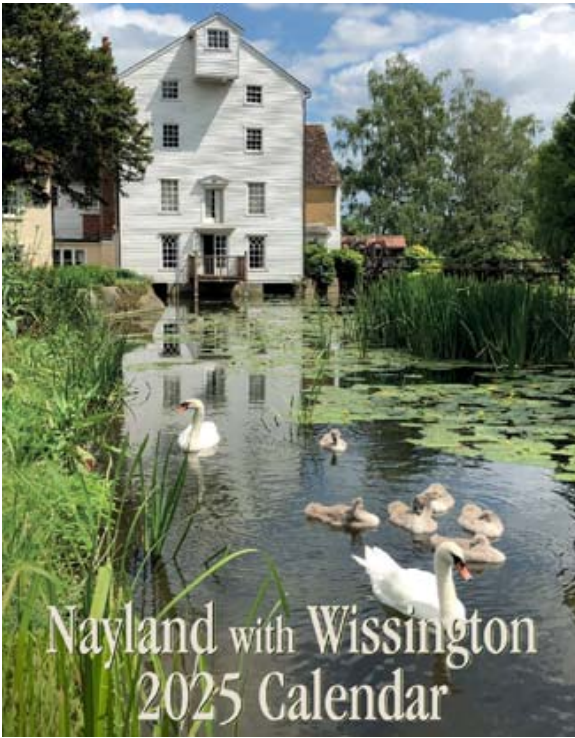
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Calendar Photographic Competition

Do keep taking photographs for this popular competition.

The competition will be held again; further details in the next issue of the Community Times. We anticipate the competition will be held in late April so do get out and capture some scenes.

Photographs reflecting any of the 12 months of the year taken in recent years which represent our beautiful parish and our thriving community will be welcome; these may include scenic views, architectural and natural features, street scenes, community activities, and any seasonal or unusual aspects of the parish. As usual the competition will be open to residents of the Nayland with Wissington parish, and those who work in the parish or are active participants in parish societies/organisations.



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

On Sunday 8th December the tree was once again mounted into its underground fixings. This year it was again a truly magnificent tree. Based on last year's experience we made sure we had enough manpower to lift the tree into its holder. No easy feat as it was going up during Storm Darragh. The winds were gusting to over 45 knots but we gallantly persevered and although the tree was a little on the wonk it still received many wonderful comments this year with its many lights and decorations making it a sight to see. Many said "It was one of the best years ever" A big thank you to the Community Council for funding the lights and baubles which helped brighten everyone's Christmas again this year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped put it up and take it down this year and to say an extra big thank you to those people without whom we would not have a village Christmas tree.

Thanks to our dental surgery for servicing the tree with its electricity and allowing the tree to be positioned outside their premises, Fred Smith of Straight Road, Boxted for delivering and supplying the tree at a competitive rate, Will Hitchcock with his chain saw who expertly shaped the tree stump to fit its holder and Iain Wright for lying in the gutter to secure the fixing bolts.

Photograph shows the tree in all its glory during the Boxted Silver Band carols around the tree on 18th December.

Claire Buller, Community Council



FATHER CHRISTMAS COMES TO NAYLAND

Father Christmas and his Elf once again visited Nayland on Christmas Eve for a tour of the village.

This year the merry elf George Pratt was unable to convey them round the village but his father Jim stepped into the breach with his John Deere tractor and trailer which Claire Buller gave the Santa's grotto touch.



They were greeted by many excited children, parents and 'big kids' in the High Street and were virtually mobbed at Caley Green.

Over 100 bags of chocolate coins were handed out to the delighted children.

This has become a very popular annual tradition; many thanks to Claire, Wayne, George and Jim, the Community Council and of course Father Christmas.

CHRISTMAS THANKS

The Community Council have been delighted to receive many comments of gratitude for encouraging Christmas spirit and bringing joy to the village. But they cannot achieve this without your support. They are very grateful to so many in the village for their eager and generous participation to make this Christmas special.

More members of the CC team would be welcome; it's an enjoyable friendly village committee that provides positive events and facilities for the community, if you would like to know more or are interested in helping please contact Rachel Hitchcock on 07788 954309 or rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com




FETE
 Monday 5th May
 1pm-4pm

It is a lot of fun behind the scenes of the Fete! It's a great way to meet new people, so if you would like to be involved in a stall or sideshow or have some new ideas, we would love to hear from you. The Fete has gone from strength to strength and is a wonderful example of a community working together.

The stalls are a great attraction, so please start putting aside unwanted and resaleable china, glass, kitchen items, bric a brac, gifts, anything for the home, vintage items, toys, books, pictures, jewellery, good quality ladies' clothes and handbags (No electrical items please).

Donations will be gratefully received from Tuesday 1st April until Tuesday 29th April, please note the drop off points are:

Please take Vintage items to Forget me Not

Everything else to be left in the changing rooms at Nayland Village Hall. The door to the changing rooms is accessed via the path to the right of the hall and will be open between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Saturday

Donations for the bottle tombola, plants and homemade cake stalls will be greatly appreciated nearer the time.

Nayland Fete is always brilliantly supported by the local and wider community, who enjoy the music, stalls, vintage cars, sideshows and refreshments at our very friendly traditional Fete.

We are looking forward to another day of fun and laughter on Monday 5th May.

Please contact the Committee via:
 Annie Elston: acelston@btinternet.com

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

The Christmas Trail, which began during the Covid-19 pandemic, continues to bring the community together and create a little seasonal cheer along the streets of Nayland and Wiston. It has become a popular highlight of the festive season. For a fifth year residents excelled with an abundance of festive delights displayed around the village. There were 24 beautifully decorated windows opening daily, festive Christmas trees and unique wreaths included on the trail map.

Windows around the village were decorated and from 1st to 24th December a new one was opened each day. Christmas trees and wreaths were displayed from 9th December; for a little extra interest there was a question associated with each tree - see the answers below - and wreaths had all been decorated by the participants.

Congratulations to the winners of the wreath competition: Elaine Muskett for her contemporary 'bear' design.

AND THERE WAS MORE... Community spirit didn't end there; many residents contributed further with some wonderful festive decorations and delightful deer, bringing much joy and amusement to the village.

Thank you so much to all who participated in the Christmas Trail and made this Christmas special.



CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL ANSWERS

- **St James' Church:** Who bought the first Christmas tree to England in 1800? *Queen Charlotte, wife of King George III*
- **Village Tree, High Street:** Why do villagers gather together round this tree each year? *To Sing Carols*
- **Old Guildhall, 13 High Street:** Which 1946 film has a Christmas tree with a ringing bell that gives angels their wings? *It's a Wonderful Life*
- **Old Vicarage, 4 High Street:** These trees were planted in the 1930s what variety are they? *Yew*
- **Studio B Hair Salon, High Street:** What furry creature can you see? *Teddy Bear*
- **Mill Stores, Mill Street:** Mexican legend is that a weed given as a gift transformed into a plant now known as the Christmas Star. What plant is it? *Poinsettia*
- **31 Bear Street:** What fruit is on top of the tree? *Apple*
- **33 Bear Street:** What is a tree with fake snow called? *A flocked Christmas tree*
- **82 Bear Street:** What bird was gifted on the 3rd day of Christmas? *Three French hens*
- **4 Wiston Road:** To avoid bad luck, when should you take down your Christmas tree decorations? *12th night, 5th January*
- **St Mary's Wiston:** Who sang 'The Happiest Christmas Tree' released in 1959? *Nat King Cole*





POLICE ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Place : Nayland Village Hall

Date : Saturday 1st February 2025

Time : 9:30am-Midday

PC Johnson will be present at Nayland Village Hall.

He will have police uniform for children to try on, fingerprint key rings, colouring sheets, UV marker pens for protecting property and some advice leaflets.

If you need some general police related advice, have questions for me, or wish to alert me to criminality or anti-social behaviour in Nayland or the surrounding area, come along and have a chat.

I am responsible for the following areas...

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Kind Regards, PC 1293 Niall Johnson.



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Speaker: Professor Jules Pretty

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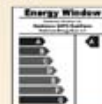
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Saturday 26th April

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Nayland & District Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show

on Saturday 22nd March 2025

Display Opens at 10am in the Church Hall

Come along and enjoy the displays of spring flowers and relax with refreshments.
Entry is free. Cakes will be on sale & there will be a raffle.

Classes:

- 1 Pot of spring bulbs, corms or tubers (*other than Daffodil/Narcissus*)
- 2 Pot of 5 Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs any colour or variety
- 3 Pot miniature Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs
- 4 Pot of Polyanthus or Primula (*Primroses*)
- 5 Flowering houseplant
- 6 Non-flowering houseplant
- 7 3 blooms (*any one variety*) floating in a dish of water
- 8 Flower Arrangement: 'A Host of Daffodils' (*to be predominantly Daffodils*)
- 9 Flower Arrangement: 'Spring Fever' (*max size 12" overall*)
- 10 Vase with 3 stems of Hyacinths
- 11 Vase of mixed flowers and/or flowering shrubs
- 12 Vase of a single variety of flowering shrub or tree
- 13 Vase of 3 Tulips (*any variety/varieties*)
- 14 Vase with 1 bloom Camellia
- 15 Vase of 6 assorted Daffodil/Narcissus
- 16 Vase of 6 Miniature Daffodil/Narcissus
- 17 3 specimen Daffodil/Narcissus blooms (*any one variety*)
- 18 Rhubarb: 3 stalks, leaves trimmed, but if forced foliage should remain

Rules:

Entry for exhibits will be 10p per class.

Entries submitted to 81 Bear Street or the HortSoc Box in Mill Street Deli by Tuesday 18th March.

Entries to be brought to the hall between 8.15am-9am on the morning of the show.

All persons must leave the hall during judging at 9am unless officially retained.

