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Editor: Lorraine Brooks

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Saturday & Sunday, 12 & 13 July 2008

A barn dance, cinema showing, olde tyme music hall, barbecue followed by a whole village tug of war and other sports activities, photography and art exhibitions, local history quiz, treasure hunts, a duck race, bell ringing and guided walks Just some of the events that were discussed when the societies of the Community Council met last Monday to plan for July.

The Council wanted a party in which the village could appreciate the work of each of their societies, come together through various large events and have fun! Of course this will take some organising, but, if the initial response plus the offers of help from those who could not be there are added together, it will have been a tremendous team effort.

Our next planning meeting will be held on Monday 25th February at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

There will be much more in the April edition, but, if you would like to help, please contact Alan Hodges on 01206 263982.

COMMUNITY TIMES ADVERTISING

The Community Council are proposing to make changes to advertising rates in future editions of the Community Times. The publication has been a great success for many years which has attracted many advertisers who see the advantages of being in the Community Times. However this has meant that the editorial and items of local interest is now being squeezed. There are other features we would like to include but are constrained by the volume of advertising, and the difficulty of enlarging production beyond 40 pages.

A comparison of advertising rates of local community publications was undertaken which revealed the Community Times was half as expensive as the rest. It was also realised there had been no previous increase in advertising rates.

At its meeting in January 2008, the Community Council have therefore proposed to amend the format of advertising to the table shown on the back page. Advertisers are being asked whether they would like to maintain their current payment and reduce the size of the advert, or keep the size of the advert but at the new rates. These changes will apply for the June 2008 edition.

The Community Council feel we need to strike a balance between a publication that it is interesting for the community and is attractive to advertisers and self supporting through the revenue they bring. The editor will be making contact with advertisers to discuss their preference based on the new charges. We are very grateful to our advertisers for supporting the Community Times.

Alan Hodges, Chairman, Community Council.

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: 12th December 2007

TRAFFIC

Two new road signs aimed at deterring lorries from taking a short cut from the A134 through Nayland have been suggested by Suffolk County Council's environment and transport department.

The idea was put to the parish council's December meeting when council officers presented an analysis of a recent local traffic survey.

Following discussion with councillors and villagers officers agreed to approach the Highways Agency to raise the possibility of closing the gap which allows traffic to turn right off the A12 onto the B1068 to Higham.

They also agreed to work with Essex County Council when links are eventually opened from the A134 to the A12 north of Colchester with a view to restricting lorry movements on the B1068 and B1087 through Nayland.

Outlining the survey results, lorry management engineer Sandra Gage said since 2001 the average daily number of heavy lorries and public service vehicles through Bear Street had risen from 49 to 60, 35 of them PSVs.

Only seven lorries going through the village had continued to the A12 while the rest were on local business.

Satnav equipment had caused problems but she was working with Ordnance Survey on putting together a freight map for satnav companies.

Alan Thorndyke, group manager traffic control, said he was sympathetic to the situation in Nayland but had to ensure potential measures were well founded on objective information.

"It's difficult for us to introduce a weight restriction and feel directional signing to the A1071 at two locations on the A134 will be more effective than any form of ban which would be virtually unworkable." He added he was happy for councillors to come back with their own ideas.

Guy McGregor, the county's portfolio holder for roads and transport, said they would take on the issue of the A12 junction, if necessary saying the B1068 turning was unsuitable for HGVs.

Chairman Gerry Battye said local research showed HGVs heading west through Nayland were coming from the A12 and it was inevitable that medieval houses in Birch Street and Bear Street were sometimes hit.

Mrs Gage said if any properties were particularly at risk the council would consider providing warning signs for them. She asked residents to continue filling in forms listing incidents involving heavy lorries in the village.

"So far we've received 40 and have actioned 17, writing to companies and advising on correct routes. It's better to target specific companies than introduce blanket bans."

Mr Thorndyke told the meeting budgets for next year were currently being set so feedback was needed and the council wanted to know its investment would be useful.

More copies of the incident form are available from the council's Customer Service Direct on 0845 6066067 or they can be downloaded from the council's website.

Mr Battye urged parish councillors to send their views to the clerk so they can be collated for discussion next month.

Discussing a new sign suggested by the county for Birch Street councillors felt signing was needed in both directions to avoid large vehicles trying to turn into Mill Street.

2008/9 PRECEPT

The council is to ask for a £31,000 precept for 2008-9, a 34 per cent increase on last year. Mr Battye said it was a large increase but no money was being carried forward as in previous years.

He said: "There are certain areas where we have overspent which has taken money away from our carry-forward figure. Looking at next year's expenditure some increase is due to

paying properly for the new clerk's professional expertise. Our previous clerk living in the village gave us many casual hours without payment but now the council is starting to realise how long tasks take."

Street lighting and tree maintenance were costing more and a proper built-in contingency sum was needed. Although the precept was relatively large it was realistic for what the council wanted to achieve. Rosemary Knox pointed out many grants were available and the council should keep an eye on them. Members agreed unanimously to the finance committee's precept recommendation.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In his district council report Richard Cave said the Boundary Committee had been asked to review arrangements in Suffolk and Babergh's constitutional review was on hold although shared work was continuing. Whatever happened he did not think there would be the same local government configuration in three-and-a-half years or earlier. Babergh's grants for the coming period were now known and money was going to be tight.

Mr Cave said the Hadleigh swimming pool tank was not going to hold out indefinitely and the council had decided it was not worth spending a large amount of money on keeping the pool running. It was now looking at building a new leisure centre alongside the pool which would close when it became inoperable.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Poor communication by the Flagship Housing Group was a concern. Mr Battye said when the low-cost housing site at the bottom of Harpers Estate was cleared the ground levels did not correspond to those on the plans and work had stopped until new plans were provided. It was agreed to write to Flagship expressing concern, also about the lack of information on a possible second site being considered.

Reporting on the village hall, Mrs Knox said odd tables and chairs were occasionally taken out of the hall and most came back except for one table which was still missing. Hires should be discouraged from removing furniture.

SUFFOLK FIRE SERVICE

Discussing the Suffolk Fire Service consultation document, Chris Hunt said he was concerned there was no mention of the retained crews who played such an integral part in the service. Recently the Nayland brigade had been first on the scene when Maria Marten's thatched cottage at Polstead caught fire and were to be congratulated on the service they provided in the area. It was agreed to reply mentioning the omission.

PLANNING

Reviewing recent planning applications Mr Battye said plans for a summer house at Hullbacks Farm, Dead Lane, and a spiral wine cellar at the Old Guildhall, Nayland, were granted.

The council had no objection to an application for listed building consent to raise the roof height of the existing barn at Guinea Wiggs, Wiston.

IN BRIEF

It was agreed to spend county councillor Selwyn Pryor's locality budget on adapting four street lighting units.

Wendy Sparrow told members she had met an Environment Agency representative who said cutting reeds in the river more regularly would increase the flow and remove some of the silt that had collected.

Future agendas for the monthly parish council meetings will appear on the Nayland website.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: 9th January 2008

TRAFFIC

Traffic signs aimed at preventing lorries taking a short cut through Nayland were approved by the parish council at its January meeting. Two new signs on the A134 directing heavy vehicle to use A roads were suggested by the county council's environment and transport department.

Parish councillors decided they want one on either side of the Bear Street junction so drivers heading north to Ipswich continue to the A1071 and those going to the A12 in the other direction follow the A134 to Colchester.

