



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

YOUR LOCAL MAGAZINE FOR NEWS AND VIEWS



CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to put your clocks forward when you go to bed on Saturday 28th March! An extra hour of daylight in the evenings will be very much appreciated.

FEBRUARY 2026

No: 219

WHAT'S ON

Cinema: *'Butch Cassidy'*, *'The Choral'* & *'Springsteen'*

Spring Flower Show

CC & VHMC AGMs

Conservation: AGM *'Value of Art'*

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NAYLAND FUN VILLAGE QUIZ

Friday 6th February 7.30pm sharp start Village Hall

For further details see page 10

VILLAGE HALL: NEW ROOF

After many years of determination by the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) the hall, with its new roof and array of solar panels, looks impressive as it nestles within our village. Photo by Will Hitchcock.



NAYLAND SWAN: UNNECESSARY DEATH

As many will now know in early January one of Nayland's beautiful swans suffered a long and agonising death due to fisher folk being careless with their fishing tackle.

No apologies for showing this awful image of the swan with a pike lure embedded in its beak. The reality needs to be seen by those who are guilty.

The poor creature, with blood on its body where it tried to dislodge the lure, was circling around and around in distress. In October a Tawny Owl was rescued from the same fate.

Whether by being thoughtless or due to lack of fishing knowledge there has been an increase in the amount of discarded dangerous lures and tackle along the river. A river swimmer recently had a close encounter with a three-hook lure.

This horror must be prevented! See more on page 21



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

PARISH COUNCIL

Laura Erith chaired the meeting. Joan Border and Charlie Thompson were co-opted onto the Parish Council.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece had reported that the Cabinet voted to decommission several sheltered housing schemes, including Parkers Way in Nayland, as part of a shift toward independent living. Residents at Parkers Way are advocating to preserve communal facilities and extend access to the wider community. Isabelle is chasing the repairs to the old Burial Ground wall.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION CONSULTATION

Councillors had differing views regarding proposals for one and three unitary councils but shared concerns of potential remoteness of services and accessibility which could result. It was agreed to encourage residents to engage with the consultation and for the Clerk to respond sharing this PC's concerns.

HIGHWAYS

A damaged bollard by the horsewatering in Bear Street had been reported. Concerns were expressed regarding potholes and the speed of traffic. Issues will be reported using the online reporting tool but if they are delayed James Finch will be asked to chase them up.

FINANCE

Recommendations from the finance working group were approved, including: a Precept of £51,260 (4% increase) for 2026/27; provisional reserves for contributions towards the village hall kitchen and the allotment perimeter fencing; capital funds will be allocated for village hall car park, streetlights, Fairfield driveway; allotment rents to be retained at the current level at £52 (£1 per week) whole plot £26 half; burial ground fees will have an uplift of 4%; Parish CIL monies are preserved for a housing needs survey and a future capital project.

THERMAL IMAGING SURVEY

KEEP THE HEAT IN

Nayland with Wissington Parish Council, supported by Babergh District Council, are offering residents free support to bring down their energy bills by taking thermal images of your home.



A thermal image survey may:
Identify places which have draughts
Detect whether cavity wall insulation is patchy or missing
Detect areas with less loft insulation
Help identify ways to improve the energy efficiency of your home

The thermal imaging camera will be available in Nayland and Wiston between 18th February - 3rd March.

If you are interested in a free energy efficiency survey, please contact Cllr Owen Brown at owen.brown@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk

Grounds maintenance contracts for 2026/27 would remain with our existing contractors. The budget for Horse watering would remain at £200. The Contribution towards Webb's Meadow grass cutting to stay at £385.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **14 Church Lane [DC/25/03976]** to extend and alter including roof and solar panels. A non-material amendment was approved for pedestrian step access to site **adjacent Paddock Grove [DC/25/04622]**.

The PC had no objections to an application at **1 Fox Cottages, Bures Road [DC/25/04974]** to replace existing garage and store.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Owen Brown confirmed he is awaiting a response from Community Action Suffolk regarding conducting a survey. Debbie Hattrell confirmed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money can be used for a HNS.

CALEY GREEN

Kevin Sheath had provided an update regarding the plans for a revetment and soft landscaping round the bay in the river. Checks are being made regarding their preferred option as to whether planning permission will be needed. The proposals will come before this PC for review and comment and the Environment Agency for necessary permission.

VILLAGE HALL

The work to the village hall roof is nearing completion and have come in on budget but there will be some work that will not be completed by the previously anticipated date of 19th December. Roof leaks at the front of the building are being investigated and will be rectified.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Joan Border will join David Finnigan representative of the PC on the Community Council. They would like to engage more Parkers Way residents with community events. Gerry Battye congratulated the Community Council on the recent Annual Christmas Family Fayre.

IN BRIEF

PC streetlights will be programmed for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve to mirror the SCC lights and stay on all night.

Owen Brown and Dawn Harris will arrange the annual allotment holders meeting. All allotment holders and councillors will be invited to the meeting in the New Year.

Gerry Battye continues to pin PC notices on the Harpers Estate/ Heycroft Way noticeboard in the old bus shelter. Use of this and other physical noticeboards provides information to residents in addition to the website.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 20th May

- provisional date -
7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall

Further details will be in the next Community Times and in due course on the Parish Council website
<https://naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk/>

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the meeting: 14th January 2026

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Dawn Harris was elected as Chair, Owen Brown will be Vice Chair.

Debbie reminded councillors that communication via the WhatsApp group is useful but any formal communication should be carried out by email. She asked that she is kept in the loop on PC matters.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece reminded councillors of changes taking place with refuse collections to ensure councils nationwide can meet new Government legislation known as Simpler Recycling. Babergh's new refuse collections, starting June 2026, will bring major changes: a weekly food waste service with new bins, more items in recycling (glass, cartons), a separate paper/card bin, and a shift to three-weekly general rubbish (black bin) collections.

It is understood that the change to a three-weekly refuse collection may be concerning for some households, such as those with restricted space for storing bins or with larger families or medical requirements. Solutions may be available and Babergh will be happy to discuss concerns.

Isabelle continues trying to get a response regarding repairs to the old Burial Ground wall.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

James Finch reported that Suffolk County Council secured over £26 million in Government funding (2026-2029) to improve bus services, ticketing, and infrastructure, including real-time passenger information, upgraded bus stops, and accessibility enhancements. This funding will enable the continuation and expansion of new and improved services introduced over the past two years, much of which was shaped by community feedback.

If anyone has any suggestions to improve the service please let James know via James.Finch@suffolk.gov.uk

HIGHWAYS

David Finnigan raised the issue of a vehicle repeatedly being parked in Mill Street on a single yellow line outside permitted times. Debbie Hattrell will ask Babergh's parking enforcement team to look into this.

James Finch said he would chase the delay in repairing potholes at the bottom of Campions Hill. Use of the County Highways online reporting tool will be promoted in the Community Times.

Debbie Hattrell asked about the current public liability situation regarding volunteers in the parish who cleared snow or spread grit. James Finch confirmed it was a County Highways matter and names of those volunteering should be recorded by the Parish Clerk.

FINANCE

PC have budgeted for a larger refuse bin in the High Street, by the notice boards. The Clerk will order the bin and arrange for the contractors to fit it in place of the Conservation Society bin; the existing bin can be stored for use elsewhere or disposed of.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **7 Willow Grove** [DC/25/04595] for erection of a two-storey side extension infill, bay window to front elevation, single-storey extension to porch, demolition and replacement of single-storey rear extension on condition the construction method statement is followed, work is carried out in accordance with the Bat survey and there is provision of a bat box; or at **Land And Pond Adjacent River Stour (Nayland Meadow)** [DC/25/04378] for installation of a timber boardwalk with dipping platform on condition that details of a guard rail round the dipping platform are submitted and agreed, that works are carried out in accordance with the details in the biodiversity assessment, that any new gates alongside a PRoW must open away from the PRoW, that any proposals for installation of lighting must first be submitted and agreed.

Babergh confirmed that formal approval is not required at **Newtons Farm Wiston Hall Lane** [DC/25/05325] for a proposed:

erection, extension or alteration of a building for agricultural or forestry use or construction of new track.

In recent applications received councillors had no objections at **Bridge House Horkesley Road** [DC/25/05528 & 29] for installing timber detailing added above the existing low-level brick boundary wall with new gate, and erection of a new garden shed within the curtilage of the listed building.

CALEY GREEN

Kevin Sheath had provided an update regarding the plans for a revetment and soft landscaping round the bay in the river. A planning application will be required; submissions to Babergh and the Environment Agency will be submitted together.

ALLOTMENTS

Debbie Hattrell said the PC had budgeted for a potential contribution to the perimeter fencing (subject to approval of the project) at the allotments but we have received no further information in relation to the proposal by a group of plot holders.

Dawn Harris and Owen Brown will arrange an allotment holders meeting to which all allotment holders and councillors will be invited. The fencing will be discussed and allotment holders views on the proposals sought.

PARKERS WAY

Babergh are decommissioning several sheltered housing schemes, including Parkers Way transitioning them into general needs housing by 31st March. The issue of what happens to the community room, which is a separate building and currently managed by the warden, was discussed. It is currently used by residents for coffee mornings, craft sessions, etc. More information from Babergh regarding their intentions for this facility is needed in order for its potential future to be considered. Jeremy Robins, Income and Sustainment Lead at Babergh will be invited to the next PC meeting to discuss this.

IN BRIEF

Owen Brown confirmed he is still awaiting a response from Community Action Suffolk regarding conducting a survey.

Nayland Meadow Limited asked the PC to submit a letter of support for their planning application for boardwalk and dipping platform over the Meadow pond; this was agreed.

Dawn Harris said work to the village hall roof is completed bar some snagging issues and painting.

DO YOU ENJOY WALKING OUR LOCAL FOOTPATHS?

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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 Suffolk County Council's online reporting tool: highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

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NEIGHBOURS IN NEED APPEAL

The Community Council issued this appeal when they became aware that there are a few residents in the village who at times are unable to get out for themselves due to age or physical issues and would benefit from having a prescription collected, a local errand run or some shopping dropped off. Residents excelled themselves when the appeal was made by putting themselves forward.

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

Or if you may be able to help by being included on a volunteer list to help someone local to you if the need arises please make contact. Please let her know your name, telephone number, email and the road that you live in. Only when approached by someone who requires an errand would details of nearby volunteers / those in need be exchanged.

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

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Local volunteers
to help neighbours

SO THEY ARE NOT ALONE
when in need of help collecting a
prescription, an errand run
or shopping.

If you think you can
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REPORTING POT HOLES

Did you know.... that residents can easily report potholes to Suffolk (or Essex) County Council using the reporting tools. This includes requesting grit bins to be refilled.

These can be found at:

- Suffolk: <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>
- Essex: <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us>

You will simply need to enter: a description of the problem, the location including pinpointing it on the map, provide your name and email/phone number and if possible attach a photo of the pothole.

The reporting tool has options to report other issues, such as, street lights, drainage, hedges/trees, pavements, footpaths /public rights of way, signage and road markings.

After reporting an issue it would be useful to advise the Parish Clerk by emailing details or forwarding to her the confirmation of reporting email SCC send you – the Clerk's email is: clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk

Details of this and other useful websites (roadworks, refuse, planning, etc) can always be found on page 46.



POLICE ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Place : Nayland Village Hall

Date : Sunday 8th March 2026

Time : 9:30am-Midday

PC Johnson will attend with crime prevention advice and general advice for the public. Adults and children can attend. For the children he will have a police uniform to try on and stickers, etc. For adults he will have advice leaflets and UV security marker pens.



BETTER RECYCLING

From June 2026

We've been expecting it...
Better Recycling is coming soon!

Big changes to waste collection will begin in June but delivery of bins will take place over a 12 week period ahead of that. Information leaflets will be delivered too.

Households will receive an additional recycling bin and two food caddies (a small one for the kitchen and a larger one for outside).

Food caddies will be collected weekly; general refuse and recycling will be on a three-week cycle.

One recycling bin will collect paper and card, the other will collect glass, tins and cans, cartons and plastics.

To find our more visit: www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/better-recycling

NAYLAND MOBILE LIBRARY

Route 20 : High Street P.O.

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

RAFFLE AT THE VILLAGE QUIZ

Donations of prizes for the Community Council's raffle at the **Fun Village Quiz on Friday**

6th February would be very much appreciated.

They can be left at 107 Bear Street, 21 Stoke Road or brought along on the evening.

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP NAYLAND'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Nayland has for years been recognised as having community spirit in abundance with a good variety of activities on offer.

It is important that community energy should be encouraged... Below are a few village organisations that would be delighted to welcome new committee members or helpers. If you think you may be interested, please make enquiries. You will meet new friends and being part of a group is rewarding.

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

- **Community Council** would welcome committee members and/or helpers at community events: they meet six times a year, *see page 47 for dates*. Contact Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member; they meet on the first Monday of the month. Contact Iain Wright 01206 263646 or Chris Thompson 01206 262825.
- **Parish Council** have a vacancy for a **Parish Footpath Warden** - *see page 3 for details*.



RBL POPPY APPEAL

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Nayland, Wiston, Stoke by Nayland, Polstead and Leavenheath, we raised a total of **£6,673** for the Poppy Appeal this year.

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, thank you to everyone who donated.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
St George's Day Lunch

Thursday 23rd April
The Anchor Inn, Nayland

After lunch Air Commodore Bob Lightfoot AFC will talk about his fascinating career with the RAF and the Air Force of the Sultan of Oman.

