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YOUR LOCAL MAGAZINE FOR NEWS AND VIEWS

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SEASONS GREETINGS



The Editor and the Community
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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: 10th October 2007

HOUSING NEEDS

Mr Battye reported progress was being made with provision of affordable housing at Harpers Estate and discussions were taking place between the housing association and the landowner of another possible site.

VILLAGE HALL

Mr Battye said he had informal discussions with Ian Wright and felt there was a need for greater communication between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee. He proposed having a joint working party meeting.

LOCALITY BUDGET

Councillors were asked to come up with suggestions for the current year's locality budget.

BABERGH'S COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Forms are available from the Parish Council for nominations of parishioners who have made a significant contribution to their local community.

POST OFFICES

Nayland Post Office is not included in those likely to close.

CRIME

There had been an attempted burglary in Bear Street.

VANDALISM

Mrs George reported that there had been several incidents of vandalism at the Primary School where equipment had been broken and bins had been emptied out. Councillors said similar incidents had occurred on the Recreation Ground and cemetery. Mrs Knox added that young boys had been climbing on the village Hall roof.

Mr Battye felt that Nayland had experienced more vandalism than usual this summer and following some discussion councillors felt a watchful eye should be kept on this and all incidents should be reported to the Clerk who would pass them on to the Police.

FOOTPATHS

Councillors were notified of a Deed of Dedication from Suffolk County Council following an application by the Nayland and Wissington Land Company Limited. The stretch of path on Nayland Meadow, along the east of the River Stour is now an official footpath.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that permission had been granted for an extension to be built at 23 Harpers Estate. Consent had been granted at 73 Bear Street pruning to a Willow tree, the pruning of a Cherry tree at 15 Fen Street and at 13 Fen Street for the crowning of a Robinia and Birch tree.

Mr Battye recapped that between meetings councillors had not objected to the erection of a garden wall and gates at the White Hart if it is sympathetic to the area, or for listed building consent to install a spiral wine cellar at The Guildhall providing there are no objections by the Babergh Conservation Officer. Councillors had no objections to listed building consent to replace a rear window at 14 Fen Street.

Mr Battye drew councillors' attention to the difficulties in acting as consultees with parishioners. With only one set of plans for each application, which have to go round to members of the council within the strict time limit set by Babergh, councillors felt they did provide interested parties ample opportunity to view the plans. It was pointed out that although taking photocopies of plans is not permitted under copyright copies may be purchased from Babergh.

STREET LIGHTING

Councillors discussed the difficulties and oddities of maintaining Nayland's street lighting. It was pointed out that not all the street lights are the responsibility of the Parish Council. New regulations had brought with them considerable practical and financial problems, particularly where they were situated close to trees or overhead cables.

It was felt that street lighting could not be reduced and the

increased maintenance costs would need to be considered at the precept meeting.

Councillors identified several problem lights which included those outside 104 and 105 Bear Street which were hidden by trees.

TREES

Councillors heard the recommendations of Babergh's Arboricultural Officer regarding the Cemetery, Caley Green, Playing Field, Newlands Lane and the Jubilee Tree.

After some discussion it was agreed to prioritise removal of 2 Lombardy Poplars which were rotten and some pruning to the lower branches of some trees on Caley Green and removal of a Willow on the Playing Field. The Jubilee Tree which has a Tree Preservation Order on it did not require any work but he expressed concerns about the possible effect on the tree of the future rebuilding of the adjacent fire station. There were no immediate recommendations in the cemetery but he suggested some thinning of species to alleviate overcrowding and pruning of overhanging branches.

Councillors agreed that they need to make financial provision for maintenance of trees and regular professional inspections should be carried out.

OPEN SPACES

General autumnal work including weed-killing has now been carried out and the Horse-watering has been much improved. Local residents have also been doing their bit to improve this area.

HIGHWAYS

The Council has been asked by Suffolk County Highways to identify where grit boxes and heaps are situated and whether they are still required. If they are not identified it will be assumed they are no longer required.

Following a report of overgrown ivy over a wall at the north end of Mill Street which is obstructing narrow pavement Councillors agreed the householder should be asked to cut this back.

GRAFFITI CLEANING KITS

Councillors agreed to take up an offer for a free graffiti removal assistance kit from Babergh District Council.

TRAFFIC SURVEY

Mrs George reported an incident involving a large bus which had trouble getting round the village. Mr Battye reminded councillors that any evidence of incidents should be collected which would be forwarded to Suffolk County Council Highways.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr Cave reported that a new Hadleigh Swimming Pool will be way out of reach financially.

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: 14th November 2007

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Councillors had received no news regarding the possible second site and would contact Flagship Housing Association asking to be kept informed.

VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Knox reported that the three-quarter year financial report had been much better which was mainly due to various fundraising activities. In particular the film evenings, organised by a few enthusiastic people, had been a great success.

General maintenance work on the village hall was being carried out. They are obtaining estimates for work needed to the roof which will be a major job.

Councillors agreed to ask the street cleaner to carry out a litter-pick around the football pitch and meadow.

Mr Battye recapped on the Endowment Fund said bequests and donations should be encouraged. He explained that any withdrawal of monies from the Fund would require the permission of the Parish Council.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Battye thanked councillors for the time they had spent researching this and their feedback regarding a parish plan. Considerable discussion took place on whether or not the village could benefit and the level of additional work that would be required.

Mr Hunt felt the village would not lose anything by not having a parish plan and could not see that any advantages would out-weigh the tremendous amount of extra work involved. It was also pointed out that there was no guarantee of additional grants and the level of bureaucracy was considered alarming. It was suggested that many of the activities included in the parish plan are already in place in Nayland but having a good neighbourhood scheme would be of benefit.

Several councillors felt that they don't need a parish plan to continue the good job that is already done. Mr Spencer felt that if any residents were not satisfied they have ways of voicing their opinions and Mrs Knox added that residents are welcome to stand as parish councillors.

Councillors were reminded that village organisations and societies do put their ideas and opinions forward and take the lead on some activities.

It was agreed unanimously not to have a parish plan at this moment in time but the Council would keep the possibility under review.

LOCALITY BUDGET

It was agreed to put the locality budget towards the expenditure on the street lighting.

2008/9 BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

Mrs Mimpriss requested consideration to increase the Wiston litter-pick from two to three per year.

Mrs Sparrow said not all the benches were treated with preservative last year therefore some money should be earmarked for completing this.

Mr Hunt felt open spaces and trees would be a considerable drain on finances. This may include general cleaning and maintenance, attention to the cemetery fence, and street lighting. He suggested it could be worth considering growing cricket bat willows to generate income.

CRIME REPORT

Councillors heard that during September there had been a theft of garden ornaments in Bear Street and two incidents of roadside criminal damage.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that an appeal had been lodged by the owners of Harpers Hill Farm for change of use from agricultural land to car parking for 10 cars for staff at the Transfer Station. Councillors agreed to view the paperwork on this for

further discussion.

Councillors had no objections to listed building consent for a satellite dish at 10 Birch Street, an application for erection of a summer house at Hullbacks Farm, Dead Lane and removal of a holm oak tree trunk at 12 Mill Street.

They have no objections to listed building consent to erect a rear extension and replacement front gate at 14 High Street subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.

Considerable discussion took place regarding an application to erect a detached garden room at 7 High Street. A letter had been received from neighbours regarding the application. Concerns were expressed in relation to a nearby tree, access to the site and the type of accommodation proposed within the curtilage of listed buildings. Councillors agreed to object on the grounds there was insufficient detail on the impact of the environment including access, drainage and the tree, and on the mass, scale and design of the proposed building.

