



# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

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## THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL TURNS 60 !!

This year we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Nayland with Wissington Community Council and you'll find an eight-page colour insert inside this issue of the Community Times that recaps briefly on those six decades.

### But what are your memories and stories of our activities?



Can you remember the Carnivals and Donkey Derby, the 'Rustic Romps', the 'Meadow Larks', the 'Duile Flunking' or the competition and the crazy sports. Perhaps you still have memorabilia from Jubilee and other celebration events and street parties. In the late 80s 'It's A Knockout' created hilarity. Of course that was all before Health and Safety restricted such wild goings on!

**Please let us know your memories.** And if you wish send your recollections, or photos, that can be shared in the next issue - that would be wonderful. ☺  
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### Do you know what the difference is between the Parish and Community Council?

Only a few other villages, such as Boxford and Cockfield, have a Community Council; they are charities run by volunteer committees so quite different to a Parish Council.

The Community Council is a charity with membership from village society representatives and individuals and its aims are to provide adequate recreational facilities and amenities for the benefit of the community in the interests of social welfare, education and health. They organise community events and fundraise in order to provide grants to support their Constitution. Additional members are always welcome – see page 7 & 8.

So quite different from a Parish Council which is the first tier of local government and receives the majority of its funding by levying a precept upon the council tax. Their activities fall into three categories: delivering services to meet local needs (i.e. allotments, burial ground, litter bins, open spaces); giving the community a voice and representation (i.e. planning), and improving the quality of life and community wellbeing. Nayland has two vacancies on the Council – see page 9.

## NEW WASTE COLLECTIONS FROM 1ST JUNE



You should by now have had your new additional wheelie bin with a green lid and food waste caddies delivered. If not contact Babergh to request them as the new system is compulsory.

For those not aware - have missed the leaflets popping through your doors and extra bins being delivered - the new recycling schedule commences on **1st June**.

May bank holiday collections and the new three-weekly refuse collection schedule can be found on page 6.

Also the garden waste collections dates are shown - dates for the latter are going to be harder to remember as collection for them remains on a fortnightly schedule.

Babergh's website provides full details and schedules at: [www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services) or telephone 0300 1234 000 (option 4)

## NAYLAND & WISTON CALENDAR COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the competition - the entries were amazing - and to those who voted for their favourite images. As a result the 2027 calendar will include stunning scenes of Nayland and Wiston. See pages 38-39 for more.

The calendars will be on sale at Nayland Flower Show on 1st August. As usual they will later be available from various village shops, events or via [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net).

View the CT in colour on: [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

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### WHAT'S ON

Cinema: *'Hamnet', His Hawk', 'Marty Supreme'*

HortSoc Garden Parties

Nayland Flower Show

WI Talk: *'Fabergé Eggs'*

Summer Solstice Picnic

Choir *'A Night at the Opera'*

Conservation: *'Benton End'*

Nayland Youth Club

Choir Come & Sing

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# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes by observer of the meeting: 15th April 2026

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

### PUBLIC FORUM

A representative from the Allotments attended to urge the PC to approve an Allotment Association. This would enable them to be more pro-active, for example, towards the project to install a perimeter fence.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Dawn Harris chaired the meeting. The resignation of Charlie Thompson was reported.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece said new waste and recycling systems will start in June 2026, with information packs being distributed to residents. Some concerns remain regarding accommodating bins and the reduced frequency of general rubbish collection (every three weeks).

She is chasing details of the survey of the old burial ground wall which was due to be completed by the end of March 2026. Some challenges exist relating to safety which would increase the cost of sweeping Harpers Hill. However, the main concern is the build-up of mud and vegetation at the kerb-line. This is SCC Highways responsibility and she is trying to work collaboratively with them to reach resolution.

### HIGHWAYS

The Chair confirmed she has spoken to our local police officer about the HGV which was regularly parking in the layby near the Anchor. It was agreed to monitor the situation. A possibility was to consider signage if the issue persists. Some traffic cones have been left in Bear Street. The Chair will investigate. Cllr Joan Border reported that there are still no bus stop signs on Harpers Hill.

### PLANNING

Councillors heard that there had been no planning decisions by Babergh during the last month.

Between meetings councillors had no objections to tree applications at **18 Stoke Road [DC/26/00977]** to re-pollard Norway maple T1, T2 reduce the trees dominant leader by approximately 3 meters and reduce the side limbs; at **Stourfields, 42 Stoke Road [DC/26/01036]** to reduce over extend lateral limb of an Oak T1 and at **Longwood House, 31 Stoke Road [DC/26/01009]** to reduce height of Yew T1 to height of house guttering and reduce sides, reduce Eucalyptus to a low pollard

Discussing a recent application, councillors had no objections at **Stour House, 23 Court Street [DC/26/01479]** to remove a dead cherry tree.

### STREET LIGHTING

The Clerk had identified that the energy costs for older style lanterns along Bear Street are high in comparison with the LED lanterns and quotes for replacing them received. Owen Brown and Joan Border will form a working party to review requirements and a site meeting will be arranged with the Engineer to establish feasibility and cost of potential solutions

### OPEN SPACES

Kevin Sheath reported on the position regarding the installation of the revetment at the river at Caley Green. Sally Dalton said she had spoken to SCC's engineers who are progressing the project; they have engaged a commercial ecologist, and it is anticipated that a Biodiversity Net Gain may not be required and a desktop study will suffice. Timescales remain on track for Autumn, however, if a net gain is needed this may delay the project.

Concerns were raised that these works may be obstructed by a new memorial seat in memory of the late Eva Rolfe; it was agreed to liaise with Eva's family to see whether they would like to delay installation or install it elsewhere.

Kevin Sheath and Dawn Harris would progress provision of signage for Caley Green. Kevin Sheath agreed to contact our contractors regarding our requirement that they strim right down to the riverbank.

The jetwash has been ordered for Fairfield Playpark and it was agreed for the Recreation representatives to liaise

regarding the Inspectors report.

### ALLOTMENT

The annual Allotment meeting had taken place; it was well attended and productive. There was a preference to form an Allotment Association to give more autonomy going forward. The first project they wanted to deliver is a perimeter fencing.

Councillors agreed in principle to explore the idea of establishing an Allotment Association. Owen Brown agreed to liaise with allotment holder Ruth Beverley regarding this.

### BURIAL GROUND

Gerry Battye was concerned at the state of the old Burial Ground wall which is the responsibility of the District Council to resolve. It was agreed to monitor the situation and liaise closely with District Cllr I Reece as she tries to get some action on this matter. Dawn Harris will review the three graves which have not settled level and liaise with the Clerk regarding which contractor to instruct to restore them.

### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY:

This will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 8pm in the Village Hall. The date has been promoted in the Community Times and on our website. We have asked James Finch for assistance getting a speaker on Fostering. Isabelle Reece has agreed to discuss the new bin collection arrangements. Gerry Battye said that the Annual Parish Assembly is a good opportunity for residents to have their say. There will be a new County Councillor to introduce themselves. We now have two vacancies for Parish Councillors.

### IN BRIEF

Owen Brown is due to attend a workshop in connection with a potential Housing Needs Survey. The Council has funds available and this will remain an agenda item.

New curtains have been installed at the Village Hall.

Joan Border explained that the meeting room at Parkers Way has closed and residents do not have the appetite to pay to use it going forward. Therefore, there is no need to explore getting the facility for the village. They are exploring access to a room at the care home as it is in the vicinity.

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 20th May

*(Just as the CT goes to print)*

The reports and documents being presented at the Parish Assembly can be found at:

<https://naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk/minutes/>  
then select 2026 and then Annual Parish Assembly.

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# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes by observer of the annual meeting: 13th May 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 as Vice Chair. Councillors are: Gerry Battye, Tricia Fuller, Kevin Sheath, David Finnigan, Joan Border. There are two vacancies on the PC. Working parties will be as shown on page 7.

Nigel Beverley has taken on the role of Footpath Warden; he has been in touch with the previous footpath warden and the PRow team and is familiarising himself with the role. The Clerk pointed out there is no real job description he can make the job his own.

Due to recent local elections District and County Councillors gave their apologies. Isabelle Reece remains as the Babergh Councillor, Darius Laws is the new County Councillor replacing James Finch who retired.

### HIGHWAYS

Kevin Sheath advised that a company was asked to remove an advertising object from the side of the A134 Harpers Hill. They did so and the matter was reported to Suffolk Highways. A request was made for the hedgerow on Harpers Hill to be cut back but this is a Highways matter. Some cutting back of vegetation is required beside the tarmac path connecting the old Harpers Hill (by Walsh Rise) to the A134 pavement to Bear Street; this has been reported online.

Gerry Battye will report, as an emergency, a large pothole along Stoke Road, on the bend exiting Nayland.

It was observed that the HGV which had been frequently using the Pop's Piece lay-by to park has now gone.

### WALSH TRUST

Gerry Battye reminded councillors of the Walsh Trust, for which he and Tricia Fuller are two of the Trustees. Violet Walsh had intended elderly in the village to benefit by being given a Christmas Bonus but it became difficult to identify those who would be eligible so the full board of Trustees voted to award the funds to Nayland Community Pantry and Hardship Fund to benefit only residents of this Parish. Dawn Harris felt it was important that funds benefit our parish residents.

### PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh raised no objections at **18 Stoke Road [DC/26/00977]** to re-pollard Norway Maple T1, T2 reduce the trees dominant leader by approximately 3 meters and reduce the side limbs; at **Stourfields, 42 Stoke Road [DC/26/01036]** to reduce over extend lateral limb of an Oak T1 and at **Longwood House, 31 Stoke Road [DC/26/01009]** to reduce height of Yew T1 to height of house guttering and reduce sides, reduce Eucalyptus to a low pollard. Discharge of conditions were approved at **14 Church Lane [DC/26/01412]** relating to External Lighting, Wildlife Sensitive Lighting and Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy.

Discussing **Land to the West of Mill Street (known locally as Swans Nest) [DC/26/01760]** councillors and the tree warden had no objections for works to trees: on south side A01 to remove Acer trees and Laurel bush and replace with new hedging offset from the retaining wall; on north side A02 to remove the Buddleia bush and replace with a new native tree and new boundary hedge; A03 hedging plants left untouched for approximately 10 years, to remove the Conifer and Laurel bush and replace with a new boundary hedge (Red Robin or similar); A04 remove and replace with a new boundary hedge (Red Robin or similar).

### OPEN SPACES

Kevin Sheath reported on signage at Caley Green. The A-frame notice has been updated, put out and pegged down on the Green. The 'no parking on the green' signage has been put out. He has been in dialogue with the grounds contractors; they have now cut pathways up to the benches and strimmed along the riverbank, although concern has been expressed they are not strimming sufficiently close to the river.

Kevin said he had been approached by someone regarding

access to the riverbank for control of invasive crayfish. They have a licence to do this along the river from Dedham to Wiston and are seeking access to the river from landowners. Councillors felt this was not appropriate at Caley Green where there was public access or the Horsewatering which is common land, but the triangle on the other side of the A134 by the sluice gates may be more suitable. Kevin was asked to obtain more information regarding the time of year, the process involved, etc.

Following further discussion with Eva Rolfe's family regarding the positioning of a new memorial seat in her memory it was agreed that installation could go ahead on Caley Green.

Kevin Sheath gave an update regarding the installation of the revetment and landscaping at the river at Caley Green. Sally Dalton said the ecologist report is awaited before applications can be submitted to Babergh and the Environment Agency.

Gerry Battye updated councillors that the Playpark has had its annual spring clean.

Dawn Harris said a request from a neighbour of Fairfield on the Heights had asked if the PC would object to them erecting a fence on their side of the hedge; the Clerk will confirm that councillors have no objection.

Dawn Harris said that the Conservation Society has agreed to pay for a new larger, covered refuse bin in the High Street; a replacement for the bin supplied by them some years ago. The Clerk will check that the locking system is suitable and then order the bin.

Kevin Sheath was tasked with contacting Matthew Lee regarding work needed to trees along Horkesley Road; one tree had a limb hanging, others needed trimming. Councillors will provide details of the trees in question.

### STREET LIGHTING

Owen Brown said there had been no progress in obtaining information on the possibility of replacing older style lanterns along Bear Street with the LED lights which are cheaper to run. Once information and costs have been obtained the project working party will review requirements and arrange a site meeting with the engineer to establish feasibility and cost of potential solutions.

### ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk explained she had been trying to find a judge for the Best Kept Allotment competition with no current success.

Owen Brown reported on the potential of forming an Allotment Association. He said there were three models with varying levels of control. Potentially an association here would give allotmenters some independence so they could apply for grants for projects they wish to achieve but fundamentally control would remain in the PC.

Councillors queried the situation regarding grazing on the allotment field this year. Grants are no longer available for land that is grazed so the arrangement has become more casual. The broken gate will not restrict grazing as the farmer uses electric fencing.

### IN BRIEF

Owen Brown said there is no progress regarding a potential Housing Needs Survey. This will remain an agenda item.

Joan Border mentioned that a suggestion of InPost boxes at the village hall had been raised at the Community Council meeting.

### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

This will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Reports and documents being presented at the Parish Assembly can be found at: <https://naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk/minutes/> then select 2026 and then Annual Parish Assembly.

The retiring and new County Councillors - James Finch and Darius Laws - have been invited to attend. District councillor, Isabelle Reece will be updating on the new refuse collections. Iain Wright will be talking about the replacement roof on the village hall. There will be a question time.

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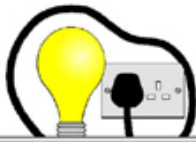
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**YOUR RECYCLING & WASTE SERVICES ARE CHANGING. FROM 1ST JUNE 2026**



Additional wheelie bins have been delivered - including two food caddies. The smaller caddy is to store your food waste inside the home. This waste can then be transferred to the larger caddy, kept outside.

**Collections...**

The exact date your new collection date will start will be in your collection calendar.

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

**What goes in which bin...**

**Blue Bin** – only clean, dry loose recycling, leave lids on

- Plastic: pots & bottles, tubs, food trays, bags, film & wrapping
- Glass: bottles & jars
- Metal: cans & aerosols, tin foil & food trays
- Drinks cartons (Tetra pack)

**Green Bin** – only clean, dry items

- Cardboard: packaging, boxes (*flattened*)
- Paper: letters & envelopes, shredded (*wrapped in paper*)
- Books (hardback & softback), magazines & newspapers

**Black Bin**

- Nappies, bagged pet waste, food pouches, dirty food packaging, vacuum dust, polystyrene, other non-recyclable waste
- Stove ash (*bagged*), windfall apples (*in quantity*)
- Broken crockery or toys, glassware & Pyrex, sheet glass

**Food Caddy**

- Food leftovers, fruit & vegetable peelings, dairy, meat, fish and bones (raw or cooked), pet food
- Coffee grounds, tea bags, egg shells, old bread
- NO packaging, oils, liquid fats, milk or other liquids

Line the small caddy (one roll supplied, replacements available in supermarkets or use carrier bags). Transfer bagged waste to larger caddy outside. Pull handle forward until it clicks to secure the lid.

To find out more visit: [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/better-recycling](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/better-recycling)

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

When the recycling changes were first announced it was stated that those with problems with 3-weekly general waste collections or those who cannot accommodate the extra bins may be able to be offered alternatives.

If you have concerns that have not yet been addresses telephone 0300 1234 000 (option 4). They have answered fairly quickly. While not providing a solution now, they said that if problems were apparent after the initial collections or further down the line, they would consider providing a larger bin or an additional bin. Of course that won't solve the problem of smell, or space needed for bins.

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL: REFUSE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR BANK HOLIDAY & NEW BINS**

Please make sure your bin is out by 6am

Check for further information and delays at: [www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services) or phone 0300 1234 000 (option 4)

May 2026							June 2026						
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Old Fortnightly Schedule							New three-weekly Schedule						

July 2026							August 2026							
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- Refuse (general rubbish) collection
- Recycling (glass, plastic etc)
- Paper & Card
- Collection following a bank holiday will be a day later than usual

FOOD WASTE will be collected weekly on the same day as other collections but by a separate vehicle

**Garden waste collections** for Nayland (Week 2) will be fortnightly 4 & 18 June, then 2, 16 & 30 July.

**Please put your bin out by 6am**

Check for delays at: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling> or 0300 1234 000 (option 4)

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

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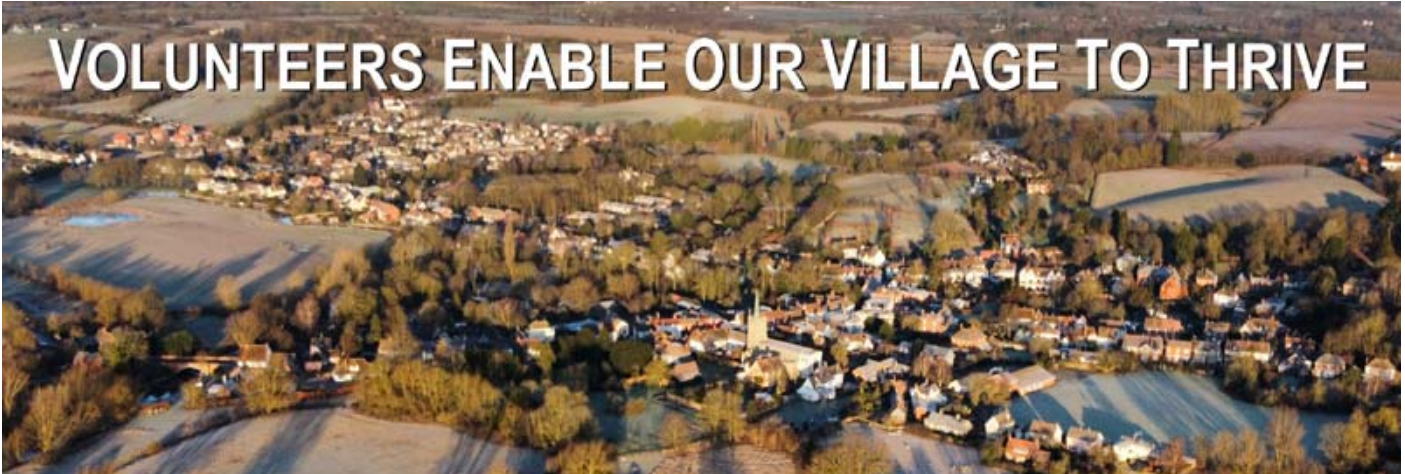
**NEIGHBOURS IN NEED APPEAL**

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](mailto: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.