Lorry management engineer Sandra Gage has also agreed to raise the possibility with the Highways Agency of closing the gap on the A12 which enables traffic to turn right onto the B1068 to Higham.

Fen Street resident James Finch told the meeting there was no one solution to the problem and he did not think the county officials felt the average figure of seven HGVs a day through the village was significant.

"This means there are 2,000 lorries a year driving through Nayland and the parish council should make that point. One large vehicle hitting a medieval village property is certainly significant."

He said the county's portfolio holder for roads and transport Guy McGregor was very supportive of trying to find a solution that worked. "If closing the gap from the A12 to the B1068 creates difficulties for Stratford St Mary then that's their problem," he added.

The council approved another sign in Birch Street, already suggested by the county, which will direct traffic from Stoke straight on along Bear Street to the A134 instead of turning left through the village.

Mrs Gage has also told the council her department will look again with Essex County Council at restricting through HGV movements on the B1068 and B1087 in view of the eventual road link between the A134 and A12 north of Colchester.

BABERGHOOH WATCH SCHEME

The council heard from Malcolm Firth, head of Babergh's natural and built environment division, the district council was appointing local wardens for its Baberghood Watch Scheme. The idea was to monitor environmental problems locally so they could be addressed as quickly as possible. Typical matters would be abandoned vehicles, full recycling bins, parking and speeding problems, litter and fly-tipping. It was decided to review the issue at a meeting before the parish assembly.

CRIME

Nayland's PCSO Melissa Galyean reported three crimes in the village during the last month including the aggravated taking of a motor vehicle and a theft of copper wiring. There was also an assault on January 7. She said police were currently conducting a crackdown on speeding drivers and were trying to get communities involved. Six to eight volunteers in a community would be trained and carry speed guns. Drivers reported by them would be sent warning letters.

FIRE SERVICE

A letter from the county's assistant chief fire officer Eddie Meelan thanked the council for its comments on the service's consultation document and assured members the retained section of the service had been dealt with previously, covering the retention of staff and its involvement with the community.

VILLAGE GATEWAY

After hearing correspondence between a Stoke Road resident and west area safety engineer Peter Ingram asking for the village gateway sign and 30mph roundels in Stoke Road to be moved the council agreed the sign should be left where it is though greenery could be cut back.

FOOTPATHS

Following correspondence between resident John Dowding and the county's rights of way officer over improving access onto the fen the council heard money was now available to provide new gates which would be the responsibility of the landowner. It was agreed the officer should approach the fennage holders as the parish council had no statutory role.

PLANNING

Reviewing recent planning decisions chairman Gerry Battye said listed building consent and planning permission had been granted to raise the height of an existing barn at Guinea Wiggs, Wiston. Permission had also been given for a garden room at 7 High Street. Members had previously objected to the plan and asked for an explanation from the case officer. Mr Battye said the owners of 5 Bear Street had been ordered to demolish and reconstruct the south west gable wall of the listed building as there were discrepancies between the completed repairs and the specification. There were no objections to an application for a 11,000 volt overhead line from Rushbanks Farm to New Maltings, Wiston.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

In his district council report Richard Cave said the Hadleigh swimming pool tank was not worth repairing but the pool would remain open until it could no longer be used. Babergh was going to look at alternative leisure facilities to see what could be done. The government grant to the authority would only be a 2.9 per cent increase next year and would gradually decrease so there would be a "lot of belt tightening." He said the whole of Suffolk was currently being reviewed by the Boundary Committee and whatever the outcome the same configuration of local authorities would not be seen in three-and-a-half years time.

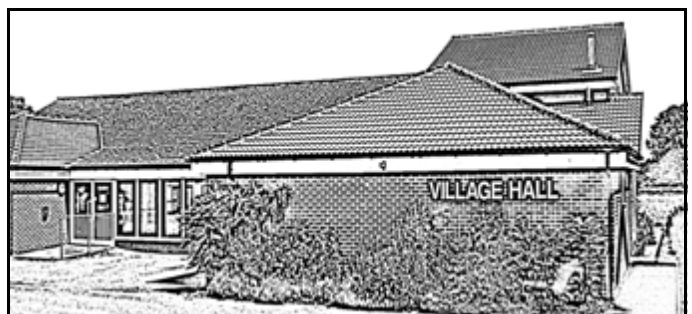
NEWS IN BRIEF

The council is investigating the possibility of future low cost housing schemes in Nayland.

It was reported the village hall finances were healthy helped by grants and the regular film shows.

Tibby Mimpriss asked for another litter pick at Wiston to be carried out in January.

Councillors heard the locality budget had been applied for and would be used to repair four street lights in Bear Street, Fen Street and two in Wiston Road.



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

Meeting on 7th January 2008 Chairman: Alan Hodges 263982

COMMUNITY TIMES

Lorraine Brooks and Bryan Smith were continuing to cover the duties of Advertising Manager.

Following concerns expressed at the last meeting that the amount of advertising in the newsletter was beginning to exclude village and society information, it was reported correspondence had been received, ideas had been put forward and research carried out.

This information was discussed. It was noted that we cannot increase the number of pages any further and the cost of advertising had not previously been increased. Members felt we were undercharging compared to other local magazines.

The Community Council's main aim was to maintain a good balance between advertising and village editorial. With this in mind it was agreed that the idea of halving the size of adverts be further explored with a view to putting this into effect for the June edition.

Alan Hodges, Bryan and Lorraine agreed to consult with advertisers and put forward the options available.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that Community Council Funds were currently £13,200. This figure included profit of £76 from the Christmas Bazaar and for this period the Community Times generated £560.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Alan Hodges said there had been an excellent atmosphere at the Bazaar, which had been superbly organised. It was felt the new decorations were very 'tasteful'. It was a shame that the Primary School were not there.

It was agreed that free entry and not asking for a percentage of profits from stall-holders be continued next year.

Thanks were expressed to Father Christmas and his Elf and to Tricia Hall for organising Santa's sacks full of presents.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

Thanks were expressed to Clare Prescott for organising the village Christmas tree with its lovely new decorations, and to Chapman and Sons for the electricity supply.

VILLAGE QUIZ

The Village Quiz will be held on 29 February 2008 with last year's winners, Four Squares, compiling the quiz. They have promised 'something a little different'. Those wishing to participate should contact Jenny Smith or Alan Hodges. Entry will be £12 for a team of four, individuals can be paired up.

VILLAGE FESTIVAL

The 12th/13th July is the date set for this weekend village spectacular. The first meeting of the organising group, made up of the exec committee and societies will be on Monday 21st January 2008 in the Church Hall. A letter would be sent

to all village societies asking for their ideas and inviting them to send a representative to this meeting.

SOCIETY REPORTS

The RBL had delivered 44 Christmas gifts to villagers living on their own with military connections. David George also reported an incident where an elderly resident had fallen and been unable to get up, laying there for 11 hours despite having a personal alarm. They said they did not use the alarm because they didn't want to worry anyone!

Teresa Moriarty reported delays on starting work on the new Playgroup building but work would commence very soon. The Playgroup was looking into extending the number of sessions provided. They would be holding a Salon Evening on 7th March and a Cake Sale outside Kerridge's on 9th February.

The Choir were starting rehearsals for their spring concert, Mozart's Mass in C to be held on 26th April.

