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The Editor and the  
Community Council  
would like to take  
this opportunity of  
wishing you all a

Very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy & Prosperous New Year



## **BONFIRE NIGHT**

Those who attended this year's Bonfire Night on 5th November were given a magnificent display.

It is all down to a lot of hard work by many people. We had luck with weather and the attendance of parents and children enabled the Community Council to raise more funds for the activities of societies in our village.

Once again well done everybody.

**Ken Willingale**, President, Community Council



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# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting: 8th October 2014

## POLICE REPORT

PCSO Mandy Coleman reported a burglary in Cawley Road and the theft of a tractor and trailer. The tractor was recovered.

If a suitable venue can be found, PCSO Mandy Coleman plans to introduce a regular crime prevention surgery to enhance community policing services. Traffic Orders allowing the introduction of new yellow lines in Nayland are not yet in place.

## DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Councillor Richard Cave reported the availability of latest edition of the Town and Parish Newsletter and summarised the information it contains, including consultations for the introduction of three short-stay sites in Suffolk for the use of members of the travelling community.

## COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Following recent floods, the need for improved street drainage provision and maintenance will be pursued while the quality of the repair work carried out at the mill lade at the bottom of Fen Street has been challenged.

## PLANNING

Reviewing recent planning applications Mary George said consent had been granted by Babergh at Campion Hill, Campions Hill for the erection of tennis court with 2.75m high fencing surround; at 30 Bear Street for erection of a part single-storey, part two-storey side extension and erection of a front porch, at Sargents Farm, Bures Road for erection of a rear and side extension to an existing outbuilding and the erection of an outbuilding following the demolition of an existing outbuilding; at 52-54 Bear Street for erection of a summerhouse and at High Garth House, Cawley Road for erection of two-bay cart lodge and store, conversion of garage/store to studio and alterations to existing driveway.

Councillors had no objections to an application at Hilltop Farm, Harpers Hill for erection of replacement upper 2m section of lattice mast, replace 2 omni antennas with 3 antennas and replace 1 cabinet but would ask planners to note that unlike others, neighbours close to the mast report that they have not been consulted

An application at Park House, Wissington Uplands to fell 2 pine trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order is being considered.

A working party will be set up to evaluate options and make recommendations for a cloud-type system for reviewing plans between PC meetings.

## STREET LIGHTING

Gerry Battye queried the continuing lack of progress on planned improvements. Suffolk County Council will be chased again this time with a response deadline. James Finch is to be informed.

A street lantern bracket affixed to 18 Court Street is rusty and causing damage to the property. Refurbishment costs will be sought.

## HIGHWAYS

Concerns were again expressed about the regrettable and continuing lack of progress on the introduction of safety speed limits in various locations including the A134, particularly bearing in mind the future Nags Corner development, and that a recent traffic survey registered the average speed of traffic in Bear Street at 38.4 mph. Clarification will again be sought from Suffolk County Council.

Recent floods revealed the need for improved road surface and drainage maintenance. Flood deposits of sand and gravel constitute a safety hazard while some drains failed to perform to the expected standard because of accumulated silt deposits. Drainage maintenance will now take place quarterly.

It was agreed that for monitoring purposes a drainage maintenance schedule will be requested from Suffolk County Council and that clarification will be sought from them as to the actions proposed for the clearing of road-surface flood deposits.

Gerry Battye reported potholes and damaged drain-hole covers.

## OPEN SPACES

The Ash trees on Caley Green are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council. In response to concerns about ash die-back and the need for proactive replacement tree planting, it was agreed Suffolk County Council should be asked to provide a tree management plan and its as yet unreceived health and safety report for this area.

Gerry Battye's recently completed survey of village benches revealed maintenance needs. It was agreed that the work should be put out to tender using the specification contained in his report.

## RECREATION GROUND

All grants and other funds allowing the upgrading of the play-ground equipment now being in place, work has commenced and will be completed shortly.

It was agreed that there would be a low-key event to mark the opening of the new playground.

It was reported that cars have been parking both on the grass in the children's play area and its vicinity, raising health and safety and access issues for the play area, for the Vicarage, the primary school, the burial ground and for the nursing home. The open spaces committee will consider response options which may include the installation of additional bollards as well as the erection of relevant signage.

## FOOTPATHS

Issues arising from complaints about the condition of some stiles on the footpath from Fairfield recreation ground towards Leavenheath were discussed. It has been suggested that they should be replaced with kissing gates to facilitate dog-walker access. The Parish Council expressed its sympathy with the issues raised and affirmed it is willing to support the initiative whilst acknowledging that it has neither budgetary resources nor responsibility for stile maintenance which is a matter for landowners and Suffolk County Council.

## ALLOTMENTS

Annual rent demands have now been sent out.

The Parish Council will discuss possible responses to the loss of allotment grant revenue.

## BURIAL GROUND

A survey of maintenance needs will be completed. A tree in the Vicarage has been trimmed. A tree has fallen down and needs to be removed.

Uncollected grass cuttings can give rise to problems; consideration will therefore be given to blowing cuttings from headstones after mowing has taken place

## IN BRIEF

It was noted bus timetable changes mean that bus-pass holders can now catch an earlier bus than was previously possible.

The Parish Council will consider the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project's request for modest annual funding at the November meeting.

## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE

Donations of prizes for the Community Council's raffle at the Christmas Family Fayre on Sunday 7th December - would be very much appreciated and can be left at 20 Fen Street or Star Cottage 81 Bear Street or brought along on the day.

# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting: 12th November 2014

Mary George read a statement making it clear that members of the public have the right to film meetings.

### POLICE REPORT

Crimes reported since 8 October: two off-road motorbikes were stolen from a garage on Harper's Estate with an attempted entry to a second garage.

Councillors discussed parking on pavements in Nayland which is a problem for pedestrians and for motorists. The Police make a judgement on the extent of the obstruction.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Richard Cave explained that while the councils are not merging, Babergh and Mid-Suffolk are reviewing their office accommodation. Plans won't be finalised before the General Election.

### PLANNING

Reviewing recent planning applications Mary George said consent had been granted by Babergh at **Hilltop Farm Harper's Hill** for construction of a two metre section to support three antennae on a mast, at **5 Jane Walker Park** for replacement of existing windows, at **Longwood House, Stoke Road** for installation of a woodburning furnace in the rear garden, at **2 Gravel Hill** for removal of pine tree, at **13 Fen Street** for crown reduction of a Robinia and at **Parson's Pyghtle** for erection of a single storey side extension, two storey rear extension and double cartlodge with condition external materials be approved before use.

Consent was granted at **The Studios, Harper's Hill** for erection of a workshop attached to existing workshop and office buildings. Conditions include doors remaining closed except for ingress and egress and hours of work to run from 8am to 6.30 Mon-Fri only with no work at the weekend or Bank Holidays.

Discussing recent applications, councillors had no objections for removal of two pine trees at **Park House Wissington Uplands, at Highlands, Campions Hill** for a two storey and first floor extension and garage and at **The Old Stables, Bear Street** for rebuilding the chimneys and a side extension.

Councillors will discuss further an application at **13 Harpers Estate** for a three storey development. Trisha Fuller felt it was an overdevelopment.

Councillors had no objection in principle to a new commercial building at **Travis Perkins, Nag's Corner** but objected to the present plans on the grounds that they were wholly unsuitable within an AONB and the lack of clarity regarding location.

### PLANNING APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

Phase one of a simple online form for councillors' planning application comments has been set up. Mary had written to Babergh about funding for PCs for IT equipment.

### STREET LIGHTING

Clerk to the Council Debbie Hattrell reported that the street lighting project should be back on track following a delay due to a change of contractors. Bear Street, Birch St, Mill St, High St, Fen St and Court Street will all be upgraded by the end of the financial year with Birch Street and Stoke Road completed in 2015/16.

### HIGHWAYS

Referring to the impact of the new Travis Perkins development, Motts and the Business Park on Harper's Hill, Gerry Battye had written to Highways at Suffolk CC requesting the implementation of a speed limit on the A134 Nayland by-pass. The request was refused.

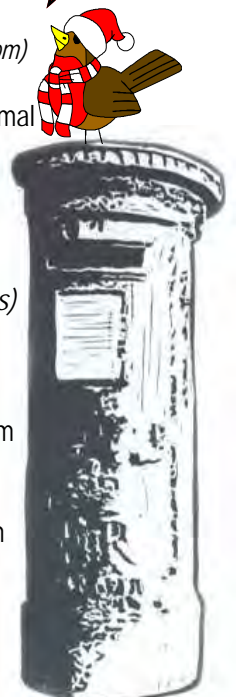
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## Christmas Dates To Remember

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

Doctors Surgery	<p>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: open 8am-3pm (<i>North Hill Surgery and on call team available until 6.30pm</i>)</p> <p>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December: CLOSED</p> <p>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December: open 8am-6.30pm</p> <p>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December: open 8am-3pm (<i>North Hill Surgery and on call team available until 6.30pm</i>)</p> <p>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 – CLOSED, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 – open 8am-6.30pm</p> <p>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January: CLOSED, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January: opening hours return to normal</p> <p><i>Out of hours emergency telephone 01206-578070 – Don't forget to order your prescriptions</i></p>
Refuse Collections	<p>Blue bins due: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December will be Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>; Friday 26<sup>th</sup> will be Monday 29<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Black bins due: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January will be Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>; Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup></p> <p><i>Leave bins out by 6.30am. Brown bins: no collections from 22<sup>nd</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> January</i></p> <p><i>During January real Christmas trees will be collected - leave by brown bins (no decorations or pots)</i></p>
Bus Services	<p>The 84 bus service will run as normal except Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January when there will be no service.</p>
Kerridge's Butcher	<p>Open Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7am-5pm, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7am-5pm, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> from 6am-2pm</p> <p>Closed Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>Open Monday 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 7am-5pm &amp; Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> from 7am-1pm</p> <p>Closed Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January, open Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January from 7am-5pm, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7am-1pm</p> <p><i>Orders for Christmas can be made from 1<sup>st</sup> December</i></p>
Post Office	<p>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December: half day, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December: closed</p> <p>Open again as usual from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December</p> <p>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January: closed, open as usual from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</p> <p><i>If pensions/benefits are due on days PO is closed they may be collected the week before.</i></p>

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Neil Barbrook welcomed members to the meeting.

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

**Executive Committee:** It was stressed a new Treasurer will be required for next year.

**Fundraising Activities:** Ideas for fundraising are welcome. Members were updated that it had been decided not to go ahead with a Grand Draw at the Christmas Fayre this year due to the timescale. Organising a draw for next year may be considered.

**Nayland Post Office:** No news was known. *News received after the meeting can be seen on page 9.*

**Village Hall:** Iain Wright thanked those who attended the gardening session on 18th October.

The CC's Babergh achievement award framed certificate has not yet been fixed on the wall in the Village Hall. The VHM secretary will be asked to put this on their agenda and advise us of the situation.

**Community Council Records & Asset List:** Lorraine Brooks said she is continuing to collect information relating to the history of the CC and would be grateful for any details, memorabilia or photos which could be copied.

It had been agreed a record of CC assets would be useful to ensure the future committee knew what was available and where it was kept. We are already aware of some items, such as; display boards/Bryan, Father Christmas costume/School, Christmas bunting and tree decorations/Claire. Please let Lorraine know of other items.

**CC Website:** Lorraine said website has been up and running for a few weeks at [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk) and asked that photos of CC activities are taken for inclusion. She was congratulated on the website. There have been just over 50 hits so far.

**Village Christmas Tree:** The tree will be erected on Sunday 14th December at 9am - volunteers to help would be welcome - and taken down Sunday 4th January. It was agreed to spend approx £90 on new baubles.

**Correspondence:** The new organiser of the farmers' market has asked if they could hand out their promotional leaflets at Firework Night. It was agreed they could provided they attend the litter pick at 9am to following morning.

#### **Grants & Donations:**

**Village Stiles:** Neil Barbrook reported that a funding application has been submitted to Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Project to replace five stiles with kissing gates on the footpath going north from the burial ground. If successful, and if costs can be kept down by having volunteer labour to install the gates, the contribution needed from the CC may be less than the £1,000 previously agreed.

Fennage landowners had not agreed to proposals so those stiles are not included.

**Luncheon Club for the Over 60s:** The £300 grant approved last meeting will support their Christmas Lunch.

**VHMC:** The VHMC requested a grant to cover a debt owed by the Youth Club relating to hire charges. Several questions were raised including whether the YC have any assets to settle the debt. It was agreed this grant would not comply with our constitution and would not be approved.

**Woodland Corner:** An application has been received for £600 for a new computer system for everyday administration use. It was noted that WC keep their childcare prices affordable to local parents. Further information about the computer system will be requested.