# VOLUNTEERS ENABLE OUR VILLAGE TO THRIVE



Sustaining a thriving community life in Nayland and Wiston depends on those who generously step forward.

The desirability of living here, beyond the attraction of the heritage buildings and dwellings within the AONB, lies in its residents and community: its clubs and societies, shops, pubs, school, church, commercial outlets, green spaces, the river, and recreation.

Residents are able to enjoy a myriad of activities, annual events, fundraisers, celebrations or national milestones held in our halls and other venues. Such occasions are possible due to our spirited and engaged population of all age groups coming together in a cohesive manner for our benefit. For this we are truly grateful, however, we should not take this for granted. Almost everything listed in the Community Times is organised by volunteers giving a little time to keep our village alive.

A small, engaged group of volunteers form the Community Council - a charity established in 1966 - initiated the purchase of Webb's Meadow and construction of our village hall. It is an umbrella organisation of some 20 or so village organisations and continues to raise funds to provide and sustain facilities for the benefit of the community and provide grants to village organisations. It publishes the Community Times, hosts annually a Quiz, Firework Night and various Christmas events.

The impressive facilities at the village hall are managed by a committee. There is also the church hall for smaller functions and St James' church which hosts a popular weekly coffee morning, the community pantry, concerts as well as church services.

Our Parish Council and a host of other village societies and organisations which are an asset to the village also rely on volunteers, such as: the Conservation and Horticultural societies, Village Cinema, Village Lunch, Village Players, Nayland Choir, Baby & Toddler Group, Youth Club, Table Tennis and Art Clubs, Royal British Legion, Women's Institute, Community First Responders and several Friends groups (St James, St Mary's churches). *These are all managed by volunteers.* Our Parish Councillors are

also volunteers.

In 2026 we find life has shifted and the village may become at risk of becoming dormitory, no longer enjoying the many and various recreational and communal activities that make Nayland a thriving environment in which to live. A diminishing and ageing nucleus of the same willing faces has kept all our activities going but new blood is necessary, now and in the future. So please consider whether you can help. Perhaps you have a practical bent that can be turned to good use, your admin or accounts and the preparation of balance sheets skills could be applied. Perhaps you just like meeting people and helping where... and when you are able to. If you would like to know more or wish to offer your participation please get in touch with the organisation contact person listed on page 47, or throughout the following pages.

Currently volunteers would be welcome:

- **Community Council** would welcome committee members
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member
- **Parish Council** have 2 vacancies for councillors
- **St James' Flower Arranging Team** would welcome others to help them; guidance given if required
- **St James' Parochial Church Council** require another **Church Warden** to share the tasks
- **Horticultural Society** require committee members and helpers at some of their events
- **Conservation Society** require committee members
- **Church Bellringers** would welcome new ringers
- **Village Players** would welcome volunteers to help backstage.

## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING GROUPS

Further details on page 46

Chair: Dawn Harris [dawn.harris@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:dawn.harris@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk)

Vice Chair: Owen Brown

#### WORKING GROUPS:

Allotments: Dawn Harris, Owen Brown & Ruth Beverley

Burial Ground: Owen Brown

Caley Green: Kevin Sheath, Dawn Harris & Sally Dalton

Fairfield: Gerry Batty, Dawn Harris

Finance: Dawn Harris, Tricia Fuller, David Finnigan, Kevin Sheath, Clerk

Footpaths: Nigel Beverley

Highways: All councillors with individual areas

Planning: All councillors

Trees: Kevin Sheath & Terry Bannister (Tree Warden)

## SCHEDULED ROADWORKS

### Bear Street

29 May - 2 June

Some carriageway incursion

Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

### Park Road

9 July - 13 July#

Road closure#

Essex Highways: Reinstate Ditch and Verge 40m

### Harpers Hill

27 July - 29 July

Traffic control (multi-way signals)

Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

### A134 Leavenheath

15 Nov 2025 - 31 Dec 2029 all the time

30mph speed limit

Balfour Beatty on behalf of National Grid

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

*This was correct when Community Times went to print*

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 6th May 2025 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309  
Full minutes available at: [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members and residents to the meeting.

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

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

**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 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. 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.

It was agreed, with thanks from the committee, that Adam Lunn will continue to monitor the Wiston defibrillator despite the fact that he will be moving.

**Online Ticketing Facility:** It was discussed that new ticketing arrangements would be required with the winding up of *nayland events.org* – Matt has already made some progress on this and will lead.

**Village Hall Gardening Morning:** Nobody from the CC had been able to go to the last gardening morning – it was suggested that perhaps an additional session might be a good idea now that the roof work is complete.

**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:

**AGM:** It was agreed that the recent AGM and celebratory event held on 4th March 2026 was a success and well attended.

**Village Hall store, move and skip hire:** It was reported that members had successfully moved all the stuff that had been stored temporarily in the changing rooms and that 2 skips had been hired to get rid of old/broken items from the Village Hall.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Matt Cable gave his report on finances to 30th April.

**Breakdown of profits to date:** Quiz £711, Community Times £685, Calendar £176.

**Grants paid:** £800 to Woodland Corner towards new acoustic rafts, £200 for maintenance of the Horse Watering.

**Expenses year to date:** £1,546 for 2025 defibrillator maintenance and the new Wiston device, £432 for permissive path maintenance, £444 for skips to clear the village hall store room, and £122 for hosting the AGM.

**Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £13,438 represented by Current a/c monies £12,893 and Cash on Hand £545. We hold £298 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: Horse Watering area £94.

**Therefore unencumbered assets are £13,910.**

### GRANTS & DONATIONS:

**Permissive footpath maintenance:** We will 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). He carried out maintenance in March that will hopefully ensure that these paths remain accessible throughout the summer.

Some local residents will do basic strimming/mowing. No further action required at this stage

**Woodland Corner:** were very grateful for the grant received for a project to improve the acoustics in their building which have become a problem as their numbers have grown.

**Horse Watering:** The recent grant of £200 was well received and photographs provided of the most recent work.

**Community Times & Websites:** Thanks as always to all contributors. It was noted that a volunteer was required to identify new advertisers – Jo Metson volunteered for this role and agreed to liaise with Lorraine Brooks.

**Village Calendar:** Claire Buller gave an update on the recent calendar photographic competition and thanks were expressed for all those who submitted entries or voted. The winning entries can be viewed at: <http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar.html>

It was agreed that the price would remain at £7 and that 200 copies would be ordered.

### FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Rachel Hitchcock will circulate the in advance hall booking dates of our key events to ensure that no changes need to be made and then confirm. In particular need to check date for Christmas Fayre.

**Community Council's 60th Anniversary: Commemorative spread in Community Times.** Members were grateful to Lorraine Brooks for producing an 8 page commemorative spread for the Community Times celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Community Council. Costs were approved to cover the additional printing costs.

**Bonfire & Fireworks: Thursday 5th November.** Rachel Hitchcock, Claire Buller, Matt Cable & Jo Metson leading. As mentioned previously, new ticketing arrangements will be required. Matt Cable leading on this.

**Christmas Fayre: Saturday 5th December.** Some committee members were unlikely to be available on this date so may need to consider alternatives/availability of Village Hall.

### SOCIETY REPORTS

**First Responders:** Adam Lunn said they attended the Nayland Church Fete on Bank Holiday Monday; lots of inquisitive children visited the stand. They were delighted to receive an unexpected donation of £100 from NwW Parish Council; this was used to purchase new charging cables and phone cases. They attended the official unveiling of the first public access defibrillator in neighbouring Little Horkeley. Adam and Corinne are due to move to Bures at the end of May but will continue to respond with the Nayland group. Adam will continue to act as its guardian of the Bures Road defibrillator.

**Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter reported they will visit Smallbridge Hall on 7th May. The Spring Litter Pick was well attended with twelve volunteers and on 10th May Chris Hunt will lead us on a circular perambulation around Leavenheath and Arger Fen on our annual footpath walk. On 17th June Beatrice Prosser Snelling will give a talk on the history of Benton End the artistic home of Cedric Morris and the Suffolk School of Art. They are liaising with the Parish Council regarding funding a replacement larger litter bin by the notice boards in the High Street.

**Royal British Legion:** Robert Dossor reported that Capt. Richard Channon RN (Rtd), described his time in the Royal Navy's conventional and nuclear submarine Service at their meeting on 13th April. They held a St George's day lunch at The Anchor on 23rd April, 37 people enjoyed an excellent roast beef lunch followed by a one2one between Chris Hunt and Air Commodore Robert Lightfoot (Rtd).

**Nayland Meadow:** The 800 m<sup>3</sup> of silt which came out of the pond has now been tidied up and landscaped; grass seed will be sown. The Boardwalk platform is completed subject to the

Community Council report continued.....

safety usage signs, self closing gate mechanism and insurance sign off. For the future we need to consider all available means to raise funds by donations, fundraising events, legacies, etc.

**Baby and Toddler Group:** They have been outside in the sunshine when the weather has been nice enjoying sand and water play. Their toddler's hospital has been enjoyed. Unfortunately although some weeks are busier than others we aren't quite making enough money to cover the rent, so we are considering our options for September, whether to reduce the amount of sessions we hold (maybe once a month) in the hope that when we do open more families attend, or whether we

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should put in for another grant. Forthcoming dates are: May 8th & 15th; June 12th, 19th & 26th and July 3rd.

**AOB:** Claire Buller said that Leavenheath Village Hall had a set of InPost lockers and suggested that it may be worth investigating this as a possibility for Nayland Village Hall. Leavenheath would need to be asked about their experience. Joan Border made a note to mention this at the next Parish Council meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** This will be on Wednesday 1st July, 8pm (Exec 7.30 pm) in the Church Hall.

**The full minutes are available at: [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Meetings.html](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Meetings.html)**

## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL are looking for a new councillor to join the team

- Do you care about what happens in Nayland & Wissington?
- Fancy getting involved, to contribute and give something back?

- Would you like to share your ideas for making things better?  
**Then we'd like to hear from you.**

### What does being a Parish Councillor involve?

- Getting involved in local decisions
- Helping make the community a better place to live
- Representing the community and getting things done
- Having your say on things that matter (like planning, open spaces and local services)  
You don't need any special qualifications – just a bit of time, a positive attitude, and a genuine interest in our community.

### It might suit you if:

- You like helping to make things happen and care about where you live
- You want to positively influence how things are done in the Parish
  - You're up for a bit of teamwork
  - You're happy to speak up and listen to others
- You are over 18, live / work in the parish or within 3 miles of the parish boundary  
Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month (not August) at 7.30pm.

### Want to know more?

- Contact the Parish Clerk on 01376 425744 or [clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk)
- Speak to one of the councillors or come along to a meeting to see how things work
- See more at: [naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](http://naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk)



**Come and make a difference – we'd love to have you in our friendly team helping keep our Parish a thriving community.**

# Nayland with Wissington 2026 Calendar

Fantastic new views of the parish

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**Calendars will be on sale from:**

Nayland Flower Show on 1st August  
and at Forget Me Not 2 Birch Street,  
Mill Street Deli, Studio B Hair Salon

17 Court Street, 107 Bear Street  
and at some village events

or to order for postal delivery from:

[www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net)



## NAYLAND FETE:

We were blessed with better weather for our Fete this year on Monday 4th May, so guests stayed a bit longer. We were happy to welcome back the Victory Jazz Band, whose excellent players had people tapping their toes.

For guests who enjoy activities, there was plenty going on. The inflatable slide did a roaring trade all afternoon and there were over a hundred coconuts won by well-coordinated contestants. This year teenagers from the Youth Group took on Beat the Goalie and Face Painting, supervised by teachers, who report that they all had a smashing time. Talking of smashing, China Smash contestants were so vigorous that they destroyed the stand! Not to worry, we already have a volunteer to rebuild it next year; thank you, Andrew Capper. Other throwing events included wellies and wet sponges, with Hook-a-Duck and Human Fruit Machine completing the fabulous line-up.

We had a good range of stalls, with new outfits to be had from clothes, handbags and jewellery, plenty of house wares, toys, vintage and cakes, as well as a bottle tombola with some exotic bottles. Plants are as popular as ever, so thank you to all the volunteers who nurtured plants in their greenhouses through the cold months!

Our innovation this year was the Dog Show, with seven categories, including the dog and owner who look most alike. It was a lot of fun, so expect to see it expanded in 2027.

The races were packed this year, especially the men's flat race, where there wasn't a spare centimetre on the start line! One toddler ran up and down the track several times to applause from the crowd. The races were kicked off with a lap from 11-year-old Francis Squire, who thus completed running 100km over four weeks in aid of Lizzie's Fund (brain tumour charity).

The raffle had some super prizes kindly donated by generous local sponsors. This year Nayland Choir took a stand to recruit more singers and share details of upcoming events.

There was an impressive selection of vintage cars and tractors, including a Heartbeat-style police car! Tea, cakes, BBQ, Pimm's and beer sustained energy levels for the afternoon.

Our volunteers and donors are outstanding, and, thanks to them, we raised over £13,500 this year. THANK YOU. The money will go towards repairs to the church roof and accessibility to the church: £150 will go to the school for musical instruments. An additional £900 went to the village hall.

Check out our new website [naylandfete.co.uk](http://naylandfete.co.uk) - and see you next year!



Many thanks to the Fete teas team, five of the wonderful eighteen volunteers pictured here. Also sincere thanks to all who donated the delicious cakes and bakes.

Welly Wanging Winners: Father and son Keith and Hector Moynagh proved unbeatable at this year's village fete, scooping the adult and children's prizes. Alice Cable took home the ladies' trophy.

Nayland & District Horticultural Society

# SUMMER FLOWER SHOW



## Saturday 1st August

2pm - 5pm Nayland Village Hall

Teas, Produce Stall, Raffle, Nayland Calendar 2027

Free Admission - Opening 2pm, Prize Giving 4.30pm

*Classes for: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arranging, Cookery, Preserves, Country Drinks, Art & Craft, Photography, Children's & Family's Sections - Entries in by 29th July.*

Show schedules available at Nayland shops, Trevor 01206 262022 or [trevor.smy24@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.smy24@gmail.com)

at [www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk) or use the QR codes



Show Schedule



Entry Form

## SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

FOR MEMBERS

### Friday 10th July

7pm at Candy Lane House, Fen Street

For your free ticket please contact Margaret 01206 262022 or [trevor.smy24@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.smy24@gmail.com)

### Refreshments and buffet

In case of inclement weather we may need to restrict numbers so please book early to avoid disappointment

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

## A GARDEN EVENING

FOR MEMBERS

### Sunday 14th June

6pm at Hillside, 14 Stoke Road

To book your place please contact Margaret to help us with catering on 01206 262022 or [trevor.smy24@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.smy24@gmail.com)

### Drinks and Nibbles

In case of inclement weather we may need to restrict numbers so please book early to avoid disappointment

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## BIRTHDAY AT THE PALACE

Local resident John Jervois was given a card personally from the King on his 100th birthday, sharing his date of birth with the late Queen Elizabeth II.

On 21st April King Charles III and Queen Camilla met three centenarians who were invited to a reception at Buckingham Palace to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Queen Elizabeth II.

King Charles was heard wishing John, who served with the Royal Signals in the Second World War in the Far East, a happy birthday and they had a warm chat; he was also congratulated and had conversations with Prince William and Princess Kate.

John said: *"I used to get lots of presents as a child because everyone remembered my birthday as it was the same as the Queen's. It was very valuable."*

On being invited to the Palace and meeting the King and Royal Family, he said: *"It's extraordinary. I didn't think it would happen to somebody like myself."*

He recalled as young man climbing on to the roof of a building in Regent Street to watch the Queen's Coronation procession.

Although moving to Leavenheath from Nayland John and his wife Bethan, who died in 2015, both continued their strong links with Nayland helping with village events and fundraisers. John, aka the Old Muckspreader, wrote a gardening column in the Community Times for quarter of a century, ran the renowned plant stall at the village Fete for many years, helped maintain St James Churchyard in good order and was always willing to share his knowledge of plants.

So John, wishing you somewhat belatedly... a very Happy 100th Birthday, and many happy returns!



## VILLAGE PLAYERS: FLARE PATH

Terence Rattigan's 1942 play 'Flare Path' brought some 330 people to the Village Hall on 16th, 17th and 18th April.

Fortunate to have the right actors turn up to audition and a first-rate backstage team, we rehearsed from January and watched the production grow from working with scripts in the Church Hall to the authentic account people saw from the opening night onwards.

The Village Players are particularly fortunate to have Nick Moriarty overseeing the set and stage management. Nick deftly converted Rattigan's forty-foot stage plan to fit our twenty-footer in Nayland, the actors then navigating two fewer exits with aplomb. Mary Moriarty's input and encouragement was invaluable; and hearty thanks go to Anne Adkinson (props), Lorraine Coombes (costumes) Karen Freeman (prompt), Ian Fulcher (sound and lighting) and Chris Jacobs and Iris Sebba (scenic artists), all of whom ensured this was not a dull old event. I could not have asked for a better team of actors and

hope to direct again. Well done, all!

