



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..

13 June 1997

NAYLAND

Community council PROVIDING the project gets National lottery support and goes ahead, Nayland Community Council agreed last Wednesday to donate £1,000 to the village hall development scheme. Members also felt they wanted to support the village youth group and decided in principle to grant them £430, half the sum requested, towards new equipment.

The council's next major event is a barn dance on July 5 at John Rix's barn opposite the Rose public house in Thorrington Street.

Tickets at £6 to include supper will be available shortly at Nayland post office. Dancing will again be to Last Resort, played at last year's successful event.

4 September 1997

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The council have decided to invest money in a new public address system to replace the present one which is unreliable and difficult to assemble.

Members agreed at last week's meeting a new system would be well used by the community and the council would be able to find one that suited them.

Chairman Keith Worricker said discussions were continuing with the parish council to satisfy them the village hall management committee were capable of handling the hall development project. The council were prepared to act as agent in order to recover VAT on purchases but not to be financially liable or involved in paperwork.

He explained the lottery application for £250,000 had to be in by October 3. The community would have to raise £30,000 and the more effort they put in, the more response the project were likely to get from the lottery.

Plans for the village's millennium celebrations include a torchlight procession to the village hall for a barn dance and fireworks at midnight.

It was agreed to grant Nayland Playgroup £100 towards new tables and chairs. Winner of this month's 200 club £200 prize was Kathie Oakes.

SALE: A car boot sale organised by Nayland Rangers and Eagles football clubs on bank holiday Monday raised £130 for the village hall development fund.

WOMEN'S LEGION: A coach party of 50 members and friends enjoyed a mystery tour of villages on the Suffolk and Essex border recently. Last month's speaker was Mrs J Baker who gave an illustrated talk on Australia.

6 November 1997

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Members have decided to hire a public address system for events rather than buy a replacement for the present one.

Chairman Keith Worricker told last week's meeting a new system would cost £900 plus VAT and it seemed more sensible to hire one for occasional use. It was agreed to do so for the next event, the Christmas Bazaar on November 29.

He reported the village hall committee's application for a lottery grant had been submitted and the outcome would not be known for a couple of months. Hall treasurer Bryan Smith said it was encouraging, the application had passed the first hurdle and a site visit was taking place on November 13.

Members heard the hall was still suffering from vandalism with stones thrown through windows and an attempted break-in.

Roy Evans said so far 11 organisations were taking part in the bazaar. The raffle prize would be a 21lb turkey, donated by William Gray and more prizes would be welcome.

Mr. Worricker reported that Iris Sebba was helping to promote advertising in the Community Times, a valuable side of the business. The next issue would be the 50th and a Nayland quiz competition was being compiled to make the edition.

CAKE STALL: Nayland Primary School RSA are running a cake stall outside the village butcher's from 8.30 on Saturday.

There was a General Meeting of the Community Council on October 29th in the Church Hall. Due to a number of known absences through holidays and other commitments, attendance was lower than usual. Apologies were received from John Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Wakefield, Sandra Norfolk, Mr & Mrs. Willingale, Margaret Moore, Mandy Cook and Claire Prescott.

Arising from the previous meeting minutes, it was decided to examine further alternative possibilities for lighting a Christmas Tree in the centre of the village. Watch this space - or rather, the village square!

It was also decided not to spend £1000 on a new P.A. System. Really the number of times it was required hardly justified this level of expenditure and for the next few occasions we shall hire equipment - the first such occasion being for the Christmas Bazaar.

The main news of the Village Hall, apart from the submission of the grant application (the result won't be known until into next year), was the increase in vandalism with broken windows and even the kitchen door, which was smashed with an iron bar had to be replaced. It was reported that car-loads of youths - not necessarily all from Nayland - had been seen loitering in the vicinity of the Hall and the police had been informed.

On to better news - Bonfire night was a great success again with a marvelous 40 minute display of colourful and appropriately noisy fireworks which all but a few younger members of the audience thoroughly enjoyed. The Bonfire was also a huge success (after we had taken out of the fire a number of windows and doors complete with glass which had been added to the pile by a thoughtless individual). Our usual thanks to Fred Bugg for putting the stack together, firing it and taking away the residue. We must also thank Nayland Primary School for providing a range of guys to sit on the top of the pile in an appropriately provided sofa!

Iain Wright assisted by Mick Barratt and Ray Spencer set off the fireworks, Sue and Andrew Gowen and David Machell ran the barbecue and Roy Evans and I collected the money from you all on the way in. One young 3 year-old (?) on reading the tariff board (Adults £3, O.A.Ps £2. Children £!) was heard to say to his father " Dad, what is an Ope?"

Many thanks to all the helpers and to the supporters. Financially, we were pleased to clear £200!

The Christmas Bazaar will take place on November 29th which is too late for a report in this edition although Roy Evans, who is masterminding it, assures me all is going well with Father Christmas recruited to call and a good number of societies providing stalls. We must also thank William Gray for once again providing a large Turkey for the Raffle first prize.

After setting up the village Christmas Tree in mid December, and a further general meeting on January 28th in the Church Hall we go on to March 6th next year for our next event which is the very popular Village Quiz when we hope to see Ian and Barbara Carrington back to run this for us again. More news about that in the next issue of the Community Times (February) and about the AGM which will take place on March 11th

There has been some discussion in the Executive and it was also raised at the General Meeting about the role of the Nayland Community Times in respect of village "politics". Primarily the NCT is the voice-piece of the Community Council whose role is to provide recreational, educational and social activities for the community and to support the village societies - not to initiate articles on wider issues such as vandalism, drugs, heavy lorries, policing etc. etc. However if organisations or societies wished to raise such issues themselves by writing articles or letters to the Editor under their own name, they could be printed, - always subject to the Editor's discretion.

The Treasurer reported a healthy position with a total of £6425 in cash and on deposit. There were no grant applications but there was concern that a previous grant of £430 to the Youth Group had not yet been used for its intended purpose although it was understood it was still planned to do so. It was important that grants were used for the purpose specified and the position would be reviewed again at the next meeting.

NAYLAND

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Disappointment has been expressed by Nayland Community Council chairman Keith Worricker over Babergh Council's refusal of planning permission for a tennis court on the village playing field.

Mr Worricker told members attending last week's annual meeting: "In the early days the council were the prime movers in securing the use of the field as a village playing field. This was before some of the Fen Street houses were built and when many of the people who objected moved in they knew the playing field was there."

Members agreed to ask the parish council to appeal against Babergh's decision.

Mr Worricker urged organisations to approach the council for financial help if needed. "This is the main purpose of our fund-raising and any suggestions will be considered," he said. "Don't be shy if you want some help." Various plans were outlined for the millennium celebrations including a village pageant.

Treasurer Andrew Gowen reported an overall surplus of £688 for the year and said council finances were improving annually. Profit on the Community Times had doubled last year. Officers elected were: President, Mr Willingale; vice-president, William Gray; secretary, Claire Prescott; treasurer, Mr Gowen. The posts of chairman and vice-chairman were left vacant.

QUIZ: This year's Nayland Community Council quiz, held at the village hall on March 6, ended in a dead-heat with the two top teams scoring equal marks. Following a tie-break question the winners were: 1 Excess Baggage; 2 Noteworthy; 3 Golden Eagles.

Twenty-one teams took part in the event, which raised £174 for council funds, and questions were set by Ian and Barbara Carrington. Refreshments were arranged by Claire Prescott and her team of helpers.

Who will fill the empty chair at Nayland?

NAYLAND Community Council is without a chairman for the first time since its formation more than 30 years ago.

Retiring chairman Keith Worricker told last week's annual meeting he had indicated two years ago he did not wish to continue but no-one had come forward to take his place.

President Ken Willingale, who was chairman himself for about ten years, appealed for someone from the village "to think seriously about keeping the council going."

"It has gone from strength to strength and is more active now than it was years ago," he said. "The committee will not allow

the council to fold but it's time for younger people to come forward now - we older ones have done our bit."

Over the years community council events have raised thousands of pounds for the benefit of Nayland organisations.

Mr Worricker, who recently received a Babergh community achievement award, has agreed to carry on editing the successful bi-monthly Community Times, which has just published its 50th issue and is distributed free to villagers.

He was thanked for all the work he has put in as council chairman and as editor of the newsletter.

3 September 1998

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland Community Council would like to see Court Knoll, a designated Ancient Monument, bought for the village.

The circular field, currently set-aside farmland, was the original site of Nayland and council members meeting last Monday felt it would be a valuable acquisition. They decided to ask the parish council to support the idea.

Members backed a proposal by the Dedham Vale Project that the historic site should be managed more carefully, perhaps with a view to starting an archaeological investigation.

It was reported there was considerable opposition to the village's new mobile library schedule and anyone who had not answered the questionnaire in the last Community Times was urged to do so as soon as possible so the parish council could collate the information.

Village hall treasurer Bryan Smith said a fresh application had been submitted for a lottery grant for the hall's extension plan. Committee members were also working on a grant application to the sports council but were still seeking advice on the possible siting of a sports court at the bottom of the playing field.

Council treasurer Andrew Gowen said £400 worth of fireworks had been bought for this year's bonfire night display and deposits had been paid for fireworks and a band for the village's millennium celebrations.

News items for the next issue of the Community Times should be in by September 22. Tickets for the family barn dance at Wiston Hall barn on September 12, adults £6 and children £3, are on sale at the post office.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The new chairman of Nayland Community Council is Claire Prescott, who was elected secretary at the recent annual meeting.

There was no response to the appeal for new people to come forward and help run the council after Keith Worricker stepped down so Mrs Prescott has agreed to take over.

She will share the secretarial duties with the vice-chairman Roy Evans.

CONCERT: Colchester Youth Chamber Orchestra, who perform regular concerts in Nayland, are giving the proceeds from their next event on Sunday, April 26 to the village hall development fund.

Directed by George Reynolds, the programme will range from Schubert and Mozart to Aaron Copeland and Andrew Lloyd-Webber.

The concert in the village hall begins at 6pm and tickets are £4 (concessions £2, under 16-free) available from Nayland post office or on the door.

5 November 1998

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Members decided at their recent meeting to grant £400 to the village hall to improve the car park lighting. The executive committee had suggested £350, but it was felt better lighting was important to increase safety and discourage vandalism. In addition, a £200 grant was agreed for Nayland Primary School to buy software packages for their information technology studies. Basketball, skateboarding and roller blading facilities had been requested for village teenagers and chairman Claire Prescott agreed to advise on approaching the parish council and possible sources of funding.

The council felt the new mobile library service was unsatisfactory although there seemed little prospect of immediate change. It was reported the chief county librarian was paying two visits to the van in Nayland.

As a result of a new lottery grant application members heard an official had visited the village hall and appeared to agree some of the facilities needed upgrading. An application is to be made to the sports council for a grant towards new changing room accommodation.

The council's annual Christmas bazaar is on November 28 from 2pm to 4pm and all 27 village organisations have been invited to take part.

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VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE



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 Boxted 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.

25 June 1998

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Plans for millennium celebrations in Nayland are going well, members of Nayland Community Council heard last week. Chairman Claire Prescott said the council was organising the new year celebrations with a barn dance, torchlight procession and fireworks at midnight. The conservation society was holding a two day open gardens weekend with an exhibition of Nayland through the 20th century.

Another idea was to have Nayland in bloom, encouraging villagers to decorate the outside of their houses. The church was to have a special harvest festival and parish council chairman Gerry Battye would be taking photographs and a video of the year to bury in a time capsule, she said.

Other plans include a pageant and an idea has been put forward to buy Court Knoll for the village.

The council agreed to grant Nayland Rangers £200 towards re-siting their football pitch and £100 to the mother and toddler group for a new activity mat.

Community Council

NAYLAND village hall management committee wants as many people as possible to be involved as the hall's development scheme takes shape. Chairman Jean Jones told last week's meeting of Nayland Community Council the hard work on the hall was just beginning following the award of a lottery grant. She said an architect had been appointed and a sub-committee had already met. "What we don't want is to have a committee making decisions about everything and it's important villagers have their say. We're aiming to have a barn dance in the hall on December 31." It would be a tight schedule and the committee could not tell how long the hall would be in use, she added. The community council will be running the village's millennium celebrations on New Year's Eve, including a barn dance, torchlight procession and fireworks display. This year's quiz will be on March 5 and the council's annual meeting is on March 15 at the church hall. Nayland Baby and Toddler Group was this month's winner of the 100 club.