- The show is staged by the Nayland & District Horticultural Society.
- No exhibitor may make more than one entry in any one class.
- The Church Hall will be open for staging entries on the show day from 8.15am – 9am
- All exhibitors shall provide their own vases, plates or other containers. Pot plants must be placed on a saucer/container.
- All exhibits must be *bona fide* growth of the exhibitor from his or her own garden or allotment.
- THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMPETITION.
- The Committee will take reasonable care of all exhibits, but will not in any event hold themselves liable or responsible for accident, loss or damage to any article exhibited.
- Exhibits must be removed between 11.45am – 12 noon on the show day.

Entry forms and more information are available from:

01206 262022 or trevor.smy24@gmail.com or www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk



Spring Flower Show Entry Form

Total Entry Fee: £ Date:

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE EXHIBIT(S) HAS (HAVE) BEEN GROWN OR MADE BY ME, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE ALLOWED

Name: Signed:

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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
As a reminder the Environment Agency (EA) 24 hour hotline number: 0800 80 70 60.

For Avian Influenza the DEFRA helpline is 03459 335577 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

WATER LEVELS

There has been no real need to refer to the water level gauge at Caley Green as levels have not been outside the 'norm' for the season.

Should you feel there is an issue use the above sea level measurement to report to the EA hotline, and Lorraine would be pleased to be advised in order to keep a note of incidents (*details as above*).

WATER QUALITY & SEWAGE

There is currently no news on water quality and testing results.

REED & VEGETATION GROWTH

The situation with reeds around the Horseshoe weir (and other areas of the river through Nayland) remains disgraceful. The EA are the riparian owners around the weir.

A nearby resident recently contacted the EA requesting either work is carried out or consideration given to other options towards a solution. The EA's response says:

"There is insufficient flood risk to people and property for us to justify carrying out maintenance work at this asset. This also means that it is unlikely to attract funding for any future works. It should be noted that as our powers and responsibilities are focussed on our priority from Government to manage flood risk to people and property, we must prioritise our works where the flood risk is the highest.

As previously explained due to the Nayland flood relief channel, reed cutting is no longer needed in the area for flood risk. This is the same for carrying out a desilt.

We are actively encouraging communities to not see dredging and desilting as standalone solutions to reducing flood risk.

We have, again, considered carrying out a limited reed cut and weed removal exercise regarding riparian owner responsibilities immediately around the Nayland weir. Our position remains the same that we do not believe there is a need to carry out such work at this time.

The presence of the reeds and in-channel weed growth are an integral part of a healthy river ecosystem. A fringe of reeds and marginal plants is vital to provide food and cover for wildlife including protected species and to shade and oxygenate the river.

Our navigation team cut reeds and remove weed in the area to maintain a navigable channel and not for the purpose of amenity. The Truxor therefore cuts the middle of the channel and not the reed beds around the edges of the weir.

We understand from colleagues that the area has a local population of water voles, any proposed works would require serious consideration and appropriate permissions."

Underlined in the above are some points which could be argued as this reply does not match what residents locally believe.

'Insufficient flood risk': houses may not be at risk currently but the way the fields flood has certainly altered since 2005 when the EA ceased proper management of the river.

'Desilting': the EA's own booklets state that reeds will spread rapidly in shallow and silted areas. It is common sense that if a body of water is full with silt it will hold less water. There is an 8 foot depth of silt in some areas of the river.

'Fringe of reeds': if only we had a 'fringe'! It is somewhat more than that through Nayland! It encroaches more than half way across the river in places

'Navigable channel': Only very narrow craft can navigate through Nayland; gone are the days of residents taking their families out in a rowing boat.

'Water voles': of course it is food news that water voles, and other wildlife have a healthy population. However, the water voles will not be making burrows into the concrete weir! Water voles live in burrows which can be very complex and consist of nesting and nursing chambers, with two entrances, one on the bank and one underwater.

Nor will they be setting up home in the riverbank at Caley Green among the wall of reeds as there is no bank to speak of; the reeds just grow into the shallow riverside, where the water level sometimes rises to. Water vole may visit these locations but careful management of the reeds with not disrupt the population.

So we can only conclude, as some EA employees have said off the



The Horseshoe Weir in the mid 70s and in 2024



The river at Caley Green in the late 70s and in 2024



record, that the real reason is funding restrictions. Even that does not stand up as there have been offers of private funding to reduce the reeds at the weir, and at Caley Green Suffolk County Council applied for a permit to reduce the wall of reeds on their land some months ago but still await a response. The reeds here have encroached more than half way across the river.

The EA have claimed various excuses for the way they manage (or don't manage) the river here. One relates to their: *duties under the 1977 Anglian Water Authority Act section 8 which states: "The Authority" shall take such steps as are reasonably practicable to maintain the main navigation channels and navigation works of the waterways specified in Schedule I to this Act to at least as good a standard for the purpose of navigation by pleasure boats as that to which they were maintained in the period of nine months immediately preceding 8th December, 1975."*

Another resident has been in correspondence with the EA in this regard, but making little progress. It is very frustrating!

WILDFOWL & SWANS

As many will know the Nayland cob swan (ring No F4GV) has an injured wing; advice sought recommended no action but to continue monitoring. He has appeared to sit on the bank for longer periods lately so close monitoring will continue.

Other swans have been coming and going to the river and the Meadow pond. A few geese have called by and Little Egret and Cormorants have been seen.

NAVIGATION

The EA issued warnings on 12th November that large trees are restricting navigation in Nayland between the weir and Abel Bridge. The situation doesn't appear to have changed.

THE LONG REED BED

The long running saga regarding reduction of the enormous and expanding wall of reeds along Caley Green continues still! SCC have the funds in place, a contractor ready to undertake the work; the delay is with the EA who are dragging their heels granting a permit. The season whereby this work can be undertaken is rapidly passing.

FLYTIPPING: HARPERS HILL WILDLIFE SITE

It was astonishing last year that flytipping of garden waste occurred regularly on the Harpers Hill county wildlife site - presumably by a local resident/s. It is an offence to do so. An eye will be kept on the situation this year - if you see anyone depositing waste please report it and also notify the Parish Council.

- www.babergh.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping
- clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk

THE RIVER AS AN AMENITY

With the days gradually getting longer and signs of spring arriving all around us it perhaps time to get excited about the prospect of outdoor activities. This does bring with it a few rules and regulations to be aware of....

RIVER CRAFT

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

The **River Stour Trust** can issue craft registrations. Alternatively, membership of **British Canoeing** includes a licence - but it covers the member and not the craft. Join at <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/>

FISHING

The closed season, when you cannot fish on rivers and streams, is 15th March to 15th June 2024. At any time of year a rod licence must be carried.

Although recently Caley Green and the river have been used far less than during warmer months there have been some dedicated river craft users and fisherfolk. One fisherman camped overnight on a cold evening and a brave lady took a dip in the river on a chilly day after Christmas. Many thanks to Jan Verrall for the photo of the tent complete with a warming fire.

(It is the case however that camping is not permitted on the Green)



Thanks to Darius Laws for these fabulous frosty scenes captured in January. Court Knoll, with its frozen moat looks magical in the frost. On the allotment field if you look closely you can see where other allotments were situated in the past.

SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...



Thank you to Phil Border who discovered this tree adorned with Mistletoe.

Romantic, parasitic and poisonous... perhaps we should nickname this the 'kissing tree'.

Mistletoes does produce own food via photosynthesis but takes minerals and water from the host tree. Their white berries are less sought after than brighter coloured berries; they are an important food source for the mistle thrush and visiting redwings and fieldfares.



Another Willow was severely damaged at Caley Green, this time during Storm Darragh. It blocked Navigation on the river but was promptly dealt with by Suffolk CC. However, their contractors failed to remove all the debris from the Green. The Parish Council are chasing up its removal with SCC. Unfortunately it may be necessary in due course to fell the whole tree as the damage remains considerable. It's always so sad to lose trees, especially on Caley Green.



Antony Day spotted this debris in the old section of the Burial Ground when an old tree came down during Storm Darragh. Babergh DC are aware.

Martin Wright found that at least a dozen used bottles were floating in Mill Lade by the Mill Street bridge. Whether they were tossed into the river, or have floated downstream is not known. But a reminder... please dispose of your rubbish appropriately!



SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...



View the colour version of the Community Times at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/CommunityTimes.html
Do keep your photos coming to lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com

Nayland Bear and Fish never fail to disappoint... they were back for Christmas with a wonderful 'Christmas at Home' display at the Old Bus Shelter. Thanks very much to the very artistic Elaine and Di.

Below are scenes captured by Leonora Borg in early January of frozen flood water at Bell Meadow being enjoyed by residents of all ages.



Riders for church fund

Villagers of Nayland took to their bicycles or ponies on Saturday in a sponsored ride.

The pony riders — right, receiving directions — set off from the village square and the cyclists from the Star and Garter public house to trek to Stoke-by-Nayland and back, about a ten-mile trip via the back roads.

Once they were back in the village the Rev. Tony Bickersteth was presented with a cheque for more than £70, part of the money raised by their efforts.

The money will go to the St. James' Church restoration fund and the first phase of work will start on the roof this autumn, at a cost of £50,000.



SPONSORED RIDE IN 1979

Following Leigh Sebba raising the query in the last issue regarding a sponsored ride which took place in 1979, many thanks to Janet Rolfe for sending this newspaper cutting from, her mother, Eva's archives. This reveals details of the event. Those riding include: Tim Stowers, Susanne Botton, Carol King, Janet Rolfe, Susan Bugg and Mavis Botton.



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 can arrange. 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.

Contact Chris Hunt on 01206 262014

ST JAMES' CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 15 March

from 9am – 12 noon



All welcome, no skill necessary. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

PLEASE BRING GLOVES, RAKES, SECATEURS, WHEELBARROWS, ETC

For further details contact James Carver: 01206 413811

VILLAGE HALL GARDEN WORKING PARTY

Saturday 5 April

from 9am



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

IT WILL BE USEFUL TO BRING TOOLS, GLOVES, SECATEURS, WHEELBARROWS, ETC.