Members of the audience wrote as follows:  
*'I never thought I'd be affected by a Village Players' production in the same way that I am by the best films and TV dramas.'*

*'All fabulously executed... Although a lot of fun, the great British 'stiff upper lip' was very poignant.'*

*'Wonderful sound effects, lights along the flare path and superb scenery and music to relive the anxiety and camaraderie of the 1940s. People get together in a crisis, boundaries are crossed and great things can happen. Terence Rattigan's plot weaving and period dialogue added hugely to the moments of high drama. How to work up to the high tension points.... He certainly knew his stuff!'*

**Mandy Cook, Director**



## ROGATION SUNDAY: 10TH MAY

Sixteen people braved the wind to 'Beat the bounds' on the traditional annual Rogation Sunday trailer ride service. Luckily we travelled in a covered trailer, ably driven by Iain Wright.

Crops, animals, farmers, fishermen and communities were blessed along the way with stops at various locations - on the valley side overlooking Nayland, in Nayland village, by the river, animals and crops in the fields.

Finally back at Wiston church we all enjoyed a picnic tea outside.



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

It's that time again to dust of your hampers for the annual ritual of the picnic on Caley Green;

Just come and enjoy some fresh air and good company. laughter and fun, and watch the world bustle by. There will be friendly chatter with a picnic by the river - bring your own food and drink.

Of course the date is also Suffolk Day. Another reason to enjoy the day just taking it easy and enjoying your picnic. Hope to see you there 😊

## COMMUNITY PANTRY & HARDSHIP FUND

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

Any financial donations can be made to:  
Community Pantry & Hardship Fund  
Sort Code 30 99 50 Account No 24195560  
Many thanks to all those who support the pantry and hardship fund.

## NAYLAND MOBILE LIBRARY

### Route 20 : High Street P.O.

Saturdays at 10.35am-11.20am, every four weeks

**13 June - 11 July - 8 August**

### Route 9 : Parkers Way

Saturdays at 1.45pm-2.15pm, every four weeks

**30 May - 27 June - 25 July - 22 August**

Tel: 01473 263838 [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk)

## ST JAMES' FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

We would welcome others with an interest in helping decorate the church; guidance would be given. If you would like to know more please contact  
Jeannette Finch  
on 01206 262993



## 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.


# Nayland Baby & Toddler group

Bring your child, trained or not, to the Nayland playgroup.

Great for:

- exercise & agility
- sociability
- obedience (!)
- healthy treats

Fridays 9.30am - 11.15am at Nayland village hall. Sessions follow term times with some extended closures around school holidays. See Facebook page for details.



**Lots of toys, activities, singing & refreshments**

# JOIN OUR YOUTH CLUB!

**Calling all 11-14 year olds! Come and socialise with friends in a fun, welcoming, safe space.**

**NAYLAND**  
**12th June, 10th July & 11th September**  
**Nayland Village Hall**  
**7:30-9pm**

**WHAT'S ON**  
**Foosball, Indoor Games**  
**Chill Space, Snacks & Drinks**

**WHAT TO EXPECT**  
**Friendly, welcoming vibe**  
**Safe, supervised place to socialise and have fun**  
**Come with friends or on your own**

**Contact: Helen at [benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk](mailto:benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk)**

**IMPORTANT: IF IT'S YOUR FIRST MEETING PLEASE BRING YOUR PARENTS TO MEET THE TEAM, COMPLETE THE APPLICATION/ PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE.**

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If you have a child turning 2+, please contact us to arrange a viewing and to complete a registration form.

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**[www.woodlandcorner.co.uk](http://www.woodlandcorner.co.uk)**  
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**WoodlandCorner**

# SUMMER HOLIDAY FUNSHINE CLUB

**On July: 28th & 30th**  
**August: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 11th & 25th**

9am-3pm £31 per child  
 For children aged 2-11, 2 year olds must already be attending Pre-School at Woodland Corner.

For further information, contact Woodland Corner  
**tel: 01206 263054 e-mail: [woodlandcorner@outlook.com](mailto:woodlandcorner@outlook.com)**  
**web: [www.woodlandcorner.co.uk](http://www.woodlandcorner.co.uk)**  
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# A Night at the Opera

*Songs from Handel to Queen*

**Friday 26th June**

Nayland Village Hall  
 Doors open & bar 6.30pm  
 Light supper 7pm, Concert 7.30pm  
 Tickets: £18, under 18s £5



See [naylandchoir.org](http://naylandchoir.org) for information & tickets from May  
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# Musical Postcards




*Come and sing with us as we take a musical holiday, singing our way to different destinations.*

*Open to all - new, regular or returning choir members welcome*

**Saturday 18th July**  
 Nayland Village Hall  
 from 10am-4pm with  
 an informal performance at 3.30pm  
 £15 including score hire (under 18s free)  
 Advance booking essential



See [naylandchoir.org](http://naylandchoir.org) for information & tickets from June  
 Reg Charity No 1216038



# APPEAL FOR BELLRINGERS

Quintessentially a very special English tradition; the delightful sound of bells chiming in a country village... but the art of bellringing is in decline and once gone is unlikely to be revived.

So, if you are looking for a new hobby in which you can make a valuable contribution in keeping the art of bellringing alive.....

Chris Hunt, the Nayland Church Tower Captain would be delighted to hear from you.

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

**Contact Chris Hunt on 01206 262014**




# INFLATABLE FUN DAY

**Saturday 18th September**  
 3.30pm- 6pm  
 (Weather permitting)  
 at Nayland Primary School  
 Please come along and support Woodland Corner

Woodland Corner provides morning and afternoon pre-school sessions and lunch club as well as extended schools services before and after school for children aged 2-11.

For further information, contact Woodland Corner  
 tel: 01206 263054 e-mail: [woodlandcorner@outlook.com](mailto:woodlandcorner@outlook.com)  
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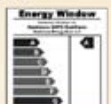


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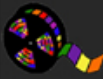
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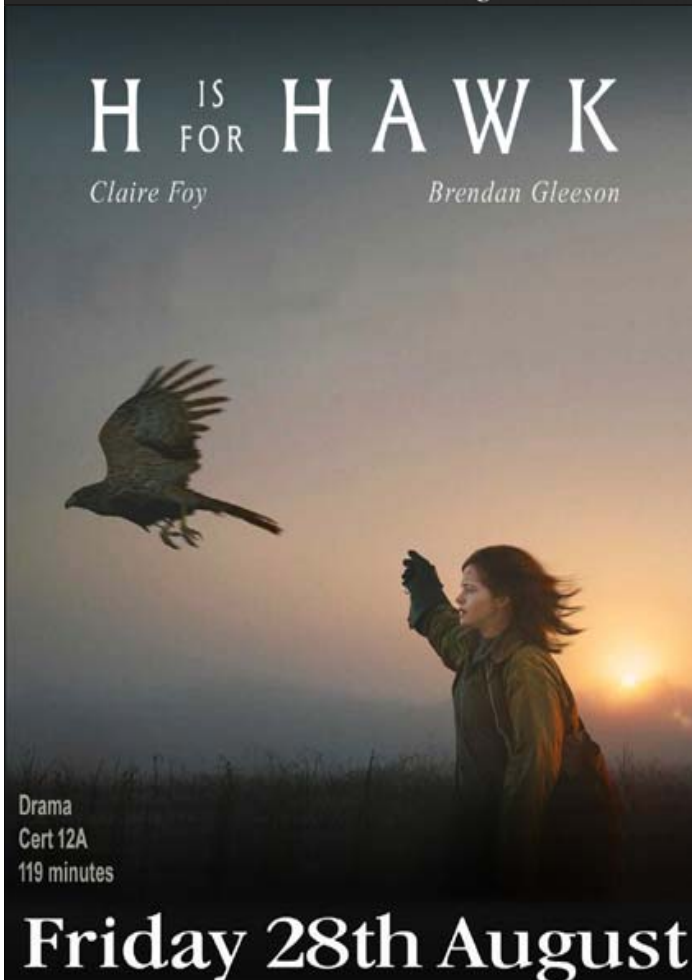
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We do however incur day-to-day expenses to maintain the Church, including utility costs, security, insurance, organ maintenance and the annual parish contribution. All donations to support us are therefore extremely welcome and very much appreciated!

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



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## RIVER WATCH

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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>

### NAVIGATION ADVISORY NOTICES

- Downstream Nayland Horseshoe Weir to Boxted Mill: Navigate with caution - levels lowered to make repairs to Boxted Mills.

- Upstream Wiston Mill: with caution - fallen tree.

Check [www.visitanglianwaterways.org](http://www.visitanglianwaterways.org) for updates

### WATER LEVELS

There has been a dry spell but there doesn't seem to be any effect on water levels. Usually at this time of year the Ely Ouse to Essex Water Transfer Scheme is operating, and the River Stour acts as a pipeline. Water is abstracted at Wormingford, and pumped through to Aberton Reservoir. The river benefits from the additional water.

### WATER QUALITY & SEWAGE

There is no recent news on water quality of the river.

### RIVER VEGETATION

During the winter months, with vegetation die-back we were able to enjoy views of the river... and see the Horseshoe weir, but vegetation is growing very fast and will again dominate the river.

The reeds along Caley Green which were cut back after decades of no management. Now regrowth can hopefully be managed so the same situation does not arise again. It has restored the river for humans and wildlife to use better and with control of the dominant reeds hopefully the less robust species, such as Purple Loosestrife, will get the chance to establish and attract pollinators and help bees.

### BANK EROSION AT CALEY GREEN

There has been little progress regarding the project to prevent further riverbank erosion around the Caley Green bay. Engineers on behalf of Suffolk CC are awaiting the ecologist report which should enable applications for installation of revetment to be submitted to Babergh and the Environment Agency

### WILDLIFE & SWANS

A few mallard drakes have been seen but the hens may have been out of sight hatching eggs; one or two hens have been seen recently with broods but sadly numbers quickly decrease as the ducklings are picked off by predators, which could be by pike, herons, corvids (crows), gulls, otters, etc.

A pair of swans have been seen along the river and at Caley Green from time to time but on 9th May they were seen with no cygnets. By this time cygnets would usually be hatched so hopes of having Nayland bred cygnets this year are slim.

A lone swan has caused some concern; it has lost a number of large wing feathers which looks alarming. However, Wildlives were called out; they confirmed that it is healthy, feeding and coping so does not need help. This was the case with a swan last year.

### BATS

Just after the last CT was published on 20th March Tim Dotchin captured an interesting video of a bat taking a drink at Caley Green. There are 13 species of bat recorded in Suffolk; the most common being the pipistrelle but whatever the species, a fleeting encounter with a bat is magical.

Bats are nocturnal creatures, but may emerge to drink or hunt during the day. This is more common on mild days during early spring, when bats wake from hibernation.

Bats drink from open water surfaces and many species also forage on emerging insects, such as caddis flies, crane flies, midges and mosquitoes, that have aquatic larval stages. Safely approaching pools to skim the surface can be quite challenging; they align a specific drinking pathway coming in to skim on a precise flight lane. Many water sources are



↑ The overhanging tree just below the horseshoe weir has been cut cat.

↓ Regrowth of the reeds at Caley Green, 16th May. Thanks to Antony Day for these photos.



↑ A still from the video captured by Tim Dotchin.

➔ A bat drinking from an open water surface.



## THE RIVER AS AN AMENITY

With the days gradually getting longer and signs of spring arriving all around us it perhaps time to get excited about the prospect of outdoor activities.

This does bring with it a few rules and regulations to be aware of....

### RIVER CRAFT

All craft must be registered to take to the water on any part of the Inland Waterway network of England. The Environment Agency takes enforcement action if it finds any boat moored or in use if it is not displaying a current, valid registration plate.

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

Alternatively, membership of **Paddle UK** (formerly *British Canoeing*) includes a licence - but it covers the member and not the craft. Join at <https://paddleuk.org.uk/on-the-water-membership/>

not accessible to bats due to their diameter and/or obstacles that can deter them from attempting to drink. So the reed management along Caley Green riverbank will have benefitted them.

Blind as a bat? No, they hunt mostly at night when it's dark and rely on echolocation (biological sonar system) to pinpoint exact locations of prey. Their eyes, far from being useless, are attuned to low-light conditions to better aid in finding prey and are enhanced by their super hearing power.

Bats need a range of roosting sites, including summer daytime roosts, winter hibernation roosts and breeding sites. You can help them find a suitable roost by putting up a simple bat box.

## RIVER FISHING SEASON

While it is great to see the river being enjoyed by residents, including fisher folk, please can those fishing take great care with their tackle. Line and lures, particularly for pike, have injured and killed some of our beloved wildlife here in the last six months.

Lures have been a particular problem as if lost or discarded they are a dangerous menace (even for humans using the water to swim or paddle). As can be seen in the image they have lethal hooks and can be large. The hooks easily get caught on vegetation and the fishing line is likely to break as anglers try to pull it in. It is very important to use an appropriate weight, well maintained and secured line and if you do get a lure caught up to retrieve it.

It is of course, great to see the river being enjoyed by residents, including fisher folk, BUT it is hoped they give consideration to others and especially wildlife. **Let's all enjoy the river safely.**

### RSPB'S BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

The results from this year's Big Garden Birdwatch in January show that, nationwide, the House Sparrow takes the top spot, while Blue Tits remain at number two. This year, 650,279 people took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch counting more than nine million birds and over 80 different species.

In Suffolk the top twenty-five recorded were: Blue Tit, House Sparrow, Woodpigeon, Great Tit, Blackbird, Starling, Robin, Long-tailed Tit, Goldfinch and Collared Dove, Magpie, Dunnock, Feral Pigeon, Coal Tit, Carrion Crow, Jackdaw, Chaffinch, Greenfinch, Wren, Pheasant, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Rook, Common Gull, Song Thrush, Black-headed Gull.

The Suffolk trend is that at: 52 Swans are up 8 and Pheasant remained at 20, however around Nayland the number of Pheasant will have tumbled due to the cessation of them being reared locally to Nayland for shoots – they are notably missed wandering into our gardens. The sudden loss of these non-native birds has no doubt affected the natural food chain, in a negative and perhaps positive way too; their predators will need to find alternative good sources but there will be more seed to go round for the native song-birds.

Movers and shakers include at: 29 Redwing ↑11, 37 Goldcrest ↑6 and 58 Ring-necked Parakeet ↑11, while at: 28 Jay ↓4, 41 Tree Sparrow ↓4, 45 Bullfinch ↓3, 49 Grey Heron ↓5, 54 Barn Owl ↓3 and 65 Little Owl ↓7.

### CUCKOO

This year from Gravel Hill the characteristic 'cuck-oo' sound of a Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*) was first heard on 15th April and it has been heard regularly since.

## FISHING

**The closed season, when you cannot fish on rivers and streams, is 15th March to 15th June 2026.**

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

A yearly 2-rod course fishing licence costs: £36.80 for adults, £24.50 for over 66 or the disabled and is free for 13-16 year olds. 1-day or 8-day licences are also available.

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

### CALEY GREEN & THE COUNTRYSIDE

Please do NOT: park anywhere on the Green, light barbecues or fires, camp overnight.

Please remember the National Countryside Code: PROTECT, RESPECT, ENJOY... the local wildlife and environment. Take litter home and clean up after your dogs.



*Please don't allow dangerous fishing lures to become a danger to others and to wildlife.*

## BANNERS ON CALEY GREEN

In order for advertising banners or any promotional signage to be placed on Caley Green or along Horkesley Road permission must first be granted by the Parish Council.

A risk assessment must be completed beforehand and sent to the Parish Council together with proof of Insurance.

Applications and/or enquiries should be made to Debbie Hattrell, Parish Clerk, [clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk) or telephone 01376 425744

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

## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

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### VILLAGE HALL GARDEN TIDY

Many thanks to the eager volunteers who helped maintain and refresh the garden around the village hall. It was a glorious sunny morning and much was achieved.

### NAYLAND SPRING LITTERPICK

The weather was kind for our Spring community litterpick, jointly organised by the Society and the Parish Council, held on Saturday 18th April.

We met at the Village Hall car park in the glorious sunshine to collect litter pickers and refuse bags and be allocated areas of the village to collect litter.

We are grateful to all who come along to support the litterpick.



### SUFFOLK DAY

Is on Sunday  
21st June 2026



### SIGN POLUTION

Sending photographs, a local resident has asked: "What is wrong with the Environment Agency? Several new warning signs erected along a short stretch of the river, all with bright colours." "They basically all giving the same warnings!

A number of residents share the frustration that this is overload and a blight on our natural landscape. The metal signage would be expensive; money may be better spent on maintaining provision of lifebuoy rescue rings (which have been missing their holders at the weir and Pop's Piece for years) and management of overgrown vegetation around the weir.



### WHITE DOVES AT ST JAMES' CHURCH

Thank you to James Carver for this photo of flock of white doves that seem to like hanging out around the church. The tower captain has not notice any evidence of them making a home there.

Does anyone know any more about them? (where they've come from or where else they visit in the village)

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

## NAYLAND BEAR

Villagers were delighted to see Bear and Fish this Easter. Elaine and Di had incorporated an Easter Bunny cutout face stand into the display providing a photo opportunity with the pair which was very popular. Thanks as always to them both.

## MEADOW VIEWING PLATFORM

Thanks to Darius Laws for this view of the revitalised pond and its new platform. From above you can see the varying depths of the water, the channel where it connects by pipe with the river and the amount of silt that was removed. Thanks to Darius Laws for this drone shot.

## OLD POST OFFICE WISTERIA

The Wisteria at the Old Post Office is a popular feature in the High Street. Residents look forward to it bringing cheer every year. Thanks to Mandy Cook for taking this photo.



## NAYLAND'S LEGO MAN

For many years David Heigham has made intricate Lego models, a hobby he has found absorbing and fascinating. Concorde, London Bridge, Notre Dame to name but a few, but Titanic was a huge undertaking with over 10,000 pieces and 5ft long. He has just completed a Grand Piano which plays tunes with an app! Friends pop in to see him with his growing collection of Lego.