3 December 1999

NAYLAND

Bazaar

FATHER Christmas will be making an early appearance at Nayland Community Council's annual bazaar, to be held at Nayland Primary School tomorrow from 2-4pm. Village organisations are running stalls raising money for themselves and giving a percentage of their profits to council funds. Entrance is 20p adults and 10p children.

NAYLAND

Community Council

A BUSY and successful year was reported by Nayland Community Council chairman Claire Prescott at last Monday's annual meeting. In addition to social events she said the council had given out £950 in grants and £1,000 to the village hall development fund. Organisations should not feel reluctant to approach the council for help. Planned millennium events include a barn dance, fireworks, a children's street party, pageant and an archive exhibition. Treasurer Andrew Gowen reported a £1,175 profit for the year. It was agreed to grant the toddler group £100. Officers elected were: President, Ken Willingale; vice president, Keith Worricker; chairman, Claire Prescott; vice chairman Roy Evans; secretary, Claire Prescott; treasurer, Andrew Gowen. Individual members: John Baker, Julian Baker, Mick Barrat, Dave Macchell, Ray Spencer, Iain Wright and William Gray.

10 December 1999

NAYLAND

Bazaar success

CHRISTMAS puddings with a Nayland Primary School label were a sell-out at the village Community Council's annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday. The school hall was a buzz of activity all afternoon as villagers found plenty of seasonal bargains. The puddings, bearing a label designed by six-year-old Amber Crudace, were sold by the Home School Association, one of 12 village organisations taking part in the event. Overall the bazaar made about £1,100 profit, slightly up on last year with organisations raising £750 for themselves and the rest going to community council funds.

Tree

THE village Christmas tree and lights provided by Nayland Community Council will be set up outside Roy Chapman, estate agents.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Preparations for the village's millennium eve celebrations are going well, members of Nayland Community Council heard last Monday.

Chairman Claire Prescott said a torchlight procession would start from various points in the village.

Then each group would converge on the village centre before moving on to Court Knoll for the lighting of the bonfire and fireworks display.

The millennium prayer is to be spoken shortly before midnight by lay reader Ken Willingale.

Mrs Prescott said 180 tickets had already been sold for the New Year's Eve barn dance in the new village hall. Work on the hall was progressing fast and was on schedule. The hall would be officially opened at midday on December 31. Members heard the village hall committee was considering the provision of skateboarding facilities at the hall following a request from village youngsters. The council supported the idea in principle but was not in favour of ramps.

Mrs Prescott added inquiries had been made about the selling the former working men's club snooker table, which was in store, in order to acquire a smaller one for the hall but it was decided not to pursue the matter.

Members decided to cancel the barn dance which was to be held at Wiston Barn on September 11. Mrs Prescott said no tickets had been sold and the council would have to pay for the band if the event was cancelled within a fortnight of the date.

Community Council

MEMBERS attending last Wednesday's meeting heard the community council had funds available for a village sign but, said chairman Claire Prescott, no progress could be made until the parish council gave its backing to the idea.

She said this year's bonfire night celebrations would be on November 5 on the village playing field and the new driveway access would be available for pedestrians only. Guys for the bonfire will be provided by Nayland primary school children.

Mrs Prescott said millennium preparations were well ahead with more than 200 tickets reserved for the barn dance. Any elderly people worried about transport should get in touch with her. The church bells will be rung at midnight.

The school requested a grant for improved lighting and security and the council agreed to give up to £500 towards the scheme. Winner of this month's £100 100 Club draw was Francis Stribling.

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 bonfire you could wish to see had been prepared and lit by Fred and Tom Bugg and to the right the fireworks were in position well away from the assembled crowd. The shadowy figures of the firing party moved silently in the gloom attending to the last details; Iain Wright, Andrew Gowen and Mick Barratt.

Before they leapt into action a hush descended on the assembly and the voice of Ken Willingale could be heard declaiming the Millennium Prayer, the words of a Suffolk schoolgirl leading our thoughts to the years ahead. We listened for the Church bells which we knew were being rung at midnight but only a few caught the sound as the wind was blowing in the wrong direction. The weather though in other ways was kind and the promised rain kept its distance. But we all heard the sounds of the fireworks which streaked into the sky at the stroke of twelve. The upper sky was filled with explosions of cascading gold, blue and silver below which a lower canopy of stuttering flame and light and spiralling ribbons of fire added to a cacophony of sound which took the breath away. The bursting lights, the smoke and cordite drifting on the wind and crescendo after crescendo of noise, flash and explosion gave us a magnificent display worthy of the occasion, of which we were reminded by the final 2000 flickering lights.

We left the field contented, pleased that we had been there to welcome in the new Millennium. Some returned to their private celebrations and some returned to the Village Hall where the "Last Resort" Band continued to play into the early hours of the morning. We Stripped the Willow, and Cumberland Squared with verve and gusto, children and adults, learning as we went along and enjoying it the whole time. The new Hall with its added conservatory along one side was ideal for such an event and the children loved the little room upstairs where they could return from time to time. We are grateful to the Village Hall Management Committee for ensuring the Hall was ready in time and to Claire Prescott and her "girls" for preparing and decorating the Hall in such an attractive fashion. There had been a relaxed, fun-loving atmosphere right from the beginning of the evening and we wound our way home at 2am comfortably feeling that we had thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. A warm thanks to the community Council who planned and subsidised our Millennium Celebrations."

COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS
REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN - Claire Prescott

April 2000

"On Friday March 3rd the Community Council held their annual Village Quiz. This proved to be another successful evening with 23 teams of four competing for a spectacular range of prizes. The winners were the Four Chums (G.Toplis) with Detritus (N.Prescott) second and Homes R Us (Roy Chapman) third. Keith and Heather Worricker were the quiz masters for the second year running, preparing a very good quiz for everybody to enjoy. The refreshments were once more ably prepared by my loyal band of "caterers", thank you to them for their continued support. Thanks also must go to the marking team - Jenny Smith and the Moriarty family - and to Ken Willingale for doing the raffle.

The AGM of the Council was held on March 22nd and this saw me step down as chairman after 2 years in office. I very much enjoyed my two years as chairman and would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped and supported me in this role"

A sincere vote of thanks was proposed to Claire for the commitment, enthusiasm and skill she had brought to the role typified by the outstandingly successful Millennium events at New Year. Claire rounded off her term of office with a review of the past year's activities, thanking each member of the committee who took the lead in the various events.

The Treasurer as ever had done a sterling job on keeping the monies under control and produced a succinct set of accounts for the meeting. These showed a healthy state of the finances despite a loss on this year's activities due almost entirely to the cost of the Millennium celebrations (£1640) and the grants made to Societies (£1650). The balance stood at over £8000, although there were a number of grant applications to be considered at the end of this meeting which would eat into this..

In the elections that followed the following nominees were elected to office:-

President - Ken Willingale	Vice President - Keith Worricker
Chairman - Jenny Smith	Vice-Chairman - Roy Evans
Treasurer - Andrew Gowen	Legal Advisor - Robin Pritchard

Other Committee Members elected were: Tricia Hall, Abi Knight and Al Machin. There was still one vacancy. Claire thanked all the committee members for their hard work during the year and especially retiring members - Ray Spencer and John Baker

Individual Members elected were :- Mick Barratt, William Gray, Abi Knight, Iain Wright, Keith Worricker, John Baker.

The Executive Committee comprised Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer plus 7 other Members - Roy Evans, Tricia Hall, Abi Knight, Ken Willingale, Keith Worricker. 2 vacancies.

Bryan Smith, from the floor, proposed a vote of thanks to all the committee and the Council for their fine work for the community.

There were 6 grant applications which were considered;

1. £600 was set aside for the purchase of Commemorative porcelain mugs to be distributed at the Community Council's Children's Party in July. (If anyone would like to buy a mug, they are £4 each - contact Claire Prescott 263344 or Ginny Day 263544)
2. The Village Hall Management had asked whether the CC would help with the cost of paving at the back and sides of the new Hall. It was agreed to meet the cost of the best quote for the job which was £1800.
3. £ 200 each was granted to the Playgroup, the Baby and Toddlers Group (for new equipment) and to the Eagles for benches etc in the new changing rooms.
- 4 £100 was granted to Gemma Barratt towards the cost of a trip to Switzerland where she was in a team representing the U.K. playing Tchuckball (?)

The next meeting of the Community Council was set for June 28th - 7.30pm - Church Hall

3 February 2000

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Members heard reports on several successful events at last week's meeting, notably the millennium celebrations organised by the council which went off very well. The success of the torchlight processions, bonfire, fireworks and barn dance in the newly refurbished village hall was a tribute to the team behind the various events who were thanked for their efforts. Cost of the millennium celebrations was £1,640.

There was one request for a grant towards the children's party in the village hall in the summer when more than 200 youngsters are expected and will each receive a porcelain mug. Members agreed the council should cover the full cost of the event, expected to be about £600.

The January winner of the village hall 100 club £50 was Bob Esler. The club is to continue for at least another year and application forms are in the new issue of the Community Times.

This year's Community Council village quiz will be held on Friday, March 3 at 8pm in the village hall. Entries are invited from teams of four at £12 a team to include food. Forms are in the Community Times and should be returned with payment to Keith Worricker, Weavers, 14 Bear Street, Nayland, by February 28.

2 March 2000

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VILLAGE QUIZ: There is still time to enter Nayland Community Council's annual village quiz, being held tomorrow at the village hall at 8pm. Entry costs £12 per team of four, to include supper, but competitors should bring their own drinks. To register telephone the organiser Keith Worricker on (01206) 263132 and pay on the night. There will be some good prizes and a raffle.

14 September 2000

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NAYLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The possibility of Nayland having its own website was discussed at last week's meeting of the village community council.

Chairman Jenny Smith said two members had contacted her to see if there was any interest and views on the idea were mixed. An offer had been made to set one up but the executive committee could not see the advantage to the council or the village in general.

Members were given costings and it was suggested local businesses could be asked if they wanted to take a page. Barry Wakefield said he "feared" a website might be necessary in a few years' time and could replace the Community Times.

Bryan Smith felt its only use would be to promote Nayland and attract more visitors to the village.

It was agreed to mention the website issue in the Community Times and await reaction.

Mrs Smith congratulated Claire Prescott and her team on the successful children's millennium party in July and read an enthusiastic thank-you letter to the organisers from partygoer William Kennedy.

Treasurer Andrew Gowen reported Nayland Eagles had returned a £200 grant because they were not using the field and hall

6 July 2000

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PLAYERS' AUDITIONS: The Village Players' next production is to be The Wizard of Oz from November 29 to December 2 and auditions are being held on Sunday at 5pm in the church hall and on Monday at 8pm in the village hall. The musical show will be directed by Mary Moriarty assisted by John Swane.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Preparations are well in hand for the children's millennium party to be held at Nayland village hall on July 15. Organiser Claire Prescott told last week's meeting of Nayland Community Council she already had more than 100 names and each child would receive a commemorative mug. If the weather is fine, tables will be set up outside on the car park.

Future events include a barn dance at the village hall on September 10. Tickets will be £6 adults, £3 children including refreshments. Chairman Jenny Smith said the village quiz had again been a resounding success and members were looking forward to next year's which was already booked. The council was always open to suggestions for new functions.

Andrew Gowen said the council could organise one or two bus trips and asked for ideas. In his treasurer's report Mr Gowen said the council had given out £3,000 in grants so its finances had suddenly changed. It would not be

2 November 2000

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Village organisations are being asked to support an archaeological survey of Court Knoll planned by Nayland Conservation Society. Community council chairman Jenny Smith told members last week the council agreed the project, backed by the parish council, was 'worthwhile'.

The society had applied for a local initiative grant to fund the survey but volunteers would be needed to contribute, by walking the field and helping in other ways.

