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40 YEARS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Members of the Nayland with Wissington Community Council raised a glass to celebrate the fortieth birthday of this village organisation at the end of the Annual General Meeting. See page 6



Photo courtesy Suffolk Free Press

A QUIET RETIREMENT!

After 25 years as Nayland-with-Wissington parish clerk Wendy Sparrow wanted to retire quietly with no fuss - but the council had other ideas. See page 11

VACANCY AT THE COMMUNITY TIMES!

I have decided to step down as Advertising Manager due to greater commitments from my degree course.

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Anna Boon

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Nayl and with Wissington Parish Council

Meeting: 14th February 2007

SATNAV

The council is to ask highways officials to look into several instances of satnav-guided lorries being directed through Nayland village centre. The problem first arose in December when an articulated lorry became stuck across the junction of Birch Street and Mill Street, holding up traffic for half an hour.

Councillors asked Suffolk County Council for expert advice and were told an isolated one-off incident would not warrant investigation by safety officers. But members heard at their February meeting there had been more cases of HGV vehicles trying to turn into Mill Street.

Mary George, who lives in Birch Street, said: "The December incident was the worst but I've seen three in the last couple of weeks. In one case two lorries were coming in opposite directions within about ten minutes of each other. Each had been directed off the A134 through the village and back to the A134."

The council agreed to challenge the county's response and ask highways staff to investigate further.

PLANNING

Considering recent planning applications, the council opposed a plan to build a two-storey side extension, garden pavilion, 2.4m high pergola and an artificial croquet lawn at Perry Farmhouse, Bear Street.

Chairman Gerry Battye said the land in question was much higher than the house and photographs taken showed the height of the site and the effect it would have on neighbouring gardens. Mrs George said when the houses in The Perry were built Babergh had said the meadow above was to be retained as grazing land. Objecting unanimously, councillors pointed out change of use was not included in the application. The pavilion which included a kitchen and study would be much higher than the house and would overlook neighbours' gardens. The council opposed any building on the field saying it was outside the village envelope and in a dominant position.

Applications accepted were a barn and stables at Longwood House, an outbuilding to house a pool room and a swimming pool at Sargents Farm, Wiston and a single-storey front extension at Gladwins Farm.

Plans approved by Babergh included a detached building to provide a warehouse with shop, sales, office and parking at Nags Building Supplies, now Travis Perkins, with various conditions. The development committee felt the plan which had been amended and amplified by the applicants was in accordance with the development plan and would not harm the character of the area.

FIRE STATION

Mr Battye said Suffolk County Council had approved a plan to replace Nayland fire station and training tower on the existing, extended site. The council wants to see the re-drawn plan to check the tower has been moved to the requested position.

DEDHAM VALE AND STOUR VALLEY PROJECT

A letter from Simon Amstutz, operations manager for the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project, said it had started to co-ordinate a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund's landscape partnership scheme. It had been awarded a £48,000 project planning grant to draw up a larger bid to the scheme. Mr Amstutz added if successful the aim would not be to attract a large influx of visitors but to provide support for projects with long-term social and economic benefits for rural areas.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

After another site meeting at Harpers Estate the council backed amended plans for four low cost houses and will inform the Flagship Housing group so a planning application can go forward. Members heard several other sites in the village were being considered for future housing needs.

VILLAGE HALL

Reporting on the village hall, Rosemary Knox said a further informal meeting would be held on February 26 to discuss ideas for future hall maintenance. Following complaints over the new charges, local users would pay hourly rates and the increased Friday charge would revert to normal.

EDF ENERGY TRANSFORMER UNIT

Mr Battye said EDF Energy wanted to carry out work in the village which would mean installing a mounted transformer unit on Popp's Piece near the Anchor bridge. The council agreed to inform the company it was an important village amenity site and was also liable to flood. A location to the west of the layby was preferred.

FOOTPATHS

It was decided to ask the county rights of way officer what was being done about clearing up the timber debris left on the Nayland section of a footpath in Arger Fen.

HEDGEROW SURVEY

Mrs Knox reported a hedgerow survey led by Terry Bannister would take place after May and volunteers would be welcome.

HARPERS HILL COUNTY WILDLIFE SITE

Following a letter from Joan Moore saying children were using part of the Harpers Hill county wildlife site as a cycle track the council asked to be kept in touch with the situation.

VILLAGE GATEWAY

Members have agreed the proposed village 'gateway' should be just outside the parish boundary on the approach road from Stoke-by-Nayland and the work should be carried out before the end of the financial year.

POLICE

The council heard PC Donna Jackson was the temporary replacement for community police officer PC Paul Wren who has retired.

NAYLAND PLAYGROUP

Before the meeting Nayland Playgroup's funding co-ordinator Teresa Moriarty gave councillors a detailed presentation on the group's fundraising efforts for its proposed new building. Mrs Moriarty said the group would ask the council for a grant towards the £10,000 cost of architect's fees.

She explained the playgroup's present lease was due to run out in June and members had been working for some time to find a new site. A location on the school site had now been approved. The playgroup had an excellent reputation and a long waiting list, providing pre-school education for two-and-a-half to four-year-olds, mainly from Nayland, Leavenheath and Great Horkelesley.

Mrs Moriarty said the new project would cost in the region of £200,000 and the building would also provide 'wrap-around' out of school child care, including breakfast and after school clubs, to be funded by the county education department.

The group had already raised £4,500 and was continuing to hold events but rather than wait for Suffolk County Council funding she said it was asking the parish council to contribute towards the professional fees so the project could continue immediately. The council will consider the request at next month's meeting.

THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Monday, 26th March 2007

A report on the Parish Assembly will be included in the next issue of the Community Times.

Nayl and with Wissington Parish Council

Meeting: 14th March 2007

TREE FELLING

A Bear Street resident has asked Nayland Parish Council whether householders can be notified when tree maintenance work is due to take place. The request at the March meeting followed recent work on trees behind 40-50 Bear Street. A letter from Dr June Freeman said she was concerned at the "lack of public transparency in the decision-making process" and asked if in future notices could be posted close to areas where trees were to be felled or coppiced so residents could express an opinion. In this case householders affected held opposing views over the work taking place.

Vice-chairman Patricia Fuller said the correct procedure had been followed and Babergh Council was responsible for posting public notices not the parish council. It was agreed to forward Dr Freeman's letter to the district council.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The council heard a planning application by the Flagship Housing Group to build four low-cost houses in Harpers Estate was due to be submitted. A message from Ian Tibbett of Babergh Council said the Housing Corporation looked set to offer a £140,000 grant. Babergh was handing over the site backed with a £11,000 grant and the development should start in a few months time. It was agreed to contact Flagship's business development manager Kirsty Ayers querying the delay in submitting the plan.

VILLAGE HALL

Following a request from smokers who use the village hall the council backed the idea of building an outside shelter for them. Hall representative Rosemary Knox said one club which used the hall had warned it might find another venue if some form of canopy or shelter was not provided before the no-smoking rule becomes law. Councillors were in favour of an outside shelter being erected at the back of the building, subject to design and security.

Mrs Knox said the committee had agreed to raise funds by holding one big annual event and this year's would be on July 28. For future years someone was urgently needed to take over the organisation of this event.

NAYLAND PLAYGROUP

The council supported Nayland Playgroup's request for a grant towards its new building fund but will wait until next month to decide on the amount. Tibby Mimpriss said the playgroup had a well-produced business plan covering all areas and she was impressed with its commitment to future development.

Responding to the council's main concern, funding co-ordinator Teresa Moriarty said no Nayland child had ever been denied a place at playgroup. It had operated at capacity for the last 12 months and staff worked hard to ensure all children were accommodated. Concern was expressed over the uncertain future of middle schools in the schools review but it was felt Nayland Primary School had a long-term future. The group had no choice but to move from its present venue and work on plans for the new building had started some time ago. Mary George said as far as the schools review was concerned the county was divided into three and the Nayland area would be the last to change, possibly not until 2015. Members agreed the playgroup was a worthwhile cause and will decide on the council grant when the year's surplus becomes apparent at the end of the financial year.

PLANNING

Reviewing recent planning applications Mrs Fuller said permission and listed building consent had been granted for a part single, part two-storey extension at Tower House, Jane Walker Park, Wiston, with conditions.

Members had no objection to an application for listed

building consent for internal alterations to Rose Cottage, Fen Street.

Consulted by Leavenheath parish over a plan to building a two-storey house at Oak Cottage, Breach Grove, Kingsland Lane, and demolishing the existing house, members decided to look at the last application as well before considering their response.

TREE MANAGEMENT

Mary George reported on a site meeting to discuss tree management at the burial ground and it was agreed to go ahead with the contractor's quote for £420 plus VAT to lift trees and clear the debris, level holes around the cemetery, move a spoil heap and scatter grass seed. He was also asked to trim the willow trees overhanging the footpath beside the A134.

OFF-ROAD CYCLING

District councillor Chris Hunt reported a number of keen young cyclists had approached him asking if the council could find them an off-road area to ride their bikes. Two possible sites were in front of the scout hut at the top of the recreation ground or the far end of the playing field. He felt it was a worthwhile request and members will discuss it next month.