For further information contact:
Chairman: Robert Dossor 07879 843319 robert@ovcottage.com

SCHEDULED ROADWORKS

Water Lane

26 Jan 2026 - 28 Jan 2026

Road closure

Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

Burnt Dick Hill

16-24 March

Road closure

Essex CC: Patching repairs to road surface

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

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

- **Women's Institute** would welcome further members and also help with running their branch which meets on the second Thursday of the month at 2.30pm, *see page 29*
- **St James' Parochial Church Council** require another **Church Warden** to share the role in maintaining the smooth running of church activities. Contact Kathy Hunt on 262014 or kath12hunt@gmail.com. *Page 41*
- **St James' Flower Arranging Team** would welcome others to help them; guidance given. Contact Jeannette Finch 01206 262993, *see page 25 & 31*
- **Church Bellringers** would welcome new ringers or those who have rung before; training can be arranged - *see page 25 & 41* or contact Chris Hunt on 262014
- **Village Players** are in need of volunteers to help build their sets and help backstage. They have two productions a year. Contact Emma Wallis 07942 778536 *See page 32*
- **Horticultural Society** require committee members and helpers at some of their events. They are a blooming friendly bunch! Contact Trevor Smy 01206 262022. *Page 26*
- **Conservation Society** require committee members and helpers at some of their events. Contact Mike Hunter 01206 264100. *See page 26*
- **Church Fete** committee are looking for volunteers to assist in planning the event, *see page 12* or contact Kevin Walsh on 07342 235001 or at kevinmwalsh1@gmail.com

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

COFFEE, CAKE & CONVERSATION

Wednesday Coffee Mornings

10am to noon
St James' Church, Nayland

Join us for coffee, tea, cakes and friendly chat in an informal atmosphere with others from our local community. Everyone Welcome.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING PARTIES

Further details on page 46

Chair: Dawn Harris dawn.harris@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk

Vice Chair: Owen Brown

WORKING PARTIES:

Allotments:	Laura Erith, Dawn Harris, Owen Brown, Ruth Beverley
Burial Ground:	Laura Erith, Owen Brown
Caley Green:	Kevin Sheath, Dawn Harris, Owen Brown, Sally Dalton
Fairfield:	Gerry Battye, Dawn Harris
Finance:	Laura Erith, Tricia Fuller, David Finnigan, Debbie Hattrell
Footpaths:	Vacancy for Footpath Warden
Highways:	All councillors with individual areas
Planning:	All councillors
Trees:	Terry Bannister (Tree Warden), Kevin Sheath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 5th January 2026 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309
Full minutes available at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

Executive Committee: As always new members would be welcome to join the team.

Fundraising Activities/Events: : It was proposed to make our AGM in March a more social event to mark the Community Council's 60th Anniversary alongside celebrating the Village Hall roof. (Date of 4th March now confirmed). We will also discuss with Lorraine Brooks doing a feature in the Community Times commemorating 60 years of the Community Council. .

Community Defibrillators: *Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall, Fire Station and on the verge outside The Houses, Bures Road, Wiston. CO6 4LZ. The defibrillators at the Village Hall and Bures Road, Wiston are managed by the CC; they are regularly checked and are registered with The Circuit, the British Heart Foundation System linked to the Ambulance Service. Site checks are reported to both the CHT Webnos system and the Circuit. The defibrillator at the Fire Station is also linked to the Circuit which means the Ambulance Service will refer 999 callers to the closest defibrillator.*

The Circuit had notified us that the defibrillator at the Village Hall had been deployed before Christmas, but our regular checks had been able to confirm that it had been returned and was emergency ready. Rachel Hitchcock is ensuring that The Circuit has correct contact details for the main guardian and support guardians for both the Village Hall and Wiston defibrillators as the notification had gone to Jo Metson rather than her.

Online Ticketing Facility: NaylandEvents.org This remains the principle outlet for selling tickets to village events. If village organisations wish to use this facility contact Justin Dowding.

Village Hall Gardening Morning: The next session would be on Saturday 21st March 2026, from 9am. All are welcome.

Community Involvement: Ideas to help raise participation in village groups and events welcome. An item headed **Volunteer Vacancies** is included in the Community Times, listing the various volunteers needed by different groups; please let Lorraine Brooks know if you have vacancies to be included.

Resident Volunteer List: This is a list of residents prepared to assist other residents who at times are unable to get out for themselves and would benefit from having a prescription collected, an errand run or some shopping dropped off. If anyone requires assistance or could give assistance if needed please contact Lorraine Brooks.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

Bonfire & Fireworks: 5th November. Thanks were given for everybody's help and support with this very successful event. It was noted that we will give further consideration to how to manage gate sales (those who just turn up on the night) and parking (a couple more marshalls and cones - particularly along Court Street pinch point). Overall the event ran very smoothly with a record profit achieved.

Christmas Fayre: 6th December. Thanks were given for the support of societies and stall holders plus all the helpers on the day and all those who came along. It was a successful Fayre with lots of people enjoying the festive atmosphere. Father Christmas was very popular and it was nice to have the school in attendance.

Christmas Trail: Christmas Trail (Windows and Trees). Thanks were given to all those who participated in the Christmas Trail which helped create a lovely festive atmosphere around the village.

Village Christmas tree: Thanks to Claire Buller for organising this again and to the team for putting it up and taking it down. It looked fabulous. Approval was given for expenditure on a new star for the top of the Christmas Tree which would be linked to the lights.

Father Christmas' Tour of Nayland: 24th December. This annual event was more popular than ever this year – a big thank you to Father Christmas, his elf for making time on a busy Christmas Eve

to tour the village and to George Pratt for kindly providing the transport in the form of his vintage John Deere tractor

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Matt Cable gave his report on finances to 31st December 2025 (preliminary):

Breakdown of profits to date: Bonfire night £6,839, Community Times £973, Quiz £532, Calendar £489 and interest income £268, and the Christmas Fayre (£140).

Grants paid: Grants paid: Village Hall roof £10,000, WW2 commemorative book £576, maintenance of Horse Watering area £300, First Responders £96, and Lizzie's Fund £39.

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £15,435 represented by current a/c monies £14,849, and cash on hand £576. We hold £222 for the RBL Services Fund and one grant is pending for Horse Watering area £58. We have £5 of accrued income. **Therefore unencumbered assets are £15,425 .**

Expenses year to date: £681 for annual insurance, £229 for website hosting, £198 for 2024 defibrillator maintenance, £128 for hall hire and £42 of sundry items.

Matt confirmed that he would be shutting down the Paypal account as it is somewhat redundant except for a very few calendar sales – Justin Dowding will alter the link to Stripe.

GRANTS & DONATIONS:

Permissive footpath maintenance: *The CC continue to monitor the two stretches of permissive footpath - Stoke Road and Court Knoll to Allotment field - and call Dan Bowman back when needed (obviously being mindful of restrictions due to nesting birds). We will also monitor bodpave solution at the Conservation Meadow and see how this beds in with a view to this being a possible solution to the wet stretch of footpath between Court Knoll and the allotments, We will also keep an eye on how often this stretch is impassable before considering approaching others to contribute. Tendring Estate has said that they approve of the bodpave solution and would be prepared to contribute £1,000 towards the project. Rachel has replied to say that this is a really positive offer but that the remaining funds will need to be sourced and the success of the bodpave on the Nayland meadow monitored – we will go back to them when ready to proceed with this .*

No further maintenance required from Dan Bowman at this stage.

Community Times & Websites: Thanks as always to all contributors.

Village Calendar: Village calendars have sold well (114 at the time of the meeting with more sales expected) – this means a profit to date of just under £500. The quote from Spingold was very little more than this year. It was agreed that it was definitely worthwhile continuing with the calendar especially as Lorraine Brooks, Wendy Sparrow and Claire Buller were happy to continue in their current roles and the quote from Spingold is very little more than this year. A big thank you to the whole team for their efforts .

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Fun Village Quiz: Friday 6th February. Rachel Hitchcock leading. Tickets are now on sale at naylandevents.org

SOCIETY REPORTS

St James' Church: Our Services over Christmas went well. The 9 lessons and carols was very well attended as was the Christingle Service. We are still in need of a Churchwarden and if any one would like to join the PCC they would be most welcome.

Chris Hunt added that work will start on the South Aisle roof in the first week of February and that 2026 was the 250th anniversary of Constable's birth and that there were plans to do something to mark this occasion.

Conservation Society: Their AGM and speaker meeting will be on 10th March with guest speaker Frances Christie, a

Community Council report continued.....

fine art specialist who appears on BBC's Antiques Roadshow. The topic will be 'The Value of Art'. A visit to Smallbridge Hall, an Elizabethan property has been subject to substantial restoration over the past 10 years, is planned in May.

The Society had considered the acquisition of the Swan's Nest adjacent to the bridge in Mill Street, however, a local resident made a successful bid for it and is already undertaking some long-awaited care of the area. As a volunteer has not been found to lead on Open Gardens the event will next be held on 13th June 2027.

Nayland Meadow: Local contractor Ray Chisnall and his son Mark have been most helpful and worked hard to remove some 800 tonnes of silt from the pond which has I'm sure you have all seen is distributed around the edges of the pond, where it will be for several months while it dries out, prior to cultivating and reseeding so that it can be incorporated back into the field. About half of the reeds have been removed creating areas of variable water depth in order, to provide as wide a variety of habitats for wild life as possible. The boardwalk and viewing platform on the western side pond should be completed by the spring, allowing visitors a closer connection to nature and provide educational opportunities for children and others for many years to come.

Village Players: The Village Players had a great time performing 'The Village Hall' in December, audiences enjoyed the light-hearted comedy about village life and the performance was well reviewed by the North Essex Theatre Guild. Their Spring production of Terence Rattigan's 'Flare Path', to be directed by Mandy Cook, will be held on 16th-18th April.

Nayland Choir: They have recently become a registered charity. They had a lovely and appreciative 'full house' for our winter concert in the village hall in December and the choir enjoyed singing another varied programme of music. Rehearsals resume on 8th January in preparation for our next concert on Sunday 29th March in St. James' Church, featuring Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, Vivaldi's Credo and Haydn's Missa Brevis, which will be accompanied once again by a group of musicians.

Royal British Legion: They completed 2025 with a talk at their AGM by Will Hitchcock about his ancestor, Captain Matthew Flinders, who is best known as a navigator and cartographer

who led the first inshore circumnavigation of mainland Australia. Their activities for 2026 begin on 16th February with David Pryor's stories from his time as a forensic scientist, then April 13th with Captain Richard Channon (RN Rtd.) a submarine captain, relating stories of his time in the Royal Navy. There will be a St George's Day lunch on 23rd April.

Art group: They enjoyed learning some new techniques at the end of last term, including acrylics and they explored origami and used this to make stars, angels, crackers and wreaths. Sessions resume on 7th January.

First Responders: As the charity of the year for the Men's Senior Golf Team at Stoke-by-Nayland Resort, we were presented with a total donation amount of £10,578.84p. They also received a kind donation from St James' Church of £113 raised from attendees of the carol service on the 21st December. We held a BLS session for Leavenheath Beavers in November, and two local community groups in December. We are currently recruiting for more responders. Applications need to be made via the East of England Ambulance Service website.

Date of Next Meeting: This will be the AGM. The date has been confirmed as **Wednesday 4th March**, 7.30 pm, Nayland Village Hall.

VILLAGE HALL ROOF PROJECT "THANK YOU"

The Parish Council and Community Council would like to say a huge thank you to Iain Wright and the Village Hall Management Committee for the Village Hall's new roof.

This project has been a huge undertaking since its inception in 2018 and, without the tenacity and perseverance of Iain and the committee, may never have reached fruition.

From commissioning initial plans to raising the significant funds required to appointing contractors and managing the execution of the project – all without shutting the Hall! – this has been a challenge that would have daunted many.

So on behalf of the village and the many users of the Hall – THANK YOU – and may the roof provide many more years of use for a building that is very much at the heart of our community.

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Please come along to the Village Hall on
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- celebrate the new Village Hall Roof
- mark 60 years of the Community Council
- bring together our many village groups and societies

Drinks and nibbles will be served - All welcome

Anyone interested in joining the Community Council Executive Committee should contact Rachel Hitchcock on 07788 954309 or rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com
or Claire Buller on 07971 065856 or clairejbuller@gmail.com

Anyone interested in joining the Village Hall Management Committee should contact Iain Wright 01206 263646 or Christine Thompson 01206 262825

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Friday 6th February

Village Hall 7.30pm sharp start

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Further application forms in Forget Me Not, 2 Birch Street
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Further details from:
Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309
or email rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com

Application for the Village Quiz on 6th February 2026

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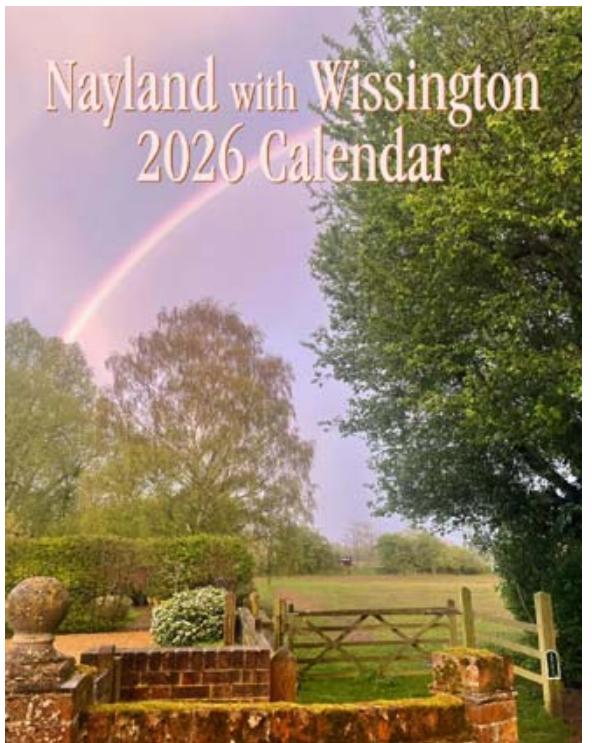
Address:

Email:

Team Name:

Payment: £

Please submit in envelope with payment to:
Forget Me Not Stores, 2 Birch Street or to Rachel Hitchcock, 21 Stoke Road



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CALENDAR & PHOTO COMPETITION

For anyone who still wishes to purchase a 2026 calendar there are a few more copies available at the Forget Me Not, Mill Street Deli, Studio B Hair Salon, 17 Court Street, 107 Bear Street or to order online at: <http://www.naylandandwiston.net/>

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 7th 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 a car strategically placed so need for knocking on doors to get cars moved at the last minute !

The Tree 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 like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped put it up and take it down again this year .

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 for stepping in with his chainsaw to expertly shape the tree stump to fit its holder and Iain Wright for laying in the gutter to secure the fixing bolts.

The photograph shows the band of helpers on the 7th December: Iain Wright, Claire & Wayne Buller, Will Hitchcock Jo Metson, Matt Cable & daughter Alice.