Mrs Smith said the recent barn dance was a great success and would be repeated next year though any ideas for new functions and trips were always welcome. Andrew Gowen suggested having a barbecue with the dance next time.

It was agreed to help Nayland children's choir, a subsidiary of the senior choir, by paying its village hall fees for the next 12 months.

Forthcoming events include Nayland at Work, a showcase for local professionals, on Saturday, bonfire night on Sunday, and the Christmas bazaar on December 9. The village Christmas tree will be erected on December 13 at 2pm and helpers will be welcome.

Closing date for contributions for the next issue of the Community Times is November 20.

BONFIRE NIGHT: Nayland Community Council's annual bonfire night celebration takes place on Sunday on the village playing field, 6.45pm for 7pm. There will also be hot dogs, soft drinks and sparklers. Admission is £3 adults and £1 children.

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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.

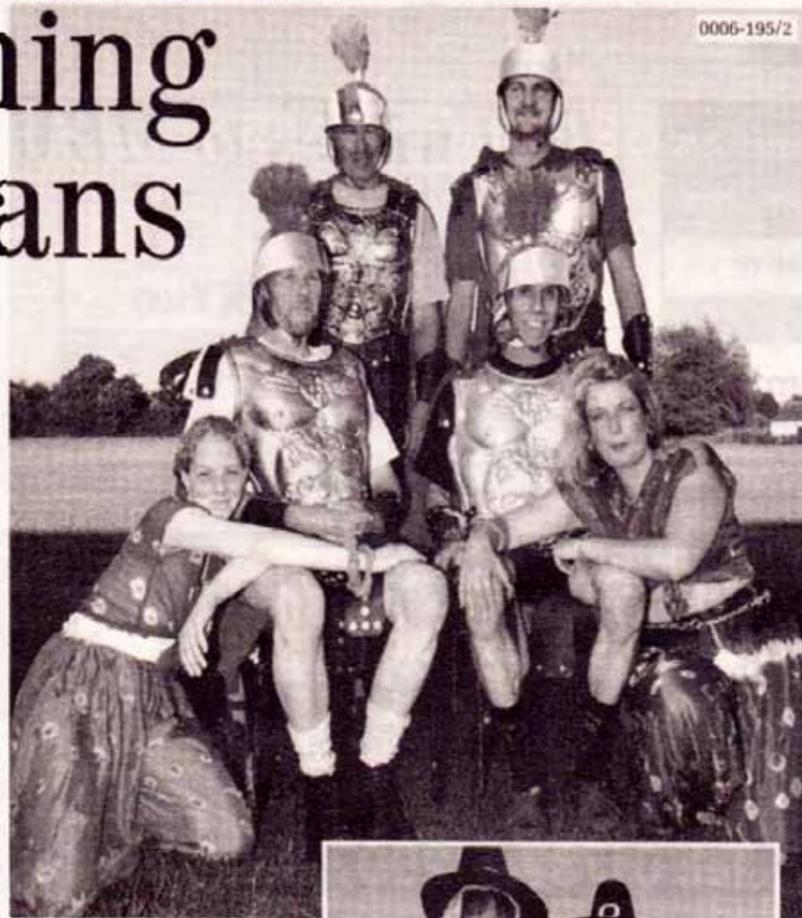
Two years in the planning, the production opens tonight at Court Knoll with a scene involving occupying Roman soldiers and the audience will follow the action through the village.

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.



PROMENADE SUCCESS: Two thousand years of Nayland's history was reduced to three hours last week in an entertaining three-night promenade production by the Village Players.

A trumpet blast heralded the start of Nayland Stages 2000 with Romans invading the Anglo Saxons on Court Knoll, the village's original site. With spectators following, individual playlets continued in the High Street, St James's Church, the churchyard, Mill Street Barn and the old school as actors retold incidents through the centuries.

Scenes included a medieval mystery play, the story of Nayland martyr James Abbas, an extract from Midsummer Night's Dream and a hilarious Victorian music hall sketch based on the story of Maria Marten of Red Barn fame.

The action was led by Gerry Battye and Yvonne Swane, adlibbing wittily as Common Man and Common Woman and updating their costumes to the appropriate century as they went.

The audience was shepherded round by marshals, heckling and applauding as they progressed to the village hall. There the production ended with a finale featuring 20th century Nayland based on the reminiscences of today's inhabitants, some spirited community singing and supper laid on by the WI.

Two years in the planning, the millennium promenade show involving about 100 people was something co-ordinator Jean Jones admitted she had wanted to do for ages in Nayland's historic setting - and it proved a huge success. The rain stayed away and everyone took home a special illustrated programme with a cover design featuring almost every house in the village and notes on each playlet.

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!



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 slap-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.



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8 February 2000

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The council's executive is hoping to go ahead with plans to hold a summer street fair, providing village societies support the idea.

Treasurer Andrew Gowen told members attending last week's meeting, the format of the old community council August fete had become stale and following the success of the Nayland's millennium activities the committee felt they could make use of the village itself.

All organisations were asked to do something – street theatre, sports, five-a-side football and other individual activities. Chairman Jenny Smith said they needed to bring people into the village from outside to spend their money and raise funds for the council. The event would be different from the fete and each society would be responsible for its own activity. The committee wanted them to come back agreeing to support a street fair.

Reporting on recent events, Mrs Smith said despite appalling weather those who came enjoyed the bonfire and fireworks night. The December bazaar made £294

profit for council funds.

This year's quiz is on March 2 and entry is £12 per team of four including refreshments. Mrs Smith added she hoped to see all village groups represented at the annual meeting on March 14.

Mr Gowen said the council had made a £1,700 loss last year largely due to the number of grants awarded but the council still had assets totalling £6,530. Recent grants included £275 for village hall card tables, £200 passed to the hall committee for changing room improvements, £300 towards psychedelic disco lights for the youth club and the first year's village hall rental for the children's choir. Conservation society chairman Barry Wakefield said Simon Amstutz, of the Dedham Vale Project, had suggested the track between Court Street and Court Knoll could be cleared up by removing the top soil and scraping the surface. Members felt the track which has become an eyesore should be restricted to farm vehicles only and was a parish council issue.

5 July 2001

Village steps into the past

Words: Pat Bray
Pictures: Clifford Hicks



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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).

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Right: A
musical
interlude
for
visitors
to the
fayre.

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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 rusting 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 workmen desilting the River Stour.

And close to a memorial seat for American airman Charles Gumm, who died when his aircraft crashed avoiding the village in March 1944, Boxted 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 Coe from Polstead, Bryn Hurren of Kersey and basketmaker Jonathan Gordon of Shelley.

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 visiting jazz band was fantastic.

"Money is still coming in but we've made about £300 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.

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAYRE

Jenny Smith, Chairman of the Community Council writes –

"The Street Fayre on 1st of July proved to be a very popular and successful event. It was the brainchild of Andrew Gowen, who worked with great enthusiasm and energy to bring it to fruition, ably assisted by other members of the committee.

We were blessed with a fine day and people strolled along the High Street enjoying the relaxed atmosphere. There was more or less non-stop entertainment all day from the children's fancy dress parade, senior and junior choirs, the Village Players, the excellent jazz band plus Punch and Judy etc.. Many thanks to all Village Organisations for their stalls and sideshows, to all the entertainers and everyone who helped in any way. Also a big thankyou for the understanding of all the residents who were inconvenienced during the Fayre.

The Community Council funds are approximately £500 better off. After all the hard work it was well worth it.!

Our intrepid reporter was there with his camera – let the pictures speak for themselves !!!



Nayland Street Fayre

August 2001



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28 June 2001

Street fayre Sunday fun at Nayland

NAYLAND village centre will be a buzz of activity of Sunday when the community council holds its summer street fayre.

All kinds of attractions are planned including street entertainment, contributions from the Village Players and Nayland Choir, Punch and Judy, a treasure hunt, balloon race and ferret racing.

The theme is the 1940s reflected in a children's fancy dress competition and a display featuring part of a wartime doodle bug dredged from the River Stour last year.

Sideshow and craft stalls will be arranged in the High Street and around the church and there'll be barbecue lunches and a beer tent.

The fun begins at 11am when the village centre will be closed to traffic except for access.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Preparations are in full swing for Nayland Community Council's street fayre, in the village centre on Sunday, July 1 from 11am to 4pm.

Outlining the programme at last week's meeting, organiser Andrew Gowen said it would include contributions from the Village Players' adults and juniors, songs from Nayland Choir and children's choir, street entertainment, Punch and Judy, a balloon race, barbecue and beer stall, plus a variety of stalls manned by visiting craftsmen and others run by village organisations.

The fayre's theme is the 1940s which will be reflected in the children's fancy dress competition and a wartime relic, part of a doodle bug dredged from the river last year.

Mr Gowen said more craft stalls would be welcome and appealed for

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volunteers to help set up stalls and with car parking. The High Street will be closed to traffic, except for access, from 11am.

Council members also heard details of the forthcoming archaeological survey of Court Knoll. Chairman Jenny Smith said historical research would be done at the Essex and Suffolk Records Offices and the geophysical study would take place on July 26, 27 and 28.

Field walking of the entire site will be on September 28 and 29 and a contour survey looking at banks, ditches and mounds on September 25. A "teach-in" for the topographic survey looking at banks, ditches and

mounds will be held on September 21.

Mrs Smith added volunteers were needed at all stages of the project, particularly with the geophysical survey and field walking, and anyone interested in taking part should contact Simon Amstutz of the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project on (01473) 583176 or Nayland Conservation Society chairman Barry Wakefield on (01206) 263116.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The council's first Nayland street fayre on July 1 proved such a success it is to be repeated next year, probably on July 14, council chairman Jenny Smith reported.

It was agreed to remove three or four cobbles near the village milestone and sink bolts into the ground so the seasonal Christmas tree can be secured to them with metal rings. The work will cost about £200.

Members heard next year's church fete would be held on the early bank holiday, June 3, and the conservation society's open gardens event on the following Sunday, June 9.

Community Times editor Keith Worricker explained the August issue had been late because he had to find an alternative publisher but the October issue would be on time and produced by the normal publisher.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Arrangements for Nayland Community Council's annual bonfire night and barbecue on Monday.

Vice-chairman Roy Evans told the October meeting the bonfire would be built on the village playing field this week and guys collected from the primary school.

If it rains, spectators will be able to watch the display from the village hall. Entry is £3 adults, £1 children, 6.45pm for 7pm.

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Mr Evans added plans were in hand for the Christmas bazaar on December 1 and the hall would open at 9am to set up stalls. Cubs and scouts will do a car wash in the car park. The Christmas tree will be erected in the village centre on December 15 at 1.30pm and

helpers are welcome.

Community Times editor Keith Worricker announced he wanted to give up the editorship after 14 years and was looking for a volunteer to take over. The Times is published every two months and printing and distribution arrangements are well organised. Contributions for the next issue should be in by November 20.

Reporting on the Court Knoll archaeological survey, conservation society chairman Barry Wakefield said an exhibition

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with full reports would be held on Saturday, February 23. A group of experts will give their interpretation of the findings and answer questions on Court Knoll's origins.

It was agreed to grant £300 to Nayland Playgroup to pay for the renewal of its lease.

BRIDGE DRIVE: Keith Worricker is organising another bridge drive for keen players at Nayland village hall on November 14, starting at 2.15pm. Tickets are £5 each inc refreshments.

Golden day raises £600



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 decorating the village centre.

Warm sunshine drew hundreds of visitors to the community council event and the main square buzzed with activity on Sunday as people strolled among the stalls or paused to watch a variety of entertainment.

Organiser Andrew Gowen said: "We had a most successful day, taking more than £600 on the gates."

"The dozen or so village organisations who ran stalls all did well and the entertainment was very good."

Nayland Choir presented a selection of popular music and the day-long

programme also featured Punch and Judy shows, the Aldham-based Bows and Belles clog dancers, Boxted Silver Band and excerpts by the Village Players.

Local craftsmen showing their work included furniture maker Dylan Pym from Polstead and Nayland photographer and greetings card designer Julie Wilkinson.