HIGHWAYS

The council heard from Suffolk County Council the class of lorries barred from using the B1068 from Stoke by Nayland to Leavenheath was to change from 17 to 18 tonnes. Responding to proposed road safety improvements on the A134 it was agreed to ask for a SLOW sign at the top of Harpers Hill and to renew the council's request for a speed limit on the Nayland stretch. Mr Hunt said there was no point in retaining the illuminated sign at the side of the road as it had never worked properly.

NEWS IN BRIEF

A site meeting is to be held with EDF Energy to decide on the position of a mounted transformer the company wants to install on Pops Piece.

Anglian Water is to be asked to remove rubbish that has accumulated round the pumping station on the A134.

It was agreed to ask Babergh to provide a litter-picking team to clear the roadside in Harpers Hill. Mrs Mimpriss requested a further litter-pick at Wiston before the verges grow.

Babergh has asked if residents can keep an eye on the newly planted hedge in Stoke Road and water it if necessary.

Nomination forms for the local elections on May 3 have to be submitted to the returning officer by April 4.



NAYLAND IN BLOOM

Sadly, no white knight has come forward to take on the role of co-ordinator for an entry in 2007, so we have declined the Chair of Judges' invitation to participate.

Perhaps a willing volunteer will come forward for 2008, so that we can try to meet, or even, surpass, our 2006 achievement by entering once again.

Joan Moore will be glad to offer help and advice based on earlier experience.

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Community Council

Community Council Report

AGM on 12th March 2007

Chairman: Alan Hodges 263982

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Community Council once again has had a successful year and grown with new initiatives.

April saw the Village Societies coming together to restore the Village Hall garden after the winter. On a warm July morning as we keenly set off on route to Anglia in Bloom which ended in a blooming Silver Award. We were also judged best new entry. Congratulations and thanks to Joan Moore for her hard work. Unfortunately the impetus will be lost as we are not participating this year.

In July, the weather was excellent for the Street Fayre which had once again been superbly planned by Andrew Gowen and was rewarded with real success.

September brought the second of our new initiatives. Again, led by Andrew and under the Chairmanship of his Honour Judge Watling, a First Response Group finally got underway. Training followed in the autumn and, although still short of the required number, but those participating can feel proud they are making a real contribution to the village.

As usual, November started ablaze as our Bonfire Night, again blessed with good weather. The fireworks were a superb standard and we are grateful to Iain Wright and Andrew for organising the fireworks, the Bugg family for managing the bonfire, and Bryan and Jenny Smith for providing the hot dogs.

No sooner had Bonfire Night lost its sparkle, than the Christmas Bazaar was upon us. We are grateful to Mark Stephens-Row and Trish Hall for organising the event and to Father Christmas and his elf who provided the entertainment.

Finally we have come full square to the Quiz, which this year was won by the 4 Square Team. Once again, a big thank you to all those who supported in organising the evening, marking the questions and putting away at the end.

The Community Council has continued to support the Youth Club and will continue to fund the Club's use of the Hall. We also made a major donation to the Playgroup. We also made donations to Nayland Primary School and Stoke by Nayland Middle School as a gesture of appreciation for their performance during the Street Fayre.

A growing success continues to be the Community Times. Thanks to Lorraine Brooks, the editions are as strong as ever and another new initiative has been to incorporate the magazine onto the Nayland and Wiston website. Our thanks go to Graham Griffiths for his help in achieving this. Thanks also to Anna Boon who has successfully developed the advertising revenue, Brenda Smith's team at the Sixth Form College and the distribution team led by Roy Evans who get the magazine onto our doorsteps so quickly.

We should also express our appreciation to Bryan Smith who took over the role of Treasurer at short notice.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committee members, members of the Village Societies, and also an often forgotten team which are the partners who are also 'persuaded' to help out. Although there are some indications to the contrary, I hope that this level of commitment and support can be carried through to the coming year. I would like to thank our President, Ken Willingale, whose quiet word I have often taken and followed.

The Community Council continues to grow in terms of its scope and its fundraising.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported a healthy balance of £15,759 in the account.

Grants totalling £3,250 had been allocated during the year. He thanked Richard Cave who had signed off the accounts.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Andrew Gowen and seconded by Joan Moore.

Individual Members: Lorraine Brooks, Barry Wakefield and Iain Wright.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President	Ken Willingale
Vice President	Roy Evans
Chairman	Alan Hodges
Vice-Chairperson	Jenny Smith
Secretary	Hazel Gardiner
Treasurer	Bryan Smith
Legal Adviser	Suffolk Acre
Parish Council Rep	Bryan Smith

Executive Committee: The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio members. The following were elected as members: Roy Evans, David George, Tricia Hall, Jenny Smith, Claire Prescott, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield, Lorraine Brooks, Joan Moore, Andrew Gowen and Ken Willingale.

Society Representatives: David George, Royal British Legion; Tricia Hall, Teresa Moriarty, Playgroup; Jo Eldridge, Choir; Deborah Hodges, Village Players; John Dowding, Conservation Society; Joan Moore, Sylvia Bond, Horticultural Society; Andrew Gowen, Village Hall, First Response; Roy Evans, St James; Shirley Scarlett, Nayland WI; Daphne Berry, Art Group; Eva Rolfe, Over 60's; Margaret Moore, Bowls Club.

The meeting congratulated David George on being nominated Citizen of the Year.

FUTURE MEETINGS

All to be held on Mondays – 14 May, 16 July, 17 September, 19 November, 27 January 2008, AGM 10 March 2008

A GENERAL MEETING FOLLOWED THE AGM:

PA System: it was agreed to spend £1,000 on installing a new PA system in the village hall to include speakers round the hall, a link to the hearing loop and two microphones.

Digital Cinema: Alan Hodges said the first digital cinema performance would be held on April 13 when it was hoped to show *The Queen*.

Quiz Night: Jenny Smith reported another successful Quiz Night which raised £199.68.

Anglia in Bloom: Joan Moore said that no one could be found to lead and follow up last years success when Nayland had secured two awards, therefore, the initiative would lapse this year.

Emergency First Response: Andrew Gowen said the team would be operational from 1st April and would be alerted via 999 emergency calls through the Communicator on duty.

Community Times: Andrew Gowen appealed for an additional proof reader for the rota and Barry Wakefield kindly offered his services. Andrew reminded members that the Community Times could now be viewed/downloaded from www.naylandandwiston.net.

Village Hall: The Chairman reported that a business plan was being drawn up for long term maintenance. The Village Hall Committee are embarking on their first fund raising event in July. Offers of help have been received from the Village Players and profits from Village Lunches. Future Film Evenings will benefit the Village Hall.

Playgroup: Tricia Hall reported that fund raising in ongoing. Teresa Moriarty thanked the Community Council for its valued support. She outlined how the new playgroup would expand; this included an Early Birds Club, Lunch Club, Ducklings Class, and an After School Club. The Community Council unanimously agreed a further pledge of £2,000 to the Playgroup.

Village Hall Garden: The next gardening morning will be Saturday 14th April.

The meeting closed with a glass of wine and photograph to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Nayland with Wissington Community Council.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2006

Balance sheet as at	31.12.06	31.12.05
CCLA		
COIF Charities Deposit fund	£13,715.84	£10,713.78
NatWest Current account	£ 1,339.75	£ 2,815.50
Cash	£ 94.00	£ 43.09
Loan to Parish Council	£ 840.00	£ 840.00
Total		£14,412.37
increase in funds		£ 1,577.22
Total Assets	£15,989.59	£15,989.59
Activities during year 2006		
Street Fayre surplus	£2,012.00	
November 5 th surplus	£ 811.00	
Xmas Bazaar surplus	£ 436.79	
Community Times/Quiz	£1,241.30	
Interest from CCLA	£ 502.06	
Total	£5003.15	
Less Sundry Expenses	£ 175.93	
Total	£4827.22	
Grants made during 2006		
Scouts	£ 250.00	
Village Players	£ 500.00	
Comm. Coun./Wendy Sparrow	£ 300.00	
Primary School	£ 100.00	
Middle School	£ 100.00	
Playgroup	£2,000.00	
Total Grants	£3250.00	
Surplus- to balance sheet	£1577.22	
Total	£4,827.22	

I have examined the books of Nayland with Wissington Community Council, without carrying out an audit, and in my opinion the accounts for 2006 represent a true and fair view of the Community Council's affairs

Richard Carr
 RICHARD CARR
 11th March 2007
 S. E. L. SMITH TREASURER

VILLAGE QUIZ

RESULTS

Twenty teams of four took part in Nayland Community Council's annual village quiz on March 2nd. Competition was keen and the winners were Four Square with 111 points. Second were the Fen Street Four with 106 closely followed by CRGS with 105.

Council chairman Alan Hodges said: "It was a very successful evening. Everyone had a good time and we raised £200 for council funds."