## YOUR LETTERS:

Picturesque Nayland has a thriving community which since Covid has become home to a large population of dogs.

Of late it has become apparent that an increasing number of these dogs' owners have decided they cannot be bothered to pick up their canine charges' excrement, casually left on our pavements and paths. This delinquent behaviour is disgusting, disrespectful and potentially dangerous to health. It is disingenuous to lay the blame for this proliferation of pooch poo on visitors walking their pets here. I am particularly vulnerable to this menace because my feet unerringly manage to locate and tread in these faecal deposits which leads to much ill humour, much cursing, much otherwise unnecessary use of detergent and a good walk spoiled.

Wouldn't it be marvellous if there was a name and shame campaign with prizes for photographs of miscreants caught in the act of not acting? One also wonders at the mindset of those who pick up and bag their poo (their dog, their poo?) and then hang it a nearby bush or small tree for someone else to dispose of. They obviously imagine there's a village nanny ready to wipe up after them. Peace, love etc.



## VOLUNTEERS ENABLE OUR PARISH TO THRIVE

Our village organisations, halls, clubs, societies and youth groups don't run themselves.

Everything listed on these pages is organised by our marvellous volunteers - neighbours giving a little time to keep things happening. People volunteer for many reasons, and often gain more than they expect.

- Getting to know people they might not otherwise meet
- Feeling part of the village rather than just living in it
- Using skills they already have, and gaining new ones
- Being involved in events and facilities that bring people together
- Gaining practical experience and confidence that can be useful beyond the village
- Contributing in small, manageable ways that fit around work and family

For anyone considering getting involved, help doesn't have to mean long-term or specialist commitment. Many roles involve only a few hours a month, and responsibilities are usually shared across a committee or small team or it could just involve occasional assistance. Our organisations would benefit from: occasional help at events, behind-the-scenes admin or publicity, fresh faces with new ideas

Getting involved is one of the easiest ways to meet people and feel part of village life, so please consider doing so yourself.



### NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

The Group's first summer engagement is at the Memory Cafe in Hadleigh, so we have been practising songs old and some new. It's good to see the happy faces of the residents as they sing along with the bells. We will be playing at two other residential homes before we break for the summer to return in early September. Already there are Christmas bookings - yes we may not wish to acknowledge the fact that we are at the half time mark of the year. .

Hand bell practices are on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30pm to 3pm during school term times and cost £4 per session - tea and bikkies included.

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

During April the church bells have been busy. A visiting band of ringers from the Debenham area rang on Easter Monday and a few days later a Quarter Peal (that's 45 minutes of ringing) was rung followed by ringing for a wedding. It was pleasing that on both occasions people came round to the tower to compliment the ringers and say how much the sound was enjoyed throughout the village.

More good news is that our new recruits are making good progress and it shouldn't be long before we may have a local band to ring on a Sunday morning.

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



### NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Kevin Walsh 07342 235001  
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#### 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.



# CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The 1960s was a time of great change and expansion in Nayland, with development of new homes on The Heights and creation of the by-pass to ease traffic through the village centre. With the expanding population came a requirement for greater recreational facilities and amenities.

On 20th June 1966 at the first meeting of what was to become the Community Council General Fairbanks was appointed Chairman and Ken Willingale was appointed Treasurer of a Steering Group to take forward the project of providing a recreation ground and village hall for the community.

This was to be quite unlike any other council being formed at that time; membership would be made up of a representative from each of 21 organisations in the village (such as, the various sports clubs, groups for youngsters or the older populations, the church councils, Royal British Legion, Women's Institute, Parish Council, and so forth) plus some individuals with an interest in the community. This would ensure wide representation of the community.

The aims of the Council, as established in the Constitution agreed on 28th September 1966, would be to encourage recreational activities in the interests of social welfare but the immediate priority would be to purchase land and build a village hall.

Thus began the accumulation of funds by various means. The Nayland Nest Egg was set up; the Annual Fairs, with their carnivals, market stalls, grand draw, sideshows, donkey derby, duille flunking, rustic romps, meadow larks among other wonderful fun and games were very successful fundraisers; grants were also pursued from various sources.

As funds accumulated the Council was able to look for suitable land on which to build the village hall; Webb's Meadow was purchased at a cost of £7,000. The Council then put out to tender for the erection of a village hall which was in the region of £14,800. After construction had commenced the grants situation changed and the only course of action was to involve the Parish Council; a lease agreement, dated 17th December 1970, established that 1. that the freehold is with the Parish Council, 2. that the trustees are to be the Charity Commissioners, 3. that the tenants are to be the Management Committee.

This Village Hall Management Committee was set up. The Community Council from that point resumed its functions to make grants and provide facilities in line with its Constitution; "to encourage and develop recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare". The Community Council is a registered charity, number 304926.

It is a credit to all those involved in the early years that within the space of six years the land had been purchased, planning permission had been granted and the hall had been built and completely paid for when it was officially opened by Sir Joshua Rowley on 5th August 1972.

The formation of the Community Council also enabled integration of long term and new residents, those who came from different walks of life and varying ages, as it still does today.



*The decorated floats in the procession crossing Anchor Bridge.*

*Part of the "Duile Flunking" competition, an old ale house sport.*

*Egg and spoon was a regular race enjoyed at the fairs.*



## 'HAVING A LARK' FUNDRAISING

In the initial years of fundraising to provide a village hall the Community Council organised a host of interesting and fun-filled events, for example:

### 1967: Colourful Carnival & Donkey Derby

Floats in the decorated procession included an entry from the Jane Walker Hospital at Wiston, the winning entry from the Nayland Anchor, picturing workmen on Nayland's new by-pass and a float from the Brightlingsea Rosebud. Every donkey race had drama and there were many falls but no broken bones as stewards caught donkeys who had thrown their riders. After the racing the drums, fifes and pipes of the Royal Anglian Regiment beat retreat, ending a colourful and unusual day. After expenses it was hoped to have £400 towards their preliminary target of £7,000.

### 1968: Nayland's Whitsun Floralia

An old Nayland custom was revived when villagers celebrated the 'Feast of Floralia'. The celebrations were an annual event in the village 500 years ago when festivities started at dawn and continued well into the night.

In the modern version of the fair, like the original celebrations there was a procession through the streets, a village market and contests of strength for the men. More modern amusements were a bugle band, a magic show, talking dolls and a display of woven goods made in the village. There was also a 'Duile Flunking' contest, an old ale house sport.

### 1974: Nayland Revels

A Market Fair organised by the Community Council made a profit of £600. A programme of 'Rustic Romps', crazy sports for cash prizes, organised by John Curtis was the main attraction.

Many sidshows did a brisk trade, including an exhibition of 'Nayland Past and Present'. A children's fancy dress competition produced some original ideas.

### 1975: Fun of the Fair

Nayland Market Fair and 'Meadow Larks' held on the village playing field raised more than £850 for village hall funds. Organised by Nayland Community Council, the event attracted an estimated crowd of about 1,500.

The Meadow Larks, crazy sports for all ages, provided some hilarious moments as competitors hurled Swedes, tossed pancakes, staggered around the arena under enormous straw bales or in piggy-back races.

### 1978: Rustic Romps

In addition to the numerous sidshows and stalls run by local organisations, the programme of 'Rustic Romp' crazy sports proved a popular attraction for all ages. Miss Nayland, Debbie Harris, donned running shoes to take part in the crazy sports. A record profit of £1,300 was raised for Community Council funds.

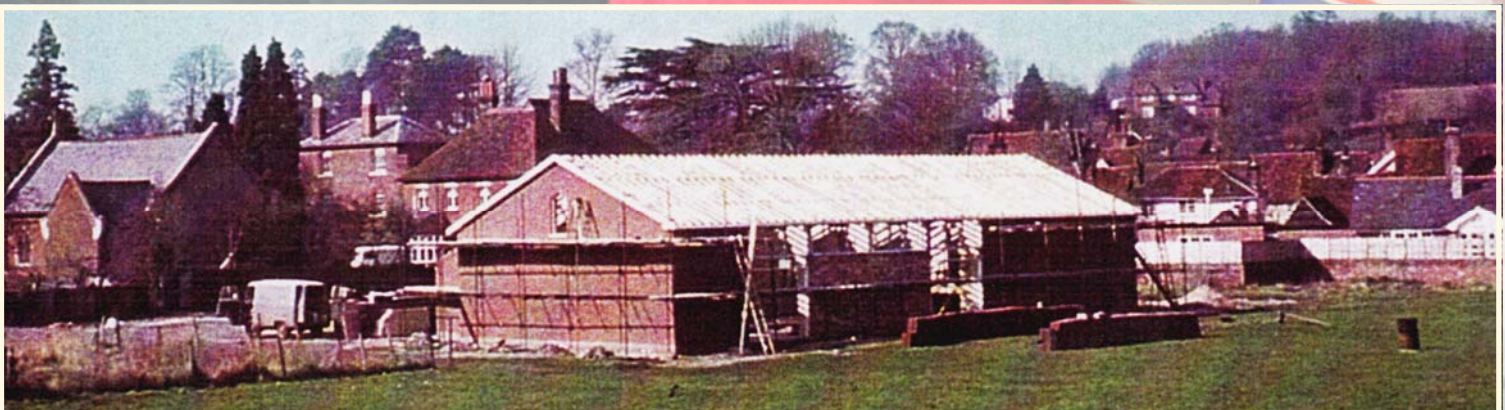


*The completed village hall and car park*

## THE VILLAGE HALL

Construction of the village hall started on 20th September 1971. The hall was officially opened on Saturday 5th August 1972; the Management Committee took over responsibility for the hall from the Community Council on the same day.

The Village Hall Management Committee was established at a special Parish meeting on 7th May 1970. After considerable delay the Trust Deed establishing the Committee was finalised on 8th January 1971 and the necessary action was taken to transfer the property from the two Trustees into the hands of the Official Custodian of Trust Properties for a period of 60 years from 14th October 1969.



## CONTINUING AIMS

Once the Village Hall Management Committee took over responsibility of the hall the Nayland with Wissington Community Council, which is an umbrella organisation for some 20 Nayland societies continued with its aims and objectives "to provide adequate recreational facilities and other amenities for the benefit of the community".

Its main activities are:

- ◆ the annual Fireworks and Bonfire
- ◆ the Village Quiz
- ◆ fund raising opportunities for village societies in a Christmas Fayre
- ◆ a Summer Street Fayre or Festival
- ◆ community events such as Jubilee Celebrations
- ◆ the village calendar is produced using photographs generated in a competition held in May each year
- ◆ it publishes a bi-monthly newsletter - The Community Times
- ◆ contributes financially to the website [naylandandwiston.net](http://naylandandwiston.net)
- ◆ It maintains community access defibrillators at the Village Hall and in Wiston
- ◆ It awards grants to village organisations or individuals in support of its constitution

The Council meets bi-monthly in the Church Hall at 8pm. Individuals with an interest in our community are welcome to attend.

For more information about the Community Council, its meetings, activities, grants, history and the village calendar and Community Times visit [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The Community Council has organised events to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Silver, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilees and the Coronation of King Charles III. Weather permitting street parties were held, with contingency plans for rain.

## MEMORABILIA

To mark these events all children of the parish received commemorative mugs, or for the Golden Jubilee coins, funded by the Community and Parish Councils.



1977 Silver Jubilee



2002 Golden Jubilee

NAYLAND'S Golden Jubilee street fayre had a distinctly patriotic air with its kings and queens theme. Union Bunting and streams of red, white and blue bunting decorated the village centre. Warm sunshine drew hundreds of visitors to the community council event and the main square buzzed with activity on Sunday as people strolled among the stalls or paused to watch a variety of entertainment. Organiser Andrew Gowen said: "We had a most successful day, taking more than £600 on the gates. The dozen or so village organisations who ran stalls all did well and the entertainment was very good." Nayland Choir presented a selection of popular music and the day-long programme also featured Punch and Judy shows, the Algham-based Boys and Belles clog dancers, Boxted Silver Band and excerpts by the Village Players. Local craftsmen showing their work included furniture maker Dylan Pym from Polstead and Nayland photographer and greetings card designer Julie Wilkinson. Children produced an assortment of original ideas for their fancy dress parade and the three winners were: Matthew Stephens-Row as the King of Nayland, Alexander Hucker as Beodica and Ana Stephens-Row as a queen. The fayre ended in St James's Church in an evening with the Village Players staging a stylish and beautifully-costumed presentation of The Hollow Crown. Devised by John Barton of the Royal Shakespeare Company, the production comprised a selection of letters, speeches, poems,



●Above: Nutty Norman, Town Crier in action. ●Left: Demi Laytham (5) cools down with an ice cream. ●Top left: Nayland Youth Club members and their Trivial Pursuits game.

2012 Diamond Jubilee



2022 Platinum Jubilee



## THE 1980s AND 90s

In the early 80s crazy obstacle courses enjoyed by all ages were a highlight of the Community Council's Summer Fairs.

In 1989 four local teams battled through a series of hilarious games. Eventual winners of the Knockout Shield were Nayland Eagles with the Leavenheath Lion second and Jane Walker Hospital third. There were as usual many stalls run by village organisations, children's competitions and fancy dress. Other amusements were pony rides, a big dipper and face painting. In the evening there was a barn dance.

The following year an ingenious obstacle course designed for all ages had children and adults queuing to beat the clock. The course was one of many popular features, including a static microlight and model aircraft display, a flight in the microlight was one of the raffle prizes. Profit was £1,400 and part of the proceeds will help fund the newly established free newsletter, the Community Times.

The tug-of-war also became a feature of the Summer Fair around this time. In 1991 six teams, including two from Nayland took part - a hefty eight-man team from Tolleshunt D'Arcy's Queen's Head heaved their way to a 2-0 victory over Mistley Quay in the tug-of-war final. Horse and carriage rides around the village were another popular attraction, as well as displays by Glemsford Emeralds majorettes and Rowhedge Morris Dances.

In 1986 a steady downpour didn't stop play and the fete went ahead as planned with some stalls taking refuge in the village hall or a marquee. The weather did not stop one of the main attractions - a parachute jump by four members of the Phoenix Free Fall Team from Ipswich. A Dog Obedience Team from Hadleigh also braved the rain as did David Winnards's show herd of goats, the display of classic cars and Roger Clarke's working shires horses gave rides in a cart.

In the 1988 it's a Knockout completion the eventual winners were Nayland Rangers, with Jane Walker Hospital team second and Leavenheath Lion third of five teams. Pledge auction items included a visit to Prime Minister's question time in the house of Commons arranged by Tim Yeo MP. A Victorian carousel with prancing horses, music and light proved popular with children and there were also puppet shows and races. In the evening there was a music hall variety show, 'The Good Old Nayland Days' staged by the Village Players.

By the mid-90s, with a Church Fete introduced in the Spring and their annual Fair in the summer the Community Council considered that two fairs in the year was a lot to sustain and organise. New ideas were sought and the last Fair was held in 1995. For a few years a Barn Dance with a Grand Raffle, was held in local farm barns.



1983: Nayland's vicar, Rev David Stranack, being drenched in the stocks.

1986: Magician Michael Dodd entertained children in the hall when rain tried to stop play.

1988: Soaking wet but cheerful, Julie Harris and Garry Thorogood in the It's A Knockout races.

2000: Four mums, Nicky Hall, Tracey Poole, Gill Boardman and Claire Prescott, with some of the 90 children aged four to nine celebrating the new century.



## NAYLAND WELCOMED THE MILLENNIUM

Two major events marked the turn of the century in Nayland. Firstly, mid-day on the 31st December saw the long awaited official opening of the revitalised Village Hall. Then, the celebration of the Millennium with a torchlight procession, fireworks, bonfire and dancing in the new hall.

Just after 11pm, people of all ages came in numbers from all corners of the village, bearing lanterns and lights and, even more impressively, flaming torches, which lit their way down to the village square around the Christmas tree. There they were joined by a large contingent of barn dancers and moved down to Court Knoll, the earliest Nayland settlement. What an appropriate place wherein to welcome the start of another thousand years.

A large bonfire had been prepared and lit by Fred and Tom Bugg and shadowy figures of the firing party - Iain Wright, Andrew Gowen and Mick Barratt - attended to the last details. The bursting lights, the smoke and cordite drifting on the wind and crescendo after crescendo of noise, flash and explosion gave us a magnificent display worthy of the occasion. We returned to the Village Hall where the 'Last Resort' Band continued to play into the early hours of the



morning. We Stripped the Willow, and Cumberland Squared with verve and gusto, children and adults, learning as we went along.

It was the turn of the younger generation to have their own Millennium celebration in July 2000. Rain made it necessary to move the planned Street Party into the village hall. After two hours of singing and dancing the excited guests sat down to a slap-up tea with a cake making up the number 2000. At the end of the afternoon a net of balloons was let down and every child took home a commemorative mug.

## OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

During the 1980s the Community Council introduced other activities and events to their annual calendar. A Valentine's Dance was first held in 1982; also in that year the newly formed Horticultural Society were invited to hold a Flower Show as part of the Summer Fair.

In 1983 the first Bonfire & Firework Night was held - and is still a hugely popular evening. The first Christmas Bazaar was held in 1984 and having been given a new look in 2009 continues, as a Fayre, to mark the beginning of the festivities in Nayland.

The Community Council provided the very first village Christmas tree, although without lights, in 1987. The following year it was decorated with lights and there was a switch-on ceremony with carols accompanied by the Boxted Silver band. The tree has been provided ever since and from 2014 had permanent underground fixings installed.

The first issue of the Community Times was published in October 1989. A Village Quiz was introduced to the calendar of events in March 1994. In 2006 Joan Moore initiated Nayland's entry in Anglia in Bloom supported by the Community Council; the village won a silver award certificate in the best village category. It was also judged best new entry and received an engraved glass plate.

