

COMMUNITY COUNCIL : EARLY YEARS

A Brief History of the Nayland with Wissington Community Council with reminiscences from Ken Willingale, founding member and President of the CC

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 and 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. This started at the very first meeting when George Kerridge collected donations there and then using his straw hat - when handing the collection over to the Treasurer he said, "There, that's the start of the village hall fund!"

The Nayland Nest Egg was set up with the help of an intrepid team of collectors. The aim was to encourage households to pay one shilling per week and there was a weekly draw which took place at The Anchor. This continued until the hall was built.

The Annual Fair, with its carnival, market stalls, grand draw, sideshows, donkey derby, duille flunking, rustic romps, meadow larks among other wonderful fun and games were very successful fundraisers.

A 'Village Fund' which had been started during wartime and funds towards a village tennis court which never came to fruition also contributed towards the village hall.

Grants were also pursued from various sources including the Ministry of Education and Science, the District Council and the National Playing Fields Association.

As funds accumulated the Council was able to look for suitable land on which to build the village hall. Sites in Wiston Road and Court Knoll were not viable and Webb's Meadow was settled on. However, this too had problems in as far as it had planning permission for 4 houses. After much negotiations and a public enquiry at Swansea the Council was able to purchase the site but at a cost of £7,000, a price set with the planning permission for those houses.

The Council then put out to tender for the erection of a village hall which was in the region £14,800. After construction had commenced the grants situation changed and further grants were not payable to organisations such as the community Council. After thorough investigation the only course of action was to involve the Parish Council as they would be able to apply for grants from other sources.

That is the basis on the lease agreement dated 17th December 1970. It is between the Parish Council and General Fairbanks and Ken Willingale as Trustees of the land and any buildings thereon. It establishes three things: 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 Management Committee was set up in the same format as the Community Council, i.e. organisations as specified in the schedule with five elected members. Its duties were to manage and maintain the land and any buildings thereon. They have only four sources of income: rental charges, subsidies from the Parish Council, grants awarded to them, and events organised by themselves.

The Community Council from that point resumed its functions to make grants in line with its Constitution; "to encourage and develop recreational facilities in the interests of social welfare". This includes grants to the Village Hall and to its Endowment Fund which was set up by the Management Committee for the long term future of the Hall.

It is a credit to all those involved in the early years that within the space of six years the land 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.

At the first AGM of the CC on 28 November 1967 the Chairman declared "The CC is a joining together of all bodies within the villages, deciding on essentials and priorities, Recreational, Social and Charitable"



Major General Cecil B Fairbanks, right, with John Curtis, landlord of The Anchor Inn (both founding members of the Community Council) preparing for the Duille Flunking contest at the 1968 Fair. And bromide print portrait of Major Gen. Fairbanks by Walter Stoneman 1963 (source National Portrait Gallery)



Ken and Olive Willingale: recipients of a Babergh Achievement Award in recognition of "their involvement in every aspect of community life since they came to live in Nayland 40 years ago. The list of organisations who have benefited from their commitment is endless and many of the things we take for granted in our village owe their existence, in part, to the work of Ken and Olive". (2008)



And right, "Expert bakers both - taking first prize in the men's and women's fruit cake classes at Nayland Flower Show" (1996).

WEST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS 1962 and 1968
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1964

Permission is hereby given by the West Suffolk County Council as Local Planning Authority for the purposes of the above Act and Order to development in accordance with the outline application dated the 18th day of December, 1968 and the plans and drawings attached thereto

The Applicant submitted by Messrs. Sparrow and Clater, F/A.A.R.I.B.A., Chartered Architects, Middleborough House, 1 Middleborough, Colchester, Essex, on behalf of Nayland with Wissington Community Council, for the purpose of Village Hall and car park with access, upon land situate at off Church Street, Nayland, in the Administrative County of West Suffolk. Ordinance Sheet(s) No. TL/9734 (Suffolk West) Edition 1966 Plot(s) No. Part 7129

SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:-

- Before any development takes place the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority shall be obtained in respect of any matters relating to the layout, siting, design and external appearance of any buildings to be erected or the means of access thereto
- Before any development takes place precise details of the siting of the proposed Hall shall be agreed with the Local Planning Authority and such siting shall have regard to the need to safeguard the amenities of existing and proposed residential properties in the immediate vicinity.
- Before the proposed building is brought into use car parking provisions shall be made within the site in accordance with the standard requirements of the Local Planning Authority.
- Before any development takes place a tree planting scheme shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority, such tree planting to be carried out during the planting season October/March immediately following the commencement of development. The reasons for the Council's decision to grant permission for the development, subject to compliance with the conditions hereinbefore specified are:-
 - To secure orderly and well designed development and in the interests of road safety.
 - To safeguard the amenities of the locality.

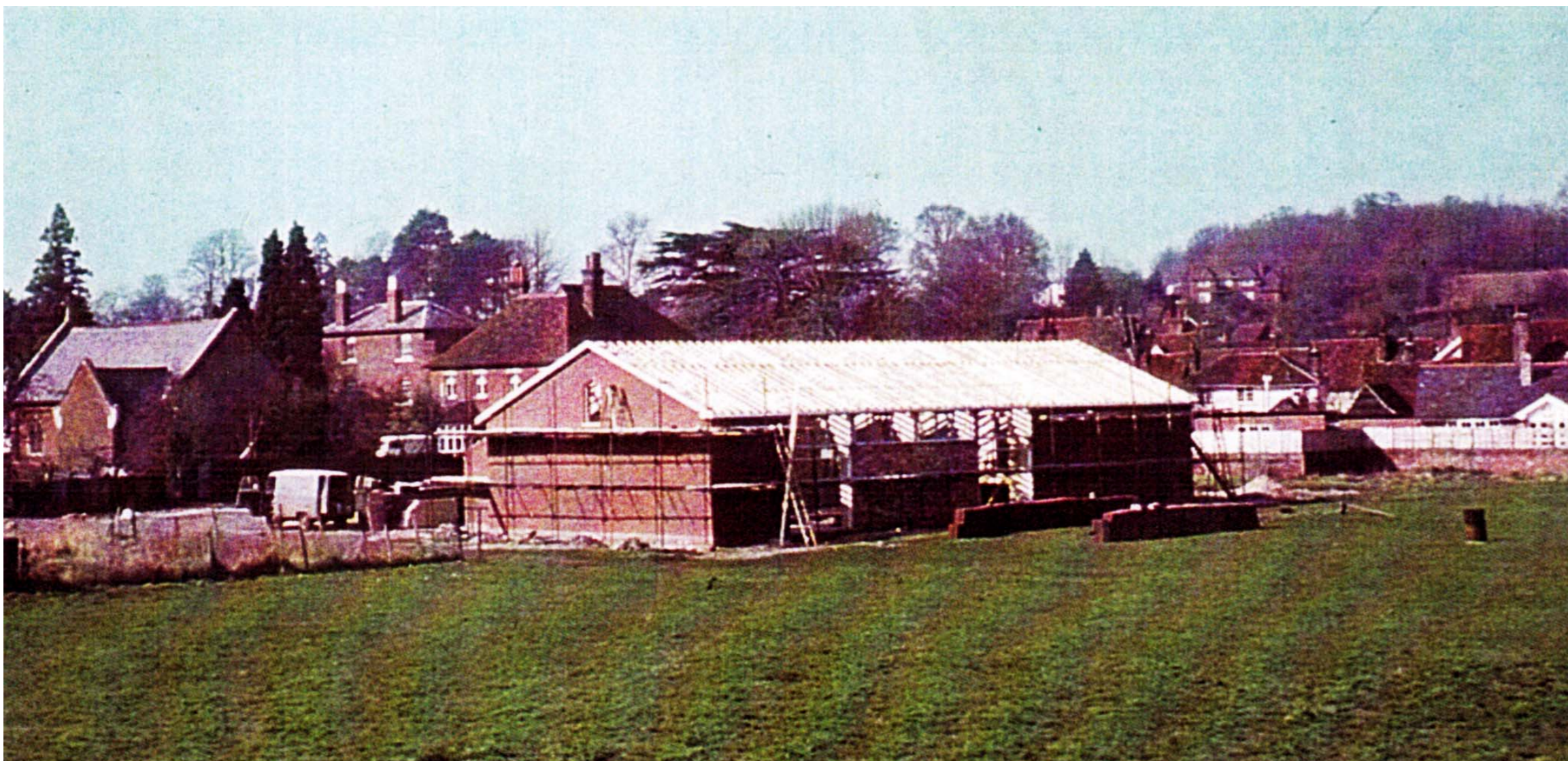
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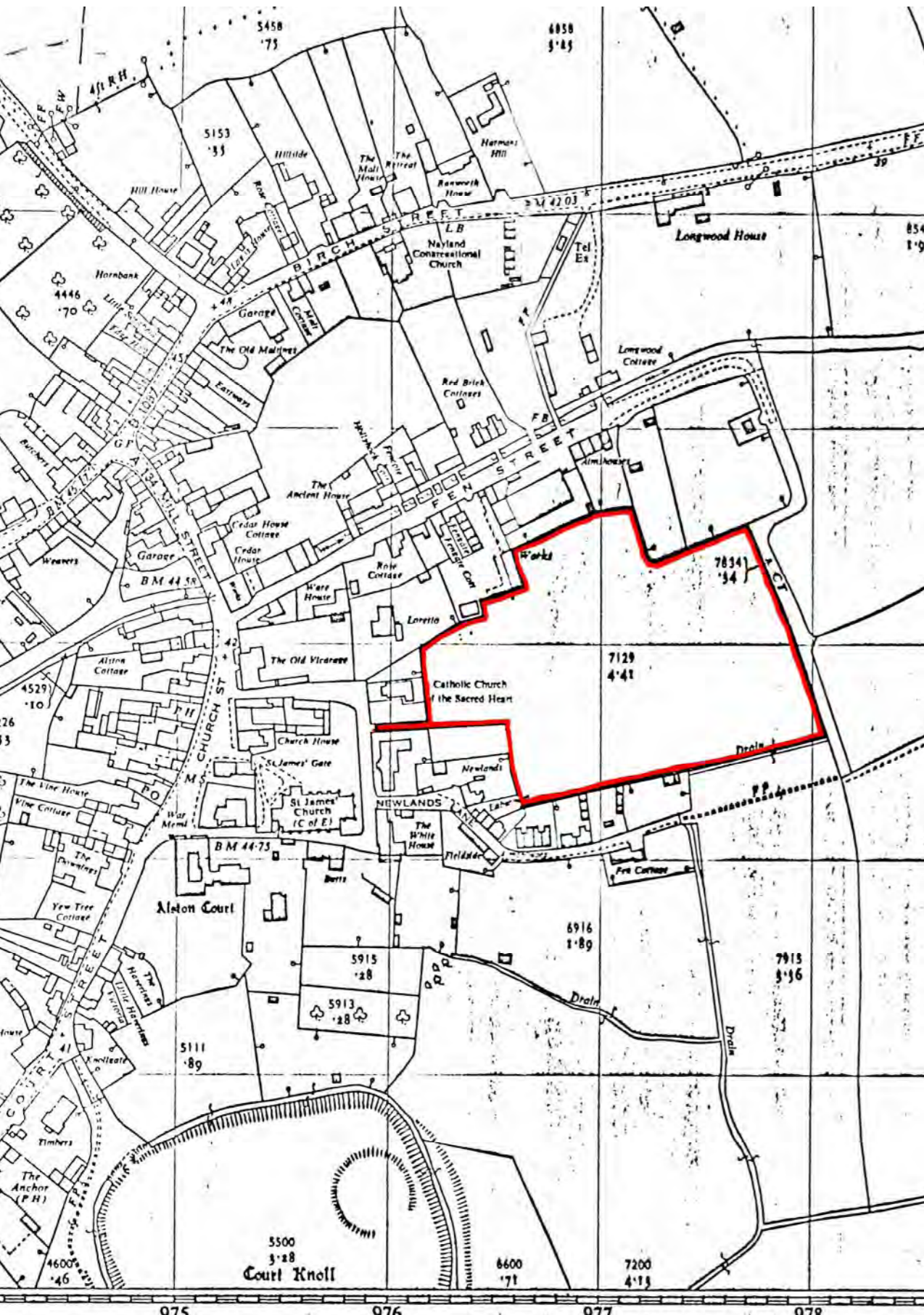
James H. Grant
County Planning Officer,
Shire Hall, Bury St. Edmunds.

NOTE:- Attention is drawn to the fact that any failure to adhere to the details of the approved plans or to comply with the conditions attached to this planning permission constitutes a contravention of the provisions of the above Act in respect of which enforcement action may be taken.

(See over)



Above left: Construction of the village hall started on 20th September 1971 - the opening ceremony, by Sir Joshua Rowley, took place on 5th August 1972. Above right: The completed village hall and car park Below: the lease agreement between the Parish Council and General Fairbanks and Ken Willingale as Trustees of the land was signed on 17th December 1970



THIS LEASE is made the _____ day of _____ One thousand nine hundred and seventy BETWEEN THE PARISH COUNCIL OF NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON in the County of Suffolk (hereinafter called "the Council") of the one part and CECIL BENFIELD FAIRBANKS C. B. of Candy Lane House Fen Street Nayland in the said County of Suffolk Major General in H.M. Army (Retired) and KENNETH GEORGE WILLINGALE of 3 Willow Grove Nayland aforesaid Merchant Banker (hereinafter called "the Tenants") of the other part

WHEREAS

- the Council is the freehold owner of land situate in the Parish of Nayland with Wissington known as Webb's Meadow
- the Council is empowered to let the said land by the provisions of Section 4 of the Physical Training and Recreation Act 1937

NOW THIS LEASE WITNESSETH as follows:

- IN consideration of the rent and the covenants by the Tenants hereinafter reserved and contained the Council hereby demises to the Tenants ALL THAT piece or parcel of land (hereinafter called "the land") situate in the Parish of Nayland in the County of Suffolk known as Webb's Meadow consisting of part of the enclosure numbered 7129 on the Ordnance Survey Map for the said Parish (1960 Edition) and shown for identification purposes only edged red on the plan annexed hereto TO HOLD the same unto the Tenants upon the Trusts set out in the First Schedule hereto and for no other purposes for the term of sixty years from the Fourteenth day of October One thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine PAYING therefor during the Tenancy the rent of Five pounds on the Fourteenth day of October in each year the first such payment to be made on the Fourteenth day of October One thousand nine hundred and seventy



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. The Hall was officially opened on 5th August 1971; the Management Committee took over responsibility for the hall from the Community Council on the same day.