Nayland Choir
with orchestra

presents

Puccini's Messa di Gloria

Opera comes to Church - sacred music from Italian opera composers



Saturday 29th March

St James' Church, Nayland

Doors open 4.30pm Concert 5pm

Tickets: £15, under 18s free

Available from naylandevents.org



COUNTRY MUSIC SUNDAYS 2024/5

At Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane CO6 4JH
Doors open 1.15pm, Music 2pm-6pm

Brian Mann

Invites you to join him with special guests:

- 30 Mar Best of Friends
- 27 Apr Kevin Barry
- 25 May Bob Keeley
- 15 Jun Rick Storm
- 29 Jun Caroline B

Raffle, Tea & Coffee

Bring you own Drink & Nibbles

Admission £10

Everybody Welcome

Brian Mann 07999 311296

John Spooner 01206 262691





Nayland with Wissington Society News



NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Kevin Walsh 07342 235001
 naylandchurchhall@yahoo.com

www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

Kevin Walsh has taken over from Rachel Skells as the booking Secretary and Treasurer for the Church Hall.

The Church Hall is available for one off and regular bookings. Please do consider using this great village facility for children's parties and private gatherings or contact us to set up a regular booking.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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

The Nayland branch of the RBL had a very successful 2024 with visits to WW2 airfields, and Stephen Walters & Sons silk mill in Sudbury. The Poppy Appeal raised over £3,500 and we heartily thank all contributors to this most important annual fund raiser.

For 2025 we have dates set for meetings in Nayland Church Hall on Monday evenings. On 10th March Hugh Frostick will talk about the plans for *English Resistance* if we were invaded in 1940 and the local preparations and installations constructed. Further dates are: 1st September and our AGM on 24th November when Will Hitchcock will talk about his relative, *Captain Flinders*, who circumnavigated Australia. As always, everyone is welcome to our meetings in the Church Hall.

Hopefully, we shall have at least one external visit and there will be talks from local speakers and hopefully a couple of guests. 2025 is the 80th Anniversary of both VE-Day and VJ-Day and we hope to have some joint events with the Community Council and Nayland Choir in September.

We are sad to report the passing of John Partridge in early January. John was our Vice President and had been a key member of the Nayland Branch for many years. He will be greatly missed.



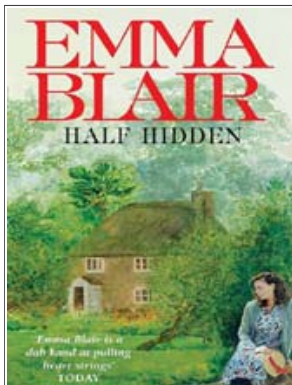
THE VILLAGE LUNCH

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The next Village Lunch will be held on Wednesday 9th April in the Village Hall. There will be a most interesting illustrated talk by Ken Burr on 'Melford Hall' at Long Melford set in picturesque gardens.

Melford Hall has been home to the Hyde Parker family since 1786, and members of the family still live in the South Wing of the building. However it was once the home of Benedictine monks. Melford Hall has a long and varied history; we will hear the stories of Naval exploits, its royal connections and visits by children's author Beatrix Potter.

The format as usual; 11.45am for the talks at 12 followed by lunch at 1pm. A two course lunch will be served and please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £15 and will be available from 7th March until 4th April online at naylandevents.org or from Mill Street Store & Deli (cash only).



BOOK CLUB

Jane Barbrook 263619 janebarbrook@hotmail.com

We recently finished reading 'Half Hidden' by Emma Blair. When the Island of Jersey was occupied by the Germans during WWII, it undoubtedly had a huge impact on the lives of the islanders. They also had to suffer rationing, curfews and other restrictions. Holly, a nurse in the hospital, who has lost her fiancé Martin within weeks of him going off to fight in Dunkirk, begins a relationship with a German doctor. This had to be kept secret, otherwise she would be ostracised or much worse.

Our latest book is 'Step by Step' by Simon Reeve, which we will be discussing in a few weeks' time. #



NAYLAND CINEMA

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Our last film of 2024 *'Wilding'* was a documentary style film about the Knepp Estate in Sussex. This rewilding project which began over twenty years ago was born when the current owners inherited some non-productive farmland nutrient depleted by years of intensive farming with the view to converting it into a completely natural wildlife habitat. Since rewilding began endangered species such as nightingales, turtle doves and purple emperor butterflies have found sanctuary there. It was fascinating to see how, when left alone, nature can regenerate itself and the photography was amazing. The film ended with a short interview in which Isabella Tree gave a more detailed account of the project, plans for the future and some tips for viewers on how to create their own rewilding patch.

We had the best attendance for 2024 for this film which demonstrates how important it is to us to preserve the natural world and what we can do on smaller scales to achieve this.

The cinema as usual was supported by Ross and Jade from Mill Street Deli who provided us with a delicious supper. If you haven't tried the cinema before please give it a go. We have everything available to make an enjoyable evening; do please come along and support us. For future dates and films see below, on page 18 or our webpage at www.naylandandwiston.net

- **Friday 21st February: 'The Critic' (2023)** is a period drama thriller film. Set against the backdrop of pre-war London in the 1930s it is a captivating exploration of power dynamics, ambition, and the harsh realities of societal intolerance. Jimmy Erskine (Ian McKellen) is a film critic who delights in writing vitriolic reviews of plays that he believes fall short of his high standards. After he and his secretary and lover Tom Turner (Alfred Enoch) are arrested for homosexuality... he plots his revenge.
- **Friday 21st March: 'Small Things Like These' (2024)** is the tale of one ordinary man, coal merchant Bill Furlong (Cillian Murphy) from the Irish town of New Ross, who in 1985 realised the enormity of the local convent's heartless treatment of unmarried mothers and their babies. Although the characters are fictional, the film was inspired by the history of the Magdalene laundries in Ireland.
- **Friday 11th April: 'Paddington in Peru' (2024)** is a animated adventure comedy film. On receiving a letter from the home for retired bears in Peru, saying that his Aunt Lucy deeply misses him and is acting strangely, Paddington and the Browns decide to go to Peru to visit her. Upon arriving in Peru they learn from the Reverend Mother that Aunt Lucy has gone missing in the jungle. The search and Paddington's adventures continue but is the Reverend Mother all she seems, can Hunter really be trusted, is Paddington in any danger?



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

The Nayland WI stall at the Christmas Fayre was very well supported and all our goodies were sold out. At our meeting in December we thoroughly enjoyed the selection of carols provided by the Nayland Hand Bell ringers which increased the festive spirit. The sound of the twinkling bells provided a magical sound in preparation for Christmas.

For our January meeting, we were delighted to welcome Paul Gallifant from the Dedham Vale Society who gave a fascinating illustrated talk about the Dedham Vale landscape with some beautiful pictures throughout all the four seasons.

At our next meeting on 13th February, Mike Rumsey has agreed to give a talk on his Irish Ancesters which will probably raise a few eyebrows. He tells us "They are not all bad!!"

March is the month is when we celebrate our birthday; on 13th we have planned a lunch outing for all the members. On 10th April we will be entertained by Roy Treloar, giving us an insight into *'The Good Old Days'*.

Our Programme for the rest of 2025, we have some plans for some most interesting speakers - watch this space. We always welcome guests and new members to our meetings - keep an eye on the WI noticeboard in Nayland High Street for details or in your Community Times.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in Nayland Village Hall in Church Lane.



THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

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We wish everyone a healthy and happy 2025.

Our goal for 2025 is to continue to lobby to get some maintenance carried out to the river bank. As you can see even in winter the wall of reeds are a enormous barrier.

It has been relatively quiet on the green over the past few weeks.

There have been plenty of dog walkers, some brave fisherfolk, and even one lady who braved the water on a particularly chilly day after Christmas for a dip.

We are keeping an eye on the cob swan with an injured wing. We were advised that as he was feeding, preening and going in and out of the river to monitor him, which we are continuing to do.

There are other swans that visit, so perhaps we will see some cygnets later this year.

Photo thanks to Phil Border.





VILLAGE PLAYERS

www.villageplayers.co.uk



Chair: Emma Wallis 07942 778536 emmawallis369@gmail.com

The Village Players had great fun with their production of 'Rapunzel the Panto' and were pleased to have sold out performances.

We recently held auditions for our Spring production which will be Ken Ludwig's 'Moriarty' - a new Sherlock Holmes adventure directed by Mary Moriarty (no relation!) who also brought Ken Ludwig's 'The Game's Afoot' and 'Moon over Buffalo' to Nayland with the Village Hall stage. Holmes and Watson are back on the case! Their investigation leads them into a mystery filled with spies and intrigue. World peace is at stake and they must join forces with Irene Adler and others to take down the villainous Professor Moriarty. An adventure which has danger - and laughter around every corner.

We were delighted to have bumper turnouts at the auditions despite them being held on very cold January evenings. Mary now has the difficult task of selecting the cast and rehearsals will then commence on 22nd January.

Performances will be on 2nd, 4th and 5th April.

If anybody would like to get involved behind the scenes please contact Emma Wallis, details as above.

In other news the Village Players held their quarterly committee meeting where they discussed plans for the society's 50th anniversary in 2026

If you would like find out more about what we do or to join the Players, contact us on www.villageplayers.co.uk or by details above.



NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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Facebook: Creffield Medical Group



Nayland Surgery is open: 8am-6pm Monday-Friday
Nayland Dispensary opening times: Monday-Thursday 9am-12.30 & 1.30-5pm and Friday 9am-3pm.

Firstly we would like to wish all our patients a very **Happy and Healthy New Year!**

It seems, at this time of year, there are lots of viral bugs floating around, so... please wrap up warm, make sure you keep hydrated and practise good hand hygiene. Unfortunately, Antibiotics will not help with most viral infections, but if you need any advice please either call 111 or use your local pharmacy facilities.

Most pharmacies can help you with seven conditions without needing a GP appointment, these are:

- Sinusitis** (adults & children aged 12 years+)
- Sore Throat** (adults & children aged 5 years+)
- Earache** (children & young adults aged 1-17 years)
- Infected insect bite** (adults and children aged 1+)

- Impetigo** (adults & children aged 1+)
- Shingles** (adults aged 18+)
- Urinary tract infection** (Women aged 16-64)

Announcement of Retirement: Dr Nicola Hilton will be retiring at the end of March 2025.