In the early noughties Street Fayres in the High Street were introduced; the first, in 2001 and the brainchild of Andrew Gowen, had a wartime theme. There was a wonderful atmosphere with non-stop entertainment and displays; village societies showcased their talents and ran stalls and sideshows.

The following year another Street Fayre was held to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee, followed in 2004 with a US Independence Day theme and in 2006 Bastille Day.



- ↑ 2001 Street Fayre with a war-time theme
- ←↑ Christmas Fayre
- ← Fun Village Quiz
- ←↓ The Village Players performed a bawdy bar room sketch at the 2008 US Independence Day Street Fayre
- ↓ 2006 Street Fayre with a French Bastille Day theme





Duck Race



Village Festival



Picnic in the Park



2016 Street Fayre



2020 Santa's Tour of Nayland

In 2008 the format changed to a Village Festival which included a series of events organised by various village societies including: a Duck Race in Fen Street, a Footpath Walk, Treasure Hunt, Bygones & Valuations, Flower Display, Art Exhibition, Barn Dance & BBQ, Picnic with music and sports and an Olde Tyme Music Hall evening.

A further change in format in 2010 introduced a two-day Fun, Food & Music Festival combined with a bicentenary celebration of the Constable painting in St James which saw non-stop entertainment. The weekend began with the Village Players presenting 'A Voyage Through the Musicals', there was excitement with a Duck Race, a Ready Steady Cook competition, stalls and musical entertainment from local groups and bands. In the church the Horticultural Society held a spectacular flower festival with 30 floral displays by village societies and businesses.

For Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 the weather was not kind but the celebrations began with the popular Duck Olympics and the planned Street Party was relocated to the village hall and two additional marquees to accommodate 450 villagers. There were children's amusements and activities including a heraldic shield competition. Spot prizes were awarded for best dressed table, best Jubilee shirt, lucky ticket draw, for the quiz and best window display. After lunch villagers stayed to watch the Thames Pageant screened in the hall. The Horticultural Society had arranged a fascinating collection of 1950s memorabilia in the church and Parish Recorder, Wendy Sparrow, also created a royal display with souvenirs and press cuttings featuring bygone coronations and jubilee celebrations.

During 2013-15 the summer event became a Picnic in the Park led by Iain Wright and Mandy Cook.

The Community Council's 50th Anniversary in 2016 was celebrated with a hugely successful 60s theme Street Fayre led by Claire Buller. There was plenty of music throughout the day with Nayland School Choir, Nayland Choir, the Village Players and the Caverners 60s band. Other features included vintage car rides, a shooting range, a community art project, photo booth, a children's roundabout and village societies ran stalls and sideshows. Visitors supported the theme with amazing 60s attire for the fancy dress competitions. There was a fun quiz, and plenty of children's entertainment including a dressing the doll competition. Two art exhibitions were held in St James's Church, a display illustrating the Council's history. The band played into the evening and villagers were dancing' in the street.

## THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC INTERRUPTION

On 23rd March 2020 the Government announced the first lockdown in the UK due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Life became very different for us all but as a rural community we were perhaps luckier than many.

Residents turned to the internet for information and for shopping and local shopkeepers were a godsend. Locally the Community Council collated a team of volunteers willing to help others with errands, shopping, collecting prescriptions, etc. The Community Times helped relay this and other useful information, including local shopping options and delivery services. Local Facebook groups were set up which provided news, communication, advice and simply helped raised the spirits of residents. Nayland Bear appeared daily to provide humour and charm.

It was possible to run the calendar photographic competition online and produce calendars during the Covid years. The Community Council meetings were conducted via Zoom. It was necessary to cancel the Bonfire & Firework Display (never before in its 34 year history) and the Christmas Fayre. However the CC introduced the Christmas Trail and it has remained popular since then; consisting of Advent Windows, a Christmas Wreath Competition, and a Christmas Tree Trail. As the Christmas Fayre had to be cancelled Father Christmas was invited to tour the village in an open top vintage car giving out bags of chocolate coins to young residents of the village - this too was hugely popular and he now returns each year.

## THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CALENDAR

A village calendar for Nayland with Wissington has been produced for the Community Council by a 'Calendar Team' since 2010.

Following a suggestion by Hazel Gardiner in 2008 a sub-committee was formed to bring the idea to fruition. The team is smaller now but from the beginning to present day Wendy Sparrow has provided historical details and Lorraine Brooks organised the competition and assembled the calendar; Claire Buller has now joined them with this project.

A photographic competition, open to anyone living or working in the parish, is held each April/May to generate the photographs for the twelve months and a front cover.

The stunning photographs which have been entered in the competitions make judging very difficult. During the early years a professional photographer undertook this task and a display was held in the Church Hall. During, and since Covid 19, the competition has been conducted online with residents able to vote for their favourite scenes.

With the support of sponsorship by businesses operating in the Parish, the assistance with sales at venues, such as village shops and society events the calendar has been a useful source of income for the Community Council. It has been printed at Spingold Design & Print located in the village so it really has been a community project.

## THE COMMUNITY TIMES

The Community Times, which was first published in 1989 by the Community Council, was established to "keep the residents of the Nayland and Wissington community informed about the activities of the local clubs, associations and organisations in the village" and to "help promote the objectives of the Community Council".

In the early days it was not expected to generate any income; proceeds from a grand draw at the annual Fete were dedicated each year to funding the Community Times. Advertising was later introduced and the CT gradually became self-financing; it now generates a modest profit for the CC.

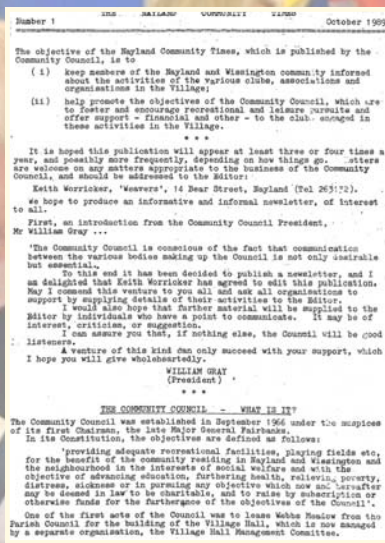
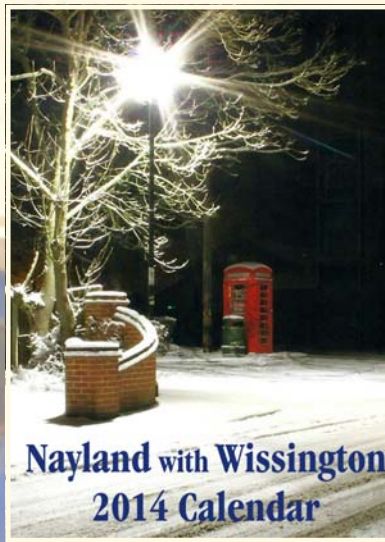
The Community Times has had three editors in its 25 year history. The first editor, Keith Worricker, established the bi-monthly newsletter and developed it into a successful publication. Upon his retirement in October 2002 Sarah Fogarty took the reins until February 2004 when they were passed on to the present editor, Lorraine Brooks, who developed it into a digitally generated magazine.

Of course, the Community times has a whole team of volunteers behind it. The regular contributors of articles, reports and copy and advertisers are vital to make the magazine of interest to readers and a proof-reader ensure copy has no errors. The CT would not reach residents' doors without the loyal team of distributors, currently led by Trevor Smy.

## AWARDS

In 2013 the Parish Council entered the Community Times in the larger village category of the Suffolk Association of Local Council's (SALC) Newsletter of The Year Competition. It was judged as runner up to Elmswell.

In 2014 Nayland with Wissington Community Council were recipients of a Babergh Achievement Award. These annual awards highlight the work of people and groups who make a difference by giving up their time for the benefit of their local communities. Bryan and Jenny Smith, Tricia Hall and Claire Buller represented the Community Council at the awards ceremony.





Grants have included: Fairfield Recreation Ground equipment, Baby & Toddler Group, additional table for the Table Tennis Group, Nayland Meadow projects.



The community access defibrillators at the Village Hall and in Wiston are supplied and maintained by the Community Council.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS

Having completed their initial aim of providing a village hall for the expanding village the Community Council continued with its aims and objectives "to provide adequate recreational facilities and other amenities for the benefit of the community".

In the last 60 years many local organisations have benefitted from Community Council grants. The highest recipient being the Village hall which had grants of over £60,000 since the 1990s.

The Parish Council, Woodland Corner/Playgroup, Primary School, Youth Club, Scouts & Cubs, Nayland Eagles FC, Nayland Rangers FC, Tapestry Singers, Church Hall, Village Players, Conservation Society, Horticultural Society, Art Group, Transition Nayland, St Mary's Wiston, Parkers Way Common Room, Over 60s Club, Luncheon for Over 60s, Nayland Choir, Table Tennis Group, Bowls Club, First Responders, Baby & Toddler Group, Save the Post Office Campaign, St James' Church, Lizzie's Fund, Nayland Meadow, Royal British Legion, Bear Street Christmas Lights, Nayland Bear, Water Level Gauge and the Horsecwatering.

The Community Council continues to monitor local permissive paths, it contributes to the community website, and maintains the community access defibrillators at the Village Hall and in Wiston.

Subject to available funding the Council is committed to maintaining and improving the range of activities and facilities within Nayland with Wiston for the benefit of its residents in line with the aims of its Constitution.

The Community Council is able to support local community or voluntary not-for-profit organisations for the benefit of parish residents. This may be to help fund a specific project, purchase of equipment or event or start-up costs.



## COMMUNITY COUNCIL WEBSITE

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

The Community Council's website gives further information about our aims, objectives, activities and latest news.

Records of our meetings - agendas and archive minutes - are available, as are details of grants awarded and our grant application form. There are pages for the Community Times - with archive copies going back to 2004 available to read - and the Village Calendar and its photographic competition and photo entries.

The History page has an in depth record of the Council's activities from the beginning in 1966 and there are some fascinating photo albums of our events... do take a peek.

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### NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### WELCOME

Established in 1966 the Nayland with Wiston Community Council is an umbrella organisation for some 22 Nayland Societies whose representatives, together with a few co-opted individuals, make up its membership.

In its Constitution the role of the Council is:

"to provide adequate recreational facilities, playing fields, playgrounds, Community Centres, and other amenities of a similar character for the benefit of the community residing in Nayland and Wiston and the neighbourhood in the interests of social welfare and with the objects of advancing education, furthering health, relieving poverty, distress or sickness or in pursuing any objects which now or hereafter may be deemed in law to be charitable by improving the conditions of life of the persons for whom the facilities are primarily intended."

Its main activities are organising:

## THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Membership of the Council consists of representatives of our village societies and organisations as well as individuals with an interest in our community. An Executive Committee is elected each year at our AGM.

Our current Executive committee is: Rachel Hitchcock (Chair), Claire Buller (Vice Chair), Matt Cable (Treasurer), Bryan Smith (President) and Jo Metson, Vicki Sargent, Julie Clark, Iain Wright, Heike Ellwood, Becs Spendiff (Committee). There is currently a vacancy for the Secretary's post.

Nayland is such an active and friendly village and being involved in the Community Council is a great way to be part of it. We welcome new members to bring new ideas and support with popular village events, such as Bonfire Night and the Christmas Fayre, or to contribute new projects. It really isn't an arduous job - we meet every couple of months, provide a forum for all the village societies to come together and share what they are up to, fundraise to support village activities and societies and organise some of the key events in the village calendar. Participation is fun and rewarding and is a great way to make new friends.

Please don't be shy. If you think you can help or would like to find out more please contact:

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**NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY**

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



The Society's three recent events all went very well. Firstly, the Spring Village Litter Pick was well attended with twelve volunteers covering most of the village roads. Our visit to Smallbridge Hall near Wormingford on the 7th May was fascinating, as owners Mike and Heather Hargrove gave an entertaining and comprehensive talk and tour of the house and garden. Rather than charge a fee for the visit, they asked us to make our contribution to the Shelley Centre, a charity which provides horse riding facilities to the disabled. Finally, Chris Hunt lead a group of fifteen ramblers on a most enjoyable circular walk around Arger Fen and Spouse's Vale.

Please note that at the request of our speaker, Beatrice Prosser-Snelling, **our next speaker meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th June and not Tuesday 23rd June** as previously advertised. I am sure everyone will enjoy a talk on 'Benton End House & Gardens', the artistic home of Cedric Morris and the East Anglian School of Art.

Our current treasurer, Richard Evans, has decided to retire at the end of this year having performed an excellent job for the Society. We are therefore anxious to recruit a new treasurer as soon as possible. To make the position more attractive, we do not ask or expect the new treasurer to attend all our committee meetings but merely send in a short, written report. If you are tempted, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, the Society has agreed to pay for a new refuse bin in the High Street, which will replace the wall mounted bin supplied by the Society many years ago. We are currently discussing the arrangements with the Parish Council and we hope to see it installed within the next few months.



**VILLAGE PLAYERS**

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

Chair: Emma Wallis 07942 778536 emmawallis369@gmail.com



The Village Players were delighted with the positive feedback and sold out performances of their most recent production, Flare Path.

The group recently met for their AGM which took place on 13th May at Nayland Church Hall. The existing committee will remain in position with Emma Wallis as chairperson. On the whole it was felt that the Village Players had had a successful year with new members joining both on and off stage and good audiences.

The Autumn production which is now being planned will be a family pantomime. Title and audition dates to be posted on the Facebook page nearer the time.

Social activities planned include a summer boat trip, annual barbeque and hopefully a few theatre trips.

If you would like to get involved in whatever capacity please get in touch with Emma Wallis, details above, or visit [www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk)

Photo: Behind the scenes for 'Flare Path'



## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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We had a good number of entries for our annual **Spring Flower Show** on 28th March, and the Church Hall was full of Spring colour and scent. Once judging had been completed, we had a good number of visitors during the morning who were able to enjoy the beautiful floral entries. Refreshments were available and some delicious home made cakes and preserves were on sale. Our raffle was very well supported. Our thanks to the judge and the helpers on the day, and to all those who came along to support this event.

The Show had a total of 9 entrants producing 44 exhibits. The winner of the Olive Noakes Cup was Liz Bennett on 21 points, Trevor Smy took second place with 13 points and Terry Bannister came third with 11 points. Class results were:

Pot Spring Bulbs	<i>No entries</i>
Pot Five Narcissus:	Liz Bennett, - , Trevor Smy
Pot miniature Narcissus:	Jane Barbrook, Liz Bennett, Trevor Smy
Pot Polyanthus or Primula:	Jane Barbrook,
Flowering houseplant:	Liz Bennett, Alan Bennett
Non-Flowering houseplant:	Liz Bennett, Alan Bennett
Three blooms floating in water:	Liz Bennett, Sue Callaghan, Alan Bennett
Arrangement 'Host of Daffodils':	Terry Bannister
Arrangement 'Spring Fever':	Chris Jacobs
Vase Hyacinths:	Trevor Smy, Liz Bennett, Joanna Petersen
Vase mixed flowers/shrubs:	Terry Bannister, Trevor Smy
Vase single flowering shrub/tree:	Jane Barbrook, Liz Bennett
Vase three Tulips	Sue Callaghan, Alan Bennett, Anne Spencer
Vase one Camellia:	Terry Bannister
Vase six assorted Narcissus:	Joanna Petersen, Terry Bannister, Liz Bennett
Vase six miniature Narcissus:	Chris Jacobs, Trevor Smy,
Vase three specimen Narcissus:	Joanna Petersen, Liz Bennett, Trevor Smy
Rhubarb, 3 stalks:	Trevor Smy



Thank you to those who attended our **AGM** and Quiz on the 14th April. The Chairman, Trevor Smy, gave his report on last year's programme of events, together with outlining forthcoming ones. The Treasurer's Statement of Accounts and Secretary's report were distributed. The Minutes of 2024 AGM were also available. These were approved by those present.

Richard Cave kindly chaired the election of officers and committee members. Officers re-elected were Trevor Smy (Chair), Jane Barbrook (Secretary), Margaret Smy (Treasurer); (Committee) Chris Jacobs, Colin Ramsell, Sheila Wildish, Shirley Whitnell and Tina Stevens. Trevor thanked Richard for chairing the elections. He also thanked the committee for their work and support in 2025/26. The formalities of the AGM were followed by a horticultural-themed Fun Quiz.



The **Morning Market** on **10th May** was a great success raising over £580. There were lots of flower and vegetable plants for sale, as well as delicious home-made cakes and preserves. We had a large number of visitors during the morning creating very happy atmosphere to relax and enjoy refreshments with friends. We are very grateful to everyone who supported the market by donating items for sale or for the raffle, helping us man the stalls or coming along on the day.

Membership for 2026 is available and good value at just £3 for single or £5 for joint membership. Application forms are available at our events, from Margaret Smy or on the website.

On **Sunday 14th June** at 6pm Patricia and Richard Cave have very kindly invited HortSoc members to visit their beautiful garden in Stoke Road. Refreshments will be provided.

This and the Summer Garden Party are members only events - for catering purposes please book your place by contacting Margaret Smy on 262022 or [trevor.smy24@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.smy24@gmail.com). Further details on page 11

Our annual **Summer Garden Party** for members will take place on **Friday 10th July** at 7pm. Mig and Peter Drew are very kindly hosting us in their lovely garden at Candy Lane House. There will be refreshments and a buffet.

Schedules for the **Summer Flower Show** to be held on **Saturday 1st August** are being distributed locally. If you require additional copies, they are available from Forget Me Not and Mill Street Deli or can be downloaded from our website. Schedules can also be collected from a committee member. Hort Soc are grateful to the advertisers in the schedule who enable us to fund this promotion.