**Women's Institute:** They have verbally mentioned that a replacement WI notice board is needed. Their application can only be considered once a written application is made.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Bryan Smith gave his report as follows for the period 11th September to 28th October: Income included: Community

Times £603, Calendar £175, Quiz £546. Expenditure included: Quiz £81, CT Print £251, Website £62, Hall Hire £202, grant for Parish Council Playground Project £1,000. Grants agreed but not yet paid include: Conservation Society Book £500 and Dig £500, Christmas lunch for Over 60s. The Community Council's unencumbered assets are £16,854.58p.

**COMMUNITY TIMES:** There had been some congratulations and comments that the colour looked good in the 25th anniversary issue.

**VILLAGE CALENDAR:** Lorraine Brooks said calendars are on sale at local shops and events. This year's calendar is now in profit. Suggestions for additional sales opportunities or offers to sell them at local events would be welcome - please let Lorraine know.

Enlarged prints of photos featured in past calendars can be purchased for £10 and this will be advertised in the CT and on [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

#### **RECENT EVENTS**

**Fun Village Quiz:** Rachel was thanked and congratulated on her organisation of the Quiz with the Woodland Corner team. Rachel said it was encouraging and gratifying that 22 teams took part and people enjoyed the evening. The quiz profit was £464.04. The village hall will be booked for next year's quiz, which Rachel very kindly agreed to help with once again.

#### **FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES**

##### **Bonfire Night - Wednesday 5th November:**

NO DUMPING on the bonfire site signs have been put out. Hot Dogs, drinks, sparkler and glo-necklaces will be available from 6.30, the display will start at 7pm.

Setting up the field and in the hall will begin at 3pm. Iain will lead on fireworks, Fred Bugg on bonfire, Claire on BBQ and hot chocolate, Jenny on mulled wine, Bryan and Colin on the gate. Helpers will be required the litter pick the next morning.

**Christmas Fayre - Sunday 7th December 12-2.30pm:** Neil Barbrook is co-ordinator. The School Choir and the Fangando School of Dance Drama & Music will perform, Father Christmas will be in attendance. Claire Buller will lead on bunting, Christmas tree. Lorraine will set up raffle table, donated prizes for the raffle are needed.

Stalls so far: CC raffle & calendar, Friends St James JAMBoree, HortSoc, WI, Andrew mulled wine, Conservation Society, Aimees Christmas Stall, Jan Estcourt (Wooden Toys), Patricia Sidaway, Sue Connolly, Woodland Corner and Transition Nayland.

**2015 Dates:** Quiz 2nd October, Fireworks Thursday 5th November, Christmas Fayre 6th December. It was agreed that having the AGM on the same evening as the VHMC AGM was advantageous. We will check if the VHMC agree and book the hall for 2016.

**Street Fayre - July 2016:** Claire Buller will lead a sub-committee to organise this event which will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Community Council. It is hoped all societies will participate. The theme is likely to be 1960s as the CC was founded in 1966.

**AOB:** Alex Morrison said Nayland is very lucky to have so many groups/societies providing a great community.

#### **SOCIETY REPORTS**

**Art Group:** Colin Ramsell said sixteen members filled the Church Hall today. They have had visiting tutors again this term and are planning an outing to Munnings Gallery at Dedham.

**HortSoc:** Lorraine Brooks said the weather was glorious for their coach outing to Peter Beales and Bressingham Gardens, a talk on *Gardens of East Anglia* was very interesting. Matt Holden is talking about 'The River Stour' at the joint meeting with Conservation Society on 10th November. HortSoc would be grateful for donations for their stall selling seasonal gifts at the Christmas Fayre. The schedule for the Spring Show is available.

**Royal British Legion:** Alex Murrison said the WW1 commemoration events went well and thanked those who participated. Arrangements are in hand for Remembrance Day on 9th November. They had a very interesting outing to Kelvedon Hatch Secret Nuclear Bunker in October; future visits may include the Cold War Museum at Woodbridge, the Harwich Mayflower Project to build a life-size replica of the ship which took the Pilgrim Fathers to America. With closures of the Stoke by Nayland and Gt Horkesley branches, their members are most welcome to join Nayland & District branch.

**Woodland Corner:** Rachel Hitchcock said there have been lots of exciting activities and lots will be happening in the lead up to Christmas. Their fundraising Ladies Shopping Evening is on 21st November.

**Children's Playground Project:** Rachel Hitchcock said the new equipment is being well used. Feedback is positive and the balance of equipment for the various age groups seems to be right.

**Village Players:** Bryan Smith said rehearsals are going well for the traditional pantomime '*Jack and the Beanstalk*'. Performances are on 5th/6th and 12th/13th December with matinees on Saturdays.

**Choir:** Ian McKay said the choir is excited with the progress of the rehearsals for their concert at St James' Church 29th November. This concludes a celebration of the work sung by

the choir over the last 20 years and they hope that the village will support them in these celebrations. Their annual general knowledge quiz night is on 7th November, teams are welcome, contact Sean Moriarty if interested.

**Parish Council:** Rosemary Knox congratulated Rachel on the success of the playground project. She said 2015 is election year; all councillors will stand down and a new council will be elected. New candidates would be welcome.

**Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow said Jane Walker gave an interesting talk about *Two Decades of African Safaris*. David Smyth will talk about *Copella* in November and December's meeting will be about *Christmas Cooking* with Carl Shillingford.

**Village Hall:** Iain Wright said they continue holding film nights and doing monthly maintenance tasks.

**Book Club:** The club run by Stephanie Deering read a variety of books; currently '*Custard Tarts and Broken Hearts*' by Mary Gibson, about factory girls' fight for their loves, lives and rights in World War I Bermondsey.

**Table Tennis Group:** Neil Barbrook said the group is doing well with 10 people attending. They are planning a Christmas meal.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be **Monday 12 January 2015** in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm.

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# Christmas Family Fayre

 Sunday 7th December

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Councillors felt strongly that the PC should campaign against this decision. Mary advised that Highways will be looking at their 30mph policy early in 2015 along with lorry weight restrictions for the A134. In spite of Highways declaring their appreciation of hearing from PCs with their local knowledge, there was discussion on the efficacy of doing so.

PC representatives met with SCC officers at Mill Lade in Fen Street. SCC officers explained that the concrete sandbag wall was adequate and that rustic fencing rather than white posts and poles had been installed as it was cheaper and was closer to the existing fencing on the Fen.

Rosemary Knox reported a pothole on Cawley Road and the broken No Through Road sign to Wiston Church. The PC will request issues are resolved.

Councillors commented that verges were cut only once a year and landlords left shrubs overhanging pavements so people had to walk in the road. Debris and gravel left on the road and in drains is Babergh's responsibility. Mary George will compile a list of problems.

### RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Mary George will send councillors proposals for signage for the new Fairfield playground. The PC will arrange to fix the current 'quagmire' round the access, replace a bin near the seats and the installation of drop-down lockable posts to prevent antisocial parking. The spaces provided are for contractors, playground users and burial ground visitors.

Councillors discussed the safety report for Fairfield playground. There are some defects. Councillors were confident that these would be remedied. Mary George commented that it was lovely to see so many families using the new playground.

Councillors will review the location of dog waste bins on Caley Green in the future. Camouflaging reeds have been cut back.

### VILLAGE HALL

Mary George advised that Babergh is imposing a district wide policy banning Chinese lanterns and helium balloons

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from all Babergh-owned land. Councillor agreed this policy for all PC-owned land. The VHMC will be notified as this affects the terms and conditions of letting the village hall.

### IN BRIEF:

Two applications for memorials in the burial ground were approved.

Applications have been submitted for the installation of kissing gates on the footpath north from Bear Street. It was noted that a plank is missing from the footbridge over the flood channel.

There are two people waiting for an allotment. The hedges will be trimmed.

The Parish Council agreed to donate £100 each to Suffolk Accident and Rescue, Homestart and Sudbury CAB.

### Nayland Over 60s

## LUNCHEON CLUB

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

Tuesday 25 November  
Tuesday 9 December  
*Christmas Lunch at Longwood Barn*  
Tuesday 27th January 2015  
Tuesday 24th February

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## NAYLAND BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

The annual bonfire and fireworks display organised by Nayland with Wissington Community Council was a huge success attracting about 650 spectators to the village playing field on November 5.

Takings on the gate totalled £2,086 and the evening made £1,672 profit.

Treasurer Bryan Smith said: "The weather cleared up just in time so we were very fortunate and feel people enjoyed the event. Fred Bugg again did us proud with the bonfire and enormous thanks to all who helped make it such a success."



## NAYLAND POST OFFICE UPDATE

Over the past year there have been lengthy negotiations with Post Office Ltd. about the future of Nayland Post Office when Patsy Ford retires from her position as Postmistress. At a meeting in February 2014 the Area Manager of Post Office Ltd assured Parish, District, County Councillors and representatives of Community Council, Conservation Society and Transition Nayland that there were no plans for closure and they would endeavour to find a business to take over the running of Nayland Post Office within the transformation arrangements of their nationwide rationalisation programme. These negotiations have been fraught with difficulties. There have been interested applicants but their applications were withdrawn or were unsuccessful because they did not meet the required criteria. Post Office Ltd and Royal Mail are two different organisations. Initially, it was stated that the sorting office and post office counter had to be accommodated at the same site. Later this was amended. It seems that they can be accommodated in different premises but a new contract would involve both elements.

Nayland Post Office will not be given community status as there are other retail businesses in the parish. As none of those businesses wish to take over Nayland Post Office, a further request was made for community status. This was refused again (at national level). An appeal failed in September and was followed by a meeting with Post Office representatives attended by Patsy Ford, Babergh District Councillor Richard Cave and Chair of Parish Council Mary George. It was suggested that Patsy Ford could request a reduction in opening hours in order to keep Nayland Post Office open. After several weeks and constant delays by Post Office Ltd, this was refused in mid-November. The Parish Council is very disappointed by the inflexible attitude of Post Office Ltd. Unless someone with an existing business and a viable business plan is willing to accommodate a post office, or lease the existing premises from Patsy Ford, there is a risk that there will be no post office counter provision in Nayland from some point in 2015. There is the possibility of an occasional mobile post office visiting the centre of the village, so long as an existing postmaster/postmistress is able to provide an outreach service. At the time of going to press, there is no news from Royal Mail about the future of the Royal Mail sorting office.

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

**COULD YOU LINK OR EXPAND YOUR BUSINESS PLAN TO INCLUDE A POST OFFICE,  
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Mary George : Chair of Nayland with Wissington Parish Council  
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**October 2015**

1 Wed	17 Fri
2 Thu	18 Sat
3 Fri	19 Sun
	20 Mon





**Royal  
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# St George's Day Lunch

**Thursday 23rd April**

at the Anchor Inn at 12.30 for 1pm

Joints of Sirloin will be carved at the table, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, selection of vegetables; choice of 4 desserts; coffee or tea; £22 per head excluding wine.

It is not restricted to RBL Members.

Please contact Roy Chapman

roychapman5@btinternet.com or 01206 262628



# Photographic Competition for Calendar 2016

Copies of the 2015 calendar, with new photographic views illustrating Nayland past and present accompanied with historical captions, are now on sale at local shops will be available at various village events.

The calendar team are now considering the format of a calendar for 2016. Sponsorship for this venture is again welcome (further details in the next issue).

A competition to select thirteen pictures will be held in the Church Hall on the May bank holiday. Although details are yet to be finalised photographs which represent our beautiful parish and our thriving community are welcome. This may be scenic views, community activities, street scenes, and any aspects of the parish. They should however, be recognisable as being in Nayland or Wissington.

**So don't miss any photographic opportunities - keep your cameras close over the next few months!**

Any ideas, suggestions or criticisms are welcome concerning the village calendar. Please place comments in the Community Times box in the Post Office or email: [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com).

Finally a warm thank you to all who have been involved in the selling of these calendars; the Community Council is so very grateful for your help and appreciate your willingness to do so.