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 once again able to drive them round the village in his John Deere tractor and trailer which Claire Buller gave the Santa's grotto touch.

Father Christmas brought a Lapland sub-arctic chill with him this year but it didn't put anyone off. They were greeted by many excited children, parents and 'big kids' in the High Street and at Caley Green.

Over 110 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, the Community Council and of course Father Christmas.



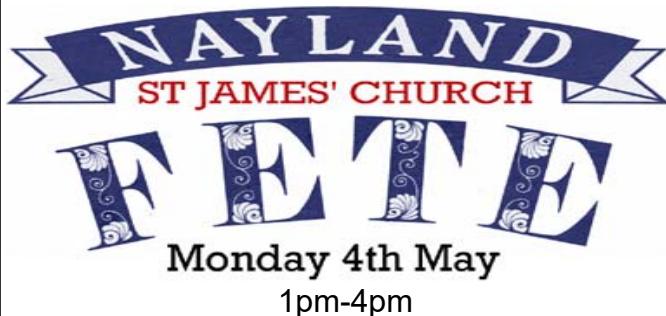
Photo: ↑ Theo, Sinead and baby Saoirse visiting Father Christmas.

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



The Fete brings the community together for a wonderful day while raising vital funds for St James church, the village hall, and local businesses.

This much-loved traditional fete is always warmly received by both the local and wider community, with music, stalls, vintage cars, sideshows, and refreshments enjoyed by all ages. However, the future of the fete depends on attracting new volunteers. Without fresh support, it will be increasingly difficult to continue running this important community event.

Volunteering is a rewarding way to meet new people and support village life. If you can spare any time - whether by running a stall or sideshow, helping with set-up on the day, or joining the organising team - your help could make the difference in ensuring the fete continues for years to come.

The stalls are always a highlight, so please start setting aside any unwanted but re-salable items, including:

- China and glass
- Kitchen items and bric-a-brac
- Gifts and household items
- Good-quality ladies' clothing and handbags

(Please note: no electrical items.)

- Vintage items
- Toys and books
- Pictures and jewellery

Donations will be gratefully received from Monday 31 March until Tuesday 28 April. Vintage items should be taken to Forget Me Not. All other donations should be left in the changing room at the Village Hall - accessed via the path to the right of the hall and will be open Monday to Saturday, 10am-4pm.

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

If you are able to help - even in a small way - or would like more information, please contact one of the committee members below, or speak to Ross at Mill Street Stores, who will be delighted to help you find a role in the team.

Committee Contacts:

- Kevin Walsh – kevinmwalsh1@gmail.com
- Gillian Binns – gillianbinns@hotmail.co.uk
- Karen Newton – ktnewtonmail@gmail.com
- Lizzie Carter – liz@lizmellon.com
- Kate Ashton – kjashton63@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

The Christmas Trail 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 sixth year residents excelled with an abundance of festive delights displayed around the village. There were 24 beautifully decorated windows opening daily and wonderfully adorned Christmas trees included on the trail map.

Windows around the village were decorated and from 1st to 24th December a new one was 'opened' each day. In addition, Christmas trees were displayed from 8th December; for a little extra interest there was a question associated with each tree - see the answers below.

Thank you to everybody involved for your enthusiastic participation. There were some amazing, creative windows and trees which made a fabulous, festive display around the village which were much appreciated by many.

And community spirit didn't end there; many residents contributed further with some wonderful Christmas decorations, bringing much joy and interest to the village and lighting up the cold winter nights.

Photos: a selection of trees, windows and other decorations around Nayland



CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL ANSWERS

- **The Anchor Inn:** Until the mid-20th century what was used for tinsel on Christmas trees? *Strips of silver, tin or aluminium*
- **5 Court Street:** In which country do people decorate mango and banana trees for Christmas? *India*
- **St James' Church:** Which unusual Christmas decoration can often be found on trees in Ukraine? *Spider webs*
- **Village Tree, High Street:** Which famous singer grew up on a Christmas Tree farm in Pennsylvania? *Taylor Swift*
- **Mill Street Store and Deli:** **Each year Norway gives a tree to London. Why? In gratitude for help in World War II**
- **18 Birch Street:** In what century was the first tree said to be decorated for Christmas in Riga, Latvia? *16th century*
- **21 Stoke Road:** Which 16th-century reformer is said to have first added lighted candles to a Christmas tree? *Martin Luther*
- **St Mary's Church Wiston:** Roughly what percentage of UK homes have a Christmas Tree each year? *85%*





LIZZIE'S FUND: EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for an outdoor Easter Egg trail on
Good Friday, 3rd April

from 10.30am - 12.30pm,
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Contact Helen: benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk

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The Village Lunch

Wednesday 15th April

11.45am for 12 noon talk, lunch at 1pm
Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane CO6 4HY



An illustrated talk by Duncan Bickley
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'My Adventures In Helicopters'

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at: naylandevents.org
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HortSoc AGM & Fun Quiz Evening

Tuesday 14th April

7.30pm Church Hall,
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trevorsmy24@gmail.com

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VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENTS

Sir Terence Rattigan's

FLARE PATH

Directed by Mandy Cook

Thursday 16th April @ 6:30pm
Friday 17th April @ 7.30pm
Saturday 18th April @ 7.30pm

Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane, CO6 4JH
Tickets: Adults £10, Under 16s £6
from www.villageplayers.co.uk
or 01206 263210 or mandycookonline@gmail.com

Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society

Registered Charity No. 268104

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Frances Christie
of BBC Antiques Roadshow

'The Value of Art'



TUESDAY 10th MARCH

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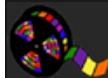
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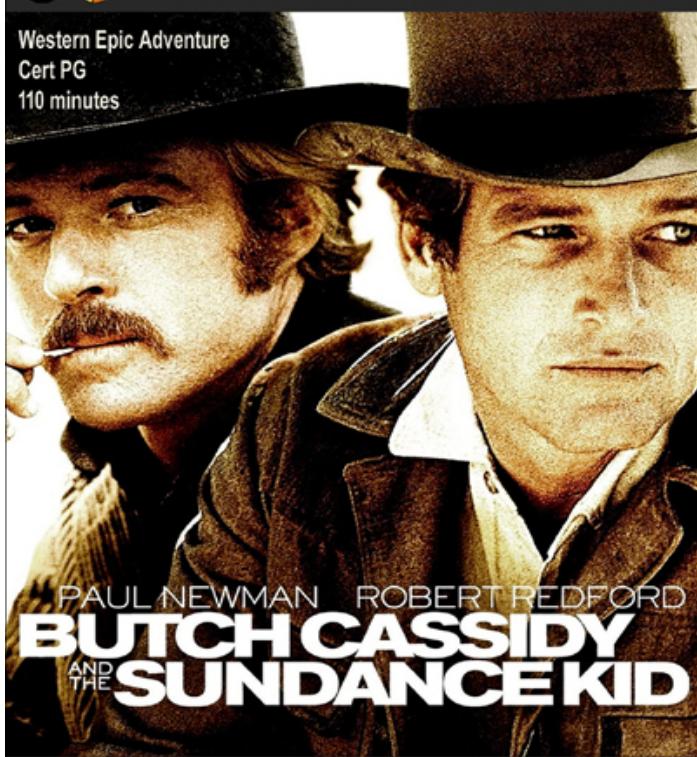
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113 minutes
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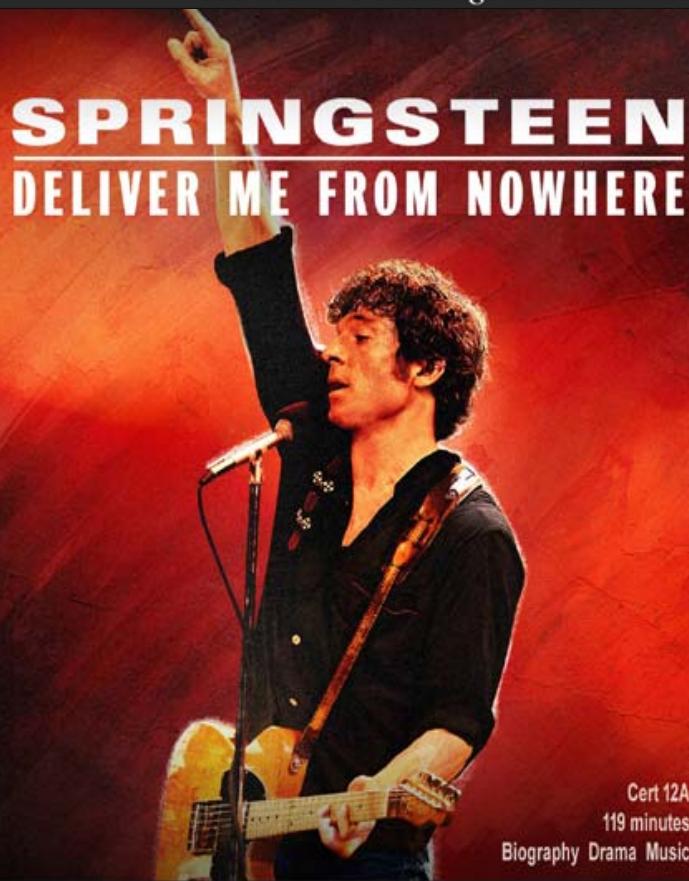


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Friday 27th February

Tickets: film only £5 (in advance & on door) from naylandevents.org - further details on page 28

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Delicious supper dishes from Mill Street Deli available from 6pm-7pm (*pre-booking essential*)See menu & bookings at www.millstreetstore.co.uk/cinema-supper-club

Friday 24th April

Cert 12A

119 minutes

Biography Drama Music

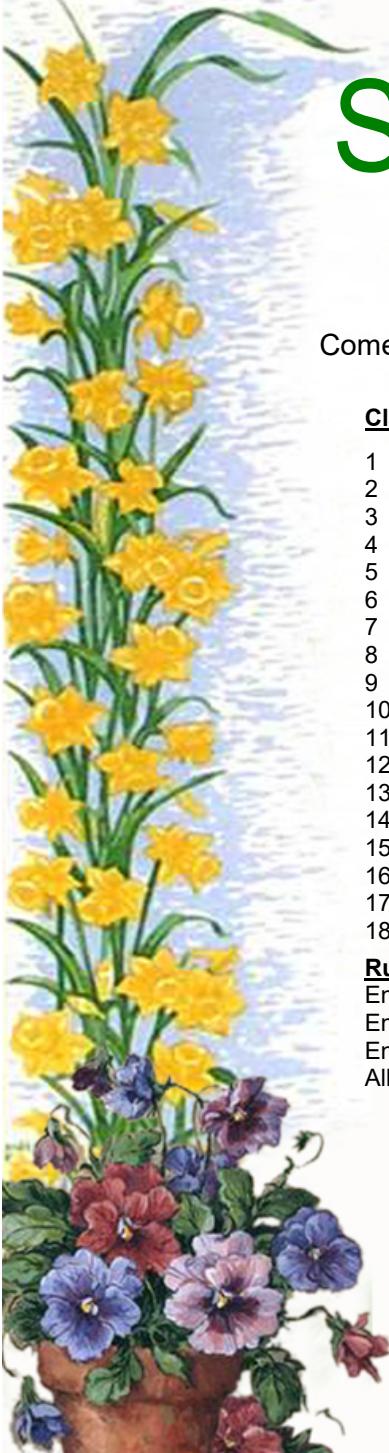
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Nayland & District Horticultural Society

Spring Flower Show

on Saturday 28th March 2026

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 24th 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.
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Spring Flower Show Entry Form

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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

Levels seem quite normal for the time of year. Currently, following Storm Goretti, which had weakened by the time it reached us, the river is full and the sluice gates are diverting water down the flood channel.

The flood relief channel and sluice gate was developed in the 1960s when the Nayland by-pass was built to control flooding in the village. This is another area that has become overgrown through lack of management. Eighteen years ago, as pictured below, it was kept naturally maintained by grazing cattle.

WILDLIFE & SWANS

The good news is how noticeable it is that ducks and swans appear to have benefitted from having the width of the river by Caley Green restored. Cormorants also seem to spend more time in that part of the river and ducks congregate on the bank.

The cygnets successfully raised here during 2025 have departed to find their own territories and mates to continue nature's cycle.

Sadly as reported on page 21 one of the swans was fatally injured in January. While its mate is currently still here other swans have been visiting; whether we will have a swan family in Nayland is yet to be seen.

The Wiston swans remain together; with mating season beckoning they will hopefully raise another family there.

WATER QUALITY & SEWAGE

The local Riverwatch volunteer, Gill Boardman, who carries out monthly tests on water quality at Caley Green found all results were normal. On 5th January the digital thermometer used to measure the water temperature registered minus 0.5 C!

BANK EROSION AT CALEY GREEN

Engineering company, Concertus, on behalf of Suffolk CC are continuing their progress with the project to prevent further riverbank erosion around the Caley Green bay. This has involved commissioning topographical and ecological surveys and will require further permissions and permits.

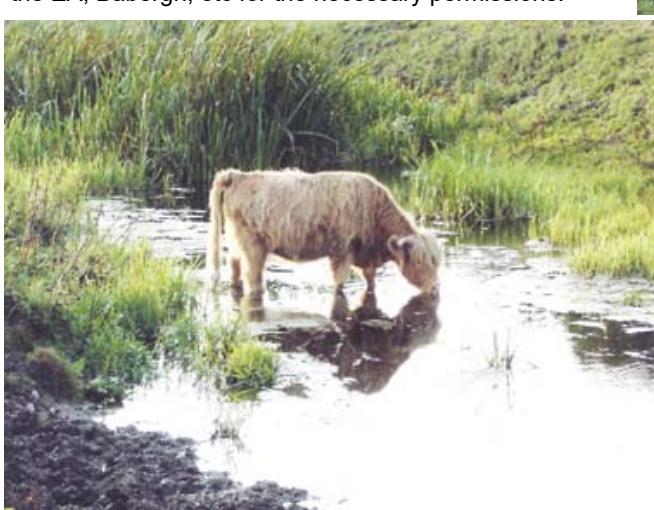
The initial design solutions have been whittled down by Concertus, SCC and the PC's Caley Green Working Group to a single design which will be presented for further consultation before proposals are submitted to the EA, Babergh, etc for the necessary permissions.



