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CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD

We probably don't need reminding this year but..... don't forget to put your clock forward when you go to bed on 28th March!

An extra hour of daylight in the evenings, especially if the exit from Covid-19 restrictions go to schedule so we can slowly begin to increase our activities, will be very much appreciated.

FUN, FOOD & FESTIVITIES

After a year worrying about the Coronavirus pandemic, the resulting restrictions and other problems associated with it the light at the end of the tunnel with the Government's roadmap out of lockdown is a welcome relief. However, progress will be guided by data, not dates. If all goes to plan by the end on June we could see limits on social contact lifted.

Hoping that maybe the case, and erring on the side of caution, discussions are taking place to organise a Fun, Food & Festivities event for August Bank Holiday weekend - do pop the date in your diaries.

It is hoped it will be something for all our village groups to take part in and all residents to enjoy. If you have a talent - whether singing, strumming, dancing, or entertaining in another way - get in touch. Of if you are in a local band and fancy a live gig get in touch. Contact details on page 11

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on the meeting : 10th February 2021

(Minutes will be available on PC notice board in the High Street or www.naylandandwiston.net after the next meeting)

PUBLIC FORUM

Three members of the public attended in relation to concerns about the plans for 5 dwellings on land north of Wiston Road.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh have approved the discharge of conditions application for mechanical ventilation at **43 Bear Street** [DC/20/05595], have granted permission at **31 Heycroft Way** [DC/20/05209] for detached dwelling (amended previously approved B/05/01576) and at **Old Maltings Farmhouse, Bures Road** [DC/20/01619] to erect a one and a half storey detached dwelling and garage to include creation of a new vehicular access and demolition of existing pool house with numerous conditions.

Between meetings councillors had no objections at **Townlands Farm, Harpers Hill** [DC/21/00180] for erection of a general purpose livestock building subject to a suitable condition limiting lighting, for listed building consent at **18 Birch Street** [DC/21/00167] to re-roof the property subject to the full involvement of the Heritage Team, at **Alston Court, 2 Court Street** [DC/21/00255] for works to trees including reduction of yew trees and sycamore tree or to listed building consent at **2 Gravel Hill** [DC/21/00233/4] for erection of part two storey, part single storey rear extensions and construction of solar panels to south roof slope (following removal of existing rear extensions) and internal alterations but asked to see a detailed assessment from the Heritage Team on the subject of the solar panels. This aspect could affect applications in respect of other properties.

In response to a part retrospective application at **Harpers Hill Farm, Harpers Hill** [DC/20/03642] for erection of worker's dwelling, construction of screening bunds and ancillary access arrangements the PC objected as follows: *"A large family residence is proposed which seems out of keeping with the justification/purpose as stated for security reasons. We wonder whether this conforms to the requirements of an "agricultural workers residence". Clearly if it does conform, it would be essential for it to be tied to the business. There are no drawings, list of materials and internal layout information for the cabin, which makes this application incomplete. We object on these grounds.*

We note the positioning is close to neighbouring property at Gladwins Farm and we would ask the planning authority to pay particular attention to appropriate screening and not to allow loss of neighbour amenity. The proximity to neighbouring property is not shown on the plan and we have serious concerns that neighbour amenity would be affected, so object on these grounds too.

As we have stated previously this is further evidence that this business has outgrown its location and we urge the planning authority to refuse this part retrospective application for all the above reasons."

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **21 Heycroft Way** [DC/21/00615] for installation of a replacement dormer to the rear extension, at **5 Walsh Rise** [DC/21/00438] for erection of a 1.8m fence (re-submission of DC/20/04688), or for listed building consent at **16 Court Street** [DC/21/00161] for Insertion of bi-fold doors replacing French doors to living room and replace window and door to kitchen with bi-fold doors providing the Heritage Officer was content with the application.

It was confirmed that **'Grove Close'** was put forward for the street naming consultation for The Bungalow Development on Harpers Hill.

LAND NORTH OF WISTON ROAD: Proposal for 5 dwellings

Discussing a proposal for 5 dwellings [DC/21/00369] it was noted 10 members of the public have so far objected to these plans. A discussion with a previous councillor who was involved in the Meadow Cottages scheme confirmed the intention was not to allow future development as this was an Exceptions Site for Local Housing Needs and was outside the settlement boundary. A case was made that the mix of housing out-lined was not according to the applicant's clients wishes and was not according to our identified housing need in the village and 1

property out of the 5 would need to be low cost housing. Gerry Battye was uncomfortable with this as an outline application as the full impact could only be seen from full plans. Some members took the opportunity to state they would not object to limited development in the vicinity as long as it addresses local housing needs and is sympathetic to the AONB surroundings and neighbour amenity. Consistent concerns raised by members included the use of the access road, loss of amenity of neighbouring properties, drainage, make up and lay-out of the houses, A134 crossing safety and ecology. The council objects to these plans for all the points raised and that the proposals do not adhere to the Housing Needs Survey findings.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Mary George explained considerations in relation to a joint information board for visitors to Caley Green. Input is being sought from the Environment Agency and the Dedham Vale AONB Project. Melanie Barrett confirmed some Locality funds could assist with the costs. Bures Parish had been contacted for information as they have installed similar signage. James Finch has been helping bring the parties together in this respect. Mary George, Laura Erith and Robin Thorogood volunteered to join the working group progress things between meetings.

Gerry Battye had produced an action plan following receipt of the delayed Playground Inspection report. Members agreed his proposals and to progress matters. The removal company alleged to have damaged the turning circle posts and surface have been contacted in this respect.

The Pop's Piece safety barrier is slightly unstable. This will be reported to the Environment Agency as it is their responsibility.

HIGHWAYS

Various on-line reports have been made regarding pot holes, barrier damage and grit bins in need of replenishment.

With a view to preventing the same parking issues that arose last year near Caley Green James Finch raised a proposal for temporary yellow lines on one side of the road in Bear Street (the north side) and within the cul de sac with a short section on both sides of Bear Street near to the junction with the A134, subject to consultation with local residents and research of regulations relating to junctions. The Parish Council confirmed and hoped it could go ahead before the busy visitor season. The HGV signs for the by-pass are still on order.

FOOTPATHS

Further incidents of unauthorised use and damage to the Kingsland Lane path caused by motor vehicles have been reported. James Finch updated the meeting of the progress towards potential solutions. The Parish Council was supportive of finding a solution to this matter.

ALLOTMENTS

Police had been informed following an incident where damage and forced access to a numbers of sheds had occurred and a few items stolen.

There is an opportunity to plant trees in the Parish; councillors will consider the triangle in the corner of the Allotment field for this. The Clerk advised the waiting list for new allotments is building and members might want to consider extending the allotment provision to meet demand. These matters will be considered between meetings.

VILLAGE HALL

Councillors had been updated that patch and repair will be undertaken on the Village Hall floor. The VH committee have a meeting planned with the District Council regarding potential funding. The Village Hall is a polling station and the May Elections will be held there.

BURIAL GROUND

The general winter maintenance has been ordered between meetings. There is a fallen tree from the vicarage garden on the boundary; the work has been ordered and the Diocese will be contacted to do their own safety checks.