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Children produced an assortment of original ideas for their fancy dress parade and the three winners were: Matthew Stephens-Row as the King of Nayland, Alixanne Hucker 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 beautifully-costumed pre-



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

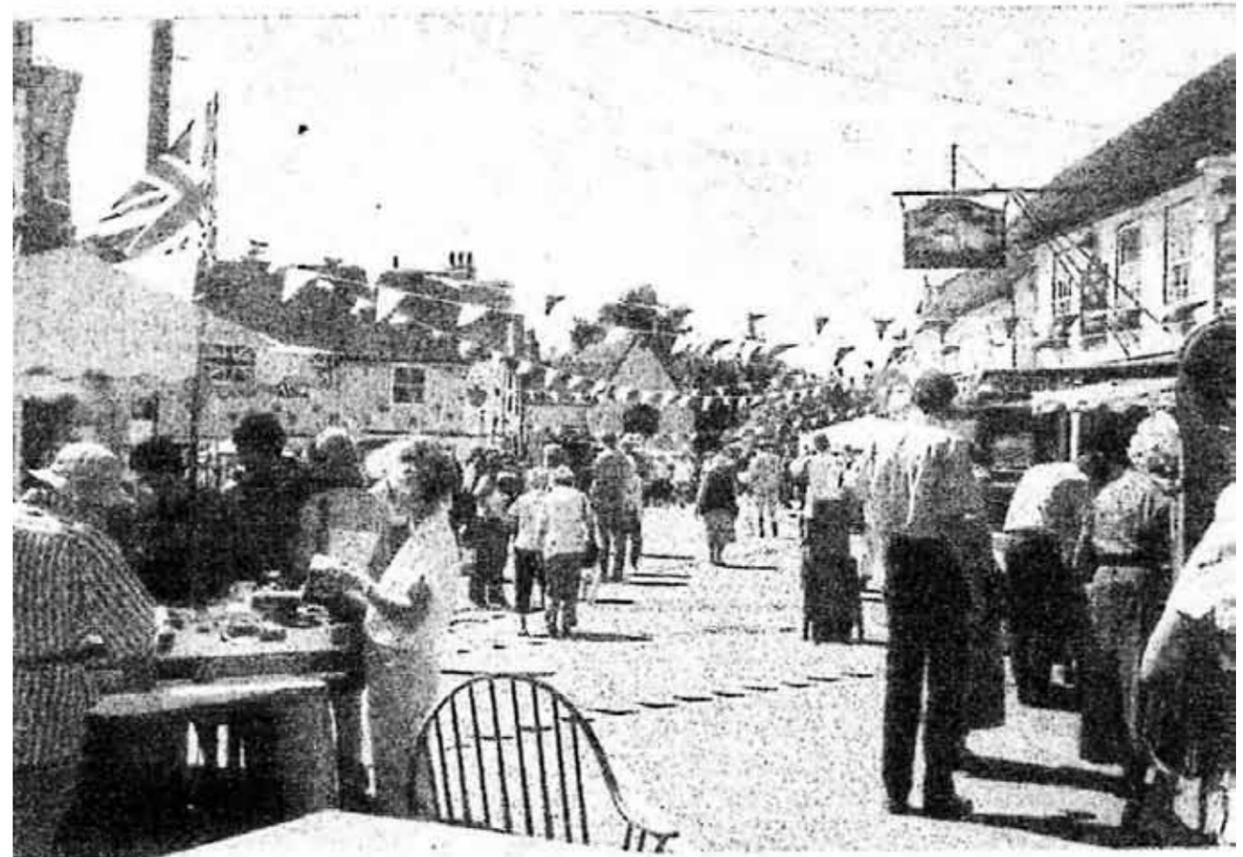
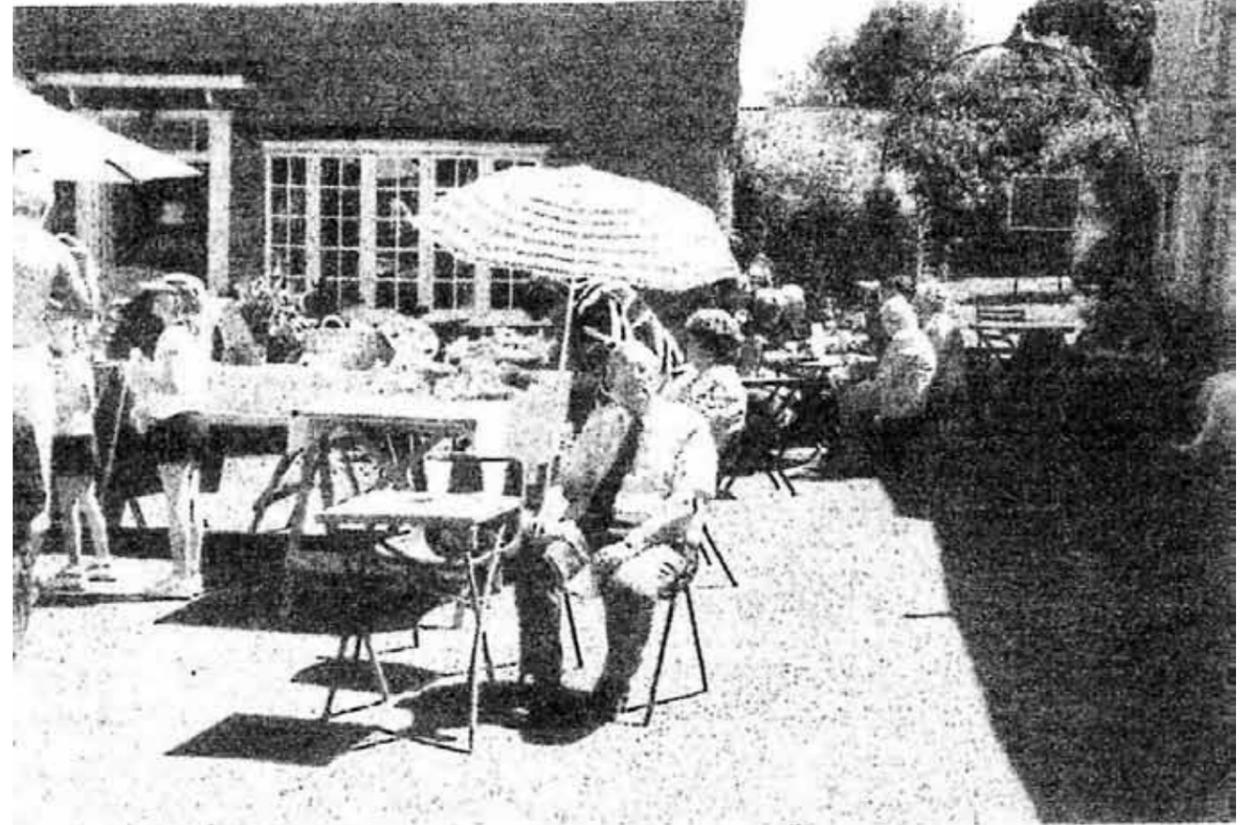
sentation of The Hollow Crown.

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.



Ken Willingale at the W.I. refreshment stall

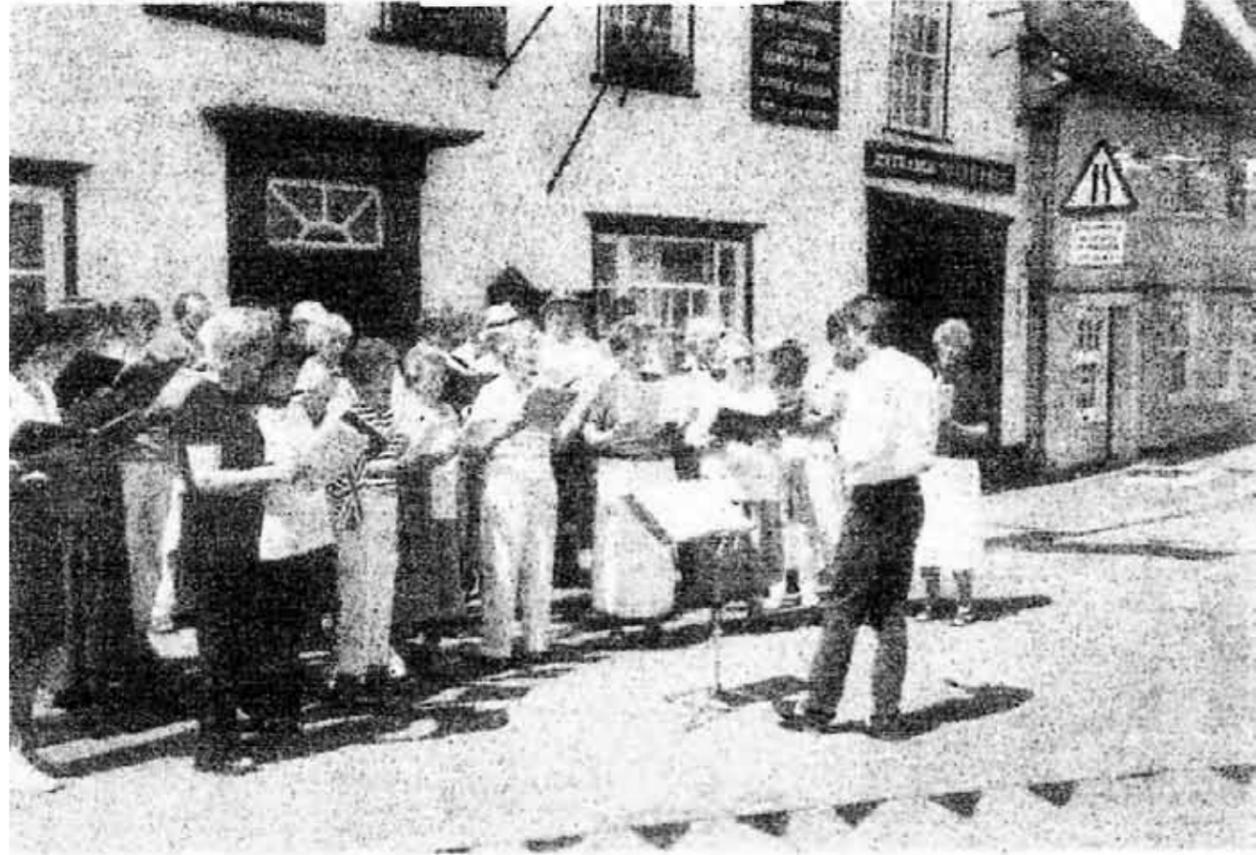


Street scene at The Nayland Fayre

Royal British Legion Women's Section



Nayland Choir



Jenny Smith & Andrew Gowan (King and Queen)



Bows'n Belles

21 June 2002

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Community Council

PLANS for Nayland's jubilee street fayre on July 14 are going well with most of the expenses covered by a £2,200 lottery grant.

Organiser and community council treasurer Andrew Gowen told last week's community council meeting entertainment would include Boxted Silver Band, Aldham Clog Dancers, Punch and Judy and excerpts from the Hollow Crown which will be performed in full by the Village Players in St James' Church at 6.30pm.

Running from 11am to 4pm in the village centre, the fayre will have a kings and queens theme with prizes for the best adult and children's fancy dress.

Court Knoll is to be used for parking and Mr Gowen appealed for volunteers to help set up the fayre and collect entrance money at both ends of the village.

The council agreed in principle to help Nayland Youth Club with its village hall rent but wants to study the club's finances first. Club leader Mark Moore said they had been trying to do more imaginative activities and seemed to be spending as much as was coming in.

A new chairman and treasurer were needed, but parents seemed disinterested.

Sarah Fogarty has volunteered to take over the Community Times from Keith Worricker and will start by helping him with the next issue.

19 April 2002

Community Council

A SUCCESSFUL year was reported by Nayland Community Council chairman Jenny Smith at last week's annual meeting. Reviewing events, she said the quiz had proved as popular as ever and the Christmas bazaar was noted for its community atmosphere.

The £2,200 lottery grant would cover all the jubilee street fayre expenses, including costumes for the Village Players' production of The Hollow Crown and she hoped all village societies would take part.

