

# EVERYONE TOOK PART IN NAYLAND EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jubilee committee.

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

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

## CHILDREN'S TEA

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

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

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

Tuesday's festivities were the

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

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

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

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