Notes on the meeting : 10th March 2021

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PUBLIC FORUM

Following the withdrawal of a planning application for 5 dwellings on land off Wiston Road Stuart Davis attended the meeting to engage with councillors and residents attending and put forward alternative ideas for the site for informal feedback. Drawings had been circulated to councillors which he hoped went some way to address previous concerns. Proposed changes included provision of 3 affordable homes and 5 private dwellings, they would all be 2 or 3 bedroom properties, there were amendments to the roadway, footpaths and amenity area. Answering questions from councillors Stuart said it may be possible to extend the pavement to service all properties, to move the garages to the side of the properties to allow more off road parking. It may be possible to apply a covenant restricting occupation to people with a local connection, subject to agreement of the housing association. Concern was raised regarding safety for children using the amenity areas with traffic from an additional 8 properties using a single access road. Stuart said he would look into that but felt SCC Highways would be concerned with the safety connected with exiting onto Wiston Road and likely to prefer a single access road. Neighbouring residents had not seen the drawings and felt they could not comment. Stuart was thanked for his engagement.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

James Finch emphasised that the Coronavirus testing station at Nayland Fire Station was for those who cannot work from home and for those who show no symptoms of Coronavirus. They are encouraged to get tested twice a week to help identify and isolate individuals who have COVID-19 but do not have symptoms and may be spreading the virus to other people without knowing.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh have approved an application at **Townlands Farm, Harpers Hill** [DC/21/00180] for erection of a general purpose livestock building subject to a suitable condition limiting lighting, for listed building consent, at **Alston Court, 2 Court Street** [DC/21/00255] for works to trees including reduction of yew trees and sycamore tree and at **Hillrise, 42 Gravel Hill** [DC/21/00076] for construction of a swimming pool and erection of filter shed. Discharge of conditions were approved at **Gladwins Farm Holiday Cottages Gladwins Farm** [DC/21/00211] for application DC/19/05964 conditions 3 (materials), 6 (wildlife sensitive lighting design scheme) and 11 (management plan) and at **24 Laburnum Way** [DC/21/00106] for application DC/20/04220 condition 3 (landscaping scheme). An outline planning application at **Land North Of Wiston Road** [DC/21/00369] for erection of 5 dwellings had been withdrawn.

The part retrospective application at **Harpers Hill Farm, Harpers Hill** [DC/20/03642] for erection of worker's dwelling, construction of screening bunds and ancillary access arrangements had been refused on grounds including the proposal fails to accord with the type of development permitted within the countryside, insufficient justification and evidence have been provided in regard to a worker being required on site at all times of day and night, development does not accord with Policy CR02 of the Babergh Local Plan. Councillors will ask Melanie Barrett if a response had been received from Babergh regarding enforcement action on the retrospective application. James Finch confirmed that monitoring of the Harpers Hill Farm site has been significantly stepped up following recent concerns.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **84 Bear Street** [DC/21/01148] for erection of single storey rear extension and raised decking or at **Hammonds Harpers Hill** [DC/21/01212] to vary conditions for new dwelling and associated outbuilding to allow design changes and re-siting of approved dwelling on site subject to the outbuilding remaining part of the host property.

HIGHWAYS

The HGV advisory signs will be installed on the by-pass on 24th March. The installation of double yellow line parking restrictions on Bear Street and the cul-de-sac are being progressed by SCC Highways. The subject of introducing advisory 'Quiet Lanes' will be researched and placed on the agenda for the April meeting. Councillors will monitor whether SCC are maintaining the grit bins. James Finch confirmed the mobile speed camera has been rotating round the villages; the possibility of requesting Horkesley Road is added as a location for the mobile camera will be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

FAIRFIELD PLAYING FIELD

Recommendations following the Playpark safety inspection were discussed and it was agreed to progress the recommended works, cleaning and also clearing the accumulated mud.

Damaged bollards by the turning circle had been dealt with. Following discussion on works needed to improve the turning circle and island it was agreed work needed to be carried out soon; a decision on which option to obtain quotes for will be considered between meetings.

CALEY GREEN & MILL LADE

A very positive site meeting with interested parties – including the Parish Council, SCC, Environment Agency, Dedham Vale AONB (DV AONB), and Friends of Caley Green – had discussed recent issues and future options for Caley Green and Mill Lade. This included the impact of recent high numbers of visitors on the river, local residents, parking, wildlife, etc.

Councillors heard that the Environment Agency (EA) owned Mill Lade which is historically part of the navigation system, therefore craft cannot be denied access. However, guidance that it is a dead end and that turning river craft is difficult could be used to dissuade visitors from using it.

Regarding bank erosion at Caley Green the EA will agree to the replacement of the existing wooden revetment but not for it to be extended. However, they have suggested installation of coir mat which will prevent erosion but not block the view from the Green.

It was felt that two types of signage are required on Caley Green; signage visible from the road to prevent parking, barbecues and camping on the Green and an advisory information board regarding wildlife, the country code, navigation, craft licensing, a route map, etc with a positive emphasis on 'enjoy and protect' the tranquility and wildlife. There may be some funding available from the DV AONB development fund and Melanie Barrett is exploring if funding from the CIL budget may be permitted.

Once the HGV signage has been installed along the by-pass councillors will consider further the location of signage and work with the DV AONB on a design for the information board.

FOOTPATHS & PROWS

Councillors heard that posts have been installed to prevent vehicular access to Kingsland Lane. Laura Erith raised the issue of damage along Dead Lane caused by vehicles driving on very wet ground. This issue has also been reported by the Footpath Warden. Councillors supported looking into this further towards finding a preventative solution.

IN BRIEF:

Patricia Wilkie agreed to be the PC representative on the committee planning a Fun Food & Freedom (from Coriv-19) event for August Bank Holiday weekend.

A broken fence on the burial ground boundary has been replaced.

A Zoom meeting with allotment tenants may be arranged; the annual meeting did not take place last year due to Covid-19.

Councillors will wait for Government advice regarding the annual meeting of the Parish Council held in May.

The **Annual Parish Assembly** will be held by Zoom on Monday 26th April at 7.30pm. Residents will be able to attend or send questions by email. Documents will be available online.

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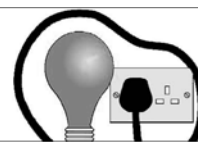
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For more info and to book your two doses.....

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>



NHS: Get the latest NHS information and advice about Coronavirus
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

GOV.UK: Coronavirus (COVID-19). What you need to know.
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

NHS Suffolk and North East Essex COVID-19 Vaccination Service

The Suffolk Covid Vaccination website
www.sneevaccine.org.uk
contains a wealth of information about the vaccination programme in the county.

Home, But Not Alone
Supporting vulnerable people in Suffolk

The Home, But Not Alone free phonenumber is for people who need urgent help and support during the Coronavirus pandemic. It is only for people who do not have support available from friends, family or neighbours and are struggling for food, medicines or other essential supplies.

Coronavirus Emergency Phonenumber

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For all other enquiries please visit: www.suffolk.gov.uk/homebutnotalone

This Home, But Not Alone phonenumber complements The Suffolk Advice and Support Service phonenumber (0800 068 3131) which helps those with debt, benefits employment or housing worries. This phonenumber, also delivered by the Collaborative Communities Covid-19 Board, is staffed by the Citizens Advice Suffolk Alliance, which includes the eight Citizens Advice Bureaux across Suffolk, and Anglia Care Trust and Ipswich Housing Action Group. Call handlers use resources and information from across many Suffolk organisations and specialist providers, which are tailored to individual needs.

Has the impact of Coronavirus left you worrying about your bills, your job or your home?

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SUFFOLK CORONAWATCH BULLETIN

Suffolk's CoronaWatch is the home of data and information produced under the Suffolk Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Available to view at: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/suffolks-response/suffolk-coronawatch-bulletin>

The CoronaWatch Data Dashboard (available on that page) is updated on a daily basis and includes 10 pages of data.

Cases in Babergh: 2 new people had a confirmed positive test result reported on 19 March 2021. Between 13 March 2021 and 19 March 17 people had a confirmed positive test result and there have been 2 deaths within 28 days of a positive coronavirus test.