The Nayland with Wissington Community Council Annual Report 1966-67

BACKGROUND

As this is the first Annual Report of the Council it should record how and why the Council was formed. In 1966 three public meetings were called by the Parish Council. The first held on 20th June was to consider the establishment of a Community Council or other similar organisation so that by bringing together the many welfare and recreational interests existing in the Parish the immediate needs of providing a suitable Recreation Ground and Village Hall might be achieved. A working Party was elected to consider the sort of organisation required and to estimate the cost and make recommendations on money raising.

At the second meeting held on 13th July the Working Party reported on the estimated cost of the two immediate priorities, which was of the order of £10-12,000. This estimate assumed that it would be possible to obtain grants from the Ministry of Education and Science to meet the remainder of the overall estimated costs of £20-£24,000. The Working Party was invited to continue its work and submit a draft constitution for a Community Council.

At the third meeting held on 28th September it was decided to form the Nayland with Wissington Community Council a draft constitution was agreed, and an Executive Committee was appointed.

THE FIRST YEAR

During the year the Executive Committee has met on 12 occasions and has reported to and obtained Policy decision from meetings of the Council on 4 occasions.

Although the efforts of the Council have been largely directed to money-raising, action has also been taken to finalise its constitution and obtain registration as a charity in accordance with the Charity Act. In accordance with the Councils constitution it was also necessary to appoint Honorary Officers, President, Vice President, a legal adviser and Auditor.

Towards the end of the year the financial position warranted opening negotiations for the purchase of land for a Recreation Ground. To date this initiative has not succeeded but it is a measure of the success of the Council in its first year, that such negotiations were possible.

As the year progressed it was most satisfactory to note that the organisations forming the Council, through their appointed representatives, took an increasing part in the conduct of Council meetings and it is felt that the strength that stems from joint action is becoming clear.

FINANCES

Audited Accounts are attached. As will be seen the total net receipts for the year, from all sources, is £1,208-6-9. In addition to this the Council has the promise of a grant of £500 from the Routhley Trust as soon as a contract for land has been signed. Thus the Council at the end of September, 1967 had an immediate call on £1,708-6-9. It is also confident that when the time comes to start on a Village Hall the £800 raised by previous efforts and now held in Trust, will be made available.

It should be noted that the Administration expenses for the year amount to only £5-10-0.

Although the Council was formed at a time of great financial stringency, with the 'squeeze' and 'freeze' and rising unemployment, it is felt that the results for the year are most satisfactory and the Councils thanks go to all those who have helped so generously not only by donations etc but by active support in other ways.

THE FUTURE

After a successful start the Council must move forward to even greater efforts in the future to ensure the earliest achievement of the provision of a Recreation Ground and Village Hall. It must not allow difficulties to deter it nor temporary set backs to weaken its determination to provide adequate recreational and cultural facilities in the village.

The rapidly expanding population of children and young people need such facilities and unless the Community Council is given the necessary support, as a matter of urgency, the opportunity of buying suitable land may be lost for ever.

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The Nayland with Wissington Community Council

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"Helping to provide a spirit of Community"

Established in 1966

The Nayland with Wissington 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 Wissington 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 annual Fireworks and Bonfire
- ◆ the Village Quiz
- ◆ fund raising opportunities for village societies in a Christmas Bazaar
- ◆ a Summer Street Fayre or Festival held biannually
- ◆ 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 bimonthly newsletter - The Community Times

The Community Council makes grants to village organisations or individuals in support of its constitution.

The Council meets bi-monthly in the Church Hall at 8pm



The Community Council's Street Fayre Planning Party



The Community Council leads the Village Hall Garden Working Party



The Community Council meets regularly in the Church Hall



Local youngsters make the Guys for the annual Bonfire & Fireworks



Children enjoy visiting Santa at the annual Christmas Bazaar



The Christmas Bazaar is popular with all age groups



The Street Fayre brings many visitors to the village



Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee brought the whole community together



The Street Fayre provides the opportunity for local societies and groups to raise funds or entertain



The Village Festivals provide fun, food and music



COMMUNITY COUNCIL : 1966-75

Essex County Standard, Friday, September 8, 1966

1967

Procession through the streets



NAYLAND CAVALCADE



The procession was led by the drums of the 2nd Royal Anglian Regiment.



Nayland Youth Club Float: Lionel (Fred) Crisell, Neville (Nelson) Crisell, Edward Nevard, Angela Norfolk, Ray Crick, Thelma ?, Sally Curtis, Mark Warom, Liz Warom, Veronica Murphy, Richard Wayland

1966 Anchor Inn Float: ? Brown, Rhuesh Cansdale, Bunny May, ?, ?, Len Crisell

Colourful carnival and donkey derby



NAYLAND'S first carnival and Donkey Derby was a gratifying success for its organisers, the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee, which celebrated its anniversary in November.

When expenses are met the committee hope to have £400 towards their preliminary target of £7,000.

Every donkey race had its drama and there were many falls but no broken bones. Stewards caught donkeys who had thrown their riders.

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



c1966 float on the way to the Annual Fair held on what is now Nayland Meadow - the pirates are: Rupert Knox in front, Edward Knox behind with Bobby Lock, mermaids in front from left to right are Liz Knox now Empson, Sharon Lock now Day, Frances Knox (Gordon-Jones) and Ellen Lock.

30 August 1974 Essex County Standard



NECK and neck in the piggy-back derby at Nayland Community Council market fair on Monday.

Nayland fair raises a profit of £600

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The morning's heavy rain caused the organisers a few headaches but the skies cleared to give a fine afternoon and the event went off as planned. It attracted 1,500 visitors from a wide area.

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Another attraction was a children's fancy dress competition which produced some original ideas.

Prizewinners were: under five: 1 Joanne Fernandez, 2 Christopher Philp, 3 Angela Webb; over five: 1 Stephen Philp, 2 Tarnya Stribling, 3 Maria Fernandez.

The many stalls and sideshows, which did a brisk trade, included an exhibition of Nayland Past and Present. Mr. Roger Balls was M.C.

Mr. Ken Willingale, chairman of the community council, said that in view of the doubtful weather he was delighted with the result and the support given by villagers and visitors.



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



Sideshow were part of the day's fun. There was a shower but some came prepared.

NAYLAND'S WHITSUN FLORALIA

1968

An old Nayland custom was revived at the weekend when the villagers celebrated the Feast Of Floralia. The celebrations were an annual event in the village 500 years ago.

Villagers of Nayland 500 years ago annually celebrated the Feast of Floralia at Whitsun, with festivities starting at dawn and continuing well into the night.

On Monday the villagers are holding the modern version of the fair. Like the original celebrations there will be a procession through the streets, a village market and contests of strength for the men. More modern amusements will be a bugle band, a magic show and talking dolls.

On display will be a selection of woven goods made in the village, including examples of the work of Peter Collingwood which is soon to be exhibited at the Victoria and Albert Museum. There will also be a "Duile Flunking" contest, an old ale house sport.

NAYLAND Market Fair and Meadow Larks held on the village playing field on Monday afternoon 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 or staggered round the arena under enormous straw bales.

ABOVE: A close thing at the turn during a piggyback race. BELOW: Looking for a bargain on a bric-a-brac stall.



29 August 1975 Essex County Standard



FUN OF THE FAIR

Suffolk Free Press, Thursday 12 August 1974



• The egg and spoon race.

NAYLAND REVELS

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The most successful competitor was Kevin Milner of Nayland football team who won seven races.

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Under 5 winners: 1 Joanna Fernandez, 2 Christopher Philp, 3 Angela Webb. Over 5 winners: 1 Stephen Philp, 2 Tarnya Stribling, 3 Maria Fernandez.

Mr. Roger Balls was M.C. for the afternoon.

The chairman of the Community Council, Mr. Ken Willingale, said in view of doubtful weather he was delighted with the result.

Two 2lb bags of sugar auctioned at the fair went for 50p and 55p a piece.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL : 1976-85

Meadow Larking at Nayland

A wide variety of side shows and stalls did brisk business. There were tractor and pony races for the children, a fortune teller and a village exhibition arranged by Nayland Conservation Society.

Winner of the grand draw prize of a holiday cruise on the River Rye was Mrs. J. Grant, of High Road, Leavenhoe.

Mr Roger Balls was MC for the afternoon.

28 August 1976 Suffolk Free Press



Whoops, wrong end... Little Amanda Williams showing what her right arm's for at Nayland on Monday.



More fun at Nayland Meadow Lark in the battle for second place in the piggy back race - pictures on the right.

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12 SUFFOLK FREE PRESS, Thursday, June 2, 1977



Nayland Primary School children celebrated the Silver Jubilee on Thursday with a tea party, held in brilliant sunshine on the school field.

All 144 pupils proudly wore paper crowns they had made themselves and together with most of the guests had red, white or blue clothes to add to the colour of the occasion.

Before tea, conjuror Tony Green, of Clacton, held the children spell-bound for an hour with his entertaining Punch and Judy Show and magic tricks.

Tea was prepared by members of the parent-teacher association committee and there was a special Jubilee cake decorated with a Union Jack piped in icing.

The party was attended by several former teachers, the management committee, parents and old friends of the school. Guests included two former headmasters, Mr C. Oliver and Mr Brighouse, and Mrs Taylor of Nayland, whose late husband was head of the school in the 1920s.

Former teachers present included Mrs Gibbins, who was on the staff for 43 years, Mrs Keeble, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Street and Mrs Collingwood. Mrs Lankester, formerly caretaker, and Mrs Ensum, kitchen staff, also attended.

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SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

- SATURDAY 4th JUNE Olde Tyne Music Hall. 7.30 for 8.00pm Village Hall. Tickets £1.25
 - SUNDAY 5th JUNE Royal Jubilee Service 11.00am United Reformed Church. 6.30pm St. James
 - TUESDAY 7th Parade and Fancy Dress 2.00pm from Harpers Estate 2.45pm Judging in Village Centre. 3.30pm Childrens Tea. 8.00-11.00pm Folk Dance Street Party.
- Flower Festival in St. James Saturday 4th - Tuesday 7th
Conservation Society Exhibition in Village Hall
Childrens Exhibition in Village Hall DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS

If you would like to contribute towards Nayland and Wissingtons Celebration Fund please contact the treasurer Mr Ken Willingale or put your donation into one of the collecting boxes.



Families gathering for the start of the Fancy Dress Parade at Harpers Estate and the children's jubilee tea party in the High Street

EVERYONE TOOK PART IN NAYLAND EVENTS

17 June 1977

DESPITE a blustery wind and threatening rain almost the entire population of Nayland and Wissington turned out to take part in the Jubilee celebrations on Tuesday afternoon.

Accompanied by a quarter-peal rung by the local Sunday band of bell-ringers, a colourful procession headed by the Nayland fire engine and village dignitaries wound its way down Bear Street to the gaily decorated square for the judging of the fancy dress contest.

The procession included the large number of contestants from under-fives to adults, Nayland Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts, a decorated Norfolk's bus driven by top-hatted Howard Norfolk and hundreds of residents who joined the rest thronging the square.

There were plenty of ingenious fancy dress ideas. Sheikhs marched with robots and there were scarecrows, yokels, a Jubilee baby, Britannia, a tiny white rabbit and a Gallic onion seller.

To start the proceedings prayers for the Queen, the nation and the village were said by the Vicar, the Rev. Tony Bickelstein, Father Brian Nightingale and Mr. D. Dewsbury, Parish council chairman. Mr. David Mitchell, read the following telegram which had been sent to the Queen on behalf of Nayland and Wissington residents: "The parishioners of Nayland and Wissington present loyal greetings to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her Jubilee."

The reply from the Queen's secretary, thanking parishioners for their message, was read by Mr. Ken Willingale, chairman of the village Jubilee committee.

The fancy dress parade was directed by Miss S. Bainbridge, the primary school headmistress, and the judges were Mrs. E. Rolfe, Mrs. A. Jones and Mr. Mitchell.

Prizewinners were: Pre-school children, I. J. Tickner, 2 N. Gray, 3 J. Smith; schoolchildren up to seven years: 1 S. and E. Paston, 2 B. Padgel, 3 C. Prince; 7-9 years: 1 N. Borwn, 2 R. Hatcliff, 3 E. Stonor; 9-11 years: 1 J. Fullbrook, 2 M. Sackett, 3 T. Otten; 11-15 years: 1 S. Le Besque, 2 A. Day and R. Keith, 3 J. Inchoombe; 15 and over: 1 Woodley Family, 2 O. Willingale, 3 M. Camp, M. Fisher and R. Steel.

CHILDREN'S TEA
After the contest about 250 children sat down to a Jubilee tea, organised by Mrs. Marie Clark, in the square. They all received a commemorative mug.

Both Nayland Conservation Society and the Primary School held exhibitions in the village hall. The society showed documents, books and pictures depicting Nayland's history. The children's exhibition included paintings, collages and scrapbooks with a Jubilee theme and a model golden coach made by the school's caretaker, Mr. Jenkins.

Although the expected rain fell briefly in the evening it failed to deter the many residents who returned to the square to have a final fling at a folk-dancing street party, led by Mr. H. Chapman.

