



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

Country fair's £1,400 boost for village

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

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

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

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

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

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

Top raffle prize, a return trip to Holland, was won by Mrs J. Turner of Colchester. Nayland Youth Club won the prize for the best decorated stall.

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