STREET LIGHTING

Councillors heard details of a quote from Suffolk County Council for work to four street lights affected by the new European regulations. It was agreed that the work to one light in Bear Street, one in Fen Street and two in Wiston Road should be carried out. This will take up almost all of the Locality Budget.

OPEN SPACES

The Environment Agency has requested permission to carry out dredging and reed cutting near the A134.

Following a request from a resident on the Heights councillors agreed to obtain a quote for cutting back a tree in the hedge at the back of the playing field which is overhanging their garden. They also agreed that the resident may infill the hedge, which belongs to the Council, at his own cost.

HIGHWAYS

Councillors will write to Selwyn Prior to ask why they have not received the results of the traffic survey.

Following two deer being killed along Wiston Road recently a letter had been received asking if warning signs could be erected. The council agreed to seek advice from Highways.

Mr Hunt suggested the hedge needed cutting around the new village gateway on Stoke Road. Councillors agreed to find out who is responsible for cleaning the bus shelter.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr Cave informed councillors that from the end of the month all details, including letters of support and objection, regarding planning applications will be available to view on Barbergh's website.

Nayland Over 60s

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**Community
Council****COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT**

Meeting on 19th November 2007 Chairman: Alan Hodges 263982

The Chairman, Alan Hodges was concerned that a number of Societies were not represented and hoped for more support in the future.

COMMUNITY TIMES

The problem of finding a Community Times advertising coordinator has been resolved between the Chairman and Treasurer who would share the duties for the time being.

It was agreed that they would review the current advertising tariffs particularly as there was some concern at the amount of advertising in the newsletter which was excluding village and society information.

There was some concern about bad debts and it was agreed that normally advertisers should pay before their advert goes into the magazine.

BONFIRE NIGHT

The Bonfire Night was deemed a great success but more help was needed in the cooking area and at the entrance. It was felt greater prominence should be given to displaying the Guys. A profit of almost £700 was made on the evening.

GRANTS

Grants of £750 was agreed for the over 60's and £1000 for the Village Hall Endowment Fund. It was generally felt that the Village Hall Management Committee should ensure the roof is repaired as a matter of urgency before further damage to the building occurs.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that Community Council Funds were £12,015 after these grants had been taken into consideration. This figure included profit of £697 from Bonfire Night and for this period the Community Times generated £1,060 less costs of £274. This was very satisfactory.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Societies were asked to give their support to the Christmas Bazaar on 8 December. So far very few groups had applied for tables which cost just £5 and there was no additional charge on profits. It had been agreed that there would be no charge for entry.

It was agreed to buy new festive decorations. Father Christmas and his elf will be present and there will be music, mulled wine and a raffle.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree would be erected at 9am on Sunday 9 December and it was hoped that everybody would be attending the Carol service with the Boxted Brass Band underneath the Tree on Wednesday 19 December.

VILLAGE QUIZ

It was agreed to bring forward the date of the Village Quiz to 29 February 2008 to allow the Playgroup Fundraisers to have another musical evening on 7 March.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL

It was agreed that the 2008 Village Festival should be on 12/13 July 2008. The organising group (*including the exec committee*) would meet on Monday 21 January 2008 in the Church Hall to start organising it. All Village societies are asked to send a representative to this meeting.

SOCIETY REPORTS

There were a number of Society reports which can be seen elsewhere in the magazine but it was noted that construction of the new building for the Play Group was due to start in the next 2 weeks and it should be complete by April 2008.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Monday 7 January 2008 at 8pm in the Church Hall. The AGM is scheduled Monday 10th March.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Once again I have to express the thanks for everyone who made this years Bonfire Night such a success. To those who manned the gates, cooked 200 sausages, provided a magnificent bonfire and not least those who controlled the firework display. To these and many other helpers they deserve our thanks. And also to all those families who attended and enjoyed a wonderful evening.

*Ken Willingale**President, Community Council*


Christmas Dates To Remember

Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall on Tuesday and Wednesday this year, and New Years Day is on the following Tuesday.

Last Post
for Xmas Delivery:
2nd Class: 17th December
1st Class: 20th December

Post Office

PO Counter: closed Tues 25th, Weds 26th December and Tues 1st January
If pensions/benefits are due on days PO is closed they may be collected the week before
Shop: (papers, etc) will be open Sunday hours (9am-11am) on 26th December & 1st January

Doctors Surgery No surgery Tues 25th, Weds 26th December or Tues 1st January

Out of hours emergency telephone 01206-578070 – Don't forget to order your prescriptions

Refuse Collection Will be a day later during the two weeks following Christmas**Bus Services** See page 39 for Christmas services

Kerridge's Open from 7am-5pm on 17th-21st, 7am-1 pm on Sat 22nd, Sun 23rd & Mon 24th
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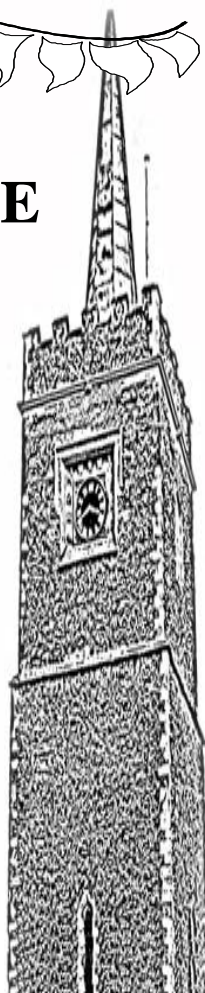
Sadly Alan Edwards has had to retire from the Fete Committee due to ill health and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his exceptional contribution to the success of the Fete in recent years. His boundless energy and enthusiasm, together with his business experience helped to raise the profile and financial success of the fete.

We are extremely grateful to him and thank him for everything he has done.

As a result of Alan's retirement we are looking for someone to take over preparing and setting up the field. on fete day.

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**Andora Carver
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VILLAGE FESTIVAL

12TH & 13TH JULY 2008

Wanted Helpers

We are looking for helpers hopefully a
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MUSIC HALL SUCCESS

The Village Players' recent Olde Time Music Hall attracted a sell-out audience and it was standing room only in the village hall.

Devised and directed by Fiona Hunt, the show included a variety of period sketches and musical favourites, ending with some spirited community singing. Master of ceremonies was the "spiffingly silver-tongued Stephen Ferrari."

Players' chairman Deborah Hodges said the evening was a great success financially with enthusiastic feedback from the audience. The event raised about £1,346 for the village hall's maintenance fund.



Nayland & District
Women's Institute
Group Carol Service
 St James' Church
 on **Monday 3rd December**
 at 7.30pm

BONFIRE NIGHT

A bumper crowd turned out for Nayland Community Council's annual bonfire night celebration on November 5.

Built by Fred Bugg and his son, the huge bonfire and spectacular firework display were reckoned to be the best yet. Spectators consumed 200 hot dogs and 145 cups of mulled wine.

Treasurer Bryan Smith said people had enjoyed the evening and there was much praise for the display. Gate receipts totalled a record £1,056 and the event made £572 profit for council funds.

The fireworks were let off by hall chairman Iain Wright, Tony Price and Fred Bugg.