Tuesday's festivities were the culmination of a long weekend of celebrations. The entire village seemed to burst into Jubilee mood on Saturday afternoon. Yards of bunting were strung across the square and everywhere shops, pubs and houses were decorated with flags, pictures and banners. Flying high from St. James' church tower was a new St. George's flag given by Mrs. A. Biggs in memory of her late husband. Throughout the weekend a flower festival organised by Mrs. J. Horlock was held in the church.

Saturday evening's old time music hall presented by Mr. Graham Smith was a complete sell-out. The audience in the packed village hall, mostly in Edwardian dress with patriotic colour theme, gave an enthusiastic response to the programme of old time songs, sketches and dancing. The event raised £150 for the village's Jubilee fund.

On Sunday there were special services at the United Reformed and parish churches. The preacher at the latter was the Rev. Norman Tollemache, of Ipswich. At the family service in the morning when the preacher was the Rev. Paul Lansley, Nayland Brownies, Cubs, Guides, and Scouts attended and prayers included some composed for the Jubilee by members of the Pathfinders and Sunday School.

On Monday evening the White Hart Hotel held a Jubilee Cockney night with disco dancing and typical Cockney food at which Mr. Cyril Holden proposed the loyal toast.



Families gathering for the start of the Fancy Dress Parade at Harpers Estate and the children's jubilee tea party in the High Street



Nayland fair was a record

THE annual Nayland market fair on Monday turned out to be a record affair. Not only was there a record gate of more than 1,500 but a record sum of more than £1,300 was raised. The fair, always held on Bank Holiday Monday, was the ninth

and as usual included a variety of country games, as well as the traditional stalls and sideshows. The fair, held on Webb's Meadow - was organised by Nayland Community Fund. Proceeds will go into the fund's kitty for use in the village.



Rustic Romps at Nayland

THERE was much puffing and panting from the young sports contestants at Nayland's annual market fair on Monday. Organised by Nayland Community Council on the village playing field, the event made a record profit of about £1,300 for council funds. A third has already been earmarked for village hall maintenance.

Chairman Mr Ken Willingale said he was delighted with the result, particularly as the weather in the morning had looked so doubtful.



That's one way of keeping cool... the Rev. David Stranack, of Nayland, had no excuse for getting hot under the clerical collar on Monday during his spell of duty in the stocks at the village fete.

Country fair's £1,400 boost for village

Hundreds of people visited Nayland Community Council's Country Fair on Monday, and helped village organisations boost their funds by about £900.

An additional £500 goes to the Community Council to be used for the benefit of the village.

All the village organisations took part and stalls on the playing field were gaily decorated with many stallholders in costume.

One way of keeping cool was in the stocks - where local GP Dr Chris Gilbert, Nayland Vicar the Rev. David Stranack, and local footballer David Hall took turns at being pelted with wet sponges or drenched with buckets of water.

Other attractions included displays by Nayland White Hart Karate Club and the Mount Bures Morris Dancers and two "shoot outs" staged by the Night Riders Country and Western Club.

Sports for all ages were arranged by the Guides and Brownies.

Top raffle prize, a return trip to Colchester, Nayland Youth Club won the prize for the best decorated stall.

A steam organ brought by Mr Arthur Clarke from Felsted was unable to negotiate the entrance to the field and had to return home!



Some of the entrants for the infants' race at Nayland Summer Fete on Bank Holiday Monday.

NAYLAND'S FETE NETS £1,400

Hundreds of people poured into Nayland's sun drenched playing field on Bank Holiday Monday for the annual summer fete.

Stalls, sideshows, refreshments and a five-a-side boys' football competition were among the attractions.

The event raised around £1,400 for Nayland Community Council funds.

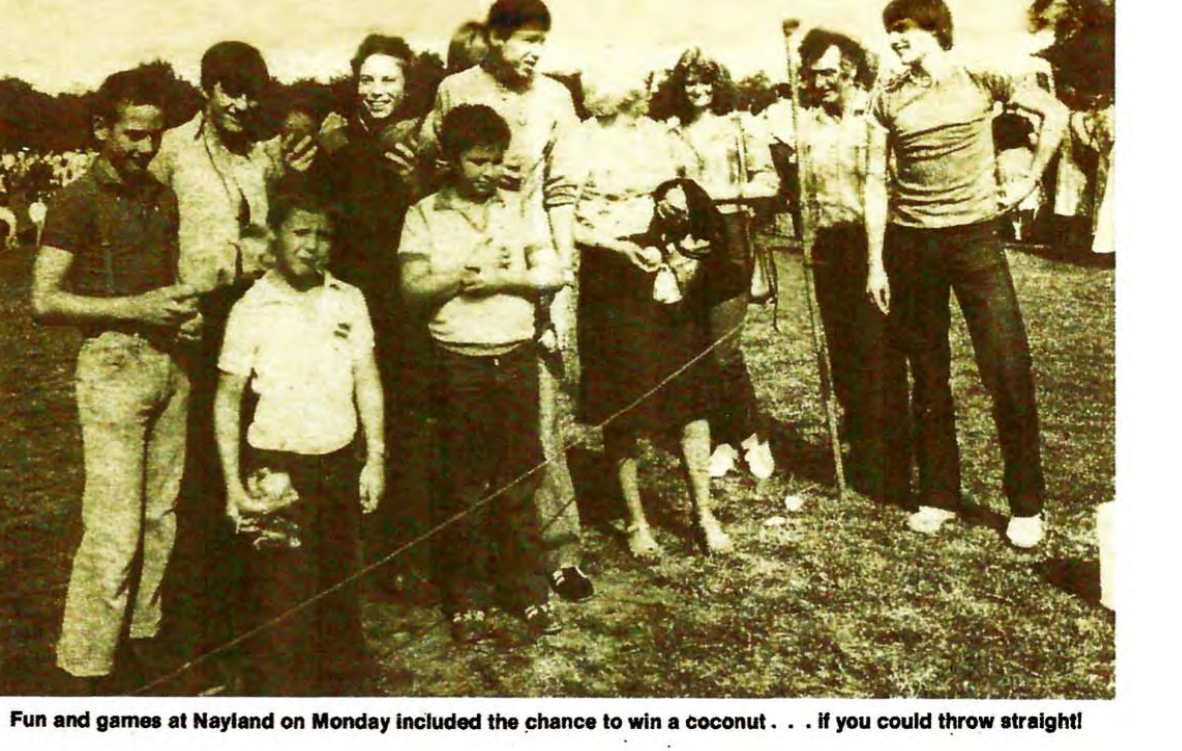
The football event for under-12s was won by a team from Bures, who beat Cavendish 3-2 in the final.



Some of the entrants for the infants' race at Nayland Summer Fete on Bank Holiday Monday.



With the sun blazing down on Nayland playing field the biggest queues were at the ice cream van!



Fun and games at Nayland on Monday included the chance to win a coconut... if you could throw straight!

COMMUNITY COUNCIL : 1986-95

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● Magician Michael Dodd couldn't make the rain go away on Monday but he did entertain children in the dry of Nayland village hall as the downpour soaked the stalls and sideshows outside.

Rain hits 'Hi-de-Hi' fete

ALTHOUGH Monday afternoon's steady downpour affected attendance at Nayland Community Council fete the event went ahead as planned, with some stalls taking refuge in the village hall or a marquee.

Mr Peter Moore, treasurer, said the fete, whose theme was 'Hi-de-Hi', had been a success and would make a profit of about £1,100 of which the Community Council would get £500. The rest is retained by the local organisations who ran the stalls.

The dismal conditions did not stop the main attraction — a parachute jump by four members of the

Phoenix Free Fall Team from Ipswich. Three men landed on target in the centre of the arena but a fourth drifted off course and came down in a nearby field.

Colchester Rosettes Majorettes also braved the rain, as did Michael Cook and his Dog Obedience Team from Hadleigh. A magic show and a display by a troupe of Red Indian dancers from Harwick had to be curtailed and children's sports were abandoned.

One of Roger Clarke's shire horses from Stoke-by-Nayland gave rides in a cart and David Winnard brought his show herd of goats from West Bergholt. Other popular features

included a collection of classic cars, a fortune teller, face-painting and crockery smashing.

Winner of the top draw prize, a colour television, was David Wheat, of Colchester, a member of Nayland Rangers. Master of Ceremonies — often eeping gamely with a water-logged microphone — was Roger Balls.

Mrs Norah Owen, Community Council Chairman said afterwards that although the conditions could not have been worse everyone had pulled together showing tremendous community spirit and it was a happy occasion despite the weather.

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Village goes to battle in Knock Out contest



A lapse in concentration at the Nayland It's a Knockout as a member of the Nayland scouts team drops his egg during one of the races.

CRAZY It's a Knockout races were the highlight of Nayland Community Council's fair held on the village playing field on Monday.

Four local teams battled through a series of hilarious games. Eventual winners of the Knockout Shield donated by Hattens Stores were Nayland Eagles with the Leavenhath Lion second and the Jane Walker Hospital third.

Stalls were manned by village organisations who will give 25 per cent of their takings to community council funds.

Opened by parish council chairman Mr Gerry Battye, the fair attracted about 500 visitors and popular features included children's competitions, pony rides, a 'big dipper' and face painting.

Winner of the fancy dress competition was Sean Wilkinson, complete with parrot, as Long John Silver. Other first prizewinners were James Ford (decorated bike), Scott Meekings (slow bicycle), Adam Noakes, Paul Cook, Jassy Luard, Fred Bugg and Kelly Moroney (running races). A Know Your Nayland competition devised by Nayland Conservation Society was won by Mr and Mrs M. Bond.

The fair was followed in the evening by a barn dance in the village hall.

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New day brings a bonus

CHANGING the traditional day for their summer fair from bank holiday Monday to Sunday proved a good move for Nayland Community Council.

Sunday's event, held in perfect weather on the village playing field, made an estimated net profit of about £2,000, half of which will go to council funds.

Twelve village organisations ran stalls and gave 25 per cent of their profits to the council.

Chairman Keith Worricker said the day had been changed to avoid clashing with other local events and it had been successful on the whole. "The weather was kind to us and it was a pleasant family day," he said.

"Thanks to fair committee chairman Howard Norfolk who put the whole thing together it all worked well."

Colchester Silver Band, paying a return visit to the fair, entertained spectators all afternoon with popular light music and the main arena attraction was a display by Colchester Gymnastics team.

Children's sports, sideshows and



Maybe I shouldn't have tried this — three-year-old Leigh Farthing heads downhill on the kart run.

light-hearted adult races added to the fun and intrepid villager Peter Day had sponges hurled at him in the stocks.

Pupils from four

classes at Nayland Primary School showed examples from their recent national curriculum art work with a display in the village hall.

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Winning poster

Nayland Community Council's Bank Holiday fete on August 25 is being advertised in a novel and eye-catching way this year.

Chairman Mrs Norah Owen thought it would be a good idea to involve local schoolchildren in fete preparations and two classes from Nayland Primary School took part in a poster design competition at the end of last term.

They were given the fete's theme, Hi-de-hi, plus a list of attractions which include parachutists and heavy horses, and although time was short, Mrs Owen said the designs produced showed considerable talent.

The winner is nine-year-old Scott Meekings, of Wiston Road, Nayland (pictured here with his entry) and the runner-up Glen Taylor, aged seven.

Scott's poster has been photographed by council treasurer, Peter Moore, whose grandchildren have coloured the copies, and they have been going up round the district this week. The rest of the designs will be put up in the village hall and prizes will be presented at the school next term.

28 July 1988

Festival carries on regardless of rain

MISERABLE weather kept the crowds away from the Nayland Festival on Saturday but the programme went ahead as planned with villagers making the best of the wet afternoon.

The festival is expected to raise just over £1,000 for Nayland Community Council funds. Co-organiser Mr Alan Cropper said despite the weather the festival had achieved one of its major objectives in that local people had enjoyed themselves and turned out to support the event.

Several hundred villagers attended a successful barn dance in the village hall on Friday and Saturday's non-stop programme was opened by Mr Gerry Battye, chairman of the parish council, with interruptions from Scragtag, the BBC TV cat, and his 'minder' Marcus Kimber of Bures.

The opening was accompanied by a quarter-peal from St. James's Church bells.

Five It's a Knockout teams carried on with their races regardless of the downpour and the eventual winners were Nayland Rangers, with the Jane Walker Hospital team second and Leavenhath Lion third. The trophy for the event was donated by Susan and Terry Atkins of Hattens Stores.

Pledge auction items included a visit to Prime Minister's question time in the House of Commons, given by South Suffolk MP Tim Yeo.

A Victorian carousel complete with prancing horses, music and lights proved popular with children and there were also puppet shows and races.

The festival ended with a sell-out music hall variety show, Those Good Old Nayland Days, staged by the Village Players, who also laid on supper.

Winner of the top draw prize, a microwave oven, was Mrs Ibbly Brunson of Stradbroke.



Soaking wet but still cheerful, Julie Harris and Gerry Thorogood helped Leavenhath Lion team to third place in the It's a Knockout races.



Nayland Handbell Ringers gave two demonstrations in St. James Church.

The first issue of the Nayland Community Times was produced in October 1989

The Nayland Community Times

Number 1

October 1989

The objectives of the Nayland Community Times, which is published by the Community Council, is to:

1. keep members of the Nayland and Wissington Community informed about the activities of the various clubs, associations and organisations in the village
2. help promote the objectives of the Community Council, which are to foster and encourage recreational and leisure pursuits and offer support - financial and other - to the clubs engaged in these activities in the village.

It is hoped his publication will appear at least three or four times a year, and possibly more frequently, depending on how things go. Letters are welcome on any matters appropriate to the business of the Community Council, which should be addressed to the Editor:

Keith Worricker, 'Weavers', 14 Bear Street, Nayland 9tel 263231).

We hope to produce an informative and informal newsletter of interest to all.

Firstly, an introduction from the Community Council President, Mr William Gray.....

'The Community Council is conscious of the fact that communication between various bodies making up the Council is not only desirable but essential.

To this end it has been decided to publish a newsletter, and I am delighted that Keith Worricker has agreed to edit this publication. May I commend his venture to you all and ask all organisations to support by supplying details of their activities to the editor.