↑ It was pleasing to see a cormorant, ducks and swans at Caley Green - photo taken on 20th December by Antony Day.



↑ A delightful scene of the Wiston swans gliding along the river after some snowfall on 5th January. Thanks to Corinne Louise for this photo.



Eighteen years ago, as pictured, the flood channel was naturally maintained by grazing cattle. Now it is a mass of vegetation



TRAGIC SWAN DEATH

As some readers will be aware on 5th January one of the Nayland swans was spotted in distress at Caley Green. A discarded fishing lure was embedded in its beak. It was very distressing for onlookers to watch helplessly as the swan, with blood on its white body was trying to escape the lure. A rescue organisation was called but by the time they arrived the swan had disappeared. A number of residents were involved in the search, but the swan was found dead on Nayland Meadow.

It is of course, great to see the river enjoyed by residents, including fisher folk, BUT please give consideration to others and especially wildlife. A river swimmer recently had a close encounter with a three-hook lure.

So fisher folk... please ensure you have the correct tackle for what you aim to catch... to ensure that you will not lose your lures if they become caught up in vegetation... and if they do go and retrieve them.

Let's all enjoy the river safely.

APOLOGIES FROM EDITOR

In the article about the Tawny Owl rescue at Caley Green in October I would like to apologise in getting Amy Schmitz's name mixed up with another Amy. It was Amy Schmitz, with others who rescued the Tawny Owl. She has been busy since then regularly clearing rubbish and abandoned fishing tackle from the area. She was heartbroken that her efforts to rescue the swan were unsuccessful.

REPORTING ISSUES TO THE EA

Recently a resident noticed that an EA sign warning river craft users that the Horseshoe Weir is just around the corner they will need to use the portage had fallen over. They took a photo, recorded a What3words location and emailed the EA at enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk. They were quickly updated that it had been replaced.

RSPB's BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch survey is back on the weekend of **Friday 23 – Sunday 25 January**. Visit www.rspb.org.uk for info.

THE RIVER STOUR - your local natural wonder

For generations the River Stour has occupied a central position in the working lives and leisure activities of people living on its banks. It is one of the most attractive rivers in the country, winding through a wide pastoral and wooded valley, past towns and villages of great beauty and with a rich history.

The River Stour Trust was set up to improve access and navigation and to encourage use of the river. Since its foundation in 1968, the Trust has helped preserve the Stour which was at risk of falling into abandonment. We can now see large numbers of anglers, rowers, canoeists and paddle-boarders enjoying the river. The River Stour Trust also led the Clean Water Initiative which brought about the Bathing Water designation of the river at Friars Meadow in Sudbury in 2024.

Over the years the Trust has been able to reinstate the locks at Flatford, Cornard, Stratford St Mary and, more recently, Dedham, allowing greater access to and use of the Stour Navigation. In recent years we have also had a traditional 46-foot Stour Lighter restored - the 'John Constable' now regularly operates trips from Sudbury to Henny - definitely a unique experience and great way to enjoy the river and its history.

The Trust runs regular boat trips from Flatford and Sudbury on our fleet of mostly electric launches that enable hundreds of visitors every year, including wheelchair passengers, to experience the beauty and wildlife of the River Stour. Iconic creatures such

FISHER FOLK

ONE OF YOU IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!

Since October discarded lures and fishing line have resulted in these horrors in Nayland.

You have given others fishing here a bad name.



No river fishing 15 March to 15 June – closed season

Nayland & Wiston residents only permitted to fish here

Have the correct tackle for your fish type - strong 50lb braid for piking

Rod fishing licence required (for those aged 13-16 it's free but required)

Follow the rules: www.gov.uk/freshwater-rod-fishing-rules

as kingfisher, grebe, water vole and otter have all been spotted on the river. If you would like to explore this amazing part of our countryside by taking a river trip on one of our boats, please get in touch by visiting <https://www.riverstourtrust.org/> or calling the RST office on 01787 313199.

Apart from running and maintaining the trip boats at Flatford and Sudbury, our volunteers also operate a much-appreciated Tea Room at the Granary in Sudbury and help with numerous visits by local schools to our Visitor Education Centre at Cornard Lock, enabling children to learn about the river's history and ecology. Volunteers also help to maintain the numerous jetties and keep the river itself in good condition by clearing fallen trees, encroaching reeds and other obstacles to navigation to benefit both the wildlife and all river users.

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Perhaps you feel you could get involved in the work of the RST by training to join our boat crews, helping with the river maintenance group, joining the team in the Tearoom or helping out with school visits and other events? If so, we'd love to hear from you - please email our volunteer coordinators Jim Lunn and Duncan Howlett:

jimlunn@live.co.uk or dhow921568@aol.com

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

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



VILLAGE HALL

As most of us appreciate, thanks to the Village Hall Management Committee the village hall roof project came to fruition on schedule bar a few snagging issues.

Someone kindly expressed their appreciation to Iain Wright, the VHMC Chairman.

OLD POST OFFICE SHOP

Thank you to everyone who popped into the shop and supported the open day on 17th December. It was so nice to see past customers and friends and really heartening to still feel part of the village. I think everybody got a good deal with their purchases. I am very grateful to Kathy, Becky and friends that helped. Happy New Year.

Patsie Ford



NAYLAND MEADOW

Many will have noticed the work going on at Nayland Meadow. Twenty years of silt accumulation (about 800 tonnes) has been removed and some reed reduction has taken place. The silt was spread around the edges of the pond and will be landscaped and seeded.

Thank you to Darius Laws for sharing this view of the work.

CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

This event with the Boxted Silver Band always feels like Christmas has arrived; it was as popular as ever on 17th December.

Thanks to Claire Buller for this photograph - it shows the village Christmas tree as the focal point.



WISTON CHURCH PORCH BOOKS

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

Take a pleasurable walk along the footpath past the church and call into the church porch and browse through the books ~ biographies, cookery, children's, fiction, non-fiction & more

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

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This area hasn't had much snowfall in recent years so some were quite excited on 5th January. It did not amount to much; not sufficient to cause chaos or to enjoy tobogganing... and it did look pretty.

Thank you to Darius Laws for this drone view of the village and St James' church in the sunshine and to Sally Bramall who captured this charming scene at Mill Lade .

Brief as it may have been, the snowy spell may have provided an opportunity for some snow scenes in this year's calendar photo competition (see page 11). And of course, winter is far from over!

NAYLAND BEAR

It wasn't quite as chilly when Nayland Bear and his accomplice Fish paid their annual festive visit to Nayland.

Thanks very much to the very artistic Elaine and Di for hosting them with a wonderful display at the Old Bus Shelter. Everyone, children and big kids alike, take delight in seeing them on their visits.

St James' Church Nayland

requires a volunteer

CHURCH WARDEN

to share the role with
Kathy Hunt in maintaining
the fabric of the church
and smooth running of
church activities.

This is not an onerous role.

Contact Kathy Hunt on
262014 or
kath12hunt@gmail.com



Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society

Registered Charity No. 268104

Visit for members to:

SMALLBRIDGE HALL WORMINGFORD



THURSDAY 7th MAY
starting at 2pm

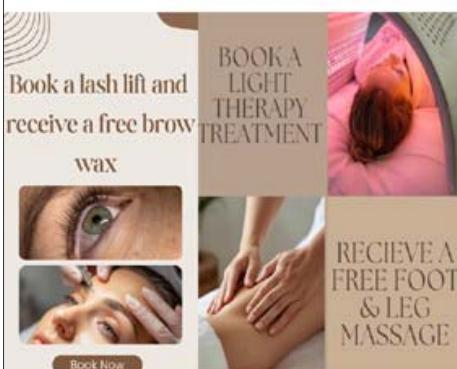
Smallbridge Hall is a Grade II* listed Elizabethan country house partially surrounded by a moat standing on the bank of the River Stour. The Waldgrave family were the owners of Smallbridge Hall and the Wormingford Estate from 14th century. It was rebuilt c1893 and further restored in 1932.

The cost of the visit will be £20 per person and the proceeds will be donated to a charity chosen by our hosts Mike & Heather Hargrove. Members will make their own journey to the venue. If you wish to attend please contact Mike Hunter on 01206 264100 or email mikejphunter@gmail.com

www.naylandconservation.org.uk

This is limited to Society members but, numbers permitting, non-members may be able to join us.


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ST JAMES' CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 14 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 21 March

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 small string orchestra

presents

Stabat Mater

by Pergolesi

Haydn's Missa Brevis

&
Vivaldi's Credo



Sunday 29th March 2026

St James' Church, Nayland

Doors open 4.30pm Concert 5pm

Tickets: £15, under 18s free

Available from naylandevents.org





Nayland with Wissington Society News



NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

The handbell group have gone into hibernation until 3rd February.

We visited three care homes in Hadleigh during December and our own Nayland Women's Institute.

With no handbell recitals currently in our winter schedule, four of our members have (for various reasons) escaped to the antipodes, doubtless in part to enjoy the warmer weather!

We meet in the Church Hall each Tuesday from 1.30pm to 3pm.

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

It is pleasing to report that there has been a response to the 'appeal' for ringers and now a small band is under training to ring at Nayland. Early days but progress is being made - fingers crossed we may just be heading for a new band at Nayland - good luck and thank you to our trainees !

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



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Terry Bannister 262454 Gale Scott 262061

The next Village Lunch will be held on Wednesday 15th April in the Village Hall. There will be a most interesting illustrated talk by Duncan Bickley entitled '*My Adventures In Helicopters*' about his career as a helicopter pilot, Instructor, and examiner with over 20 years helicopter flying experience. He ran his own helicopter company based at Cambridge airport flying sorties that included commercial charter, photography and filming tasks, geographical surveys and critical component delivery. As a commercial helicopter pilot leading trips for his customers he has flown over interesting places, such as over London, Paris, the French Alps, Mallorca and all around the coastline of the UK. He also has stories about some of the famous faces he has flown with and of amusing events.

The format will be 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 6th March until 12th April online at naylandevents.org or from Mill Street Store & Deli (cash only).

We are supporting our village hall refurbishment and hope to welcome you on this sociable occasion.

Thank you from the Village Lunch team.



NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Kevin Walsh 07342 235001
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www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

Nayland Church Hall is refreshed and ready to Welcome You

Nayland Church Hall has recently undergone a series of improvements, making it an even more inviting space for local events and community use. The hall has been freshly painted throughout, with new

flooring and blinds giving the space a bright modern feel. The toilet facilities have been smartened up to ensure a comfortable experience for visitors. With a capacity of 40-50 people and a well stocked kitchenette, the hall is perfect for parties, social gatherings, clubs and community events. We warmly invite local residents and groups to make use of this much-loved village space.

To enquire about bookings please get in touch - we'd love to welcome you.

REGULAR CLASSES & GROUPS HELD HERE:

Tuesday: 1.30pm Handbell Ringing (*term time*)

Wednesday: 2pm Art Group (*term time*)

Thursday: 2pm Pilates





NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chair: Trevor Smy 262022 trevor.smy24@gmail.com
www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

HortSoc would like to thank everyone for supporting our stall at the Christmas Fayre, which was a lovely community event. Your donations and purchases from the stall helped us raise funds for future society activities.

Our first event of 2026 is our annual **Spring Flower Show** on Saturday **28th March**. This is being held in the Church Hall and promises to be a colourful occasion, so 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 on page 19 or can be downloaded from our website. Entries for the show should be brought along between 8.15am-9am 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 for the most successful exhibitor.

Membership for 2026 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 1st August** will be distributed in March and are also available in local shops, or can be downloaded from our website. Please note that there have been a few changes to our classes this year so please check the schedule. The subject for the adults' photography section will be '*Reflections*', and for young people aged 10-14 '*My favourite animal*', so don't forget to get out and about with your cameras soon to capture some colourful shots. Hort Soc are grateful to the advertisers in the schedule who enable us to fund this promotion.

We hope you will wish to put these dates in your diary - further details will be in the Community Times nearer the time.

28th March
14th April
9th May

Spring Flower Show
AGM and Quiz
Morning Market

10th July
1st August

Garden Party
Summer Flower Show



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Chairman: Mike Hunter 264100
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www.naylandconservation.org.uk



Our next speaker meeting, which is also our AGM, will take place on Tuesday March the 10th at Nayland Village Hall. We are delighted to report that our guest speaker is Frances Christie, the fine art specialist, who regularly appears on the BBC's Antiques Roadshow programme. The topic will be '*The Value of Art*'.

Other upcoming events include the Spring Litter Pick, held in conjunction with the Parish Council, which will take place on the 18th of April.

We have also arranged for a visit to Smallbridge Hall on the 7th of May. This Elizabethan property has been subject to substantial restoration over the past 10 years and is well worth a view. At the moment visitors are limited to Society members but as we can accommodate up to 40 visitors we may be able to permit non-members to attend.

Our annual guided footpath walk will take place on the 10th of May when Chris Hunt will lead us on another local expedition. Details of the route and the time and place to meet will follow in the next edition of the Community Times.

In the last edition I mentioned that the Society had considered the acquisition of the Swan's Nest adjacent to the bridge in Mill Street. You may be aware that a local resident made a successful bid for it and is already undertaking some long-awaited care of the area.

At long last we have received permission from Cotswold Archaeology to publish on our website the draft report for the Court Knoll excavations. This can be found at the 'latest news' page on the Society's website. Once Historic England have approved the report it will no longer be regarded as being in 'draft' form.

Finally, as no volunteer has come forward to lead the management of our Open Gardens event we have decided that the next Open Gardens will take place on the 13th of June 2027.



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





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 quickly. There was a lovely community atmosphere as always at this seasonal event.

At our meeting in December we thoroughly enjoyed the selection of tunes rung by the Nayland Handbell ringers which increased the festive spirit. The sound of the twinkling bells provided a magical sound in preparation for Christmas.

In the New Year we relocated our meetings to the Church Hall with a new time of 10am to midday.

On 8th January we enjoyed being 'Grumpy Old Women' with members having their say, followed by a quiz which was very good.

Our speaker on 12th February will be Irene Barnett on the subject of 'Soap made from Goats Milk' and on 13th March we will be 'out to lunch' at a local restaurant celebrating the birthday of our branch of the WI. The speaker for our meeting on 9th April is yet to be confirmed. The committee are planning our programme for 2026/27.