*The Calendar Team, Community Council*



# Nayland & District Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show

**on Saturday 21st March 2015 in the Church Hall**

- Classes:**
1. Pot of spring bulbs, corms or tubers (other than Daffodil/Narcissus)
  2. Pot of 5 Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs any colour or variety
  3. Flower arrangement: Daffodils/Narcissus (min 12 of 1 variety, no foliage) - moss, pebbles, etc, but not leaves, may be used to camouflage the oasis
  4. Pot miniature Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs
  5. Pot of Polyanthus or Primula (Primroses)
  6. Flowering Houseplant
  7. 3 blooms (any one variety) floating in a dish of water
  8. Flower arranging: 'Spring Fever' (max size 12" overall)
  9. Vase with 3 stems of hyacinths
  10. Vase of mixed flowers and/or flowering shrubs
  11. Vase of one kind of flowering shrub or tree
  12. Vase of 3 Tulips (any variety/varieties)
  13. Vase with 1 bloom Camellia
  14. Vase of 6 assorted Daffodil/Narcissus
  15. Vase of 6 Miniature Daffodil/Narcissus
  16. 3 specimen Daffodil/Narcissus blooms (any one variety)
  17. Rhubarb: 3 stalks, leaves trimmed, but if forced foliage should remain

**This is an advance notice to enable you to plant up your entries!**

More information will be available in later issues of the Community Times, or [www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk) or Lorraine 262807 [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com)

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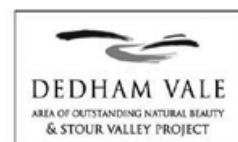
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Further info from Justine Paul on 07704 627973

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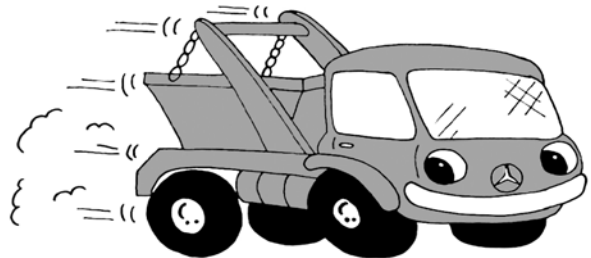
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We had a very successful churchyard working party on 25th October with about twelve volunteers who enjoyed working together in the garden on a lovely sunny day. Fred Bugg made an excellent job of reducing the height of the beech hedge on the eastern boundary of the churchyard. See note from PCC on page 18

## VILLAGE HALL GARDEN PARTY

The usual stalwart members of various organisations within the village turned out on Saturday the 18th October to help maintain the Village Hall Gardens.

Vice Chairman Mike Hunter said "The Village Hall Committee really appreciate the efforts of the volunteers who give up their time to keep the gardens of the Village Hall looking spruce and we extend our thanks to them".

The Village Hall Committee have two working parties each year; in the spring and autumn. Everyone is welcome to lend a hand even if only for an hour. Watch out for the spring date in the Community Times.

## NAYLAND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

A 'just us girls' fashion extravaganza organised by the Nayland Fundraising Committee raised about £4,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.

More than 100 guests packed into Nayland village hall on October 2 to see a variety of French clothes being modelled, a make-up demonstration, hats, fascinators and jewellery. A two-course lunch with bubbles was also served..

Secretary Caroline Lowe said: "It was a great success and we want to thank everyone who came and supported us or gave donations."



## APPLE DAY

About eight gallons of apple juice were produced when Transition Nayland held an apple day in the village centre on September 27. Several villagers brought along their surplus fruit which went through a press to be turned into juice and bottled.

Chairman Will Hitchcock said: "It was very successful and is always enjoyable. The children especially loved it. Nothing was wasted - the left-over squishings went to Gladwins Farm, Nayland, to feed the pigs."

**The history of the  
Community Council,**  
1966 to present, is being collated to  
celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

**Do you have any information  
that could be included?**

We would love to hear from you with  
information, memories, or if you have any  
documents or photographs of events held  
which we could copy.

Please contact Lorraine Brooks on 262807  
or [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com)



Twenty-two teams took part in Nayland with Wissington Community Council's annual fun quiz at the village hall on October 3.

Competition was keen and the winners were The Wonderers - Jerry and Helen Walder, Kerry Shoesmith-Dean and Jules Wormingford. Second were The Elks and Rock Bottom came third.

The successful evening made a record £458 profit for council funds.

Rachel Hitchcock said a big thank you to everyone who came along and helped to make it a fun evening.

The Community Council are very grateful to Rachel and the Woodland Corner team for leading on the organisation of the quiz evening.

## SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...



What a difference half a century makes!



This photo taken in 1957 of the Old Vicarage House in the High Street with the two Yew topiary trees shows just how much they have grown in 57 years.

Mr Bert Halls, who lived at Longwood Cottage in Fen Street, trimmed the trees and pruned the Wisteria twice a year for many years. The Wisteria gave a wonderful display of flowers which were a joy to see and attracted a lot of attention from passers by.

This photo was sent in by Shirley Scarlett, having been inspired by the photo sent in last issue by Andora Carver, which shows the Yew topiary being shaped recently.

*If you have a snapshot taken in the parish to feature in a future issue please send it to [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com)*

## NAYLAND MOBILE LIBRARY

### Route 20 : High Street P.O.

Saturdays at 10am-11.15am,  
every 4 weeks:  
13 December  
10 January  
7 February

### Route 9 : Parker's Way

Saturdays at 3.55pm-4.30pm,  
every 4 weeks:  
29 November  
27 December  
24 January  
21 February

Tel: 01473 263838

[www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk)

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Villagers gathered at the Nayland war memorial on Remembrance Sunday for a wreath-laying ceremony led by David Pryor which preceded the service in St James's Church.

Wreaths were laid by William Carver and Shirley Scarlett for the Royal British Legion, parish council chairman Mary George, James Vernon for Nayland fire station, Boudica Hughes (Nayland Guides), Eleanor Purcell (Brownies) and a representative of the Boxted Airfield Historical Society.

Following the Last Post and two-minute silence, the citation was spoken by branch chairman Alex Murrison. Reveille was sounded and the congregation then moved to the church where Mr Pryor conducted the service.

Legion standard bearers were Kathy Hunt and Jim Turner. From the Book of Remembrance Mr Murrison listed the names of Nayland and Wiston servicemen who lost their lives in the two world wars. Legion president Ken Willingale read the lesson and the sermon was preached by the Rev Valri Armstrong.

Earlier, a short service was taken by Mr Pryor at St Mary's, Wiston, where wreaths were laid by Mary George, Gerald Knox, Suki Cohen and Karen Elliott of Nayland fire service.

The bugler who sounded Last Post and Reveille at Nayland and Wiston was Rob Slater of the Colchester Band.

A crowd of villagers and passers-by attended a short vigil at the Nayland war memorial on Armistice Day to observe a two-minute silence at 11am. Prayers were led by the Rev Adrian Mason.





# Nayland with Wissington Society News

THE ROYAL BRITISH  
LEGION



## POPPY APPEAL

Poppy Appeal Organiser: James Carver 262970

I would like to thank all the collectors and those who allowed a static box to be placed on their premises as well as those who helped count the donations, for their hard work and support, which resulted in a total of £3,119.50. This is only £23.15 below last year's record.

Static boxes in 20 locations took a total of £861.47. The 16 collectors took £1,246.10 between them. The Women's Section Coffee Morning raised £207.42, and the collections at the Remembrance Services in St. James' and St. Mary's Churches took £294.51 and £340 respectively, the latter including a Gift Aid donation of £120. The Stour Border Country Music Club raised £170.

This is a good result and I am very grateful to all those involved for loyally supporting this year's Poppy Appeal.



## NAYLAND OVER 60S LUNCHEON CLUB

A Monthly Lunch for Senior Citizens ~ Church Hall ~ 12.00 noon for 12.30pm ~ £3  
Olga Alexander on 263923

The Christmas Lunch held at Longwood Barn will be held on 9th December. Luncheons in the Church Hall will be held on 27th January and 24th February.

Make a note of these dates in your diaries and come along and join the friendly atmosphere for a chat with friends, old and new. If you would like to join us for lunch just come along to the Church Hall.

If transport is difficult telephone Olga Alexander on 263923 to see if we can collect you.



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Secretary: Andrew Gowen 262534 parkersag@yahoo.co.uk Chairman: Ken Willingale 262531

We had another good turnout for the Remembrance Service on 9 November 2014. Again we started at the War Memorial at 11am where we laid wreaths, had the Last Post, 2 minutes silence, exhortation, Reveille and a short prayer for the fallen before continuing the service in the St. James' Church. We are grateful to David Pryor for a well conducted service and to Rev. Val Armstrong for an inspiring sermon.

On the following Tuesday, Armistice Day, a group of us under our new Chairman, Alex Murrison paraded at the War Memorial for a short prayer by the Rev Adrian Mason and 2 minutes silence. We are grateful to everybody who supported us over the Remembrance Period.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> October we held our Annual General Meeting. Ken Willingale stood down as Chairman after a very successful period in office and was elected President; Alex Murrison was elected Chairman with John Partridge Vice Chairman. The remaining offices remained unchanged; namely Richard Cave, Treasurer and Subscription Secretary; Chris Hunt Welfare Officer; Andrew Gowen, Secretary; James Carver, Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator; and Jim Turner, Standard Bearer.

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Party in the Church Hall with the Women's Section on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The format will be the same as last year at 7.30pm with a short film and Christmas carols washed down with wine/or similar and small eats which I hope members will contribute!

Our next meeting is at **the Anchor on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015**. Andrew Gowen will give a short talk entitled "What a way to go to War" in which he recounts his experiences on his voyage to the Falklands. We are a jolly group and welcome more members who do not necessarily need to have experienced military service. Contact the Secretary if you want to join.

## OUTINGS

We are planning a **trip to the Tower of London on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** and a trip to the newly refurbished wartime code breaking centre at Bletchley Park in July. Both trips are likely to be very popular so please get your name into the Secretary as soon as possible. It is NOT restricted to members of the Royal British Legion and we welcome everybody.

## ST GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH - Thursday 23rd April 2015

This is an early warning but we would like to know if you are interested; please let Roy Chapman know on 01206 262628 or roychapman5@btinternet.com.

It will take place at the Anchor; 1230 for 1300hrs catering for up to 50; wives/girlfriends/partners included; Joints of Sirloin will be carved at the table, supplemented by Yorkshire puddings, roast potatoes and a selection of vegetables; choice of 4 desserts; coffee or tea; £22 per head excluding wine. It is not restricted to RBL Members.



## NAYLAND ART GROUP

Daphne Berry 262641

At our last session with Keith Whitlock he led us through sketching gorilla's facial expressions and encouraging us to try and use different mediums like acrylics and coloured inks in our works.

We now approach this week's last session with our other tutor Vernon Lever, fresh from his interview with Penelope Keith's East Anglian villages on More 4 TV programme featuring Kersey village artists. Unfortunately nearly all of the interview with Vernon was cut out!!!

On Wednesday 29th November we are leaving the Church Hall at 2pm to visit Munnings Gallery at Dedham using our friends the Community Transport to take us there and bring us back at 5pm.

We are in the process of planning our Christmas Lunch and intending to hold our last session on Wednesday 10th December .

*Colin Ramsell*



## NAYLAND CINEMA

Chris Thompson *Secretary V.H.M.C.*

On 28th **November** we will be showing **Boyhood**. This Richard Linklater film is about a boy growing up in the USA and was filmed in real time. The actors were first filmed as children and then every year subsequently, a fascinating and unique coming of age film.

We will have a break over Christmas and New Year. We resume on 27th **February** with " **A Night in the Cinema in 1914**" which will be part of a festival of World War1 films shown in Suffolk.

All films start at 8pm. We have a bar from 7.30pm and an interval for tea and coffee. Tickets cost £5 either from the Post Office or on the door. All profits go towards the maintenance of the Village Hall.



## OVER 60s CLUB

Secretary: Barbara Smith 501492

President: Eva Rolfe 263151

Our last meeting this year will be on Thursday 11th December at 2.30pm at the Community Centre at Parkers Way. We do not meet in January but our first meeting in 2015 will be on Thursday 12th February - do pop these dates in your diaries.

More members would be very welcome to come along; we meet on the second Thursday of each month at 2.30pm.

**We take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

*Diana Whiting*



## THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Jo Murrison 262369

The recent Village Lunch on 29th October was very well attended. Our speaker was Dr Patrick Thompson who gave an interesting talk on his very varied career path to becoming responsible for banquets and official entertaining at Buckingham Palace.

As Dr Thompson was delayed on his journey on the A12 Foster and Jan Jones kept us entertained with an amusing talk on 'Route Master' buses, complete with props. A big thank you to them both. A delicious lunch was enjoyed by all, thanks to all our helpers.

The next Village Lunch is on Wednesday 29th April 2015 when our speaker is Phillip Wise, Curator of Ipswich and Colchester Museums. He will give an illustrated talk on the refurbishment of the Colchester Castle exhibition and also speak about Roman jewellery uncovered on the Williams and Griffin construction site.



## NAYLAND FIRE STATION

Watch Commander Tony Gardner, Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service, Fire Station, Bear Street, Nayland

I, like many people in Nayland were shocked at the news of the death of Andrew Macbeth. He was not only a work colleague for many years, but a personal friend. When I was informed by his son Malcolm of his death, I asked if the Fire Service could be involved in his funeral, and we did so forming a Guard of Honour. Many of Andrew's old colleagues from the Fire Service attended his funeral.