I would also hope that further material will be supplied to the editor by individuals who have a point to communicate. It may be of interest, criticism or suggestion.

I can assure you that, if nothing else, the Council will be good listeners.

A venture of this kind can only succeed with your support, which I hope you will give wholeheartedly.'

William Gray
President

29 August 1991

Tug of war pulls the crowds at Nayland

A HEFTY eight-man team from the Queen's Head, Tolleshunt d'Arcy, heaved their way to a 2-0 victory over Mistley Quay in the tug-of-war final at Nayland Community Council's bank holiday fair on Monday.

Six teams, including two from Nayland, took part in the event which was the highspot of the afternoon's entertainment. The winners received a shield and £50.

The sunny weather brought hundreds of visitors to the fair on the village playing field and the 15 local organisations running stalls have donated 25 per cent of their profits to council funds.

Chairman Keith Worricker said: "It was a very enjoyable day with something going on all the time and we expect to receive a substantial sum when expenses have been deducted."

The event was opened by former village policeman Tom Honeyball, who arrived with his wife Flo, Mr Worricker and secretary Ida Drake in a stylish horse-drawn carriage.

Carriage rides round the village, run by Derrick and Petrina Murphy from Colchester, were a popular attraction. Others included displays by Glemsford Emeralds majorettes and Rowhedge morris dancers and an obstacle race course arranged by Penny and Julian Baker.

A children's painting contest with a fairground theme, judged by local sculptress Bette Curtis, was won by: Under 5: 1 Peter Shilton, 2 Katie Mann, 3 Daniel (of Leavenhath); 6-8: 1 Iain Addis, 2 Alex Bakir, 3 Thomas Carpenter, 2 Christopher Goodchild, 3 Violet Bugg.



The mini roller coaster was a popular attraction for children.

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Santa's truck Ride

FATHER Christmas arrived on a balloon-trimmed Norfolk's pick-up truck for Nayland Community Council's Christmas bazaar on Saturday and was an immediate attraction with his young fans.

Ten village organisations took part and council funds will benefit by £180 from the event. Each organisation ran its own stall and gave 25 per cent of its takings to the council.

One of the organisers, Mrs Pauline Norfolk, said the bazaar had been a great success and the fine weather helped boost attendance.



Blindfolded Ross Charleston (9) tries to pin the tail on Dick Whittington's cat, watched by Maude and Chloe Anderson at Nayland village hall.

Early festive spirit for Nayland

FOURTEEN Nayland organisations brought some early festive spirit to the village hall and boosted their funds at the community council's Christmas bazaar on Saturday.

Well-stocked stalls were piled with all kinds of attractive gifts, including toys — many of them handmade — cakes and novelties.

The youth club, taking part for the first time, set up computer games for young customers to try and had excelled themselves by making cakes,

candles and earrings for their stall. Father Christmas was also on hand chatting to youngsters and almost ran out of gifts by the end of the day.

Taking a quarter share of the profits, the community council benefited by about £280 and the organisations made £650 between them.

Treasurer Roy Evans said: "Although takings were slightly down on last year the bazaar was a great success. People kept coming in and we were busy throughout."

30 August 1990 Suffolk Free Press

Popular fete proves its worth



● Ben Cropper tries out the pilot's seat in Tony Tillman's microlight. (0664).

AN ingenious obstacle course designed for all ages had children and adults queuing to beat the clock at Nayland Community Council's summer fete on Monday.

The course was one of many popular features, including a static microlight and model aircraft display, which drew hundreds of visitors to the village playing field.

The fete made a profit of about £1,400 for council funds and chairman Mr. Bob Hawtin said he was delighted with the "excellent result".

Tony Tillman's microlight aircraft created a lot of interest and the raffle prize, a free flight in the machine from Clacton airstrip, was won by Mr. Hawtin, an ex-Spitfire pilot.

There were nearly 50 entries for the children's flower painting competition, judged by Nayland sculptress Bette Curtis. Winners were: Under 5 — 1 Sean Wilkinson, 2 Jennifer Norfolk, 3 Susannah Richards; 6-9 — 1 Katie Bannister, 2 Violet Bugg, 3 Rebecca Downing; 10-14 — 1 Rosie Townshend, 2 Neil Sebba, 3 Vanessa Thomason.

"It will ensure the village's free newspaper continues and we will have some over for other things," he said. Thirteen local organisations took part and donated half their profits.

Fete attractions included displays by Colchester Model Aero Club and Glemsford Emeralds Majorettes, a dogs' agility course and a ride round the countryside in an open-top Norfolk bus.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL : 1996-2005



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

December 1998



The campaign orchestrated by the Community Council for a Village Christmas Tree is about to bear fruit - or perhaps more appropriately lights and Christmas decorations! The Parish Council have agreed that the Community Council may purchase and erect a Christmas Tree in the centre of the village subject to a number of conditions regarding hours, safety, clearing away etc., none of which the Community Council found difficult to accept. Moreover with the very kind and generous help of Roy Chapman, who had no objection to the tree being placed on the cobbles outside his office near the Milestone and Horse trough and who has offered to organise and pay for an electric supply to the tree, it will be suitably lit during the winter evenings up to Christmas and covered in decorations made by the children at Nayland Primary School. It will come on at dusk and go off at 11.00 pm on a time switch.

We plan to erect the tree on Saturday December 12th; and have an official "switch on" by the Vicar on Wednesday December 16th when the Bosted Silver Band will play and lead some community carol singing. Do come along and join in...it will be fun.

We hope people will enjoy the tree and it would be nice too, if houses and shops in the immediate vicinity were to add their own Christmassy touch with outdoor coloured fairy lights to add to the general scene.



NAYLAND COMMUNITY TIMES

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GOLDEN EDITION NO. 50!

Time has moved on very quickly - it is more than a surprise to me that this edition of the Community Times is No.50. At the rate of 6 editions per annum this means the paper has been running for over 8 years! Many things have changed during that time - in the Village, in the Country and indeed in the World. Not all the events have been covered in the NCT! - but hopefully at least those in the Village have. The original versions of the paper covered four sides of rather crudely produced type run off on an old Gestetner machine!.. There were virtually no advertisements and in those early days, the Community Council who sponsored the paper, feared costs would be more than they could bear. We even went to the Parish Council to ask if they would be prepared to help if necessary. They were very sympathetic but not forthcoming! Fortunately however the paper caught on and advertisers began to appear until now the paper is pretty well self financing and runs most times to well over 20 pages. We were also fortunate in having printers who did not charge us a fortune - originally Howard Norfolk and now Stanway School - and, of course our band of distributors organised by Roy Evans who do an excellent job. Our thanks are due to all- advertisers, contributors, printers and distributors..

THE NAYLAND WITH VISSINGTON
COMMUNITY TIMES
from Roy Evans, 10 The Westerings Tel 262610

What do the following persons have in common?
Lyn Collins, Jean Evans, Elizabeth Faithful, Sue Gowen, William Gray, Sue Harris, Olive Noakes, Sandra Norfolk, Claire Prescott, Fred Ridd, Jenny Tibbles, Elizabeth Wakefield, Keith Worricker and Iain Wright.

I agree, that is a difficult question to answer. They are in fact the people who distribute 600+ copies of the Community Times to all households in Nayland and Wissington every two months. They are a very cheerful and uncomplaining group of people and I would like to thank them very much on behalf of everyone in the village for their willing help over many years.

Village steps into the past

5 July 2001

Words: Pat Bray
Pictures: Clifford Hicks



THE strains of White Cliffs of Dover and other wartime tunes drifting along Nayland High Street set the 1940s theme for Sunday's community council street fayre.

Stalls run by village societies and local craftsmen lined the village centre and various organisations took the opportunity to showcase their talents.

The venue was closed off to traffic for the event, enabling visitors to take a leisurely stroll among the stalls and enjoy the entertainment.

Dressed in authentic costumes, the Village Players presented 'Flavour of the Forties', a thoughtful reflection on wartime life in words and music while Nayland Choir, choosing a different era, sang some 17th century madrigals.

The Junior Players and choir also contributed items and more modern upbeat music was provided by the stylish Cornard Jazz Band.

In keeping with the wartime theme, a rusted metal nose cone, part of a doodle bug which narrowly missed the village in June 1944, was on show near the war memorial. The relic was dredged up last year by Environment Agency workers desilting the River Stour.

And close to a memorial seat for American aviator Charles Gurney, who died when his aircraft crashed avoiding the village in March 1944, Bosted Airfield Historical Group had a stall illustrating his story together with other memorabilia.

Nayland Primary School showed wartime projects pupils have been doing as part of their history studies.

Elsewhere punters had a flutter at ferret racing and youngsters enjoyed Punch and Judy shows in the garden of Alston Court.

Local craftsmen showing their wares included furniture makers Dylan Pym and Roy Cox from Polstead, Bryn Hurren of Kersey and basketmaker Jonathan Gordon of Shillay.

Community council treasurer and fayre organiser Andrew Gowen said afterwards it had been very successful. It gave Nayland societies to show their talents and the visitors' response was fantastic.

Money is still coming in but we've made about £200 for our own council funds and some of the individual organisations did incredibly well for themselves.

Children's fancy dress winners were: joint 1. Lauren and William Johnston-Wood (nurse and wounded soldier) and Richard and Emma Elston (evacuees); 2. Martha Leahy and Eleanor Bateman.



Above: Crowds through the street at the fayre.



Left: Enjoying the bouncy castle are, from left: Benjamin Findley (5), Alice Catchpole (7) and Emily Catchpole (5).



Right: A musical interlude for visitors to the fayre.

Golden day raises £600

18 July 2002



NAYLAND'S Golden Jubilee street fayre had a distinctly patriotic air with its kings and queens theme. Union flags 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 passed 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 Aldham-based Bows and Belles clog dancers, Bosted 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 parades and the three winners were: Matthew Stephens-Row as the King of Nayland, Alixanne Buckler as Boadicea and Ana Stephens-Row as a queen.

The fayre ended in St James's Church in the evening with the Village Players staging a stylish and beautiful presentation of The Hollow Crown.

Devised by John Barton of the Royal Shakespeare Company, the production comprised a selection of letters, speeches, poems, songs and music by and about England's kings and queens, ranging from the Norman Conquest to the House of Windsor, a jubilee homage to Queen Elizabeth II.



Children of the Parish received Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee commemorative coins, funded by the Community and Parish Councils

History comes alive in one village this week

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Roaming Romans

A CAST of 60 has been busy pulling together the segments of the Village Players' unique Nayland Stages 2000, a promenade pageant being staged this week at various village locations.

Two years in the planning, the production opens tonight at Court Knoll with a scene involving occupying Roman soldiers and the audience will follow the action through the village.

The show ends in the village hall with refreshments and the story of 20th century Nayland seen through the eyes of older residents.

Action is co-ordinated by Gerry Battye as Common Man and Yvonne Swane as Common Woman with a team of marshals to shepherd spectators round. Seats will be available for those who need them.

After last Monday's full rehearsal production co-ordinator Jean Jones said: "This is not just the Village Players but a real community effort with about 100 people involved. It's really come together and the costumes are amazing."

Pageant tickets are available at Nayland post office, £3 adults, £1 children, for the show being staged from tonight until Saturday. Spectators can follow the action around free of charge until the final session in the hall.

A £2000 Millennium Commission grant helped fund the show and some was used for a special programme included in the ticket price.



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NAYLAND WELCOMES THE MILLENNIUM

Two major events marked the turn of the century for Nayland. Firstly, mid-day on the 31st December saw the long awaited official opening of the revitalised Village Hall, an event which will have lasting influence and benefit to the village for years to come. Then, the celebration of the Millennium itself with torchlight processions, fireworks, bonfire and dancing in the new Hall will live long in the memory of those who attended. A truly well deserved appreciation to those primarily responsible for both these events.

Roy Evans who was there writes as follows about the Millennium celebrations: "It certainly was a night to remember. 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 who had quickly changed their footwear, picked up their torches and walked with anticipation to the appointed meeting place. What a wonderful sight this was, never before seen in Nayland in living memory. Several hundred people filled the centre of the village, quietly chatting and enjoying the warmth and light of the burning torches which they held aloft.

Then, as if by magic, the crowd moved on, down the short distance to Court Knoll where it is understood that the earliest Nayland Settlements had been located. What an appropriate place wherein to welcome the start of another thousand years. Would it be muddy, we thought, after all the rain of December. But no, the Community Council had prepared well. The entrance was fully mulched and carpeted and a line of coloured lights led us to a lanterned gateway and on to the field itself. There in the far corner the largest

Millennium Archive Exhibition & Open Gardens

The Conservation Society participated in the village's Millennium celebration with a major history exhibition, "Nayland with Wissington Through the Centuries" held in the Village Hall on 10th/11th June.

A special two-day Open Gardens was also held this weekend. Visitors were able to wander round our picturesque village and enjoy visiting the 30 beautiful gardens open, which offered a variety of styles; from quaint cottage gardens and gardens with tranquil riverside views to traditional walled gardens and grand formal gardens.

Photos: A display of archive documents and photographs; and a display of Ivan Kerridge's bottles, Andrew Mcbeth's agricultural implements and Stuart Pickup's ironwork.



At least the village hall was dry!

20 July 2000



It was the turn of the younger generation to have their own millennium celebration party at Nayland village hall on Saturday.

Rain showers meant the event had to be held indoors but the organisers hung bunting in the eaves of the hall so it resembled

a street party. After two hours of singing and dancing the excited guests sat down to a slip-up tea.

Four mums - Nicky Hall, Tracey Poole, Gill Boardman and Claire Prescott - each made a cake to make up the number 2000 and at the

end of the afternoon every child took home a commemorative mug containing a slice.

The party was funded by Nayland Community Council to give local youngsters a chance to celebrate the new century and 90 children aged four to nine

attended. "With older children helping we catered for about 100 and they managed to devour all the goodies," said Mrs Prescott. "As a finale we let down a net full of red balloons and they all thought that was fantastic."