THEATRE TRIP

Foster Jones has a few tickets to see
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The Village Players present

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REPORT FROM RICHARD CAVE, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR THE WARD OF NAYLAND

HADLEIGH SWIMMING POOL

Many residents will aware that Hadleigh's swimming pool has been deteriorating for some time and cannot be maintained in its' current state for very much longer. Babergh District Council has, therefore, been considering a number of options, one of which was to completely rebuild the pool and its' associated facilities at a cost of £5.5m (or £7.2m to include a fitness studio and dance suite). Unfortunately the cost of doing so is well beyond the Council financial means at present and, unless additional funds become available in the future, members could not commit to this option. It was agreed that two further options should be considered: firstly, a feasibility study should be undertaken to see whether the life of the pool can be extended by a programme of repair and refurbishment for up to fifteen years: secondly, to maintain the pool until it becomes no longer viable and then to close it with adequate notice to all concerned. However this option would

be offset in some degree by the provision of new of community facilities for Hadleigh. The results of the study into the first option should be known within two months or so.

NAYLAND AND STOKE BY NAYLAND - HEAVY GOOD VEHICLES

The problems associated with HGVs passing through both villages has been with us for many years and does not seem to have improved despite the County Council's Lorry Management plan for Suffolk. Hence the issue has been taken up, once again, with Suffolk County Council and Guy McGregor in particular, the Portfolio Holder for Roads and Transport. I and others have written to him whilst the Conservation Society has been monitoring and reporting specific incidents of HGVs passing through the village of Nayland. James Finch, in particular, has pursuing this campaign and is currently waiting to learn the outcome of a survey carried out by the County Council some months ago. I will report further in due course.

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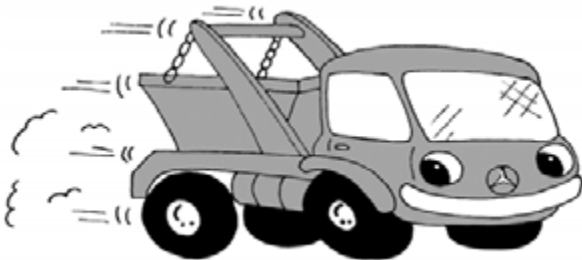
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EVENING ART GROUP: Interested??

Is anyone interested in getting together
one evening a week, say about 7-9pm,
to paint/sketch?

Respectfully acknowledging the existence of
the Nayland Art Group, which meets every
Wednesday afternoon, this would not be an
option for me, as I work.

If you think it's something you might
support, please ring Anne Townshend
on 262927, to explore possibilities.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



Parishioners young and old
gathered at St James's Church,
Nayland, for the annual
Remembrance Day service.

The parade into church was
led by the Royal British Legion
standards borne by Kathy Hunt
and Jim Turner, followed by
wreath layers and Scout, Cub
and Brownie standards.

The service was conducted
by priest-in-charge, the Rev
Kit Gray, assisted by Legion
chairman Bill Martin who read
the roll of honour.

In his address Legion vice-
president Ken Willingale called
on young people in the con-
gregation to remember the sacrifices made by servicemen
and women defending their country in the two world wars and
subsequent conflicts.

With lives still being lost in Iraq and Afghanistan and the
additional threat of global terrorist activity he said it was im-
portant the younger generation should understand why they

were remembering.

He added the poppy was not a symbol of war but a mark
of respect to all those who sacrificed their lives fighting for
their country, especially the men who shed their blood on the
poppy fields of Flanders.

After the service the congregation moved to the village
war memorial for the wreath laying ceremony directed by
Andrew Gowen. Wreaths were laid by Andora Carver and
David George for the Legion, parish council chairman Gerry
Battye, John Weston of Boxted Airfield Historical Society and
representatives of the 1st Nayland Guides and Brownies,
Charlotte Gratton and Georgia Higgins.

The Nayland service was preceded by one at the Wiston
war memorial, also led by Miss Gray. Wreaths were laid by
Pru Hardy, Ken Bailey and Mr Battye.

Last Post and Reveille were sounded at the end of both
services by bugler Bill Slark.

This year's Poppy Appeal collection in Nayland and
Wiston totalled a record £2,760, 28 per cent up on last year.
The amount included collections at church services and £258
from the Royal British Legion coffee morning.

Poppy Appeal organiser James Carver said he was
grateful to everyone for their support especially the collectors
and local businesses who put out boxes.

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NAYLAND AND WISTON EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

Chairman Jenny Napper – 01206 262822

'We are trained and equipped to administer oxygen, deal with cardiac arrest, respiratory problems and administer first aid until the ambulance arrives. We are alerted by the 999 call made to the ambulance. The reaction from the people we have helped has been very positive and the ambulance crews who we are supporting are very helpful and welcome our participation. Probably the most useful element of our role is to give support to distressed people while they wait for the ambulance. It is a very satisfying role and not too arduous'.

The First Response team has been called out over 50 times since it started in April. We have now expanded its area to include Leavenheath and Stoke-by-Nayland. We have managed to provide a 24 hour service seven days a week for most of the time and this has only been achieved by some members taking on additional duties. The aim is restrict time on duty to 12 hours a week but we can only achieve this by increasing the size of the team.

We need more volunteers from Nayland, Leavenheath and Stoke-by-Nayland to make the First Response Team a viable unit with a long term future which does not impose too much of a burden on its members. 12 hours a week is not much of a commitment and there is enormous satisfaction from the work as well as learning life saving skills. So please help by joining us.

Training takes place over a 2 day weekend with an assessment lasting 20mins on the following weekend. Please contact Andrew Gowen on 01206 262534 or parkersag@yahoo.co.uk if you are interested.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Secretary: Andrew Gowen 262534

Bill Martin was re-elected Chairman at our Annual General Meeting on 29 October and all the other officers were similarly re-elected and there was no change. The Branch unanimously elected Ken Willingale to the position of Vice President in place of Geoffrey Baker who recently died. This was in recognition of Ken's past work with the branch and the work he does in the village.

Mr Peter Gipson, the Chairman of Suffolk Royal British Legion attended and updated us on the work of the British Legion throughout the Country and explained the decision to centralise Branch Funds. Following considerable protest, Headquarters has compromised by allowing Branches to hold £1000 in a local account. The Nayland Branch is not happy with the decision and accepts it reluctantly.

The meeting was followed by a very enjoyable talk illustrated with slides by James Carver on the recent visit he and Andora had made to the Falkland Islands.

Once again there was great support at the Remembrance Services at Wiston and Nayland on 11 November and we had a memorable sermon from Ken Willingale at the Nayland service. This is a very difficult time for our Servicemen and women and this concern is reflected in the support we have received at our services and in the Poppy Appeal. On behalf of the Royal British Legion we thank you.

We are looking forward to our Joint Party with the Women's Section at the Church Hall starting at 7.30 on 10 December. It is hoped members will arrive with wine and food.

Meetings for next year are: 3 March (*please note the change of date*); 12 May; 7 July; 8 September in the Anchor Pub and the AGM on 27 October in the Church Hall.

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

Poppy Appeal Organiser: James Carver 262970



Nayland and Wiston raised a total of £2761 for the Poppy Appeal up by 28% on last year. This includes a collection of £280 from the Remembrance Service at Wiston and £390 from the Remembrance Service in Nayland. The Coffee Appeal Coffee Morning raised £258 and the raffle from the Stour Valley Music Club some £144.

This is a very good effort by everybody involved and we are grateful to everyone for their support especially the collectors and local businesses who put out boxes.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Women's Section

Secretary: Kath Hunt 262014

The Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning held on 10th November raised £217.

We hope to run a raffle at the Christmas Bazaar.

We are looking forward to our Joint Christmas Party with the Men's Section be held on the 10th December in the Church Hall.