Dr Hilton will be sorely missed by staff and patients alike. Dr Hilton has been a valued member of the team at Nayland Surgery since 2019 and has worked for the NHS for 38 years, 35 of those years she has dedicated to being a GP. Putting the patients first, taking time to listen and always goes above and beyond. We wish Dr Hilton all the best in her retirement.

Did You Know??: The NHS provide a First Contact Physiotherapist MSK Service. The role of the FCP's in Primary care is to assess patients with soft tissue, muscle & joint pain and decide on the most appropriate management pathway. FCP's are physio's with expertise in the assessment & management of MSK conditions, they may also be known as Advanced Practice Physiotherapists (APP). If you are over the age of 16 and feel this service will benefit you, please contact the surgery and speak to reception.

Nayland Surgery Fundraising Update: Thank you all for your contributing to Isla's International Scout Jamboree fundraising project. I am happy to let you know that she is now in Queensland Australia enjoying the Jamboree to it's fullest (along with 10,000 other scouts, ventures and leaders from Australia and multiple countries around the world). She hopes to post some photos of her travels in the Surgery once she is home. #



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chair: Trevor Smy 262022 trevor.smy24@gmail.com
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HortSoc would like to thank everyone for their support of our stall at the Christmas Fayre, whether donating or purchasing items. This helped us raise funds for Society activities. It was a well-supported community event.

Our first event for this year is the **Spring Show** which is on Saturday 22nd March. This is being held in the Church Hall and promises to be a colourful occasion, so please come along and enjoy the displays of spring flowers and relax with refreshments. Cakes will be on sale and there will also be a raffle. It is open for visitors from 10am to 12 noon, entry is free. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, or prizes for the raffle - please drop off at the Church Hall in Bear Street early on the day of the show or give them to a committee member beforehand.

For those interested in exhibiting, full details and entry forms are in the Community Times, or can be downloaded from our website. Entries for the show should be brought along between 8.15am- 9am on the 22nd, as judging will need to take place before the public display and coffee morning opens at 10am. Winners of each class will be awarded a certificate and the Olive Noakes Cup will be awarded to the most successful exhibitor.

Membership for 2025 is now available and good value at just £3 for single or £5 for joint membership. Application forms are available at any of our events, from Margaret Smy.

Schedules for the **Summer Flower Show** to be held on **Saturday 2nd August** will be distributed in March and will also be available in Mill Street Store and Deli, Forget Me Not, or can be downloaded from our website. Please note that there have been a few changes to our classes again this year so please check the schedule. The subject for the adults' photography section will be 'Architecture', and for young people aged 10-14 'A Day Out', so don't forget to get out and about with your cameras soon to capture some colourful shots. Please note that the cut off for entering exhibits is the Wednesday before the show. Any late entries on the day of the show makes judging very difficult. HortSoc are grateful to the advertisers in the schedule who enable us to fund this promotion.

Plans for the calendar of events this year are well underway; further details will be in the Community Times nearer the time.

Here are some more dates for your diaries:

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| • Saturday 22nd March | Spring Flower Show |
| • Tuesday 15th April | AGM and Quiz |
| • Saturday 10th May | Morning Market |
| • Friday 11th July | Summer Garden Party |
| • Saturday 2nd August | Summer Flower Show |



NAYLAND CHOIR

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Thank you to everyone who came to our December concert; we had one of our biggest ever audiences and so many lovely comments about both the music and our performance. We certainly enjoyed singing such varied and beautiful pieces, some of which we are sure we will revisit at some future date. We also sang at the carol service in St James' Church and many of the choir sang Christmas carols and songs in both The Anchor here in Nayland and The Hare and Hounds in Leavenheath.

We have now enthusiastically started our new term of rehearsals and are practising for our next concert which will be on Saturday 29th March at 5pm in St James' Church, Nayland. (Our Spring concerts have usually been on a Sunday but we have changed this to avoid a clash with other events and with Mothering Sunday.) We will be singing Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* and a couple of short pieces by Rossini and Liszt and we will once again be singing with a small orchestra as it was so popular with both audience and choir members last year. We hope that many of you will come along and enjoy the music; nearer to the time, tickets will be available on naylandevents.org.

If you are keen to put future dates in your diary, our summer concert will be in the village hall on Friday 4th July.



NAYLAND MEADOW LTD

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F: [Nayland Meadow](https://www.facebook.com/NaylandMeadow)

Another year goes by... but in the last few years we have achieved much. We are delighted that we recently completed the path upgrade project. Accessibility to the Meadow is hugely important. It was completed on budget, on time and the PRoW footpath reopened as planned.

The new grass on phase 3 is a little disappointing but will get there one way or another. Now it can be all too easy to forget how impossible or (equally) impassable the path was in the winter months.

As a 'for your information', the charitable entity originally set up in 2004 to own the Meadow changed its name recently to the snappier... 'Nayland Meadow Limited'. (It is a private company limited by guarantee without share capital).

Don't forget to post any seasonal photos of or indeed comments on the Nayland Meadow Facebook page.

Martin Wright

PATH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Riverside section of our now completed circuit was reopened on time at the end of November, and has, since then, provided a level, clean and dry surface to walk on. We regret that there is much more plastic grid exposed than intended because the grass seed mixture used was not fit for purpose and frustratingly failed to take advantage of the excellent growing conditions this autumn. We hope to remedy this by reseeding in the spring, as our intention has always been to create the 'least urbanised' all weather path possible.

David Slater



NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Team Leader: Adam Lunn
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We had just over 40 people attend the Christmas fundraising event. Dr Anthony Roberts gave a moving recital of A Christmas Carol, supported by Jamie Cunliffe on the piano.

We were kindly donated the hall hire by the Community Council, and raffle prizes from Stoke-by-Nayland Resort (Golf club), Rushbanks Farm Campsite, and The Anchor Inn. The event raised £424.32.

We are grateful to St James' Church Council for the generous donation of half of their Christmas collection.

October, November and December figures: As a group we volunteered 622 hours and attended 11 calls. We also trained 10 people in basic life support.



What are Community First Responders?

Community First Responders (or CFRs for short) are volunteers who respond to life threatening emergencies in their local communities. They are trained by the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) to a nationally recognised qualification. Our purpose is to bridge the gap between the 999 call being made, and the ambulance arriving. For the most serious calls, emergency ambulances aim to arrive between 8 and 18 minutes. As our volunteers live or work within the community, they aim to be with you in half this time.

What types of calls do CFRs attend?

CFRs are usually reserved for attending the two highest levels of calls the ambulance service have, Category 1 life-threatening injuries and illnesses, and Category 2 non-life-threatening emergency calls. These include cardiac or respiratory arrests, anaphylaxis, strokes, seizures, chokings, and unresponsive patients.

Who are CFRs?

There are currently 5 qualified CFRs responding from the Nayland group, with another volunteer trained and waiting to go through the onboarding processes. CFRs don't need previous medical training, as this is provided. Our group includes a university communications manager, a surveyor, and a local farmer, all responding while at home or working in the area.

Are CFRs paid?

No. Our volunteers receive no payments from the NHS while responding, training or fundraising.

How are CFRs deployed?

Our volunteers are equipped with a dedicated smart phone that is linked directly to the EEAST Emergency Operations Centre by way of an app. We can only be deployed by the ambulance control room, and you should not attempt to contact our volunteers yourself. All 999 calls, regardless of what ambulance resource is sent, are risk assessed for scene safety, triaged for urgency, and evaluated so that the right skills can be sent to the right call. Any contact details publicly listed for our volunteers are for administration purposes only.

Do you only respond in Nayland?

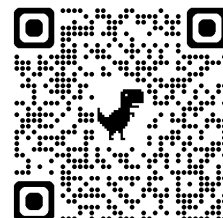
Once we are booked on, the emergency dispatchers in the control room can view our live location and assign us to medical emergencies within 5 miles of our current location.

Although the group is called the "Nayland CFRs" we attend calls in Bures, Assington, Boxford, Leavenheath, Polstead, Stoke-by-Nayland, Boxted, Wormingford, Little Horkesley, Great Horkesley, Horkesley Heath and West Bergholt.

Do you receive funding?

CFR groups receive no direct funding from the NHS Trusts. In the East of England, they are given some support by the East of England Ambulance Service Charity who now fund their training, some uniform, and certain items of equipment. As well as responding, our volunteers also give up their time to raise funds for our charity. Donations can be made via our Justgiving page or by contacting our Volunteer

Team Leader at adam.lunn@eastamb.nhs.uk





COLOURED PENCIL ART GROUP

Mary Knapp 01206 345499 or 07775 478971 mary.eva.knapp@hotmail.com

We are a small, informal art group, using coloured pencils, which can produce wonderful effects and results. We meet once a month, on a Monday evening in Nayland Village Hall.

We would love to have some new people come along - to join in, give it a go - or just to see what we do. There is no formal tuition but we will gladly provide help, advice and tips and materials can be supplied for your first sessions.

Our next dates are : Mondays, 17 February, 17 March and 21st April at 6.30-8.30pm in the Village Hall.



NAYLAND ART GROUP

Kathryn Niven 07867 878443 nivenkathryn@gmail.com

Before our Christmas break, we went to the Blue Owl pottery to paint Christmas decorations and we enjoyed our annual Christmas meal at The Crown.

We continued to explore colour mixing using watercolours in both warm and cool shades of red, blue and yellow which can be combined to produce almost any colour. To showcase this, we used a landscape from the Nayland calendar as inspiration. We have used some calendar pictures before and enjoy recreating local scenes.

We have now resumed our weekly sessions and are looking forward to learning, practising and developing new and/ or existing skills. Although watercolour painting is our most usual medium, last year we also used acrylics, pencils and pastels as well as some life drawing and printing.

If you are interested in joining us, the first two taster sessions are free and new members (of any experience or none) are always welcome. We meet in the church hall on Wednesday afternoons during school term times so please get in touch if you would like to join us.



NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

Wishing all CT readers a happy New Year..