Treasurer, Andrew Gowen said the year's balance was £1,357 and the council had total assets of £7,887.

Officers re-elected were: president, Ken Willingale; vice-president, Keith Worricker; chairman, Jenny Smith; vice-chairman, Roy Evans; secretary, Abbi Knight; treasurer, Andrew Gowen. Individual members re-elected were: Mick Barratt, Allan Machin, Keith Worricker and Iain Wright.

20 September 2002

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Community Council

NAYLAND Community Council agreed to grant £2,000 to the village hall management committee to help pay off costs remaining from the hall's extension and renovation project.

Treasurer, Andrew Gowen reported the hall was still winding up its building costs and there was a £5,000 shortfall.

It was agreed in principle, subject to cost, to award a grant to the Village Players for carpeting the hall stage.

Chairman, Jenny Smith said Nayland's second street fayre was again a huge success and this was due to a lot of hard work, not only by the organising committee, but by all the village organisations who worked to put on a good show. Everyone who came had enjoyed the event.

Future community council events include bonfire night on November 5 and the Christmas bazaar on December 14.

Village Players

EIGHTEEN-year-old Jill Dossor won the award for best young actress in the North East Essex Theatre Guild awards, announced on Friday, for her work in the Players' spring production of The Curious Savage.

In all, the group received eight nominations covering three recent productions.

Players' chairman, Bryan Smith said they were delighted to receive so many nominations and Jill Dossor's success was especially well deserved.

15 February 2002

NAYLAND

Community Council

THE Lotteries Board has awarded Nayland Community Council a £2,200 grant for its jubilee street fayre in July, members heard at last week's meeting.

Chairman Jenny Smith said the 'fantastic' grant would pay for fayre expenses and costumes for The Village Players' production of The Hollow Crown. The fayre on July 14 will have a similar format to last year's event with street entertainers, Boxted Silver Band and various craft and food stalls. The fancy dress theme will be kings and queens and the organisers hope adults and children will take part.

The Village Players' production will be staged in the evening, possible in St James' Church. It was agreed to ask the parish council to pay for commemorative coins for village children.

Treasurer Andrew Gowen reported a £1,357 profit for last year after paying out £1,230 in grants. The council agreed on a £700 grant for Nayland Primary School to help pay for an LCD projector.

Keith Worricker renewed his appeal for someone to take over from him as editor of the Community Times, a post he has held since it started nearly 13 years ago.

Future village hall events include another Nayland lunch with a talk on antiques on March 7 and Nayland at Work, a celebration of work in and around the village, on May 11.

Quiz

THIS year's community council village quiz, devised by Sean and Mary Moriarty, takes place on Friday, March 1 at 8pm in the village hall. Entry is £12 per team of four and includes food. Forms can be found in the Community Times and payment should be returned to Mr Worricker by February 25.

22 November 2002

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Community Council

THIS year's Community Council bonfire and fireworks display on November 5 resulted in a record £586 profit for council funds.

The village Christmas tree will be put up on Saturday, December 14, the same day as the bazaar, and volunteers are needed to help with the task at about 8.30am.

After inspecting the youth club's finances the council agreed on a £300 grant for the year. Club members are to be encouraged to do some fundraising themselves.

THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

August 2002

Our Street Fayre-----

What a brilliant day! Sunshine, entertainment, stalls, games, food, drink & plenty of people to enjoy it all.

Many thanks to the Village Societies that took part, well done. We are also very grateful to the residents and business's of the High Street for being so accommodating.

Our team of car park assistants and gatekeepers were invaluable, very many thanks to them all & to everyone who helped to make the Fayre such a success.

The Community Council made an approximate profit of £1000. The Village Societies between them made just under £1000.

The Village Players collection taken after the Hollow Crown performance in the church amounted to £147.10p & was divided between the church 'Fabric Fund' and Cancer Research.

Finally, many thanks to our team of organisers for all their hard work and enthusiasm and to all of you who came and enjoyed it.

Do we do it again next year? Our next meeting is September 11th at 8.00p.m. in the Church Hall. Let us have your views! We can't do it without your support.



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

27 February 2003

Questions, questions

NAYLAND Community Council is holding its annual quiz night in the village hall next Friday at 8pm. Tickets are £12 for a team of four and include light refreshments, available by phoning (01206) 263132.

● Rehearsals are in full swing for the Village Players' forthcoming production of *Murder in Play*, a comedy-thriller to be performed in the village hall on March 20, 21 and 22. Tickets at £6 are now on sale in the Post Office, during the afternoons.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: More volunteers are needed to ensure the continued publication of Nayland's village newsletter, the *Community Times*.

Community council chairman Andrew Gowen told last week's meeting the present editor, Sarah Fogarty, was standing down and they did not want to pass the publication over to a commercial enterprise.

He suggested forming a sub-committee of four or five people, each willing to produce one edition a year and reducing the number of editions from six to four.

"We have three or four names, but it would be nice to have a couple more," he added.

He said the committee would meet on March 23 to tie up the April edition and, after that, the group would take it in turn.

Following the next edition organisations will be able to email their contributions to a new address, naylandcc@yahoo.co.uk.

Mr Gowen said the *Community Times* had advertising and distribution representatives willing to carry on and was producing an income of £1,500 a year from advertisements. "But we don't have to make money," he said. "The main thing is to get the information out and the village can't afford to lose it."

He said he was still keen for organisations to provide email addresses to help the council's future secretary communicate with them and also recommended using the

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www.naylandandwiston.net website as a source of information.

Street fayre: Preparations for the Nayland street fayre on July 4 were progressing and six commercial stallholders had already expressed interest. A special pre-fayre party will be held at Parkers, Bear Street, on May 23 and Mr Gowen hoped everyone involved with the event would attend.

Finance: Treasurer Al Machin reported a £9,245 credit balance and stressed money was available for new village projects if organisations wanted to apply for help. A £300 grant was agreed to help Nayland Choir stage its spring concert.

Reports: A report from Nayland Youth Club said a successful salsa party in January had raised more than £160 for club funds.

WI president Jeannette Finch said the institute was having an open meeting on March 15 and a membership drive would be held to encourage younger members.

Other future events include the Village Players' production of *Ladies in Retirement* from March 25 to 27, Nayland Choir's concert on April 18, the horticultural society morning market on May 22 and the carpet bowls club charity day on June 6.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Following last year's successful street fayre, Nayland Community Council decided against repeating the event this summer but will hold another next year, probably on July 4.

Chairman Andrew Gowen told last week's meeting the council would rest on its laurels but it was necessary to make preparations early and think about future fund-raising. The executive committee had agreed to plan the fayre but more volunteers would be welcome, particularly younger people.

Mr Gowen felt a pre-fayre party to boost people's enthusiasm was a good idea and suggested next May 14 at his home

as a provisional date.

The council is to work on its part of the village hall gardens on July 12 and agreed some appreciation from the hall committee would be appropriate. It was felt if an acknowledgement of societies who had worked on the gardens was made, it would encourage others to do so.

Elizabeth Wakefield reported Nayland Choir was practising hard. Members were taking part in Voices for Hospices on October 4 and holding a concert on December 7 in the village hall.

Mr Gowen said the Royal British Legion was visiting the Cabinet Offices on September 16 and possibly the London Eye. It was agreed societies should re-

port on their current activities at future meetings.

Jenny Smith was thanked by Mr Gowen for her three "brilliant" years as council chairman.

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4 has been agreed and the theme will be the wild west/country and western.

Mr Gowen said more helpers and ideas were needed. It was necessary to make the fair as attractive as possible and societies should provide entertainment themselves, as well as running a stall.

The council's Christmas tree will be set up in the village centre on December 13 and helpers will be welcome. A new editor for the

Community Times is needed and, said Mr Gowen, it was important to keep the publication going. He asked societies each to provide an email address to make communication quicker and simpler.

Treasurer Al Machin reported a £10,000 balance and pointed out funds were available for grants.

A £300 grant to help with printing costs was agreed for Mary George who is researching the name on the village war memorial for a book. Any profits from the publication will go to Nayland Primary School.

A further grant was agreed for Nayland youth

club. The post of community council secretary will be vacant from next April and a volunteer is needed to take over.

Forthcoming village events include a WI carol service in St James's Church on December 16 at 7.30pm, Nayland Choir's performance of *Hiwatha's Wedding* in the village hall on December 7 at 6.30pm, the community council's Christmas bazaar in the hall on December 6 from 2pm to 4pm, the Village Players' production of *Seasons Greetings* on December 4, 5 and 6 and the youth club's fund-raising salsa dance on January 24

17 April 2003

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The Queen's Golden Jubilee year was Nayland Community Council's busiest and most profitable yet, chairman Jenny Smith told last week's annual meeting.

Mrs Smith said the council had received a £2,200 lottery grant towards its street fayre printing expenses, entertainers and costume hire and thanks were due to everyone who made the fayre such a successful event. In conjunction with the parish council, every child under 13 had received a commemorative medal so the jubilee was well and truly celebrated.

Bonfire night was a huge success and Keith Worricker's bridge drives were proving very popular. A lot of hard work had gone into making the Christmas bazaar and this year's village quiz successful events.

Special tribute was paid by president and former chairman Ken Willingale to Mr Worricker, who is moving to Boxford. Mr Willingale said Mr Worricker had been a worthy successor as chairman and as founder of the *Community Times* had established a communication in the village which would be appreciated for a long time. He was presented with two framed prints of Nayland.

Treasurer Andrew Gowen said the council had done well, with the *Community Times* now producing a very good income. Even after awarding grants totalling nearly £4,000 during the year, the council still had a £183 surplus.

Mrs Smith said the street fayre had been postponed until next year but ideas were wanted for a fund-raising event this year. Suggestions included a village hall family evening, horse racing evening and a duck race.

Community Council Report.

Chairman. Andrew Gowen tel: 262534

We held a moment's silence for Jean Jones at our meeting on 19 November. Jean has done much for the village and in recognition of this it was agreed to give a donation in her memory to a local organisation. Jean will be missed and our thoughts are with Foster and the family.

We made a profit of £465 on our bonfire night. Thank you to all the helpers and those who attended. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Details of the Street Fayre being planned for the 4 July 2004 are elsewhere in the *Community Times*. We need more helpers.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over as editor of the *Community Times*. This village news letter plays an important part in our village organisation and finding a replacement for Sarah Fogarty is critical. Please contact me if you are willing to help.

Abbi Knight has asked to be relieved as Secretary from next April; yet another important job for a volunteer. Please contact me if you are willing to help.

The community council is keen to make use of the Village Website for passing information. Details of community council events are already published on it and we do wish to encourage all the village societies to make use of it. Its importance will grow as time goes by as we all become used to using the internet. On the same issue it would be helpful if all societies could identify one of their members with an E Mail address to receive copies of community council correspondence. It will save us the problem of distributing minutes and agendas. Please Email you address to Abbi Knight on amknight@essex.ac.uk

Please note the following dates:

- Saturday 6 December 2 – 4pm Christmas bazaar in the Village Hall
- Monday 23 February 8pm(7.30 for Exec) Community Council Meeting in Church Hall
- Friday 5 March Village Quiz in Village Hall

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Members of Nayland Community Council stood in silence at the start of last week's meeting to remember Jenn Jones, who died on November 18.

Chairman Andrew Gowen said Mrs Jones had led the team "who gave us the fantastic village hall we have now" and had done a lot for the village. It was agreed to make an appropriate donation in her memory.

Mr Gowen urged members to use the new NaylandandWiston.net website and to promote it within their organisations.

An outline plan for next year's street fayre on July

Annual fayre takes on US theme to mark Independence Day



Sweet treat... Ben Wilson and Thomas Clarke serve up toffee apples at the street fayre. Top right: Members of the Village Players perform their bawdy bar room sketch. Pictures: Helen Whitcombe 0407-32-67, 0407-32-70



Street fun, the American way

by Pat Bray

AMERICAN Independence Day brought touches of the Wild West to Nayland's street fayre on Sunday.

The Stars and Stripes mingled with Union flags and many stallholders wore fancy dress illustrating the American theme.