Four Squares	111	Dazed and Confused	95
Fen Street 4	106	Butchers	94
CRGS	105	Blockheads	93
Desperate Housewives	98	Grumpy Gang	87
Bricks and Mortar	97	Day Dreamers	87
3 Celts & a Kiwi	96	Docs and Musicians	87
Celebrity Big Mothers	95	The Outsiders	86

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Teas in the Village Hall (join the rota)	Shirley Scarlett	Tel: 262072

Please don't wait to be asked, we really do appreciate all offers of help for however long you can spare.

We are always very pleased to receive items to sell at the Fete and these can be left at the Carvers' Barn, Mill Street, from **April 1st** onwards. Sadly this year we are unable to take any clothes, shoes, large furniture, **luggage, old computers or any electrical items**. We would, however be grateful for bric-a-brac, books, china and glass, soft furnishings, jewelry, and framed pictures and other decorative items for the home. *There is a special request for broken and cracked china for the china smash which would be much appreciated.*

Items can be left in Carvers' Barn at any time.

Thanks to everyone for the wonderful support we receive at the Fete year after year. We are very grateful to all those who worked so hard to make last year's fete such a success, inspite of bad weather for the second year running.

Andora Carver, Fete Chairman



50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NAYLAND & DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Numbers may have fluctuated over 50 years but the enthusiastic spirit of Nayland Women's Institute is as strong as ever. Members celebrated their half-century with a birthday party attended by ten past presidents at the village hall on Monday. Special guest was founder member Joyce Fullbrook who was presented with a plant in recognition of her loyalty by president Shirley Scarlett.

Mrs Fullbrook recalled she paid 3s.6d. for her first annual subscription in 1957, now £26, and thoroughly enjoyed the friendships and interests she had gained through the WI.

Other guests included Suffolk West Federation chairman Pat Collinson, vice-chairman Rachel Swann and members from Leavenheath, Bures and Boxford.

Past presidents Pam Baker and Jean Dryden arranged a comprehensive exhibition of the institute's activities over five decades. The display covered sporting events, outings, literary competitions, a Suffolk Show performance, a church flower festival, village fetes and street fairs.

In the 70s members were asked to draw a map of the village and photographs were put in a book presented to the Queen to mark her silver jubilee.



The institute has also compiled a churchyard scrapbook and carried out a mile-square landscape survey, updated every five years, for Bury Records Office.

Nayland has won the Margaret Hitchcock Cup - an annual competition set by the federation - four times.

Members still make plenty of cakes and send a huge batch every May to the St Helena Hospice, Colchester.

Another past president Jeanette Finch made an iced cake for the birthday celebration and Ron Coxall from Stowmarket organised two lively country dancing sessions.

A Champagne toast to Nayland WI's next 50 years was led by Mrs Collinson.



SUNDAY 22ND APRIL
'Johnny Williams'
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NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL A.G.M.



Monday 2nd
April 2007 - 8pm

CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Any new plan for the Horkesley Park conservation and heritage centre will be firmly opposed by Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society.

Chairman John Alexander told the annual meeting a further application by Bunting & Sons was expected by the end of March and the society continued to oppose it.

He said: "We're opposed to having more than 700,000 visitors a year, traffic chaos and the adverse impact on the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There is no national need for this development which will have a bad effect on local businesses.

"It's a retail outlet masquerading as a conservation centre and the society will be ready with others to do everything we can to deal with it."

Over the year, he said, the society had launched two books which involved a great deal of work from the initial idea to the actual publication. Wendy Sparrow's book, *Memories of Nayland*, had sold so well the society broke even on its cost within a few months.

Similarly, much work had gone into Leigh Alston's forthcoming book on medieval buildings, centred on Nayland, which was due out in October. This was a major publication costing about £25,000 and he thanked secretary Andora Carver for her "sterling work" in gaining grants.

Mr Alexander said the society had made a significant contribution to Nayland's Anglia in Bloom success in the final presentation to the judges. It had also obtained enforcement orders over the use of a second runway at Nayland airfield and the Anchor Inn's exterior lighting.

With society membership increasing and more than 200 members it has been a very successful year. The group was financially sound and respected as a true voice on local conservation issues.

"In the year ahead we'll meet any challenge to the local environment with vigour," he added. "This village and its surroundings are our precious inheritance and it's our objective and duty to conserve them."

Future events include a lecture on May 17 about Constable and his countryside by world-renowned expert Michael Rosenthal. The society's 30th open gardens event is on June 10.

30th Annual

NAYLAND OPEN GARDENS

Sunday
10th June
2 - 6pm

If anyone would like to
 include their garden
 on the list, please contact
 Andora Carver
 on 262970 or
 any committee member.

Treasurer Richard Cave presented the accounts saying the society had had a good year.

Officers elected were: President, Col Jock Neighbour; chairman, John Alexander; treasurer, Richard Cave; secretary, Andora Carver; committee: Martin Wright, John Dowding, Pru Hardy, Pauline Heigham, Gill Badman and Jenny Boyden.

The meeting was followed by a talk on the history of the English silk industry by David Possee, who described the way the industry spread across Essex and Suffolk from Chelmsford to Lavenham in the 18th and 19th centuries.



NAYLAND AND WISTON

EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

Co-ordinator- Andrew Gowen Tel: 262534

The Nayland and Wiston First Response Team will become Operational from 2 April but will not be able to provide a 24 hour 7 days a week service until it gets more recruits. It will do the best with the numbers it has.

The important point is that we are determined to ensure this service does not become a burden to the participants.

We are gradually getting our equipment together thanks to a grant from the Community Council but as we progress and become established we shall need help with more funding.

A launch **Cheese and Wine Party** will take place in **Parkers Barn , 43 Bear Street at 7.30 on Friday 22 June 2007**. The cost will be £5 a head which will include the first glass of wine. We hope to raise funds but the main aim will be to raise the profile of the team and explain about the service we are providing. I hope that we will be well supported. So get it down in your diaries!

We have a lot of enthusiasm in the team and are longing to get going so please join us if you can. We may have some training places on a course that is being run at East Bergholt in May - so contact **Andrew Gowen (262534)** if you are interested.

A QUIET RETIREMENT!

After 25 years as Nayland-with-Wissington parish clerk Wendy Sparrow wanted to retire quietly with no fuss - but the council had other ideas.

Wendy and husband Richard thought they were having a drink with council chairman Gerry Battye and a few members but arrived at the village hall on January 28 to find nearly 70 villagers waiting to welcome them at a celebratory tea party.

Praising Wendy's commitment to the post, Gerry said she had made the job of clerk a vocation, putting her heart and soul into it.

"She has worked with three chairmen and numerous parish councillors as well as district and county councillors and village organisations.

"People have knocked at her door at all hours and she has always dealt with everything with endless patience and grace. Her secretarial skills are second to none and her organisation meticulous. She's also a mine of information and always approachable."

Wendy, 62, who has lived in Nayland for 35 years, was presented with a Waterford crystal decanter and glasses and a bouquet of flowers. Her husband received a box of assorted beers.

Looking back, she said she had attended more than 300 council meetings and parish assemblies plus dozens of other meetings and had only missed two.

Over the years she had been impressed by parish councillors' dedication and enjoyed working with them all, especially the current team.

"I feel lucky to have had such a rewarding and unique job. At the moment I'm taking a break but may stand for the parish council myself in May," she added.

Tea, scones and cakes for the party were laid on by members of Nayland WI led by their president Shirley Scarlett.



Thank you ...

I would like to very sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the wonderful gifts I received on my retirement as Parish Clerk. I can't tell you how surprised and overwhelmed I was by your generosity and it took some time to recover from the shock of being confronted by so many friends and colleagues in the Village Hall on the 28th January. I would also like to thank the WI for the delicious tea which helped to make the afternoon so memorable, and I must especially thank the Councillors for making all the arrangements and for keeping it so secret!

Wendy Sparrow

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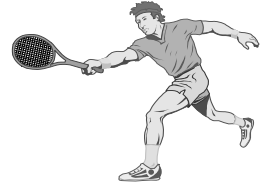
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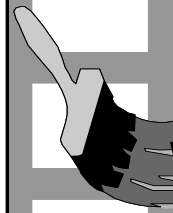
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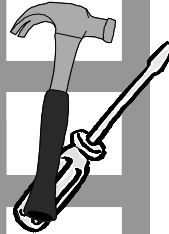
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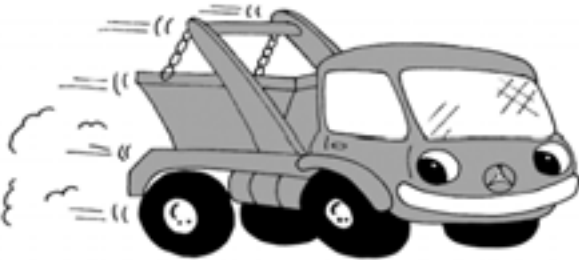
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Nayland with Wissington Society News



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Secretary: Andrew Gowen 262534

We had a well attended meeting on 19 March which listened to a talk by Alex Murrison on the two Navies in which he emphasised the close relationship between the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine. The climax was Alex producing a sword belonging to one of his ancestors who was given it following a successful action between his merchant ship and an American Privateer in 1815.