Also this month we had a visit to the Fire Station by a class from Nayland Primary School, who all left very happy.



## THE FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NAYLAND

Registered Charity Number 1052641

Chairman: Alan Edwards 262800

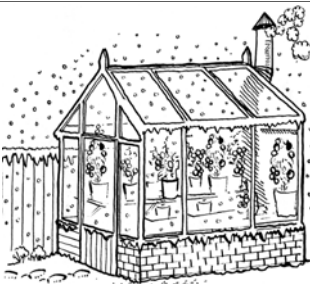
The Concert held in St. James' in October was well attended. The Marenzio's performed a selection of "Summer" and Autumn" music from across the ages, which was greatly enjoyed, as was the Tea and Cake organised by Hazel Gardiner and her helpers.

As always, we are very grateful not only for the support of the audience but also to all those who helped stage the Concert.

There was no JAMboree this year but Bethan Jervois and her helpers will have a table at the Nayland Christmas Fayre on 7th December selling delicious home-made preserves - marmalades, jams, fruit jellies and chutneys so do pop along to stock up.

We look forward to welcoming everybody for the Annual Candlelit Carol Service of Carols and Lessons on Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm in St James' Church. Following the candlelit service enjoy a glass of wine and a mince pie before the journey home.

If anyone is willing to make a dozen mince pies for the service please contact Alan Edwards on 262800. It would be very much appreciated.



## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Sec: Lorraine Brooks 262807

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Chair: Trevor Smy 262022



With autumn has well and truly here HortSoc's activities retreated indoors for two most interesting talks.

In October, replacing our scheduled speaker Richard Ford on 'Around the Flower Shows', **Simon White**, Manager at **Beales Roses**, gave a very interesting talk on '**Gardens of East Anglia**'. He showed lovely photographs of a wide variety of gardens which are open either daily or on certain days of the year. They ranged from secret gems like **Hindringham Hall** in North Norfolk with three acres of beautiful tranquil gardens and moated medieval house to the **National Trust's Anglesey Abbey** near Cambridge with 114 acres of spacious gardens, meadow walks, Jacobean-style house and a working mill.

He reminded us that, closer to home, **Beth Chatto's Garden** at Elmstead Market has inspired thousands of gardeners and designers and proves that plants will thrive when planted in situations closest to their natural habitat.

Simon spoke very highly of **East Ruston Vicarage Garden**, which HortSoc also thoroughly enjoyed when they visited a couple of years ago. It is a remarkable 32 acre garden incorporating formal design, enormous decorative exuberance and brilliant planting. It is very close to the North Sea but extremely well protected by windbreaks, which create a unique micro-climate making it possible to grow many remarkably tender plants.

Some of the other gardens Simon recommended were:

**Abbey Gardens** in Bury St Edmunds  
**Bradenham Hall Gardens and Arboretum** in Thetford  
**Bressingham Gardens** near Diss  
**Cambridge University Botanic Garden**  
**Chippenham Park** near Newmarket  
**Dessert World** in Thetford Forest  
**The Exotic Garden** in Norwich  
**Gooderstone Water Gardens** near King's Lynn  
**Haughley Park Gardens** near Bury St Edmunds  
**Helmingham Hall** near Ipswich  
**Houghton Hall** near Kings Lynn  
**RHS Hyde Hall** near Chelmsford  
**Peckover House & Garden** (National Trust) near Wisbech  
**Pensthorpe Park & Gardens** near Fakenham  
**Plantation Garden** in Norwich



In November, at our joint meeting with the Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society, Matt Holden, River Stour Officer at Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Project, gave a fascinating insight into the work done by the Project and their partners in enhancing and protecting our local river and its tributaries for the benefit of wildlife and those who live, work in and visit the Dedham Vale.

Fish stocks are naturally of great concern and Nayland is classified as 'middle Stour' with the fast moving water over gravel beds south of the Anchor Bridge being good for fish breeding. Otters, eels and kingfishers have also been seen locally and add to the varied habitat and the joy of spending time near rivers.

Our last activity for 2014 will be on Sunday 7th December when HortSoc will have a fundraising stall selling seasonal items, hyacinths, cyclamen, gifts and a raffle at **Nayland Christmas Fayre**, noon-2.30pm in Nayland Village Hall. As usual, donations of seasonal items for sale on the HortSoc stall, or for our raffle, would be very much appreciated and can be brought along on the day or left with a committee member.

The committee has been busy planning the calendar of events for 2015 including the **Spring Show** which will be held on 21st March. The schedule is now available and shown on page 35 and on the website. There will be more news on activities for 2015 in the next issue and the website is being updated as plans progress.

**In the meantime we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.**



## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Hon. Secretary: Andora Carver 262970  
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[www.naylandconservation.org.uk](http://www.naylandconservation.org.uk)  
Chairman: Mr J Alexander 262676

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year continues to be packed with activity.

The Follow-Up Test Pit Dig was extremely successful with over 120 volunteers involved by the end of the weekend. Sixteen widely spread out pits were dug round the village. Quantities of medieval potsherds were found, together with several Roman pieces and a fragment of Iron Age pottery from a pit in the garden of Alston Court. We very much hope that Carenza Lewis will come and review the final results next April. Very grateful thanks to all those who worked so hard digging, washing, sifting, recording, making cakes and arranging the teas. It was another brilliant community event.

Leigh Alston gave a fascinating talk about the Timber Framed Buildings of Nayland at our October Open Meeting when he also stated his determination to complete the long-standing Nayland book project. We hope this will come to fruition in 2015. *See photographs on page 33.*

In November our Joint Meeting with Hortsoc was very well attended and Matt Holden, River Stour Officer, told us about how the River Stour and its tributaries are cared for by the Dedham Vale Project working with the Environment Agency. A full report is on our website [www.naylandconservation.org.uk](http://www.naylandconservation.org.uk).

As this momentous year in the Society's history comes to an end, yet one more project has come about. This is by way of being a follow-up to the Test Pit Dig. Members of the Society, the Nayland Dig Team and volunteers from local archaeological groups are preparing to help Dr. Tim Dennis undertake a Ground Penetrating Radar Survey of Court Knoll.

The last survey was conducted in 2001 and many people will remember the field walking and quantities of brick and tile which was found – and washed! It is hoped that with this up to date equipment we may finally be able to unlock one of Nayland's greatest secrets – what lies beneath Court Knoll. The Tendring Hall Estate and English Heritage have given their permission and the work will take place during late November and December – depending on the weather.



Joint Meeting 2014



## Christmas Flowers in St James' Church

Jo Murrison 262369

Donations would be gratefully received for decorating the church for Christmas.

Donations can be given to Jo Murrison at 11 Fen Street or Jeannette Finch at 5 Fen Street.



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Women's Section

Secretary: Kath Hunt 262014

Members of the Poyal British Legion Womens Section would like to thank all who supported their Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning which raised £207.

As always the branch can do with more members and if anyone is interested in joining please contact Kathy on 262014. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 3pm in Parkers Way Common Room.



## NAYLAND CHOIR

Secretary Cathy Allen  
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[www.naylandchoir.org](http://www.naylandchoir.org)

Chair: Ian McKay 01206 242223  
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After an excellent series of concerts in our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we are looking forward to maintaining and growing our members in the future. Rehearsals will begin in the New Year on Thursday 8th January from 8pm-10pm, everyone is welcome. The schedule will be available on the choir website: [www.naylandchoir.org.uk](http://www.naylandchoir.org.uk). Come and support your local choir by singing or attending the concerts.



## BOOK CLUB

Stephanie Deering 264126 slouisethorne@aol.com

Our last meeting for 2014 will be in November, when we will be discussing Custard Tarts and Broken Hearts by Mary Gibson, which is the heart rending and gritty story of factory girls in Bermondsey during World War One.

We will all be enjoying an evening out for our first Christmas dinner in December.



## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

Secretary: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

President: Jeannette Finch 262993

Our October meeting was a fascinating talk on "Two Decades of African Safaris" by Jane Walker who also showed slides of the wildlife she had seen, it was made all the more enjoyable by Jane playing the clarinet as some of the animal slides were shown.

David Smyth who is the Health, Safety and Utilities Controller for Copella Fruit Juice gave us a most interesting talk in November on the history and current working of Copella, telling us that only English apples and fruit go into their juices. This is becoming a lot harder to achieve as the amount of orchard acreage is declining all the time. We were all treated to samples of the juices which were delicious.

The subject of our next meeting will be Christmas Cooking by local chef Carl Shillingford on 15<sup>th</sup> December and on 19<sup>th</sup> January Pam Baker will be taking us down Memory Lane. Visitors always welcome; meetings are on the third Monday in the month at 7.30pm.

The Group Carol Service will be held at Stoke by Nayland Church at 2pm on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Next year is our Centenary year since the WI came to the British Isles. There has been a special baton going to every WI in the country. It arrived by train and was met by Bures WI at the station. The Three Valley group, which we are part of, then had a 1915 type celebration, which was great fun. The next day the baton went to Hadleigh and the group had a coffee morning to celebrate its arrival. Next year the baton will arrive at The Albert Hall for the National AGM.



## NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

[www.northhillsurgery.co.uk](http://www.northhillsurgery.co.uk)

Rachel Beales, Practice Manager 578070

With the recent press around Colchester General Hospital's Accident and Emergency Department we would like to take this opportunity to remind you that you should only attend the Accident and Emergency Department for emergency treatment.

North Hill Medical Group is open Monday-Friday 8am-6.30pm and can provide clinical advice on the day from our Advanced Nurse Practitioners.

A Pharmacist can provide advice on minor illness such as fever, headaches, sore throats, coughs, runny nose, upset stomach and minor skin conditions.

Colchester Walk in Centre is open 365 days a year from 7am until 10pm and are able to deal with minor illness and cuts, sprains and strains. They are able to deal with urgent non-life-threatening illnesses.

If you feel unwell after 6.30pm when the surgery is closed and are unable to attend the Walk in Centre please call NHS 111 who will be able to provide advice and direct you to the correct treatment centre if appropriate.

Christmas opening times:

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 8am-6.30pm (Nayland Surgery will close at 3pm but North Hill Surgery and our on call team will be available until 6.30pm)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day – CLOSED

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Boxing Day – CLOSED

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December – CLOSED

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – CLOSED

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December – 8am-6.30pm

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December – 8am – 6.30pm

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 8am – 6.30pm (Nayland Surgery will close at 3pm but North Hill Surgery and our on call team will be available until 6.30pm)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 – CLOSED

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 – 8am-6.30pm

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2015 –

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – CLOSED

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – opening hours return to normal

Please ensure that you have enough medication to take over the Christmas/New Year period. May we remind you that we require 48 hours in order to process prescription requests.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## VILLAGE PLAYERS

[www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk)

Chair: Gale Scott 01206 262061

Membership: Emma Wallis 01206 271366

Preparations for our pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk are in full swing and there is great promise of another excellent production from the Village Players.

Apart from a Dame in full throttle we have of course a giant (oooooh scary!), an evil henchman, a dippy policewoman, a hapless squire, no end of bugs and of course our hero and heroine Jack and Jill (aaahhhh!)

Endless fun for all the family so do come and see us 5th December pm, 6th December matinee and evening, 12th December pm and 13th December matinee and evening. You will not be disappointed.

Auditions for the April 2015 production 'Dead Ringer' by Charles Ross will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.30pm and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.30pm. There are roles for 7 adults (5 men and 2 women). Further details on page 12.



*Photo: Dress rehearsal for Jack in the Beanstalk*



## NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

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### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

This year's Nayland Primary School Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 12th December at the school from 6pm to 8pm. There will be the usual festive activities and games, Santa's grotto, a range of stalls, children's activities and games, beauty parlour raffle and tombola and all proceeds going to the village school. It is great family festive fun with all proceeds going to Nayland Primary School. *See page 12 for more details.*



## Woodland Corner

HIGH QUALITY CHILDCARE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

In the grounds of Nayland Primary School, Bear Street, Nayland, Colchester, CO6 4HY

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e-mail: [enquiries\\_wc1@btconnect.com](mailto:enquiries_wc1@btconnect.com)

Playgroup Leader: Sue Clarke 263054

<http://woodlandcornernayland.blogspot.com>

Registered Charity  
No. 1035330

### PLAYGROUP

This half term in the build up to Christmas Playgroup will be finding out about animals that hibernate for the winter and why they sleep until Spring. We will be exploring and learning through craft, cooking, singing, role play and storytelling. Then we will start our Christmas preparations building up to our "Frozen" themed Christmas party and Nativity Storytelling at the end of term.

### BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We currently have availability at Breakfast and After School Club. We offer a range of flexible and affordable sessions to suit your and your child's needs, including sessions that work around school clubs. And don't forget we take ad hoc bookings too when we have space available. Please do call if you would like to find out more.

### CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

Please come and see us at the Community Council Christmas Family Fayre on 7th December where we will be running our usual festive tombola.

**Which brings me neatly round to saying that all the staff and children at Woodland Corner would like to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.**

*Woodland Corner offers daily Playgroup sessions for children from age two as well as Breakfast and After School and Holiday Clubs for school age children in its own purpose built building in the grounds of Nayland Primary School.*

*Please call: 01206 263054 or e-mail: [enquiries\\_wc1@btconnect.com](mailto:enquiries_wc1@btconnect.com) for bookings, general enquiries and information or visit our website at: <http://woodlandcornernayland.blogspot.com>*



## NAYLAND MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Leaders: Michelle Plumb 264116 michelleplumb11@gmail.com  
Alice Palmer 263629 alice\_brown42@hotmail.com

Nayland Mother and Toddler Group meet every Friday in term time at Nayland Village Hall from 9:45 till 11:45. Its a friendly group with lots of toys for your little ones to enjoy. Tea and coffee is available to mums, dads and carers and juice and biscuits for the children. It's a great place for new mums to meet people and make friends! First visit to us is free! Then its £2.50 per mother and child(ren).

The last day of the group is the 19th of December. Alice and I wish you all a Happy Christmas and Fantastic New Year. We hope to see you all again on the 9th of January 2015!!



## MESSY CHURCH

**Churches of Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Polstead, Stoke by Nayland**

For children and parents: Activities, crafts, worship followed by afternoon tea.



The Angels and Demons theme for October Messy Church enabled the children to enjoy a range of exciting art and craft activities that also reinforced the Christian message of good over evil. The children became absorbed in making a variety of dragons using mixed media and they particularly enjoyed creating a large and colourful egg box dragon. Many of the children enjoyed designing medals to be awarded for good deeds and unselfish acts of kindness. Everyone joined in with group worship, followed by tea.

**Next Messy Church - Advent Adventures - is on 30th November** at Leavenheath Village Hall from 4pm until 6pm. All children, parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us. Don't miss the fun!



## NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL : YEAR SIX, THE EAGLES

*Mrs Kennedy & Mrs Pettman (Year 6 Class teachers)*

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October the Eagle class, along with the Kestrel class, went on a trip to the British Museum in London to see the ancient Egyptian artefacts as we have been studying this period in history. Once we got there we headed to the Sarcophagi gallery where we saw lots of examples of ancient Egyptian life. There were two huge sphinx heads as well as a statue of ancient Egyptian Pharaohs. Furthermore there were millions of hieroglyphics on all of the walls.

While we were walking to the next gallery we saw the famous Rosetta Stone. It is one of the best examples of proof that Egyptians existed; it had text in hieroglyphics, demotic and Greek and this is how we understand hieroglyphics today.

In the next gallery we saw a room full of mummified people, cats, falcons and even crocodiles! They also had special jars called canopic jars that protected all of the organs like the liver, brain and stomach but not the heart, which was buried with the mummified body.

One of the amazing artefacts was called Ginger (as you can see his ginger hair) and he was over 5,500 years old. He was very well preserved as he had been buried in the desert and naturally mummified with the hot, dry sand.

Finally we went to the native Americas and African galleries. My interest was provoked by the weapons. There was three made guns and also a chair. I loved the swords and shields, they were in amazing condition.

After a busy three hours we got very tired and decided it was time to head back to the coach. I really enjoyed the trip and would love to return one day.

**Noah Minns (age 10) Eagle Class**



**Ginger**



## BOWLS CLUB

Secretary: Eva Rolfe 263151

The Joe Rice Cup that we entered this year, the first time in its revised format was a very short lived effort. Despite winning the first match at home 7-3 we only managed to win one game when we went there by losing 9-11. We now go into the chairman's plate a competition for the teams losing in the first round of the Joe Rice Cup.

The winter league at the moment is proving to be no better. We went to Old Felixstowe first where we managed to win two of the four games but lost out on shots by 3!!! When Great Blakenham came to us we only managed to win one game, then we went to Sproughton where, despite four close games, we did not manage to win any of them. Then we went to Claydon where once again we only managed to win one game so with a total of 8 points from 4 games we are at the bottom of the first division. Hopefully things can only get better.

Fixtures.

December: 3rd Tuddenham home, 10th West Bergholt home (friendly), 18th Copdock away

January: 7th Claydon home, 14th Belstead home, 19th Tuddenham away

*Sylvia Bond*



## NAYLAND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

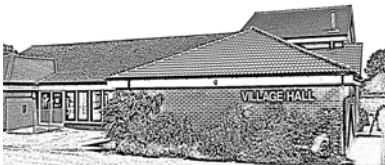
Secretary: Caroline Lowe 263852

### FASHION SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA

Over 100 ladies attended the "just us girls" Fashion Show Extravaganza held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Guests were able to see a variety of French clothes being modelled by volunteers, a make-up demonstration, hats, fascinators and jewellery. There was also the opportunity to try and buy. A two course lunch with bubbles was served.

The event was a great success and the committee are delighted to report that the amount raised for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Charity has now risen to £4000. We would like to thank everyone who supported the event by attending, helping on the day or by giving a donation. Everyone was very generous.

Some of the Committee members will be visiting Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital on 21<sup>st</sup> November to present the cheque.



## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 304 928

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646

Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



## OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING

### MATTERS ARISING AND HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- There were no new comments in the housekeeping book.
- The lock on the referee's room will be changed but the work on the referees' shower will be deferred to a later date as there are no senior football teams at present.
- The existing curtains have been rehung by Frances Lamb and look much better. Hirers should not take them down..

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- COIF Endowment £11450, COIF £10837, Debtors £475, Bank £10204, Cash £235, Assets £5957
- As the Youth Club is no longer in existence, this item will be removed from the next agenda.

### BOOKINGS

- There are a good number of bookings.
- Boxford Rovers are no longer hiring the field.
- Hirers need a reminder that they must allow time for clearing up when they book the Hall.
- A suitable picture for a Christmas card will be researched.

### LICENSING

- The alcohol licence will be renewed this month.

### PARISH COUNCIL

- The demise of the Youth Club was discussed at the PC. It was hoped that it could reform in the future under new management
- The PC was reminded about the garden working party.

### CINEMA

- Dates for 2014 are: 28th November **Boyhood**, 27th February **A Night At The Cinema in 1914**

### MAINTENANCE

- Mortimers have been asked to quote for tackling the thistles around the field. They will need to be told which areas to clear.
- The annual fire check will be carried out this month.
- A neon light in the meeting room was replaced.
- Maintenance work will be carried out on Saturday 18th October including: cleaning the fridge-freezer, cleaning the shower heads, steam-cleaning the changing rooms.
- The Health and Safety Check will be also be carried out on 25th October.
- The environmental report: Measures have already been taken to lessen the amount of energy used in the Hall such as limiting the heating of the hot water. The Hall is well insulated. No further action is required at this time

**NEXT MEETING: Monday 1st December at 7.45 pm.**

There is a varied programme of classes and organisations that use the Hall on a regular weekly basis. On Monday morning there is an Art Class and Table Tennis in the afternoon; on Tuesdays a Yoga class takes place in the morning ; on Wednesday morning Fundancing ; Wednesday evening Carpet Bowls; Thursday evening Badminton; Friday morning Mother and Toddlers meet. If you would like more information about these activities or would like to suggest other classes, go to [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net) or contact the Bookings Secretary, Sara Strover on 07748 953175 .

## ANDREW MACBETH (1932-2014)

It was with great sadness that the village learnt that Andrew Macbeth had died on 30th October. Although he left Nayland in 1988 to live in Polstead he had lived here for most of his life where he had many friends.

Andrew was born on Boxing Day 1932 at Waltham Abbey and at six months old he and his family, including the Macbeth grandparents, moved to The Warehouse, Fen Street. Andrew, his brother Victor and sister Kathleen lived there throughout their childhood. Andrew attended the village school, Sunday school and sang in the church choir. He enjoyed cricket, football and scrambling on bikes on Court Knoll. He and his friends played in Fen Street and fished for eels, explored the fields, swam in the river. They made go carts from discarded pram wheels and bedsteads and whizzed down Gravel Hill, rafts out of wood and oil cans and paddled them down the river. He recalled that he and his mates would make a nuisance of themselves outside Bigg's pumps at the top of Fen Street. Many a time Mrs Biggs would open an upstairs window and throw cold water over them!

When he was 8 Andrew began his Scouting life. His father and mother started the cubs, scouts, brownies and guides in Nayland in 1933 and the whole family were involved. Andrew eventually took over from his father as scout leader in the 1950s until he retired in 1998 when his son Malcolm took over. Scouting had been a major part of Andrew's life and he continued to take an active interest. In 2003 the group celebrated 70 years of scouting with a traditional camp fire on Webb's meadow and more than 60 past and present cubs and scouts of all ages were there. This wonderful achievement was recognised by the District Council and Andrew and Malcolm were presented with a Community Achievement Award in recognition of their lifelong work with scouting in Nayland. Andrew also received a Gold Medal of Merit from the Scouts for his long service. He maintained his scouting promise throughout his life.

For most of his life Andrew worked locally and particularly enjoyed working in later years as a driver at the Jane Walker Hospital until it closed in 1991. He then used his mechanical skills in renovating farming equipment to help Malcolm to harvest wheat for the family thatching business. Whilst working locally, aged 19, he became a retained fireman at Nayland. The station was behind the White Hart until the new station was built in Bear Street in 1954. Andrew retired at 55 after 36 and a half years' service, a time he really enjoyed. Tony Gardner, the present Watch Commander, remembers:

When I joined the Fire Service in 1975 Andrew was a Leading Fireman, approximately two years later he was promoted to Sub Officer, in charge of the station. He was always totally committed to his job and was very fair in his running of the station and dealing with any issues that arose. I have many memories of Andrew, on in particular which involved a car accident we had been called to by the police. At the accident Andrew was instructing us (the crew) on what to do with the car to release the casualty. With all the commotion going on the person in the car then realised we were there, he looked up at us and said "Sorry, am I in the way?", opened the door and stepped out. I think Andrew was gobsmacked and did not know what to say.

Andrew will be missed.

*Photo: Courtesy of Essex County Newspapers. Andrew celebrating the 60th anniversary of the 1st Nayland Group with former scouts Eric Barton, left and Norman Walton, and current members George Downing, Jack Addis and Craig Norfolk.*



### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN ST JAMES' CHURCH

Jo Murrison 262369

Donations would be gratefully received for decorating the church for Christmas.

Donations can be given to  
Jo Murrison at 11 Fen Street  
or Jeannette Finch at 5 Fen Street.

### WISTON CHURCH BOOK SALE

**HALF-PRICE WINTER SALE!  
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During the winter months we are selling the second-hand books in Wiston Church porch at half price.

Four for £1. Do call in and browse - plenty of fiction plus autobiographies, children's and non-fiction.

## CONSERVATION SOCIETY by Pat Bray

Reviewing recent events, the chairman of Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society John Alexander told the autumn meeting the latest test pit dig in September had proved very successful. He said about 120 people aged from eight to 80 had taken part and the society was thrilled with the response.

Among the finds were flints from the neolithic era, Roman shards, medieval pottery and evidence that a late Anglo Saxon settlement had existed.

Mr Alexander said Dr Carenza Lewis, who led the dig, would return with her main analysis and results in March. Latest news was evidence of an Iron Age find at Alston Court dating from 400 to 100BC. All the results could be found on the society's website.

Another successful event was the June meeting when some distinguished residents discussed life in Nayland in years gone by. There had been many requests to repeat the style of the evening. Mr Alexander added the meeting was filmed and a few copies of the DVD were available.

Following his report the speaker Leigh Alston, a renowned expert on ancient buildings, gave an illustrated talk on Nayland Timber Framed Buildings. Members heard he was writing a book on timber framed buildings in East Anglia using Nayland properties as an example. He said Nayland was a complete medieval small town and was exceptionally well preserved.

Display boards with medieval house plans and decorations supplemented his talk.

## FAIRFIELD RECREATION GROUND REOPENS!

We are delighted that the Transforming Nayland Playground Project is now complete and our new and improved playground is being enjoyed by the community (as you can see from the photographs).

Please treat our new playground with respect and most of all have fun!

A huge thank you to all those who supported the project and put in the time and effort to research, plan and raise the funds needed.



The playground was updated with much appreciated support from:

**Babergh District Council, Big Lottery Fund,  
Nayland with Wissington Parish Council and  
Nayland with Wissington Community Council**



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# Garden Notes

by The Old Muckspreader



Readers of the Community Times may be wondering what has happened to the Beech hedge along the East wall of Nayland churchyard. For the past number of years it has been maintained by a team of three volunteers whose average age is now 78. Two years ago its height was reduced by several feet, and now Fred Bugg has generously removed a further amount of growth, reducing it to about 4 feet. It's always a bit of a gamble to cut into old trees (for that is what they are), but according to the RHS there is no reason why they should not make new growth from the old trunks. Next autumn it should be possible to reduce its width and with luck and a fair wind it should eventually become a neat and manageable hedge.