Please note that there have been a few changes to our classes again this year so please check the schedule. The subject for the adults' photography section will be '*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.

It is necessary for entries to be submitted by 6pm on Wednesday 29th July. We look forward to seeing the exhibits you have grown, cooked or made in our friendly show... and the visitors during the afternoon.



## NAYLAND CINEMA

Karen Freeman karenfreeman@suffolkonline.net Mob: 07773 402765

Since the last edition of the Community Times we have screened 'Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere' and 'The Choral' to a good audience. The cinema committee try to give you the most accurate information in a timely fashion but, due to reasons out of our control, we may have to make some changes and sometimes at short notice. We were unable to screen The Choral on the date advertised due to the film industry delaying the release date for the DVD and therefore we had to make the switch. In a situation like this we update the posters which Mary puts up around the village and in the Deli and update the Nayland Cinema website as we have good support for the cinema from outside of Nayland, so please do check. If the Deli were for any reason unable to provide food at a particular screening this would also be noted on the cinema website and there would also be a note on the Mill Street Deli website when booking your table.

I'm sure that you will agree that the Deli provides interesting and delicious food for us to enjoy before the film but this has to be prepared in advance and the amount to prepare is difficult to assess when numbers are unknown. Ross and Jade would therefore be grateful if diners could please book a table and sufficiently early prior to the film screening date so that they can prepare enough food!

Our next quarter's films have been confirmed with the first on 15th July being 'Song Sung Blue' based on a true story. Future cinema dates to pop in your diaries are: as follows: *further details on page 18.*

- **Friday 19th June: 'Hamnet' (2025)** 1582 William Shakespeare (*Paul Mescal*), a struggling Latin teacher, and Agnes Hathaway (*Jessie Buckley*), a farmer's daughter fall in love. William moves to London to pursue a career as a playwright, often leaving Agnes to raise their three children alone. They are tested by distance, silence, and grief. With profound grief challenging both his creativity and sanity, William channels his experience into The Tragedy of Hamlet.
- **Friday 17th July: 'Marty Supreme' (2025)** Marty Supreme is a drama about Marty Mauser (*Timothée Chalamet*), a charismatic but deeply selfish and obsessive 1950s New York City table tennis hustler. Loosely inspired by the life of real-life ping-pong champion Marty Reisman, the movie follows Marty's relentless, chaotic quest to hustle for funding and become a world champion, often at the expense of his personal life and the people around him.
- **Friday 28th August: 'H is Hawk' (2025)** H is for Hawk follows Helen (*Claire Foy*), who, after the sudden death of her father (*Brendan Gleeson*), loses herself in the memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together and turns the ancient art of falconry training with a wild goshawk named Mabel to navigate her profound loss. But as she teaches Mabel to hunt and fly free, Helen discovers how deeply she has neglected her own emotions and life.



## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975  
Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

At our April meeting James Finch kept members entertained talking about Suffolk County Council and answering questions, particularly about highway repairs.

Our AGM took place on 14th May and our current officers agreed to continue with their roles. A programme of our meetings is being assembled.

On 11th June the subject of our talk will be 'Fabergé Eggs' and on 9th July a local policeman will talk about police matters and security. We look forward to our annual Garden Party on 2nd August at one of our member's garden.

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 at the Church Hall in Bear Street.



## NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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Facebook: Creffield Medical Group



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

**GP Shutdown Events:** The Surgery is closed from 12 noon on Tuesday 16th June for training purposes.

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 31st August 2026 - please make sure that you request your prescription in plenty of time due to Bank Holidays. Our dispensary requires 5 WORKING DAYS to process and dispense. Thank you

### NHS Vaccinations

The RSV vaccine helps protect against infection with RSV, a common virus that can make babies and older adults seriously ill. It is offered on the NHS if you are pregnant, aged 75 or over, or live in a care home for older adults.

Shingles vaccine is a two part vaccination usually administered 6-12 months apart. The NHS shingles vaccine is available for adults turning 65, those aged 70 to 79, and individuals 18+ with severely weakened immune systems.

Please contact the surgery on 01206 570371 or pop in! To book or for us to check your eligibility.

### Summer Months

The summer is upon us. Hopefully the weather is good! If so... please make sure you keep hydrated, wear a hat and sun cream!

### New Starters!

We have two new colleagues at Nayland Surgery: **Angela** is a dispenser, with lots of experience, she has previously worked in GP practices in Suffolk, she'll be in the dispensary and helping our prescription team. **Samantha** joins reception with many years of experience working in the NHS in hospital based settings. You will see them training with us in the next few weeks... then going at it alone! (Please be kind!!!) We wish them lots of happiness in their new roles.



## THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

Sally Dalton johnansal@live.co.uk 262675

The warmer weather has arrived and people have been returning to enjoy the Green, The signs have been put out to remind visitors parking, barbecues and fires are not permitted on the Green.

The cowslips put on a good show. The grass cutting contractors have mown a path up to the benches and were asked to trim right down to the riverbank to prevent the reeds from going beyond their bounds.

Swans have been seen only occasionally and have not bred here but a few ducklings have been seen - so has a large pike, lurking to pick them off.

*Photo: Visitors enjoying the Green on 2nd May, Antony Day*



## SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

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

[www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)

### Nayland with Wissington Crime Review

**March:** 1x Theft, 4x Non-Crime Incidents

**April:** 1x Assault

This month I am going to write about some common scams, provide some advice on what to do and where to report them. A scam is a person trying to trick someone out of money or something else of value. Scams are a type of fraud, so illegal and a crime. It can occur face to face, but the vast majority are now remote via phone call/text/email/social media and tactics used by criminals now can include voice cloning, which I will explain shortly.

A local police force, such as Suffolk Constabulary, would typically become involved in this type of fraud in circumstances where there is a **vulnerable victim** or there is a **local suspect** and/or the scam is **in progress** when police hear about it and we can prevent it or catch the criminal. **If someone is at an address trying to scam someone, or someone is expected at an address imminently, then call 999.**

In circumstances where the suspect is local, someone is being blackmailed, or the victim vulnerable **but the danger is over**, then call 101 or make an online report via [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk). Even if contacting the local police, you will likely also need to report scams/fraud to 'Report Fraud' (*previously called Action Fraud*) via 0300 123 2040 or online here [www.reportfraud.police.uk](http://www.reportfraud.police.uk) - as although Suffolk Police can take immediate actions to prevent a crime, catch a local suspect, or safeguard someone, it is ultimately for 'Report Fraud' to formally record the crime. 'Report Fraud' is the national reporting service for fraud and cyber-crime, they support England, Wales and Northern Ireland and they can also direct local police forces to do belated enquiries to investigate these types of crime after analysing their report.

**Phishing scams** are a common type of scam now, this will be a text, call, email, website or maybe even social media contact. They could be claiming they are police, the council, your bank, a parking company demanding money for a fine, or a relative that has lost their phone and need money in an emergency. Never click on any links, treat them with scepticism especially if they are in a hurry or requesting money, don't reply. If visiting a website, find it online to make sure you visit the real one, don't follow a link on an email even if it looks genuine. Make sure the website has the locked padlock symbol next to the address line indicating it is secure and your data is less likely to be intercepted. Get a second opinion from someone and aim to call the company or organisation back via a number you find (not a number they have provided) to double check the contact is legitimate. If you do end up answering a scam call, ensure the call has completely ended before dialling another number, as I am aware of some cases where the caller can keep the line open, giving the impression that you have hung up when you are actually still connected to them, allowing them to then pose as the organisation you are attempting to contact. Ultimately, **you need to be automatically suspicious of any contact, particularly if a request for something of value is involved**, such as money, gift vouchers, jewellery, or gold. The scams are getting more sophisticated now, with research sometimes being done before the contact, they could even pretend to be someone you know. Voice cloning is also a growing threat, if a scammer does enough research and has the tools, they could contact a person via phone, clone their voice when they talk, then contact a friend of that person and impersonate them during a voice call; **for that reason it is best now not to even answer suspected scam calls**, let them go to voice mail and assess from there.

**Where to report phishing scams:** General phishing scam attempts don't need to be reported to 'Report Fraud' or the local police, but put the number '7726' as a contact on your phone called "Scam" and a contact in your emails with the same name with the email [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and do the following from now on...

\* **With suspicious phone calls and text messages**, text the originating number to 7726 or forward the message to 7726, free of charge. This will alert your phone service provider about the number, and they will look to shut down the number and may block it for you as well.

\* Send **scam/phishing emails** to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) (forward the email). they will also look to take action to analyse the email and any links, investigate websites and work with companies to remove or block.

The more people that send off this information, the more websites, emails, phone lines will get tackled and it will help reduce the overall volume of scams.



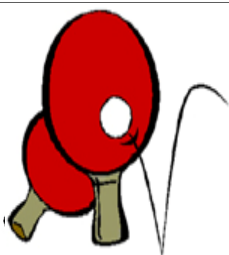
## THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Terry Bannister 262454      Gale Scott 262061

Our last lunch in April was well attended and most enjoyable. Our speaker was Duncan Bickley gave an entertaining talk entitled 'My Adventures In Helicopters' about his career as a helicopter pilot, Instructor, and examiner with over 20 years helicopter flying experience. He also showed a video from 1967 of Nayland during his childhood which included the Donkey Derby with floats going through our village. His father took the cine film which was excellent and a surprise for us all.

Our next lunch will be on Wednesday 7th October at the village hall when the speaker will be from Gainsborough House Sudbury - more details next issue.

Thank you to the team and everyone who supported the lunch and our village hall.



## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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Chris Buckley 07966 266255      chris@thebuckleyfamily.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 Chris or Jane for more information or call in on a Monday afternoon for a chat. No previous experience necessary and all are welcome.



## ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

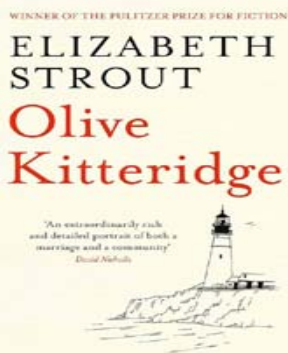
Jeannette Finch 262993      Rose Cottage, Fen Street

Many compliments have been expressed about the beautiful flowers in the church, particularly so during the weddings held during the summer in St James.

The village is most grateful to the team of dedicated and talented flower arrangers who keep the church decorated throughout the year. Donations towards flowers throughout the year, and for Christmas, can be given to Jeannette Finch, Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street.

### CALLING THOSE WITH AN INTEREST IN FLOWER ARRANGING

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



## BOOK CLUB

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We recently finished reading 'Olive Kitteridge' by Elizabeth Strout. Set in a fictional small American town in Maine, where Olive, a retired teacher, lives with her husband Henry. They have one child, a son called Christopher. Olive's relationship with him is complicated. Olive is a complex character and is not immediately likeable. Olive appears in every chapter of the book, either as a reference or minor character and Olive is the continuous thread that binds the stories together.

We are currently reading 'Just One Damned Thing After Another' by Jodi Taylor.



## NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Team Leader: Adam Lunn  
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Thank you to everyone who visited our stall at the Nayland Church Fete over the May Bank Holiday. Adam and Corinne met lots of families, including some very inquisitive children who were keen to learn about CPR and what to do in a medical emergency.

We would also like to thank the Nayland with Wissington Parish Council for their generous donation to our charity. The timing was perfect, as we had recently received new handsets for our dedicated Trust mobile phones. Their donation enabled us to purchase new charging cables and personalised phone cases, making the mobiles more noticeable if put down while attending a call.

Members of the group also attended the official unveiling of the first public access defibrillator in neighbouring Little Horkesley. Previously, we supported the village by delivering basic life support and defibrillator training, as well as offering advice on purchasing and positioning the device.

We are currently recruiting for more responders. Applications need to be made via the East of England Ambulance Service website. Essential criteria are:

- be over 18
- be able to carry our 25kg bags
- pass a DBS check
- have a full driving licence and access to a road worthy car.

For more information, please email [adam.lunn@eastamb.gov.uk](mailto:adam.lunn@eastamb.gov.uk) or visit the East of England Ambulance Service website for volunteer vacancies.



## ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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

I am pleased to say that regular rota of services continue at St James. The family service which is celebrating its fifth year, is held on the third Sunday of each month and is particularly well attended. Easter is an important time in the church calendar and a number of special services were held at churches in the benefice to celebrate this. This year it is pleasing that several weddings will take place in St James.

Wednesday coffee mornings are certainly popular, as are the delicious home made cakes and pastries, all are welcome to join us from 10am to 12 noon.

We are lucky in Nayland to have our church in the centre of the village and the churchyard provides a peaceful spot. Sections of the churchyard are left fairly wild to encourage birds and insects as well as a display of wild flowers, but it still needs to be kept reasonably tidy and for this we are grateful to Steve and Stuart who mow the grass.

The Annual Parochial Church (PCC) meeting was held at the end of April in St James' Church. Reports of organisations involved with church events and the general running of the church were presented and churchwardens were re-elected.

There remains a vacancy for another Church Warden to share the role with Kathy Hunt in maintaining the smooth running of church activities, if anyone fancies helping do please get in touch.

The Church is very grateful for the huge effort by those who organised another successful Church Fete on Monday 4th May. it is a significant undertaking and their efforts were much appreciated.

Unfortunately there were delays getting the scaffolding in place to carry out work to the roof but hopefully work will start soon.

**Finally, does anyone have the servery key which is on a white key ring. If so please let me know on 01206 262014**



## NAYLAND MEADOW LTD

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F: Nayland Meadow



### WHAT NOW ?

#### 1. DESILTING AND BOARDWALK PLATFORM PROJECTS

As you will all know, last December when the pond de-silting exercise was carried out, a huge 800 cubic metres of silt were deposited around the pond. This silt has now largely been re-contoured and we will seed this and it should all blend in beautifully during 2026. The boardwalk/platform is NOW OPEN.

A polite notice to dog owners: please ensure dogs are kept on leads whilst on the platform. The boardwalk extends over the pond and leads directly, without fencing, into the meadow where sheep and local wildlife roam. Additionally, can we remind dog owners to clean up after their dogs and make use of the dog waste bins on Caley Green and at the entrance to the Anchor car park.

#### 2. PROJECT COSTS

I have recently been asked about the costs of these two projects. It is a good question. In round terms:

1. the de-silting cost £26,000 with FiPL (farming in protected landscape part of DEFRA) grant funding of £22,000 ie a net cost £4,000 to NML - essentially this was the cost of dealing with the water voles which are highly protected (but very cute and special). The pond should be good for 20 years +.
2. the boardwalk/platform cost £39,500 with DEFRA access funding of £30,000 ie a net cost £9,500 to NML - essentially this was the difference between cost and the grant available + the planning costs.

So £13,500 reserves now spent but I think Nayland Meadow is very well-placed for the future in terms of capital expenditure. Competitive tendering was used on both projects. I think we have spent well. In both cases NML is hugely grateful to FiPL and DEFRA. Without the grants the two projects simply would not have happened.

#### 3. ONGOING FUNDING ?

On an ongoing basis, Nayland Meadow's operational costs consistently outpace any income generated. Every penny is dedicated to site upkeep, with no fees taken by anyone involved. Increased volunteer participation helps reduce external costs, but some expenses are unavoidable.

It is imperative to address these financial challenges proactively, rather than waiting until funds are depleted. Nayland Meadow is a valued, village asset, managed locally (which we believe is crucial). However, continued community support - both financial and through volunteering - is essential. The sheep do not generate revenue and any funds from countryside stewardship schemes are expected to decline sharply, making donations our primary income source.

The running costs cover a wide range of needs: insurance, land drainage rates, maintenance and collection of grass and wildflowers, transport of cuttings, repairs (posts, fencing, gates), footpath, tree, and hedge upkeep, plus information boards, owl and bird boxes, tools, and more. The transformation from the original field is remarkable - Nayland Meadow is now an award-winning amenity, providing enjoyment and exercise every day.

Maintaining the site at its current standard costs approximately £6,000 annually - just over £16 per day. Regular contributions are much more effective for long-term planning. As a registered charity, NML benefits from Gift Aid, meaning 125% of each donation is received (if you want to donate please do get in touch as below).

Fundraising, donations, grants and even legacies must all be considered. Further details will follow, but any suggestions regarding volunteering or financial support are very welcome. Email/call me on martincewright2@hotmail or 07768 006546 or contact any of the board directly if you prefer - John Carpenter, Cameron Craig, Rob Dryden, David Slater and Luke Speakman.



**SHEPHERD**  
**07885 745074**  
 (if you see a sheep in distress)



## Family@Nayland

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Our family services are held on the third Sunday of every month at 10am at St James' Church, Nayland.

We've been celebrating the Easter season, which in the church calendar continues for 50 days after Easter. In April, we heard the story of the Road to Emmaus, where even two of his own friends didn't recognise the resurrected Jesus. We tried to recognise some photos of our own congregation when they were younger - we didn't get them all right!

In May we read how Jesus ascended to Heaven and told his friends to be witnesses for him to the ends of the earth. We discovered our congregation have almost been to all the ends of the earth, from Australia to the Falkland Islands to the Arctic! And amazingly our congregation in May included three 90 year olds - we aim to appeal to all ages!

All are very welcome to join us: our next services are 21st June and 19th July. We'd love to see you!



## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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

We held a Branch meeting on Monday 13th April with speaker Capt. Richard Channon RN (Rtd), describing his time in the Royal Navy's conventional and nuclear submarine Service for many years. This was a well-attended meeting which discussed our next activities - a visit to RAF Wattisham in July and to the Anglo-Saxon ship project in August. Our next meeting will be on 15th June and on 17th August our speaker will be Pat O'Malley (a relative won the VC in WW1) and on 12th October Paul White will talk about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The RBL held its 'alternate year' St George's day lunch at The Anchor on 23rd April, 37 people attended and enjoyed an excellent roast beef lunch. The after-lunch entertainment being a one2one between Chris Hunt and Air Commodore Robert Lightfoot (Rtd) AFC, who, apart



from being a career RAF pilot, had been chief display pilot for the RAF in Lightning fighters, Oic RAF Falkland Islands, and MoD expert and Commander of the Royal Flight for the Sultan of Oman. Robert brought along his AFC award and a number of interesting items from his time abroad.