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mrs Joan Moore 262721

Once again, we have two very successful meetings to report. On 22nd October Graeme Proctor, the apple doctor, encouraged those present to have a go at pruning the various small trees he had brought. No-one was allowed to escape as he even had left-handed secateurs for those who tried to use that as an excuse. The humorous and down-to-earth way in which he gave us advice must have encouraged his audience to go home and have a go – at the appropriate season, of course.

Joint meeting, 13th November.

An audience of some 40 people were swept along by Karen Kenny's enthusiasm in describing the many small ways in which we can all help to save the planet. She sought a commitment from all present to learn more about what can be done and to put it into practice. Teams of six formed up to monitor, for example, leakage of electricity from equipment left on standby and not switched off "at the wall". An added bonus is that this could well save consumers money – always a good incentive. She would like teams to submit results of their findings to her by February.

She also kindly provided, free, a number of strong green jute shopping bags to help eliminate the use of paper and plastic bags. The jute is far more durable than either of the other materials, and being a natural fibre, degrades into a useful soil additive at the end of its shopping life.

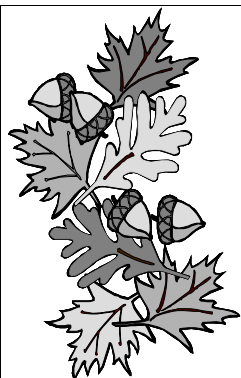
Thank you, Karen, you were an inspiration.

Community Council Christmas Bazaar, 8th December

As usual, we are begging for seasonal contributions for sale on our stall. Anything festive will be much appreciated.

In addition, we would also like to receive items suitable for inclusion in the Christmas hampers which we raffle on the Hortsoc stall. These are always put together with loving care, and form very decorative and desirable prizes. Some members have already come forward with items to fill the baskets, but we do need more tasty treats! Please contact any committee member if you can provide sale goods or hamper items.

On a more gloomy note, look out for specimens of the harlequin ladybird, which has been seen in a number of Nayland gardens. This puts our native species under threat, so keep your eyes open.



HARPERS HILL COUNTY WILDLIFE SITE

Mrs Joan Moore 262721

Five septuagenarians spent an active morning on Tuesday 6th November raking up the cut litter from the central grassy areas on the reserve, which is now ready to bed down for the winter. Their hard work is much appreciated, as is the mowing carried out by Peter Ennis from the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project. Being able to borrow their hayrakes, pitchforks and dragging sack was also a great help.

However, we shall continue to lobby for help from local youth organizations next year. We only want about an hour or so of their time. It can be great fun and gives them an opportunity to see some of the wildlife on site.



NAYLAND OVER 60'S LUNCHEON CLUB

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

The Christmas Party will be held at Little Bulmer Farm on 18th December from 12 noon. Monthly Luncheons will be held in the Church Hall on 29th January and 26th February.

For more information telephone Olga Alexander on 01206 263923.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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

Following Leigh Alston's very well attended talk about Nayland and its timber framed buildings at our Open Meeting in October, two walks round the village centre, led by Leigh, were arranged for mid November. We are most grateful to the owners of Alston Court who allowed us to see the courtyard, great hall and dining room and enabled us to understand the evolution of Nayland's buildings and its market place.

We enjoyed a lively evening when Karen Kenny gave us some useful hints on "How to Save the Planet" at the Joint Meeting with the Hortsoc in November.

The Society will be selling tea towels and our publications at the Community Council Christmas Fair on December 8th.

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control the publication of our book on the timber-framed buildings of Nayland has had to be postponed until the summer of 2008. Further information will be available in due course.

We wish all our members a happy and healthy 2008.

Diary Note: Open Gardens will be on Sunday 8th June 2008.



NAYLAND ART GROUP

Daphne Berry 262641

We held our exhibition on Saturday October 20th at the Church Hall Bear Street. Eleven members exhibited 36 paintings between them, in various styles and 'mediums'; landscapes, some from local scenes and some from further afield from holiday sketchings, plus portraits, flowers and animals.

Approximately 40 people visited and left with welcome and encouraging comments such as, "what talent in our village – marvellous" and "an interesting and very talented exhibition", and the works of Diane Dent and Peggy Shreeve got special mention. One painting sold, and two prior to the show.

As a Club we were heartened by the interest shown – thanks to all those who came along.



OVER 60'S CLUB

Secretary: Daphne Berry Tel: 262641

On Saturday, 3rd November we held an Art and Craft Exhibition in the Church Hall. This was a new venture for us, which was judged by three local inhabitants – our special thanks to them.

All types of crafts were shown from knitting, crochet, sewing, jam and cake making, photography, painting and poetry. Approximately 45 visitors came to see our work and pass interesting comments, enjoy a coffee and take part in the raffle, resulting in £58 profit going towards Club funds.

Thanks to all who help 'setup', and those who visited on the day. The raffle winners were: Mrs Carr, Kit Gray, John Greenwood, Pat Inchcombe, Margaret Moore, Olive Noakes, Judy Rolfe, Sheila Sessions, Margaret Sloan, Barbara Smith, Carol and Iain Wright.





BOWLS CLUB

Mrs Sylvia Bond 262529

I will start with the bad news (it doesn't get any better as I go on). We lost to Belstead in our Joe Rice Cup matches, the games were even when we left Belstead, two each and we were only 5 shots down, then Belstead came to us a week later!! Just what went wrong we don't really know, we didn't seem to play badly, but we lost all four games, so the Chairman's Plate competition is our only hope.

The Winter League is even worse. On October 10th we were top of Division 1, 27 points from three matches, an average of 9, which was excellent. Then we went to Bramford, where we didn't score a point. 27 points still an average of 6.75, which left us in second place, until we went to Gt. Blakenham, where again, we did not score a point, this result did not reflect the quality of the bowls played, with two of the games tied after 10 ends both teams losing on the last end, so now it's 27 points after five games, not looking quite so good, a 5.4 average, so now we hope the only way to go is back up again.

Fixtures: December 18th Chelmondiston away, January 25th Tuddenham away, 30th Belstead away



VILLAGE LUNCH

Jo Murrison. Tel 262369

At our last Village Lunch Keith Lovett entertained us with an illustrated talk on Pub and Inn Signs. Many thanks to all those who supported the event which made £221.

The next Lunch will be held on Wednesday 5th March and on this occasion Caroline Stanford will talk about The Landmark Trust.



NAYLAND CHOIR

Secretary Elspeth Leahy. Tel 263284

Remember, remember the 9th December (hope it's on your calendar) for Music, Melody and Verse provided by your own choir, conducted by Jeremy Hughes. Sara Bond and David Knight will provide readings. All will be of a seasonal nature and the programme will be in St. James Church, Nayland at 7.30pm.

The "Come and Sing Faure" led by Jeremy on the 29th September last was a great success and thanks go to everyone for their hard work. We hope to repeat the venture and that more of you will be able to join us.

The choir wishes all its much appreciated supporters a Very Merry Christmas and A Musical New Year.

For more details please ring secretary Elspeth Leahy on 01206 263284.



1ST NAYLAND GUIDES

Julie Mansfield 01787 211554

Well here we are up and running! We have now got five Guides all fully enrolled and we are having so much fun! We spent most of the first half of term learning about the promise and the laws in preparation for enrolment just before half term, but we had a lot of laughter and great discussions along the way. Our enrolment ceremony was lovely and quite touching, every single one of us made our promise outdoors after a very nice barbeque. The girls all thought us adults ought to make our promises first, which we duly did and then the girls one by one made their promises and told me two of the Guiding laws, nobody made any mistakes and it was really brilliant, well done girls!