The OM/S has always been a great fan of trees, and here we have a pretty varied collection. There are some fine old Oaks, probably planted as a shelter belt to the North East of the house when it was built about 160 years ago and two large evergreen Oaks (*Quercus ilex*) to the South East front, either side of where once stood a small entrance gate; the latter have self seeded all over the place, as is their wont.

During the past 38 years we have planted about 50 trees of various kinds around and about, mostly native species. Among the exceptions are a *Sequoia sempervirens* (Californian Redwood) - the tallest tree in the world, as we tell the grandchildren, though ours has so far only reached about 12 feet. The OM/S took a cutting from the parent tree growing in the grounds of the Baptist Church in the middle of Colchester. Another foreigner is an American Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*) grown from an acorn picked up from the car park of a famous garden in Sussex. It is now a fine specimen about 25 feet high, but unfortunately in our alkaline soil belies its name and never really produces its proper autumn colour.

While on the subject of trees our Ashes seem to have escaped the dreaded die-back so far but this year's combination of warmth and moisture has proved an ideal growing condition for the dreaded Honey Fungus, which has claimed several victims including a Judas Tree and an old Apple which was probably near the end of its normal life span. Several other trees including three more Apples, which were severely barked by muntjac deer in the cold winter of 2012/3 have also died.

*That's enough about trees - Ed.... OK what about leaves then?*

At the time of writing since we have so far had hardly any frost many of the leaves especially Oaks, have not yet fallen. When they do we are inundated but we have several pens in use making leafmould, a useful soil conditioner. If you haven't room for pens it can be made more quickly in plastic dustbin bags with a few hoes punched in.

Why do the manufacturers of garden tools so often fit shafts and handles painted green? Presumably they think it makes their products look - well - Green, in the modern sense of the word. In the event, it also makes the tools much easier to lose. The OM/S regularly repaints all his tool handles a bright pillar-box red, though even that did not prevent his favourite pair of secateurs spending several weeks in a pile of garden waste.

Earlier in the year we laid into the large bush of *Lonicera fragrantissima*, the winter-flowering honeysuckle which grows a few yards from our back door, and was much used by birds as a staging post to the nearby bird table. It looked awful for some months but has now bounced back with a forest of new growth, and even a few flowers on the remaining old growth.

It only remains for the OM/S to wish his readers a happy Christmas, and success in their gardens in 2015.

## WORDSEARCH: Festive Winter Produce

## ANAGRAMS: Festive Flowers, Berries & Nuts

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## A NARROW ESCAPE FOR THE GUILDHALL

In the May 1926 edition of the Nayland Parish Magazine the Reverend Canon Cliff, who often included reports on current village events in the magazine, wrote about what could have been a catastrophic fire which had occurred on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Guildhall, the premises of Mr William Sargent Roberts, the Baker and Dairyman in the High Street. It had also involved the premises of Mr William Deaves, the Builder and Undertaker next door, and Mr Lawrence, presumably a nearby resident.

Canon Cliff wrote that he had been asked to say on behalf of all those whose premises were involved "how much they appreciated and are grateful for the ready and universal help extended by their neighbours on that occasion; it was an encouraging sight to see the numbers of willing helpers. For a time there was much anxiety but with a favouring wind the fire was localized and finally subdued without loss of life or damage to any house; with great difficulty the animals were all removed, some of Mr Roberts's [dairy cows] requiring to be blindfolded."

One person who helped was Arthur Richards of Bear Street. His wife, Mary Richards, told me some years ago about the fire which she could remember vividly. She could see the flames and smoke from her home in Bear Street and also remembered the fact that her husband, who had served in the army at the end of the First World War, went to help Mr Roberts get his things out of the Guildhall and in so doing "ruined his demob suit!"

Fast forward to June 1956 when an article appeared in the *East Anglian Magazine* entitled "The Fire Fighters of Nayland". This was written by Dr Slade, Nayland's GP from 1911 until his retirement in 1937. He moved away to Somerset but obviously kept in touch with events in this area as he had seen an earlier article in the magazine about the opening of the new fire station in Bear Street in 1954. At the opening the Chairman of the Melford Rural District Council had referred to Nayland's "original fire engine of 1906".

Dr Slade responded to the magazine regarding this inaccuracy by relating the long history of fire service in Nayland which went back to 1752 when £5 2s 6d was provided out of the Nayland charity money for providing lamps for the town and oil for lighting and towards the fire engine. This engine served the town for a considerable time and was in use until 1872 when a larger horse drawn manual engine was bought. This was replaced in the 1920s by a steam fire engine but this was still horse-drawn. In 1935 a Dennis motor engine was bought from London for £100.

In the magazine article Dr Slade recalled that when he lived in Nayland "it was a fine sight to see the old manual turn out". At that time the fire engine was housed in an old corrugated-iron building at the back of the White Hart. The alarm was given with an army bugle. One night the fireman whose duty it was to give the alarm blew a loose tooth into the mouthpiece and this caused some delay until it could be extracted! Two harnessed horses would be brought round from Norfolk's bus yard to draw the engine and firemen, buttoning up their



uniforms, came running from all parts of the village and perched themselves on the engine. Then off they went followed by a crowd of running people. It was hard work pumping. There were six men on each of the pumping bars and at each half hour a fresh team took over. They were paid a small sum for each hour they worked and were refreshed with beer. Dr Slade wrote that he had often timed the turnout and the firemen were nearly always off within 10 minutes after the alarm was given.

Dr Slade lived in the old Vicarage just across the road from the Guildhall and had been an eye witness of the fire there in 1926, described above. He said that the fire was at the back of the bake office in the Guildhall but there was a danger of the flames spreading to the nearby Deaves's timber yard as a strong wind was blowing. One of the firemen was astride the roof of an outbuilding playing his hose on the fire (which by this time was well under control). The Colchester fire engine had just arrived and came into action and swept the fireman from his seat with a well-directed jet from its hose! Dr Slade noticed a car in a wooden stable which had just started to burn so he got the car out into the yard when along came the owner and asked what he was up to as he had only just put it there. And he pushed it back again. Fortunately for his insurance company the firemen saved the building.

The picture of the Guildhall shows William Sargent Roberts and his wife Gertrude standing at the front door (no longer there), where customers entered the shop to buy their bread and milk. The archway to the right led to the dairy where the cows went to be milked every day, after walking through the streets from the Roberts's field in Stoke Road or from the Fen at the bottom of Fen Street.

We can only imagine what must have been pandemonium on the day of the fire in 1926 and the urgency of getting the cows into the street to safety. They would no doubt have been frightened by the flames and smoke but blindfolding them probably helped to reduce their distress. Everyone involved and indeed the whole village must have been very relieved when the wind dropped and the fire was extinguished before it spread to neighbouring properties.

**Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder**

## 'LOTMENT LOVE LETTER

This amusing postcard designed by Donald McGill was sent in by Nicola Thorogood - something to make readers smile!

We hope it may encourage some of you to compose your own amusing horticultural verselets which we will publish in coming issues of the Community Times.

Just to inspire you:

- 'Life's a **beech** when the weather is **chilli**'
- 'Turnip the volume, **lettuce** dance the night away **rosy** my dear'
- 'Beet it you scallywag, I **barley** know you'
- 'Life is just **peachy**, nothing can **squash** our happiness'
- 'Can't spend a **mint** this Christmas if I haven't got a **bean** to my name'

We're sure you can do much better than that!! So go on give it a go during the dull winter weather and sent them in to [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com) or pop them in the Community Times box in the Post Office.

Coincidentally, this postcard is used as an illustration in a book by Dr Twigs Way, an entertaining and informed speaker with an interesting repertoire of talks, who will be the speaker at HortSoc's spring meeting.

Her talk on 17th March will be '**An Incitement to Early Marriage: A Social History of the Allotment**', which she describes as "humour, politics, history and marrows - what more could you want?"

Sounds intriguing, do put the date in your new 2015 diaries!



## ST JAMES' CHURCHYARD: NEW GATEWAY INSTALLATION

For many years access between the church and adjacent village hall facilities has required a difficult step over the churchyard wall or a longer journey via the High Street and Church Lane.

Recently, in order to comply with health and safety legislation and safe mobility passage, the Nayland PCC directed its fabric committee to investigate a possible solution by way of a new gateway in the north/eastern area boundary wall.

After many months of negotiation with the local authority planning department, listed building rules and diocesan faculty procedures, the necessary project funding was gratefully assured by the Friends of St James Charity.

Since June this year suitable local contractors for ground works and fabrication of the gate and supports have been identified towards timely completion and erection on site during the first week of last month.

The new gateway simulated with other churchyard entrances will doubtless provide ongoing benefits for all, especially during major church services and other special events in the building.

**Alex Murrison**

Photo: Christine Hunter, Anna and Peter Mann using the new gate following the Remembrance Day service



## THE CHURCHYARD BEECH HEDGE

The Parochial Church Council decided to lower the height of the hedge on the east side of the churchyard which had grown too large over the years and was becoming difficult and dangerous to cut. It was also encroaching over the road outside and blocking views of the church.

Thanks to the skill and generosity of Mr Fred Bugg, who had the equipment and expertise to do this work, entirely for free, the top two thirds of the hedge was removed by him and

taken to the Guy Fawkes bonfire site in time for the community fireworks party on November 5th.

The hedge may look a bit bleak at present but readers can be assured that it will begin to grow shoots again next spring and regeneration will take place naturally. It will also allow members of the Churchyard working party to keep it more safely under control each autumn.

Thanks again Fred. You are a star in the Nayland Community!

## NAYLAND TEST PIT DIG

Nayland "came into its own" over the weekend of September 20 and 21 when the community took part in a second successful archaeological project.

Led by Dr Carenza Lewis of Access Cambridge Archaeology, the event involved digging 16 test pits in gardens and elsewhere all over the village.

It followed a similar venture two years ago designed to discover more of Nayland's early history.

On the Sunday everyone involved gathered at Mill House for a tea party and listed their finds which will be cleaned, recorded and analysed.

They included flints, tiles, pieces of medieval pottery, glass bottles, stoneware fragments, clay pipes, metalwork, animal bones and Thetford ware.

Dr Lewis said the objects unearthed revealed evidence of neolithic, bronze age, Roman and late Anglo-Saxon settlements.

"All the finds are turning up an increasingly vivid picture of Nayland in the past," she added.

She thanked staff at Stour Valley Community Archaeology, test pit supervisors, diggers and Andora Carver "without whose indefatigable energy and organisational capabilities none of this would have happened."

Mrs Carver, secretary of Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society, said: "It was a fantastic success and we had more than 100 people of all ages involved. The enthusiasm generated was heart-warming and a wonderful boost for the community. We're grateful to everyone who joined in and to our sponsors who made it all possible."

The project was financed by Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Project Sustainable Development Fund, the conservation society and Nayland with Wissington Community Council.

*Photo clockwise: Dr Carenza Lewis with a jaw of a cow or large pig, finds on display at Carver's Barn, the end of dig tea party, Sites at 81 Bear Street, Mill House and Shaddelows House.*





## HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK ALONE

Let's say it's 6.15pm and you're driving home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated.

Suddenly, you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up to your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home; unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far. What can you do?

You've been trained in CPR but the guy that taught the course neglected to tell you how to perform it on yourself. Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order.

Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough. The cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. And a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it retain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to hospital. Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives!

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[www.sudburywithhadleigh.net](http://www.sudburywithhadleigh.net)



We are now well into the run up to Christmas. It is the time of year when we are all thinking of what to get loved ones for gifts, and also a time sadly when opportunist thieves are on the lookout for expensive items that have been left in vehicles. Please make sure you lock any purchases out of sight, preferably in the boot of your vehicle, and when you get home make sure you remove all items and take them inside to remove the risk of your vehicle being broken into. Don't make life easy for the minority of people who will think nothing of breaking into other people's property in order to make some fast, simple money.

Suffolk Police will again be taking a zero tolerance approach to alcohol fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour this Christmas. Please drink sensibly when out, and encourage others to do the same. You will not want to be the person who is arrested on Christmas Eve and has to spend the following day in Police custody. We will request any person taking part in alcohol related nuisance to leave the area they are in, and we will remove alcohol from any person in a public place if we believe there is a risk of disorder. Hadleigh and surrounding villages are a very peaceful and friendly area; let's not spoil it over the festive period.