We welcome guests and new members to our meetings - keep an eye on the WI noticeboard in Nayland High Street for details. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 10am in the Church Hall in Bear Street.

WINTER SOLSTICE PICNIC ON CALEY GREEN

A long standing Nayland tradition was held on 21st December when the winter solstice was celebrated with a picnic on Caley Green. It was a fine, dry but chilly day, but this did not deter the crowds. The coffee flavoured whiskey was particularly welcome. The Solstice marks the point where the tilt of the Earth is perfect to allow the sun to shine directly into your eyes when travelling south, an incredible phenomenon! This is not overlooked by modern car designers who ensure that the trajectory of LED headlights can also blast your eyeballs out !!

Of course the winter solstice does signal the start of winter weather. I expect we will have some snow and photos will appear on the antisocial media and in future issues of CT of scenes of snow covered fields and sunshine on frost covered hedgerows with such descriptions as "beautiful", "a wonderful sight", "snow covered land transforming the countryside", etc.. etc... you know what I mean. Enough of that!

Winter and snow mean burst pipes, broken boilers, car insurance claims, falls and eight hours in A&E (on a good day), delayed travel plans, road salt designed to rot the soles of your shoes and car, high heating bills the result of this country's pathetic energy policies, and so on.

All I can say is roll on Suffolk June 21st June the summer solstice and our next picnic. I hope we make it! Just saying.

Two 'owd' boys enjoying their Solstice tipple!... and the lovely reed free river!



NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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nayland-surgery.co.uk
 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.

GP Education Events: The Surgery will be closed from 12noon onwards on Tuesday

24th February for staff training purposes.

WINTER BLUES: We are now Mid-Winter ...and as the weather trend seems to be that it gets colder rather than warming up in Spring. PLEASE wrap up warm, drink plenty of fluids and keep your bellies full. There are a lot of germs about, so please use the pharmacy services in the first instance for Sinusitis (over 12yrs old) Sore Throats (over 5 years old) Ear infections (ages 1-17 years) or UTI's (Women only ages 16-64 years)

If you require an appointment with a GP/ANP or Paramedic please use the online appointment system that was implemented March 2025 or telephone our reception team on 01206 570371 for us to complete the online form on your behalf.

NEW YEAR - NEW YOU? For information: Suffolk & North East Essex ICB has not commissioned our practice to prescribe Mounjaro for weight management purposes. However, our Healthcare Assistants at all three sites are happy to discuss and refer you to any weight management support you might need to achieve a new healthy happier you in 2026. We also have smoking cessation appointments which support you on your journey to stop smoking.

Please either request an appointment using our online appointment system (for routine appointments) or pop into your local surgery and our receptionist will be happy to book you with one of the healthcare team.

MOVERS & SHAKERS: We will be saying farewell to Nurse Maddy Arkwright at the end of January, and wish her well in her new job.

You may notice a couple of new faces in Dispensary - Josie Ramsamy who has been with us since mid November as a Dispenser and also Emma Morgan who has been allowed downstairs! (she has been our prescription clerk for a number of years and now as a training Dispenser)



NAYLAND CINEMA

Karen Freeman karenfreeman@suffolkonline.net Mob: 07773 402765

By the time you read this Christmas will be a distant memory and we will be marching through January.

We start the beginning of the cinema year with the end of Downton Abbey with the '*Grand Finale*'. Most people feel a little sad when a favourite drama comes to an end but better than eking it out with thin storylines!

Our film in February '*Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*' is a tribute to Robert Redford who earned widespread recognition and numerous awards including five Golden Globes in a career spanning more than six decades. When deciding which film we should screen we chose this film as we felt it to be a true classic and interestingly I then discovered that Robert Redford passed away in September last year at the Sundance Mountain Resort.

We then go into March with the screening of '*The Choral*' and April with '*Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere*'.

Mill Street Deli will once again be providing delicious food for you to start your evening, booking is desirable which can be done in person at the deli or via their website.

It's good to get back to normality so come along and enjoy a meal, refreshments and a film in your local community.

Forthcoming cinema dates for your diary are below; see *further details on page 18*.

- **Friday 27th February: '*Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*'** (1969) is one of the most popular screen westerns ever made, this Academy Award winning classic blends adventure, romance and comedy to tell the true story of the West's most likeable outlaws. No-one is quicker than Butch Cassidy (Paul Newman) when it comes to get rich schemes, and his sidekick Sundance (Robert Redford) is a wizard with a gun. When these two bungling bank and train robbers tire of running from the law, they set off for Bolivia with Sundance's girlfriend (Katharine Ross). Though they can barely speak enough Spanish to communicate: "This is a stick-up!", that's only a minor detail to the two nicest "bad-guys" who ever rode the West.
- **Friday 20th March: '*The Choral*'** (2025) is set in World War I as war rages on the Western Front and Choral Society in Ramsden, Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army. The Choral's ambitious committee, determined to press ahead, decides to recruit local young males to swell their ranks. They must also engage a new chorus master, and despite their suspicions that he has something to hide, their best bet seems to be Dr. Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) -- driven, uncompromising, and recently returned from a career in Germany. As conscription papers start to arrive, the whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives is to make music together
- **Friday 24th April: '*Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere*'** (2025) chronicles the making of Bruce Springsteen's 1982 'Nebraska' album. Despite having five studio albums under his belt, it wasn't until this album that Bruce Springsteen soared into global recognition. The movie based on a true story#charting the making of that record from his bedroom as he reconciled his growing success with the ghosts of his past, including a strained relationship with his father, Douglas Springsteen and his personal and professional struggles.



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

November: 1x Assault, 2x Thefts, 2x Non Crime Incidents

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. I will be a little behind on the crime stats because this content is being written very early due to some forthcoming leave and commitments, but I will catch up when I can in future articles. This month, I want to share advice on e-scooters and e-bikes to and hope to make the legal position clearer.

E-SCOOTERS

Electrical scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Therefore rules that apply to motor vehicles also apply to e-scooters: riders need to have insurance and they need to have a driving licence. However, it is not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, making it illegal for anyone to use them on the road or in public spaces such as parks and on pavements.

DID YOU KNOW if you allow your child to ride an e-scooter illegally, you could face similar penalties as if you committed the offence yourself.

WHERE CAN E-SCOOTERS BE USED?

Privately owned e-scooters can be used on private land with the permission of the land owner. Rental e-scooters can be used in trial areas on public roads, some cycle lanes, and public spaces BUT riders must follow road traffic laws. Failure to do so could lead to prosecution. Local trial areas include Colchester, Norwich, Chelmsford and Cambridge. Rental e-scooter companies will provide the insurance, however users must still have the correct driving licence (provisional or full UK driving licence - Category Q entitlement) and meet the minimum age limit set by the rental company.

PENALTIES

By using a privately owned scooter in public you risk it being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for no insurance. You could also be issued with a £300 fine and 6 points on your licence & £100 fine and 6 points for riding without the correct licence. Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows Police to issue warnings to road users if they have used their vehicle in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance.

ELECTRIC BICYCLES

Electrically assisted pedal cycles: Can be ridden without a licence or insurance if aged 14+ years; they must have pedals used to propel, an electric motor which can continuously run at a maximum power of 250 Watts, and no electrical assistance after 15.5mph. Failure to meet these requirements means the e-bike must be taxed and insured as a motorcycle or moped.

Electric powered vehicles have been used to snatch mobile phones and valuables from pedestrians on pavements, making this a concern to Police. Riders risk injury to themselves, members of the public including pedestrians, as well as damage to property. A teenage male on an electric motorbike was responsible for some recent doorstep parcel thefts in Hadleigh (identity now known and a report going to the police youth justice service).





THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

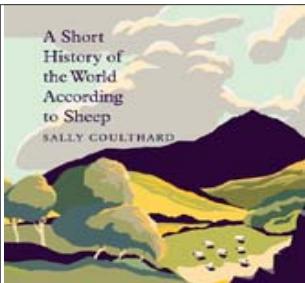
Sally Dalton johansal@live.co.uk 262675

Caley Green has been fairly quiet, although there have been the usual walkers, hardy paddlers and fisher folk.

After the sad death of one of our pair of swans caught on the fishing lure, we have had regular visits from a new young pair. We are hoping they may settle and raise a family here.

The first Snowdrops are showing round the trees which are a welcome sight. With the daffodils beginning to emerge its a sign Spring is on its way.

Good health and happy 2026.



BOOK CLUB

Jane Barbrook 263619 janebarbrook@hotmail.com

We recently finished reading 'Jane's Away' by Clare Hawken. This contemporary novel tells the story of a middle-aged woman named Jane who vanishes on her husband Roger's retirement day, forcing him to re-examine his life and their marriage .

We are currently reading 'A short history of the world according to sheep' by Sally Coulthard.



NAYLAND CHOIR

Chair: Kathryn Niven 07867 878443

Sec: Deborah Board naylandchoir@gmail.com



www.naylandchoir.org

We have recently become a registered charity (No 1216038) with the stated aim 'to promote, improve, develop and maintain public education in, and appreciation of, the art and science of music, and in particular choral music' through our concerts and other activities.

We had a lovely and appreciative 'full house' for our winter concert 'What Sweeter Music' to celebrate the start of the winter season and Christmas in the village hall in December. The choir enjoyed singing another varied programme of music with pieces by choir and audience favourites John Rutter and Bob Chilcott plus our oldest piece written by Francesco Landini. There were plenty of other composers represented.

Some of us also sang carols in the Anchor with a singing group from Stoke-by-Nayland and others sang Christmas songs in the Hare and Hounds in Leavenheath. We also sang at St James' church carol service which was another lovely community event.

Rehearsals resumed on 8th January in preparation for our next concert on Sunday 29th March in St. James' Church, featuring Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, Vivaldi's Credo and Haydn's Missa Brevis, all beautiful pieces which will be accompanied by a small string orchestra. If you wish to join us we meet in Nayland School hall at 8pm. We always welcome new members at the start of each term.

PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS IN NAYLAND & WISTON

Where are the 3 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
- The verge outside the houses on Bures Road, Wiston CO6 4LZ . What3Words: //ahead.replying.repaying

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

ALWAYS DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY.

THE CALL HANDLER WILL KNOW THERE IS A DEFIBRILLATOR NEARBY.

Training is not necessary as the device provides clear visual and audible instructions.

This equipment can save vital time whilst waiting for the emergency services to arrive and can dramatically improve a person's chances of survival when administered in minutes.



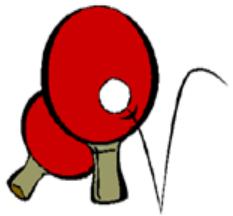


TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Chairman: Robert Dossor 07879 843319 robert@ovcottage.com
Secretary: Kathy Hunt 262014

The RBL completed 2025 with our AGM on 24th November when Will Hitchcock presented an illustrated talk about his ancestor, Captain Matthew Flinders, which was both interesting and thought-provoking. He joined the Royal Navy and sailed as a midshipman with Captain Bligh having an adventurous life in the Navy but is best known as a navigator and cartographer who led the first inshore circumnavigation of Australia.

Several Members had been aware of statues of Matthew Flinders in Australia and had seen the TV reports of the discovery of his remains during HS2 works at Euston station. Will's First Edition of Flinders' charts and sketches was a remarkable artifact, overlooked by the Antiques Roadshow, apparently.

During the AGM the Chairman explained that this was the last meeting before the Branch becomes a 'County Supported Branch'. The Branch will continue as before but all finances will go through the County. There will not be the need for a Treasurer or Chairman but two points of contact are needed - these will be 1. Robert Dossor and 2. Martin Wright. Minutes Secretary is Kathy Hunt and Poppy Appeal organiser is Mark Shirley.

Kathy Hunt had resigned as Standard Bearer after over 30 years, serving both the Women's Section and the Branch; she was thanked and the President Andrew Gowen presented her with a framed certificate and a gift from the Branch. David Wiles has taken over the role of Standard Bearer.

Reporting on the Poppy Appeal Mark Shirley advised this year's total was £6673.48 including £1923.91 from the successful end of WW2 commemoration event and £996 from sales of '*Nayland with Wissington Remembers 1945*'. The collection figure was slightly down on last year (£3753.57 against £3860.72) but the total figure was a Branch record.

A few copies of the local history book with a new collection of photographs, documents and memories commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in 1945 are still available in Forget Me Not, 2 Birch Street.

Our programme for 2026 starts on Monday 16th February with David Pryor's stories from his time as a forensic scientist, then on Monday 13th April with Captain Richard Channon (RN Rtd) a submarine captain, relating stories of his time in the Royal Navy. Negotiations are still in hand with the Anchor about the price of our **St George's Day lunch**, which will be held on Thursday 23rd April, but our after-dinner entertainment will be a one-to-one interview with Air Commodore Bob Lightfoot AFC whose career with the RAF and the Air Force of the Sultan of Oman should be fascinating.

Further meetings will be held on 15th June, 17th August and 12th October, for which we have speakers. We hope also to arrange a couple of external visits. We plan to refurbish the RBL noticeboard this year, to extend its life.

LAYING UP OF STANDARD

In 1921 when the British Legion was founded, Countess Haig became the first President of a Women's Section. After the Second World War a branch of the Women's Section was formed at Nayland. This was a large branch as initially there were many entrants from the former Jane Walker Hospital which at that time was a British Legion Hospital, mainly for females suffering from tuberculosis. The Women's Section had their own Standard and this was paraded at British Legion events. The Women's Section continued to serve the Legion with charitable work particularly helping with the annual Poppy Appeal.

In 1971 the Legion was granted the title 'Royal' and new Standards were provided. The old Standards were 'Laid up' and were displayed in the church. Like all things time has taken its toll on membership and in 2018 the Women's Section at Nayland was disbanded. The Standard therefore had to be laid up. Laying up former Standards, colours, flags etc. is a common thing. Visit any great cathedral or church and you will see, usually in a regimental chapel, rows of former Standards, many going back centuries, just hanging there, literally rotting away. This is how flags end their days - just fading away.

The RBL Standards in St James' have been there for over 50 years. It was decided to replace the original Women's section Standard with the newer one, so the Standard of the former Nayland Branch of the Women's Section of the Royal British Legion was laid up and now hangs in the church. The protocol for disposing of the 'old' Standard is that it should be buried or cremated, a task that will be soon carried out.