Hundreds of visitors poured into the village throughout the day to browse around the stalls and enjoy the varied entertainment.

Twenty village societies took part in the fayre as well as commercial organisations, raising funds for themselves and Nayland Community Council.

Chairman Andrew Gowen said: "Record numbers came and it was a fantastic day for the Nayland community with so many local organisations taking part and providing the entertainment."

"The one heavy shower didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm but encouraged the sense of community with people living in the main street opening their doors so others could shelter."

White Hart chef Carl Shillingford set up a barbecue outside



In tune... Members of Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School Jazz Band entertain the crowds. 0407-32-63

the inn and sold 600 brochettes in an hour.

Among the local craftsmen running stalls were woodworker Dylan Pym, jeweller Jim Murdoch from Polstead and furniture maker Bryn Hurren from Kersey.

All ages were catered for with children enjoying pony and trap rides, a fancy dress competition and a Punch and Judy show. Ferret racing run by Graeme Clark using his own animals and others from Essex Ferret Welfare Society was a popular sideshow.

The Village Players presented a hilarious bar-room sketch and

Nayland Choir sang classic favourites from the American west. Entertainment was also provided by Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School Jazz Band, Nayland Handbell Ringers, Nayland Primary School children doing country dancing, the Aldham-based Bows 'n' Belles clog dancers and a Belgian street organ.

The fayre ended with spectators joining in some lively line-dancing led by the Di-Vine group from Colchester and the fun continued into the evening with a sell-out country and western dance in the village hall.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A quiet but successful fundraising year was reported by Nayland Community Council chairman Andrew Gowen at last week's annual meeting.

He said there had been no major summer event but thanked the organisers of various other events including the quiz, bonfire night and Christmas bazaar which had all been successful.

Mr Gowen welcomed the new editor of the *Community Times*, Lorraine Brooks, who will be assisted by an executive committee member in producing each edition.

He said the council was grate-

ful to the retiring editor Sarah Fogarty for keeping the publication going, as well as to Roy Evans and his team of distributors and Anna Boon, in charge of advertising.

During the year the Nayland and Wiston website had been developed and Mr Gowen thanked webmaster Graham Griffiths for his work on an important village asset.

The year had also been a sad one, with the loss of Jean Jones, who had contributed so much to the village, and Charlie Warner, an intrepid fundraiser for various organisations.

Although the date has yet to be

confirmed, the horticultural society is hoping to host a visit by the BBC Radio Four programme *Gardeners' Question Time* on June 29 and Mr Gowen said a high standard would be expected of the gardens surrounding the village hall.

Saturday morning, May 1, had been nominated as a village hall gardening day and he hoped societies who also have plots would send representatives to help.

He reported the old White Hart Snooker Club and its predecessor, the Working Men's Club, had been wound up and its assets transferred to the council for the benefit of the community.

Treasurer Allan Machin re-

ported the council's total assets were £12,287.

Grants agreed were: £500 to the Village Players to buy costumes at auction, £500 to the Over 60s to help with finances and £200 to Nayland Art Group to assist with the hire charge of tutors.

Officers elected were: President, Ken Willingale; vice-president, Roy Evans; chairman, Andrew Gowen; vice-chairman, Jenny Smith; secretary, to be decided; treasurer, Allan Machin. Individual members elected were: Mandy Cook, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield and Iain Wright.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Final details of Nayland's street fayre on July 4 were reported at last week's community council meeting. Chairman Andrew Gowen said numerous village societies were taking part as well as commercial stallholders including four Polstead craftsmen and Kersey furniture maker Bryn Hurren.

Help was needed on the gate and car park and for setting up stalls in the morning.

Mr Gowen said the village now

had a "most fantastic" *Community Times* thanks to new editor Lorraine Brooks and appealed to societies to submit their contributions early, by July 20 for the next issue.

Several organisations reported on recent activities. Two grant applications were approved - £300 to Freya Boardman-Pretty towards a Thailand world challenge she is undertaking next year and £200 to Tom Everett to help pay the cost of a two-year course at a golf sports academy. The village hall committee applied for a grant towards the purchase of ten small tables. It was pointed out the council had given the hall £2,000 two years ago and the executive felt the committee should do some fund-raising itself before further grants were awarded.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland village hall is to receive a £1,000 grant from the community council specifically for maintenance, the council decided at last week's meeting.

Members had heard from hall chairman Iain Wright that the cost of maintenance over the next four to five years was likely to be £30,000-£40,000 and the committee was currently working out how to cover the expense. He said hall charges would be going up but they would never be enough to cover the full maintenance costs as village organisations could not afford to pay full commercial rates.

Ken Willingale outlined the hall's history and confirmed the management committee was established to specifically manage the hall without a fund-raising mandate. Its income was from fees and any support it could obtain, with the community council and societies having some responsibility for supporting it.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed the village could not let the building deteriorate. Apart from the £1,000 grant the council had decided previously to match funding up to £500 to buy chairs. Members are to ask their societies to fund-raise for hall maintenance.

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Members heard Suffolk County Council had postponed its withdrawal of support for the village youth club until March next year and it was actively recruiting members. It was agreed the community council would provide help if asked and hoped other organisations would do so if extra money was needed.

Chairman Andrew Gowen thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the street fayre which raised £2,000 for the council plus an unknown amount for individual organisations and generated a good community spirit.

He stressed the importance of getting *Community Times* contributions to the editor as soon as possible without waiting for the deadline as space was limited. Final date for the January edition is December 14.

Forthcoming society events include a Royal British Legion trip to Woolwich Artillery Museum on November 4 and to Bletchley Park on November 20 or 27; a choir concert on November 28 in the church; the Village Players pantomime from December 8 to 11; a conservation society open meeting on October 12 and joint meeting with the horticultural society on November 9.

A £300 grant was awarded to Paula Taylor towards her expenses on her Ethiopian mountain trek in aid of the St Helena Hospice.



All the Fun of the Fayre



Not even a heavy shower of rain could dampen the enjoyment of Nayland's third Street Fayre held on 4th July the anniversary of American Independence which was the theme of the event. It started at 11am with a fancy dress competition and ended at 4pm with a grand finale led by the Di-Vine Line Dancing Display Team. It was an action packed six hours!

And if that was not enough the Fayre was followed by a Country and Western evening in the Village Hall that was many times oversubscribed.

What a Day!

There were some fifteen commercial stalls offering crafts, games and plants and some twenty village society stalls offering food, drink, games and competitions and articles for sale. In addition the Community Council ran four stalls to raise money to cover costs of the event with any surplus going into its funds. The White Hart being in the centre of activity provided a barbecue in the street and reasonably priced buffet inside and made a contribution to cost of the event.



Planning had started way back in November 2003 with Community Council Executive and a number of other enthusiasts and went through five meetings and a planning party to recruit more volunteers to help out on the day. We were determined to stage an event that involved all age groups and exploited the talents that we had in the village.

It was a very enjoyable day and staging it brought together many members of the village and at the same time made a useful contribution to Village Society coffers and some £2000 to the Community Council Funds. This event was a fine example of a community working together and thanks is due to everybody involved. Well done.



We were serenaded by the Nayland Choir; charmed by Nayland School's Country dancing; entertained by the Nayland Hand Bell Ringers; amused by Nayland Village Players Bawdy Saloon Bar Scene; appreciative of Stoke by Nayland Middle School Jazz Band; entranced by the ferrets and watching them race and fired up by the Office Needs Tiddy Winks Races.

Top left: Visitors at the Fayre
 Second top; A queue at the very popular Pimms Stall
 Centre: The Bows 'n Belles Clog Dancers from Aldham
 Left: Pam Baker's Cookie Stall

Top left: Nayland School's Country dancing
 Second top; The Village Player's Bawdy Saloon Bar scene
 Centre: Village Society Stalls; the Horticultural Society
 Right: Nayland Village Choir



COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Youth Club: Claire Prescott said that although membership had risen to above 20, Suffolk County Council had decided to withdraw funding of permanent staff from 31 March and this applied to other youth clubs as well.

The club was keen to continue and recruit its own leader, and try to raise money locally.

It needed to recruit trustees urgently if it was to survive as a charity and volunteers were needed from the village.

The general view of the meeting was that they should do all they could to help maintain the youth club, but they could not do this on our own.

A resolution was passed unanimously, proposing: "That the Community Council provides match funding with the parish council of up to £1,000 for the year 2005/6 to cover staff costs and to review this every year."

"The allocation to pay for hire of the village hall should be in addition to this, which this year comes to £420."

A bid for help with staff costs would go to the parish council as soon as possible.

Bonfire Night: This was a

very successful evening, that made £720 profit.

Christmas Bazaar: Another very successful event, which made a £350 profit for Community Council funds, in addition to the profits made by the societies.

Village quiz: Preparations are now under way for the quiz to be held on March 4.

Community Times: Lorraine Brooks thanked members for their contributions.

It was agreed to raise the cost of full-page advertisements to £30.

Royal British Legion: The RBL had a successful and enjoyable joint Christmas party with the Women's Section.

They sent parcels and cards to 48 widows and widowers this Christmas.

Conservation Society: It is expected that the Meadow pond and reed bed project would be completed in April and details would be put on the website.

There had been 90 voluntary contributions made towards the project. The annual meeting is on March 8 and the subject will be "Finds in Old Houses", led by Sgt Ldr Bloomfield.

Horticultural Society: The

society reported that a contribution of £50 had been made to the Woodland Trust.

The annual meeting is on April 19 when Karen Kenny would be speaking on the subject of organic gardens.

The Morning Market is on May 21 and the flower show on August 6.

Nayland Choir: A successful concert was held in November.

There were plans for Handel's music at their next concert and Gilbert and Sullivan music in November.

Village Players: There was general agreement at the meeting of the great success of the pantomime.

Bryan Smith said that audi-

tions for the next production were now taking place and the players were keen to recruit more members not only for acting but also providing props and stage sets.

Women's Institute: It was reported that Shirley Scarlett had become president and Pauline Dossa secretary, and there had been other committee changes.

Three new members had been recruited last year and they were keen to recruit many more.

Over 60s: The club had an enjoyable Christmas party and programme of visits in the past year. Members were happy to offer seats to non-members on future trips.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Despite Nayland Youth Club's increased membership, Suffolk County Council has withdrawn its funding, the community council heard last week.

It was reported the parish council had agreed to provide £500 and the community council would match the sum to keep the club going for another year.

The club committee, which is currently advertising for more trustees and a treasurer, will meet on March 1 to discuss the way forward.

The annual village quiz will be on Friday, March 4 in the village hall.

Organisers have decided not to provide food but will invite contestants to bring their own, reducing the price of tickets to £3, or £12 for a table of four.

Community Times editor Lorraine Brooks thanked everyone for their contributions and said she welcomed information and ideas to keep the

magazine interesting. A distributor for Wiston is still needed.

Future events include the Village Players' spring production, *Happy Families*, from March 17 to 19 in the village hall and Nayland Choir's next performance, Handel's *Dixit Dominus* in St James's Church on April 10.

A £300 grant to the choir was agreed on the understanding it reviews the way future events are financed. Nayland Playgroup, which received an excellent Ofsted report, was also awarded £300 towards a replacement shed.

Chairman Andrew Gowen pointed out further fundraising ideas were needed to help fund the increased number of grants being distributed by the council.

It was agreed to organise a gardening day at the village hall on April 2 from 9am, with the hope that village societies would join the community council.

7 November 2005

FIREWORKS: Several hundred spectators enjoyed the annual bonfire and fireworks display arranged by Nayland Community Council.

Takings were up on last year and the event is expected to make about £850 profit for council funds.

The bonfire was built by the Bugg family and also featured nine colourful guys created by pupils from Nayland Primary School. Iain Wright led the firework firing team and refreshments and sales were organised by committee members and their families.

The next council meeting has been brought forward to November 14, to finalise arrangements for the Christmas bazaar.

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31 March 2005

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The *Community Times* was highlighted as one of Nayland Community Council's most successful ventures at the annual meeting.