The meeting agreed to hold a Coffee Morning at Parkers, 43 Bear Street on Saturday 9 June between 10 and 12 noon. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Village Hall.

The next meeting will be held in the Anchor Pub at 8pm on Monday 21 May 2007.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

Secretary: Pauline Dossor 262261

The speaker at the February meeting of Nayland WI was

Carol Eldridge, a beauty consultant for Sisley products, from Williams and Griffin department store.

Members were all given packs of beauty products and Carol worked her magic on Jean Thomas who emerged as almost an Elle Macpherson double. Carol spoke about skin care and the various skills involved in the application of products. Several members came forward to seek advice and she was unstinting in giving it.

Our special evening to celebrate our 50th Anniversary commenced at 7.30pm on March 19th with our President, Shirley Scarlett welcoming various WI dignitaries, visitors and current members to our 50th birthday party celebrations. Pat Collinson, Federation Chairman and Rachel Swann, Vice-Chairman were introduced and welcomed, as were 10 previous presidents. Joyce Fullbrook, our very first member was presented with a plant in recognition of her 50 year continuous membership. Representatives from Boxford, Leavenheath and Bures were also in attendance. Shirley proceeded to work through the usual formalities, with Lorna, Olive and Pam giving various accounts of WI business.

A very comprehensive exhibition had been arranged, illustrating various activities and important work undertaken by members, past and present. Several photo albums were displayed causing good humoured banter and proof we were all young once! Artistic items showed high levels of skill and were much admired.

Our celebration cake, which had been professionally made by Jeanette Finch, took pride of place. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Ron Coxall who enthused the more energetic of us to take to the floor and country dance the night away. The lost calories from this event caused a bit of a scramble to the seriously groaning tables, where enough food for an army was awaiting us. Calorie replacement therapy suitably undertaken with gusto, the cake was cut by Joyce Fullbrook and washed down with some much needed bubbly. A toast was made by Pat Collinson and glasses raised to another 50 years. *Helen Doddrell*

We have a raffle prize that was not claimed. If you have raffle ticket No. 136 please contact Olive Martin on 262168

Shirley Scarlet wishes to thank all the committee and members who so generously donated delicious goodies for the buffet and for all their help with the birthday celebrations.

As usual we will be serving teas for the Fete on 28th May and would be most grateful for volunteers. If you can help please ring Shirley Scarlett 262072.



NAYLAND CHOIR

Secretary Elspeth Leahy. Tel 263284

Nayland Choir will perform DVORAK'S MASS IN D MAJOR and other pieces by Ireland, Stanford and Elgar on Sunday 29th April in St James Church Nayland at 6.30pm. The performance will be accompanied by Dr. Gillian Ward-Russell on the organ and directed by Jeremy Hughes Please come along and support us. Entry as usual is free with a retiring collection and a 50p charge for a programme.



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mrs Joan Moore 262721

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 17th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Hall and will be followed by an illustrated talk by Jim Pearce, gardening expert who writes for Essex County Standard, giving us a look at some of his favourite gardens. All are welcome, and hopefully we shall attract some new members. The 2007 Calendar of Events will be available. Subscriptions are also due.

The Morning Market, which helps to raise funds for staging the annual flower show, takes place this year on Saturday 19th May, again in the Church Hall, from 9.30 a.m.- 12 noon, so don't buy your bedding plants until you have seen what we have on offer. Home-made cakes and preserves, books and craft items will also be available, and there will be the usual tea and coffee, as well as a raffle. Contributions for sale or for raffle prizes may be brought to the hall at 6.00 p.m. on Friday 18th.

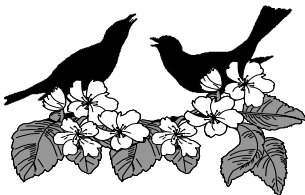
In addition to the AGM and Morning Market, the following events have been arranged:

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| Friday 20 th July
(members only) | Garden Evening at Mr & Mrs J Kent's home |
| Saturday 4 th August | Annual Flower Show. Schedules will be available at the Morning Market. |
| Monday 10 th September | Talk by Matthew Stanton Brown on <i>The Fragrant Garden Throughout the Year</i> . |
| Tuesday 13 th November | Joint meeting with Suffolk Wildlife Trust and the Conservation Society, hosted by Hort-soc. Karen Kenny will speak on <i>How to Save the Planet</i> . |

We shall also have our usual stall at the Community Council Christmas Bazaar.

The Calendar of Events will also give details of the outings arranged by Polstead Gardening Club. Our members are always welcome to join these, but it is advisable to book well in advance.

We have once again received notice of Thompson & Morgan's Open Weekend on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July. In view of the poor response to last year's invitation, Hortsoc will not be arranging a coach, but members and friends may of course go to visit the flower and vegetable trial grounds, which are only open to the public once a year.



HARPERS HILL COUNTY WILDLIFE SITE

Mrs Joan Moore 262721

The spring weather has brought budburst to the hawthorns, and blossom to the blackthorn, though true to tradition the arrival of the latter brought a couple of frosty nights – the blackthorn winter, as it is known. The grass is spangled with celandine, dandelions, red-deadnettle and daisies. Country folk used to say that spring had arrived when you could cover nine daisies with your foot. Rooks are building high in the neighbouring trees, said to be a sign of a fine summer.

The slight damage caused by the children's cycle track has been put right, and no further harm has been done. We are considering putting up an information board so that people are aware of the wildlife interest of the site, and will consult with the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project team. This may well go some way towards stopping litter-dumping, including discarded Christmas tree. Hopefully neighbouring residents will be able to clear the rubbish now that the weather is improving. If anyone would like to help, please contact Joan Moore.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Hon. Secretary: Andora Carver 262970 Chairman: Mr J Alexander 262676

David Possee gave a fascinating talk about the History of the Silk Industry in Essex and Suffolk at our very well attended AGM. The Officers and Committee for 2007/8 were proposed, seconded and unanimously approved. They are: President Jock Neighbour, Chairman John Alexander, Hon. Treasurer Richard Cave, Hon. Secretary Andora Carver, Committee Members, Martin Wright, Prue Hardy, Pauline Heigham, Jennie Boyden, Jill Badman and John Dowding.

The Chairman highlighted last year's achievements which included the publication of Wendy Sparrow's *Memoirs of Nayland* book, and our involvement in Nayland's winning entry in the Anglia in Bloom competition. This year's major project is Leigh Alston's book about the Timber Framed Buildings of Nayland which we hope will be ready for Christmas.

Our next event will be the Bank Holiday Footpath Walk on May 7th. Meet at 2.15pm - please see the noticeboard for further information.

On June 10th it will be the 30th Annual Nayland Open Gardens, so please contact any committee member if you would like your garden to be included on this year's list.



OVER 60'S CLUB

Secretary: Daphne Berry Tel: 262641

Unfortunately the heavy fall of snow on February 8th caused us to cancel our usual meeting. So on the 8th March we met up for the first time since Christmas and found we had twelve members' birthdays to celebrate. We welcomed two new members (there is still room for more), had lots to talk about, and looked forward to our AGM on 12th April. We also welcomed Fiona, from the Taoist Tai Chi Society, and three of her group who gave a demonstration. We hope to find enough people to start a morning group in the Autumn.



NAYLAND ART GROUP

Daphne Berry 262641

On February 14th we enjoyed a visit from Lesley Watson who showed us how to paint fog, mist and smoke in various ways in our landscapes.

Four of our members plunged head first into the Village Quiz on 2nd March – a new venture for us – and lived to tell the tale. It was an enjoyable experience... and we weren't last!



NAYLAND OVER 60'S LUNCHEON CLUB

A Monthly Lunch for Senior Citizens ~ Church Hall ~ 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm ~ £3

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BOWLS CLUB

Mrs Sylvia Bond 262529

Well, lets start with the good news. The quarter-final of the Joe Rice Cup, Cockfield! First leg at home, we managed to win three of the four games, meaning we only had to win two games of the away match to progress to the semi-final. The first two teams to play in the away match both won taking the pressure off the two teams following, one of whom lost but the other did manage a draw giving us a total of 13 of the 20 points.

Then the bad news, we then had to play Hundon in the semi-final. This is the team who knocked us out two years ago, again at the semi-final stage, and sadly try as we may have history repeated itself.

In the winter league we have had some mixed results, we lost to Martlesham 3-7, drew with Old Felixstowe 5-5, had the real highlight in February of beating Claydon 10-0, then came down to earth with a bang losing all our games at Tuddenham.

In the weekend competitions, one of our teams entered in the Lavenham 4's managed to get to the final losing a very close game to Offton – but managing to get a mention in the Suffolk Free Press.

By the time you read this our winter league will have finished. We will have a months break before starting the summer league in May. Let's hope when I write my next report I can tell you that we managed to stay in Division One.