We have also celebrated Halloween with a wonderfully messy party and much enjoyment. We are going to be making some Christmas crafts over the next couple of weeks, some of which we hope to sell along with the Brownies outside Ker-ridges' on the 8th of December, hope to see you there, we might even bring some yummy homemade cakes too!

Along with the Brownies we are going to Tenpin Bowling in Colchester for our last meeting of the year, should be great fun!

I would just like to say thank you to all the people who commented at the Remembrance Service that it was really nice to see Guides in the village again, I think so too. The Guides looked really great in their uniforms and performed their duties brilliantly. They made me really proud to be their Guider.

At the moment we have just 5 Guides, which is great, but we do need some more girls to join us in order to make us financially viable. We are OK at the moment as we had a start up grant from Sudbury and Cornard District Guiding, but that will not last for ever! If any one out there is aged between 10 and 14 and would like to have some fun on a Tuesday evening, come along and see what we do, you may surprise yourself and find you like Guiding! We meet at Nayland Primary School from 7.30pm till 9.00pm on Tuesdays during term time.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to you all.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

Secretary: Pauline Dossor 262261

On behalf of the WI Committee and members I would like to thank Carl Shillingford and his assistant for giving such an excellent demonstration at our October meeting on 'Suggestions for a Christmas Buffet'. Well done Carl, we all enjoyed it so much.

On November 19th we have our Annual Meeting when new officers will be formally elected. The new President will be Mrs Lorna Rumsey with Mrs Jeannette Finch as the new Secretary. Mrs Pam Baker will be continuing as Treasurer.

On Monday 3rd December Nayland WI is host to the Group Carol Service in St James' Church at 7.30pm. The WI will have a stall at the Nayland Christmas Bazaar on the 8th December with plenty of cakes and mince pies for sale. Our Christmas meeting will be held on 17th December in the Village Hall at 7.30 with mulled wine and mince pies. New members are very welcome.

I would like to wish all the Committee and members a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Shirley Scarlett



NAYLAND PLAYGROUP

Playgroup Leader: Sue Clark 262997

Project Manager for New Building: Teresa Moriarty 01787 210148

Huge congratulations to the staff and committee at Nayland Playgroup. OFSTED Inspectors visited the Playgroup at the end of October. The result was a very positive inspection with the Playgroup being marked as GOOD in all categories. In OFSTED speak, this means that the setting is strong in the quality and standard of care and nursery education it provides. Special thanks to Sue Clarke and all the staff for their hard work and dedication.

This term has already been filled with treats for the children at playgroup, and we've only just reached December! They had a very interesting visit to the Anchor Heritage Farm, and we should thank all the staff at the Anchor for making the visit so interesting and informative.

We start our build up to Christmas now. There are plenty more treats in store for the children who have invited Santa to their Christmas party at the end of term.

Fundraising continues for our new building, Woodland Corner. We hope that work will start well before Christmas so that we can remain on track to open in April next year. Our recent Gift Fayre was very successful and raised £500 for Playgroup funds. Our main fundraising event of the Spring will be an evening of musical entertainment to be held at the Village Hall on 7th March. Look out for more details locally in the New Year.



NAYLAND TODDLER GROUP

Leader: Lucy Bartlett 01206 265969

Every Friday in term time 10-11.30, Nayland Village Hall

Nayland Toddler Group is a thriving, friendly group with lots of toys and activities. The coffee is pretty awful but the welcome is very friendly. The group is a great way for you and your children to make new friends and meet up with old friends.

Our Christmas term runs until 14th December when we will have our Christmas party.

Please Join us.

Ali and Nina

Mums, Dads & Grandparents

You will be pleased to know that the superb Little Ladybirds baby & toddler group currently has no waiting list. The group is run every Tuesday from 10 to 11.30, during term time. It is held at the 'award winning' Leavenheath village hall, which is situated next to the village green and playground. All babies and preschool children with their Mums, Dads, Grandparents, carers, etc., are always welcome to come and join us. Especially as we now have access to fabulous brand-new outdoors play area.

There are numerous exciting activities at Little Ladybirds including arts & crafts, singing, dancing, classical music, introductory synthetic phonics, organic children's snacks and hot beverages available for the grown-ups. It's a great way to meet people while the little ones have lots of fun.

Little Ladybirds is an essential community resource run by volunteers and is charity-based. It is open to all pre-school children from the surrounding villages, with many of the children eventually progressing onto pre-schools at Nayland and Stoke-By-Nayland. We look forward to seeing you, especially new mums.

Christina 01206 264122



1ST NAYLAND BROWNIES

Tawny Owl: Margaret Clayden 01206 263050

Snowy Owl: Julie Mansfield 01787 211554

We have had a busy term so far learning all about home skills such as cleaning shoes, making beds, ironing and how to hang out washing to name but a few. We have also tried our hands at knitting and sewing, knitting proved a bit more difficult than the sewing, but I think we did meet with a little success eventually! Also we had a brilliant Halloween celebration where everybody got in a huge mess!

As I write this, we have this evening performed our play to an audience of parents and grandparents. This year we have done our version of the Nativity and everybody joined in with all the Christmas Carols and it all seemed to go down very well with the audience. The girls were brilliant seeing as we only had two rehearsals and I think they enjoyed it too.

We still have a few weeks of term left and we will be busy making Christmas crafts, some of which we hope to sell on a stall we are having outside Kerridges' butchers shop on the 8th of December, along with some lovely homemade cakes. Many thanks to all at Kerridges for allowing us to do this.

Please come along and support us. I must just mention what a lovely turnout of Brownies we had at the Remembrance Service, they all looked wonderful in their uniforms and performed all their duties beautifully, thank you girls!

We still have spaces for more Brownies so if you know of any girls aged between 7 - 10, tell them about us, we meet on a Tuesday evening from 5.30pm to 7.00pm at Nayland Primary School. Any girls coming along would get a very warm welcome and they might just enjoy themselves!

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Chairman Steve Hawley Tel: 01206 262563

Secretary Lorna Burgin Tel: 01206 262161

A warm welcome to all the families who were new to Nayland Primary School this September.

This term has seen a new after school club, guitar club, which is proving so popular it has been extended to two sessions. In addition, we have a choir club that is also very popular especially after the fantastic performance at the harvest festival assembly.

Following the HSA annual general meeting, the school outlined areas that they wished to allocate funds to. This included a theatre trip, equipment to enhance Geography, RE and History, equipment for the new Choir and Guitar clubs, digital cameras, outdoor art room and items to enhance the Forest Schools learning.

The first of our fund raising events was held, which was our Autumn Fun Morning. Activities included fire-work pictures, biscuit decorating, outdoor games and guy making. Seven guys were kindly collected and used to enhance the Nayland Bonfire! The morning raised £350.00 which is great.

Our next event is the School Christmas Fayre. This is the first one that we have held and the aim is to provide a fun and Christmassy evening, with children's crafts and games, tombola, wine and water stall, face painting, refreshments and Santa's Grotto. The doors will be open from 6.00 pm to 8.00pm. Please come along to get in the mood for Christmas.

We will be carol singing too, on Tuesday 18th December. Our usual route is Parkers Way, followed by Harpers Estate and then The Heights.