Sylvia Bond was delighted to report that the Bowls Club were back in the top half of their division again.

HortSoc had a successful stall at the Bazaar, making over £100. Matthew Tanton Brown will conduct a quiz after the conclusion of official business at their AGM on 15th April. Their morning market will be on 17th May.

Andrew Gowen reported that First Response had a very successful first year receiving 81 call outs. They currently have 16 responders who are managing 24/7 cover but having 20 responders would be ideal.

Reporting on the Village Hall Andrew Gowen said finances were much improved thanks to support from the RBL, plant sales, the Country Music Club, Village Players, and film evenings. They now have £4,000 in their endowment fund which is a good start. It was noted this is for the future of the Hall – not for the day to day running of it.

Alan Hodges said that last cinema had been successful but the childrens Christmas film had disappointing support. He felt a review of the year was needed to help them progress.

The Conservation Society reported their AGM will be on 11th March when Ted Ingilby will talk about the use of lime, including mixing colours and how to renovate old buildings.

The Nayland Fundraising Committee will be holding a Coffee Morning on 2nd February in aid of NSPCC.

The Village Players next production will be Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile on 17th, 18th and 19th April.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the AGM on Monday 10th March at 8pm in the Church Hall to be followed by an Exec meeting.

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Different stall holders came offering a variety of clothing, Christmas candles and jewellery – the Nayland Hand Bell Ringers gave us a selection of Christmas music, and Father Christmas and his elfin assistant ensured Christmas came a little bit early for some of our children.

It was a great success – all said it was friendly, people would come back next year, the atmosphere had a tangible warmth, and the raffles all did well. As with everything the Community Council does, it did not happen by itself – big thank yous have to go to Trish Hall for the overall organisation, Claire Prescott for the decorations, the Over 60's Club for the tea and biscuits, Pam and John Baker for decorating Santa's Grotto, Santa himself, and his elf, the Nayland Hand Bell Ringers, and President Ken Willingale and Roy Evans for the raffle; other members of the executive played supporting roles. And a major thank you to everyone in the village who came to support the event; we made a small profit of £76, but that was secondary to a real community afternoon for all.





NAYLAND ST. JAMES CHURCH FETE

Monday 26th May 2008

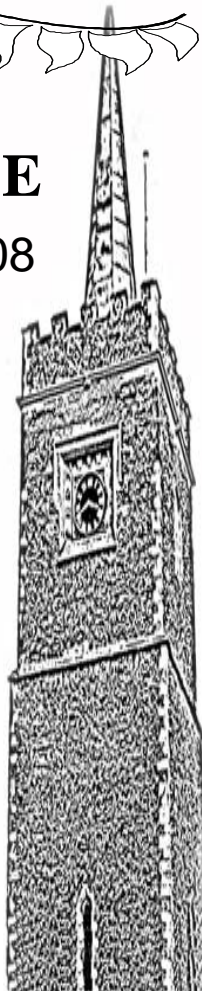
As usual we would be very grateful for offers of help with the stalls, sideshows, teas and car parking, also for books, china and glass, pictures and bric a brac. We also plan to have a kitchen stall this year. *Unfortunately we cannot take any large items of furniture, clothes, shoes, luggage, or electrical items.*

Items for the fete can be left at the back of the Carver's Barn in Mill Street after April 1st.

If you would like to run a stall, we would love to hear from you.

We are also looking for an extra helper to join the Fete committee to co-ordinate field activities and setting up on the day. .

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Helping to Save the Planet

Listed below are a number of ways in which we can all help to save the planet AND some of our money by using less energy. These are based on the ideas put forward by Karen Kenny at the Conservation Society/Hortsoc joint meeting held in November last but other suggestions you have will be welcome.

- ❖ When it turns colder, don't turn the heating up, put on an extra jumper.
- ❖ Switch off appliances "at the wall" and don't leave them on standby. We hope to include the results of the energy monitoring teams' research in the next issue of the Community Times, which should identify the amount of leakage which occurs when appliances are left plugged in.
- ❖ Make sure washing machines and dishwashers contain full loads before you use them. If you still wash up by hand, make it a sinkful.
- ❖ Only put as much water in your kettle or saucepans as you actually need.
- ❖ When using your oven, cook more than one item at a time.
- ❖ **Keep the door closed (no peeking) opening the door adds extra cooking time.**
- ❖ Save energy and washing-up with "one-pot cooking" on the hob. **(Steamers are excellent and retain nutrients too.)**
- ❖ Use 40° as your regular washing machine cycle. **Try using washing beads. Karen finds they work well with just an occasional addition of 1/3rd of a scoop of Vanish when there are stained items**
- ❖ Avoid the use of tumble dryers as much as you can. If you can't dry clothes outside on the line, either use an old-fashioned clothes horse indoors, or rig up a washing line over your freezer – you'll be surprised by how well this works.
- ❖ Instead of vacuuming, use a broom and mop on hard floors, and a non-electric carpet sweeper.
- ❖ Offer or accept lifts in cars or use public transport (my bus pass is already wearing thin!) as much as possible.
- ❖ **Keep the lids on cooking pans (no peeking) as before.**
- ❖ Wait until cooked food has cooled before putting it into the fridge or freezer.

These are just a few suggestions we can all carry out to help reduce our energy use. Tips on how to save water will be given in the next Community Times, even if we do get a wet spring!

Finally, a reminder to the energy-monitoring teams set up at the joint meeting to let either Karen or myself have their findings as early as possible in February.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY AGM

Tuesday 11th March

7.40 for 8pm Village Hall

Ted Ingilby: *'The Use of Limewash'*

The Friends of St James' Church Nayland
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GOURMET COFFEE MORNING Saturday 16th February

10am – 12noon Church Hall

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Nayland with Wissington Society News



NAYLAND AND WISTON EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

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The First Response team has been called out 81 times between 1 April 2007 when we started and 31 December 2007. In fact last month we had 21 call outs which was a record. Our area also covers Leavenheath and Stoke-by-Nayland and we would like to recruit more responders from those villages.

We meet as a team once a month for about 2 hours for a training session and catch up on the gossip. We have a Paramedic who works with us and gives us the training. We have 15 or 16 active members but need more so if you are interested please contact Andrew Gowen on 01206 262534 or parkersag@yahoo.co.uk



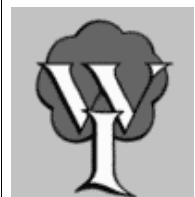
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Secretary: Andrew Gowen 262534

We had a great Christmas party in the Church Hall on 10 December with the Women's Section with food and drinks provided by the members and the singing led by Chris Pitts and Ken Bailey. Everything seemed to be spontaneous, unplanned and enjoyable. If we had tried to plan it or control it in some way it would not have worked. Roll on the next party!!

The service committee led by David George had a busy Christmas and provided some 44 Christmas gifts to our ex-service dependants many living on their own. We have also had some very nice acknowledgements which show that what we are doing is appreciated.

Meetings for the coming year are: 10 March; 12 May; 7 July; 8 September in the Anchor Pub and the AGM on 27 October in the Church Hall. Look forward to seeing all our members there.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

Secretary: Jeanette Finch 262993

On 3rd December Nayland WI hosted the Group Carol Service at St James Church, introduced by Mrs Olive Martin. This was followed by readings of the Christmas Story and a lovely selection of carols. Mid-way we were treated to carols played on hand bells. Afterwards all enjoyed a glass of wine and mince pies.