This event also marked the retirement of Kathy as the local RBL Standard Bearer. Kathy has carried the standard of the Women's Section, and lately the RBL Standard, for over thirty years and has had the honour of parading at events throughout the UK including St Paul's, Bury St Edmunds and Ely cathedrals, York Minster and in 2021 at the Royal Albert Hall Festival of Remembrance before His Majesty the King. Thanks for representing Nayland at such events and we wish all the best to the new Standard bearer, David Wiles.





NAYLAND ART GROUP

Kathryn Niven 07867 878443 nivenkathryn@gmail.com

We enjoyed learning some new techniques at the end of last term.

We had an acrylics session one week; this is not our usual medium and it was only the third time that we had tried it, but it was interesting - and challenging - to try something very different.

During our final week before Christmas, we explored origami and used this to make stars, angels, crackers and wreaths.

We resumed meeting on 7th January and look forward to more drawing and painting this year. We have a lot of fun at our meetings and enjoy trying out different ideas.

If you would like to join us on Wednesday afternoons, do get in touch.



COLOURED PENCIL ART GROUP

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

We are a small, informal art group, using coloured pencils, which are very versatile and can produce wonderful painterly effects. We meet once a month, on a Monday evening, when we each work on our own projects. There is no formal tuition, but we will gladly provide help, tips and guidance and we all swap ideas.

Why not come along and give it a try? You don't need to already be an 'artist' or have any previous experience. Materials and a starter project can be supplied for your first sessions.

Please contact Mary - details above - for more information.



ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street



NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Team Leader: Adam Lunn

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We were extremely lucky to be chosen as the 2025 Captain's Charity for the Men's Senior Golf Team at Stoke by Nayland Resort. Captain Kevin Price nominated us after hearing about the volunteering we do within the local community. During 2025 Kevin was responsible for leading the drive to raise just over £10,000, which was presented to us at an event in December. This donation ensures we can continue our responding in the local area for years to come, leaving a lasting legacy.

We are also grateful for the generous donation raised at St James' Church, Nayland. Attendees to their carol service raised £113 for our charity at Christmas.



Our longest serving first responder Ryan Appleton has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the King's New Year Honours. Ryan and his twin brother Dean (who responds in Tiptree) have both been volunteering for the East of England Ambulance Service Trust for 13 years as Community First Responders. The award is presented for sustained commitment in support of local charities and voluntary activity, which certainly describes Ryan's dedication.

2025 figures: We attended 66 calls. Spent 55:47 hours with patients. Most common calls were 1. Chest Pain 2. Breathing Difficulties 3. Fits 4. Falls 5. Strokes. We arrive to our calls before the ambulance 85% of the time. Volunteered 2,938:36 Hours as a group. Trained 56 people in Basic Life Support.



ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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

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. Several Church regulars were away for our Christmas Day Eucharist but the Nine

Lessons and Carols was very well attended as was the Christingle Service where it was lovely to see so many children participating. Littlegarth school and Nayland Primary school each held their own lovely carol services and pupils from Nayland Primary School decorated the St James' Christmas tree. At the last coffee morning of 2025 it was delightful to see children from Woodland Corner sing to us and the School ukelele and recorder groups played for us.

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 7th January.

With Christmas services and activities over we are now looking forward to Easter which is early this year, being the weekend of 3rd-6th April.

You will notice scaffolding being erected at the church on 9th February to carry out work to the roof. The churchyard Spring working party will take place on Saturday 14th March from 9am.

We are delighted that the vacancy for a Parochial Church Council secretary has been filled and welcome Jane Easdown to the role.

There remains a vacancy for another churchwarden to share the role with Kathy Hunt, so, if anyone fancies helping do please get in touch.



Children from Nayland Primary School decorated the St James' Christmas tree.



VILLAGE PLAYERS

Chair: Emma Wallis 07942 778536 emmawallis369@gmail.com



The Village Players had a great time performing 'The Village Hall' at the beginning of December. See a review on page 39. Audiences enjoyed the light-hearted comedy about village life and the performance was well reviewed by the North Essex Theatre Guild.

Auditions have taken place (as shown in the photo) for the Village Players' Spring production of Terence Rattigan's 'Flare Path' which will be directed by Mandy Cook.

Mandy said "The cast is just about finalised and we're looking forward to the first complete read-through of the play.

Thank you very much to everyone who auditioned. As the many good actors read through the different roles, I knew that casting decisions were not going to be easy. And they weren't – but we're raring to go now."

Written in 1941 and first staged in 1942, 'Flare Path' is a deeply moving, funny and compelling portrait of bravery and stoicism. Set in a hotel near an RAF Bomber Command airbase during the Second World War, the story involves a love triangle between a pilot, his actress wife and a famous film star.

Performances will be on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April in the Village Hall; see page 15 for details. Tickets will be available from www.villageplayers.co.uk

As always we are on the look out for new people, both onstage and backstage. If your New Year resolution is to get involved please do get in touch. Contact Emma Wallis on 07942 7785346 / naylandvillageplayers@gmail.com or if you would like more info on Flare Path please contact Mandy Cook on 01206 263210 or mandycookonline@gmail.com

Please head to www.villageplayers.co.uk for more details.



Mrs Oakes
Countess Doris Scriczevinsky
Peter Kyle
Sergeant Air-Gunner David 'Dusty' Miller
Mrs Maudie Miller
Count Johnny Scriczevinsky
Light Lieutenant Teddy Graham
Patricia Graham
Squadron Leader 'Gloria' Swanson
Percy
Corporal Wiggy Jones

Jaqueline Grant
Susanne Harknett
John McCarroll
Brian Spalding
Alice Gurdon
Mark Russell
Charlie Erith
Emma Wallis
Peter Drew
Will Torry
Wayne Buller



NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Leader: Gillian Manser 01206 751094
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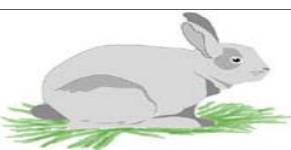
The children enjoyed lots of winter/Christmas activities including smashing ice to free the polar animals, decorating a Christmas tree, and making snowmen.

We had a stall at the Christmas Fayre where children painted salt dough tree decorations and iced Christmas biscuits. Funds raised from the Fayre will go towards keeping the Toddler Group going into the Spring and Summer of 2026

Please come along with your little ones to the group for a 9.30am start in the Village Hall; it's just £4 per family which includes tea/coffee and biscuits for adults and healthy snacks and drinks for children. There is plenty of space for play and lots of toys and activities. Our session dates for 2026 are: January 23rd and 30th; February 6th, then we close for the February half term, opening again on March 6th, 13th March and 20th.



Facebook:
 Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Nayland Primary School Celebrates the Year of Reading

At Nayland Primary School, we are already turning the page on an exciting new chapter as we celebrate 2026 as the *Year of Reading*. Although the year has only just begun, our school community has enthusiastically embraced reading in creative, joyful and meaningful ways.

One of the highlights has been our buddy reading sessions. Older pupils have loved sharing stories with the younger children, building confidence, friendships and a shared love of books in a calm, nurturing environment. Our year 3 children have 'buddied up' with the Pre-School Woodland Corner, which has been an exciting new chapter for our buddy system.

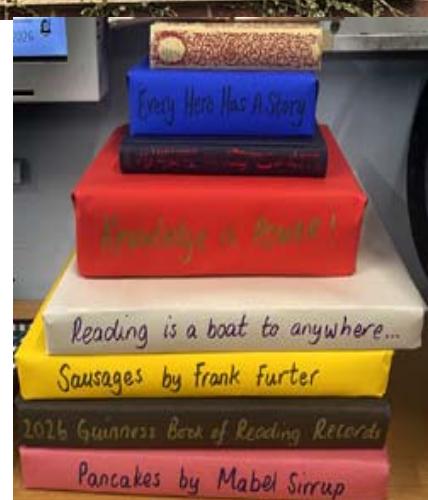
Reading has truly become a social experience, bringing different age groups together.

We have also welcomed guest speakers into classrooms to read our class texts aloud. Hearing stories read by different voices has brought books to life and sparked rich discussions, curiosity and excitement about what might happen next. Alongside this, children have been busy recommending favourite books to one another, creating a buzz around reading and encouraging everyone to try something new.



Perhaps one of the most enjoyable moments of the day is when the bell rings and we all "drop and read". Classrooms instantly fall quiet as pupils and staff pause

to enjoy a book together. It has been great fun and a wonderful reminder of how powerful and relaxing reading can be.



We love reading at Nayland Primary School and are passionate about sharing that love beyond our gates. Look out, Nayland – we are determined to get the whole community reading in 2026!



Family@Nayland

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Family services are held in St James', Nayland on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 10am.

We've had a wonderful Christmas time! In our December family service we found it was much easier to throw a paper aeroplane down from the organ loft than to throw one up to Rev Stéphane there! To demonstrate that God had to come down to be with us on earth, born as a baby in a manger - we couldn't go up to him on our own. Christingle was a lovely way to spend the afternoon on Christmas Eve, remembering God's love for us with lots of participation from everyone. And we began January with a full church, doing some detective work so we could say with John the Baptist: 'I have seen it... and I tell you he is the Son of God'.

We look forward to our next service on 15th February where we will have a contribution from Nayland Primary school and 15th March, Mothering Sunday.



Woodland Corner

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Manager: Cheryl Leeks 263054
www.woodlandcorner.co.uk

Registered Charity
No. 1168815

The autumn half term was full of exciting developments, meaningful learning experiences, and many special moments shared together. We are incredibly proud of our children and truly grateful for the continued support of our families and the wider community.

The children have made excellent use of the new garden surface, which has been particularly beneficial during the changing weather. Outdoor play remains a vital part of our daily routine, supporting physical development, confidence, and wellbeing.

We were overwhelmed by the support from our families during our autumn treasure bag activity. Each child spent time with a member of staff talking about their treasures, supporting communication skills and confidence. The pride the children showed when sharing their finds was a joy to see. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over £500, which enabled us to purchase high-quality, sustainable wooden resources from The Yellow Door. These resources have already enhanced learning through imaginative and exploratory play.

The children helped create a Kindness Tree, with each leaf celebrating an act of kindness shown by our children. The tree is now overflowing with leaves, and we are extremely proud of the compassion and care shown throughout the setting.

Nursery Rhyme Week was filled with music, movement, creativity, and learning, with a different rhyme explored each day. Throughout the week, the children enjoyed singing, dancing, rhythm activities, and group participation.

Forest School sessions continued throughout the term, and we enjoyed several beautiful autumn sessions leading up to Christmas. Children explored the natural environment through autumn walks, leaf hunts, and creative activities such as making caterpillars from fallen leaves. The children also learned how to safely use tools, including a hand drill, to create log slice necklaces. These activities support independence, problem-solving, and an understanding of safe risk-taking.

Multi Sports sessions continue weekly, offering a variety of movement-based activities that support physical development, coordination, teamwork, and confidence.

December began with festive excitement as the children decorated our Christmas tree and our Home Corner transformed into a Christmas Corner. Our train set became The Polar Express, and we explored Christmas spoons while learning festive songs in preparation for our Christmas performances.

We were honoured to visit Nayland Primary School to watch our former Woodland Corner children perform in their Reception Nativity - a proud and special moment for everyone.

We also visited St James's Church to sing at their coffee morning. The children sang beautifully, with some bravely using a microphone, and were kindly given heart-shaped biscuits to keep their energy up. We also enjoyed watching Nayland Primary School children perform Christmas songs on ukuleles.

We ended the term with a festive Christmas party full of games and laughter. The children also performed their Christmas songs once again for parents and carers at our final concert. Our last fundraiser of 2025 was our Tombola at the Nayland Christmas Fayre.

To the children's delight, Father Christmas visited and brought a gift for every child - a magical way to finish the term.

We look forward to another exciting term ahead at Woodland Corner Pre-school with Bird Watch, Winter and Love and Kindness week!

We will finish the term with a Holiday Club in the February half term (see page 14). All children are welcome to book, although two year olds should already be attending Pre-School with us.





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

JANUARY MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for January was read out.
- The inventory will be checked & updated in January.
- The quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out in January.
- The annual Health & Safety Inspection of the hall will be carried out in January.
- The December and January fire checks have been carried out; no problems found.
- The Annual Fire Report was presented to the VHMC.

BOOKINGS

- The numbers of bookings are increasing, early booking is advised.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The roof works are on budget.
- 1000 litres of oil have been delivered to the hall.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- Evers must complete remedial work on the roof, the external lighting the painting of the barge and eaves detail boards.
- The new guttering will be installed after the painting to the above has been completed.
- The necessary repairs and replacement to the main entrance floor will be carried out in January.

CLASSES & GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Mondays: 9.30 Acrylic Painting
 2pm Table Tennis, 5pm Soccer School
- Tuesdays: 9.15 Pilates, 10.45 Adult Dance Club (*to 10 March*)
 6pm Fitness Class (*to 24 March*)
- Wednesdays: 9.15 Baby Massage & Yoga (*from 25 February*)
- Thursdays: 10am Botanical Drawing (*from 19 March*)
 6pm Zumba Class
- Fridays: 9.30am Baby & Toddler Group (*term time*)
- Saturday: 8am Yoga

Further details of these classes are available on the village hall bookings website via www.naylandandwiston.net.

The Village Hall Management Committee would very much appreciate new members

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.

- Work is underway on the programming of the lighting and heating in the hall.

FUNDRAISING

- The hall will need continual maintenance once the work on the hall is completed and will need continued fundraising.

MAINTENANCE

- The work surface in the kitchen has been replaced with a stainless steel one.
- The kitchen will need refurbishment. The ovens will need a professional clean.
- A new sink has been fitted in the ladies toilets.
- Electric hand dryers will be placed in the ladies and gents toilets. New toilet roll holders and paper towel holders will be placed in all the toilets.
- The car park will be resurfaced; a quotation from Evers for this is awaited.
- A budget for a land drain to be dug to prevent the flooding of the car park will be sent to the Parish Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: will be **Monday 2nd February** at 7.30pm in the hall committee room.