THE FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NAYLAND

Registered Charity Number 1052641

Chairman: Alan Edwards 262800

St. James' Church Fete: Jill and Alex Badman have kindly agreed to organize, once again, our Tombola at the Fete. on May 28th. We will be most grateful if you can donate good quality items - such as unwanted gifts - to use as Prizes. If you can find something for us, please contact Jill or Alan Edwards.

JAMboree: This event will continue this year and will be held in October as usual. However, Bethan Jervois has retired, so we need volunteers to help continue this event which has raised so much for the Friends in the past.

IF you have any clean jars to spare, please leave them at the rear of 15, Birch Street.

IF you think you may have surplus fruit or vegetables suitable for making Jam, Marmalade (!) , Jelly, Chutney or for Pickling, please contact Alan Edwards on 262800.

IF you would like to make any Jam, Jelly, Marmalade, Chutney or Pickle, please contact Hazel Gardiner on 262582. Please give us the support to ensure the successful continuation of this traditional event.



VILLAGE PLAYERS

Chair: Deborah Hodges 263982 Sec: Tamsin Burnett-Hall 542457

We started the year with a very convivial evening! By common consent, 'Anything Goes' at The Anchor on February 11th was a great success. Many thanks to Chris Hawley for organising it: she coordinated everything beautifully and we had great night-out. We had an excellent turn-out: 34 people came along for an evening of friendship, food and fun! Moreover, we were entertained by a wonderful range of talented performers: musical, dramatic and lyrical. Well done to everyone who contributed to the entertainment programme, but well done also to everyone who supported the event. We decided we must do it again!!

Also in February, following two open auditions, Lindsay Nieuwenhuis and Suzanne Bailey had to make their choices for the cast of Wildest Dreams, by Alan Ayckbourn. They have come up with an impressive blend of youth and experience, and everyone is now raring to get going with rehearsals at the end of March. Make a note in your diaries: we have departed from our usual early spring schedule this year. This production will take place on 14-16 June.

Finally, we would like to make a plea for help with set building for Wildest Dreams. Nick Moriarty, our set designer, will be faced with a challenging task, so if anyone feels they can lend a hand (you don't need to have any special expertise: a little bit of spare time and lots of enthusiasm will do!), please call me on 263982 or Nick on 262808.



1ST NAYLAND BROWNIES

Tawny Owl: Margaret Clayden 01206 263050

Snowy Owl: Julie Mansfield 01787 211554

Brownies are returning to Nayland after an absence of almost 20 years! You may know that Brownies have been meeting in Nayland School on a Tuesday evening for a year now and we feel that the time is right to officially change our name from 1st Leavenheath to 1st Nayland. All the paperwork is in at the moment and hopefully when we return after our Easter holidays it will all be done and sorted!

When we return after Easter on the 17th April, we are planning on having a celebration party and if anybody out there was once a Nayland Brownie or a Brownie Guider we would love to see you there! We meet from 5.30 – 7.00pm, so why not come along for a bit of fun!

At the moment we are a small but very friendly and happy little group, with room for more girls, so if you know anyone who might be interested please let us know.

Julie Mansfield is currently looking for a willing volunteer to help with starting a Guide Company, this would hopefully run after the Brownies on a Tuesday night from 7.30 – 9.00pm. There are, I know, several girls who would like to be a guide, but especially since the closure of Bures Guides the chances of this are very limited. I find that very sad. So if you are able to commit regularly every week on a Tuesday evening for the benefit of the young girls in our community, please ring me on the number below. Also please ring if you are interested in being a Guide, as it would be helpful to start a list.

Hopefully you will get quite used to seeing Brownies and Guides around Nayland as we plan on being as active as we can in the community. Meanwhile we hope to see you on the 17th April at our special celebration.

Yours in Guiding, **Margaret Claydon and Julie Mansfield**



VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Iain Wright 262657

The Nayland Village Hall is now entering a period where it will require to raise more money than that charged by lettings alone to allow for future maintenance of the Hall, e.g. major replacements and continued decoration, plus any improvements the regular hall users may require. The Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) has reviewed the fire strategy for the building and is currently providing upgrades. Redecoration of certain areas is being considered.

At a meeting with most of the regular hall users, it has been agreed that the users will help the VHMC by raising additional funds to cover long term maintenance costs. The Village Players have agreed to donate a special performance and the VHMC are organising a major event at the end of July, using the hall and the playing field.

I would like to thank the regular users who wrote to or attended the meeting of the VHMC on behalf of the Committee and look forward to their continued input for the Hall.

There are vacancies on the VHMC for people with fund raising and secretarial skills. Anyone interested in assisting us in this or any other area, please contact me.

Nayland Village Hall belongs to Nayland and it is therefore incumbent upon the people of Nayland to assist in the continued maintenance/development for future generations. The VHMC also welcomes any suggestions to achieve this long term aim.

As part of our fundraising, we are now starting film nights and would ask that you come along, watch the films and enjoy a glass of wine at the bar and make suggestions about future films for the community.

The Village Hall AGM is 2nd April at 8.00 p.m.



1st NAYLAND CUBS AND SCOUTS

Secretary: Claire Prescott 263344

Due to unforeseen circumstances Peter Fogarty had to withdraw from the Scout Jamboree., the money that people donated at the raffle from the community fete was donated to the Suffolk contingency to share out. Peter donated £320 to the Suffolk contingent. He would like to express his thanks to people who supported him.

The Scout AGM takes place on 23rd March 8pm-10pm. This also coincides with Malcolm Macbeth 's 25years as a Scout Leader at 1st Nayland, this is a tremendous achievement and many scouts have benefited from the experience in scouting that included some great camps and walking experiences in Derbyshire.

Sarah Fogarty



THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WISTON

Secretary: Carol Wright 01206 263657 e-mail: Lcarolawright@hotmail.co.uk
Chairman: Bill Starling 01206 262397 e-mail: billstarling@hotmail.com

Thank you all for your support in 2006. In particular we would like to thank all those who bought George Storey's pumpkins from outside Wiston Church, which have raised a staggering £1,000! We are very grateful to George for all his efforts.

The next event will be a repeat of our very successful **"Quiz & Light Supper"** for teams of 8 players. We have learnt a few lessons from last year, so hopefully it will be even better this time. This will now be held in **Nayland Village Hall on Friday, 18th May 2007** (changed from 16th March 2007) at 7.30pm. Please note your diary & look out for posters nearer the time. Further details & entry forms are available from Caroline Ross-Stewart 01206 263701. **Entries by 10th May please.**

We will also have our usual **Produce Stall** at the **Church Fete on Monday, 28th May 2007** selling **vegetables, savouries, jams, preserves etc.** Please contact Carol Wright if you wish to donate items and/or help to run the stall. Don't wait to be asked!

Not Your Ordinary QUIZ NIGHT! It's just a bit of fun...

Nayland Village Hall Friday 18th May 7.30pm prompt start

£15 per head to include light supper. Pay Bar.

All proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's Church Wiston (fabric fund)

Details of how to enter below

FSM Quiz 18th May 2007

Name:.....

No. of people @ £15 each (tables of 8)..... **Entries by 10th May please.**

If you are not with a table we will be happy to try to team you up with others

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

PARISH OF NAYLAND-WITH-WISSINGTON

1. ELECTION

An Election is to be held of NINE Councillors for the above Parish.

2. NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination Papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6SJ, Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Fridays 9am to 4.30pm (excluding bank holidays), who will at the request of any elector for the Parish prepare a nomination paper for signature.

Alternatively, Nomination Papers may also be obtained from Mrs D Hattrell, Parish Clerk, Charis, Upsher Green, Great Waldingfield, Sudbury, CO10 0TT.

3. DELIVERY OF THE NOMINATION PAPERS

Nomination Papers **must be delivered to the Returning Officer**, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6SJ, on any day after the date of this notice, on Monday to Thursday 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm (excluding Bank holidays) but not later than **NOON on Wednesday, 4th April 2007**.

4. POLL

If the election is contested, a poll will take place on **THURSDAY, 3rd May 2007**.

5. ABSENT VOTES

Electors and their proxies should take note that applications to vote by post must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on **WEDNESDAY, 18th April 2007** if they are to be effective for this election. This includes electors or their proxies who wish to make alterations to their existing arrangements on a permanent basis or who wish to make separate application for their ballot paper to be sent to a different address for this particular election.

Applications to appoint a proxy must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by no later than 5pm on **WEDNESDAY, 25th April 2007** except in cases where unforeseen illness or incapacity occurs after that time in which case applications may be made up until 5pm on **THURSDAY, 3rd May 2007**.

All applications and notices regarding absent voting must be sent to the Electoral Registration Officer, Corks Lane, Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 6SJ

Dated 19th March **Patricia Rockall**, Returning Officer

Local Football Celebrity Joins Stoke By Nayland Club



Alan Lee works out in the state-of-the-art gym at Peake Fitness

Stoke by Nayland Golf Club and its Peake Fitness Health Club are delighted to welcome the charismatic Ipswich Town Striker, Alan Lee, as a new member. Born in Galway, Alan has been capped 8 times by the Republic of Ireland and has made a valuable contribution as a goal scorer for Ipswich Town Football Club since he joined them in January 06.