Within the healthcare in East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust: 7 people with coronavirus went into hospital on 14 March 2021. Between 8 March 2021 and 14 March 2021, 49 went into hospital with coronavirus. This shows a decrease of 21% compared to the previous 7 days. There were 51 patients in hospital with coronavirus on 16 March 2021. There were 7 coronavirus patients in hospital beds with a mechanical ventilator on 16 March 2021.

District case rate per 100,000 population as of 19th March:

Area name	Daily Cases reported	Weekly Cases reported	Weekly case rate*	Wk on wk trend*	Cumulative cases	Cumulative case rate	National Rate Rank (of 315)
Babergh	2	17	26.1	↑	3,799	4127.70	272
East Suffolk	11	77	33.3	↑	8,611	3451.80	292
Ipswich	19	104	65.0	↑	7,335	5357.40	199
Mid Suffolk	3	34	21.2	↓	3,198	3078.10	300
West Suffolk	4	51	38.0	↓	6,290	3513.10	289
Suffolk	39	283	37.6	↑	29,233	3,839.6	
East of England	440	2,707	44.7	↓	379,503	6,085.6	
England	3,809	30,817	58.3	↓	3,750,089	6,662.4	

COVID-19 testing in Suffolk if you don't have symptoms

We all play a part in controlling the spread of COVID-19. Even if you do not have symptoms, you can get a free test to see if you have the virus. It is also referred to as lateral flow testing or rapid testing.

It is aimed at people who have to leave their home during lockdown, for example due to work or caring commitments, or for essential shopping. Taxi drivers, delivery drivers, people who work in construction, transport services and factories are examples of people who could benefit from community testing.

1 in 3 people with the COVID-19 do not show any symptoms. Through community testing, we can quickly identify those who unknowingly have COVID-19 and stop the spread of the virus to other people.

The test involves a simple swab taken from your throat and nose. Results will be processed quickly. You should get your result within 30 minutes. This will usually be a text sent to your phone.



Our nearest testing stations are:

- Nayland Fire Station
- The Stevenson Centre, Sudbury
- United Reformed Church, Hadleigh

For more information or to book an appointment online at:
<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/getting-a-test/covid-19-asymptomatic-testing/>

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Booking a test if you do have symptoms

However, if you do have the following symptoms you must book a standard COVID-19 test immediately by visiting:
www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or calling 119.

a high temperature - a new, continuous cough - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

URGENTLY NEEDS ONE MORE COUNCILLOR

In January the Parish Council welcomed Robin Thorogood of Newtons Farm as a CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR but there is still one vacancy.

Without a full Parish Council it has been difficult to cover all council responsibilities and workload, especially during the past year of Covid restrictions. There are now four councillors from Nayland and four from Wiston, but we need one more person to join us as a Co-opted Councillor.

Do you live or work in Nayland or Wiston?

Would you like a new challenge? Are you over 18?
Are you concerned about the local community issues and environment?

Do you enjoy working as part of a team?

If so, please find out more about the responsibilities of a Parish Councillor by looking at our page on the Nayland with Wissingington Community website, attending an online parish council meeting, speaking to a Councillor or by contacting the **Parish Clerk, Mrs. Debbie Hattrell**, at:
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If you would like to attend a council meeting as an observer before making up your mind, please contact Debbie and she will send you the zoom link before the monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO FAMILIES: Suffolk County Council Funded School Travel for 2021/2022

Is your child eligible for SCC funded school travel?

If they are, you will need to opt-in by **31 May 2021** to receive travel for the start of the 2020/2021 school term.

If your child already receives SCC funded travel you still need to opt-in every year.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Virtual Annual General Meeting: 3rd March 2021 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 263169
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Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members and residents to the Zoom meeting and was pleased to 'see' everyone present.

CHAIR'S REPORT

I think that it is safe to say that I couldn't have foreseen the year to come as I sat and wrote my Chair's Report this time last year. It feels that it was both five minutes and a lifetime ago!

Given the year we have had this report will not be quite the same as usual, but it is to the credit of the whole of the Community Council and the spirit of all of the societies and organisations in Nayland and Wiston that there is still much to celebrate.

Thank you: Thanks, as always, to all members of the Community Council for their many contributions throughout the year and to the Officers and Executive Committee in particular – Ken Willingale, Bryan Smith, Julie Clark, Maggie Ryan, Lorraine Brooks, Claire Buller, Tricia Hall, Vicki Sargent, Luke Rumbelow, Jo Metson and Iain Wright as well as our Parish Council Reps. Special thanks as always to Lorraine without whose organisational skills we would not be half as efficient and productive as we are.

It is a credit to the Community Council that we rarely have people leave the committee. I am, however, pleased to acknowledge that we gained two lovely new members this year. Lesley Jameson who took on the role of Treasurer from Maggie Ryan and Sophie Williams who joined the committee. Both have hit the ground running and it has been great to welcome them on board, even though it has largely been via Zoom so far!

Huge thanks to Maggie for all of her efforts as Treasurer. I have very much appreciated her working alongside me on the committee and we are all very grateful for her commitment, time and expertise. She has resigned the role because of increasing outside commitments but we are delighted that she remains a valued member of the committee.

On a sad note we recently received news that our past Chairman, Alex Badman, has died. Alex, and his wife Jill, were extremely active members of the Community Council when they lived in Nayland. From organising the base for the village Christmas tree (much valued as it replaced a big concrete drum which had to be rolled out each year) to the wonderful Jubilee celebrations in 2012 including a huge lunch in the village hall, Alex made his mark on the Community Council. He will be sadly missed and is remembered with much gratitude and appreciation.

Community Council events and activities: Obviously, because of Covid-19 we have been unable to hold our usual programme of events this year. We unfortunately had to cancel Bonfire Night, the Christmas Fayre and the Village Quiz. The 10k, with which we are involved every year had to be postponed too. We very much hope that these events will be back in the coming year, giving us all something to look forward to.

However, we didn't rest on our laurels. The Community Council continued to monitor and maintain the defibrillator at the Village Hall through the Community Heartbeat Trust and their Webnos service. We also initiated a village volunteer list to support village residents during the Coronavirus lockdowns – thank you to all our members and village volunteers who were part of this. The Community Times was an invaluable source of entertainment and information throughout the year and helped to keep the village connected at what has been a difficult time for everybody – thank you to our able editor Lorraine for all her hard work. We also organised a Christmas Trail of Trees, Wreaths and Advent Windows which brightened the village throughout December. We are incredibly grateful to everyone in the village who helped make this such a success – and we hope that it will be back by popular demand next year! Father Christmas

was even able to do a tour of the village too so thank you to him and his chauffeur. Finally, thanks to the Village Calendar (and Lorraine and Wendy Sparrow who produced it) we were even able to achieve some fundraising in a year when fundraising was very difficult – thank you so much to all the photographic competition entrants.