At the Christmas Bazaar held on 8th December in the Village Hall the WI had a successful cake and pastries stall.

Six of our members attended a Christmas lunch at Long Melford on 11th December. This was well supported by several WI groups and the three course lunch was superb. The care and attention shown to everyone was much appreciated. The table decorations and lighting were very good.

The new President, Mrs Lorna Rumsey, opened the meeting on 17th December and read the minutes of last month and notices of coming events. The new Secretary, Mrs Jeanette Finch, was introduced and Mrs Pam Baker will continue as Treasurer. The formalities are followed by a tough provoking quiz set by Mrs Elizabeth Wakefield and a glass of delicious mulled wine and mince pies.. The winner of the quiz was Mrs Barbara Bungey. The winner for 'flower of the month' was Mrs Elizabeth Wakefield.

The next meeting is on 21st January and the speaker will be Mr James Carver talking about 'A Week in the Falklands'. On 18th February we have 'Question Time' with a local G.P. from Nayland Surgery. For 17th March our speaker will be Rachel Fleetwood with the heading 'Colour in you Wardrobe', which sounds interesting.

New members are very welcome

Mona Gaunt



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mrs Joan Moore 262721

A happy horticultural New Year to you all! May the climate be kinder to us in 2008, although spring does appear to be starting already, judging by the flowers in bloom and activity of many garden birds.

Hortsoc made a profit of just over £150 from our stall at the Christmas bazaar, which attracted admiring comments for its festive appearance. Thanks to all who contributed items for sale, manned the stall and bought our goodies. The hamper raffle was particularly successful.

Plans are already in hand for 2008. Dates booked so far include:

- ❖ Annual General Meeting Tuesday 15th April - Matthew Tanton Brown will conduct a quiz after the conclusion of official business
- ❖ Morning Market Saturday 17th May
- ❖ Garden evening Friday 18th July
- ❖ Flower show Saturday 2nd August.

We also hope to arrange speakers for our September and October meetings. Hopefully, details will be available for the AGM.



HARPERS HILL COUNTY WILDLIFE SITE

Mrs Joan Moore 262721

The reserve is beginning to wake up after its winter rest. Lambstails are dangling on the hazel, though they are still tightly furled and will need light and warmth from the spring sun before they can scatter their yellow pollen. Some common daisies are in bloom in patches where the grass was cut in November. Male blackbirds are very active establishing their territory and chasing females, while long-tailed tits are busy feeding on suet balls and seed put out in neighbouring gardens. A song thrush has been heard at first light on most mornings during the winter and hopefully will raise youngsters in the area to help keep the snail population under control. We shall be looking out for elder buds and blackthorn blossom over the next few weeks with pussy willow to follow.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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

"The AGM is on **Tuesday 11th March** at 7.40pm for 8pm in the Village Hall when we are delighted to welcome Ted Ingilby, who will talk about the use of lime, including mixing colours and how to renovate old buildings. It should be an interesting evening and all are most welcome. The talk will start at about 8.30pm.

Open Gardens is on **Sunday 8th June**. Please contact any member of the Committee if you would like to open your garden or need more information.

We wish all our members a very Happy New Year"



BOWLS CLUB

Mrs Sylvia Bond 262529

Well 2007 ended well, we won two of our last three league matches of the year 8-2, sixteen valuable points, with two points from the last match, against Chelmondiston, we finished the year, half way through the Winter League, and in 4th place – certainly an improvement on the last report!

2008 started well for the Club, our Chairman's Plate matches were against Woolpit, the away match first went well with us coming away with all ten points, then when they came to us the following week we won 6-4 giving us a convincing 16-4 win overall. This result coupled with the fact that one of the three pairs who went to Braintree Leisure two wood pairs at the beginning of the month got to the semi-final has given our morale a real lift. Lets hope it lasts.



NAYLAND ART GROUP

Daphne Berry 262641

During the autumn term, after our 'Exhibition', we have had two visiting tutors; Lesley Watson gave a good demonstration on various ways of painting flowers, and Keith Whitelock helped us with painting backgrounds and using coloured paper with pastels, chalks, wax and oil crayons.

Eleven members enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch at the Rose and Crown at Great Horkesley to finish off the term.



OVER 60'S CLUB

Secretary: Daphne Berry Tel: 262641

On Thursday 15th November members had a short coach trip to Tiptree, organised by our President, Eva Rolfe, where we did some Christmas shopping and enjoyed a 'snack' or more at a garden centre.

Our Christmas party on 13th December was well attended and enjoyed by all – a big thank you to those who provided the tea and presents.



VILLAGE PLAYERS

Chair: Deborah Hodges 263982 Sec: John McCarroll, 01473 822251

The Old Time Music Hall, in September, was a huge success. We had a sell-out audience: not a free seat in the house! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, joined in the spirit of the evening and sang along enthusiastically! We raised over £1300 for the Village Hall maintenance fund, which was a fantastic achievement. Huge thanks to Fiona Hunt, who directed us; to all the cast and supporting crew, who were brilliant, and to our wonderful audience for creating the atmosphere!

Mary Moriarty's production of The Railway Children was excellent. 300 people came to see it, and so many of them have taken the time to feed back their pleasure and enjoyment. We must congratulate Mary on her vision, hard work and inspired direction; Nick on the set design, and all the cast, crew and support team for all their hard work in making it such an enjoyable show (we made a small profit too!). I would especially like to thank the children and young people who threw their hearts and souls into their parts and delivered such show-stealing performances!

We now have a complete change of tone for our spring production. A nail-biting whodunit Bryan Smith is looking forward to keeping us all on the edge of our seats with Agatha Christie's 'Murder on the Nile'. Performance dates are 17, 18 and 19 April. Auditions are on Wednesday 30th January at 8.00pm and Sunday 3rd February at 5.00pm in the Church Hall. There are parts for 13 actors: 8 men and 5 women. Please talk to Bryan on 262430, if you would like to find out more!



NAYLAND CHOIR

Secretary Elspeth Leahy. Tel 263284

Spring Concert with Orchestra – Bruckner, Haydn and Mozart-Saturday 26th April

The New Year has arrived and the choir has started rehearsals for its April 26th concert. December's words and music concert was a very pleasant change for everyone, and received many favourable comments from audience members. The evening was greatly enhanced by the entertaining contributions of David and Sara Knight, which were cleverly interwoven with the music. A special thank-you to Jeremy our conductor for his hard work which brought the choir to its usual high standard.

The spring concert on April 26th at St. James Church Nayland at 7.30pm will have Mozart's Mass in C Major with the Beethoven Chamber Orchestra, several Bruckner motets and a Haydn Symphony (yet to be decided by Jeremy). There are a number of changes to take note of: most importantly the choir has decided to move its performances from Sunday to Saturdays, so that more people will find themselves able to attend. To bring the choir in line with other choirs and choral societies in the area, tickets will be sold for the concert available in advance, for £9 (concessions available for children) and at the door £10.

The last thing is to mention is that Nayland Choir always welcomes new members: there is NO AUDITION NECESSARY and we have lots of laughs to mingle in with the work. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 8pm in March 13th at 8pm. Please do come along to a Thursday rehearsal, where you can be sure of a warm welcome and someone to help you decide whether you are a high or low voice. See you there.

A note to members the AGM will be on March 13th at 8pm before rehearsal starts.