- The Spring Garden Working Party will take place on Saturday 21st March from 9am
- The AGM will be held on 4th March at 7pm in the Village Hall

COLLECTION OF KEYS

Please collect keys from Amy Christie, the caretaker, at 5 Meadow Cottages, Wiston Road, Nayland CO6 4FR.
 Phone 07368 803850

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: FUTURE MAINTENANCE

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

The Village Hall bank account is:

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

Please mark your donations for the roof replacement.



FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH

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

Email: wistonfriends@gmail.com
 Registered Charity No 1158565

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

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

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

NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: November & December 2025 by David Lowe

November was a wet month, but with above average temperature and average sunshine. The weather was dominated by low pressure systems moving east from the Atlantic, often slowly and dropping above average rain, as a consequence. Occasionally, cold air covered the country in the lee of these, but not for long.

Monthly rain was 88.8 mm (67.18) the third highest of the 18 year record period. Highest daily rainfall was 23.2 mm (16.67) with three days over 10 mm (1.72). There was no particularly heavy rain, the highest rainfall rate being 10.2 mm/hr (42.28). Evapotranspiration was 17.3 mm (17.78) at last a substantial surplus of rainfall.

Mean temperature was 9.3°C (8.03) with a max of 18.1°C (16.39). Lowest temperature was -0.8°C (-1.87). Lowest maximum was 3.6°C (5.16). There were 20 days when 10°C was reached (19.17) and 10 when 15°C was reached (2.55) equalling the record. 5°C was not reached on 2 days (1.05).

There were 4 days each of grass, ground and air frost (4.78 and 3.11 averages for ground and air).

Highest dewpoint was 14.4°C (13.83) and lowest -3.9°C (-3.1).

Bright sun hours were 82.8 (81.6) with solar energy of 2175 Ly (2171.94).

Average wind speed was 4.9 mph (3.94) with the highest daily

average of 8.7 mph (10.24). Highest gust was 30 mph (35.82) and on one day only. Predominant direction was WSW.

Until Christmas Eve, **December's** weather was dominated by low pressure systems and their fronts sweeping eastwards across the UK. Thereafter, a cooler, drier anticyclonic predominance took hold. The location of this, however, did not generate extreme cold.

The statistics are thus an amalgamation of these two regimes, the first for longer than the second.

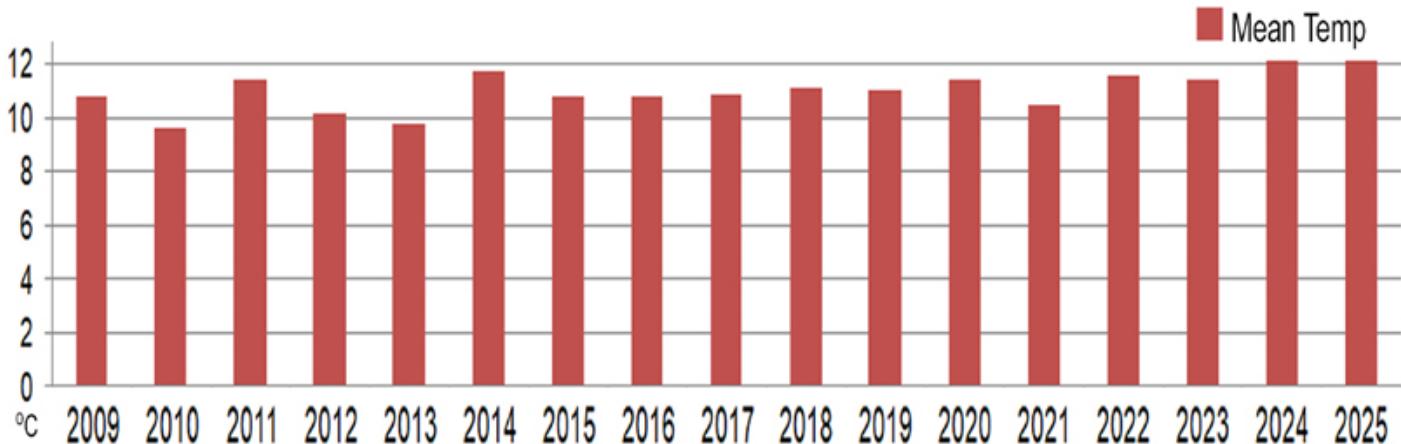
Mean temperature was 7.7°C (5.89) with a high of 14.5°C (13.66) and low of -0.9°C (-3.38). The lowest max. was 4.7°C (2.95). There was 1 air frost (6.67) 4 ground (9.61) and 9 grass. Only on one day did the temperature fail to reach 5°C (5.39) on 12 to reach 10°C (19.89).

Bright sun hours were 53.3 (46.39) solar energy was 1325 Ly (1362.5) and evapotranspiration was 13.4 mm (13.16.).

Monthly rain was 46.6 mm (61.52) with 1 day over 10 mm (1.28). Highest rainfall rate was 49.6 mm/hr (37.686).

Average wind speed was 5.7 mph (4.55) with highest daily average of 13.3 mph (10.89). There were 5 days over 30 mph (4.55) but none any higher. The dominant wind direction was SSW.

NAYLAND: MEAN TEMPERATURE 2009-2025



There have once again been complaints...

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND USE ONE OF THE DOG WASTE BINS PROVIDED

There is no excuse...

... there are ample dog waste bins near the footpaths as you can see from this map - locations are shown ●

Yet once again there have been numerous complaints recently that dog walkers are not picking up after their pets.

When installing the bins the Parish Council has to obtain the permission of landowners, agreement with Babergh for emptying them (near vehicle access) and check there are no objections from nearby home owners. So the process is not as simple as we'd assume.

But if you think there's a potential useful location that fits the criteria let the PC know.



SOME CAFES AND RESTAURANTS IN NAYLAND'S PAST

In centuries gone by inns and taverns provided accommodation and refreshment to weary people travelling on horseback or by coach and horses. Here in Nayland the Queen's Head and the White Hart were prominent coaching inns from the 15th century. There were also other smaller establishments providing hospitality. In the 1901 Census nine pubs and alehouses were listed but before this there were many others, their locations not always easy to establish. Since 1901 the nine listed in the census have all gradually closed until today we only have the Anchor Inn. The village has been fortunate that this pub, formerly known as

the King's Head until the 18th century, has survived.

As well as licensed premises there have been several cafés and restaurants since the 19th century. Our much missed Post Office in the High Street was a **Coffee Tavern** before the Post Office took over the building in 1910. The Post Office was previously at what was the butcher's shop in Court Street which long before was a pub called the Shoulder of Mutton. Little is known about the Coffee Tavern but because of its position in the centre of the village it must have been a popular meeting place for residents. As well as having been a Literary Institute before the Coffee Tavern the premises had been the Rose Inn in the 19th century.

Almost opposite, the premises currently a Dentist's, next to the **Milestone**, has housed many businesses, including shops and the Royal Oak pub. Recently Rod Walker who wrote telling us his memories of living there as a child in the 1950s, described his mother's café in what had been a storeroom alongside the shop. His older sisters helped their mother with the teas and he remembered that the artist Sir Alfred Munnings, who lived in Dedham, used to regularly call in for an afternoon cup of tea.

During the 1980s this building became the **Milestone Restaurant** which was another popular venue. The first owner ran a 'Cook your own steak' style restaurant and was followed by two other restaurants. The last one was renamed **Martha's Vineyard** and the American lady co-owner and chef brought her own special style of cuisine to Nayland. It was much acclaimed and was featured on local television as well as being highly recommended by Delia Smith.

In 1977 a Restaurant and bar opened at **The Bear** (formerly known as Stourbank) in Bear Street. This historic 15th century house is believed to have been an inn but no written evidence has been found. The new restaurant became very popular with residents and visitors until 1983 when it was sold and then



Riverside café: Emma Bray, second left, with her daughter Gertrude and granddaughters Iris and Valerie either side

became **The Bear Country Hotel and Restaurant**. With its new owners it continued to be popular as a restaurant while hotel residents could take advantage of its extensive gardens, croquet lawn and tennis court. However, after only 3½ years the property was sold once again in 1986 and much to the disappointment of many people reverted to being a private house.

Perhaps one of the most popular cafés Nayland has ever had was the **Riverside Café** on the opposite side of the river to the Anchor. From the 1930s and until just after World War II, Emma Bray ran the café and sweet shop in the bungalow which she and her husband Henry had built opposite their previous home at Bridge House in Horkesley Road. Before her marriage to Henry, Emma had worked for the famous Lyons' tea shops in London so she knew a thing or two about running a café.

Emma's granddaughter, Iris Oakes, enjoyed helping her grandmother in the café and remembered how busy the café was, especially during the war years when soldiers passing through Nayland stopped at the café – Emma swiftly had to enlist some extra help from friends in the village! Sadly the café closed in 1946 when Emma was taken ill and she died in 1948. The bungalow eventually passed to her daughter, Gertrude Oakes.

The Mill. After the mill ceased being a working mill it was partially dismantled and became the premises of the Nayland Electric Light and Power House in the 1920s and 30s. It also became a social centre in the village; whist drives and other social events were held there and residents danced on a specially installed maple wood floor on the first floor. During World War II when the mill was unoccupied there was a **Canteen** upstairs which was sponsored by the YMCA. It was manned by several lady volunteers in the village who provided food and drink for troops based in the local area.

The mill has had many different uses in its life and in 1978 it was converted to a self-service shop on the first floor. Some years later the shop moved to the ground floor and in 1994 the owners of the shop at that time decided to open a **Tea room** at the front of the store selling tea and coffee, cakes and light lunches. This was after the owners, Mr and Mrs Coker, said they had often been asked by tourists where they could find a cup of tea locally, but there was nowhere, only the pubs. They hoped customers would take the opportunity of having a cuppa while they were doing their shopping. This was a very popular meeting place for some years until Mr and Mrs Coker retired and the café and shop closed and were much missed.

Several other businesses then occupied the building and residents have always hoped we would have another café. Now of course we have the **Deli** with its café and it is once again a very popular place for residents and visitors to meet.

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder

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Liz Coker and customers in the café at Mill Stores



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As intimated in the last edition we have two current projects on Nayland Meadow, the desilting of the pond and the construction of a short boardwalk and dipping/viewing platform.

POND DESILTING

The desilting project required months of careful planning. Before starting we needed to obtain a Strategic Water Vole Licence from the Government's regulator, Natural England. This allowed us to (temporarily) damage water vole habitat. As part of the licence process we had to provide a reasoned statement explaining why the work was required, make a substantial payment to the Waterlife Recovery Fund (a charity promoting water vole recovery through mink control) and set out how habitat in the pond and our wider landholding would be managed in the future to take water voles into consideration.

At the start of the project the Environment Agency assisted us by electro-fishing the pond and transferring the captured fish to the river. A good selection of species were caught including pike, perch, tench, roach and eel.

Local contractor Ray Chisnall and his team began work in December and desilting took just over two weeks to complete. As soon as the pond was dewatered the soft silt was removed down to the original, hard bed level of the pond. The marginal vegetation has been reduced to about one half of the pre-works width, but we have retained plenty of vegetation/cover to provide habitat for breeding birds, water voles and other wildlife. We also scalloped the margin to provide a bit of habitat variety and complexity.

We estimate that about 800 cubic metres of silt have been removed from the pond. All this material has been passed in suspension from river to pond via the two culverts over the past 20 years since the pond was originally constructed. The silt is currently very sloppy and so will be allowed to gradually dry out before being landscaped and seeded later this year.

We are now gradually allowing the pond to refill with water, with the aim of having levels back to 'normal' in March once the boardwalk and viewing platform have been constructed.

We are grateful to DEFRA's Farming in Protected Landscapes fund for providing a grant of £22,105 which covered the majority of the cost of pond restoration.

BOARDWALK AND VIEWING PLATFORM

The second project is the construction of a 6m long boardwalk, 1.6m wide, connected to an octagonal dipping/viewing platform with a diameter of 3.8m. We have now received planning permission from Babergh District Council. This is an accessibility project, like the recent footpath improvements, again largely funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and strongly supported by the Dedham Vale National Landscape Team. It will complement and link in with the footpath improvements. This will allow all visitors a closer connection to nature and provide educational opportunities for children and others. Construction of the platform is scheduled for February/March this year.

Please do check out Nayland Meadow on FaceBook and please do contribute your thoughts and photos.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Nayland with Wissington Community Council celebrated the start of the festive season with another successful Christmas Fayre on 6th December.

It had a lovely Christmassy atmosphere; the hall was adorned with decorations and bunting and as well as some lovely stalls and activities, there was the opportunity to catch up over hot chocolate and mince pies. Father Christmas attended and some young ukulele players from Nayland Primary School came along and entertained with some popular Christmas tunes.

Council chairman Rachel Hitchcock said: "The Christmas Fayre is a lovely community event and was really well attended by all generations of our village community. We were so pleased to have so many village societies represented as well as our local school children and stalls selling crafts and items perfect for Christmas gifts. We were very grateful that Father Christmas was able to join us too - he certainly had a lot of enthusiastic visitors."

Many thanks to all of you who helped and supported this event - it made for a lovely community occasion."

Photos: visits to Father Christmas were popular, Father Christmas aroused attention as he arrived at the Fayre



Village Players: 'THE VILLAGE HALL'

Players Experiment with Something New

There was an air of novelty with the Village Players' winter comedy, written by up-and-coming playwright Ashley Burgoyne, with a directorial debut for Mark Russell, and Emma Wallis stepping in as a first-time Stage Manager due to Nick Moriarty's hip operation!

'The Village Hall' followed the tribulations of Derek, brilliantly portrayed by Charlie Erith. As chairman of the village hall committee, organiser in chief and captain of every sports team, Derek's sole mission was to regain the Village Games shield for his beloved Upper Kingham from their deadly rivals Lower Kingham! Alongside, Mary Moriarty played the sweet and long-suffering Marjorie to a tee, mixing acquiescence with a sharp word or two and a hilarious scene with her new hearing aid!

Mark West's Guiseppe was Derek's bête noire (he beat Derek in the darts last year). As the show unfolded, it became clear that there was more to him than met the eye, and a darker side was revealed. Rose George, in her Nayland debut as Daisy, did not have a lot to say, but would contribute in other ways...

Brian Spalding as Tyler and Alice Gurden as Tia played a lovestruck couple, which added colour to proceedings; Tyler winding Derek up, Tia fawning over her beau and displaying an amusing range of scowling facial expressions.