Grants: One of the roles of the Community Council is to provide grants to village organisations and individuals whose activities support our constitution. This year we were pleased to be able to support Lizzie's Fund, awarding a grant of £201 towards the hire of the village hall as part of a 50km endurance walk fundraiser for this charity. As this event had to be cancelled in 2020 this grant has been held over for when it is possible to hold it again. £400 to provide Nayland Primary School recorder and ukulele groups with bespoke t-shirts (as the choir already have). These groups always support village events including the Christmas Fayre and we hope to see them in action again in 2021. £649 to the Conservation Society, for steps to improve footpath access from A134 down to Nayland Meadow: Installation of steps has made transition down the steep slope safer for walkers along this well used path. £550 to Nayland with Wissington Land Company, for a bench to be installed next to the new permissive path on the Horkesley Road/A134 corner of Nayland Meadow. The village footpaths have been particularly well used this year so both of these grants will be of great benefit to residents. Further details and our grant application form are available at www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Going forward: I am looking forward to another year as Chair of the Community Council. I did say that last year would be my last as Chair but, due to a quiet year of activities, I have said that I will hang on for another 12 months! However I would like to hand over the baton in time for next year's AGM so if you fancy taking on the role – please don't be shy – I can strongly recommend it and with our friendly and supportive committee it really is a massively enjoyable and worthwhile role.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Jameson presented the year end accounts for the meeting - see income and expenditure statement and balance sheet below. There had been a deficit of £730 but there was a healthy balance of funds. The main income had been generated by the Community Times and the calendar. Expenditure on the Christmas activities was £600 but they provided much enjoyment to many residents. The accounts for 2020 had been examined and approved by Matt Cable and were adopted by the meeting. Lesley was thanked for her sterling work during her first year as Treasurer and Maggie Ryan for facilitating a smooth takeover.

This year's finances to 3rd March 2021: Breakdown of profits are Community Times £747, Village Calendar £238. The only expenditure was Community Times printing £218. There have been no grants to date. The current position shows reserves of £27,835.51 represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,728.07, Current a/c monies £17,039.16, Cash in Hand £68.28. We hold £268.50 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000, Lizzie's Fund Walk £201. **Therefore, unencumbered assets are £17,634.51.**

It was noted that in total 238 copies of the 2021 calendar have been sold, the highest amount for a decade, generating a profit of £778 (including £540 profit in the 2020 financial year) and with £35 yet to be included.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following officers were re-elected: **President** Ken Willingale, **Vice President** Bryan Smith, **Chairman** Rachel Hitchcock, **Vice Chairman** Julie Clark, **Treasurer** Lesley Jameson, **Secretary** Lorraine Brooks. The **Executive Committee** were re-elected: Luke Rumbelow, Claire Buller, Maggie Ryan, Tricia Hall, Vicki Sargent, Jo Metson, Sophie Williams, Iain Wright and Kate Bevan. Parish

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Income and Expenditure statement for the year ending 31st December 2020

Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2020

INCOME	2020	2019
Community Times	£ 2,935.00	£ 2,855.00
Village Calendar	£ 1,332.00	£ 1,316.30
Bonfire Night	.....	£ 4,765.89
Christmas Festivities	.....	£ 652.75
Village Quiz	£ 527.00	£ 357.00
Other Events (Nayland 10k)	.....	£ 1,414.40
Other Income	£ 0.01	.....
Interest CCLA	£ 28.13	£ 60.56
Services Fund	.....	£ 100.00
TOTAL	£ 4,822.14	£11,521.90
EXPENDITURE		
Grants:	£ 1,599.00	£ 1,043.99
Community Times	£ 1,573.54	£ 1,727.45
Village Calendar	£ 691.74	£ 794.54
Bonfire Night	.....	£ 1,593.49
Christmas Festivities	£ 600.19	£ 405.79
Village Quiz	£ 126.46	£ 147.00
Insurance	£ 435.97	£ 513.56
Hall Hire & Admin	£ 276.97	£ 259.33
Defibrillator	£ 198.00	£ 408.00
Services Fund	£ 50.00	£ 100.00
TOTAL	£ 5,551.87	£ 6,993.15
(Deficit)/Surplus for Year	(£ 729.73)	£ 4,528.75

Grants Awarded: Nayland School Music Group £400, NwW Land Company £550 & NwW Conservation Society £649. Plus £201 for Lizzie's Fund Endurance Walk is pending and £10,000 has been pledged to the Village Hall replacement roof.

Community Council report continued.....

Council representation will be shared between Laura Erith and Ned Cartwright.

MATTERS ARISING:

Fundraising Activities & Events: 2022 will be the **Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee** year with a 4 day Bank holiday weekend on Thursday 2nd-Sunday 5th June. The CC usually facilitates a large celebration for such occasions involving activities with/by other village groups will begin floating the idea and welcomes ideas from other village groups who may wish to participate and individuals.

Community Defibrillator & Training: Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station; the defibrillator at the Village Hall was provided as a Community Council project and is monitored by them. As previously discussed another training event will be arranged once the C-19 issues are over .

Nayland 10k Fun Run: nayland10k.co.uk The 2021 Nayland 10k is being planned to take place on Sunday 4th July, dependent on space for parking 300 cars being found. This may mean that the location of the start of the Run is changed. Volunteers will again be sought to assist with marshalling the route .

River Stour Water Level Gauge: Rachel reported on progress: a local installer has quoted for installation (£450 + VAT, including oak post) of the gauge and a surveyor who is happy to set the OS above sea level datum for the water gauge for free. Shelley Signs are quoting for gauge and backing board (x 2 so that the level will be visible from both sides of the river). This will be a

Accumulated Surplus:	2020	2019
As at beginning of the financial year	£ 27,579.74	£ 23,050.99
Add/deduct surplus/(deficit)	(£ 729.73)	£ 4,528.75
Balance carried forward	£ 26,850.01	£27,579.74
Represented by:		
CCLA Charities deposit fund	£ 10,728.07	£ 10,699.94
NatWest current A/c	£ 16,046.16	£ 16,807.02
Cash in Hand	£ 75.78	£ 72.78
Total Year to date*	£26,850.01	£27,579.74

*Included in Balance:

Services Fund	£ 268.50	£ 318.50
VHMC grant pending	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00
Lizzie's Fund grant pending	£ 201.00	.....

Unencumbered assets, year to date, are: **£16,380.51** **£17,261.24**

TREASURER *Lesley Jameson BA (Hons)*

CHAIRMAN *Rachel Hitchcock*

I have examined the books of The Nayland with Wissington Community Council (without carrying out an audit), and in my opinion, the accounts for 2020 represent a true and fair record of the Society's financial affairs. *Matt Cable CFA*

Breakdown of Profits: Community Times £1,361, Village Quiz £401, Bonfire Night £0, Nayland 10K £0, Christmas Festivities (£600), Village Calendar £640.

bespoke board with markings for both the height above sea level and height above river bed. A meeting will be arranged with the installer and the Land Company to get their final go-ahead. Members agreed they wished to proceed with the project subject to cost.

Village Hall Garden Morning: The next Gardening session will be on 10th April – please support this if you can and adhere to Covid-19 guidelines. The CC garden is in the corner by silver birch/bins.

Community Times & Websites: Since 1989 the Community Times has been keeping residents informed of what is going on in the parish; this year as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic the content has been somewhat different but we hope it has continued to fulfil its role and be useful.

There is quite a team behind producing the magazine every other month, without whom village news would not reach your doormats. We are very grateful to: the dedicated team of distributors led by Trevor Smy; Pat Bray for her contributions of village news and for proof reading, and to Mandy Cook for assisting with the PC meeting reports; the advertisers who cover printing costs and provide much valued income for the CC; all those who take the time to contribute articles, copy and reports on their societies, village happenings, letters and photographs; and to members of the local Facebook group who help raise awareness of issues and permit use of their photographs for inclusion.

Many thanks to all who send in fabulous photographs of CC activities, especially the Christmas activities - this enabled photo albums available to view on naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Thanks also to Justin Dowding for managing the Nayland and Wiston website - www.naylandandwiston.net. When life returns to normal please use it to promote your community activities.

Village Calendar: The Nayland with Wissington Calendar, which has proved very popular with residents, was first published 12 years ago. We are enormously grateful to the Calendar Team for their commitment and hard work.