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PICTURE by Suzanne Abbott

Below: The children were each given a Millennium commemorative mug, funded by the Community Council.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL: 2006-15



Street life... Visitors eye stalls. Below - Lucy Arditi, seven, enjoys her face paints 0607-117-8218/828



Fair's French flavour

BRILLIANT sunshine plus attractions for all ages ensured a successful street fair for Nayland Community Council.

Decorated with red, white and blue bunting, the village centre buzzed on Sunday. The fair had a French theme and apart from commercial stalls, 15 village organisations took part, raising money for themselves and the council.

Council chairman Alan Hodges said: "It was village life at its best. We had a marvellous day with good crowds and the weather was kind."

"There was something for everyone, in terms of food, drink, stalls and entertainment which was of a high standard."

The fair was opened by Judge Brian Watling who thanked organiser Andrew Gowen on the village's behalf.

The programme included music by Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School Jazz Band, country dancing by children from Nayland Primary School and clog dancing displays by the Aldham-based Bows 'n' Belles.

The Village Players presented an extract from their last panto, *The Three Musketeers*, complete with baguette fight, and Nayland Choir sang a spirited *Marseillaise* plus a medley from *Les Miserables*.

Chef Carl Shillingford, of the Anchor Inn, ran a busy barbecue. Robert Dossor and daughter Jill served teas at the Picnic on Webb's Meadow.



Village festivities entertain all ages

THREE days of festivities culminated in a sell-out concert and old-time music hall at Nayland village hall on Sunday.

Led by Nayland Community Council, the village's first festival included features for all ages.

Council chairman Alan Hodges, who masterminded the weekend, said: "For a first venture it went very successfully. Every society that took part provided a range of interests so there was something for everyone. It provided a real lift to the village bringing everyone together and we'll probably do it again in two years' time."

The programme began on Friday with Nayland Primary School choir singing in the village hall followed by Dr Ronald Rhye giving a talk on his book *Aberfeldy* and a screening of the film based on the book.

On Saturday parish councillor Chris Hunt led a guided walk along Nayland footpaths and there was a day-long treasure hunt round the village.

Winners were Jessica, Rosie and Lizzie Higgins and Amy Spencer.

The conservation society held an exhibition of Nayland bygone in Carvers' Barn where two experts from auctioneers Reeman Dannie valued numerous objects in a What's It Worth session.

Round the corner in Fen Street, dozens of children cheered on their ducks in a race down the millstream and the winner was two-year-old Harrison Austin.

The community council ran a successful barn dance and on Sunday families enjoyed a picnic lunch on the playing field with music from Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School Jazz Band and sports laid on by the youth club.

The evening performance, some from the shows by Nayland Choir and the Village Players' music hall ended the festival in style.



Treasured heirloom... the antiques valuations got under way at Nayland. Picture: Shw1207/2020 by Helen Whitcombe available at www.photostoday.co.uk



They're off... the duck races in Nayland's mill stream at Fen Street. Picture by Pat Bray

30 September 2010



On-song festival note perfect

A TWO-day village festival combined with a bicentenary celebration of a Constable painting in the parish church added up to a memorable weekend for Nayland.

Organised by Nayland Community Council, the Fun, Food and Music festival - with a non-stop programme of entertainment - involved numerous village societies who all contributed to its success.

Chairman Barry Wakefield said afterwards: "There were high and not-so-high points, as might be expected when organising a village festival, but the number of high points far exceeded the low and there was much enjoyment and pleasure."

"Thanks are due to many people for their individual contributions and all the village organisations for their efforts and support."

The festival kicked off on Friday with the Village Players presenting *A Voyage Through the Musicals* to a sell-out audience in the village hall.

The nostalgic musical journey, travelling across the years from *HMS Pinafore* to *Manna Mia*, featured popular favourites from shows past and present.

Saturday's first event was a duck race in the Fen Street mill stream, organised by Woodland Corner. All

Left: On song... Nayland Primary School choir performs on stage at the village playing field. MSFP 16-09-10 RPT12 To order this photo, call 01787 37521 or visit www.photostoday.co.uk



Supporting local produce... Miriam Burns surveys one of the food stalls organised by Transition Nayland. MSFP 16-09-10 RPT13 To order this photo, call 01787 37521 or visit www.photostoday.co.uk

Photos below, clockwise: Village Players' *A Voyage Through the Musicals*, Nayland Choir, Nayland Scout's exhibit in HortSoc's Flower Festival, Elizabeth and Barry Wakefield enjoying the entertainment



Christmas fayre a big success

CHRISTMAS came early to Nayland when the community council held its annual family fayre on Saturday.

Get decorated with festive bunting, the village hall was packed as shoppers searched for gifts from a wide range of stalls selling all kinds of goods from jewellery and toys to cupcakes and cards.

A highlight of the event was a performance of seasonal songs by Nayland Primary School choir, conducted by Jayne Kennedy with Emma Bishton at the piano.

As well as mulled wine, visitors enjoyed sampling a selection of four different soups made by Anchor Inn chef Carl Shillingford from ingredients all sourced within a mile of Nayland.

Santa Claus and his elf were also there chatting to youngsters and handing out gifts.

Ten village organisations which took part in the fayre, together with stallholders from further afield, made about £200 profit for community council funds.

Organiser Steve Maguire said: "It went really well, even better than last year, and we're so grateful to the school choir who gave another outstanding performance."

"Thanks are also due to village societies for their help and everyone who braved the weather and made our fayre such an enjoyable event."

Village festive fair is a big hit

HUNDREDS of villagers celebrated the start of the festive season on Sunday when Nayland with Wissington Community Council held its annual Christmas family fair in the village hall.

Numerous organisations took part, running a variety of stalls selling mulled wine, mince pies, cakes, calendars, decorations and other tempting seasonal fare.

A highlight of the event was Nayland Primary School choir singing carols and music by the school's ukulele orchestra.

Transition Nayland organised a popular soup kitchen using locally-sourced ingredients, while Nayland Art Group arranged a display of paintings and Christmas cards by members.

Imaginative entries for a hanging decoration competition were praised by children's author Mick Inkpen, who presented prizes to winners Honey Reagan, five, and Yasmin Gradwick-Light, nine.

Father Christmas was also there with his Elf and was kept busy as youngsters queued up to meet him.

Organiser Alex Badman said: "The fair was the first we've held on a Sunday and was a major success. It was brilliant to have the children singing and ending with a rousing chorus of *Jingle Bells*."

"We were so pleased to have Mick judging our competition, which was very well supported, and I must say a huge thankyou to community council members who helped decorate the hall."

Organisations running stalls raised funds for themselves and £200 will go to the council.

JINGLE ALL THE WAY: Shoppers packed into Nayland Village Hall at the weekend for the annual Christmas fair. MSFP-27-11-11 BC 10

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Community Council

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Community Times Success: SALC Newsletter of the Year Competition

The Parish Council nominated the Community Times in the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) Newsletter of the Year Competition. Gerry Battye wrote a glowing citation in which he included: "The Parish Council commends this publication to the judges. It represents the heart-beat of our community. It informs, encourages and inspires us all to participate and involve ourselves in the Community."

The CT was beaten by Elmswell who have won the completion four times in the last five years.

Babergh Achievement Awards: Community Council

The Parish Council nominated the Community Council for this year's Babergh Community Achievement Awards. The nomination was successful.

The awards, run for 20 years, highlight the work of people and groups who make a difference by giving up their time for the benefit of their local schools and communities.

20 June 2012

NAYLAND
Mrs P Bray
6 Birch Fall,
(01206) 252479

JUBILEE DAY: Red, white and blue bunting strung across Nayland's main square plus numerous fluttering Union Jack flags ensured the village was looking its patriotic best for the jubilee celebrations.

A community council jubilee committee had planned a full programme for Sunday with something to interest all ages and everyone ignored the dismal weather.

Chairman Jill Badman said afterwards: "We had a fantastic day and thanks are due to a small band of people who worked tirelessly to put up two marquees at the village hall. We had to do a last-minute rethink about the street party because of the forecast and in the end at least 450 people sat down to lunch."

The day began with a festival Bucharest service in St James' Church conducted by the Rev Adrian Mason, followed by parish council chairman Gerry Battye unveiling a jubilee tree plaque in Bear Street.

Mr Battye recalled the massive changes that had taken place over the Queen's reign yet, he said, she was a "constant in all our lives".

He added: "In times of joy, upheaval and sadness, she has always been there, inspiring respect and loyalty in an ever-changing country and throughout the world. She is unique and the residents of Nayland and Wissington collectively declare our loyal greetings and offer her our thanks."

Events continued with a duck

olympics down the mill stream in Fen Street which attracted dozens of entries. Medals and vouchers were later presented to winners Hollie Bromley and William Davies at the village hall.

Winners of the heraldic shield competition, Elliot Piper-Hunter, eight, and runners-up Chloe Savanna Smith, 10, and Annabel Hitchcock, seven, each received a certificate and painting set and Elliot, the overall winner, had his entry displayed.

Jubilee medals were presented by chief fire officer Andy Fry to watch commander Tony Gardner, crew commander Shane Gladwell and firefighters Simon Bartrum and Karen Elliott.

Medals also went to five founder members of Nayland's first response team - Andrew Gowen, Karen Elliott, Sheena McMahon, Tony Price and Laura Thurlow.

Spot prizes were awarded to Penny Allen (best dressed table), James Carver (best jubilee shirt), Patricia Fitzgerald (lucky ticket draw), Peter Drew and the Elston family (quiz), Brian and Noelle Watling (best window display).

After lunch, villagers stayed to watch the Thames Pageant screened in the hall.

Nayland and District Horticultural Society had arranged a fascinating collection of 1950s memorabilia in the church. Hundreds of items ranging from radios, typewriters and telephones to books, games, toys and clothes were on show from Saturday to Tuesday.

Parish recorder Wendy Sparrow also created a royal table with sweaters and press cuttings featuring jubilee coronations and jubilee celebrations.



COMMUNITY COUNCIL : 2016-25

Nayland Street Fayre: Sunday 17th July 2016

Sights and sounds of the 1960s were highlighted when Nayland with Wissington Community Council held its Street Fayre on July 17. The event celebrated the council's 50th anniversary and the gaily decorated village centre was packed with stalls.

The Fayre was opened by council president Ken Willingale who served on the original committee and recalled how the first chairman, the late General Fairbanks, had led a project to have a village hall built in six years. The ceremony was followed by Nayland School Choir singing a medley of 60s songs and during the day performances were staged by Nayland Choir, the Village Players and the Caverners 60s band.

There were two art exhibitions in St James' Church and a display illustrating the council's history and current activities. Other features included vintage car rides, a shooting range, a community art project, photo booth and a children's roundabout.

In addition to local people the Fayre attracted hundreds of visitors from further afield and was rated "a huge success" by organising committee chairman Claire Buller.

Claire said: "It was a great team effort and there was a wonderful atmosphere throughout the day. A big thank you to Lorraine Brooks for compiling the council's history display."



The Covid-19 Pandemic Interruption

On 23rd March 2020 the Government announced the first lockdown in the UK due to the Coronavirus pandemic. For the rest of that year there were lockdowns (second on 5 November), or restrictive contact with others. In Nayland and Wiston, as everywhere, life became different but we were perhaps lucky in a rural community to be able to get out of our homes and enjoy the countryside and observe wildlife. Community activities as we had known them ceased, for eighteen months or so.

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 who could offer help 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 and Gordon, the resident graylag goose, kept us company at Caley Green.

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.

NAYLAND & WISTON Local volunteers have offered to help

YOU ARE STILL NOT ALONE if you need help with shopping, a prescription, an errand run. There are volunteers willing to help.

Telephone one of the volunteers listed for your area of the village.

If you do not have a copy of the list which was included on page 6 of <http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk> Community Times 2020, June/CT.pdf the list is available from Rachel on 263169 / 07788 954309



Nayland and Wiston Christmas Trail

Christmas was a little different in 2020 when the idea of a Christmas Trail was born to bring a little seasonal cheer to the streets of Nayland and Wiston, despite the pandemic restrictions. This would be enable a festive coming together of residents, without social contact.

They were invited to participate: **Advent Windows:** 'open' their decorated windows on an allocated day - between 1st to 24th December.

Christmas Tree Trail: display their decorated Christmas trees from 7th December. For a little extra interest a question was associated with each tree.

Wreath competition: display their hand-made wreaths from 7th December. Prizes were awarded to adults children (under 16); and children (under 10).

A Christmas Trail map document was produced for resident to follow the trail.

Photos: L+R an assortment of windows, trees & wreaths.



Platinum Jubilee Street Party

The Community Council set out to organise a Street Party in the High Street on 5th June 2022 to celebrate 70 years of the Queen's reign, but the British weather was not kind for this once in a lifetime Jubilee celebration. The party organisers have dealt with such dilemmas before and as usual pulled off the mammoth task of setting everything up to accommodate 470 people in the village hall and marquee instead of in the gaily decorated High Street.

At noon bellringers rang a delightful Jubilee Peal of St James' Church Bells as party goers arrived in 1950s style or red, white and blue jubilee outfits. The Party then began with the entrance of two very special guests; a young Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret (aka Esme and Ella Ball) they looked absolutely wonderful in full kings and queens' coronation dresses as they led the 25 plus children who had dressed up as kings and queens for the fancy-dress parade. James Finch officially opened the Party and presented the Platinum Jubilee medals to our long serving Nayland Firefighters. Lucia Fortunato sang beautifully, serenading party goers with 1950's classics before making a toast to Her Majesty and singing God Save the Queen.