Alan has been a keen golfer for some time and plays off a handicap of 15 so is planning to be a regular visitor to Stoke by Nayland. He will also be playing in the prestigious PGA Euro-pro Tour Pro Am at Stoke by Nayland on Sunday 24th June.

He said: "I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to join both the Golf and Fitness clubs here at Stoke by Nayland now that I have moved into the area. I feel that both the Gainsborough and Constable courses offer excellent challenges to all golfers and I look forward to getting my handicap down soon. I am also keen to enter some Club competitions and am excited about playing in the Pro Am in June."

He added "I am also really impressed by the fantastic facilities, treatments and equipment in the Health Club and all the staff are very helpful and professional – I will definitely be a regular visitor to Peake Fitness!"

A collage of various junk mail pieces. At the top left, a piece says "You've WON!". In the center, a large piece reads "Fed up with junk mail? You're not alone..." followed by bullet points: "Half a million tonnes of junk mail is generated every year in the UK", "The average household receives over 220 pieces of unwanted and junk mail, most of which ends up in the bin", and "Each tonne of junk mail produced uses 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water and 390 gallons of oil". Below this, it says "With the environmental concerns with landfills and global warming issues increasing, The Suffolk Waste Partnership (made up of the County and the local District and Borough Councils) are encouraging us all to take action to reduce junk mail and so reduce the amount of waste we generate. Register now with the Mailing Preference Service and remove your name and address from 95% of mailing lists. Call 0845 703 4599 or register online at www.mpsonline.org.uk". At the bottom center is the "recycle for Suffolk" logo. Other visible pieces include "UPGRADE NOW", "Bargains!", "SALE OF THE CENTURY", "0% interest", and "New Catalogue".

Garden Notes

by The Old Muckspreader



For some the gardening year begins at Easter, this time they are in for a shock. In any event there would be a lot of weed growth to deal with, but this year with very little check to growth the situation may already be out of control. Even at M/S Hall, where gardening is a 12-month occupation, we face a bit of a jungle.

Looking back at February's article, it seems that the forecasters were predicting cold weather. In the event there wasn't much, but what we did get was rain, and more rain. John Werner's report next year will be interesting. Here despite being on a sort of plateau we have suffered flooding for the first time for 5 years or so, though the prime cause of this is the blocking and general

lack of maintenance of neighbouring ditches. Among beneficiaries, however, have been visiting Mallard from a neighbours pond. Whilst very tame and interesting to watch these duck are a mixed blessing, since their large feet can damage fragile plants. We now await the arrival of their young.

Daffodils and narcissi (all one family really) are having a good season, but are early like everything else and won't be seen in the Church at Easter. Other spring bulbs looking well now are Scillas, Chionodoxa (Glory of the Snow) and Muscari (Grape Hyacinths). All of these will naturalise, spread and self-seed.

An early shrub not often seen is Cornus Mas, the Cornelian Cherry, which produces masses of golden stars on bare stems now, and (not very) edible fruit in due course.

The Cornus, or Dogwood family is a large one. C. Alba shows its coloured bare stems in winter, gold, red and purple depending on the variety, and for best effect it should be cut down annually, about now in order to produce the new growth which provides next winter's show. Other species are C. Florida and C. Kousa and their hybrids, with their large bracts looking like flowers. The best cultivar is C. 'Norman Hadden' whose bracts start off white and change to pink; if you grow one Cornus choose this one, sadly our specimen died after the very dry summer of 2003.

There are many other species, some only happy in acid soil.

The Winter Jasmine (J. Nudiflorum) has now finished flowering, and should be hard pruned. A few years ago the OM/S thought one of his had been wrecked; next year it had its best flowering season.

Next time we meet gardens should be at their height.

PLAYGROUP FAIR

With a wide range of stalls selling all kinds of tempting goods, visitors to Nayland Playgroup's Spring fair were spoilt for choice.

Saturday's event which raised about £475 for the playgroup's building project attracted at least 200 people and the village hall was busy all afternoon.

Funding co-ordinator Teresa Moriarty said: "It was really worthwhile and a good thing to do the day before Mothering Sunday. Organic toiletries and jewellery sold particularly well."

The playgroup, whose lease on its present premises behind Nayland Primary School runs out in June, has been busy drawing up a business plan.

"We hope to make a formal bid for capital funding in May and have been working on costings for the actual building," she added. "The next couple of weeks will be spent with architects and quantity surveyors."

The group has received approval to site its new premises in a corner of the school field.

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CORNUS	PRUNUS
CROCUS	VIBURNUM
FORSYTHIA	VIOLA
LEUCOJUM	NARCISSUS

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THE TWO COURTS OF NAYLAND

Have you ever wondered how the road or street in which you live got its name? In a lot of cases it is quite obvious: Mill Street, Stoke Road and Heycroft Way are self explanatory for instance. Having lived for many years in Court Street, I have often wondered when and how the street got its name. We shall probably never know for sure but it is interesting to speculate.

The most likely reason for the name is Court Knoll, Nayland's scheduled ancient monument. As most people know, this five acre field surrounded by a deep ditch was an ancient settlement called Eiland and is believed to be the original site of Nayland. Occupied by manorial buildings from at least the thirteenth century the first Manor Court would almost certainly have been held there. The historian Philip Morant, in 1768, referred to "the mansion house in a pasture ground called 'The Court' but no foundations of any part of it are to be seen except the Chapel." On the 1838 Tithe map the field is still called "The Court" but by 1886 the name Court Knoll was appearing on Ordnance Survey maps – I wonder if it was the Ordnance Survey who thought up this modern name. It probably took some time for local people to adopt the new name as I remember our late neighbour, May Wilson, who was born in 1907 and whose family lived here long before that, always referred to the field as "The Court".

As the ancient buildings on Court Knoll gradually disappeared the "new" village began to grow a short distance away from the site. At some stage village elders perhaps decided to use the old name for the street running from the heart of the new village to the site of the old. It would be interesting to be able to pinpoint when this happened. In fact some street names do originate from medieval times, others did not become fixed until Victorian times leading to some confusion on old maps. Court Street's name has remained constant at least since the eighteenth century while some others in Nayland have changed several times. The earliest reference to Court Street I have seen is in a Rate Roll in 1768.



Another possible reason for Court Street's name is Alston Court, formerly called Grooms until about 1905. The house passed through several families until the Alston family owned it for about two centuries from the eighteenth century. According to minutes of the Court of the Manor of Nayland with Downings, members of the Alston family were Stewards of the Manor Court during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. It seems quite likely that the Court proceedings would have been carried on in the home of the Steward and, in fact, the 1892 edition of White's Directory listed Miss Margaret Alston as living at "The Court House". Is it possible then that the street leading up to the Court ("Alston's Court") was named after it?

Until the bypass was built Court Street had been for centuries the main route from Colchester to Sudbury. As well as being an important highway I am sure my neighbours would agree with its description in a nineteenth century newspaper. An advertisement announced that an auction sale was to be held at the White Hart, Nayland, and the properties to be sold were to be found in Court Street described as "the preferable part of the town".

Wendy Sparrow

PROSTATE CANCER

An increasing number of men, without symptoms, are now requesting the prostate cancer blood test (PSA).

Whilst prostate cancer is more common with increasing age it can still occur in men in their forties and fifties. There are racial and lifestyle factors, such as diet, that can influence risk and there is an increased incidence if your father or brother has been diagnosed with it. Many suggest PSA to detect early cancer. As a rough guide your PSA should be 1.5 less than the decade you are in (eg less than 4.5 for a man in his sixties) but PSA change is equally important and a rise of more than 2 points in a year may need investigation.

If the PSA is suspicious or the prostate feels abnormal an ultrasound scan, via the rectum, is performed and biopsies taken – undignified but not too unpleasant. If present prostate cancer samples are then given a Gleason Score and scans are performed to detect any evidence of spread outside the gland.

If the disease is confined to the prostate there are a variety of treatment options. In low risk situations without troublesome symptoms a period of surveillance may be all that is required. Others may benefit from the removal of the prostate. Until recently this has usually required an abdominal incision but it can now be performed by keyhole surgery with robotic assistance. Alternatively radiotherapy, either by external beam therapy or radioactive seed implant can be given. There are also some novel techniques with high frequency ultrasound (HiFU) and freezing but these are not widely available.

If the disease has spread beyond the confines of the prostate there is still excellent treatment available. Usually this employs hormonal manipulation with tablets or monthly injections that reduce or inhibit the body's natural testosterone. Successful

FIREFIGHTERS CHARITY CAR WASH

Nayland firemen found their car washing skills were in demand when they took part in a charity event on Saturday.

Led by Sub Officer Terry Atkins, the seven-man team of retained firefighters set to with detergent and sponges on the station forecourt and dealt with 25-30 cars leaving them sparkling.

The event raised more than £250 for the Fire Service Benevolent Fund.