The calendar team are very grateful to: local businesses that sponsor the calendar, all those who enter their photographs and those who help with sales at local shops or village activities. And of course, last but not least, those who buy the calendars.

We are delighted that Wendy Sparrow and Lorraine Brooks have agreed to continue on the team with some support from the CC Executive to take the calendar forward into 2022.

Plans are now in hand for the next photographic competition to generate images for the calendar. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we feel this will again need to be conducted online. Further details about entry are available on page 23 of the Community Times and at www.naylandandwiston.net. As in the last two years we will ask residents to select their favourite images for inclusion in the calendar rather than have an independent judge select the images. This worked well with high participation last year.

FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Members unanimously agreed that, subject to Government Covid-19 guidelines that we should go ahead with plans for Bonfire & Firework Night. Dynamic are provisionally booked.

Forthcoming Village Activities: Rachel said the future is looking brighter with established village activities hopefully resuming and some new events being considered.

- **Village Hall Gardening Morning:** on 10th April
- **Calendar Photographic Competition:** in late May/early June
- **Nayland 10K Fun Run:** date tbc
- **Nayland Flower Show:** on 7th August
- **Nayland Fun Food & Freedom:** 27th & 28th August
- **Bonfire & Fireworks:** 5th November
- **Christmas Fayre:** on 4th December.
- **Fun Village Quiz:** in February 2022
- **Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Event:** June 2022

SOCIETY REPORTS

Women's Institute: It has been decided that in future all meetings of the WI will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30pm in the Village Hall instead of Monday evenings. A provisional programme of speakers is being arranged although it is not yet known when the Village Hall will reopen.

Book Club: Members have recently read *'The Cuckoo's Calling'* by Robert Galbraith (aka J K Rowling) and are currently reading *'Curtain'* by Agatha Christie, the last of the Hercule Poirot series.

HortSoc: They are hoping it will be possible to hold the Flower Show in August and have a coach trip to Kew Gardens in September. They are looking into the possibility of having an outside plant and cake stall in late May instead of the usual Morning Market.

Nayland Land Company: Despite the Covid restrictions, lots of wet weather and consequent flooding, we have made good progress. In the area behind the Community Council seat 50 native species trees have been planted with guards, mulch mats, and a new perimeter fence. Only half of these are on land in our ownership and we are grateful to Suffolk County Council for allowing us to plant the rest on land owned by them. The large volume of material produced from the length of hedge that has been laid has been dragged across the field, cut up, and used to build 110m dead hedge and provide a small quantity of woodchip. All fencing work will be completed this week, but the sheep will not return immediately as they have plenty of grass where they are at present.

Nayland Church: Chris Hunt reported that St James' church remains closed for services but is open Sundays and Tuesdays 10am until 5pm both days. It is regrettable that services are not held but in the circumstances the Ministry Team are waiting for their vaccinations. Special services, which at the moment

include funerals, still take place. It is hoped that limited services will be held over Easter, and going forward - please see notices in the church porch for details. In spite of Covid church matters are still active. The removal of pews to create more free space is being planned and funding is being sought to create a Youth Worker position for the Benefice. People should also be aware that the Community Pantry is located in the Church Porch and is available to anyone.

Conservation Society: Mike Hunter reported that the Society was severely affected by the Covid restrictions but managed to perform many of its functions during 2020. Open Gardens was cancelled but 32 residents participated in a virtual Open Gardens whereby an album of photographs was displayed online. This will be repeated for June 2021 while we decide if an Open Gardens for village residents only will be held in September. Speaker meetings were cancelled, however via Zoom in November Rick Lewis spoke on the subject of *'Timber Framed buildings and carpentry in the 15th to 17th Century'* and the 2021 AGM will take place on 8th March via Zoom with Jeremy Greenwood speaking about the artist *'John Nash and the Stour Valley'*. Speakers are booked for June, October and November and will take place by Zoom if Covid restrictions still apply.

It was possible to complete the Swift Nesting Box project where 31 swift boxes were installed onto 19 houses and the local primary school; with luck this spring will see some new residents in the village. The Society obtained grants from the Community Council and the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley Project to cover the cost of the installation of steps and a handrail to facilitate safer descent from the A134 to the footpath following the river around Nayland Meadow. They planted 500 narcissi on the northern side of Horkesley Road where it meets the A134. Radio carbon dating of wood recovered from trench 1 during the Court Knoll Project suggests a 9th century date which is earlier than expected. The Society made representations on 12 planning applications during 2020 and engaged in correspondence with the company controlling flight routes ("NATS") and has sought a reduction in the extent of overflying the Dedham Vale. It is hoped that the short film of Nayland - by local cameraman Stuart Howells with Wendy Sparrow writing the script and Peter Drew narrating - will be complete by the end of spring 2021.

Nayland Choir: Rob Swan reported this time last year Nayland Choir were looking forward to *'A Red, Red Rose'*. All we have been able to do is sing together on Zoom (very much a second best activity) and for a very brief time during the "tiered" period, some people got together in a separated kind of way in Langham village hall which had gone through the full risk assessment process. He was pleased to say the Choir will hopefully be able to get together again after 17th May.

Parish Council: Ned Cartwright reported that, following consultation with nearby residents, double yellow line parking restrictions would be installed near Caley Green; on the south side of Bear Street and south side of the cul-de-sac. They are looking at including informative signage on Caley Green. Other matters on their agenda have been the play park inspection, HGV warning signs on the A134, street names for the new developments on Harpers Hill - Larch Rise and Grove Close. Following considerable local objection to a planning application for 5 new dwellings on land off Wiston Road, the application was withdrawn for reconsideration.

Nayland Event: The possibility of organising a village wide event to be held during August Bank Holiday weekend is being discussed by the Village Hall and the Church. It is proposed this would be an event for the whole village with music and refreshment to provide enjoyment after lockdown and raise funds for the Village Hall and St James' church.

Thanks: Chris Hunt thanked Rachel and the Community Council for their work and an interesting meeting - despite the less sociable nature of being by Zoom! Lesley Jameson congratulated Rachel on the encouragement she gives to members and the positive way she chairs the meetings.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: will be on **Wednesday 5th May 2021** at 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) by Zoom.

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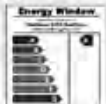


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-  Refuse (general rubbish) collection week
-  Recycling collection week
-  Collection following a bank holiday will be a day later than usual for the rest of the week

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Garden waste (brown bin) collections resumed in mid March. Future invoices will be adjusted to compensate for this period of non-collection.

NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

Saturday 24th April

Meet at 10am at the
Village Hall Car Park

- subject to COVID restrictions at that time
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RIVER WATCH

All in all the last 6 months has been pretty wet! With so much mud and flooding walkers have been using other routes but the river is still a popular draw, including to canoeists and kayakers and the odd fishermen. A variety of fabulous photos and films continue to be posted on local Facebook and kindly allowed to be included in the Community Times.

As always if you spot anything of interest, whether good, bad or unusual, do please send details for inclusion here to: lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com

The Environment Agency (EA) state: any environmental incidents should be reported to their 24 hour hotline number: 0800 80 70 60.

WATER LEVELS

Let's hope that all this rain means the reservoirs are at full capacity, the groundwater levels recharged and the river levels will not suffer this summer as they have done recently.

SWANS

The pond swans, who lost all their cygnets last year (mostly to herons), have returned and have been busy amusing us building their nest. However, Asbo and his pen seem to have disappeared; they arrived last spring with their cygnets already hatched so perhaps they have returned to their previous nesting site and will return to the river when they are hatched. We hope so; without Gordon the Goose and the swans the river and Caley Green seems rather quiet at the moment.