We had an enjoyable run up to Christmas playing carols and other Christmas music to various community groups. It was especially nice to see members of a newly formed handbell band from Polstead at one of our performances.

Now Nayland Handbell ringers are taking a winter break and will not meet again until the end of February. Our practice day is Tuesday 1.30pm-3pm in the Church Hall Bear Street. Do come along if you wish to know more about our group; a warm welcome is assured.



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

The lack of ringers still means that the bells at St James remain silent. Just to keep our hand in, a couple of us visit neighbouring churches to ring when asked.

On Christmas Eve we joined a band at Stoke to ring for the carol service. Stoke has 8 bells and when they ring out over the frosty countryside "it's beginning to sound a bit like Christmas" (no it doesn't, can't stand the winter!).

Interestingly we were joined by some ringers who were staying with relatives in Leavenheath so there are people out there with ringing connections!! Do come and join us !

If you would like to know more please contact Chris Hunt 262014.



ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

EASTER FLOWERS IN ST JAMES

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

Many compliments have been expressed about the beautiful flowers in the church. 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, please contact Jeannette on 262993.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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The Society normally enjoys four speaker meetings each year starting with our AGM in March but this year we were approached to host an additional talk on the topic of House Martins. On the 22nd of January our speaker was Martin Tickler, a member of the Suffolk Bird Group and he explained that house martins, like swallows, are currently in decline and are red listed, due to factors such as lack of nest building materials and the reduction in insect prey.

Our next meeting on the 11th of March will be our AGM and after the usual business, Professor Jules Pretty will talk to us on the challenge of the climate and conservation crisis by reference to story telling or chronicles. He will explain that stories might be about transformation and transgression, "things that might jolt us out of current thinking". This is sure to be an inspiring talk and we look forward to seeing as many members and guests as possible.

Unfortunately, as a result of a family bereavement lead archaeologist Jo Caruth has had to delay the issue of the final report on the Court Knoll Project. However, she has recently advised us that she is back in her office and it is hoped we shall have more positive news within the next few weeks. As soon as the report is available we shall be arranging a meeting at the Village Hall for the report to be presented.

Open Gardens will take place on the 8th of June this year and as usual we are looking for as many garden openers as possible. If anyone is tempted please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, with great sadness, we report the passing of long-term committee member John Partridge. He will be a loss both to the Society and to the village generally and will be greatly missed. We send our condolences to his family.

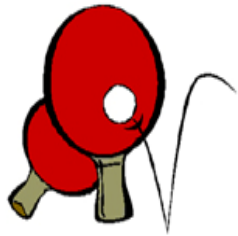


TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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

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.



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

PC 1293 Niall Johnson, Hadleigh Community Police Officer www.suffolk.police.uk
cpt.ipswichwest@suffolk.police.uk for the attention of PC 1293 Niall Johnson at Hadleigh

Nayland with Wissington Crime Review 18/11/24 – 09/01/25:

Unfortunately the burglaries have continued across a wide area of Suffolk and the Nayland with Wissington area has been targeted more than some other areas. The offences in this period include two house burglaries, one attempted house burglary and two shed/outbuilding burglaries, areas affected this time include Newlands Lane, Bures Road, Harpers Hill and Bear Street. The house burglaries are all likely to have occurred in the evenings. The residents of Nayland need to continue to be vigilant and security conscious. Police patrols in the Nayland area have already increased and I will continue to personally patrol. Police investigations and activity resulted in 4 people being arrested late November for burglary and an extensive search recovered a lot of suspected stolen items, they were arrested a few miles away from Hadleigh. Other reported crime includes an assault and a public order offence. In addition to those, there have been a few incidents resulting in a number of child and/or adult welfare referrals.

In the last edition of this publication, I gave some theft prevention advice for your home, so here are some additional tips for securing your sheds and garages:

- Always keep your shed or garage locked
- Use dusk to dawn lights
- Use coach bolts to fasten hinged and hasps and staples or pad bar
- Fit anchor points to secure items to
- Fit an alarm and use it
- Avoid storing high value items in the shed
- Cover windows in the shed
- Use two good quality closed shackle padlocks to secure the shed door
- Always lock internal doors between the garage and house
- Add ground mounted locking bars to enhance security on 'up and over' garage doors
- Use two good quality closed shackled padlocks or a 5 lever mortice and rim lock (BS3621) to secure garage doors
- Lock all garage windows
- Try to have it covered by a CCTV system
- Attach a cheap battery powered alarm to an item of value with fishing wire, when the suspect moves it, the alarm will sound

In addition to this, do not leave anything of value on display in your vehicles, preferable do not leave anything of value in your vehicle at all. Remember to note serial numbers of your property and security mark if possible, as this helps us identify the items and adds to the evidence if recovered. Please also keep your back door locked even if you are at home in the evening. If you see anyone around acting suspiciously, please call police.

I will be in the **Nayland Village Hall on Saturday 1st February between 9:30-midday** if you need any advice, I have security marker pens for your property, advice leaflets, fingerprint keyrings, colouring sheets, stickers and also uniform that children can try on.



ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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Christmas is always a busy time of year in church and it was pleasing to see the services at St James were all well attended. Nayland Primary school and Littlegarth school each held their own lovely carol services. The rendition of a verse of 'Silent Night' in sign language by Nayland School was particularly moving - well done. The traditional nine lessons and carols on the Sunday before Christmas was also a great occasion with the church being full to capacity! Christmas morning Communion was well supported too, and there was some good singing to accompany the 'on-line' music! The Church was decorated with two Christmas trees this year; a large tree beautifully decorated by Pablo Jaime Escudero who decorates all the trees in the Benefice and a charming tree decorated by Family@nayland as seen here.

Many thanks are due to all those who helped with these events, they really do go a long way to make Christmas a special time. As we enter a new year may we wish everyone health, peace and happiness.

The normal service pattern has started, and remember - coffee mornings resumed 15th January.

With Christmas service and activities over we are now looking forward to Easter which is fairly late this year, being the weekend of 18th-21st April.

The churchyard autumn working party will take place on Saturday 15th March from 9am. There remains a vacancy for a Parochial Church Council minute secretary which is not an onerous role; it involves producing and distributing the Agenda and Minutes of meetings which are held every 4 to 6 weeks.



WINTER SOLSTICE PICNIC - CALEY GREEN

I knew this would be a great event as on the 9am news on the wireless that very morning, the BBC Home Service actually featured an item about the preparations at Stonehenge (yes, the Stonehenge!), for the winter solstice celebrations. Extra police, stewards, catering vans, highway signs and the like, all to serve the crowds attending for this significant time of the year - the old year gone and a new dawn about to begin.

And such was the atmosphere on Caley Green. Admittedly crowd control for three was only minimal (a couple of dog walkers did give us a look - well, funny look actually), but the atmosphere was great. Folk had travelled from far, far away to attend (Stoke-by-Nayland), but the conversation and jollification could not have been greater - cheese and onion sandwiches, sausage rolls, and coffee flavoured whiskey went down a treat!! Interestingly the Winter Solstice was the subject of another TV programme about British Myths and Legends. This was presented by the actor Charlie Cooper - star of My Country (which along with the Red Bull soapbox Derby was the best thing on telly over Christmas - sad). Charlie traced the origins of the Winter Solstice explaining how ceremonies pre-dated Christmas and were signifying the coming of light in the new year. At a town in Devon it is tradition to run down the High Street with a blazing barrel of straw on your back - not for the faint hearted!! Great stuff demanding nerves of steel, thick gloves and a good solicitor. So, whether it's flaming barrels, Morris Dancing or sandwiches on Caley Green, long may such traditions continue lest we forget our contact with the prehistoric past.

Next picnic 21st June 2025 - this year is a year of 80's watch this space!! The picnic is of course a great occasion to take photos, all welcome of course by the CT to record village events. Picnic pictures can record crowd scenes or happy local smiling faces, or even landscape shots of the encroaching reed bed that is turning the River Stour into a ditch, all have their place. So, here is CT Photo Tip No. 1. When using a camera phone to take a selfie, if you have taken 17 pictures you still have more than 7 left. If the picture is wrong - shoot it again!! (would anyone over 65 please explain that to 'young people'), Happy Days

Chris Hunt



COMMUNITY PANTRY: A THANK YOU

As anyone involved in running community pantries and foodbanks knows, winter is the time of highest demand, and Christmas puts an additional strain on already over-stretched finances. It was, therefore, with huge gratitude that we learnt that the Nayland Parish Council decided to donate goods to the value of £500 in time for Christmas and the school holidays. Their gift will keep on giving for a long while, consisting as it does of many of the essentials we try to provide daily as well as treats which will have cheered up people who perhaps weren't expecting to find them in the pantry at that time. Many thanks to all on the Council for your thoughtful generosity.

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.

Any financial donations can be made to: Community Pantry & Hardship Fund

Sort Code 30 99 50 – Account No 24195560

Many thanks to all those who support the pantry and hardship fund.



NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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 Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



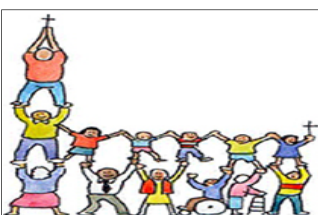
The Nayland Baby and Toddler Group are grateful to the Community Council for the grant which has enabled us to stay open this autumn.

The photo shows our presence at Woodland Corner's Inflatable Day in September. We hardly made any money but had fun eating our ice creams in the sunshine!!

Dates of our new year sessions will be January 24th and 31st, February 7th and March 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th .

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 plenty of space for physical play and to use up some energy.

We would love you and your little ones to come and join us on Friday mornings at 9.30am until 11.15am.



Family@Nayland

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It was so wonderful to see a full church for our Christingle service on Christmas Eve! Thank you to all the children who participated: telling the Christmas story with our crib figures, singing *Away in a Manger* to us all, reading the prayers and telling us the meaning of our Christingle oranges.

Our family services take place on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 10am at St James', Nayland: short, informal services with fun childrens' activities which are enjoyed by the young and not so young!

Our next services are 16th February and 16th March. All are welcome - we would love to see you!



FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH

Chairman: Simon Empson 01206 460250
 Treasurer: Julian Baker 01206 262653

Email: wistonfriends@gmail.com
 Registered Charity No 1158565

The enchanting sounds of the Marenzio Singers once again filled St. Mary's Church Wiston on December 8th for a delightful pre-Christmas event. The church was packed with a warm and appreciative audience, creating a truly special atmosphere.

The evening proved to be a resounding success, with both the performers and the audience leaving with warm hearts. More importantly, the event raised a fantastic £1,250 for the Friends of Wiston Church repair fund, a vital contribution to maintaining this historic Grade 1 listed building for generations to come.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who made this evening possible. My deepest gratitude goes to the talented Marenzio Singers: Emma Bishton (soprano), Lesley Gunfield (soprano), Lehla Abbott (alto), Andrew Spencer (tenor), and Paul Torrington (bass). To learn more about their beautiful music, visit their website at <http://www.marenziosingers.co.uk> or find them on Facebook.



We are also incredibly grateful to Jennie Boyden and Helen Lofthouse for their delicious catering, Cath Davison for her flawless event coordination, and Julian Baker for his meticulous planning leading up to the event.

Special thanks also go to Iain Wright for his masterful lighting setup, which ensured everyone's safe return to their cars in the darkness!



Woodland Corner

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behind Nayland Primary School, Bear Street, Nayland, Colchester, CO6 4HY

Administrator: Nicola Peachey

Registered Charity No. 1035330

We have welcomed some new children to Woodland Corner this term and are looking forward to getting to know them. We still have some spaces left, so please contact us for a visit.

Last term has been very busy with fundraising events, which is vital to us as a charity. We had our popular Inflatable Fun Day, cake sale, hot chocolate, toffee apples and biscuits at the Nayland bonfire and fireworks and a tombola at the Nayland Christmas Fayre.

The children performed their Christmas songs at the Nayland Church coffee morning. We also performed our songs to the parents/carers at the Christmas Party.



Woodland Corner is a registered charity, you can support us when shopping on line – go to www.Easyfundraising.org.uk and select Woodland Corner as your chosen charity and we will receive a small donation when you shop. We also collect used inkjet cartridges (except laser/toner cartridges), please leave them on our wall opposite the Vicarage.



We have continued with Multi sports and Forest School sessions from outside providers and we will be starting Emma's Learner gang for our oldest children going to school this year.

Our holiday club this half term is 17th and 18th February from 9am till 3pm £30.50 each.

Our next big fundraiser will be a Taylor Swift inspired disco and Barn Dance on 10th May (more details to follow).

Please get in touch if you would like to arrange a visit to our wonderful setting or require further information.##



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Nayland Primary School Hosts WOW PE Day with 'Fit Fence' Workshops

Nayland Primary School was abuzz with energy and excitement last week as the school hosted a spectacular WOW PE day, welcoming the P.E Company Sporting Dreams in to deliver a unique and inspiring day of fencing workshops. The initiative, called 'Fit Fence,' introduced children to the thrilling world of fencing—a sport combining athleticism, strategy, and tradition.

Throughout the day, pupils of all ages participated in hands-on sessions that brought the art of fencing to life. With guidance from the skilled instructor, the children learned fundamental fencing techniques, including how to hold either a foil or a sabre (types of swords named by their handles), wear protective masks, and adopt the iconic "on guard" stance. For many, it was their first experience with the sport, sparking a newfound interest.

The workshops were carefully tailored to ensure every student could engage safely and confidently. Under the watchful eyes of the coach, the children practised precision movements and friendly duels, discovering the importance of discipline, respect, and focus - qualities integral to fencing.

Nayland Primary's WOW PE day is sure to be remembered as a highlight of the year (already), with many students already asking when they can pick up a sabre again. Whether it leads to a future fencing star or simply leaves a lasting impression, the event underscored the joy of learning something new and the power of sport to spark joy and enthusiasm.





VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646
naylandvillagehall@gmail.com

Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



DECEMBER MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for December was read out.
- The December fire check will be carried out.
- The annual Health & Safety check of the hall has been carried out. It was agreed to have the lift serviced.
- The next quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The annual external inspection of the hall will be carried out

MAINTENANCE

- The chairs will be cleaned; damaged chairs will be removed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The current balance is £24,679. Endowment Fund £16,431; Village Hall Fund £21,367

BOOKINGS

- Hire charges of other village halls has been researched and a consultation paper prepared for increasing the hire charges in March 2025.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The VHMC submitted the final application for funding for the new roof to the National Lottery. We await their decision.
- There will be 2 major fundraising events in 2025

JANUARY MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for January was read out.
- The monthly fire check for December and January have been carried out. No problems found.
- The next quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The annual external inspection of the hall will be carried out

MAINTENANCE

- A & B Glazing have been asked to service the fire doors on the field side of the hall. However, as they did not manufacture them, another supplier will have to be found.
- 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. Locks have submitted a quotation of £2,500 for the electrical work.
- Hadleigh Glass have been reminded of our request to service the front door.

- The chairs will be cleaned; damaged chairs will be removed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The current balance is £24,679. Endowment Fund £16,431; Village Hall Fund £21,367
- The audited accounts for the hall will need to be submitted to the Charity Commission by 31st January 2025.
- The final end of year accounts will be provided as soon as possible for ratification at the AGM.
- A fresh appeal for donations towards the maintenance of the hall will be placed in the Community Times.
- The Trustees of the Hall will be updated to include: Iain A.C. Wright, Christine Thompson and Nick Moriarty.
- It was agreed to use online banking for the Village Hall current account and only one signature.
- A separate bank account will be set up for the roof project and for future development of the hall.
- There will be 2 major fundraising events in 2025.

BOOKINGS

- The hall is being well used and early booking is advised.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The VHMC was delighted to receive an email from the National Lottery saying that they have awarded the hall £275,305 for the roof replacement and solar panels.
- The roof replacement will take place now that the National lottery have given the hall the grant

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: will be **Monday 3rd February @ 7.30pm** in the hall committee room.

The AGM will be held on Monday 3rd March at 8.15pm

The next Garden Working party is on Saturday 5th April.

VACANCY FOR TRESURER

The Village Hall Management Committee requires a Treasurer;
 if you can help please contact either:
 Iain Wright 263646 (iain.wright@iwaltd.co.uk)
 or Christine Thompson 262825
christinethompson@btinternet.com)

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

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

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

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.

CLASSES & GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Mondays: 9.30am Acrylic Painting, 2pm Table Tennis
- Tuesdays: 9.15 Pilates, 10.45 Dance Fitness Club
- Wednesdays: 2pm Yoga
- Thursdays: 10am Botanical Drawing (*from 27 March*), 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.

JOIN YOUR CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

The Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society is a friendly organisation which holds several interesting speaker meetings each year as well as arranging an annual footpath walk, visits to historic houses and organising the very popular Nayland Open Gardens.

The committee would love to share our activities and knowledge with a wider audience so do take a look at what we do and consider joining us. Membership ranges from just £10 for single annual to £60 for double life membership.

The Society was founded in 1974 and since then has achieved a great deal. Perhaps most notable was the purchase in 2005 of the seventeen acre field beside the River Stour; this can now be enjoyed by parish residents in perpetuity. We have organised test pit digs in numerous locations around the village for research by Cambridge University and a major archaeological excavation in the village at Court Knoll which is an ancient monument. The Society has commissioned four very interesting books on the history of the parish and has a huge archive of historic photographs which can also be viewed online.

In the last 50 years we have achieved much more which can be seen on our website at www.naylandconservation.org.uk



NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: November & December 2024 by David Lowe

November was about average temperature wise but was short on sun hrs and solar energy. Rainfall was just below average.

The standout event was the rapid switch from temperatures around freezing point on 20-22nd to 18.6°C on the 24th. This is the highest temperature that I have recorded in November since I started keeping records 17 years ago. Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of this was the temperature rise from 16°C at 18.00 on the 24th to 17.3°C at 22.15! There are plenty of days in July and August when the temperature is a good bit lower than that, at that time. All due to a rush of air up from the Canaries, ahead of an advancing cold front.

The mean temperature for the month was 8.2°C (7.95) with a low of 1.7°C (- 1.95). Lowest max was 3.2°C (5.25). There were 5 each of air, ground and grass frosts (ground average 4.8 and air, 3.06. On 2 days, the temperature failed to make 5 (1) and on 9, failed to make 10 (10.94). Days failing to make 15 were 29 (27.65).

Bright sun hours were 63.8 (81.53) third lowest over the 17 years record period, solar energy 1580 Ly (2171.76) the second lowest over the record period. Evapotranspiration was 14.5 mm (17.81), third lowest over the record period.

Rainfall was 54.4 mm (65.91). Highest rainfall in a day was 21.6 mm (16.29) and highest rainfall rate, 16.8 mm/hr (44.17). Only on one day was there over 10 and 20 mm of rain (1.64

and 0.23).

Mean wind speed was 4.2 mph (3.88) with highest daily average 11.6 (10.33) second highest. There were 3 days with a gust over 30 mph (2.53) and 1 over 35 mph (1.12). The predominant direction was W.

December was a mild, cloudy month with just below average rainfall.

Mean temperature was 7.6°C (5.78) the third highest over the 17 year record period. The max was 15 °C (13.61) and the lowest -0.4°C (-3.52). the lowest max was 4.7°C (2.85).