It will be possible this winter of more snow flurries and ice cold temperatures. Make sure that you are prepared for this if using your car on the roads. Make sure your fluids are topped up, and that there are warm clothes or blankets in the vehicle should you get caught in a road closure and can't get home. Consider taking a flask with a hot drink inside with you, and it is worth having your tyres checked by a garage to ensure they are legal and safe to use on the roads. Many people get caught

out by sudden changes in road conditions. Be prepared to drive slower, and plan well ahead for your journey, making sure you allow plenty of time to get to your destination.

#### **Winter Vehicle Maintenance - Check your car**

- **Antifreeze** – check coolant level regularly and, if required, top-up with a mixture of the correct type of antifreeze. Your garage should check concentration to ensure adequate cold temperature protection.
- **Battery** – the most common cause of winter breakdowns. A battery more than five years old may struggle in the cold - get it checked and replaced if necessary to avoid the inconvenience of an unplanned failure.
- **Fuel** – keep at least a quarter of a tank in case of unexpected delay.
- **Lights** – check and clean all lights regularly to make sure you can see and be seen clearly. Carry spare bulbs.
- **Tyres** – should have at least 3mm of tread for winter motoring. Consider winter tyres for improved safety. Check pressures at least every fortnight.
- **Windscreens** – reduce dazzle from the low sun by keeping the screen clean inside and out. Now is a good time to renew worn wiper blades.
- **Screen wash** – use a 50% mix of a good quality screen wash to reduce the chance of freezing in frosty weather.
- **Locks and door seals** – stop doors freezing shut with a thin coat of polish or Vaseline on rubber door seals. A squirt of water dispersant (WD-40) in locks will help stop them freezing.

Finally, from all of the officers and staff at Hadleigh Police Station we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous New Year!

**Mandy, PCSO 3108 Coleman**

*Babergh East SNT*

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## Feedback from James Finch - Your Stour Valley County Councillor

### **NEW RAIL MINISTER ATTENDS SUFFOLK RAIL CONFERENCE**

The new rail minister, Claire Perry MP, was in town today, to hear about the need to improve rail services in Suffolk at a rail conference being hosted by Suffolk County Council. In addition to calls for improved rail infrastructure, faster line speeds, better rolling stock and more frequent services on the Great Eastern Main Line into London Liverpool Street, key rail priorities for Suffolk include: an hourly Ipswich to Peterborough passenger service; a half-hourly Ipswich to Cambridge passenger service; a half-hourly Ipswich to Lowestoft passenger service; improvements to the Felixstowe branch line to allow more punctual and reliable passenger services; hourly Sunday passenger services; station improvements; and faster line speeds on local lines.

### **SUCCESS FOR FIRST-EVER SUFFOLK SKILLS SHOW**

Suffolk businesses turned out in great numbers to support the first-ever Suffolk Skills Show; a skills and careers event reaching over 4,000 young people. The event set out to engage Suffolk's young people and provide an insight into the career opportunities available to them locally.

### **UK'S FIRST YOUTH EMPLOYMENT CENTRE NOW OPEN**

The UK's first-ever dedicated youth employment centre opened in November. In October 2013, Ipswich was unveiled as the location of the MyGo centre. The centre will pioneer a new approach to helping young people get into work. The MyGo centre will offer all 16-24 year olds in Ipswich and the surrounding area free training, career and employment support.

### **SUFFOLK'S BLUE-LIGHT PARTNERSHIP AWARDED FUNDING**

A newly-awarded government grant will help increase the number of shared bases in Suffolk for fire, police and ambulance services. The grant of £4.94 million follows the submission of a joint-bid, led by SCC's Fire and Rescue Service, earlier in the year to the Department of Communities and Local Government. As Colin Spence, SCC's cabinet member for public protection, said: "Over the last two years, we have worked with our partners

to create four shared fire and police stations which are located in Ixworth, Elmswell, Debenham and Framlingham. Ambulance crews are now based at fire stations in Lowestoft and Brandon. This national funding will support the co-location of our front-line blue-light services at further locations across Suffolk.

Work will continue to establish the possibility of further shared blue-light bases across the county." The national funding will be provided in 2015 to help establish more shared bases in Suffolk. The collaborative approach creates long-term financial savings for all parties and it will help the partners work more closely together in the community. The potential three-year programme could bring the number of blue-light shared fire stations to 12 out of a total of 35 Fire and Rescue Service buildings.

### **HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND FOR SUFFOLK GETS A BOOST**

SCC Cabinet agreed during November a new £10million contribution to phase two of the plan to secure high-speed broadband across Suffolk. In the first phase of the programme, high-speed broadband is expected to have reached 85% of homes and businesses by 2015, with the remainder being offered a minimum of 2megabits per seconds (Mbps). However, with this new investment, matching the £10million coming from the national government agency Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK), will ensure that the total proportion of premises receiving super-fast broadband speeds will reach at least 95% by the end of 2017. On 31st October Suffolk were the first county in the country to sign the procurement contract with BT for access to this second phase of funding. While reaching the final 5% will be more difficult, The County council do not intend to stop until they have secured 100% coverage for the whole county.

**James Finch - Suffolk County Councillor -  
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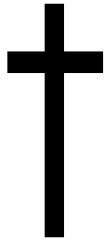
Date	Time	Venue	Service	Priest / Leader	Time	Venue	Service	Priest / Leader
7 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Advent 2</i>	8.00am	Stoke	HC 2	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.00am	Polstead	MW	Rev'd Jackie Sephton
	9.30am	Nayland	HC 1	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.00am	Wiston	FS	Rev'd Adrian Mason
	10.00am	Leavenheath	First Sunday	Rev'd Valri Armstrong	6.30pm	Stoke	Evensong	Jane Addis
14 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Advent 3</i>	9.30am	Nayland	HC1	Rev'd Adrian Mason	5.30pm	Leavenheath	Carol Service	Rev'd Valri Armstrong
	11.00am	Polstead	HC 2	Rev'd Adrian Mason	6.30pm	Nayland	Evensong	David Pryor
	11.00am	Stoke	MP	Rev'd David Rowe				
21 <sup>st</sup> December <i>Advent 4</i>	8.00am	Nayland	HC 2	Rev'd Adrian Mason	4.00 pm	Leavenheath	Christingle	Rev'd Adrian Mason
	11.00am	Stoke	HC 1	Rev'd Adrian Mason	6.30pm	Nayland	Carol Service	Rev'd Adrian Mason
	3.00pm	Polstead	Carol Service	Rev'd Jackie Sephton				
24 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas Eve</i>	3.00pm	Stoke	Crib Service	Mrs Jane Addis	6.30pm	Stoke	Candlelit Carols	Rev'd Mason & Fowler
	4.30pm	Nayland	Christingle	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.30pm	Stoke	Midnight Mass	Rev'd Adrian Mason
	5.00pm	Polstead	Christingle	Rev'd Jackie Sephton				
25 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas Day</i>	8.00am	Nayland	HC 2	Rev'd John Fowler	10.00am	Polstead	FC	Rev'd Jackie Sephton
	9.00am	Leavenheath	HC 1	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.00am	Nayland	FS	David Pryor
	10.00am	Wiston	FC	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.15am	Stoke	FC	Rev'd Adrian Mason
28 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Christmas 1</i>	10.30am	Nayland	Benefice HC	Rev'd Adrian Mason				
4 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Christmas 2</i>	8.00am	Stoke	HC 2	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.00am	Polstead	MW	Rev'd Jackie Sephton
	9.30am	Nayland	HC 1	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.00am	Wiston	Epiphany Carols	Rev'd Adrian Mason
	10.00am	Leavenheath	First Sunday	Rev'd Valri Armstrong	6.30pm	Stoke	Evensong	Jane Addis
11 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Baptism of Christ</i>	9.30am	Leavenheath	MP	Rev'd David Rowe	11.00am	Stoke	MP	Rev'd David Rowe
	9.30am	Nayland	HC1	Rev'd Adrian Mason	4.30pm	Nayland	Evensong	DP/KH
	11.00am	Polstead	HC 2	Rev'd Jackie Sephton				
18 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Epiphany 2</i>	8.00am	Nayland	HC 2	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.00am	Polstead	FS	Rev'd Adrian Mason
	9.30am	Leavenheath	HC 2	Rev'd Valri Armstrong	11.00am	Stoke	HC 1	Rev'd Valri Armstrong
	9.30am	Nayland	HC 1	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.00am	Wiston	HC1tr by xt	DP/KH
					6.30pm	Leavenheath	EP	Rev'd Adrian Mason
25 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Conversion of Paul</i>	8.00am	Nayland	HC 2	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.00am	Polstead	HC 1	Rev'd Jackie Sephton
	9.30am	Leavenheath	HC 1	Rev'd Adrian Mason	11.00am	Stoke	HC 2	Rev'd Adrian Mason
	9.30am	Nayland	MP	Mr David Pryor	4.00pm	TBC	Messy Church	Rev'd Val & team
					5.30pm	Wiston	Evensong	DP/KH
2 <sup>nd</sup> February <i>Candlemas</i>	8.00am	Stoke	HC 2	TBA	11.00am	Polstead	MW	TBA
	9.30am	Nayland	HC 1	TBA	11.00am	Wiston	HC	TBA
	10.00am	Leavenheath	First Sunday	TBA	6.30pm	Stoke	Evensong	TBA

Key: FS : Family Service, FC : Family Communion, HC 1 / 2 : Holy Communion 1 or 2, PC : Parish Communion, MP : Morning Prayer, MW : Morning Worship, EP : Evening Prayer, EPraise : Evening Praise, B : Baptism, *Worship leaders are subject to change.*

*Please Note: From the beginning of February there is likely to be change to the usual Sunday service pattern. Watch this space!*

## Other Dates for your Diary

Sunday 7 December	Christmas Family Fayre 12noon-2.30pm Village Hall <i>[page 7]</i>
Wednesday 17 December	Carols Around The Christmas Tree with the Boxted Silver Band at 7.30pm <i>[page 13]</i>
Wednesday 10 December	Carols at Nayland House at 5.30pm. All welcome
Sunday 21 December	Candlelit Carol Service & Nine Lessons in St James at 6.30pm <i>[page 13]</i>
Wednesday 24 December	Christingle St James at 4.30pm
Wednesday 24 December	Midnight Mass St Mary's Stoke by Nayland at 11.30pm
Thursday 25 December	Family Service St James at 11am
Thursday 25 December	Family Communion St Mary's Wiston at 10am



**Dear All,**

Do you strive for perfection?  
When? Where? How?

I am increasingly conscious of how we like our family events to be as good as possible. Arrangements made for Christmas seem to get bigger every year. We like the house to look its best. We like to make sure we are offering good food and drink to our guests, even though they are family and friends, or perhaps especially because they are family and friends.

What is perfection? Who is perfect?

Jesus Christ was perfect. Jesus Christ is perfect.

Is this the perfection for which we strive? I suspect His perfection seriously challenges what we hold as perfection!

What was His first Christmas like? As the hymn "We have a gospel to proclaim" puts it, "Tell of his birth at Bethlehem, not in a royal house or hall, but in a stable dark and dim...."

I am renowned by many, especially my family for my apparent "Bah, humbug" attitude about Christmas. However, I have to ask, "Have we got it wrong?". Much though I love all the trimmings, the fripperies, the decorations, the food and the drink, I have to say that yes, I think we have got it wrong.

The advertisements on the television have for weeks been encouraging our materialism. Buy, buy, buy! Spend, spend, spend! Over indulge. Never mind the cost, never mind the debt. Have what you want. Eat, drink and be merry.....

We are in danger of losing sight of what Christmas is all about. Let us all make sure we remember the real founder of the feast. God the Father gave the world the greatest Christmas present ever, Jesus Christ, who was God Himself come to be exactly like one of us. To quote hymns again, "the Ancient of Days but a few hours old...", or maybe "The hands that threw stars into space to cruel nails surrendered...."

We lose sight of this gift at our peril!

So this Christmas let us try to strive harder to achieve real perfection. Let us all invite Jesus Christ to join us in our celebrations, wherever we are, whatever we are doing. He is not too proud to be in any situation to which we invite Him. Let us open our hearts and homes to Him and welcome Him into our lives at every level. This may well mean that we moderate our perfection to make it more acceptable to Him, or to avoid embarrassment. If needs be, so be it.

Having Jesus in our lives, baby and grown-up, will transform not just Christmas, but our whole lives. He really is the best Christmas present ever.

Accepting His presence with us and in our lives will make our Christmases truly happy, even merry.

So I wish you all a thoroughly Happy Christmas. Let's put the CHRIST back into Christmas.

Every blessing,

*Adrian*

## Church News

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### ADVENT CEREMONIES

Our cathedral in Bury St Edmunds hosts a very moving ceremony every year on Advent Sunday as part of the church's preparation for Christmas.