How wonderful to see Suzanne Harknett back, and she nailed the role of Laura, the dizzy-hippie drama teacher; writer and director of the first play for the Kingham Amateur Dramatic Society, and making it quite clear that she had the hots for Guiseppe. This raised more than a snigger.

A bulwark against this insanity was Tom the policeman (Laura's husband), keeping a careful eye on matters. This role was right up John McCarroll's street, always the man in charge, and delivered with perfection. His challenge was made even greater by the lascivious Sarah, ably played by Julie Readings, whose advances were persistent and not altogether subtle!

Cast as the leads in Laura's play, Tyler and Daisy had to sing - at the first time of trying it was bloody awful! But things came to a head at the second attempt - right in the middle of Derek and Guiseppe's darts re-match - and sang like angels. This was a magnificent performance from Brian and Rose and completely unexpected. The cherry on the cake was Mandy Cook's live piano accompaniment.

The play ended as we all hoped, Derek won back that shield, and Tom brought Guiseppe, Tyler and Daisy to justice - though one did feel sorry for the latter two. When Sarah left the stage, she knew she would never win her man, as Tom and Laura stared into each other's eyes - real love.

The single set, from Mandy Cook, Lorraine Coombes, Anne Adkinson and others, was a convincing village hall, complete with bunting, posters, a photograph of the king, and the sooty outline of that missing shield! The lighting and sound from Ian Fulcher and the costumes from Lorraine added extra quality to this wonderful play, with prompt Jane Matthew on standby if needed. Altogether a magnificent show, well done the Players!





FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES: NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland & Polstead

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CHURCH SERVICES: January/February

<u>Sunday 25th January</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Evensong	Nayland
<u>Sunday 1st February</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 8th February</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 15th February</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	6.30pm	Evening Praise	Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 22nd February</u>	8.00am	<i>CANCELLED</i>	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Evensong	Nayland

Weekly Pew Sheets & Reading

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

FROM THE REGISTERS



DEATHS

Barbara Bungey Miller

Barbara's funeral will be on Friday 30th January at 2.30pm in St James' followed by a reception in the village hall

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.

CHURCH SERVICES: March/April

<u>Sunday 1st March</u>	8.00am	Matins with BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 8th March</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 15th March</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
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<u>Sunday 22nd March</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Evensong	Nayland
<u>Sunday 29th March</u>	9.45am	Procession from Nayland Care Home who will join the congregation in the High Street	
<u>Palm Sunday</u>	10.00am	Service in St James's Church. Refreshments served afterwards	
<u>Holy Week:</u>			
M 30th March	7.00pm	Introduction to Easter	Polstead
T 31st March	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Leavenheath
W 1st April	7.00pm	Compline	Wiston
T 2nd April	7.00pm	Institution of Last Supper	Wiston
<u>F 3rd April Good Friday</u>	10.00am	Elements of the Cross	Nayland
	2pm-5pm	Sacred music afternoon	Stoke
<u>S 4th April</u>	7.00pm	Easter Vigil	Nayland
<u>Sunday 5th April</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
<u>Easter Sunday</u>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath

Please note: Easter Sunday Services may well change!

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

CHURCH CONTACT ALL DETAILS ON PAGE 47

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

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

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

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

Dear Friends,

As I write, we are halfway through January and so far, the New Year does not feel very different to the old one. All the lovely Christmas decorations have been packed away and the houses seem less cheerful and bright. Headlines are still alarming, depressing and lacking in hope. Plus ca change, as our vicar might say.

But in the Church, the focus is very different; in the church, Christmas is celebrated from Christmas Eve until Epiphany, January 6th, the twelve days of Christmas. Having celebrated His birth, the Church remembers and celebrates the continuing revelation of Jesus, the light of the world at the time of year that we most need it. Then, at the beginning of February, the church marks the end of the Christmas season with Candlemas, when candles were brought to church to be blessed for use at home, tangible reminders of the Light that the darkness can never overcome or comprehend and thank God for that.

The world we live in is not very different from the world into which Jesus was born. Materially, yes, but wars still rage, tyrants still brutally enforce their power, hypocrites still loudly proclaim their virtue and the 'haves' enjoy their wealth whilst the 'have nots' still struggle with the cost of living.

But as Christians we follow the Light. We serve the communities in which we live and we carry the hope and joy of the Christ child to all who will receive it. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." That is a well known verse from the Bible: less well known are the words that follow, "Indeed, God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him".

The Church is not perfect, Christians are not perfect for "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We are all fallible, flawed people trying to faithfully follow the Light, to follow the way of

NAYLAND COMMUNITY PANTRY

2025 continued to be a busy time for the Community Pantry and its usage seems not to have been affected by having to be relocated to inside the Church for accessibility and safety reasons. We have been very well supported by donations, either financial or in kind, and have especially to thank Rix Farms for its regular supplies of onions and, seasonally, potatoes, and the Parish Council for its very generous gift of food in time for Christmas and into the new year.

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Thank you very much, and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2026 to all who use or support the Nayland pantry.

grace and truth and to share the love of God in words and actions. In God's kingdom, there are no outsiders, all are brothers and sisters, children of a loving Father. The most important commandment in the Bible is to love God and to live your neighbour as yourself but the most frequent command is 'Do not be afraid, do not worry,' so I encourage you to be hopeful, to seek the truth and find the peace that is God's gift to all who will receive it.

Yours in Christ, Revd Val

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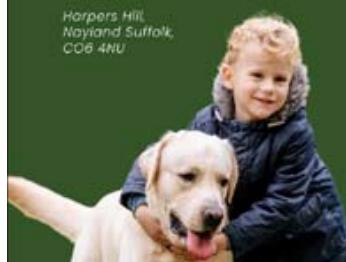
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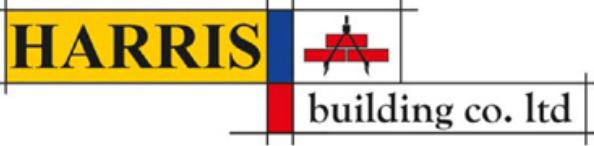
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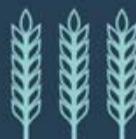
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Nayland A134											
Cordelia Drive Myland	0702	0753	0809	0857	0911	1011	1111	1211	1311	1409	1509
Colchester Hospital Path	0705	0758	0812	0900	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1403	1511
Colchester North Station	0709	0722	0803	0816	0904	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1407
Colchester High Street	0714	0727	0809	0821	0909	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1412
Norman Way Schools	0823
Monday to Saturday	43 Sch	43 SAT	43A Hol M-S	43A M-S	43A M-S	43A M-S	43A M-S	43A M-S	43B Hol+SAT	43A M-S	
Norman Way Schools	0838	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1548	1648
Colchester Head Street	0739	0740	0838	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1644
Colchester North Station	0739	0746	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1432	1544	1620
Colchester Hospital Path	0742	0747	0749	0847	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1547
Cordelia Drive Myland	0745	0750	0752	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1439	1450
Nayland Surgery	0757	0800	0804	0859	1000	1059	1200	1259	1400	1448	1459
Nayland A134
Great Comard School	0829	0833	0834	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1513	1634
Sudbury Bus Station	0838	0839	0839	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1513	1634
Konekt Buses	https://www.konektbuses.co.uk/										
	Tel: (no longer available) Email: konektbus@transportmadesimple.co.uk										

ST. JAMES' CHURCH HALL

HIRE CHARGES (from 1 September 2022)

Hourly Rates

Residents and village societies

£ 8.00

Non-residents

£12.00

Minimum hall hire 2 hours

Heating Vouchers @ £1.50 each

Non-resident bookings will only be accepted up to 3 months in advance

Bookings: online at www.naylandandwiston.net or Booking Sec 07342 235001 naylandchurchhall@gmail.com

NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL

HIRE CHARGES (from 1 May 2025)

Includes: Main Hall, Stage, Kitchen, Bar Area and Toilets.

Licence to provide Alcohol: £30 additional fee.

MINIMUM HALL HIRE:

2 HOURS FOR VILLAGE SOCIETIES, 3 HOURS FOR OTHERS

Sunday – Friday	Hourly Rates	Residents	Non Residents
9am – midnight	£16.00	£23.00	
Meeting Room (minimum 3 hours)	£8.00	£10.00	
Playing Field only (all day)	£100.00	£150.00	
Changing Rooms (all day)	£30.00	£45.00	
Saturday			
Daytime until 6pm	Hourly Rates as above		
Evening 6pm-midnight	£175.00	£270.00	
Playing Field, Changing Rooms & Meeting Room	Hourly Rates as above		

Bookings: online at www.naylandandwiston.net > Village HallBooking Sec: naylandvillagehall@gmail.com

c/o Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane, Nayland, Colchester CO6 4JH

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2025/6

Spring term begins: 5 January

Spring half term: 16 – 20 February

Spring term ends: 27 March 2026

USEFUL WEBSITES

- Babergh Planning:** www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/
- Refuse Collections:** <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/collection-days/>
- Fly-tipping:** <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping>
- Highways Reporting** (including PRoW footpaths):
 - Suffolk:** <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>
 - Essex:** <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us>
- To check on roadworks:** <https://one.network/>
- To check water issues:** <https://inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/>
- Track Rain/Lightening:** <https://www.radar-live.com/2018/04/rain-map.html>

Useful local social media group sites:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StokeByNaylandBoxfordLeavenheathNaylandBures/>
- https://nextdoor.co.uk/news_feed/

LOCAL INFORMATION

COMMUNITY WEBSITES

Websites manager
Mobile Library
Forget Me Not
Doctors Surgery

Parkers Way
Primary School
Home School Association
Woodland Corner
 & Nayland Playgroup
Baby & Toddler Group
Village Hall
Church Hall
Royal British Legion
Womens Institute
Village Cinema
Table Tennis Club
Coloured Pencil Art Group
Nayland Art Club
Horticultural Society
Conservation Society
Nayland Meadow Ltd
Village Players
Nayland Choir
First Responders
Friends of St. James' Church
Friends of Wiston Church
Friends of Caley Green
Chambers Buses
Roman Catholic Church
Police
Suffolk Constabulary Hadleigh
Babergh District Council
District Councillor
Suffolk County Councillor
James Cartlidge MP

www.naylandandwiston.net - www.naylandevents.org

Justin Dowding – Tel: 07805 648935 - e-mail: jp.dowding@gmail.com
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93 Bear Street CO6 4LA Tel: 01206 570371 (*out of hours NHS 111*)
Surgery hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm Dispensary: Mon-Thurs 9am-12.30 & 1.30-5pm, Fri 9am-3pm
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Manager: Cheryl Leeks Administrator: Nicola Peachey 263054
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VILLAGE DIARY

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	Tuesday:	Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 25</i>
	Wednesdays:	Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James <i>page 7 & 32</i>
	Fridays:	Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 31</i> Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 33 & 41</i>
February		
2nd		Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 35 & 47</i>
6th		Community Council: Fun Village Quiz 7.30pm sharp Village Hall <i>page 9 & 10</i>
11th		Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>
12th		Women's Institute: 'Soap made from Goats Milk' Irene Barnett <u>10am Church Hall</u> <i>page 27</i>
13th		Nayland Youth Club 7.30-9pm Village Hall <i>page 14</i>
16th		Royal British Legion: David Pryor ' <i>his time as a forensic scientist</i> ' 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 30</i>
27th		Village Cinema: 'Butch Cassidy & the Sundance Kid' open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 28</i>
March		
2nd		Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 35 & 47</i>
4th		Community Council: AGM 7.30pm Village Hall <i>pages 9 & 47</i>
4th		Village Hall Management Committee: AGM 7.30pm Village Hall <i>pages 9, 35 & 47</i>
8th		Police Engagement with Niall Johnson 9.30-midday Village Hall <i>page 6</i>
10th		Conservation Society: AGM ' <i>The Value of Art</i> ' Frances Christie 7.15pm for 7.30 Village Hall <i>page 26</i>
11th		Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>
13th		WI: Branch Birthday ' <i>Out to Lunch</i> ' <i>page 27</i>
14th		St James' Churchyard Working Party 9am-12noon <i>page 24 & 32</i>
20th		Village Cinema: ' <i>The Choral</i> ' open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 28</i>
21st		Village Hall: Spring Gardening Morning from 9am <i>page 9, 24 & 35</i>
28th		HortSoc: Spring Show exhibits 8.15-9am, display & refreshments 10am Church Hall <i>page 19 & 26</i>
29th		Nayland Choir: ' <i>Sabat Mater</i> ' concert 4.30 for 5pm St James Church <i>page 24 & 29</i>
29th		Clocks spring forward
April		
3rd		Lizzie's Fund: Easter Egg Hunt Anchor Inn <i>page 14</i>
3rd-6th		Easter weekend
13th		Royal British Legion: Capt Richard Channon ' <i>his time as a RN submarine Captain</i> ' 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 30</i>
14th		HortSoc: AGM & Fun Quiz 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 26</i>
15th		Village Lunch: ' <i>My Adventures I Helicopters</i> ' Duncan Bickley 11.45am for 12 Village Hall <i>page 15 & 25</i>
16th		Village Players'; 'Flare Path' 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 15 & 32</i>
18th		Nayland Community Litterpick: meet 1.30pm Village Hall Car Park <i>page 18</i>
17th-18th		Village Players'; 'Flare Path' 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 15 & 32</i>
20th		Nayland Calendar Photographic Competition: deadline for entries <i>page 11</i>
23rd		Royal British Legion: St George's Day Lunch Anchor Inn <i>pages 7 & 30</i>
24th		Village Cinema: ' <i>Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere</i> ' open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 28</i>
24th-26th		Nayland Calendar Photographic Competition: online voting - closes midnight on 28th April <i>page 11</i>
Forward Planner		
4th May		Nayland Church Fete 1pm Village Hall <i>page 12</i>
7th May		Conservation Society: Visit to Smallbridge Hall <i>page 24 & 26</i>
9th May		HortSoc: Morning Market Church Hall <i>page 26</i>
10th May		Conservation Society: May footpath walk <i>page 26</i>
20th May		Annual Parish Assembly provisional date 7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall <i>page 3</i>
26th June		Nayland Choir: summer concert <i>page 29</i>
1st August		HortSoc: Summer Flower Show <i>page 26</i>

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