Congratulating editor Lorraine Brooks, chairman Andrew Gowen said the village had a very good community newsletter, giving essential information on activities, allowing businesses to advertise and providing tips and interesting articles. He also thanked advertisement manager Anna Boon and distributor Roy Evans and his team for their efforts.

Over the year he said the village quiz, street fayre, bonfire night and Christmas fair had all been successful events.

With no street fayre this year, Mr Gowen said a hog roast on the playing field or Court Knoll, probably on the August bank holiday, had been suggested, together with society stalls and games.

He said the conservation society deserved a special mention for its meadow project and the horticultural society for arranging the visit of the BBC's *Gardeners' Question Time*. Other societies had done various things, all helping to foster a good community spirit.

Mr Gowen said the Nayland and Wiston website was going from strength to strength but could be used more and thanked webmaster Graham Griffiths for his work.

During the year the village had lost two outstanding characters - Ron Padget, who played an impor-

tant role over many years, particularly in the Royal British Legion, and recently Nick Hardinge, who was involved in various aspects of village life.

He thanked the "few stalwarts" who had helped on the community council plot in the village hall garden and said another session would be held on Saturday, April 2, from 9am.

Treasurer Al Machin reported a £2,831 surplus on the year after allocating grants totalling £4,220.

Officers elected were: President, Ken Willingale; vice-president, Roy Evans; chairman, Andrew Gowen; vice-chairman, Jenny Smith; secretary, vacancy; treasurer, Paul Watson. Individual members: Mandy Cook, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield, Al Machin, Alan Hodges, Iain Wright and Lorraine Brooks.

29 September 2005

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Members of Nayland Community Council agreed to hold another street fayre next year, probably on July 16, when they met last week.

Chairman Andrew Gowen said the theme had not yet been decided but one idea was Bastille Day. The event will be organised by the council's executive plus volunteers from village societies. Charges to outside organisations taking part may be increased.

Future events include bonfire night on November 5 and the Christmas bazaar on December 3. Mr Gowen said he was keen to "jazz up" the bazaar and asked for ideas for more children's activities including games.

Although Nayland's *Community Times* did not win the competition for best newsletter he said it received some good comments. Advertising revenue had done ex-

tremely well and helped council funds.

Among reports from village societies, members heard the Carpet Bowls Club and Village Players had both scored successes. The bowls club were Suffolk Summer League champions for the first time and the Players had won three trophies at the recent North East Essex Theatre Guild awards night.

It was reported rehearsals for the Players' production of *Jane Eyre*, to be staged from November 24 to 26 with a Saturday matinee, were in full swing. Rehearsals had also started for Nayland Choir's concert version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*, due to take place on December 4.

Nayland Youth Club chairman Graham White reported the club could survive financially until March, but attendances were down

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QUIZ NIGHT: Competition at Nayland's annual quiz night was so keen that only half a point separated the winning team, Bricks and Mortar, from runners-up Three Celts and a Kiwi. Northern Grit were a close third, beating Desperate Housewives by half a point.

Twenty-six teams of four took part in the Community Council event, held at the village hall on Friday. Chairman Andrew Gowen said: "It was a fantastic community effort with all ages participating."

Organised by the Gowen and Smith families, the quiz raised £362 for council funds. Jenny Smith was question master.

CHOIR: Nayland Choir's annual meeting will be held at the primary school on Thursday, March 17, at 8pm. The meeting is not expected to take longer than 30 minutes and the normal rehearsal will start immediately afterwards.

VILLAGE PLAYERS: Rehearsals are now in full swing for the Village Players' Spring production, *Happy Families* by John Godber, a gritty comedy set in a northern town over a 15-year period.

The story centres on a young man on his graduation day, looking back over his teenage years and recalling the various embarrassments, tensions, joys and sorrows of his life.

Directed by Mike Poole, the play has warmth, pathos and humour, painting an affectionate portrait of an ordinary family coming to terms with change, bereavement and the generation gap.

It will be staged at Nayland village hall from March 17-19 and tickets are £5, available from the village post office (afternoons only).

Doors and bar open at 7.30pm and performances are at 8pm.

REMEMBER REMEMBER THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER



Led by the Community Council the village again celebrated the 400th anniversary of the capture of Guy Fawkes as he attempted to blow up King and Parliament. We had a magnificent bonfire built and lit by the Bugg Family and a fine display of fireworks. Refreshments were provided by members of the committee and their families.

We had an outstanding display of 9 Guys made by pupils at the school which were burnt on the bonfire.

It was a very enjoyable evening and our thanks go to all those helpers that made it go so well.

The event provides the one opportunity for members of the village to get rid of their combustible rubbish. But please do not dump rubbish on the bonfire site from now onwards as it becomes unsightly and has to wait until next November to be burnt. Please ensure the rubbish is combustible. This year we have found concrete posts, wire from mattresses, wheels from a bicycle and bricks left in the ashes!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



We had a most successful Christmas Bazaar on 3rd December and there seemed to be a good 'buzz' around the Village Hall throughout the afternoon. The village choir did us proud and the horse and trap rides provided by Karen Baalham were a great success. We were lucky with the weather. Roll on next Christmas !!!

The report from the next meeting is too late to be included in this newsletter but it gives me an opportunity to talk about a suggestion that the Village sets up an emergency First Response team that goes out to people needing help before an ambulance arrives. A First Response team is trained to give oxygen and operate a defibrillator and gives initial support to heart attack patients until help arrives. Training and support is provided by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust but we may have to finance the equipment needed ourselves.

Normally one member of the team would be on duty at any one time and would hold the equipment. He/she would be alerted by the ambulance trust and would go to the person and provide help and support until the ambulance arrives. To be successful we need to train at least 5 members of the village and preferably many more as this will reduce the load on individuals. Boxford has had a First Response Team for 3 years and have 19 people in the Team. Training takes two days and is arranged over a weekend and there may be the odd continuation training sessions arranged to keep people up to date. This is the sort of service a community can organise itself and I shall raise it at our next meeting. Meanwhile anybody interested should contact me.

Our next meeting is **Monday 30th January** at 8pm in the Church Hall. **Please note the changed date.** The executive will meet at 7.30pm I look forward to seeing you all then.

Andrew Gowen



Nayland Christmas Bazaar, December 2005

Chairman's report:

The second year of my chairmanship has gone very quickly and it has been enjoyable. We have had a busy and successful year in what we have done and the funds we have raised. Of our activities:

- The Community Times stands out as a most successful venture under the editorship of Lorraine Brooks, Anna Boone the advertisement manager and Roy Evans and his team of distributors. The Community Times provides essential information of the village activities; allows our local businesses to advertise and provides us with tips and interest articles which is something Lorraine has been developing throughout the year.
- The quiz in 2004 and the Quiz we have just had is an important Village Event which brings us all together for a very convivial evening and provides an income of £3-400 as well.
- The Street Fayre in July was hard work and is something we only want to do every other year – so we do not have one this year. We made about £2000 for the Community Funds and the Societies all made something. In September we have got to start planning the next one in July 2006 and the first decision is do we want it? It is aimed at providing a fund raising opportunity for the village societies and not to provide a market for outsiders.
- Another successful bonfire night making £720 and a Christmas Bazaar making £350.
- So as we will hear from our Treasurer, we have had a very successful fund raising year and we have been pretty successful at giving it away as donations.

All these activities require to be set up and I am very grateful to the Committee and others for the work that has taken place.

Without a Street Fayre this year we could organise another event which hopefully does not involve too much work. It has been suggested we organise a 'Hog Roast' on the Playing Fields or Court Knoll during a balmy summer evening and include society stalls/fund raising in the form of games. This something to think about

We should be proud of the successes of our Societies. The Conservation Society meadow project needs a special mention and the Gardener's Question Time visit that was so successfully organised by the Horticultural Society. Each society in its own way has been providing entertainment or a service or social service to our village which enhances the community spirit. It is this spirit that is envied by outsiders and there is a steady stream of people trying to find their own property in the village to join us. We can only achieve this by working together and helping each other which I think we do and this is a major role of your Community Council.

The Nayland and Wiston website is going from strength to strength and is being used by the Parish Council and the Community Council and some of the Societies but it could be used much more. In the coming year we must ensure we exploit its full potential. Did you know for example that it provides a vast list of tradesmen that we could call upon in an emergency? I would like to thank Graham Griffiths for all the work he does on the Web site that he set up. It has become an important asset to the village and we are very fortunate. In January our telephone was converted to take broadband which for those interested will speed up our E Mails and web browsing.

During the year we have lost Ron Padget who played such an important role in our village over many years and in the Royal British Legion in particular. We miss him. Very recently we have lost Nick Hardinge in tragic circumstances. Nick was involved in everything: from gilding the Church Cock, raising the flags on the Church, painting our houses and participating in Village events. He was a village character that will be sadly missed.

I am grateful to the few stalwarts that have turned out to work on the Community Council plot in the Village Hall garden. There has been a great improvement over the year in all the plots and I hope that the Village Hall Management Committee appreciates our efforts. We are suggesting another Village Hall gardening session from 9am on Saturday 2 April and if other societies do it at the same time it could be a social event and we can help each other.

Should you wish me to continue as Chairman, I am happy to continue for a third year but this must be my last. It is essential to have a fresh face with new ideas to take over and we shall be working on this throughout the year. If there is anybody who would like to join the Executive to become more involved please let me know. More volunteers and helpers are always welcome. We are desperate for a secretary for example. The key to any successful organisation is strong Executive Committee and we are fortunate to have that.

Finally I want to thank everybody in the Community Council Team and Society representatives for the support they have given the Council over the past year; preparing and running our activities; the Quiz; the Street Fayre; the bonfire; Christmas bazaar; erecting the Christmas Tree; attending our meetings. Without this support we could not function and I think that Nayland would be a poorer place without its Community Council.

Ken Willingale thanked Andrew for all his hard work over the last year.

Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts.

Alan Machin, the treasurer, reported that the funds stood at £12,882 made up from £10,248 on deposit, £1711 in the bank, £13.09 in cash and £910 loan to the Parish Council. There had been a surplus of £2831 on the year after allocating £4220 in grants. This was a very satisfactory situation. The Chairman proposed that the accounts be adopted, this was seconded and passed unanimously.

Andrew Gowen thanked Al Machin for the hard work and support he had given over the past 2 years.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected; **President** Ken Willingale, **Vice-President** Roy Evans, **Chairman** Andrew Gowen, **Vice-Chairman** Jenny Smith, **Secretary** to be decided at a later date but Andrew will stand in, **Treasurer** Paul Watson **Parish Council Representative.** Bryan Smith, **Legal Adviser** it was agreed to use the auspices of Suffolk Acre **Individual Members:** Claire Prescott, Al Machin, Mandy Cook, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield and Iain Wright. **Executive Committee:** David George, Tricia Hall, Alan Hodges, Lorraine Brooks.

Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 13 March 2006

Chairman's report:

This is the end of the third and final year of my Chairmanship and again it seems to have gone very quickly. I have enjoyed being involved in the various activities that the Community Council has organised. We have given away grants of some £1500 during the year and still had a surplus of over £1200.

Of our activities:

- The Community Times continues to stand out as our most successful venture under the editorship of Lorraine Brooks, Anna Boone the advertisement manager and Roy Evans and his team of distributors. The Community Times provides essential information on village activities, allows our local businesses to advertise and provides us with tips and interest articles. We are particularly grateful to Lorraine for this. I have to admit that we have excluded some controversial articles which have disappointed some members of the village but we cannot get involved in arguments that could lead to legal proceedings for which we are not insured.
- The quiz in 2005 and the quiz we have just had is a fun village event and we could have many more teams. A number of people some of them single approached me afterwards saying they were unable to get a team together. Perhaps next year we should have a Clearing House of names of people who want to take part so we can organise them into teams. The use of different team names allows us to be anonymous should our ignorance be too embarrassing.
- We had another successful bonfire night making £740 and a Christmas Bazaar making £316.
- We shall hear more of this from our Treasurer, we have had another successful fund raising year and we have also provided some useful community activities

We did not have a Street Fayre during 2005 but we are already planning for the Street Fayre on 16th July this year. It has a 'Bastille Day/ French Revolution theme which gives us plenty of scope and all it needs is enthusiastic participation by all our Village Societies. The format will be similar to previous years and let us pray that we have good weather although the shower of rain did not dampen the enthusiasm at our 2004 Fayre. We are having a planning and recruiting party for the Fayre at Parkers on Saturday 20 May.