OTHER LOCAL WILDLIFE

Red Kite and Buzzard are often seen soaring overhead, and in increasing numbers, to the delight of residents. (For those, like me who kept getting them mixed up; the tail of a Buzzard is rounded - like a 'B', whereas the tail of a Kite is forked like a 'K')

You may recall on 13th January a deceased Barn Owl was found near the owl box on the allotment field. Although not confirmed by autopsy results poisoning is suspected. This is possibly secondary poisoning through the owl eating a rodent that had consumed the poison. More details about this issue and advice from the Barn Owl Trust can be found on page 40.



The meadow swans nest building, Nicky Blakebrough

GARDEN NOTES

Don't laugh, but April is actually a great time of the year to watch pigeons. I'm not talking about the dull things that they do, such as wandering over the lawn feeding on grain left out for 'more attractive' birds. No, this is about displays. Pigeon displays are engaging.

If you have Collared Doves in your neighbourhood, watch out for them suddenly launching at a steep angle into the air and then spiralling down with their wings and tail spread. Woodpigeons do something similar, but they fly upwards, flap their wings noisily and then suddenly stall, as if stunned, before gliding down in the same direction they started from. The idea of the display is to show off to a mate and rivals alike. It's pigeon theatre and well worth a look.

Tits will lay their eggs at the end of the month and their song peaks. In many ways, April is a better month for birdsong than May, because as soon as the eggs appear, many males cease singing so much or stop completely.

Butterflies will at last become commonplace in gardens. Large and Small Whites make their first appearances, mixing in with Brimstone and, if you're fortunate, Orange-tip.

Holly Blue is common in gardens in April. It's a restless, powdery blue butterfly that characteristically flies around the tops of hedges and around its foodplant, Holly.

Look out for bats during the evenings. Although bats may fly on mild nights at any time throughout the winter, they only truly begin to emerge now. By far the most likely species you're going to see over a garden is the Common Pipistrelle.

Pretty much all the usual garden birds will be breeding in May, including Robin, Tits, Greenfinch, Starling and Magpie. Early nests of Blackbird will release fledged young from the first week of May.

The chances are that, sometime during the month, the eggs laid by Blue and Great Tits in the garden nest box will hatch this month (often in the third week). This, therefore, will be a time of extreme hard work for the parents. The comings and goings to the nest box, each time carrying a caterpillar, make compulsive garden viewing.

During the month, House Martins will arrive and set about refurbishing their mudnests made beneath the eaves of buildings. They collect mud on the edges of pools and may need a thousand pellets to complete construction.

Swifts turn up in earnest and fly over gardens. They usually nest on tall buildings, everywhere from rural to urban areas. Churches and other towers provide ideal high rise services.

On a fine day, gardens will be full of Brimstone, as well as Large and Small Whites – subtle spring colours.



Wood Pigeons

The eagle eyed among you may have taken a second take when seeing a large white heron-like bird. We have become fairly familiar with the Little Egret which has frequently visited the river in recent years. This visitor however, was the Great White Egret (*Ardea alba*), quite a rarity.

Ray Spencer, who lives overlooking the weir, managed to capture some photographs and reported: *"Sightings of Little Egrets in Nayland have been quite common over the past few years. During the past few days we have been visited by their larger cousin - the Great White Egret - a bird we have never seen here before. In fact it even visited our garden, then a pair flew in."*

Time will tell whether it liked it in Nayland sufficiently to return; their numbers appear to be increasing so keep your eyes peeled. Apart from the obvious difference, that it is much larger than the Little Egret large, dagger-like bill that is yellow for most of the year, but becomes mostly black in breeding birds. The upper legs are yellowish, sometimes turning reddish in breeding birds, and the lower legs and feet are black - unlike the yellow feet of the little egret.

POLECATS

No further sightings of Polecats in the area are known. However, Ed Hutchings has pointed out that it is important to bear in mind that Polecats readily hybridise with ferrets which complicates accurate sightings.

Offspring of such a cross between the two animals typically have a distinct white throat patch, white feet and white hairs interspersed among the fur but that is not a precise description. Polecats and ferrets also vary in coloration and they display seasonal variations. Some polecats, ferrets and their hybrids (called polecat-ferrets) can be identified based on key distinguishing characteristics - see image.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

The last weekend in January saw the annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. The results are not yet available but having sat for my designated hour the results were quite similar to last year: Pheasants 3 (male), Partridges 2, Wood Pigeon 2, Collared Dove 4, Blackbird 6, Long Tailed Tit 3, Blue Tit 4, Great Tit 6, Chaffinch 2, Greenfinch 4, Goldfinch 5, Coal Tit 1, Wren 1, Robin 1, House Sparrow 1, Tree Sparrow 1, Dunnock 2, Jay 1, Spotted Woodpecker 1, Rooks 3, Carrion Crows 5, Jackdaws 6. *(Far too many of the Corvids bullying the smaller birds!)*. The number of Chaffinch have declined quite notably in recent years. We rarely see Thrush and Starling and Magpies too rarely pop by.



Polecat-ferrets and hybrids may have:
 Pale cheek patches and frontal band often very extensive and contrast poorly with darker facial mask, which may be absent
 Throat patch
 One or more white paws
 Dark fur on face does not reach nose
 Scattered white guard hairs over body, especially on hindquarters and tail

CORONAVIRUS: THE FOUR STEP ROUTE TO FREEDOM IN ENGLAND

29 March - Step 1B	12 April - Step 2	17 May - Step 3	21 June - Step 4	The Pass Test
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outdoor gatherings allowed under the 'Rule of 6' Outdoor sports facilities (i.e. tennis, golf) can reopen 'Stay at Home' replaced by 'Stay Local' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-essential retailers, hairdressers, close-contact services reopen Pubs and restaurants can reopen for outdoor seated service Libraries and outdoor attractions, i.e. zoos and theme parks can reopen Domestic holidays with family in self-contained premises Funerals with up to 30 people, weddings with up to 15 Wider social distancing rules remain in place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Rule of 6' scrapped outdoors Indoor hospitality reopens, cinemas, soft play areas, rest of accommodation sector Limited spectators at sporting events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last remaining legal restrictions lifted Remaining hospitality re-opens Nightclubs can re-open Large events and performances can restart with full crowds Restrictions for weddings may still be in effect 	<p>The four conditions that must be met at each phase:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.The Coronavirus vaccine programme continues to go to plan 2.Evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently reducing the number of people dying with the virus of needing hospital treatment 3.Infection rates do not risk a surge in hospital admissions 4.New variants of the virus do not fundamentally change the risk for lifting restrictions



Nayland & District
Horticultural Society

MORNING MARKET

Saturday 8th May

9.30am to noon

Outside the Church Hall

- ★ Plants including bedding & vegetables
- ★ Home-made cakes and preserves

Donations of items for sale or raffle prizes would be very welcome and may be brought to the Hall from 8.30am on the Saturday morning or left with a committee member during the week before the event.

www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

Registered Charity No 268104

MONDAY 31st MAY FOOTPATHS THE WALK

Meet 2.20 for 2.30pm start
at Boxford Recreation Ground
(far end of Homefield CO10 5AE)

The walk towards Groton will be led by Chris Hunt. It is 400 years since the Pilgrim Fathers sailed on the Mayflower to the New World, (now known as America!) and this walk will tell the story of one of the early Puritans who left this area and founded a new settlement. Stout walking shoes/boots advisable and try and car share to cut down on parking. The walk will take about 2½ hours (depending on how much talking is done!)