The bring your own picnics were truly amazing; some of the cakes and food platters really were a sight to see and some made the trifles. Spot Prizes were awarded for best dressed, best picnic and more.... To entertain children there was magic, balloon modelling and Punch and Judy. Nayland Primary School Choir and Ukulele Band entertained with some hits from the 1950s. The adult choir then joined in allowing us all to enjoy some excellent community singing led by Emma Bishton. This culminated with 'Sweet Caroline' chosen by the BBC as the song for nation to sing at Street Parties. The afternoon finished with Lucia's wonderful singing accompanied by an array of very talented musicians masterminded by Mandy Cook. Due to the change in location and sheer numbers it was not possible to show the screening of the Jubilee Pageant in the village hall.

1950s Exhibition: Wendy Sparrow and her team of helpers organized a wonderful 1950s exhibition which evoked so many wonderful childhood memories for so many people.

Platinum Jubilee Mugs: bespoke commemorative Platinum Jubilee mugs were given to all the Parish's residents aged 16 and under.

It was a wonderful event with a fabulous atmosphere and reflected the spirit of the Community Council in true Nayland with Wissington style. A huge thanks to Claire Buller for leading on this fabulous celebration and overcoming the last minute changes.



Village Christmas Tree

Every year the Community Council provide and install the village Christmas tree in the High Street, with electricity for the lights kindly provided by the dental clinic.

On 10th December 2017 the team awoke that morning to freezing conditions and rain. The team of helpers started to prepare the tree regardless of a few snowflakes, little did they know a rather heavy snow blizzard was about to descend on them. Every year the team seem to face an issue, whether weather or parked cars, but this was a first for snow.

The tree always looks rather magical and provides a wonderful focal point for the annual 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree with the Boxed Silver Band'.

Well done to all involved every year, especially Claire Buller who leads the team.



Village Christmas Tree Covid restrictions did not hold the team back; volunteers were united - at a masked distance to install the Christmas tree.

Father Christmas' Tour of Nayland

Father Christmas and his Elf honoured our village by visiting on 20th December 2020. He was chauffeured around the in Foster Jones' open-top vintage car, a 1927 Humber.

Starting from the Christmas tree in the High Street they toured the village spreading Christmas cheer en route handing out bags of chocolate coins to the little people of the village.

They were greeted by a huge crowd by Caley Green before continuing their travel around the village. This proved very popular and has been repeated every Christmas Eve.



2021: The CC was back.... with a Bang and a Jingle Bells!!

Bonfire and Firework Night was back in its traditional spot of 5th November - with a bit of a makeover as a pyrotechnics company set the display which was bigger and brighter than ever. The Community Council and volunteers provided all the usual goodies that go to make up this great community event.

Ho, ho, ho, Father Christmas was not one to be stopped from spreading his cheer, he was back for the Jingle Bells Coffee Morning in December. As a precaution in light of Covid the event did not have stalls by non villagers in the way the Christmas Fayre had, but concentrated on being a merry social occasion, with seasonal refreshments, festive goodies, society participation and more. It returned fully as a Fayre in December 2022.



A very wet autumn in 2023 left the field semi-flooded but the water reflected the display and added to the atmosphere.

King Charles III's Coronation Picnic

God Save the King. Many of us were glued to our televisions to watch the historic occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023. It was such a shame that the weather was unkind but the typically British pomp and ceremony went on regardless.

Like many other communities the following day, when thankfully the sun came out, Nayland residents celebrated with a Coronation Picnic on Webb's Meadow at the village hall.

It was a lovely, informal and jolly get together with about 150 gaily dressed villagers turning out to enjoy the sunshine and the lovely community atmosphere.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON
KING CHARLES III
CORONATION
CELEBRATIONS
SUNDAY 7TH MAY

Come and gather to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III with friends and neighbours at Nayland Village Hall Playing Field as part of the nationwide 'Big Lunch'.
(in the Village Hall if the weather demands)

Sunday 7th May 2023
at 12 noon until 3.30pm

Bring Your Own Coronation Picnic, Drinks & Flags
Royal Theme or Red, White & Blue Dress
Punch & Judy Shows and Children's Workshop
Children's Coronation Dress Parade - prizes for all
Coronation Peal of St James' Church Bells
Tea and Coffee Served
Ice Cream available

Add to the community fun; decorate your houses or windows
Spot prizes for best or stand out; dressed, headwear, picnic, cupcakes, decorated house, and more....



Grants: Since 2016 the Community Council continued to award grants towards various projects, for example:

Supporting the Parish Recorder's History Exhibition; Nayland Community First Responders; Nayland Baby & Toddler Group; Nayland & Wiston Website; Over 60s Christmas Party; Primary School music groups, Lizzie's Fund (The Brain Tumour Charity); Conservation Society towards archaeological investigation work on Court Knoll, a bench on the Meadow and access steps down to the Meadow paths; Nayland Choir; Bear Street Christmas Lights; Nayland Bear's displays; Parish Council's Queen Elizabeth and King Charles Memorial seat and tree; Horsewatering common land in Bear Street, Royal British Legion memorial book.

For various projects at the Village Hall: refurbishment of the kitchen and an additional catering stove and hot cupboard; a new sound system for the Nayland Cinema, £10,000 for their endowment fund; a replacement cooker, replacement external doors; 12 enlarged photos and frames; £20,000 towards their replacement roof project.

The Community Council was fully supportive of the **Save Our Post Office** campaign and contributed to the campaign to establish a community run Post Office stores (Nayland Community Stores Ltd). Unfortunately this did not come to fruition.

Community Defibrillators: In 2018 the Community Council organised installation and maintenance of a public access defibrillator (financed with a grant from the National Lottery) at the Village Hall by the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT). There is another defibrillator on the outside wall of the Fire Station managed by the Fire Service. In 2025 the Community Council and Parish Council jointly funded a public access defibrillator installation at Wiston.

Permissive Footpath Maintenance: In 2024 the Community Council agreed to support the maintenance of two stretches of permissive path which had become very overgrown - a stretch is along the right hand side of Stoke Road and a second stretch from Court Knoll to the Allotments. They agreed to monitor the condition of these paths.

Water Level Gauge for River Stour: Following fluctuations in the water levels, and occasions in recent years when flow virtually ceased, in the river through Nayland the Community Council agreed to supply and install a water level gauge at Caley Green.



Commemorative Plaque for our President

A new memorial plaque was installed in the village hall garden to acknowledge Ken and Olive Willingale's contribution to the village through their involvement in many village organisations.

The slate plaque reads "Ken Willingale, Community Council Treasurer, Chairman and President 1966-2024 and Olive Willingale, Horticultural Society Secretary & President 1980-2011. Commemorating their many contributions to the village". This replaced the plaque for Olive, in front of Olive's tree, an Acer tataricum 'Flame', planted in her honour, by HortSoc.

Ken had been appointed Treasurer of a Steering Group (which became the Community Council) to take forward the project of providing a recreation ground and village hall for the community; this was achieved when the hall opened in 1972. As founder member and long-standing President Ken remained a valued part of the Community Council until his death in January 2024.

Fun Village Quiz

The Quiz was only disrupted for one year in February 2021.

This has proved a popular event over the years, with about twenty teams battling it out in friendly rivalry! It is wonderfully masterminded by Rachel Hitchcock with great questions, well paced and most of all great fun.



GRANTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Some organisations who have benefited from Grants include: *(this is not a complete list)*

Miscellaneous	1978 Doctors Surgery alterations £300, 1989 gate for Fennages fence, 2013 new notice board at Old Forge £129 new sunken fixing for village Christmas tree £248 display boards for calendar competition £239
Village Hall	Redevelopment project 1996 £500, 1997 £1,000, 1998 £1,000 1991 gate to Candy Lane, 1998 improvements to the car park £350, lighting improvements, 2000 card tables £275, paving £1,800 & benches in changing rooms £200 2002 outstanding renovation costs £2,000, 2004 additional tables & chairs £500, 2004 maintenance £500, Contributions to Endowment Fund £1,000 in: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 2007 new PA system & speakers £1,300, 2010 dishwasher £3,000, 2010 stage carpet £1,275, 2012 external lighting £821, kitchen refurbishment project £3,500 2016 refurbishment of kitchen, now stove & hot cupboard £3,500 2016 contribution to Endowment Fund £1,000 2018 towards improving the sound system for the Cinema £1,860 2019 towards the Replacement Roof project £10,000 2019 towards replacement cooker £780 2022 replacement glass front doors & 3 wooden external doors £10,000 2023 cost of framing large photos of village celebrations £884 2025 towards the Replacement Roof project £10,000
Parish Council	1975 set of climbing frames for Rec Ground [Playgroup] £150, 2014 loan written off £540, 2014 Fairfield Playground equipment £1,000 2024 towards memorial bench and tree on Caley Green for Queen Elizabeth II & King William III £1,538
Woodland Corner /Playgroup	1995 tape recorder & storage shed, 1997 tables & chairs £200, 2000 - £200, 2005 replacement shed £300 New building project 2006 £2,000, 2007 £2,000 2012 granted £250, also 2012 replacement flooring £1,000, 2014 new computer system £500,
Primary School	1995 computers, 1998 computer software £200, 2002 LCD projector £700, 2005 Father Christmas costume £150, 2009 composter £250, 2011 portable PA system £250, 2020 bespoke T-shirts for recorder & uke groups 2024 towards re-establishing music groups £400
Youth Club	1997 equipment £430, village hall hire approx £700 in: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 2000 disco lights £200, 2002 - £200, 2005 staffing £500, 2012 granted £250
Scouts & Cubs	1994 hut refurbishment 2006 insurance £200,
Nayland Eagles FC	1996 new strip
Nayland Rangers FC	1978 start up costs £300,
Tapestry Singers	1993 music & stands
Church Hall	2005 additional crockery for Luncheon Club Over 60s £200
Village Players	1976 scenery flats £125, 1994 blackout curtains, 2002 stage carpet for village hall, 2004 costumes at auction £500, 2006 stage curtains £500,
Conservation Society	2006 Memories history book £300, 2013 test pit dig project £500, 2016 towards historical investigation work on Court Knoll project £1,000
Horticultural Society	1981 start-up capital
Art Group	2004 tutor costs £200, 2010 display boards £380
Transition Nayland	2010 start-up capital £500, 2010 fencing for new allotments £685
St Mary's Church	2013 replacement entrance gate £500
Parkers Way	2013 dart board for community centre approx £50
Over 60s	2004 2007 outings & activities £500, 2007 outings & activities £750, 2012 outings & activities £250, 2012 outings £250
Luncheon Club for Over 60s	2012 Christmas party £250, towards shortfall for Church hall hire £150 2017 Christmas party £200
Nayland Choir	2005 concert expenses £300, 2014 expenses of 20th Anniversary concerts £500 2022 hire of hall during Covid to enable social distancing £128 2023 for hire of musicians for their 30th Anniversary concert £1,500
Table Tennis Group	2015 additional table tennis table £250
Bowls Club	2015 carpet rolling device £353
First Responders	2007 start-up and defibrillator £400, 2015 additional defibrillator £400 2015 new iPad defibrillator £400 2024 for additional AED for responders £2,165 2024 for hall hire for training sessions £157 2024 for hall hire for 'Dickens' fundraiser £155 2025 for hall hire for training sessions £75
Baby & Toddlers Group	1993 mats & toys, 2000 equipment £200, 2012 granted £250, 2015 shortfall for hire of village hall £150 2016 towards shortfall for hall hire £150 2017 towards shortfall for hall hire £646 2020 assisting towards hall hire £300
Same the Post Office Campaign	2016 towards setting up a Community Store company £2,500 2018 reimbursement of the Community Store Trustee expenses £1,250
Community Website	2017 towards a third cost of setting up the new www.naylandandwiston.net £542 It was agreed to contributed one third of the ongoing costs
St James' Church	2017 towards setting up a Crib Festival £50
Community Defibrillator	2018 installed and maintained Community defibrillator at the Village Hall <i>(with a Lottery Grant)</i>
Lizzie's Fund (Brain Tumour Charity)	2018 hall hire for fundraiser £170 2020 hall hire for fundraiser £201
Nayland Meadow	2020 towards steps from A134 to Meadow path £649 2020 towards bench with inscription to CC along Meadow path £500
Bear Street Christmas Light	2023 towards the cost of electricity £100 2024 towards the cost of electricity £100 2025 towards the cost of electricity £100
Nayland Bear	2023 towards the cost of batteries £100 2025 towards the cost of batteries £100
Permissive Paths	2024 maintenance of 2 paths; along Stoke Road & from Court Knoll to allotments £250 2024 maintenance of path from Court Knoll to allotments £600
Water Level Gauge	2024 installation of the gauge £1,003 <i>(Shelley Signs £355n D Thurlow £648)</i>
Horsewatering	2025 towards maintenance of the greenspace £200
Royal British Legion	2025 for print run of 'NwW Remembers 1945' for the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2 £549



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GRANTS

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

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

The Council's financial support is provided by way of grants which are considered on their merit against a range of criteria set by, and which can be amended from time to time by, Nayland with Wissington Community Council.