This year it will be on November 30 at 6.30 pm. If you are interested in going please let Adrian know and we will try to arrange sharing of transport.

### ST MARY'S WISTON - MORNING WORSHIP

A reminder that St Mary's Wiston are holding a Morning Worship Service at 11am on the first Sunday in every month. Requests for this form of worship have been received and we look forward to welcoming everyone.

### FROM THE REGISTERS



#### FUNERALS

Andrew Macbeth

#### BAPTISM

Daisy Ward

Henry Brown

#### MARRIAGE

Michael George/Anita Connor-Hughes

### Weekday Services

#### Monday

Morning Prayer 9.00 am Nayland

Evening Prayer 5.00 pm Nayland

#### Tuesday

Morning Prayer 8.30 am Leavenheath

Evening Prayer 5.00 pm Nayland

#### Wednesday

Morning Prayer 9.00 am Polstead

Evening Prayer 5.00 pm Wiston

#### Thursday

Morning Prayer 9.00 am Stoke

Evening Prayer 5.00 pm Nayland

### Weekday Services and Groups

Bible Study	18 Laburnum Way ( <i>Rita Dibble 262580</i> ): Mondays 11am 1st & 15th December, 5th & 19th January, 2nd & 16th February
Parkers Way	Communion: Tuesdays 10.15am 16th December & 20th January ( <i>3rd Tuesday of month</i> )
Parkers Way	Prayer & Praise Service: Wednesdays 3pm 3rd December, 7th January & 3rd February ( <i>1st Wednesday of month</i> )
Nayland House	Holy Communion: Every Wednesday 10.45am
Messy Church	Sundays 4pm until 6pm: 30th November at Leavenheath Village Hall, 25th January at Stoke by Nayland <i>From January monthly; last Sunday of the month at St Mary's Stoke by Nayland</i>

## A CRIME FREE CHRISTMAS....?

**Yes please Santa!!**

As Christmas approaches we are all busy rushing around to get everything done; presents to be purchased, office functions, parties to attend and the house to be decorated.

A 'thief' loves Christmas too. That's because it gives them the opportunity to have Christmas on you, in lots of different possible ways...

To ensure that doesn't happen Suffolk Police is offering the following simple advice to make sure you stay safe and crime free this Christmas:

- **Parking** – Choose a safe place to park (look for a [www.parkmark.co.uk](http://www.parkmark.co.uk) accredited car park), physically check your car is locked before you leave it and don't leave anything attractive to a thief on display within the car which includes presents, keys, sat navs and yes even a carrier bag.
- **Purse/wallet/handbag** – A handbag on the back of a chair, in a trolley, a purse sitting in an open bag, a wallet in the back pocket, a mobile phone on the table in a restaurant - are all calling out to a thief to steal. Don't make it simple for them by providing the easy opportunity to steal it. If it's a crowded place or somewhere you are likely to be distracted, you are

more at risk. Property mark your items and register them on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) for free along with all your other electrical belongings.

- **Out for a drink?** – Enjoy a drink but don't make yourself vulnerable by drinking too much, tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return, don't be distracted when using a mobile phone or personal music device, use a reputable taxi company don't jump into any car and if you think your nominated driver has drunk too much discourage them from driving.
- **Home** – When you are out make your house appear occupied (i.e. lights on timers, radio on, alarm set), make sure your house, gates and shed/garage are shut, locked and secure, don't leave presents under the Christmas tree in full view from the outside, and after Christmas don't advertise your new goods by displaying the packaging and boxes for rubbish in front of your house, turn the boxes inside out or tear them up and bag them.
- **Social Media** – When using Facebook be wary of announcing to the world that you are away and your house is empty, or showing what you got for Christmas. Make sure your profile does not contain private information that would identify you or your address to a stranger.
- **And what should you also do?** Do have wonderful crime free Christmas and Happy New Year!!

**Verity Howell, Suffolk Police Crime Reduction Officer**

## Nayland Primary School Adopts Bra Recycling For Breast Cancer Charity

Nayland Primary School is joining the Against Breast Cancer bra recycling scheme that benefits women everywhere. The scheme provides an eye-catching pink bra bank in the school lobby where unwanted bras can be deposited.

Recycling bras prevents them from being dumped into UK landfills each year and the charity recovers £1000 from every tonne donated. The scheme directs textiles to Africa where they help create local commerce and the scheme is also helping to create jobs in the UK.

Wendy Taylor Hill, Director of Against Breast Cancer said "We have received very positive feedback from retailers adopting the scheme and great warmth from the public for an idea that helps the environment as well as charity".

Drina May said "Cancer has affected my family, like so many others. By donating your unwanted bras, you are supporting such a fantastic charity."

Funds received from the scheme are put to work by the charity to support the research they are conducting into breast cancer, now affecting 1 in 8 women in the UK.

Anyone wishing to find a local bra bank or who wishes to use the postal recycling scheme for bras, mobile phones and ink cartridges can go to [www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk](http://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk) for further information or call Emma at the charity on 01235 534211.



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Sunday – Friday Hourly Rates	Residents	Non Residents
9am – 6pm (April-Sept)	£10.00	£13.50
9am-6pm (Oct-March)	£11.00	£15.50
6pm-midnight (April-Sept)	£11.00	£15.50
6pm-midnight (Oct-March)	£12.00	£17.50

**MINIMUM HIRE: 2 HOURS RESIDENTS – 3 HOURS NON RESIDENTS**

### Saturday

Daytime until 6pm	Hourly Rates as above	
Evening 6pm-midnight	£140.00	£210.00
All day until 6pm	£90.00	£110.00
All day until 6pm with playing field	£140.00	£160.00
Playing Field only	£50.00	£50.00
Playing Field & Changing Rooms	£70.00	£70.00
Meeting Room only (3 hour session)	£15.00	£21.00

Reduced terms for use of the hall over a period can be negotiated  
with the Treasurer, Peter Mann 01206 262830

Bookings: online at [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net) or  
**Sara Strover 07748 953175** [naylandvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:naylandvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk)

## WORDSEARCH



## ANAGRAM SOLUTION

1 Poinsettia, 2 Holly, 3 Mistletoe, 4 Hyacinth, 5 Brazil,  
6 Cranberry, 7 Amaryllis, 8 Cyclamen, 9 Walnut,  
10 Chestnut



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Sudbury – Newton Green – Assington – Leavenheath – Stoke by Nayland – Nayland – Gt Horkesley – General Hospital – Colchester											
Monday to Saturday	NS	Sch	SHol						Sch	SHol	
Sudbury, Tesco	.....	.....	.....	0845	1015	1145	1315	.....	1445	.....	1615
Sudbury, Bus Station	0650	0705	0720	0910	1040	1210	1340	1410	1505	1550	1640
Nayland, Doctors Surgery	0731	0742	0759	0949	1119	1249	1419	1449	1549	1629	1719
Colchester General Hospital	0744	.....	0814	1004	1134	1304	1424	1504	1604	1644	.....
Colchester Stanwell St	0755	0815	0825	1015	1145	1315	1445	1515	1616	1655	.....
Norman Way Schools	.....	0825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monday to Saturday	Sch	NS	Sch						SHol	Sch	
Norman Way Schools	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1545
Colchester Stanwell St	0735	0755	0755	0850	1020	1150	1320	.....	1510	1510	1610
St Helena School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1520	.....
Colchester General Hospital	0748	.....	0808	0903	1033	1203	1333	.....	1523	1533	1623
Nayland, Doctors Surgery	0801	0819	.....	0916	1046	1216	1346	.....	1536	1546	1636
Thomas Gainsborough School	0840	.....	0840	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sudbury, Bus Station	0845	0855	0845	0955	1125	1255	1425	.....	1615	1625	1715
Sudbury, Bus Station	0900	0900	.....	1000	1150	1300	1430	.....	.....	.....	1720
Sudbury, Tesco	0915	0915	.....	1015	1145	1315	1445	.....	.....	.....	1735

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Mobile Library  
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Doctors Surgery

Parkers Way  
Primary School  
Home School Association  
Nayland Playgroup  
Woodland Corner  
Primary School Choir  
Nayland Toddler Group  
Village Hall  
Church Hall  
Royal British Legion  
Royal British Legion (Women's Sec.)  
Womens Institute  
Over 60's Club  
Bowls Club  
Nayland Art Club  
Horticultural Society  
Conservation Society  
1st Scouts & Cubs  
1st Nayland Guides & Brownies  
Village Players  
Nayland Choir  
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High Street Tel: 262210 Early Closing on Wednesday  
93 Bear Street Tel: 262202 (out of hours emergency 01206-578070 or NHS 111)  
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Webmaster: Graham W Griffiths – Tel: 262132 - e-mail: webmaster@naylandandwiston.net

## VILLAGE DIARY

<b>November</b>		
28th	Village Cinema: <i>'Boyhood'</i> 8pm doors open 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 11 &amp; 21</i>	
29th	Choir: Concert <i>'Brilliant Baroque'</i> 7pm St James Church	
<b>December</b>		
1st	Village Hall Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 27 &amp; 43</i>	
5/6 & 12/13	Village Players: <i>'Jack &amp; the Beanstalk'</i> Village Hall <i>page 7pm for 7.30pm, Sat matinee 1.30 for 2pm 11 &amp; 25</i>	
7th	Community Council: Christmas Family Fayre 12 noon - 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 6 &amp; 7</i>	
9th	Luncheon Club for over 60s: Christmas Lunch at Longwood Barn <i>page 8 &amp; 20</i>	
10th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room <i>page 43</i>	
12th	Primary School: Christmas Fayre <i>page 12 &amp; 25</i>	
13th	Farmers' Market 9.30am-12.30pm Village Hall <i>page 12</i>	
14th	Country Music Club: <i>'Kevin Barry'</i> 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 13</i>	
15th	W.I.: Carl Shillingford <i>'Christmas Cooking'</i> 7.30pm village Hall <i>page 24</i>	
16th	Village Players: Auditions for <i>'Dead Ringer'</i> 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 12 &amp; 25</i>	
17th	Carols Around the Christmas Tree 7.30pm <i>page 13</i>	
18th	Village Players: Auditions for <i>'Dead Ringer'</i> 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 12 &amp; 25</i>	
21st	Candlelit Carol Service 6.30pm St James <i>page 13 &amp; 36</i>	
22nd	Christmas Carols, Music & Readings, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine 7pm church Hall <i>page 13</i>	
31st	New Year's Eve Party: Brian's Country & '60s Music 8pm till late Village Hall <i>page 12</i>	
<b>January</b>		
5th	Village Hall Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 27 &amp; 43</i>	
10th	Farmers' Market 9.30am-12.30pm Village Hall <i>page 12</i>	
12th	Community Council Meeting 8pm Church Hall ( <i>Exec 7.30</i> ) <i>page 6 &amp; 43</i>	
14th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room <i>page 43</i>	
19th	W.I.: Pam Baker <i>'Memory Lane'</i> 7.30pm village Hall <i>page 24</i>	
19th	Royal British Legion: meeting 7.30pm Anchor Inn Andrew Gowen <i>'What a way to go to War'</i> <i>page 20</i>	
25th	Country Music Club: <i>'Logic'</i> 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 13</i>	
27th	Luncheon Club for over 60s: 12 noon for 12.30 Church Hall <i>page 8 &amp; 20</i>	
<b>February</b>		
2nd	Village Hall Management Committee Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 27 &amp; 43</i>	
11th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room <i>page 43</i>	
22nd	Country Music Club: <i>'Spinning Wheel'</i> 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 13</i>	
24th	Luncheon Club for over 60s: 12 noon for 12.30 Church Hall <i>page 8 &amp; 20</i>	
27th	Village Cinema: <i>'A Night At The Cinema In 1914'</i> 8pm doors open 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 11 &amp; 21</i>	
<b>March</b>		
4th	Community Council AGM & Village Hall Management Committee AGM <i>page 43</i>	
9th	Conservation Society: AGM Marcia Whiting: <i>The Life of Sir Alfred Munnings</i>	
17th	HortSoc: Dr Twigs Way <i>'An Incitement to Early Marriage: A Social History of the Allotment'</i>	
21st	HortSoc: Spring Flower Show <i>page 10 &amp; 22</i>	
25th	Royal British Legion: outing to Tower of London <i>page 11 &amp; 20</i>	
<b>Forward Planner</b>	16th-18th April	Village Players: <i>Dead Ringer</i> <i>page 12 &amp; 25</i>
	23rd April	Royal British Legion: St George's Day lunch, not restricted to RBL members <i>page 10 &amp; 20</i>
	29th April	Village Lunch Phillip Wise <i>Colchester Castle Exhibition</i> <i>page</i>
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	25th May	Nayland Church Fete
	14th June	Nayland Open Gardens

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