"It was very well supported," said Mr Atkins. "Many hands made light work and it only took about 15 to 20 minutes to polish off each vehicle. Apart from the car wash we had the fire engine out so people could have a look round it while they were waiting and the children enjoyed sitting in the driving seat."

chemotherapy is becoming available but is usually reserved for advanced cases.

Whatever the stage of prostate cancer that may be diagnosed always take time to discuss the treatment options with your urologist/oncologist or a specialist nurse counsellor. There are many options and the results of treatment will probably be better than first imagined.

More information is available on:

www.britishprostatigroup.co.uk
www.prostate-research.org.uk



Spring & Summer Walks Programme 2007

Explore the beautiful villages and countryside of the upper Stour Valley

OVINGTON OUTSKIRTS Sunday 22nd April 10am-1.00pm

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STURMER STOMP Sunday 3rd June 10am-3.00pm

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CALFORD GREEN MIDSUMMER MEANDER Thursday 21st June 7-9pm

Enjoy an evening ramble as we walk from Kedington to Haverhill's hinterland and back along the Calford Green section of the Haverhill Country walks. Optional drink at end.

Approx. 4 miles - Easy/Moderate

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Adults £5, children (aged 5-15) £4

Includes admission to Munnings Museum 3.30 – 5pm

Buy your tickets at the Essex Rose Tea shop, Dedham
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Dedham Guided Tours (including entrance to Sir Alfred Munnings Museum) can also be booked for private groups from 8th April to 7th October on Sundays and Wednesdays, and also on Thursdays and Saturdays during August.

Contact Colchester Visitor Information Centre
Tel: (01206) 282920 or Email: vic@colchester.gov.uk

Organised by the Dedham Vale AONB and
Stour Valley Project
www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org

A new website for walkers in Suffolk

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. Its good for your heart, its good for your lungs, its good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and its good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol and improve blood lipid profile
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being
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- Reduce the risk of cancer of the colon
- Reduce the risk of non insulin dependant diabetes
- Help to control body weight
- Help osteoarthritis
- Help flexibility and co-ordination hence reducing the risk of falls

So, how do you find out what is on offer?

John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for he had better create it! It was a steep learning curve (not having had anything to do with websites before) but eventually **www.walkinginsuffolk.co.uk** came into being.

www.walkinginsuffolk.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County:

Guided walks: Local groups who offer guided walks are listed together with links to their web-sites.

Books of walks: There are nearly fifty books of walks for the County. All the details are here.

Leaflets of walks: Over sixty leaflets are produced around the County, many of them difficult to find. Not any more!

www.walkinginsuffolk.co.uk list them all.

Walking groups: Every walking group in the County is listed.

There are also links so that you can check: the weather for your walk, links to other useful sites, how to get to your walk by public transport and more is being added all the time.

So check out the website and get walking!

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Sam Torrance setting sights on a hat-trick as PGA Seniors Championship returns to Stoke by Nayland

Sam Torrance has welcomed the announcement that the prestigious £200,000 PGA Seniors Championship will return to Stoke by Nayland Golf Club in Suffolk from September 6-9, 2007.

The former Ryder Cup captain produced an outstanding final round of six under par 66 to win last year's event and will draw on those happy memories as he bids to become only the third player in the 51 year history of the Championship to capture the title in three consecutive years.

Torrance commented: "The PGA Seniors Championship is one of the most important events of the year for me. It's a flagship tournament and having won it for the past two years I'll be looking to make it three in a row. I enjoyed the testing course at Stoke by Nayland last year and look forward to returning there."

Since its inception in 1957, the PGA Seniors Championship has attracted some of the finest names to have ever graced the fairways and two very special names could be added to the list this year with Nick Faldo and Seve Ballesteros both eligible to play.

Torrance joined that gilded group last year when he returned a 20 under par total of 268 to win by three strokes from three-time European Seniors Tour winner Luis Carbonetti of Argentina. A repeat victory this September and the Scotsman will join Coles (1985 and 1987) and O'Connor (1981 and 1983) as the only players to have won the event three times in succession.

PGA Chief Executive Sandy Jones said: "We are privileged to again be hosting the Championship at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, where we know we can be sure of a warm welcome and also an excellent test of golf for the best players. Last year, all the competitors were full of praise for the course and many agreed the greens were among the best they had putted on throughout the Seniors Tour."



Sam Torrance on the 1st tee at Stoke by Nayland Golf Club for the 2006 PGA Seniors Championship

Susanna Rendall, Managing Director of The Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, added: "We are delighted that both the PGA and the top professionals who participated in the 2006 Championship are keen to return to Stoke by Nayland for a second year."

Still a family-owned business, the Club also offers a superb Hotel with state-of-the-art Spa and Leisure facilities, and has become one of the most sought-after venues in East Anglia for national and international golfing events, such as the PGA Europro Tour, as well as Golf and Spa Breaks and Society and Corporate Golf Days.

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<u>April 1st</u> PALM SUNDAY	8.00am 9.00am 9.15am	Holy Communion United Procession from the Carvers' Barn* Family Communion	6.30pm Evensong for Holy Week
Tuesday 3rd	7.30pm	United service of the Stations of the Cross	
Wednesday 4th	10.00am	Holy Communion	
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion, Vigil & Watch	
Good Friday	10.00am 2.00pm	Family Service One Hour at the Cross (Rev. Brian Watling)	
Holy Saturday	10 – 12noon 8.00pm	Easter Workshop in church** Easter Liturgy	
<u>April 8th</u> EASTER DAY	8.00am 9.45am	Holy Communion Family Communion	11.15am Family Communion
<u>April 15th</u> Easter 2	8.00am 9.45am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Evensong	
<u>April 22nd</u> Easter 3	8.00am 9.45am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	11.15am Holy Communion
<u>April 29th</u> Easter 4	8.00am 9.45am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Nayland Choir Concert in Church	
<u>May 6th</u> Easter 5	8.00am 9.45am	Holy Communion Matins & Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
<u>May 13th</u> ROGATION SUNDAY	8.00am 9.45am 3.00pm	Holy Communion Parish Communion Rogation Procession to Wiston followed by tea	11.15am Holy Communion
<u>Thursday 17th</u> Ascension Day	10.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion at St. Mary's Hadleigh	
<u>May 20th</u> Easter 7	8.00am 9.45am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong	
<u>Tuesday 22nd</u>	7.30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation at St James	
<u>May 27th</u> PENTECOST	8.00am 9.45am	Holy Communion Parish Communion	11.15am Family Communion
<u>June 3rd</u> TRINITY	8.00am 9.45am	Holy Communion Matins and Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

* Do bring small 'branches' for the procession

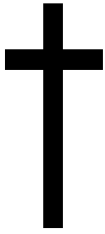
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Easter Flowers

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Weekday Services

Parkers Way	3pm	Weds Apr 4 th , May 2 nd
Midweek Communion	10.00 am	St. James Weds Apr 4 th , 11 th , 25 th , May 2 nd , 9 th , <u>Thurs</u> 17 th , 23 rd , 30 th
Every Weds	10.45am	Nayland House
5 Parishes Communion	10am	Weds Apr 18 th at Nayland , May 16 th at Leavenheath
Pram & Toddler Service	Thurs 2.30pm	Apr 19 th , May 3 rd & 17 th
Bible Study	Mons 7.30,	18 Laburnum Way, April 16 th , May 7 th & 21 st
SAMS Prayer Meeting	Mon 7.30,	18 Laburnum Way, Monday May 14 th



Signs of new life

As I write we've been enjoying an early Spring, despite being warned that Winter is due to return. Most of us welcome Spring with all its signs of new life in field and garden. There is a general awakening that stirs our souls too and makes us long to be outside again encouraging all the new growth. Young lambs and chicks not only amuse, they also assure us of good times to come. We can be filled with hope and expectation, ready to re-engage with life.

I imagine that the Editor will have a problem fitting in all the advertisements for activities in the coming months. May sees the resumption of door to door collections and coffee mornings. We are once more encouraged to support good causes and work together to change things for the better.

We are so fortunate that Easter comes for us in springtime with its message full of hope and reassurance. We believe that the risen Christ proclaims the end of the power of death and sin. In his victory over the cross he fulfils our dreams that love is stronger than hate, that goodness eventually overcomes evil, that God cannot be defeated. It is in the light and strength of this faith that we are encouraged never to give up doing good.

So I hope we all enjoy a really Happy Easter , and that it will inspire us for the work ahead !.

Kit Gray

Other Dates for your Diary

Sat. April 7 th	10 – 12 noon EASTER WORKSHOP and making of the Easter Garden
Sat May 5 th	10.30 – 11.30am HYMN SING in St. James Church planned
May 13 – 19	Christian Aid Week : New collectors always welcome ! Contact Alec Murrison
May 13 th	Rogation Sunday Procession starting at St. James Church and ending in Wiston with Tea.
Sat. May 19 th	Family Communion Workshop : 10 – 11 in St James Church
Sun. May 20 th	Deanery Children's Workshop 2.15 – 5.00pm Look out for more details
Tues. May 22 nd	Archdeacon's Visitation and presentation of new churchwardens : 7.30pm, Nayland
Monday May 28 th	ANNUAL CHURCH FETE

Early warning for **HARVEST FESTIVALS** Nayland Sept 16th, Wiston Oct. 7th

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

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 Wiston : Monday April 23rd 7.20pm at Newton's Farm

WILLIAM GRAY

A NOTED auctioneer and "highly respected professional" has died aged 79.