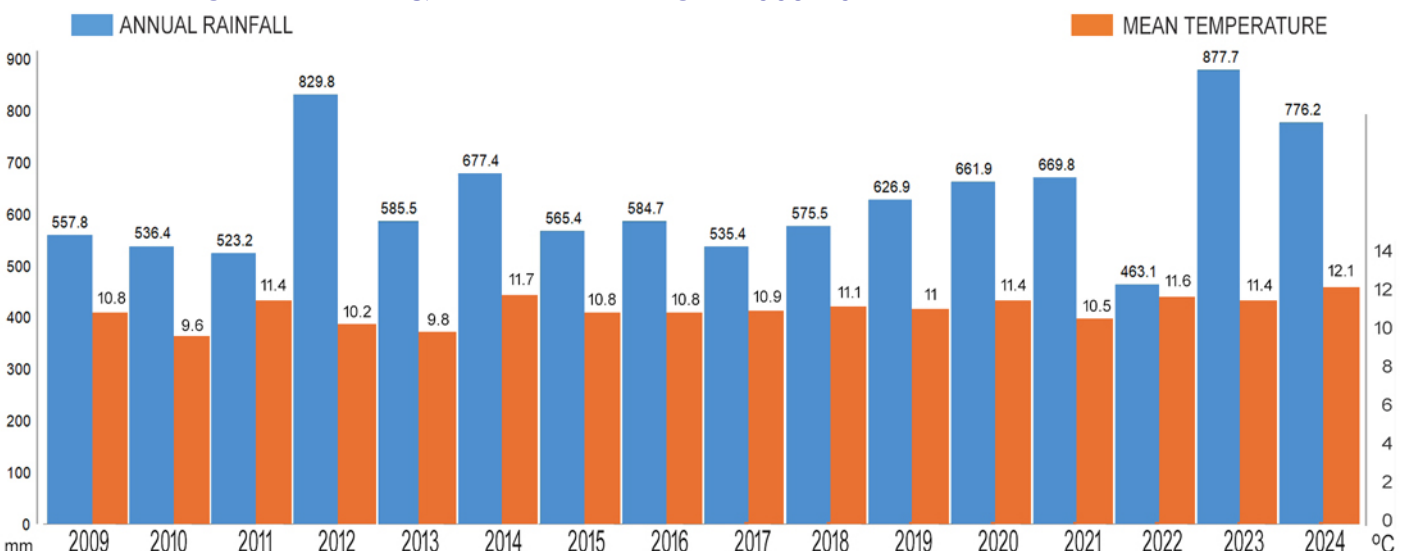
There was only 1 air frost (7). There were no days with a mean or max of less than 0°C (0.88 and 0.06 respectively). Only on one day did the temperature not reach 5°C (5.64) with 18 less than 10°C (20.35). 15°C was achieved once (0.29).

Bright sun hours were 28.8 (45.99) the second lowest over the 17 year period with solar energy also second lowest at 1180 Ly (1364.71). Evapotranspiration was 12.25 mm (13.1).

Monthly rain was 57.5 mm (62.35) with highest rainfall rate of 56mm/hr (36.98). there were 2 days with over 10 mm (1.29) max only 3 days apart with highest of 15.6 mm.

Mean wind speed was 6.6 mph (4.49) with 4 days in succession with a mean of over 10 mph – 7th to 10th. Highest gust was 43 mph, with 10 days over 30 mph (4.29) equal highest. Prevailing wind direction was WSW.

NAYLAND ANNUAL RAINFALL & MEAN TEMPERATURE 2009-2024



THE BOURDALOUE, A NAYLAND ARTEFACT

At first glance you might think that the object in the photograph, made of blue and white china, looks like a large gravy boat but I have it on good authority that it was originally called a 'coach pot'. Back in the 18th century when transport was mainly by horse and carriage, gentlemen passengers dismounted to relieve themselves behind a tree while ladies stayed on the coach and used a coach pot, hidden under their long dresses.

The first known examples were made in Holland in about 1710 and later in other European countries. They were also made in the Far East and today the most sought after are Chinese, Japanese and Dutch. This one is British, dating from the early 19th century. The pattern is known as Spotted Deer and it may have been made in Devon.

Another name for this pot is a Bourdaloue. Louis Bourdaloue was a 17th century French priest whose skills as an orator were so inspiring that women did not want to miss a single word of his long sermons and would sit throughout with these pots lodged within their long dresses in case of need.

Nowadays many churches have toilets but over the years this innovation has sometimes caused division within congregations. A press cutting in the 1980s referred to "Traditionalists of a certain church being offended by the prospect of worshippers seeking relief during sermons". In the same article a lady vicar described her difficulties when motoring on Sundays to several



churches without facilities. She said she often had to find relief behind a gravestone near the vestry door and suggested that perhaps a modern version of the Bourdaloue could be produced.

The pot in the photograph was given to us many years ago by a Nayland resident whose family lived in Nayland for over 200 years and I have often wondered if it was ever taken to St James' Church.

I suspect that large families in later years may have used these decorative pots as gravy boats, perhaps unaware of their original function. I have to say that we have never used ours for serving gravy. It stands on a shelf and has proved to be quite a conversation piece.

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder



Thanks to Darius Laws for capturing this scene of January frosts in Nayland

WHERE ARE THE 2 PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS IN NAYLAND?

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

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



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Nayland with Wissington Community Council celebrated the start of the festive season with a successful Christmas Fayre a little earlier than usual on 30th November.

It had all the ingredients of a jolly festive occasion; the village hall was gaily decorated with bunting and several local societies ran a variety of stalls. Father Christmas was in attendance, Nayland Primary School choir provided musical entertainment and festive food and refreshments were available.

Council chairman Rachel Hitchcock said: *"The Christmas Fayre is a lovely community event to start the festive season. We are very grateful for the societies and stallholders who provided an array of Christmassy stalls and to the children from Nayland Primary School who entertained us with a medley of musical numbers from The Polar Express which was much enjoyed. We are also grateful to Father Christmas for putting in an appearance and to all the visitors who came along on the day."*

Many thanks to all who helped with the planning and on the day; our events would not happen without support from the community.



Village Players: RAPUNZEL THE PANTO

We had an absolute blast with the pantomime Rapunzel and enjoyed four sold out performances across the week. Over 40 cubs and scouts from Great Horkesley attended on our opening night and particularly enjoyed seeing their mascot up onstage with Max - a rather overgrown boy scout!

The show was adjudicated by N.E Essex Theatre Guild and received high praise from adjudicator Liz Mullen who in particular praised our young leads Mia King (16) as Rapunzel and Will Torry (12) as Rudi (photographed right) and all the young chorus who ranged in age from 8-13 years. Special mentions were also given to the colourful costumes, intricate set and rousing musical numbers.

Huge congratulations and thanks to all involved, it really was a team effort.

The Players' next production will be Ken Ludwig's 'Moriarty' with performances on 2nd, 4th and 5th April.



NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL: ROOF UPGRADE

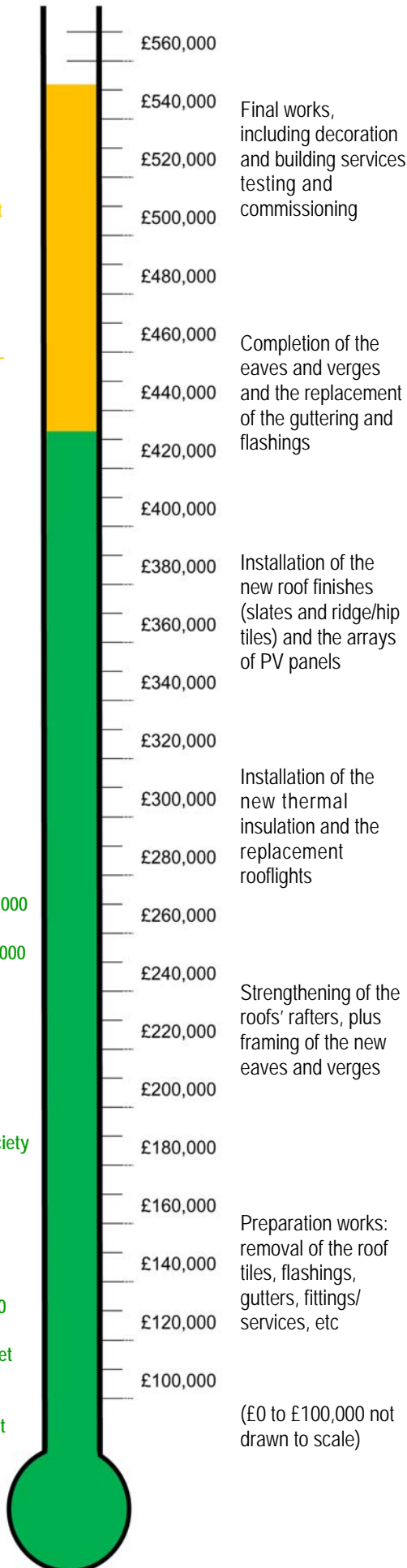
Total anticipated funds: £552,345

Funds to be applied For or generated £120,000:

- Babergh DC Capital Grant £10,000, subject to CIL funding
- Fund raising throughout the year: £10,000
- Funds requested from CIL 123 List: £100,000

Funds secured: £432,345

- National Lottery grant £275,305
- Green Energy Nayland £10,000
- NwW PC £10,000 plus £50,000 from NwW PC reserves
- NwW Community Council £20,000
- NVP £1,000
- VHMC Bank Account £12,000
- VHMC Reserve Fund £20,000
- VHMC Endowment Fund £15,000
- Donations from Nayland residents £ 3,290
- Nayland Horticultural Society £1,000
- Nayland Conservation Society £1,000
- Nayland Village Hall Fundraising events £6,750
- Suffolk CC Locality Budget £1,000
- Beatles Night + BDC grant + donations £6,000



Final works, including decoration and building services testing and commissioning

Completion of the eaves and verges and the replacement of the guttering and flashings

Installation of the new roof finishes (slates and ridge/hip tiles) and the arrays of PV panels

Installation of the new thermal insulation and the replacement rooflights

Strengthening of the roofs' rafters, plus framing of the new eaves and verges

Preparation works: removal of the roof tiles, flashings, gutters, fittings/ services, etc

(£0 to £100,000 not drawn to scale)

The Nayland with Wissington Village Hall roof has reached the end of its service life and will be replaced. The agreed replacement roof incorporates additional depth to accommodate increased roof non-combustible insulation, continuous roof membrane and Welsh slates. There will be photovoltaic panels incorporated within the replacement roof covering. The project will take four months approximately with scaffold around the outside of the Village Hall and a protective roof covering will be provided by additional scaffolding. Your Village Hall will remain open during the roof replacement works.