The children are busy finding time to prepare for their Christmas shows and we are looking forward to their performances in December. Finally there will just be time for a Christmas party before breaking up for Christmas on 19th December!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and looking forward to seeing you at some of our events



Operation Christmas Child – The Shoebox Appeal

Michelle Goodall Tel: 272263

A big thank you to all of you who filled a shoebox for this appeal. As you know this is the third year the campaign has run through our churches, school and our village as a whole and once again was a great success. I must also include a thank you to Earls Colne Housewives Organisation (ECHO) who supported the campaign this year.

We collected 113 boxes in total, which is wonderful. There was a fantastic wall of colourful boxes in the school corridor (see photo) and somewhere in the world there will be 113 smiling faces this Christmas where there would not otherwise have been. We can be happy in the knowledge that our gift-filled box made this a reality.

Thank you so very much, keep spreading the word about the campaign and hope to be back again next year about the same time.

GARDENING WITH WILDLIFE IN MIND

A number of organisations belonging to *The Forum for Gardening with Wildlife in Mind* have set out a manifesto for gardens, people and nature called **LET OUR GARDENS LIVE**. This is not an attempt to out-Oddie Bill, but presents a vision intended to inspire people to manage gardens for their own health and enjoyment, in ways that also benefit wildlife.

The Forum has the following aims:

- To encourage more people to discover how important gardens can be for wildlife
- To find enjoyment and health benefits from gardening with wildlife in mind
- To use gardens to give children a richer environment for learning and play
- To create valuable new habitats in and around gardens
- To create more gardens that are beautiful and peaceful to enjoy
- To create gardens containing wildlife habitats complementing those in nearby gardens and open spaces
- To create gardens that survive as a green network to help protect homes from flooding and cities from overheating
- To extend resources available for wildlife in a changing global environment.
- The Forum also aims to raise gardeners' awareness of the environmental benefits of gardening with wildlife in mind, by:
 - Using substitutes for peat and sphagnum moss
 - Using materials from sustainably-managed sources, such as charcoal from British coppiced woodland
 - Introducing techniques enabling gardens to adapt to climate change, such as drought.
 - Growing their own food for healthier living and to reduce food miles, or to buy locally
 - Not buying invasive plant species nor any product demonstrably damaging to wildlife.
 - Adopting more organic and less intensive management
 - Installing fewer surfaces such as concrete, paving and decking that support little if any wildlife
 - Avoiding the use of limestone for rockeries, or garden furniture made from tropical hardwoods unless there is independent and certifiable evidence that they are from sustainably-managed forests or woods.

If anyone would like to know more about this initiative, I have some copies of the manifesto and an accompanying CD-ROM.

Joan Moore 262721

ANY QUESTIONS

Two weeks of party conferences created the background for some lively and topical comments at an Any Questions session organised by Nayland with Wissington branch of South Suffolk Conservative Association.

The panel at Nayland village hall comprised MP Tim Yeo, Witham's prospective Conservative candidate Priti Patel, Tim Melville-Ross, Ian Pettitt and retired judge His Honour Brian Watling QC. Chairman was Alastair McWhirter.

More than 80 people attended and proceeds go to association funds. Chairman Richard Cave said he was very pleased with the response and excellent support for the event.

MENCAP COFFEE MORNING & CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

The annual Coffee Morning and sale of Christmas cards, calenders and gifts was once again a great success and raised £394.87p for Mencap.

The organisers wish to thank all those who attended and made it a success.

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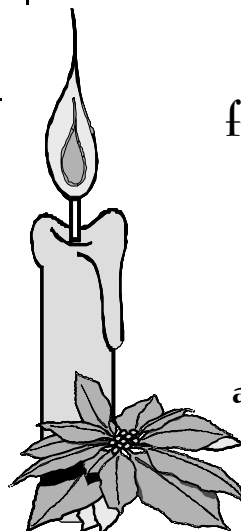
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*Solanum
Jasminoides*

Garden Notes *by The Old Muckspreader*

By now many gardeners have ceased operations for the year. It is a fact that spades and forks that are clean perform their functions better and with less effort on the part of their owners than those that are rusty and covered with dried mud.

Those gardeners who served in the forces will remember that their rifles had to be clean, bright, and slightly oiled, or else some form of retribution was exacted; penalties apart, the principles are the same.

The same applies to other garden machinery, such as mowers, where a bit of personal attention now can avoid the necessity of an expensive annual service; it's also a good idea to change the oil now, rather than in haste (or not at all) before the first mowing next spring.

The Winter Jasmine (*J. Nudiflorum*) is starting to display its yellow flowers on bare stems, which will appear intermittently in mild periods throughout the winter. When it eventually finishes next year it should be cut back hard; the subsequent new growth will carry a better crop of flower next winter.

This month's plant is a *Solanum*. The *Solanums* are a large family, which include the Potato, and several of them are climbers.

The one most often seen is *S. Crispum*, which puts on a mass of growth each year and has mauve flowers. Our choice, however, is *Solanum Jasminoides Album*, which as its name implies produces bunches of white flowers not unlike Jasmine. Moreover it continues to do so for a long period, throughout the summer and autumn. It also makes a lot of growth and will cover a trellis, for instance, in no time at all; a neighbour of the C.M.S. has constructed a sort of open-air garage from it, and now, after only a year or two the vehicle within is invisible. Reference books in the past used to describe it as tender, but that no longer seems to be the case and around here it flourishes.

A fine specimen can be seen hanging over a wall in Bear Street, opposite and near to the Church Hall. The owner, who also happens to be joint proprietor with the C.M.S. of the Church Fete Plant Stall, has taken some cuttings from his plant, so with a bit of luck there may be some small plants for sale there next May.

That's about it for the year 2007; it only remains to wish our readers a Happy Christmas, and the best of horticultural luck for 2008.

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FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

The Nayland Fairtrade Coffee Morning in October raised a total of £955.00 from orders, direct sales and donations.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the event such a success.

Rita Dibble



JAMBOREE

Sales of home-made jams, jellies, marmalade and chutneys made £735 profit (and still rising!) at the annual JAMboree held in Carvers' Barn.

Proceeds go to the funds of the Friends of St James's Church.

In centuries gone by when the River Stour was navigable it played a vital and important part in Nayland's prosperity but it has also always been a source of leisure and much enjoyment for local people. From nineteenth and early twentieth century records and photographs, taken when the river was still wide and deep, we can catch a glimpse of some of these leisure activities.

Generations of local children learnt to swim in the river and there was of course boating. In living memory, when it snowed every winter, the river often froze over and people skated on it. An elderly resident told me that her father once skated from Nayland to Wiston. The river in those days was obviously an ideal place for organised water sports.

At the end of the nineteenth century Nayland had a Sports Club Committee and a minute book dating from 1898, which indicated the committee was in existence before that, was recently deposited in the Record Office. This committee organised the village's annual sports which included Athletic and Aquatic Sports and also a flower show. A programme for 1909, which cost one penny, listed events such as "Walking Bowsprit". According to my dictionary, the bowsprit is a spar projecting from the bow of a sailing vessel. The event appeared to be popular as there were 16 entrants listed. (Is this something like walking the plank perhaps, does anyone know?). There was also a "tub and shovel" race, swimming races and diving competitions, as well as the more conventional land sports: flat and hurdle races, obstacle and cycle races etc. Most of the prizes awarded were cash, from 2/6 to 10/-, but there were also items such as a Biscuit Barrel, a Cruet Set and Preserve Dishes donated by local businesses, also a silver cup for the Diving Competition.