At the invitation of a historical group in Colchester, members attended a memorial service for the crew of Lancaster UM-K2 DV177 based at RAF Wickenby in Lincolnshire, which was returning to base from a raid on Karlsruhe when it was attacked by an enemy night fighter and severely damaged. Unable to make a landing at RAF (USAAF) Boxted the aircraft crashed, killing all 7 crew members.

The memorial stands by the Safestore site on Ipswich Road and the moving service was attended by RAF Air cadets, the bugler from the Boxted Silver Band, our Standard Bearer David Wiles and a number of Nayland RBL Members.

The photo (right) shows the Nayland Branch Standard Bearer, David Wiles at the memorial with the Union Standard.

It is a coincidence that the Village Players had just performed the play 'Flare Path' and the account of the crash on the memorial says that the Americans at Boxted "... turned on their Flare Path ..." to try and guide the stricken Lancaster down. This was of course an unusual and brave thing to do as it was known that an enemy fighter was in the area. The pilot of the Lancaster was a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force aged just 22.





## NAYLAND ART GROUP

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We have continued with our drawing and painting. Although we usually work from life or from photos, some of us recently enjoyed a challenge to collectively recreate a painting by the artist Raoul Dufy: Bowl of Sweet Peas.

We divided a picture of the painting into four and painted a part each in our two hour session, trying to ensure that the shapes and colours matched as closely as possible. We added the challenge of using gouache paint which most of us had not used before. Although it is similar to watercolour in the way it is mixed and applied, gouache is more opaque so that the layers are not transparent in the same way. There are also differences in the vibrancy, texture and luminosity of the paint. It was a very interesting and enjoyable exercise.



We meet on Wednesday afternoons in term time (2-4 pm) in the Church Hall on Bear Street. We are a small and very informal mixed ability group who just enjoy painting, drawing and being creative so do get in touch if you would like to try it.



## COLOURED PENCIL ART GROUP

Mary Knapp 01206 345499 or 07775 478971 [mary.eva.knapp@gmail.com](mailto: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.



## NAYLAND CHOIR

Reg Charity No 1216038



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Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring concert back in March. It was cold but there was a lovely atmosphere and we've had some lovely feedback from the audience. We really enjoyed singing such beautiful music in St James' church with an orchestra.

We are now working towards our next concert which will be 'A night at the Opera' on Friday 26th June in the village hall - doors open at 6.30 pm for a light supper at 7pm and the concert at 7.30pm. We are following operatic tradition from Handel to Queen via some popular favourites and including musical pieces by Sondheim and - of course- featuring a medley from Phantom of the Opera.



We hope to see many of you there in our audience - but why stop at being in the audience? Have you thought about joining the choir but weren't sure if it was for you? Or would you like to join us but don't have the time for a regular commitment? Do you just fancy a day of fun and song? We will be having a 'Come and Sing' day on Saturday 18th July in the village hall from 10 am - 4.00 pm. This is your chance to spend a day with us, learning and practising some new music and holding an informal performance for ourselves and family/ friends at the end of the day. It doesn't matter if you haven't sung in a choir since school or are unsure of your ability - everyone welcome! Please note that our ticketing system has changed. However, by the time that this Community Times goes to print, we hope to have tickets available for sale for both events on a new platform. Details will be posted on our website as soon .



## NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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Facebook:  
 Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



The group have been outside in the sunshine when the weather has been nice enjoying sand and water play. Our Toddler's hospital has been enjoyed by all.

There is always lots going on indoors too... tricycles, trampoline, slide, play dough table and a wide variety of toys.

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 forthcoming dates for the summer term are: May 8th & 15th; June 12th, 19th & 26th and July 3rd.



## NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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As the sunshine begins to appear and the days grow longer, there is a real sense of excitement around Nayland Primary School. Spring is one of our favourite times of year because it means more opportunities to get outside and enjoy learning in the fresh air.

At Nayland, we are incredibly lucky to have such beautiful grounds, and outdoor learning is a huge part of school life. Our Forest School sessions in the woods are always a highlight, with children building dens, exploring nature and developing confidence through hands-on activities. The school grounds also become a giant classroom through orienteering activities across the curriculum, helping pupils practise maths, reading and problem-solving while being active outdoors.



This term, children have also been busy creating our very own show garden for the Suffolk Show. Pupils have loved getting involved with planting, designing and thinking creatively about how to make the garden special.

Playtimes have become even more energetic thanks to our fantastic Playleaders, who have been teaching traditional skipping songs and French skipping games to younger pupils. It has been lovely to see children enjoying playground games together and learning new skills.

We have also welcomed some exciting sporting visitors recently. A player from Colchester United FC visited the school to lead football activities, while an Essex netball coach inspired children with fun coaching sessions. These visits have helped build enthusiasm as we begin athletics training ready for Sports Day later this term.

One of our favourite places to relax is the school bell tent, where children enjoy reading outside surrounded by nature. It has become a calm and cosy space for sharing stories in the spring sunshine.

We are especially excited about the new platform in the Nayland meadow. We have already enjoyed an early trip there for pond dipping and discovered lots of fascinating wildlife. We cannot wait to make even more use of this wonderful space in the months ahead.



## YOUTH CLUB

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Youth Club had a break during the Easter holidays.

It was great to come together again in May. For the first time it was warm and light enough to spend the evening outside - we had simultaneous cricket, rounders and football matches taking place. Wonderful to see such enthusiasm and energy! We finished as always with a short prayer, this time asking God to be with the Year 6 children about to do their SATs the following week.



Our next sessions are 12th June and 10th July. For more information, or if you would be interested in joining our rota of leaders, please contact Helen at [benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk](mailto:benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk).



## Woodland Corner

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Thank you to those of you that supported our Quiz at the Hare & Hounds, we had a fantastic evening and raised over £500 that will go towards the cost of installing acoustic rafts to improve the sound quality in our classroom. We are very grateful to both the Community Council and the Parish Council for their donations towards the cost for this improvement. To continue to raise money for the acoustic rafts we will be holding a sponsored Toddle Waddle in June.

This term at pre-school we are learning about families with visits from younger siblings and grandparents for us to expand our knowledge. We have made a display with pictures from when we were babies and have had great fun playing "guess the baby", we will also be celebrating Father's Day with a coffee morning. Our Road Safety was a very useful and important topic as the children have reiterated the basic road safety rules and have been heard asking their parents to hold their hand while they're out. We practised walking over the school's Zebra crossing and know to look out for Toucan/Pelican and Zebra crossings when crossing the road.

We are incredibly fortunate that during our 'People who help us' topic Rix farm will visit with a tractor and show us some crops for us to talk about how they grow and what can be made with them; we are also having visits from a doctor, builder and a nurse. Our transition activities for the children moving on to reception are well underway with them practising getting changed for PE, trying on school uniform and Learner Gang. We are looking forward to the reception teachers from many different schools coming to visit us.

Our garden has been enhanced with the delivery of a new car and the children are enjoying role playing being the driver and passengers on all sorts of journeys. Thank you Joe for the time and resources used to make this for us.

Our extended schools children have been playing chess, reading, role play, loom bands, lots of craft and outside play with the bikes, scooters and playing lots of sports on the astro!



We have limited spaces for the Summer Term and are now taking bookings for the Autumn. Please get in touch to arrange a visit and discuss your requirements.

Please remember to drop off any used inkjet cartridges to Woodland Corner for recycling.

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

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

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



## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 304 928    [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net) > Village Hall

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646    Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825  
[naylandvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:naylandvillagehall@gmail.com)

### MAY MEETING

#### MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for May was read out.
- The quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The May fire checks were completed. One fire exit light needs to be fixed. Locks will be asked to complete this task.

#### MAINTENANCE

- The dishwasher has been repaired.
- The hall windows have been cleaned and will be every 2 months.
- The kitchen will be refurbished. The ovens will be professionally cleaned.
- The Parish Council will be given an estimate of the cost of the refurbishment of the kitchen.
- The windows to the basement will be bricked up.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Village Hall Performance Rights Licence has been paid.
- A smart meter has been installed in the hall.
- It was agreed that the hall should retain the 3 large waste bins & request 1 recycling bin.
- The VHMC agreed to raise the hiring costs from 1st June to

£17 an hour for residents & £25 an hour for non residents.  
 This is to ensure sufficient funds for maintenance

#### BOOKINGS

- The numbers of bookings are increasing, early booking is advised.
- Information about the noise limiter has been added to the booking form.
- Two A3 notices will be placed in the hall telling hirers not to stack the chairs too close to the curtains.
- Aspects of the Constitution relating to bookings were discussed.

#### ROOF REPLACEMENT

- Practical completion of the contract with Evers has been given. Any defects in the work occurring in the next 12 months will be Evers responsibility to correct.

#### FUNDRAISING

- The hall will need continual maintenance and will need continued fundraising.

#### AOB

- Jones, the builders, who are renovating the old schoolhouse, have been given permission to park 3 vehicles in the hall car park.
- A request by Mandy Cook to hang some scenery panels from a previous Players pantomime was discussed.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:** will be Monday 1st June at 7.30pm in the hall committee room.

### 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.

### COLLECTION OF KEYS

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

### 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.

### CLASSES & GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Mondays: 9.30 Acrylic Painting, 2pm Table Tennis, 5pm Soccer School, 6.30 Clubercise
- Tuesdays: 9.15 Pilates, 3pm Pickle Ball, 6pm Fitness Class
- Wednesdays: 9.15 Baby Massage & Yoga
- Thursdays: 3pm Pickle Ball, 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](http://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.

## NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: March & April 2026 *by David Lowe*

**March** brought a significant change in the weather compared to the previous three months, with below average rainfall, above average temperature, sun hours and solar energy. This was largely due to the jet stream moving further north, often north of the UK, carrying the centre of depressions and the most active rain bearing areas of weather fronts further away from us.

Mean temperature was 8.5°C (7.1) with a max of 17°C (17.2). Minimum was 0.2°C (-1.79). The lowest max was 7 (8.28).

There were 4 days when 10°C was not reached (11.22) and 24 when 15°C was not reached (26.61). Bright sun hours were 220.5 (213.63) and solar energy was 6950 Ly (6472). Evapotranspiration was 53.5 mm, almost double rainfall at 28 mm (38.1).

The highest daily rainfall amount was 4.6 mm (8.91) and highest rainfall rate 46.2 mm/hr.

Average wind speed was 5.2 mph (4.98) with highest gust 39 mph (39.5). Highest daily average was 12.4 mph (11.78). There were 8 days on which wind over 30 mph was recorded (4.05) and 3 over 35 mph (1.83). The mean direction was WSW.

**April** was a dry, sunny, warm but windy month. No records were broken, but a number of statistics were high end. Pressure was often high and to the north/east of the UK, during the second half of the month, giving rise to the prevailing ESE wind direction, and the sunny, windy theme.

Mean temperature was 11°C (9.44) with a max of 23.2°C (21.3) and min of 0.2°C (0.77). Lowest max was 12.2°C (10.51). Frost was limited to 4 grass frosts – normally 2.22 air and 4.55 ground.

10°C was exceeded every day (average 3.28 not) and 15°C exceeded on 23 days (average 17.39 not). 20°C was exceeded on 4 days (2.55).

Bright sun hours were 307 (288) third highest over the 18 year record period and half an hour behind last year. Solar energy was 11750 Ly (10674) fourth equal highest. Evapotranspiration was 102 mm, second highest.

Monthly rain was 6 mm (30.07) third lowest with highest rainfall rate at 14.2 mm/hr (31.73).

Average wind speed was 5.8 mph (4.65) with a high gust of 32 mph (33.61). Highest daily average was 13 mph (9.92). The prevailing wind direction was ESE.

Photo: 'Spring Returns To The Stour Valley'



## PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS IN NAYLAND & WISTON

There are now 3 public access defibrillators in Nayland and Wiston with a new defibrillator (jointly funded by the Parish Council and the Community Council) installed on 9th September at Bures Road, Wiston to serve the more rural areas of the parish.

### 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.

All of our public access defibrillators are registered with The Circuit, the British Heart Foundation system linked to the Ambulance Service. This means that the Ambulance Service will refer 999 callers to the closest defibrillator if needed.

### 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.



## THE RIVER STOUR AT NAYLAND

If you ask any visitor what attracts them to Nayland they will almost certainly say "The river" or perhaps the landscape, or the architecture of the village. It is probably true to say that without the river there may never have been a village.

There is little evidence of early occupation here but we know that in Roman times there was a ford across the river where the main road from Colchester crossed the River Stour. The field now called Court Knoll, where the village began, stood up above the water when the river valley was flooded and Anglo Saxon settlers may have used this "island" as a fortified camp.

There are large gaps in the history of Nayland but early residents would always have been dependent on the river for transport and communication. For centuries the Stour was a fast

running river and in the Middle Ages nearly all villages on its banks possessed a water mill. At the time of the Domesday survey Nayland had one mill. The river turned the wheels for grinding corn for hundreds of years but in the 1920s an enterprising retired grocer seeing the power of the water running through the redundant mill set up an electric generator which powered lighting for the village for 15 years.

From the 14th to the 17th century the wool trade brought prosperity to the Stour Valley but after its decline Nayland and other villages along the river became more industrial. There has undoubtedly always been some sort of traffic on the river and its course has been altered by man at different times to suit his purposes. After the 1705 Navigation Act the Stour was locked and made navigable from Sudbury to Manningtree and a huge variety of goods was carried upstream and down by horse drawn barges, including flour ground at Nayland and Wiston mills and many other mills along the river. The navigation was important for more than 200 years but the decline began with the coming of the railways in the 19th century and gradually the river became disused and neglected.

There have been many books written about the River Stour but one of the best descriptions of the decline of the navigation was in Ambrose Waller's book *The Suffolk Stour* written in 1957. Mr Waller was the Chairman of the River Stour (Essex and Suffolk) Catchment Board and wrote about the problems faced by the river authorities in the early 20th century. He described the derelict navigation and neglected river with

its broken down locks and fallen trees impeding the flow of the river, leading to much flooding. After the First World War a Drainage Board had been set up to deal with the problems and some of the mills and locks were eventually demolished.

In the 1920s water began to be taken from the Stour to supply the growing population in Essex and schemes of water transfer and abstraction in recent years continue to cause concern for the wellbeing of the river. From old photographs we can see how wide and deep the river used to be but there are stretches now where it is difficult for even a rowing boat to go. Back in 1957 Ambrose Waller wrote of his fear then that "with the ever increasing demand for water from the Stour, both to irrigate the farming land and to provide potable water for the people of Essex, our lovely river may in time dwindle to a mere trickle".

The decline of the river has been very gradual but it is a depressing prospect. These days very few fishermen are seen on the river bank whereas in the 1950s the Stour was known to be one of the finest rivers in the south of the country for coarse fishing. The water was crystal clear with a gravel bed and supported in particular, large shoals of specimen roach and dace. Fishermen came from far and wide to fish at Nayland, many of them staying at the Anchor Inn. While there are still plenty of fish in the river the quality of the fishing has declined due to the amount of abstraction, water transfer schemes and changes made by the river authority to alleviate flooding in the river valley.

Significant changes came with the building of the Nayland bypass in the 1960s, the construction of new bridges and the flood relief channel. The main river was routed through what can only be described as a small tunnel or pipe under the A134.

However, even though the river is now but a shadow of its former self, it continues to bring a lot of pleasure to residents and visitors alike. In days gone by generations of children learnt to swim in the river and the deep water was ideal for water sports of all kinds. Amongst other things, diving off Anchor Bridge was a popular thing to do, but not advisable these days!

In some ways, since Covid, perhaps the river has become nearly as popular today as it was in the past, not just for residents but for many visitors. We have all seen the crowds of people enjoying the river at Caley Green with their different kinds of river craft. A hundred or more years ago there would have been many more.

**Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder**



Floods 1950s



Sports Day 1920, Tub & Shovel Race

# CALENDAR

The photographic competition to generate images for the 2027 Nayland with Wissington Calendar took place over the weekend of 26th-28th April. There were just over 190 beautiful photographs submitted by 31 residents, making selection of just twelve scenes and a cover very difficult indeed; thankfully the choice was made by almost 40 residents who voted.

Those viewing online over the weekend made their choices and the photographs selected were submitted by Sarah Amos, Sally Bramall, Mandy Cook, Darius Laws, Jenny Rix, Jules Pretty, Jayne Kennedy, Corinne Spooner, Elaine Muskett, Sally Dalton and young photographer Amelie Palmer.

Congratulations and very well done to all.

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

Locations ranged from village activities and events such as Nayland Bear, Father Christmas, village projects and celebrations and river recreation to parish landmarks, such as St James' and St Mary's (Wiston) churches and Abell bridge. There were a variety of street scenes, views of the meandering river Stour, open spaces, allotments, the countryside and some interesting architectural and natural features. Several people managed to capture spur of the moment scenes, with our feathered and furry residents, weather incidents and there were some impressive shots of our local farmers hard at work.

**Thank you to everyone who participated.**

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



*Harvest time at Wiston, Iak Akers*



*Father Christmas tour of Nayland, Gill Boardman*



*Sunset over the campsite, James & Gareth Bates*



*Wiston Weir, Adam Lunn*



*Meadow pond platform, Rebecca Gladwell*



*Bear Street by moonlight, Phil Border*

# COMPETITION

the Flower Show on 1st August and thereafter at various village venues and events.