Please ring our secretary with any enquiries



NAYLAND OVER 60'S LUNCHEON CLUB

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

Come and meet all your friends for a chat. Monthly Luncheons will be held in the Church Hall on 26th February, 18th March and 29th April.

Please put your name on the list at the next meeting, or telephone Olga Alexander on 01206 263923.



1ST NAYLAND BROWNIES

Tawny Owl: Margaret Clayden 01206 263050

Snowy Owl: Julie Mansfield 01787 211554

The Brownies this term are concentrating on having a bit of fun. As I write this, last week we had Mummies and Mystery and coming up in the next few weeks we have a Pirate night, a very fun Science night, Mermaid Mobiles, and a Newspaper night that involves a lot of mess and a great deal of laughter. So quite an exciting programme!

If there are any girls who would like to be a Brownie, you have to be rising 7 to 10 years old. Please come along for a couple of evenings and see if you like it and you may very well end up having a great deal of fun!

We are a small but very friendly and happy group and any new members would find a warm welcome.

Last term we performed our take on the Nativity for family and friends, it all went down very well and all the girls were brilliant. The audience even participated very strongly in all the carols, well done to them too, and all without musical accompaniment!



1ST NAYLAND GUIDES

Unit Leader: Julie Mansfield 01787 211554

The Guides this term are very busy! We are trying very hard to complete two Go For Its. The first half of term we are concentrating on Chocolate, yes chocolate! There is even a chocolate badge which we are hoping to complete as well as a confectioners badge. I must say that it is not all about eating chocolate and sweets, the girls must find out all about the history of chocolate, design a new chocolate bar, it's wrapper and decide how best to market it. Also they have to complete a survey about how much chocolate their family eats etc. So you see they do have to work at gaining their badges and Go For It certificates.

During the next half of this term we will be doing the Showtime Go For It and the Performance badge, again this is a lot of fun but there is a certain amount of work involved. It will all culminate in a special performance in front of Mums and Dads that they have made up themselves, quite what this will be remains to be seen!

Next term we hope to be out and about a bit more once the weather improves, until then we shall enjoy our chocolate!!!!

We are very small in number but as you can see we do know how to have a good time, if you are aged between 10 – 14 years of age, you could come along and see what we do and have some fun at the same time. Why not try it, you may surprise yourself!!



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Chairman Steve Hawley Tel: 01206 262563 Secretary Lorna Burgin Tel: 01206 262161

The school was very busy in the lead up to Christmas. Parents and grandparents were treated to a wonderful Christmas play that the whole school joined in with. The children and staff had worked very hard to produce a play that was a joy to watch and the choir sang so beautifully, there was hardly a dry eye in the house. A Christmas Fayre was held, which I believe is the first time that the school has done so. It was very successful raising approximately £600. There were plenty of opportunities to buy Christmas presents, to meet Father Christmas, play games and secretly choose and wrap presents for mums and dads as well as enjoy a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine. I think the success of the evening could guarantee a similar event next year! Thank you to all of you who joined in the carol singing and those who came to listen. This is part of our Christmas countdown and hope that you enjoy it being part of yours too.

The New Year has only just begun and we have already seen four of the classes on school trips, to Colchester Castle, Hollytrees Museum and a theatre trip to London for two classes to see Danny Champion of The World. The theatre trip was subsidised by funds raised by the HSA. The next events to be hosted by the HSA are a children's disco on Thursday 7 February and a fish and chip and bingo evening on Friday 14 March. These are new events and we hope that they will be as enthusiastically attended as the Christmas Fayre.

As always, thank you to all of you who help and attend the events. Nayland Primary School is a fantastic school and the HSA aims to raise funds to enhance the facilities already available and provide activities and entertainment that allow parents and children to get together outside of the school environment.



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If you would like to know more about Nayland Playgroup in the afternoon, please contact Teresa Moriarty on 01787 210148 as soon as possible.

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

HADLEIGH SWIMMING POOL

When I last reported on the condition of the Hadleigh swimming pool I mentioned that a feasibility study was to be commissioned by the Council to see whether the life of the pool could be extended for up to fifteen years. The consultants concerned have now advised the Council that the tank is in a very poor condition and they could not recommend that any further money being spent on it. Hence the Council has decided that it will only continue its normal routine maintenance programme until the pool is no longer viable and has to be closed. It is difficult to determine how long this might be but closure is certainly not imminent.

THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SUFFOLK

As residents will be aware, the bid by Ipswich Borough Council for Unitary status has not been approved by the Government and the Boundary Committee has been asked to review the County as a whole and report back to the Government by December this year. Hence Babergh's

recently announced 'Pathfinder' status has been put on hold until the outcome of this review is known. Babergh has already been moving towards closer working relationships with neighbouring Suffolk Councils and, in certain areas, this will continue. However, it is unlikely that District or Borough Councils in Suffolk will remain as they are to-day and that we shall see some substantial changes by the time the next elections come round. There is considerable speculation as to what these might be but the most likely outcome is that the County will have a number of Unitary authorities. These could be a simple division between east and west Suffolk (do you remember the West Suffolk CC and the East Suffolk CC?!) or the possibility of these two plus a greater Ipswich Unitary authority. Whatever happens, Babergh will be different and will probably merge with one or more neighbouring authorities. The drive behind this, of course, is cost containment through economies of scale.

NAYLAND AND STOKE BY NAYLAND - HGVS

Since my last report Suffolk County Highways have made a presentation to the Parish Council who will have updated the Community Times with their own report.

Richard Cave Tel: 262146 richardcave@t4connect.com

Nayland Over 60s LUNCHEON CLUB

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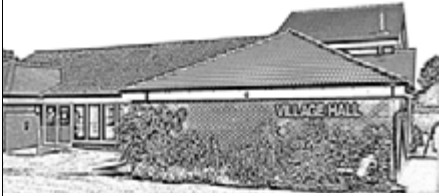
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VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Iain Wright 262657

Treasurer: Andrew Gowen 262534

Treasurers Report

Some Statistics from 2007 concerning the hire of the Hall (2006 figures are in brackets)

- Hired out for some 1321 (1200) hours over the year
- Village users had it for some 80% of the time and non residents used it for 20% of the time which is similar to last year.
- Assuming the Hall is available for 12 hours a day 365 days of the year; the usage average is 30% (27.5%) but the percentage use in the evenings or popular times is much higher.
- Cost of Running the Hall in 2007 (Grounds not included)

Normal everyday expenditure for the year
£12278.00 (£12698.00)

Usage of 1321 hours; the cost was:-
£9.30 (£10.58) per hour

- Income:
 - 1 There has been an increased income of some £1000.00 from hall bookings compared with last year.
 - 2 A sum of £935 in this 2007 account is for advanced bookings in 2008. This compares with £1676 that was shown as 2007 advance bookings in the 2006 accounts. This might be an indication for lower bookings in 2008
 - 3 Your VHMC has increased its own fundraising by some £2200 to £3312 from the Village Lunches, sale of plants and digital cinema shows.
 - 4 Village Societies and hall users have made donations for the long term support of the Hall as follows:

Royal British Legion	£184
Youth Club	£100
Nayland Country Music Club	£230
Nayland Players	£1300
Community Council	£1000

For which the VHMC is very grateful

Balance sheet

- In the 2007 balance sheet, furniture and utensils have been depreciated at 10% and electrical goods at 20% a year showing a depreciation of £912.
- The Hall has made a surplus of £7717.14 on the year; this compares with a surplus of £835 for 2006