The water sports took place sometimes at Horkesley Lock Pool or Nayland Lock Pool and at Anchor Bridge. Athletics usually took place on Webbs Meadow which at that time was still owned by the Cuddon family, who ran the local brewery, and was used by Webbs the butchers. It was not until 1969 that the field, then owned by Deaves the builders, was compulsorily purchased and became the village's official playing field.

After some years of organising these sports events the committee's minute book recorded that the sports were abandoned in 1914 because of the First World War. After the war the committee reformed and it was decided to hold a village show with children's sports. However, in 1928 "owing to the laxity of the committee" no sports were held and in 1930 it was decided to close down the club. A suggestion was made that the remaining funds should be used to purchase Court Knoll for a playing field but the owner, Sir Charles Rowley, declined to negotiate and the money was distributed amongst various village organisations. A silver cup belonging to the committee was deposited in the Nayland Schoolroom.

On the occasions of national events, such as Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887, the coronations of King Edward VII in 1902 and King George V in 1911, the Relief of Mafeking in 1900 and Peace Day in 1919, the village always celebrated in style and once again there were many sports arranged, mainly for the children. This tradition of course continues today.

Before the acquisition of Webbs Meadow, sports took place on various sites around the village. Nayland has had a football club at least from the nineteenth century, as old photographs show, and the team has played on several different fields. The village has never had its own cricket pitch but there was a Great Horkesley & Nayland Cricket Club which played at Horkesley Park in the 1880s, the home of Captain Edward Kelso. Keen cricketers also played at Stoke on the Tendring Hall estate, as they still do. However, the Chapel in Stoke Road had its own ladies cricket team in the 1920s who did play on Webbs Meadow.

At different times Nayland people have enjoyed Archery and



Sports Dy, Webbs Meadow, 1923

Bowling clubs. A tennis club was formed in the 1920s and their court was in Candy Lane. The old game of steel quoits was revived some years ago and teams played at the Anchor and White Hart until 1994.

It seems that probably until the Second World War when village life was so different in many ways, sport played a very large part in most people's everyday lives and the organised sports events were no doubt highlights of the year. Childhood obesity through lack of exercise was certainly never a problem!

Postscript

If anyone has any interesting stories or old documents about Nayland I should be very pleased to hear from them. I have recently taken over as Parish Recorder from Mike Almond and am keen to add to the store of information which Mike and previous Recorders have accumulated.

[Parish Recorders are appointed by the Suffolk Local History Council, an independent body set up over 50 years ago to encourage the study of local history and to support historical societies and groups throughout Suffolk. Most parishes in Suffolk now have a Recorder whose main role is to keep a record of everyday events for posterity.]

Wendy Sparrow



A MESSAGE To ALL DOGS

Pleeeeeeease train your owners to clean up after you.

We have lived in Nayland for 30 years and the dog mess situation is getting worse.

We used to be able to walk and enjoy the beautiful views, but now we constantly have to watch where we put our feet to avoid the dog mess.

The final straw was last Thursday when someone was walking two dogs in Horkesley Road. As I approached, in my car, a bag was produced to remove the dog mess (Well done I thought.) Unfortunately, as I passed the bag was returned to a pocket and the culprit and dogs walked on. (The wonders of a rear view mirror!) I was livid, hence this message.

So, once again, dogs please train your owners to be responsible (unless you have already done so) so we can enjoy this green and pleasant land once again.

Jan and Tom Verrall



New Biodiversity Guide to the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Stour Valley!

A new guide to the Biodiversity of the Stour Valley has been compiled by the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project with the support of Essex Biodiversity Project.

With the help of this guide you may be able to spot, otters, barn owls, dormice, native black poplar and more.....

As you walk in the Stour valley, listen out for the beautiful song of the Skylark, the 'plop' of a water vole entering into water and look out for Britain's rarest tree the native black poplar.

The Stour Valley on the Essex / Suffolk border is home to a wide range of wildlife, some of which is protected in designated sites such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Local Wildlife Sites (formerly known as County

Wildlife Sites or Sites of Interest for Nature Conservation). Wildlife is also in abundance in non- designated areas throughout the Stour Valley.

This guide outlines the Project's work with its partners to improve the habitats and conditions for key biodiversity species within the Stour Valley. It also includes suggestions as to how you can get involved with conservation work in the Stour Valley.

The guide is available to download from the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project website:

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Alternatively, a copy can be sent to you by post, contact the Project team on 01473 264263.

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A new Hotel Shop, "Pippin", has also been opened offering members, hotel guests and day visitors a wonderful selection of giftware, wines, local beers, baked goods and specialist



Inside the new glass-fronted Golfers' Bar.

food items, including some delicious prepared dishes from our own Hotel Chef. Additional mouth-watering Christmas products are now on display. There will also be leisure wear available for sale here in the near future.

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<u>December 2nd</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Advent Sunday	9.45am	Matins and Holy Communion	
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	
<u>December 9th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Advent 2	9.45am	Parish Communion	11.15am Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Nayland Choir Christmas Concert	
<u>December 16th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Advent 3	9.45am	Family Communion	
	6.30pm	Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols	
<u>December 23rd</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Advent 4	9.45am	Parish Communion	4pm Crib Service
<u>December 24th</u>	4.30pm	Christingle and Crib Service	
Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	
<u>December 25th</u>	8.30am	Holy Communion(1662)	10.00am Family Communion
Christmas Day	11.00am	Family Carols	
	11.35am	Shorter Holy Communion	
<u>December 30th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Christmas 1	9.45am	Parish Communion	
<u>January 6th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Epiphany	9.45am	Matins & Holy Communion	5.30pm Carols by Candlelight
<u>January 13th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Baptism of Christ	9.45am	Parish Communion	11.15am Holy Communion
<u>January 20th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Epiphany 3	9.45am	Family Communion	
	4.00pm	Evensong for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
<u>January 27th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Epiphany 4	9.45am	Parish Communion	11.15am Family Communion
<u>February 3rd</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Candlemas	9.45am	Matins & Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

Weekday Services

Parkers Way	3pm	Weds Dec 5 th , Jan 2 nd
Midweek Communion	10.00 am	St. James Weds Dec 5 th & 12 th , Jan 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th
Every Weds	10.45am	Nayland House
5 Parishes Communion	10am	Weds Dec 19 th at Wiston
Pram & Toddler Service	Thurs 2.30pm	Dec 13 th , Jan 10 th & 24 th
Bible Study	Mons 7.30,	18 Laburnum Way, Dec 3 rd & 17 th , Jan to be arranged

Other Dates for your Diary

Monday 3 rd December	7.30pm	W.I. Group Carol Service
Wednesday 19 th December	7.30pm	Carols around Village Christmas Tree with Boxted Silver Band
Saturday 22 nd December	10am-12noon	Christingle Workshop in Church Hall
Saturday 19 th January	10am-11am	Family Communion Workshop
Tuesday 22 nd January	9.30am	Mass for Unity Week at the Church of The Sacred Heart



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The Message of Christmas

Here we are again preparing for Christmas. Making lists, sorting out the diary, arranging special services. It all makes me wonder for a brief moment why we do so many of the same things every year. Do we really need to rehearse the Christmas Story yet again ?

Then I decide that yes we do, because we always seem to fail to grasp or hold on to the real meaning of Christmas. It's not just that it gets hidden amongst all the busyness and frivolity. It's also that we cannot fully comprehend the enormity of what happened.

It's not a cosy fairy story. We like the scene in the stable with the animals and the shepherds, but we must remember that Mary and Joseph lived in Palestine under Roman occupation. They had to search for shelter in time for the baby to be born. Children were massacred on the orders of King Herod and the family had to flee for their lives. It was all far from cosy.