Our societies have also had a very good year with the Village Players and the Nayland Choir doing us proud with their productions. The Conservation Society's Meadow project is developing well and the good old British Legion has been planting trees to commemorate wars of old. I do feel that our village community is fortunate in the diversity of its different societies. The establishment of a monthly over 60's lunch under the auspices of the Church has been particularly successful with some 35-40 regular diners and the Village Lunch is another successful event. All these activities would not take place without the enthusiastic band of supporters who are prepared to give their time and energy to make them work.

Sadly during the last year we lost John Slater, Margaret Thompson, Rosemary Stone who have all played an important role in our village during their life time and very recently we have lost Fred Ridd who was the Stoke by Nayland policeman for many years.

I am grateful for the few stalwarts that turn out twice a year to renovate the Community Council garden plot at the Village Hall. It is beginning to look good as are the other plots being managed by the Societies. We shall need to develop them further if we are to enter the Anglia in Bloom competition which is the subject of a later agenda item. Anyway please note we are having a gardening morning from 9am on Saturday 8 April.

This is the end of my last year as Chairman and I am very grateful for all the support you all have given me over the last 3 years. We are very fortunate that Alan Hodges has agreed to take over from me and I wish him well. I am keen to stay on the executive committee as I enjoy being part of the Community Council team. I am delighted to announce that Hazel Gardner has agreed to act as secretary for a trial period. So everybody must be nice to her as we want her to take it on permanently.

Finally I want to thank everybody in the Community Council Team and Society representatives for the support they have given the Council and the work they have done in the village over the past year; preparing and running our activities; the Quiz; the Street Fayre; the bonfire; Christmas bazaar; erecting the Christmas Tree; attending our meetings. Without this support we could not function and Nayland would be a less enjoyable place to live in without them.

Ken Willingale, the Council President, thanked Andrew for the enthusiasm and hard work he had done over the last 3 years on behalf of the members.

Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts.

Paul Watson reported a surplus of **£1218.29** on the year after allocating grants of **£1250**. The Council Funds at the end of the year were **£14,091**. This was a very satisfactory position. The accounts were noted as they had not been checked. The AGM formally authorised a subsequent General meeting to adopt them on its behalf.



Nayland Christmas Bazaar, December 2005

9 February 2006

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: This year's street fayre is on Sunday, July 16 and the theme will be the storming of the Bastille, Nayland Community Council members heard last week.

The event is being organised by the council's executive and volunteers.

Among the society reports, the Village Players are reviving *An Inspector Calls* by J B Priestley, their first production more than 25 years ago, on April 6, 7 and 8. Although casting is complete, more help is needed backstage.

Nayland Choir is rehearsing Beethoven's Mass in C to be performed in St James's Church on April 30.

The conservation society reported the path on the meadow project was being regraded to encourage walkers to stay on it and avoid the parts seeded with wild flowers.

The horticultural society has arranged A Place for Plants at East Bergholt on February 22 (£10 bus and £4.50 lunch).

Mary Fairhead will give a talk on a year in the life of the Mayor of Colchester at an open meeting of Nayland WI on February 20.

The council noted the Playgroup's plans for a new building and £2,000 was earmarked to help equip it in due course.

It was agreed to continue helping the youth club with the cost of hiring the village hall.

A secretary is still needed for the Community Council and any volunteers should contact Mr Gowen (01206) 262534.

2 March 2006

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Retiring chairman Andrew Gowen told the annual meeting the organisation did a worthwhile job and he was pleased to be part of it. Grants totalling £1,500 had been given away during the year and there was still a £1,200 surplus.

He said the *Community Times* continued to thrive and had just had its most successful period thanks to editor Lorraine Brooks, advertising manager Anna Boon and its team of distributors.

Mr Gowen pointed out it was not *Community Times* policy to publish controversial letters or articles but to provide information on village activities, tips, interest articles and advertising for local businesses. He said the council had held several successful events and plans were in hand for the street fayre on July 16. This year's theme was Bastille Day/the French Revolution and the event needed enthusiastic co-operation from all village organisations.

He agreed to write an article for the *Community Times* explaining the role of a first response emergency medical team and asking for volunteers. At least a dozen would be needed for it to go ahead.

President Ken Willingale thanked Mr Gowen for his exemplary work during his three years as chairman. Treasurer Paul Watson reported various council activities had contributed £1,200 to its reserves which now totalled £14,000.

Officers elected were: President, Ken Willingale; vice-president, Roy Evans; chairman, Alan Hodges; vice-chairman, Jenny Smith; secretary, Hazel Gardiner; treasurer, Paul Watson. Individual members: Mandy Cook, Joan Moore, Lorraine Brooks, Barry Wakefield, Mark Stephens-Row and Iain Wright.

9 March 2006

NAYLAND

QUIZ: Twenty-three teams of four took part in Nayland Community Council's keenly contested village quiz on Friday. Winners were Angels of the North, who each received two bottles of wine.

Four Squares were second, the Fen Street Four third and the Barmy Army fourth. With questions set by last year's winners Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society, the quiz raised about £310 for council funds.

Chairman Andrew Gowen said: "It was a great success and a lively community event."

"Perhaps next year we might have a clearing house so we can help single people or couples who want to take part make up teams."

1 June 2006

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Plans for the Nayland street fayre on July 16 include jazz music from the Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School band, performances by the Village Players and Nayland Choir, a snail race and Punch and Judy show, community council members heard at their recent meeting.

Reporting on Anglia in Bloom, Joan Moore said judging would take place in the middle of July. The itinerary would be selective and ten minutes allowed for a presentation.

Among the society news it was reported fundraising was a priority for the playgroup which has to move to a new site next year. The group is holding a musical coffee morning on July 8 and later a sponsored fun run marathon. The carpet bowls club has been promoted to the first division and its charity tournament on June 4 will be in aid of the air ambulance and Childline.

Mrs Moore said horticultural society outings included East Bergholt rose gardens on June 6, Broom Hill, Polstead, on June 14 and an open evening at Philpots Nursery on June 20. The conservation society open gardens afternoon is on June 11 and this year's surplus income will go to the proposed historical buildings book.

Members approved grants of £200 to the 1st Nayland Cubs and Scouts and £500 to the conservation society to help fund their book. It was also agreed to continue to pay the youth club's village hall fees.

13 July 2006

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Details of two village events, the street fair on Sunday and Anglia in Bloom judging on Wednesday, were finalised at the community council meeting.

Andrew Gowen said the village centre would be closed to traffic from 8am for the fayre and asked for volunteers to help set it up, particularly the previous evening from 6pm. The fayre, with Bastille Day as its theme, will be opened by the Rev Brian Watling at 11am.

Nayland Horticultural Society secretary Joan Moore outlined the itinerary for the Anglia in Bloom judging and said the village had been promised lots of feedback. It was not a competition but if Nayland came up to standard it would receive a certificate. She stressed it was important to show a good social environment as well as a tidy village.

Mr Gowen said the appeal for First Response volunteers looked promising but someone was needed to co-ordinate the team. He hoped to set up a meeting, probably in September, and would invite a representative from the East Anglian Ambulance Service and from the Boxford group which started three years ago. The flower show is on August 5 and programmes are available at the post office.

Nayland Choir's future events included two autumn recitals and Handel's *Messiah* at Christmas. New members were always welcome.

Members approved grants of £300 to the conservation society towards a family history book being written by Wendy Sparrow and £500 to the Village Players towards the cost of replacing village hall stage curtains.



Street life... Visitors eye stalls. Below - Lucy Arditi, seven, enjoys her face paints 0607-117-821&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 added a Gallic touch with their popular creperie.



12 October 2006

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland's previously ailing youth club is now back on a firm footing, community council members heard last week.

Club treasurer Lynn Mash said the loss of a key worker last year made an immediate impact and the club was in a desperate financial situation. But she had decided to fund-raise involving the young people and a lottery grant resulted in a successful fun day, attracting 200 to 300 visitors.

About 60 people took part in a consultation which revealed members were keen to have more drama, photography and art.

A grant from Suffolk Connexions meant the club was stable for the next two years and had two paid workers. It was hoped to buy a computer and get an internet connection though there was a location issue.

Mrs Mash asked the council to continue to support the club by paying the village hall rent on club nights.

Joan Moore reported Nayland had won an engraved glass plate for being best new entrant and a silver award certificate in the Anglia in Bloom event. Judges said the village was not over-floral but the enthusiasm of everyone involved more than made up for it.

They felt the water meadow was an excellent asset and highlighted several other features.

Council chairman Alan Hodges said the street fayre had raised £2,006 for council funds and was a superb, well-organised village event bringing the whole community together.

First Response co-ordinator Andrew Gowen outlined the inaugural meeting attended by Jonathan Needle of the Eastern Region NHS Ambulance Trust, Vic Rice of the Boxford group and His Honour Brian Watling who maintained the Boxford First Responders' swift response had saved his life when he suffered severe chest pains. Mr Gowen said the meeting's outcome would depend on the number of volunteers coming forward. Playgroup leader Tricia Hall said mem-

bers were continuing to fund-raise for a new building likely to be on the school site and MP Tim Yeo was visiting the group on November 3.

Following a suggestion by the Village Players, it was decided to look into the possibility of acquiring a new sound system for the village hall. Grants of £100 each are awarded to Stoke-by-Nayland Middle and Nayland Primary schools to thank them for their contributions to the street-fayre. Future events include bonfire night on November 5 and the Christmas bazaar on December 2.

All the Fun of the Nayland Street Fayre 2006



Brilliant sunshine plus an array of attractions for all ages ensured a successful street fayre for Nayland Community Council.

Decorated with red, white and blue bunting, the village centre buzzed with activity all day as visitors browsed round the stalls and paused to watch entertainment by various groups.

This year's fayre had a French theme and apart from commercial stalls, 15 village organisations took part, raising money for themselves and the council.

Chairman Alan Hodges, who acted as MC with Chris Hunt, said afterwards: "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 fayre was opened by Judge Brian Watling who thanked organiser Andrew Gowen on the village's behalf for all his efforts.

Attractions ranged from face-painting and Punch and Judy to tiddly winks, L'Escargot races, horse and cart rides and rifle shooting.

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.

Following the French theme, 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 the long-running musical *Les Miserables*.

Vincenzo Frenda and his team from the White Hart had people queueing for their Italian ice creams and chef Carl Shillingford of the Anchor Inn ran a busy barbecue. Robert Dossor and daughter Jill added a Gallic touch with their popular creperie.

William, a seven-year-old Suffolk Punch, brought along by Daniel Bunting of Bunting and Sons, attracted a lot of interest.

Local craftspeople taking part included woodworker Dylan Pym of Polstead, furniture maker Bryn Hurren of Kersey, upholsterer Wendy Prescott of Stoke-by-Nayland and Suzy Rudkin of Pure Preserves in Polstead.

The fayre was followed in the evening by a summer serenade in the village hall presented by singer Tinueke Olafimihan with her husband Paul McGrath at the piano.

Clockwise from above: Nayland Village Players, Nayland Primary School, Nayland & District Women's Institute, Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School Jazz Band, Nayland Choir, and the crowds gathering in the High Street

Alan Hodges adds, "Whether running a stall for one of our many societies, performing in one of the excellent entertainments, or just taking advantage of the marvellous food and drink on offer, the splendid weather brought people from far and wide to the Street Fayre.

Whilst the income is still being finalised, it looks as though the Community Council will have raised just over £1,800 for its funds. This is on top of all the extra income raised on the stalls of our societies who helped create such a great atmosphere.

But all this could not have happened without the often unsung contributions of all those who helped put together the event; from Andrew Gowen and the Street Fayre committee, including partners who were roped in, the exhibitors and all those who provided the quality entertainment throughout. A very big thank you to everyone – Village teamwork at its very best".