Good News

The National Lottery Community Fund has granted, with conditions, a sum of £275,305.00 for the roof replacement and upgrade works. Your Village Hall Management Committee are currently working with their Solicitor to comply with the conditions imposed by the National lottery.

The local funds has raised a total of £157,040. This is in addition to the fees remitted by the Architect, Project Manager and Structural Engineer.

The Matched funding requirement by the National Lottery Community Fund took into account the values of the remitted fees for professional services which formed part of the matched funding.

The Babergh District Council grants will be subject to their cabinet consideration on the 11th March.

The Village Hall Management Committee are grateful for the donations as listed in the adjacent Funding Thermometer, especially those from the local community.

The Village Hall management would like to thank the helpers for the fund raising events and those who helped with the applications to the National Lottery and Babergh District Council, the applications could not have been made without their help.

There were four tenders returned and the best returned tender returned that complied with the specification including the temporary roof protection was received from T J Evers.

Your Village Hall Management Committee has used all of the reserve funds available from the Village Hall reserves and substantial donations from both the Parish Council and the Community Council. There will be two events to help the requirement to build up a reserve fund for future maintenance and replacement of equipment.

DONATIONS:

Please consider a donation to the Village Hall funds to ensure that there is monies available for future maintenance and further developments to enhance your Village Hall.

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.

VACANCY FOR TREASURER

The Village Hall Management Committee requires a Treasurer;

if you can help please contact either:
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 or Christine Thompson
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FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES:

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CHURCH SERVICES: February

<u>Sunday 26th</u> <u>January</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.15am Holy Communion 4.30pm Evensong	Wiston Stoke Leavenheath Nayland
<u>Sunday 2nd</u> <u>February</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am First Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Nayland Wiston Leavenheath VH Polstead Stoke
<u>Sunday 9th</u> <u>February</u>	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Leavenheath Nayland Stoke Wiston
<u>Sunday 16th</u> <u>February</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Family Service 6.30pm Evening Praise	Stoke Polstead Wiston Nayland Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 23rd</u> <u>February</u>	8.00am <i>CANCELLED</i> 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.15am Holy Communion 4.30pm Evensong	Wiston Stoke Leavenheath Nayland

CHURCH SERVICES: March

<u>Sunday 2nd</u> <u>March</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am First Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Nayland Wiston Leavenheath VH Polstead Stoke
<u>Sunday 9th</u> <u>March</u>	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Leavenheath Nayland Stoke Wiston
<u>Sunday 16th</u> <u>March</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Family Service 6.30pm Evening Praise	Stoke Polstead Wiston Nayland Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 23rd</u> <u>March</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.15am Holy Communion 4.30pm Evensong	Wiston Stoke Leavenheath Nayland
<u>Sunday 30th</u> <u>March</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.00am Benefice Service - <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Polstead Nayland
<u>Sunday 6th</u> <u>April</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am First Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Nayland Wiston Leavenheath VH Polstead Stoke

Weekly Pew Sheets & Reading

If anyone would like to receive the weekly church pew sheets via email please let Sam know via admin@lspnw.org.uk

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:	6.00pm 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.

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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.

CHURCH CONTACT ALL DETAILS ON PAGE 47

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

Candlemas

Maybe you're reading this on the first Sunday of the month, 2nd February. In the past that used to be a big deal, inside the church and outside it. Candlemas, it was called.

We now take our Christmas decorations down on Twelfth Night, after 12 days of Christmas. But in the past we took them down after 40 days of Christmas, ie 2nd February.

The candles for use in the church for the year were blessed on that day. Remember what a big deal candles then were. Hence Candlemas.

In Scotland and northern England, Candlemas was one of the Quarter Days: the four dates in each year on which servants were hired, school terms started, and rents were due.

Like St. Swithun's day, 15th July, Candlemas was, and in some places still is, associated with weather forecasting:

St. Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St. Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare

And

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another fight.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter won't come again.

So 2nd February is Groundhog Day. Which is very widely celebrated in the US, though it's been shown it's worse than useless at weather forecasting.

And it was cause for celebration generally, being half way between the shortest day and the Spring equinox. So it became, and in French-speaking Europe still is, a pancake day (Chandeleur (chandelle = candle)). Celebrated by people who are unaware of its Christian significance. Just like our Shrove Tuesday.

Supposedly started by Pope Gelasius I, around 500 AD, who had pancakes distributed to pilgrims arriving in Rome. Circular and golden, like the sun, they encouraged us to think of spring after the dark and cold of winter.

So could we in the church make more of Candlemas? It meets a human need for cheering up in the middle of winter.

Candles are now nice-to-haves, not the only source of light in darkness.

Nowadays Christmas starts so early, we're glad to forget it by Twelfth Night.

In England, the first Quarter Day is Lady Day, 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation. Which is near enough Mothering Sunday – a good example of an ancient church celebration, commercialised and Disneyfied, but now to quite an extent reclaimed by the church.

A second Pancake Day wouldn't work. But a celebration needs to be associated with a greedy.

Liturgically, Candlemas is officially a Principal Feast, namely the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. But that obscure item of Jewish ritual is distastefully sexist if you pause to think about it. Much the best bit in the service is in the Gospel, the Nunc Dimittis, that single sentence, just 43 words. That speaks to us still. But since we have that every Morning and Evening Prayer, we don't associate it with 2nd February.

This 2nd February, we happen to have a celebration, in the form of two people being confirmed, by a Bishop. Let's try to build on that, and concoct a regular event, speaking to lay people, speaking of the prospect of Spring and new life even in the depths of wet and dull and depressing February. And associated with a greedy.

Adam Sedgewick

WISTON CHURCH PORCH BOOKS - 4 for £1 !

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

Maybe take a pleasurable walk along the footpath past the church and call into the church porch and browse through the books ~ autobiographies, cookery, children's, fiction, non-fiction.....

Donations of books are welcome; in the clearly signed metal box in the Wiston church car park at Newtons Farm before you reach the church.



ST JAMES' CHURCH DONATIONS

Dear Parishioners and Nayland residents,

St James Church aims to be funded for its principal maintenance from the proceeds of the Nayland Fete as well as the generous support of The Friends of St James.

We do however incur day-to-day expenses to maintain the Church, including utility costs, security, insurance, organ maintenance and the annual parish contribution. All donations to support us are therefore extremely welcome and very much appreciated!

In order to provide this support, either with a one-off donation or to set up a more regular payment, please scan the QR code below for a link to the payment process.



Alternatively you can donate through the St James page on A Church Near You

at www.achurchnearyou.com/church/1967/ or via the Parish Giving Scheme at www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/nayland-st-james-colchester/

Thanks in anticipation of your generous support!

Kevin Walsh, St James' Church, PCC Treasurer



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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.

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Weekly on	Mondays: Tuesday: Wednesdays: Fridays:	Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 31</i> Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall <i>page 30 (resume late February)</i> Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James <i>page 7 & 32</i> Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall <i>page 30</i> Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall (<i>term times</i>) <i>page 33</i>
January 22nd	Conservation Society: Martin Tickler 'House Martins' 7.15 for 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 30</i>	
February 1st 3rd 7th 12th 13th 16th 17th 21st	Police Engagement with Niall Johnson 9.30-midday Village Hall <i>page 14 & 31</i> Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 35 & 47</i> Community Council: Fun Village Quiz <i>page 9 & 10</i> Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i> Women's Institute: Mike Rumsey 'They were not all bad' 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 26</i> Country Music Sundays: 'Dave Anderson' 1.15pm for 2pm <i>page 24</i> Coloured Pencil Art Group: 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 30</i> Village Cinema: 'The Critic' open 6.30pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 26</i>	
March 3rd 3rd 10th 11th 12th 13th 15th 17th 21st 22nd 29th 29th 30th	Community Council: AGM 7.30pm (Exec 7pm) Village Hall <i>pages 1, 9 & 47</i> Village Hall Management Committee: AGM 8.15pm Village Hall <i>pages 1, 35 & 47</i> Royal British Legion: meeting 'British Resistance 1940' Hugh Frostick 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 25</i> Conservation Society: AGM Jules Pretty 'How 'Story' helps climate and conservation' 7.15pm Village Hall <i>page 15 & 31</i> Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i> Women's Institute: Branch Birthday Lunch <i>page 26</i> St James' Churchyard Working Party 9am-12noon <i>page 24 & 32</i> Coloured Pencil Art Group: 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 30</i> Village Cinema: 'Small Things Like These' open 6.30pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 26</i> HortSoc Spring Show exhibits 8.15-9am, display & refreshments 10am Church Hall <i>page 19 & 28</i> Nayland Choir: 'Piccini's Messa di Gloria' concert 4.30 for 5pm St James Church <i>page 24 & 28</i> Clocks spring forward Country Music Sundays: 'Best of Friends' 1.15pm for 2pm <i>page 24</i>	
April 2nd, 4th & 5th 5th 9th 10th 11th 15th 18th-21st 26th 27th 30th	Village Payers': Ken Ludwig's 'Moriarty' 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 15 & 27</i> Village Payers': Ken Ludwig's 'Moriarty' 8pm Village Hall <i>page 15 & 27</i> Village Hall: Spring Gardening Morning from 9am <i>page 9, 24 & 35</i> Village Lunch: 'Melford Hall' Ken Burr 11.45am for 12 Village Hall <i>page 15 & 25</i> Women's Institute: 'The Good Old Days' Roy Treloar 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 26</i> Village Cinema: 'Paddington in Peru' open 6.30pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 26</i> HortSoc Fun Quiz & AGM 7.30pm Church Hall <i>pages 15 & 28</i> Easter weekend Nayland Community Litterpick: meet 1.30pm Village Hall Car Park <i>page 18</i> Country Music Sundays: 'Kevin Barry' 1.15pm for 2pm <i>page 24</i> Annual Parish Assembly provisional date 7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall <i>page 3</i>	
May 5th 10th 10th	Nayland Church Fete 1pm Village Hall <i>page 12</i> HortSoc: Morning Market Church Hall <i>page 28</i> Woodland Corner: Barn Dance <i>page 34</i>	
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