The Grants Policy and Guidelines and application form is available [here](#)
Please note applications should be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to meetings - the dates are shown on the [Meetings page](#)




Supporting Nayland Village Hall



Fairfield Recreation Ground equipment



Additional table for the Table Tennis Group



Supporting the Baby & Toddler Group



Equipment for the Bowls Club



Supporting the Conservation Society's Court Knoll Project



Nayland Primary School music groups



Providing Community Access Defibrillators



Community website www.naylandandwiston.net



Maintenance of well-used permissive paths

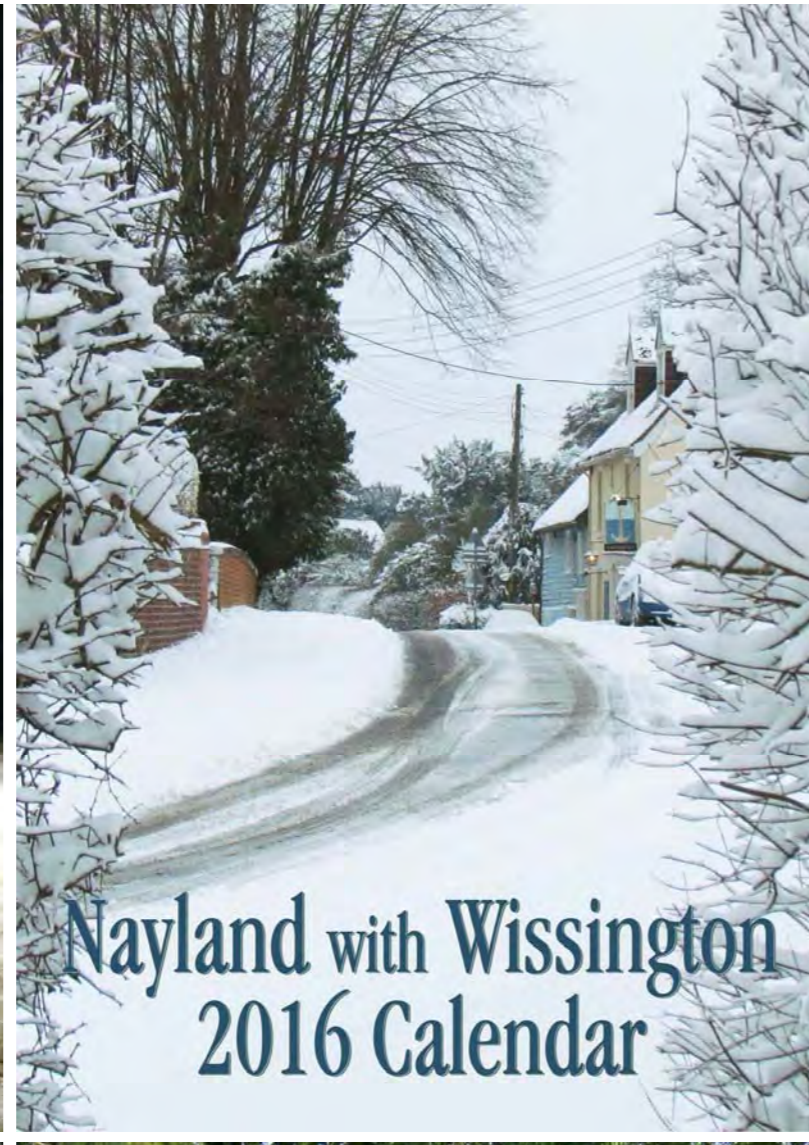
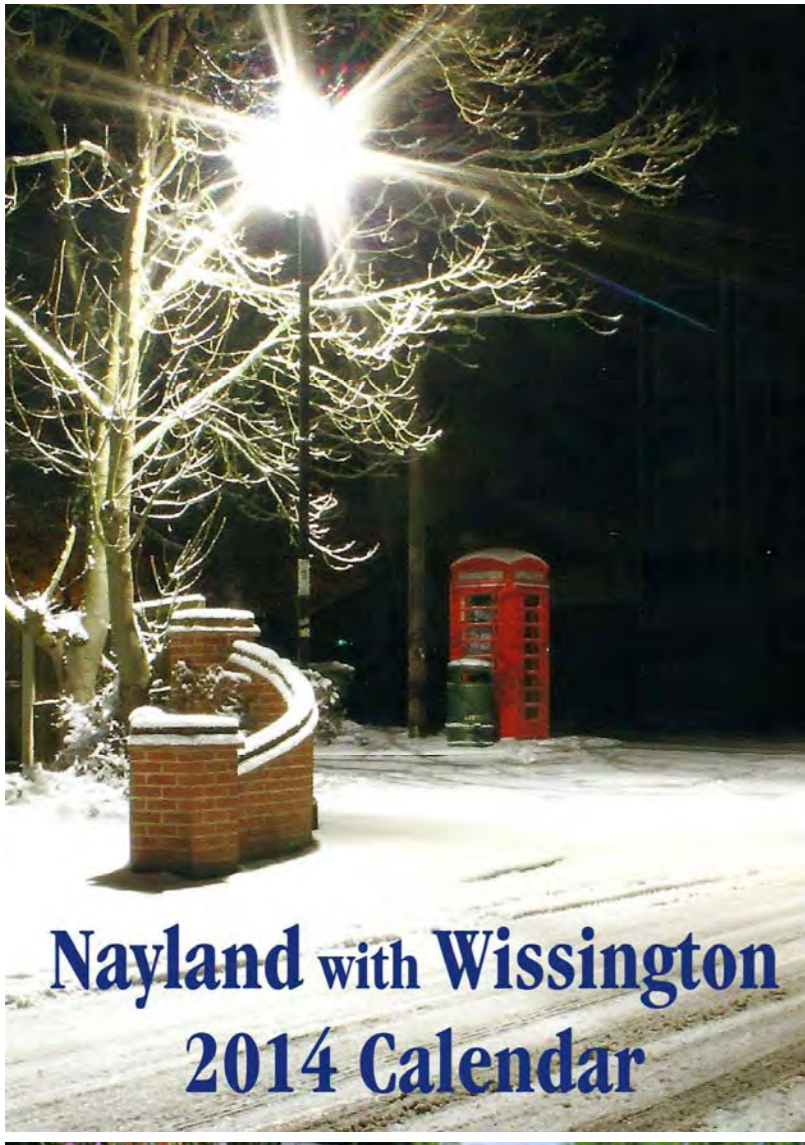


Additional AED for Nayland First Responders



Nayland Meadow projects

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CALENDAR



The Nayland with Wissington Calendar & Photographic Competition

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. From the beginning to present day Wendy Sparrow has provided historical details and Lorraine Brooks organised the competition and assembled the calendar. Others involved over the years have included Bryan and Jenny Smith, Chris Hunt, Trevor Smy, Colin Ramsell, Pat Bray and Claire Buller.

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 front cover.