Current balances at the end of 2007 are:

	2007	2006
COIF2(Endowment)	4037.16	0
COIF (Maintenance)	11316.87	7024.47
Debtors	696.00	512.00
Bank	1259.73	1030.77
Cash	20.84	260.38
Assets	5462.74	6248.58
	22793.347	15076.20
Surplus	717.14	835.40

Endowment Fund

This needs a special mention particularly as we have made over £4000 in its first year. It has been set up to ensure we have funds for the future development of the hall and will be where we will put donations and bequests made by organizations and individuals who want to secure the long future of our magnificent hall. It will be managed by the Village Hall Treasurer but can only be accessed with the agreement of the Parish Council, the Community Council and Village Hall Management Committee. This will ensure that the money is not frittered away on the general running of the hall and to make up for the deficiencies of the existing village hall management committee. This fund is looking towards the long term; say 20 years hence when the Hall needs a major refurbishment and all the existing people involved have long gone. We need to make sure that our successors use this money for the purpose it was intended and to reassure any potential givers that their gifts will not be wasted.

Immediate Future During 2008 we shall resolving a number of maintenance problems with the hall; not least the leaking roof but there are other outstanding faults that need to be solved. We have a healthy maintenance fund of over £11k to meet these costs.

However we need to maintain the momentum of our fundraising support for the hall because it will never pay its way purely on the income from users **so we do need your support.**

*A G Gowen ACIS, Nayland Village Hall
Treasurer*



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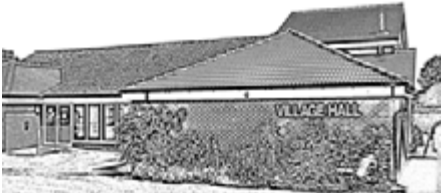
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VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Iain Wright 262657

Treasurer: Andrew Gowen 262534

From the Treasurer's Report you will see that the Village hall finances have had a good year and for this we are very grateful to members of the village for supporting our Plant Stall, our Cinema and to the various societies who have made donations to the Hall. It has been a very good year for the hall and we are now in a good position in the coming year to undertake a number of important maintenance tasks.

The gardens around the hall are very good and we are grateful to the societies and the individuals who have put so much effort in maintaining them during the last year. Please continue because the gardens do enhance the Hall and it is important to make the hall look attractive so that it is used more. Some 20% of our income comes from outside the Village and it would be good if this could be increased.

We are concerned that equipment from Hall is being taken without authority although it seems to have been returned. We are happy to hire out tables, chairs and crockery but this can only be done through Diana our Bookings Secretary and nobody else has this authority. This applies to all equipment including the Piano.

We also need to tighten up the use of the Alcohol Licence otherwise we shall be breaking the law. All organisations including our village societies must complete an Alcohol Licence application form (on the Nayland Web site under Village Hall within the Booking form section); it cannot be done over the phone as it involves more than one member of the Committee.

Within the Hall we shall be siting an Alcohol Licence Status Board in the Bar Area which will state the type of licence being used. For the majority of functions where alcohol is not consumed it will say 'No Alcohol Licence'. Where a licence has been applied for; it will state either 'Hall Alcohol Licence' or 'Council Alcohol Licence'. In the case of a Council Licence the TEN paperwork must also be available for checking. The Alcohol Licence Status Board will be maintained by the VHMC who need the completed Alcohol Licence application form! Sorry it is so complicated but we have been 'sailing too close to the wind' over this and it must be tightened up.

Thank you all again for the great support you have given to the Hall during the past year and we shall do our best to ensure the Hall meets all your needs. We are having our **AGM at 8pm on Monday 31 March** and are arranging **film nights on 28 March, 2 May, 6 June, 11 July, 12 September and 17 October**. Films are still to be decided.

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Garden Notes

by *The Old Muckspreader*

The O.M/S keeps a file with copies of his articles, now entering their ninth year, and it never ceases to surprise him that when about to comment on some unusual horticultural or meteorological phenomenon he looks back and finds that he made the same remark last year and sometimes the preceding one as well. So it looks as if mild winters and continuing growth are going to be the norm for the moment.

Winter Aconites are now in full bloom; they really are trouble free and will thrive almost anywhere, except in dust dry soil under evergreens. They are not botanically related to the herbaceous Aconites or Monkshoods. The latter are always described as being highly poisonous, but so of course is the foliage of many common plants, including the potato and other Solanums or Nightshades, and the roots of many other species.

Many years ago the writer went with his family to visit some acquaintances in a nearby village who had recently adopted two children. The latter, together with our children were penned into a wire enclosure on the lawn, while we were escorted round the garden. Noting some tree stumps cut down level with the ground we were told that they had been Laburnums; a bit further on there were some obvious gaps in the border – Hellebores had been removed. Daffodils and Narcissi, however, were allowed to remain, which seemed somewhat illogical.

There is, of course, more than enough in the average garden to keep the Health and Safety Brigade busy for ever but the average sensible gardener really need not worry. The O.M/S however admits that he does agree with the H. and S.B. in the matter of plants which can produce damage to the skin. The obvious ones are the Giant Hogweed and many of the Spurge (Euphorbias). Less known are Fremontodendrons (minute hairs on the stems are very painful if they get into ones eyes) and Rue; the latter combined with sunlight can produce a very unpleasant allergy, especially in young children.

This month's value plant is the Osteospermum, a species from the South African Veldt. Not all are hardy and garden centres sell cultivars like Buttermilk (yellow), Nairobi Purple and Whirligig (a nasty plant with distorted petals), which have quite fleshy foliage and won't survive a hard frost. But O. Barberae, O. Jucundum (Pink) and O. Ecklonis (brilliant white) are much tougher, and will keep on flowering throughout summer and autumn, ignoring drought; the O.M/S found a few here at Christmas.

Unfortunately they aren't so easy to find, but they clump up and root as they spread (the technical term is stoloniferous), so if you can get a plant or cutting from somewhere (e.g. the Church Fete Plant Stall) it will grow and spread well.

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TRADE & COMMERCIAL DIRECTORIES

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

For an intriguing glimpse into nineteenth century life the early trade and commercial directories are a treasure trove, providing a unique insight into towns and villages of that period. These directories were initially produced to meet the needs of commerce and trade and the first one was published as early as 1677, for London. They really took hold in the eighteenth century, however, and by the beginning of the nineteenth century were well established. At first they covered only large towns and cities but gradually the whole country was included. Competition between publishers produced many different directories, some being produced annually.

Perhaps the best known directory for Suffolk was that published by William White who innovated the historical preamble to the list of tradespeople. There were five White's directories of Suffolk produced at varying intervals between 1844 and 1892. Kelly's Post Office Directory began in 1845 as the result of increased postal services at that time and many of the smaller directories were eventually absorbed by Kelly's in later years.