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NAYLAND VIRTUAL OPEN GARDENS

If anyone would
like to include photographs
or have photographs
taken of their garden
over the weekend of 5th-6th June
please contact
Mike Hunter on 264100

The photographs will be displayed
from Sunday 13th June

www.naylandconservation.org.uk



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

on Monday 29th March

9.15am - 3.15pm

£25 full day

for pre-school children
currently attending Woodland Corner

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

For further information, contact Woodland Corner
tel: 01206 263054 e-mail: woodlandcorner@outlook.com
web: <http://woodlandcornernayland.blogspot.com>
Registered Charity 1168815

NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL

VACANCY FOR CARETAKER

Nayland Village Hall Management Committee would like to appoint a new Village Hall caretaker and key holder to ensure the smooth running of the Village Hall for all the Hall users. This post is key to the efficient running of Village Hall. The Caretaker is a paid part time employment post.

JOB DESCRIPTION

- Cleaning of the Hall. All equipment is provided.
- Keyholder. This involves handing out keys to the hirers.

This vacancy has occurred due to the retirement of the long serving (over 45 years) Yvonne and Johnny Spooner.

Prospective employees should apply to the Chairman Iain A C Wright either by email or telephone as follows:-
iainacwright@iwaltd.co.uk
 or 01206 263646

Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society

Registered Charity No. 268104

THE STOUR VALLEY PATH

Speaker: Peter Tatum



MONDAY 28th JUNE

The meeting will take place on Zoom starting at 7.30pm. Members will receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting nearer the day

(in the event of a relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions this event may take place in the Village Hall and a decision will be made nearer the date)

www.naylandconservation.org.uk

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Virtual Meeting

Monday 26th April 2021

7.30pm by Zoom

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The Parish Council was unable to hold a Parish Assembly in 2020 because of pandemic restrictions and will not be able to hold a normal public meeting until all restrictions have been lifted. As an alternative, we hope to be able to hold a virtual meeting via Zoom. Relevant reports and accounts will be posted on the Parish Council webpage in advance of the meeting. If you wish to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk beforehand to book a place and receive the link.

If you wish to ask a question about matters relating to Suffolk County Council, Babergh District Council or Nayland with Wissington Parish Council services and responsibilities, please email or telephone the Parish Clerk the week beforehand and we will endeavour to give the answer during the Zoom meeting.

Debbie Hattrell, Parish Clerk pc@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk

Mary George, Chairman mary@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk

Representatives of Nayland with Wissington Community Council and Nayland Village Hall Management Committee will be available

SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...

View the colour version of the Community Times at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/CommunityTimes.html Do keep scenes you see coming to [lorraine.nayland @btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com).



The weather has rather dominated 'See It, Snap It' of late. That's not really surprising as our good old British climate has lived up to its reputation throwing a fair deal of variety and a few extremes at us. We had a couple of spells of snow over the winter enabling children and their 'big kid' parents to have some winter fun on sledges and the like. The bi-product was quieter roads.

Thank you very much to Boudica George who surprised and delighted her neighbours and passers by with her Snow Cat.... Which then had a kitten.

Boudica said: *"I wanted to make people smile in a time where it can be hard to find something to smile about. I was really grateful to see that it made many people happy and it was great to see people taking pictures/selfies of it or with it. I have been told Snow Cat and its Kitten will have to self-isolate though and so we may not see them again for a while but they will be back!"*

Thank you once again to Elaine Muskett for revealing Nayland Bear's antics, this time with his Snowman; apparently Fish said it was too cold outside to help!! Hopefully now spring is here and the weather a little warmer we shall see Fish rejoining Bear for further adventures.

Mandy Cook captured this atmospheric shot of heavy sleigh traffic in Mill Street. Thanks Mandy, you certainly were in the right place at the right time!

We have experienced strong winds too. Thank you to Suzanne Cullen for sending this photo of an ivy covered tree blocking Gravel Hill on 11th March. It was the second tree down on the hill in two days.



SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...



Looks like Santa bought someone (or perhaps he treated himself!) to a new bit of technology for Christmas. And aren't we pleased he did! Thank you Brian Sanders for sharing your wonderful photographs with us.

We've seen some lovely aerial shots of Nayland in recent months but seldom of The Heights. The snowy view towards Little Horkesley and Bures looks spectacular with the estate, built in the 1960s, nestled on the valley side.

Brian has also captured some stunning shots recently of the horseshoe weir. This one taken in January shows the weir in strong flow but levels have been higher frequently this winter.

The weir was built in 1947 and replaced Nayland Lock. There were 13 locks along the river and they enabled horse-drawn barges or 'lighters' to carry coal, bricks, corn, and other goods between Sudbury and Manningtree.

Sadly Horkesley Lock was not replaced with a weir, the cottage and bridge linking Nayland with Horkesley fell into ruins and disappeared. Without the lock holding the water back the water levels running along the river past the Anchor became much shallower.

In 1995, after two decades of campaigning the Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society latterly with the help of the more recently formed Dedham Vale & Stour Valley Project persuaded the National Rivers Authority (later the Environment Agency) to undertake the work to restore the area at a cost of £70,000. The pool was dredged, two new bridges built and new trees were planted by many enthusiastic residents.

Unfortunately, quarter of a century on, the area around the site of the old Horkesley Lock is in need of some TLC again.

SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...



Thank you to John Millbank for sending this snow scene at St Mary's Church, Wiston. It really is a charming church at any time of year and well worth a visit if you're going along one of the local footpaths. You can pick up a bargain second hand book from the porch too.

Thank you to Phil Border for capturing this Woodpigeon in the snow. Some may consider them a bit of a pest but they really are charismatic birds. *(We have a pair in the garden which entertain us with their courtship rituals nightly)*

Thanks again to Mandy Cook; hopefully we will be seeing many scenes like this from now on now spring has arrived. Incidentally, anyone who fancies taking on an allotment should contact the Parish Council - details on page 47.



TANK TRAPS IN BIRCH STREET

Following the question raised in the last issue of the CT regarding a WW2 tank trap hole discovered in Birch Street Mary George has confirmed that tank traps were installed on the roads between Stoke and Bures as part of a national defence operation.

Government contractors built tank traps as well as the pill boxes (the latter are now listed where they survive) all along roads in the Stour Valley and other parts of East Anglia. According to Peter Collins, who was a young boy at the time and can remember them being built, a lot of the building team were Irish 'navvies'. There is a brief mention in *'Nayland School at War'* by Mary George on page 58 (details of this series of books on page 24).

Nationwide responsibility for building road blocks lay with the Ministry of War Transport but the actual



erection of rails and scattering of other obstacles in an emergency was the job of the Home Guard; for example 12 men were

expected to close a 13ft gap across a road with 11 rails and 21 cylinders in 30 minutes. Bearing in mind the length and weight of rails and RSJs (rails being up to 14ft 6ins long) and awkward cylinders and the fact that most of the men were not in the first flush of youth, that is no mean feat.

Photos: left, the housing for a rail discovered in Birch Street, right, Home Guard troops defending a roadblock with smoke and rifles in 1941.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON VILLAGE CALENDAR COMPETITION

Perhaps one good thing coming from lockdown is that we have all had the opportunity to enjoy our village and the surrounding countryside and to appreciate the changes in seasons that come with the range of weather conditions our good old British climate brings. We hope this will translate into some additional entries for the calendar.