The message of Christmas is that God comes to help his people where they are. That he is willing to risk everything to get involved. That he takes on the darkness and evil of the world and shines forth with truth and love. And he calls us to do the same.

Christmas is not really about parties or even carol services. It is about believing that God comes alongside all people, longing to fulfil their deepest needs.

"When the song of the angel is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the Kings and princes are home,
the work of Christmas begins.

To find the lost

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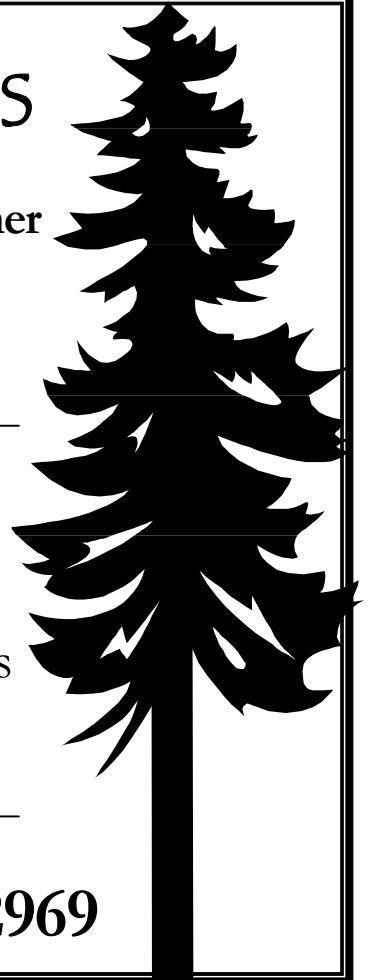
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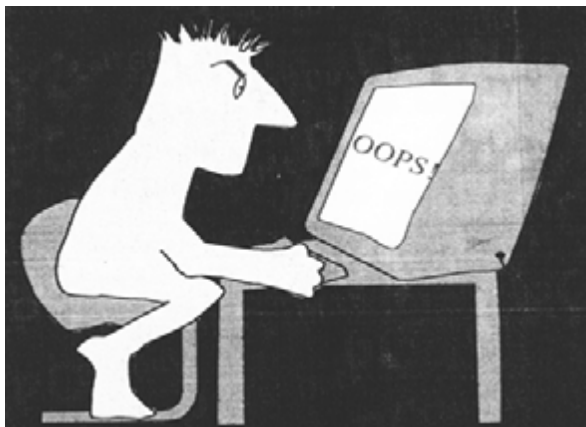
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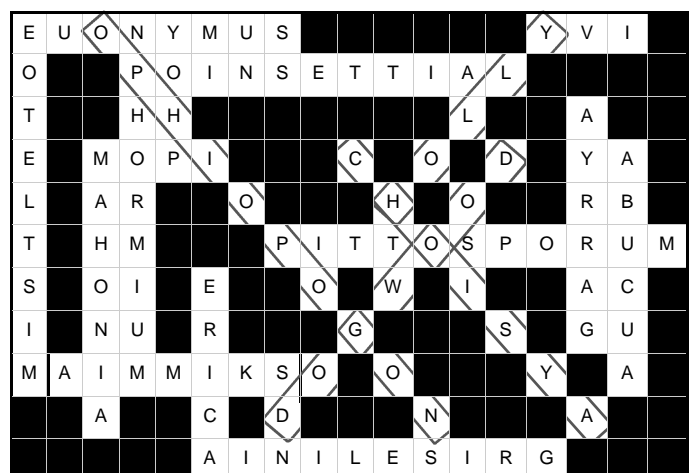
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
December	
1st	Village Players <i>'The Railway Children'</i> Village Hall <i>pages 11</i>
3rd	WI: Group Carol Service 7.30pm <i>pages 10 & 21</i>
4th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 8pm
8th	Community Council Christmas Bazaar 2-4pm Village Hall <i>page 8</i>
9th	Village Christmas Tree to be erected 9am
9th	Choir: Evening of Seasonal Music and Readings 7.30pm St James' Church <i>pages 16 & 20</i>
10th	RBL: Joint Christmas Party Church Hall 7.30 <i>page 17</i>
12th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room
14th	Nayland School: Christmas Fayre 6pm-8pm <i>page 9</i>
15th	Theatre Trip: Sir Ian McKellen in King Lear <i>page 10</i>
16th	Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm St James' Church <i>page 31</i>
16th	Country Music Club: Christmas Party <i>'Country Law'</i> 7.30 Village Hall <i>page 9</i>
18th	Luncheon Club: Christmas Party at Little Bulmer Farm 12 noon <i>page 3</i>
19th	Carol service with the Boxted Brass Band underneath the Christmas Tree
26th	Boxing Day Mince Pie Trot 10.0am from Doctor's Surgery <i>page 9</i>
January	
7th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 8pm
9th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room
20th	Country Music Club: Anniversary Dance <i>'Above the Law'</i> 7.30 Village Hall <i>page 9</i>
27th	Community Council Meeting 8pm (exec 7.30) Church Hall
29th	Luncheon Club: 12 for 12.30 Church Hall <i>page 3</i>
February	
4th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 8pm
13th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room
24th	Country Music Club: <i>'Bunny Diamond & Co'</i> 7.30 Village Hall <i>page 9</i>
26th	Luncheon Club: 12 for 12.30 Church Hall <i>page 3</i>
29th	Village Quiz
March	
3rd	RBL meeting Anchor Inn 8pm – <i>please note the date change</i>
5th	The Village Lunch: Caroline Stanford <i>'The Landmark Trust'</i>
7th	Playgroup Musical Fundraising Evening
10th	Community Council AGM 8pm (exec 7.30) Church Hall
Forward Planner: 8th June Open Gardens 12th & 13th July 2008 Village Festival	



Monday 24 th	Running as normal
Tuesday 25 th & Wednesday 26 th	No bus service
Thursday 27 th – Monday 31 st	Running as normal

Tuesday 1st January No bus service
Tuesday 2nd January Services return to normal

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Monday to Saturday	NS	Sch	Sat/H	<i>(NS = Not Saturdays – Sch = Schooldays only – Sat/H = Sats & School Holidays)</i>								
Sudbury, Bus Station	0650	0705	0720	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1735
Nayland, The Forge	0728	0739	0757	0927	1027	1127	1227	1327	1427	1527	1627	1812
Nayland, Doctors Surgery	0731	0742	0759	0929	1029	1129	1229	1329	1429	1529	1629	1814
Colchester General Hospital	0744	.....	.....	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1644	1829
Colchester Bus Station	0755	0815	0825	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1840
Norman Way Schools	.....	0825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Colchester – General Hospital – Gt Horkesley – Nayland – Stoke by Nayland – Leavenheath – Assington – Newton Green – Sudbury												
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Norman Way Schools	NS	NS	(1545)
Colchester Bus Station	0800	0800	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1510	1510	1610	1735
St Helena School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1520	.....	.....
Colchester General Hospital	0813	0813	0858	0958	1058	1158	1258	1358	1523	1533	1623	1748
Nayland, Doctors Surgery	0826	0826	0911	1011	1111	1211	1311	1411	1536	1546	1636	1801
Nayland, The Forge	.....	0827	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1537	1547	1637	1802
Stoke by Nayland Middle Sch	0840	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1600	.....	.....
Nayland, Doctors Surgery	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1620	.....	.....
Sudbury, Bus Station	0915	0905	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1615	1655	1715	1840
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