The earliest directory I have seen listing Nayland is that of Pigot & Co who produced the London and Provincial Commercial Directory for 1823-24. In a general description of the village the church is described as being "newly pewed in 1789 and an excellent organ erected about the same time". The population was given as 1,019. The list of inhabitants included George Alston, attorney, two surgeons and two academy proprietors. There were four inns at that time: the Anchor, Queen's Head, Vine and White Hart. The list of shopkeepers and tradespeople following thereafter make fascinating reading; occupations included a lime burner [there was a lime kiln at the Anchor], fellmonger [dealer of skins or hides], leather breeches maker, currier and leather cutter, tanner, brazier, ironmonger and whitesmith [worker in tin] corn and hop dealer and malster, basket maker and cooper, saddler, tallow chandler, wheelwright, perfumer, soap boiler, as well as three boot and shoemakers, two butchers, three grocers and drapers, etc. Carrier for the village between Colchester and London was Mary Lee on Tuesdays and "Smith" on Tuesdays and Fridays. Coaches left the Queen's Head for Colchester and London three times a week at 4 pm and also three times a week for Sudbury.



The current Post Office premises circa 1868 when occupied by William Sawyer, Chemist and Druggist. Next door was a Literary Institution and Library.

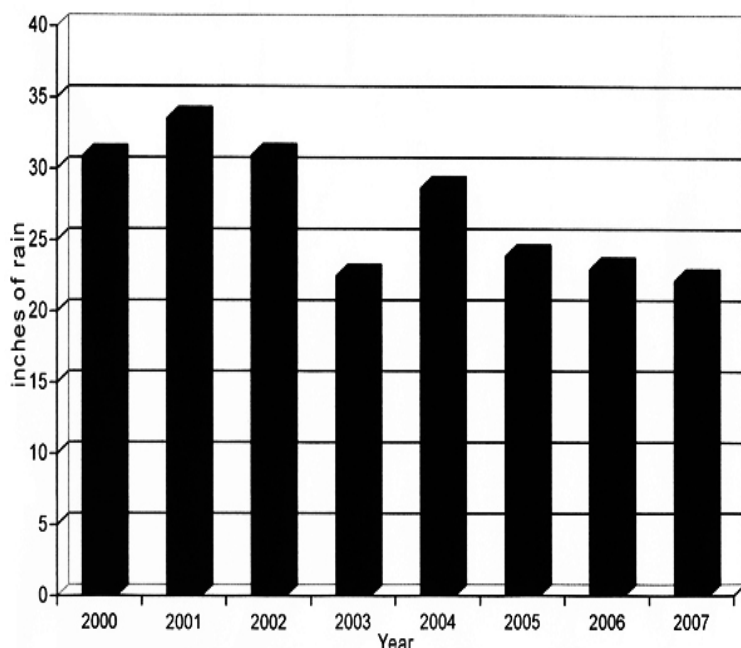
According to White's in 1844, the population had grown to 1,114 and the town was "about to be lighted by gas". The church steeple had been taken down in 1834 and rebuilt for £500. At that time there was also a silk throwster, a cow keeper, straw hat maker and six tailors. The number of boot and shoemakers had swelled to *nine*. Ten years later, in 1854, Nayland had a chemist and druggist and in 1874 a sausage maker named Robert Bacon! Thomas Norfolk was listed as Omnibus and Cab proprietor and farmer and Thomas Thorpe was a shoemaker and Town Crier. In 1892 Miss Margaret Alston was living at The Court House.

From the great amount of detail to be found in these directories it is possible to conjure up a picture of Nayland when it was a bustling, self-contained community, long before the days of the motor car. Most public libraries have copies of some of these directories which I think make for much more interesting reading than the Yellow Pages we have today!

[Reference: Guide to the National and Provincial Directories of England and Wales excluding London published before 1856 by Jane E Norton]

Wendy Sparrow

Annual Rainfall in Inches at Bear Street, Nayland



Rainfall seems to have moved into a more normal level in the last 3 years compared with earlier in the decade. 2007's fall of 22.17ins was similar to Colchester's which is usually a little higher than it is here.

We had some snow in late January, frosts in early February, and 3ins of snow on 8/9 February. In between all this activity I mowed the lawn on 29 January (it had been professionally treated in summer and autumn). February turned out to be a wet month: 3.65ins. April was very hot and, apart from the odd trace on the gauge, no rain was measurable. Wettest month was May when over 4ins was recorded. The Fete was far from being a disaster despite the foul weather and those outside survived uncomfortably while those inside made the most of the money. Start praying now for a fine late May.

Rain fell on only 4 days in October but an inch was recorded on the 8/9. Although the rain was measurable on 10 days in December this amounted to no more than 1.22ins. Without difficulty I have avoided using some of the silly phrases used by the BBC forecasters such as, bits and pieces of rain and wall to wall sunshine! Happy New Year.

John Werner

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		<u>St. James Nayland</u>	<u>St. Mary's Wiston</u>
<u>February 3rd</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Candlemas	9.45am	Matins and Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong
<u>February 6th</u>	10.00am	Holy Communion	
ASH WEDNESDAY	7.30pm	Holy Communion	
<u>February 10th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Lent 1	9.45am	Parish Communion	11.15am Holy Communion
<u>February 17th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Lent 2	9.45am	Family Communion	
	4.00pm	Evensong	
<u>February 24th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Lent 3	9.45am	Parish Communion	11.15am Family Communion
<u>March 2nd</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Mothering Sunday	9.45am	Family Communion NO Evensong	11.15am Family Service
<u>March 9th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Lent 5	9.45am	Parish Communion	11.15am Holy Communion
<u>March 16th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
PALM SUNDAY	9.00am	United Procession from the Carvers' Barn*	
	9.15am	Family Communion	
	6.30pm	Evensong for Holy Week	
Tuesday 18th	7.30pm	United service of the Stations of the Cross, at the Church of the Sacred Heart	
Wednesday 19th	7.30pm	Holy Communion	
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Holy Communion, Vigil & Watch	
Good Friday	10.00am	Family Service	
	2.00pm	One Hour at the Cross	
Holy Saturday	10-12noon	Easter Workshop in church** Easter Liturgy	
<u>March 23rd</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
EASTER DAY	9.45am	Family Communion	11.15am Family Communion
<u>March 30th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Easter 2	9.45am	Parish Communion	Clocks Forward
<u>April 6th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	
Easter 3	9.45am	Matins & Holy Communion	6.30pm Evensong

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EASTER FLOWERS

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Weekday Services

Parkers Way	3pm	Weds Feb 6 th , Mar 5 th , Apr 2 nd
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Nayland House	Every	Weds 10.45am
Pram & Toddler Service	Thurs	2.30pm Feb 7 th , 28 th , Mar 13 th
Bible Study	Mons	7.30, 18 Laburnum Way : replaced by Lent Group from Feb 4 th
SAMS Prayer Meeting	Mon	7.30, 18 Laburnum Way, Feb 11 th
Other Lent Groups		start week beginning Feb. 11 th



From Candlemas to Easter

It seems almost unthinkable but within the Christian year these two months will lead us from Candlemas to Easter. Candlemas is also known as the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. There Simeon proclaimed Jesus to be the Christ of God, the light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Israel.

But he also warned that Jesus would bring upheaval and suffering in his wake.

The weeks of Lent give us glimpses of Jesus' ministry and teaching: of the many who flocked to him and of those who opposed him. Holy Week sees him proclaimed King and also imprisoned and crucified.

The reason I am still a Christian is that, for me, our faith and worship through the year speak to every situation in life. Jesus came not only that we might better know God, but also that we might know he identifies with us in joy and in sorrow, in triumph and in failure. Christianity offers us an answer for every hard question that life poses – even though some of the answers may not be what we would wish.

In Holy Week we see Jesus confronting the problem of sin and evil in our world. In his death and resurrection he proves that God's love is greater than any hatred, that God's power, even when cloaked in humility and apparent weakness, is stronger than any evil, and that God's life is stronger than death.