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

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



Boy Fishing At Caley Green, James Taylor



Wiston View to Blacksmiths, Nicola Thorogood



Lock Pool in Snow, Marina Clark



Sunrise at Caley Green, Sianna Crake



View from Gravel Hill, Mike Hunter

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# FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES: NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland & Polstead

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

## CHURCH SERVICES: *March/April*

<u>Sunday 31st</u> <u>May</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 10.00am Benefice Service	Polstead Wiston
<u>Sunday 7th</u> <u>June</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am First Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Nayland Wiston Leavenheath VH Polstead Stoke
<u>Sunday 14th</u> <u>June</u>	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Leavenheath Nayland Stoke Wiston
<u>Sunday 21st</u> <u>June</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Family Service 6.30pm Evening Praise	Stoke Polstead Wiston Nayland Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 28th</u> <u>June</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	Wiston Stoke Leavenheath Nayland

### Weekly Pew Sheets & Reading

If anyone would like to receive the weekly church pew sheets via email please let Sam know via [admin@lspnw.org.uk](mailto:admin@lspnw.org.uk)

### Weekday & Saturday Services

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

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

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

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

## CHURCH CONTACT ALL DETAILS ON PAGE 47

If you require information about a baptism, marriage, funeral or anything pastoral please contact:  
**Rector:** Revd Stéphane Javelle on 01206 263589 or [rector@lspnw.org.uk](mailto:rector@lspnw.org.uk) (Friday is his usual day off)  
**Benefice Administrator:** Sam Bridgeman on 07770 884682 or [admin@lspnw.org.uk](mailto:admin@lspnw.org.uk)  
**Retired Clergy:** Revd Val Armstrong on 01206 262814 [mrsvarmstrong@hotmail.com](mailto:mrsvarmstrong@hotmail.com)  
Churchwardens: Kathy Hunt (262014) is the point of contact for Nayland church queries or Nicola Thorogood 262453 for St Mary's Wiston.

## CHURCH SERVICES: *May/June*

<u>Sunday 5th</u> <u>July</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Holy Communion 9.30am First Sunday 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Nayland Wiston Leavenheath VH Polstead Stoke
<u>Sunday 12th</u> <u>July</u>	9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Leavenheath Nayland Stoke Wiston
<u>Sunday 19th</u> <u>July</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 9.30am Morning Prayer 10.00am Family Service 6.30pm Evening Praise	Stoke Polstead Wiston Nayland Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 26th</u> <u>July</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am Morning Prayer 11.15am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evensong	Wiston Stoke Leavenheath Nayland
<u>Sunday 2nd</u> <u>August</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP 9.30am <i>Cancelled</i> 9.30am <i>Cancelled</i> 11.15am Gospel Oak Service 6.30pm <i>Cancelled</i>	Nayland Wiston Leavenheath VH Polstead Stoke

*Please note: 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*

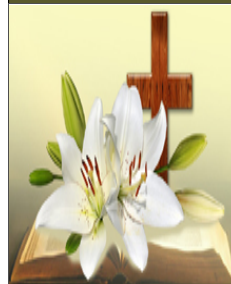
## ST MARY'S POLSTEAD GOSPEL OAK SERVICE SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 11.15am



Starts beneath the ancient oak where St Cedd preached, then moves into the church. Followed by a Bring & Share Picnic - bring a rug, Cider, ginger beer, tea, coffee & sandwiches provided.

ALL ARE WELCOME

### FROM THE REGISTERS



#### DEATHS

Anna Bugg  
Sue Eades

#### MARRIAGES

Alice Leahy & Lewis Barber  
Jade Elmsworth & Ross Parrock  
Eija Miller & Nico Smith

**Dear all,**

As I write the local elections have just been declared. The political landscape looks very different now and reflects the discontent of much of the electorate. Devolution, Brexit, low voter turnout, (though not this time,) have their roots in the widespread sense of disenfranchisement in politics.

How very different it feels to the 1960's when I was a teenager. A decade that was not without its challenges and crises, yet the rise in living standards and opportunity was shot through with a belief that we could, and should, create a better future for all. Many of the charities and aid programmes that are household names today were born out of this powerful sense of responsibility and optimism and life for millions of people was changed for the better. Since then, that sense of optimism has been eroded and the belief that we can make things better is disappearing.

As a Christian, I believe that human nature doesn't change. There was, is and always will be good and evil in the world and every day, in large and small ways, we must choose which side we are on. In my daily life, I see kindness, neighbourliness, compassion and goodness in our communities. I also see the opposite but far, far less often. But in the media world, it is the reverse. We are bombarded with bad news and the conviction that the world is going to the dogs. Well, it always was: every generation has had its voices of despair for the future but they have never been so loud and pervasive as today with instant 'news' (spoiler alert- it will be bad!) and social media, where empty vessels make the loudest noise. But we do not have to listen to them.

As a Christian, I believe absolutely that goodness can and will prevail. We are called to be bearers of hope, even our Scriptures are entitled 'Good news' (Gospel). It is our responsibility to restore the basic resource that enables individuals and communities to survive and to thrive. Our hope is based on eternal, not transient reality. It is based on the promise and goodness of God. "For God so loved the world that he gave

his only son, that whoever believes in him, might not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the Jim world might be saved through him." St Paul reminded the Christians in Rome, who were facing horrendous state and popular persecution, to follow Jesus's example and "Do not be overcome by evil but overcome by evil with good."

That remains true today. Two wrongs have never made a right!

We all have a choice. We can choose to have hope in our future, foster that hope in our young people who have had a tough start and be willing to work to make that hope a reality or we can give in to despair. Some might say "Where can we start? There is so much that needs to change." My answer is: right here. Start where you are, with the things you can do - and keep going. Don't be distracted by what you can't.

And may the God of faith, hope and love strengthen and encourage you.

*Revd Val#*

## RECTOR'S THANK YOU PARTY

**Saturday 15th August at 3pm-5pm**

An annual tradition for the Rector to host a thank you party at Nayland Village Hall.

Tea, cakes and other delicious nibbles will be on offer along with great company and conversation.

Everyone is welcome, it would help us regarding number, if you could email us at [admin@lspmw.org.uk](mailto:admin@lspmw.org.uk)

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requires a volunteer

### CHURCH WARDEN

to share the role with Kathy Hunt in maintaining the smooth running of church activities. This is not an onerous role.

Contact Kathy Hunt on 262014 or [kath12hunt@gmail.com](mailto:kath12hunt@gmail.com)

## FLEECE JAZZ

If you are a Nayland resident, then you are blessed with locally available music of almost infinite variety and of the highest class. But did you know that on your 'doorstep' at the Stoke By Nayland Resort (golf club) there is a parliamentary prize-winning jazz club, the Fleece?

Thirty-two years young, the Fleece started at the Fleece pub in Boxford, however, due to a succession of 'dodgy' landlords it fetched up in its current home a long time ago.

Therefore, if you are looking for thrilling, improvised music that covers the whole of the jazz 'waterfront' from classical, Scandinavian inspired piano trios to Afrobeat, via bebop or the re-imaginings of the music of Stevie Wonder, then this is the place. We regularly host many of the very best players in jazz, so musical expertise for the heart, head and feet is a given.

Gigs take place every other Wednesday, doors open at 7.30. The month of June sees Theo Travis' Double Talk band with us on the 10th June - Theo has recorded as part of Soft Machine and with Robert Fripp and David Sylvian. On the 24th June, we have the Gaz Hughes trio showcasing his album Nuclear Bebopalypse, updating bebop for the 21st century. We host around 26 gigs a year and the ever-changing programme can be found at [fleecejazz.org.uk](http://fleecejazz.org.uk).

So, if you are tired of faceless AI slop and want to enjoy the vital connections that expertly played live music can bring, then you know where to come.

*Miles Dagnall*



## Suffolk Local Welfare Assistance Scheme

The Local Welfare Assistance Scheme (LWAS) helps those experiencing financial hardship. This could mean you are struggling to afford the basics, such as food, heating, clothing and fuel, or to pay your household bills.

There are lots of reasons why you might be in financial hardship and the LWAS is there to help those who are most in need with essential costs, including:

- food costs or clothing
- household energy or water bills
- white goods (i.e. washing machine, fridge freezer, cooker/oven)
- transport-related costs

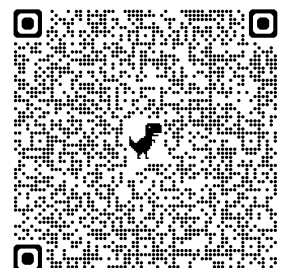
The LWAS team will review your reason for applying and may make contact to discuss this in further detail, before making a decision about your application for support.

To receive financial support from the LWAS you must:

- live in Suffolk
- be able to demonstrate that you are in financial hardship
- be 16-years old or over
- have a combined household yearly income of £30,000 or less
- have less than £1,500 available in savings across the household (those age 66+, the limit is £6,000)

Those who meet the eligibility criteria and are successful in applying for support with oil heating costs will receive a payment towards the higher cost of oil.

For more information go to: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/> and search: *Crisis and Resilience Fund* or use the QR Code.





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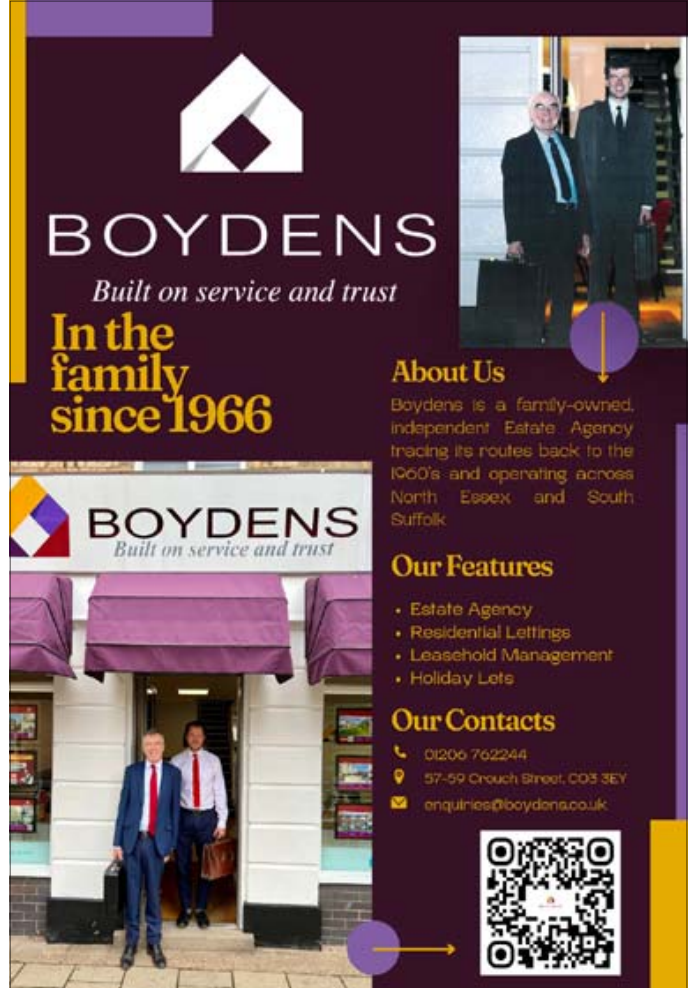
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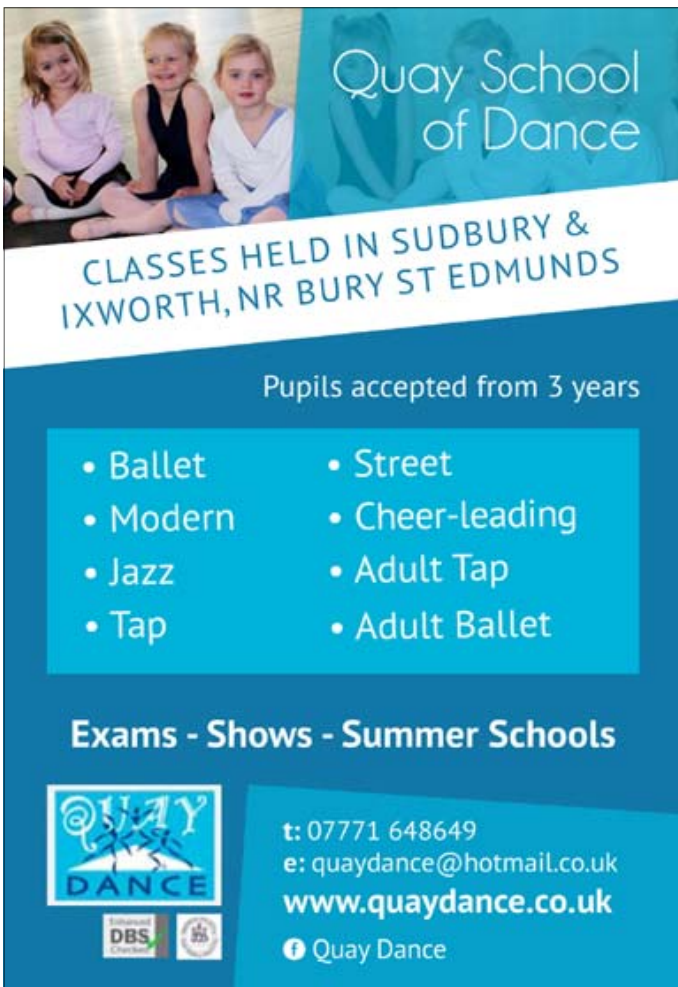
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Monday to Saturday	X43 M-F SAT	X43 M-F SAT	43 M-S	43 M-S	43A M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S										
Sudbury Bus Station	0630	0642	0652	0726	0812	0826	0926	1026	1126	1226	1326	1426	1502	1522	1526	1626	1638	1726	1742	1937	2119
Great Cornard School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Nayland Surgery</b>	<b>0653</b>	<b>0706</b>	<b>0740</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>0848</b>	<b>0902</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>1102</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1302</b>	<b>1402</b>	<b>1502</b>	<b>1554</b>	<b>1602</b>	<b>1602</b>	<b>1702</b>	<b>1714</b>	<b>1802</b>	<b>1833</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2154</b>
Cordelia Drive Myland	0702	0715	0753	0809	0857	0911	1011	1111	1211	1311	1409	1509	1604	1611	1711	1723	1842	1842	1842	2010	2203
Colchester Hospital Path	0705	0718	0758	0812	0900	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1411	1511	1607	1614	1714	1726	1845	1845	2013	2206	.....
Colchester North Station	0709	0722	0803	0816	0904	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1407	1518	1612	1619	1719	1731	1849	1849	2017	2210	.....
Colchester High Street	0714	0727	0809	0821	0909	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1412	1523	1617	1624	1724	1736	1854	1854	2022	2115	.....
Norman Way Schools	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monday to Saturday	X43 M-F SAT	X43 M-F SAT	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S	43 M-S
Norman Way Schools	0733	0739	0740	0838	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1426	1439	1539	1614	1648	1652	1752	1752	1839	2033	2233	.....
Colchester Head Street	0739	0744	0746	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1432	1444	1544	1620	1652	1758	1758	1844	2037	2237	.....	.....
Colchester Hospital Path	0742	0747	0749	0847	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1435	1447	1547	1624	1656	1701	1801	1847	2040	2240	.....	.....
Cordelia Drive Myland	0745	0750	0752	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1439	1450	1550	1628	1700	1704	1804	1850	2043	2243	.....	.....
<b>Nayland Surgery</b>	<b>0757</b>	<b>0800</b>	<b>0804</b>	<b>0859</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1059</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>1259</b>	<b>1400</b>	<b>1448</b>	<b>1459</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>1638</b>	<b>1710</b>	<b>1713</b>	<b>1814</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>2052</b>	<b>2252</b>	<b>2317</b>	<b>1739</b>
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Sudbury Bus Station	0838	0838	0839	0934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1513	1534	1634	1717	1757	1748	1859	1934	2117	2317	.....	.....

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## VILLAGE DIARY

Weekly on	Mondays: Tuesdays: Wednesdays:  Fridays:	Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 29</i> Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall ( <i>term time</i> ) <i>page 24</i> Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James <i>page 2</i> Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall ( <i>term time</i> ) <i>page 32</i> Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall ( <i>term time</i> ) <i>page 14 &amp; 33</i>
<b>May</b> 20th	Annual Parish Assembly 7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall <i>page 2</i>	
<b>June</b> w/c 1st 1st 10th 11th 12th 14th 15th 17th 19th 21st 26th	Babergh's new recycling & waste collection commences <i>page 6</i> Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>pages 35 &amp; 47</i> Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 3 &amp; 47</i> Women's Institute: 'Fabergé Eggs' 10am Church Hall <i>page 27</i> Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall <i>page 14 &amp; 34</i> HortSoc: A Garden Party for members 6pm Stoke Road <i>page 11 &amp; 26</i> Royal British Legion: meeting 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 31</i> Conservation Society: 'Benton End House & Gardens' 7.15 for 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 19 &amp; 25</i> Village Cinema: 'Hamnet' open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 18 &amp; 27</i> Summer Solstice Picnic 1pm on Caley Green <i>page 13</i> Nayland Choir concert: 'A Night at the Opera' .30 for 4pm Village Hall <i>page 15 &amp; 32</i>	
<b>July</b> 1st 6th 8th 9th 10th 10th 17th 18th	Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm ( <i>Exec 7.30pm</i> ) <i>page 8 &amp; 47</i> Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>pages 35 &amp; 47</i> Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 3 &amp; 47</i> Women's Institute: 'Police Matters' 10am Church Hall <i>page 27</i> HortSoc: Summer Garden Party for members 7pm Fen Street <i>page 11 &amp; 26</i> Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall <i>page 14 &amp; 34</i> Village Cinema: 'Marty Supreme' open 6pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 &amp; 27</i> Nayland Choir: Come and Sing 'Musical Postcards' 10am-3pm Village Hall <i>page 15 &amp; 32</i>	
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