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Born in Ingatestone, Essex, to Scottish farmers Hugh and Margaret Gray, he was educated in Brentwood. Later the family moved to Wormingford where he helped his father and brother improve Garnons & Bowdens Farm.

Soon after joining Stanfords he was made responsible for calf and store cattle sales together with Thorpe le Soken grading centre which existed then for prime stock while rationing and wartime controls were still in force.

He took the auctioneers' exams by correspondence course and later became a Chartered Surveyor, a Fellow in the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a full member of the Agricultural Valuers' Association.

Known to everyone as Willie, he enjoyed his relationship with clients and staff at Stanfords. His knowledge and expertise, especially with livestock and agricultural matters, were legend.

As well as livestock Mr Gray ran the Christmas poultry sales for many years and people supported them to watch his very personal auctioneering methods.

He met his wife Flora at Stanfords in the 60s and they moved to White Park Farm, Nayland, in the early 70s. After leaving the village in 2001 the couple returned last year.

Mr Gray played an enthusiastic part in village life and was a churchwarden in the 80s, helping in the re-building of the church hall after its roof blew off in the 1987 hurricane. He built up Nayland Church Fete into the success it is today and traditionally auctioned produce at the annual pub harvest services.

His other great interest was horse racing and he was a member of the Elite Racing Club.

Former Nayland vicar, Canon David Stranack, who assisted at Mr Gray's thanksgiving service at St James's, Nayland, said: "He was a great supporter and encourager. His faith and church meant a great deal to him and he will be greatly missed."

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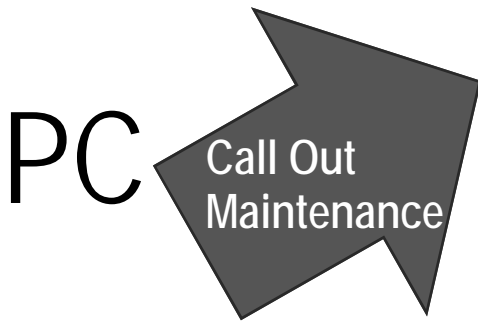
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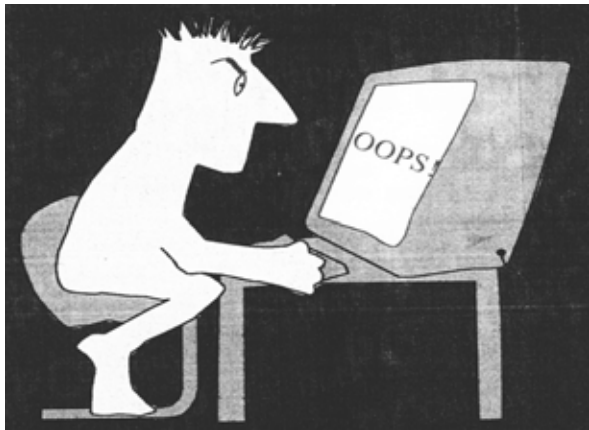


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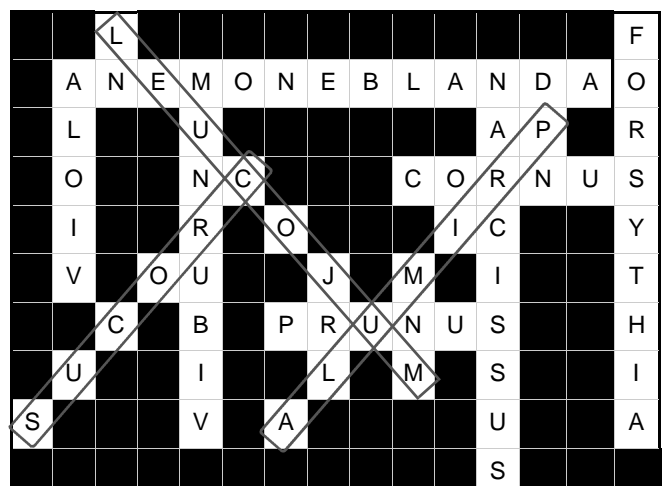
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2nd	Village Hall Management Committee AGM 8pm Village Hall
11th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room
12th	Over 60's AGM
13th	Nayland Digital Cinema: showing <i>'The Queen'</i> 8pm Village Hall <i>see page 8</i>
14th	Village Hall Garden Working Party 9am
15th	Farm Open Day 10am-4pm Scotland Place Farm <i>see page 17</i>
16th	WI Sybil Wade <i>'Designing Your Garden'</i>
17th	HortSoc AGM 8pm Church Hall <i>see page 17</i>
21st	Coffee Morning in aid of Epilepsy Research 10am-12noon Church Hall
22nd	Country Music Club: <i>'Johnny Williams'</i> 7.30 Village Hall <i>see page 10</i>
24th	Luncheon Club Church Hall 12 for 12.30
29th	Choir Concert 6.30pm St James' Church <i>see page 16 & 18</i>
May	
3rd	Local Elections
7th	Conservation Society Footpath Walk 2.15pm <i>see page 19</i>
7th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 8pm Village Hall
9th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room
14th	Community Council Meeting Church Hall 8pm (exec 730)
17th	Conservation Society & SVAG Professor Rosenthal <i>'Who Owns Constable Country'</i> <i>see page 10</i>
18th	Friends St. Mary's Quiz Night & Light Supper 7.30pm Village Hall <i>see page 22</i>
19th	HortSoc Morning Market 9.30am-12noon Church Hall <i>see page 17</i>
20th	Country Music Club: <i>'Dane Stevens'</i> 7.30 Village Hall <i>see page 10</i>
21st	RBL meeting Anchor Inn 8pm
21st	WI AGM Resolutions
22nd	Luncheon Club Church Hall 12 for 12.30
28th	St James' Church Fete 2-4.30pm Webb's Meadow <i>see page 9</i>
June	
4th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 8pm Village Hall
10th	30th Annual Open Gardens 2-6pm <i>see page 10</i>
13th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room
14-16th	Village Players <i>'Wildest Dreams'</i>
22nd	First Response Cheese & Wine Party 7.30 Parkers Barn <i>see page 11</i>
26th	Luncheon Club Church Hall 12 for 12.30

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Nayland Fire Station would like to thank all those who supported their charity Car Wash.

They raised £263 for the Fire Service Benevolent Fund.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

We continue to work on our new building project. We have been fundraising with our Spring Fair and cake sales and will be hosting a number of other events later in the year. The Committee and Staff would like to thank the Community Council for their very generous support for this important community project. This is what we hope to achieve from our new building:

- to provide an 'Early birds' before school service where parents can leave their children in a safe environment from 8.00 a.m. The session will run until the start of school and will consist of free playtime.
- to increase the Playgroup morning session from 16 places to 24.
- to provide a lunch club for Playgroup and Ducklings children which will offer a packed lunch or a hot lunch which will be provided in the school hall. Thanks to the support of Raegan Delaney, we hope that this service will start after Easter.
- to provide an afternoon Playgroup session for up to 24 children. The funding structure of the Playgroup sessions will be slightly different. Children over 3 will still be funded for their 5 sessions a week by the government. Additional sessions will be charged at a fair and competitive rate.
- to provide an After School Club running from 15.25 to 17.55 for children up to the end of year four (age 9).

If our plans to expand the Playgroup are successful, the number of children we will be registered for will be 24 (increase of 8 Early Education places which receive government funding) and

we will also be offering up to 24 Childcare places for pre-school children. This means that there will be 24 places available for pre-school children at the morning sessions and 24 in the afternoon. This offers a substantial increase in the childcare provision for pre-school children from Nayland and the surrounding villages.

There seems to be a perception in the community that places at Nayland Playgroup are hard to come by. This is not the case. Our admissions policy is as follows:

It is our intention to make Nayland Playgroup accessible to children and families from all sections of the community. We operate the following admissions policy.

- We admit children to Nayland Playgroup from age 2½ years. In the first term children will be offered one to two sessions per week.
- We encourage parents and carers to apply for extra sessions as the child gets older. Sessions will be offered subject to availability and in order of date of birth.
- We arrange our admissions list in birth order. In times of high demand our policy may also take into account the vicinity of the home to the Playgroup; siblings already attending the setting and the number of sessions a child attends at another Nursery or Playgroup.

At the time of writing, all children who live in Nayland aged 2½ years and for whom applications have been received have been offered at least one session a week from the beginning of next term. The Playgroup staff work very hard to try to accommodate parents wishes. They have to try to balance OFSTED requirements for older children in the 3-4 year age group, with the wishes of parents whose children are 2½ - 3years. For further information about Nayland Playgroup, please contact Sue Clarke on 01206 262997 or Teresa Moriarty on 01787 210148.

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