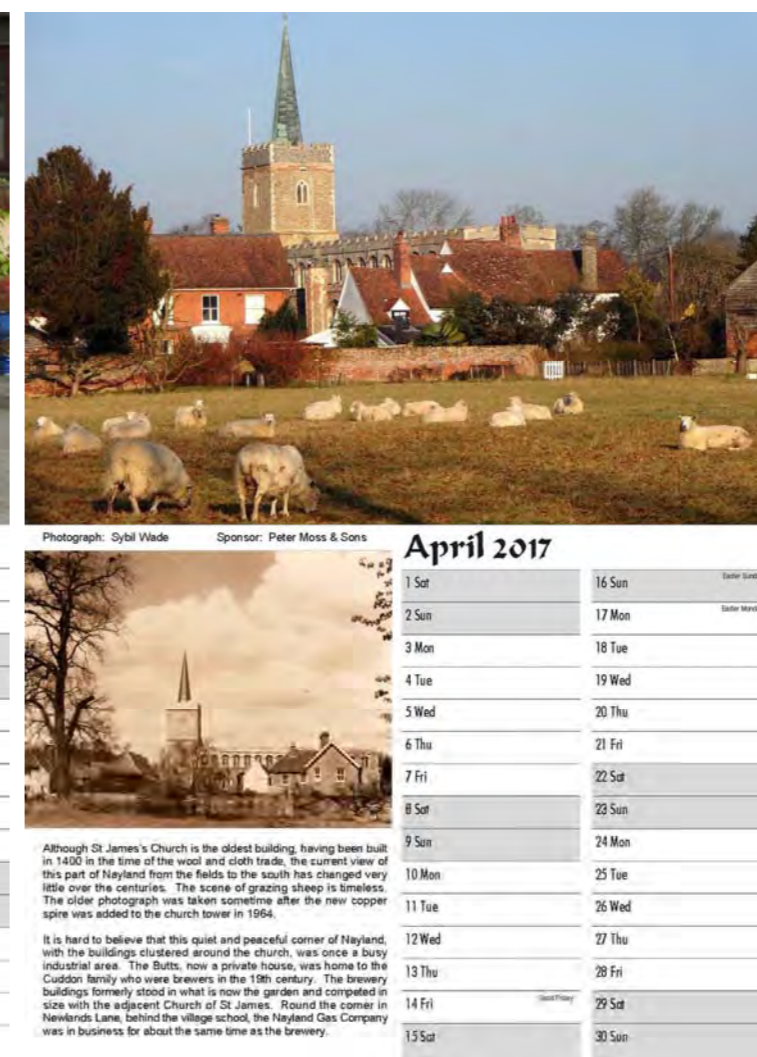
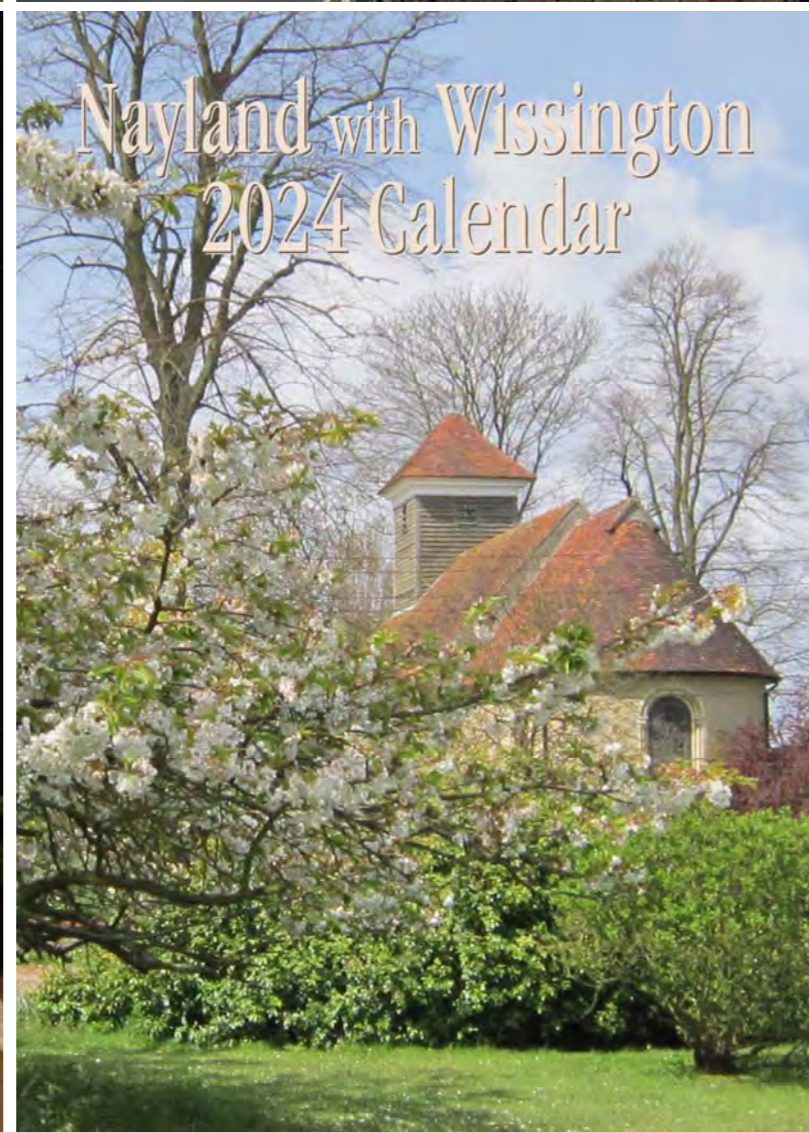
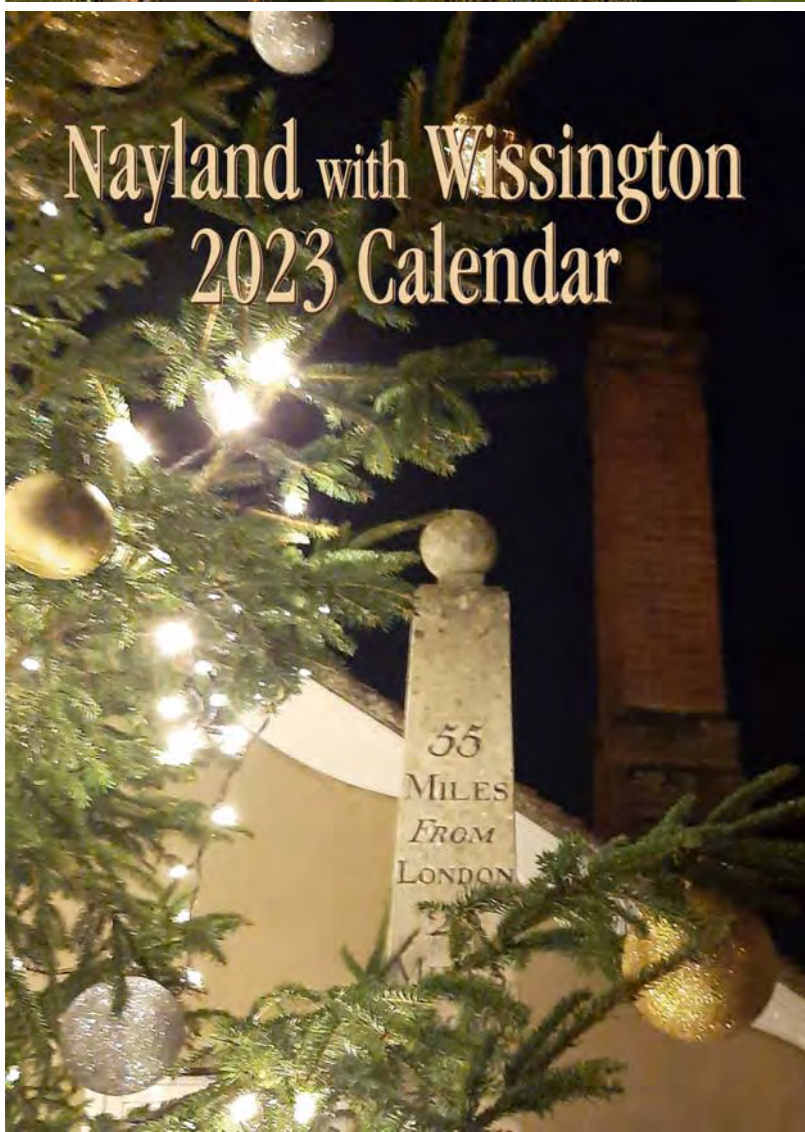
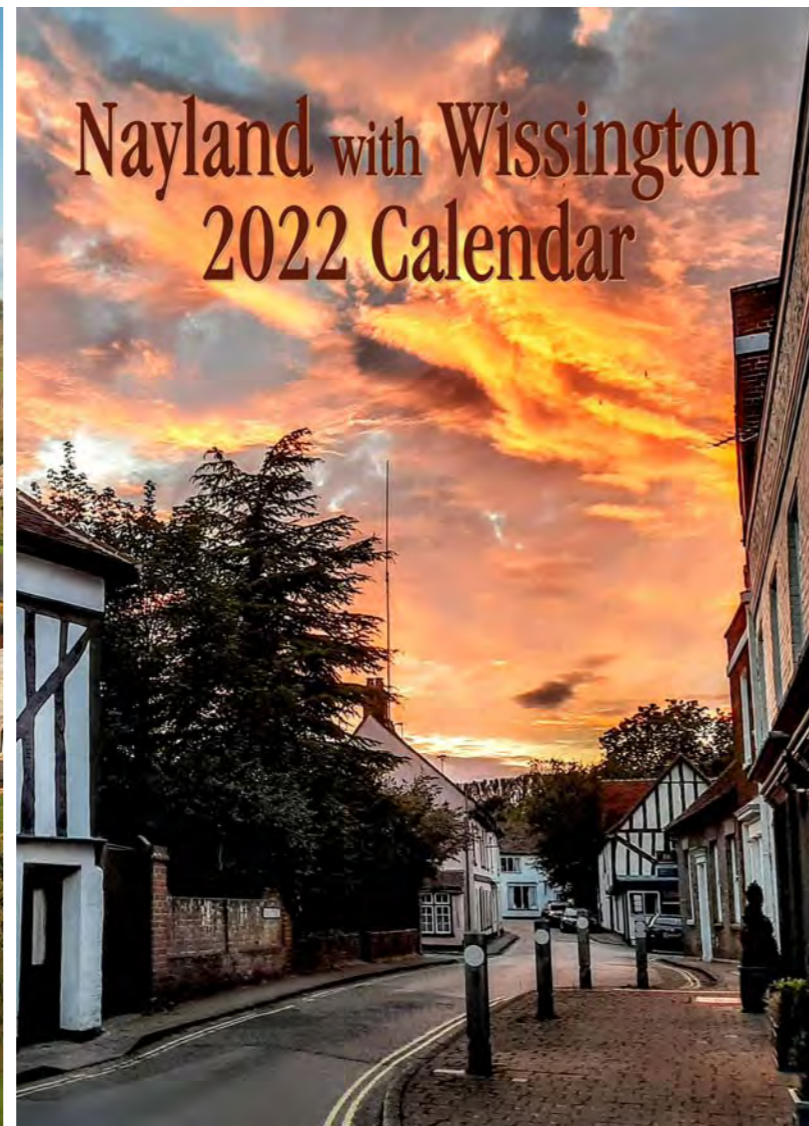
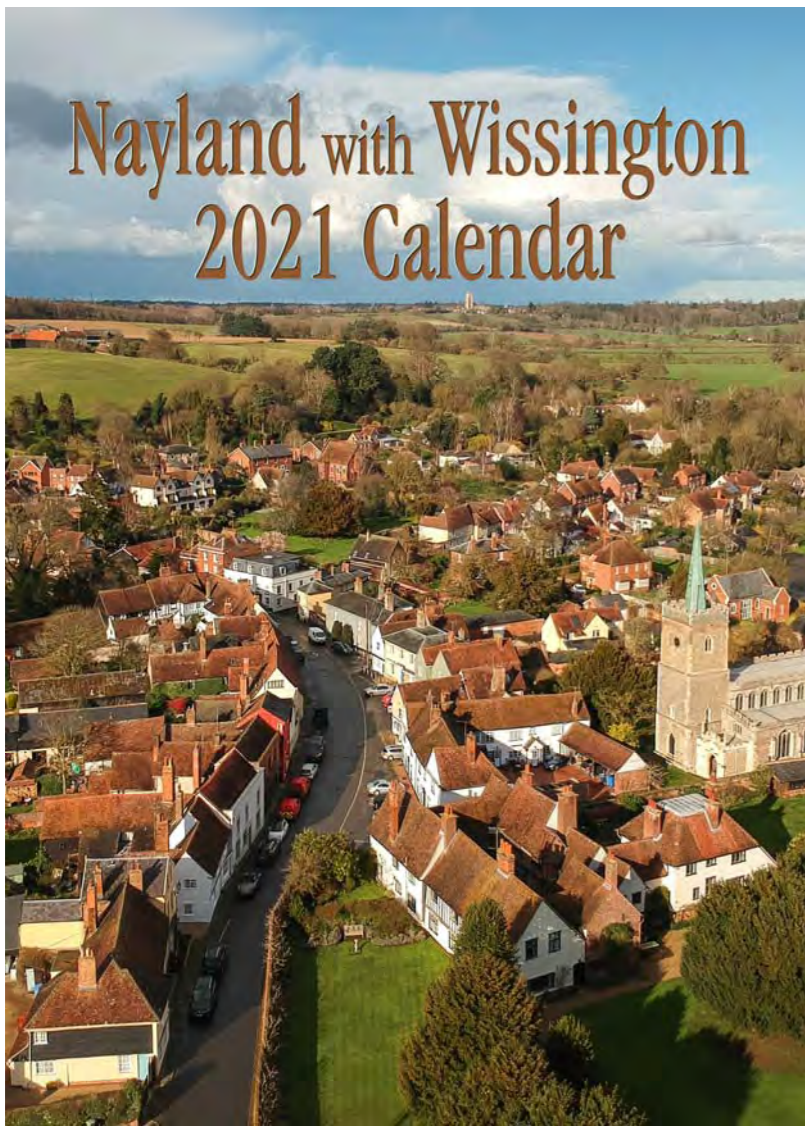
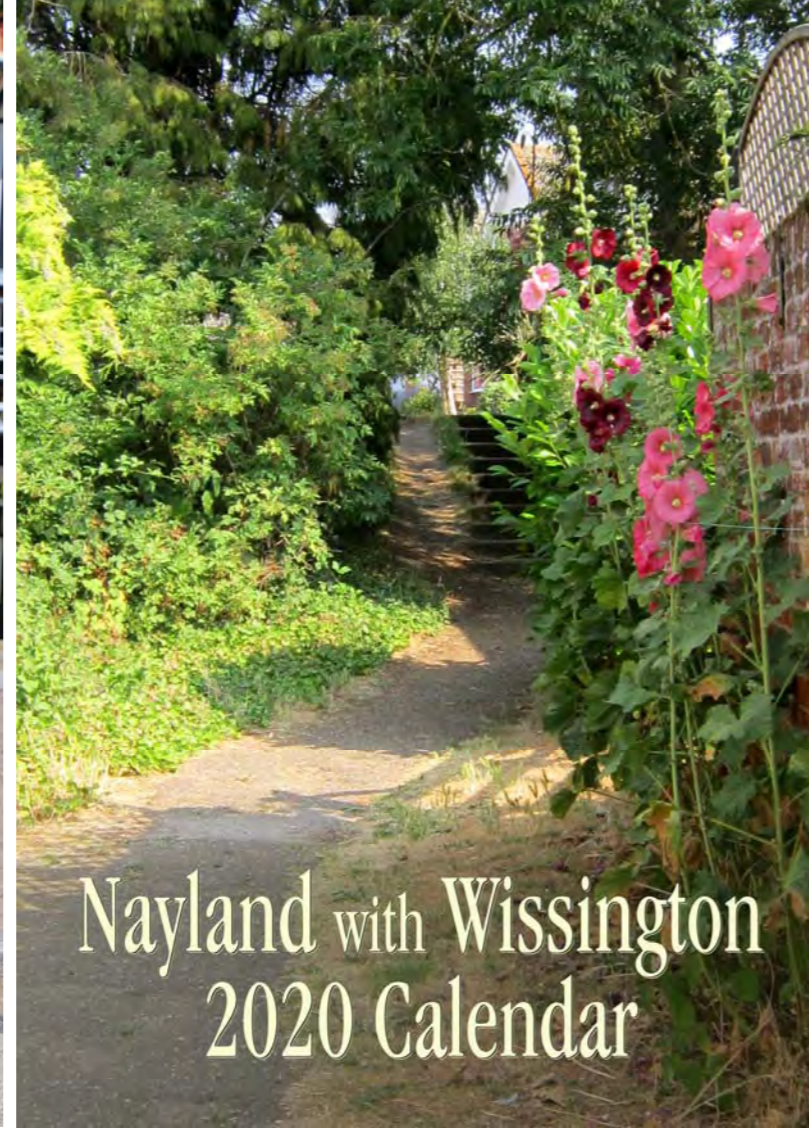
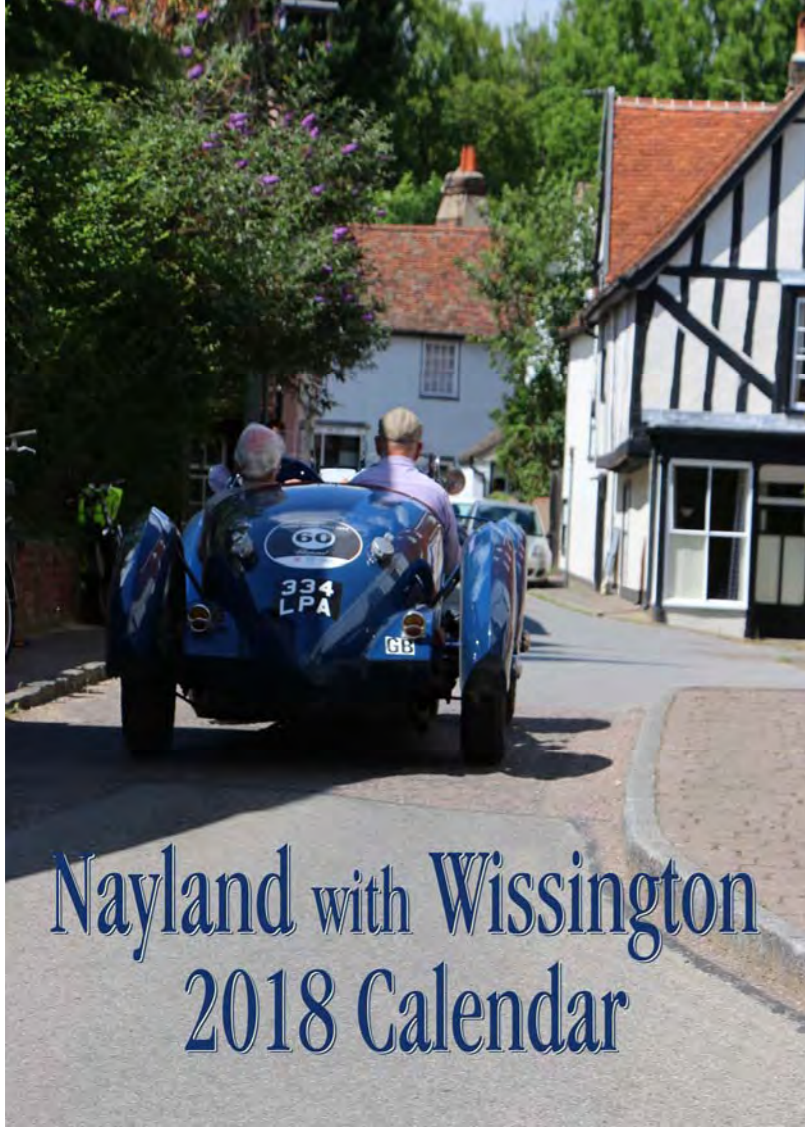
The first two calendars were a smaller format, then they were produced at A4 size with a wire binding.

For a number of years the design for each month had a modern photograph accompanied by an older image and historical information. More recently there has been a single current view of the Parish with a caption; this allows more space within the date section of the calendar.

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.

The images submitted have been excellent and such a superb reflection of our parish, its active community and its character and landscape. Several photo albums have been collated recording the many aspects of the Parish. It was felt that to do them justice they should be collated in photo albums. This will also serve in the future to record how the village looked in the present day.

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.



- Over the years there have been stunning photos for the front covers.
- For a number of years the modern photograph was accompanied by an older village scene and historical information.
- To allow more space within the date section of the calendar recently there has been a single view of the Parish with a caption.
- Details of the calendar competition, seen here using some of the beautiful images submitted previously.
- The back covers display the pages within the calendars which over the years have been a wonderful eclectic collection of scenes.

**Nayland with Wissington Calendar
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

We're all looking forward to seeing your fabulous images....
Deadline for your photo entries will be Monday 28th April
Vote for your favourites from 2nd to 5th May
Further details on www.naylandandwiston.net

As usual we welcome photographs taken in recent years, reflecting any of the 12 months of the year, representing our beautiful parish. These may include scenic views, architectural and natural features, street scenes and any seasonal or unusual aspects of the parish and community events or society activities would be appreciated.

- Open to residents of Nayland with Wissington, and those who work, go to school or are active participants in parish societies or groups.
- The images should be recognisable as being in Nayland or Wissington.
- Photographs of children must have parental knowledge and consent.
- Photographs should be landscape orientation and of good pixel size (high resolution).
- A maximum of 10 photographs per person may be entered.

Email your photos as attachments to: lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com in multiples or singularly but as original high resolution .jpg files and provide brief details of the location where the photograph was taken. Please include your... Name - Telephone number - Address in your first email; this will act as your entry form.

Further details on www.naylandandwiston.net or from Lorraine 262807 or lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com

Residents and participants can vote for their favourite scenes from 2nd to 5th May. The 12 most popular photographs will be included in the 2026 calendar