That is why God is able to forgive, whatever we do. That is why he is able to offer us new beginnings and fresh hopes whatever happens.

That is our Easter faith – all we do depends upon it.

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

Kit Gray

Other Dates for your Diary

LENT begins with Ash Wednesday, February 6th. Do look out for Lent Books and Boxes, and information about Lent Groups, all available at the back of St James' church.

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Saturday 22 nd March	10-11am St James Church Easter Workshop

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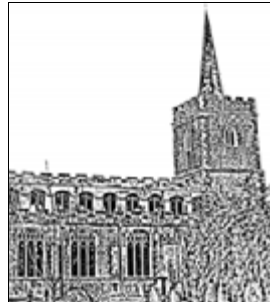


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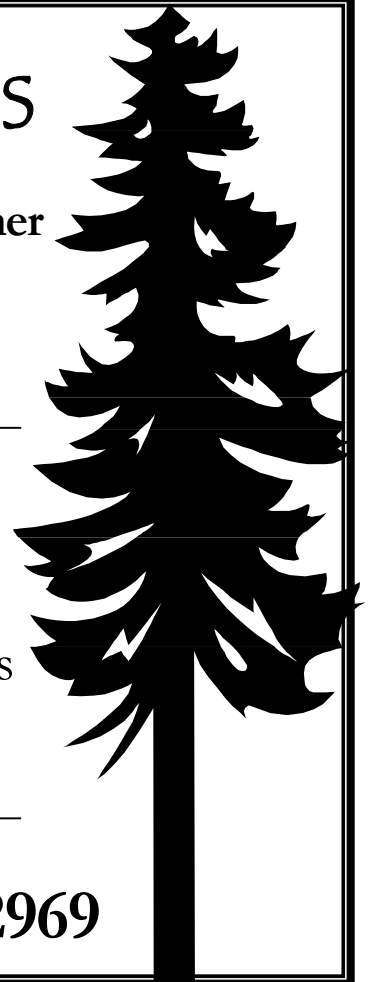
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9am-6pm (Oct-April)	£8.00	£12.00
6pm-midnight (May-Sept)	£8.00	£12.00
6pm-midnight (Oct-April)	£9.00	£14.00

MINIMUM HIRE: 2 HOURS RESIDENTS – 3 HOURS NON RESIDENTS

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Daytime until 6pm	Hourly Rates as above	
Evening 6pm-midnight	£115.00	£170.00
All day	£145.00	£220.00
All day with playing field	£170.00	£240.00
Playing Field only	£25.00	£25.00
Playing Field & Changing Rooms	£35.00	£35.00
Meeting Room only (3 hour session)	£7.50	£12.50

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Bookings: Mrs D Whiting Tel: 262023

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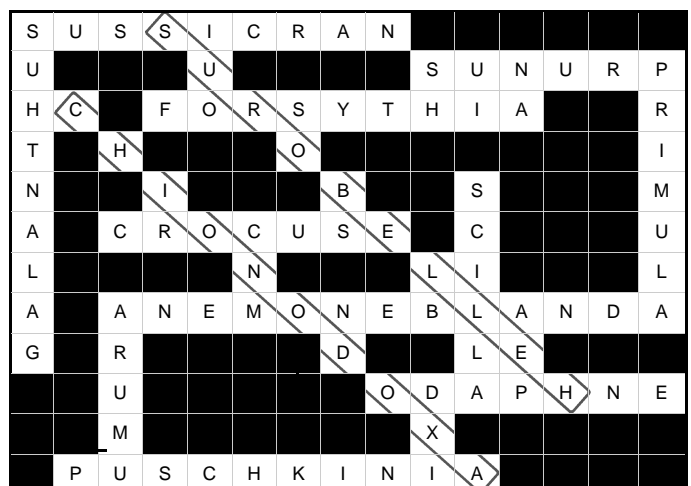
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Post Office
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Home School Association
Nayland Playgroup
Nayland Toddler Group
Village Hall
Church Hall
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Nayland Priest
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St James Choir
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Village Players

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	Individual: Iain Wright <i>Meetings: 10 Mar (AGM)</i>	

COMMUNITY WEBSITE - www.naylandandwiston.net

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- Events
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February	
2nd	NSPCC Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Church Hall <i>page 10</i>
3rd	Village Players: Auditions 'Murder on the Nile' Church Hall 5pm <i>page 11</i>
4th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 8pm
9th	Playgroup: Cake Sale 8.30am outside Kerridge's <i>page 7</i>
13th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room
16th	Friends St James': Gourmet Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Church Hall <i>page 31</i>
18th	WI: James Carver 'A Week in the Falklands'
24th	Country Music Club: 'Bunny Diamond & Co' 7.30 Village Hall <i>page 10</i>
25th	Village Festival Weekend: Planning Meeting 7.30 Church Hall
26th	Luncheon Club: 12 for 12.30 Church Hall <i>page 3</i>
29th	Village Quiz 8pm Village Hall <i>page 8</i>
March	
3rd	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 8pm
5th	The Village Lunch: Caroline Stanford 'The Landmark Trust' <i>page 10</i>
7th	Playgroup: Musical Soiree Evening 7.30 for 8pm Village Hall <i>page 7</i>
10th	Community Council AGM 8pm (<i>followed by exec</i>) Church Hall
10th	RBL meeting Anchor Inn 8pm
11th	Conservation Society AGM: Ted Ingilby 'The Use of Limewash' <i>page 17</i>
12th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room
13th	Nayland Choir: AGM 8pm before rehearsals <i>page 20</i>
15th	Churchyard Spring Working Party 9am <i>page 31</i>
17th	WI: 'Question Time' with a local G.P.
18th	Luncheon Club: 12 for 12.30 Church Hall <i>page 17</i>
23rd	Country Music Club: 'New West' 7.30 Village Hall <i>page 10</i>
28th	Village Cinema: 'Elizabeth' Village Hall <i>page 11</i>
31st	Village Hall Management Committee AGM 8pm Village Hall
April	
7th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 8pm
9th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room
15th	HortSoc AGM: followed by quiz conducted by Matthew Tanton Brown
17, 18, 19th	Village Players: Agatha Christie's 'Murder on the Nile' <i>page 11</i>
26th	Nayland Choir: Spring Concert with Orchestra – Bruckner, Haydn and Mozart <i>page 20</i>
27th	Country Music Club: 'Johnny Williams' 7.30 Village Hall <i>page 10</i>
29th	Luncheon Club: 12 for 12.30 Church Hall <i>page 3</i>
May	
2nd	Village Cinema Evening
17th	HortSoc: Morning Market
26th	St James' Church Fete <i>page 10</i>
Forward Planner: 8th June Open Gardens 12th & 13th July 2008 Village Festival 2nd August Annual Flower Show	

BUS TIMETABLES - Service 84 – (between Sudbury & Colchester via Colchester Hospital)

Sudbury – Newton Green – Assington – Leavenheath – Stoke by Nayland – Nayland – Gt Horkesley – General Hospital -Colchester

Monday to Saturday NS Sch Sat/H (*NS = Not Saturdays – Sch = Schooldays only – Sat/H = Sats & School Holidays*)

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

Monday to Saturday Sch SchH (*SchH = School Holidays only*) Sat/H Sch Sat/H(Sch)

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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