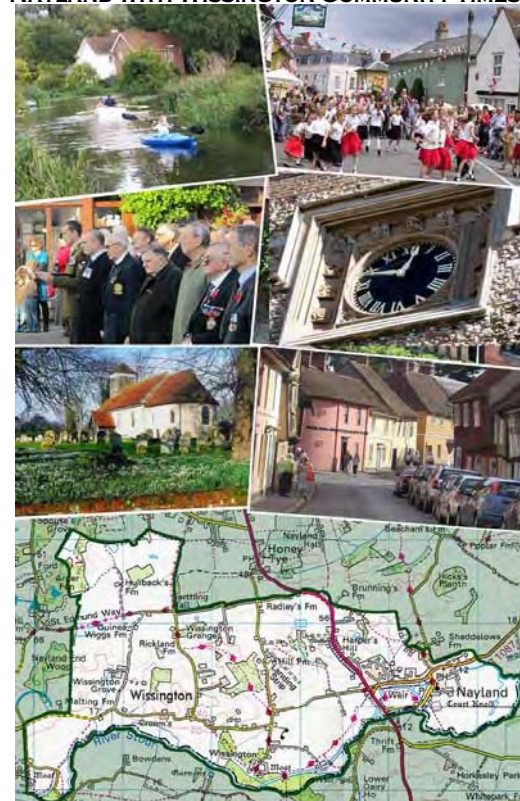
Once again we welcome photographs taken in recent years, reflecting any of the 12 months of the year, representing our beautiful parish and our thriving community. These may include scenic views, architectural and natural features, street scenes and any seasonal or unusual aspects of the parish. Community events have of course been limited of late but photographs of activities are welcome.

The images should be recognisable as being in Nayland or Wissington.

It is necessary to remember that photographs of children must have parental knowledge and consent and whilst it is fine to photograph people participating in a public event, any bystanders in your scenes must be agreeable to publication.

The Community Council look forward to your participation in the presentation of our 'Village' calendar. There is no age limit and we would love to have more entries from young people, the aim is to make it an enjoyable community project.

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Rules of Entry:

- The competition is open to residents of the Nayland with Wissington parish, and those who work in the parish or are active participants in parish societies or groups.
- Photographs should be landscape orientation and of good pixel size.
- The images should be recognisable as being taken in Nayland or Wissington.
- If in doubt the map of the parish can be viewed at: naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar
- Photographs should not be digitally enhanced.
- If photographs include children parental consent must be obtained by the entrant.
- A maximum of 8 photographs per person may be entered.
- Entries may be submitted by email to: lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com
- see details below
- The deadline for entries will be **Wednesday 26th May**.
- The display of photographs will be available to view online from **4th-6th June** via www.naylandandwiston.net for viewers to vote for their favourites.
- The 12 most popular photographs will announced on 10th June and will be included in the 2022 calendar.

Entries for Nayland with Wissington Calendar Photography Competition

When emailing your photographs for the competition, please include the following information in your first email which will act as your entry form.

Name - Telephone number - Address

Also if you are not a resident of Nayland with Wissington please give the name of your Nayland/Wiston workplace or the society/group in which you participate and your employer's or organisation secretary's name and telephone number.

Photographs can then be emailed through as attachments to: lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com in multiples or singularly but please send them as original high pixel .jpg files and provide brief details of the location where the photograph was taken.

(Please note: dragging photos into the email usually only provides a thumbnail and not a full size jpg attachment, it is generally better to use the email paperclip to find and attach your photo files.)

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch:
lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com or Lorraine on 262807

NAYLAND ST JAMES' CHURCH FETE

Unfortunately it will not be possible to have a Nayland Fete this year. We are hoping there will be a bumper Jubilee event next year.

Annie Elston
acelston@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL GARDEN WORKING PARTY

Saturday 10 April
from 9am



Please come along and join us
and make it a Covid safe
social occasion.

IT WILL BE USEFUL TO BRING
TOOLS, GLOVES, SECATEURS,
WHEEL BARROWS, ETC.

NAYLAND SCHOOL HISTORY BOOKS



Book 1: A History of Nayland Schools – 1707-2004

Book 2: Nayland School at War

Book 3: For King and Country

Published by Nayland Primary School in 2005.

£3 each or £7.50 for the set - Profit to the School.

Available at Forget Me Not or email: maryq1814ww1@gmail.com

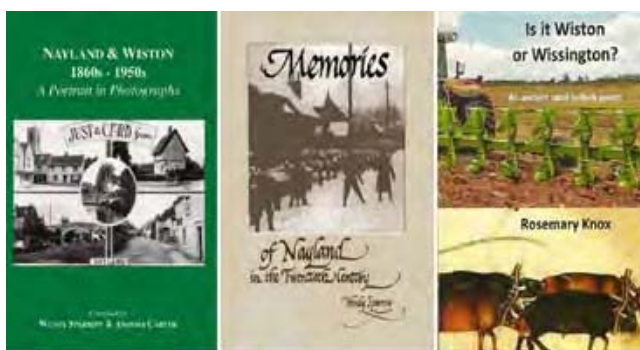
Further publications:

1914 Remembered is out of print but is available on the
Community website at [www.naylandandwiston.net/history/
history_docs/1914.pdf](http://www.naylandandwiston.net/history/history_docs/1914.pdf)

1918 Remembered: a few copies are still available from
maryq1918ww1@gmail.com

Profit to Nayland and District Royal British Legion

1945 VE DAY published online [https://
www.naylandandwiston.net/history/ve_day.php](https://www.naylandandwiston.net/history/ve_day.php)



NAYLAND HISTORY ONLINE ARCHIVE

Lockdown and the current lovely spring weather has provided
an opportunity to enjoy our gardens, but when the sun goes down how
about discovering more about the history of our villages. Nayland
with Wissington Conservation Society has an incredible online
archive of photographs. They are available to view and 'search' at:
<http://www.naylandconservation.org.uk/ArchiveIntro.html>

And there are a number of interesting books by the Society and
others available too....

NAYLAND HISTORY PUBLICATIONS

• **Nayland and Wiston: A Portrait in Photographs:** fascinating old
photographs from Nayland and Wiston which show the history and
character of people and places and reveals what life was like as
early as 1860. The pictures are delightful. £6

• **Memories of Nayland:** provides an interesting picture of Nayland
in the twentieth century through the memories of some of its
residents. £4

• **Nayland: A Bird's Eye View:** a collection of articles about people
and events from Nayland's past, historic buildings and much more.
£5

• **Is it Wiston or Wissington?** The history of Nayland's 'other
parish' from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century. £5

• **Nayland: Suffolk Town and Village:** this is a short history of

Nayland and Wiston including the following chapters: Nayland's industries and trades, schools, churches, medical and other
services, river, road, and railways, social pursuits, personal and family reminiscences. There is a walk around guide and map at the
back. £3

• **A Walk Around Historic Nayland:** a small booklet with photographs and drawings. £2.50

AVAILABILITY: All Items from Forget Me Not, 2 Birch Street. **Nayland: A Bird's Eye View** also from Wendy Sparrow 262820



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ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993

Donations would be gratefully received towards lilies for decorating **St James' church** for Easter and for flowers throughout the year. They can be given to Jeannette Finch (262993), Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street.

If anyone with an interest in flower arranging would like to join our little team or like to know more, do contact Jeannette on 262993.



NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Rachel Skells 262422
naylandchurchhall@yahoo.com

www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

The Church Hall will be re-opening in line with the activities permitted under government regulations and in accordance with the road map. We look forward to welcoming back all our regular groups as soon as circumstances allow.

For any queries please contact Rachel via email at naylandchurchhall@yahoo.com or by phone on 01206 262422.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Secretary: Andrew Gowen 262534 parkersag@yahoo.co.uk Chairman: John Partridge 263733

In these difficult times with no meetings and few activities there is little to report but it is important to keep in touch.

Village Fun Weekend on 27th/28th August. The Village Hall, St James' Church, Community Council and Parish Council are planning a fun weekend and the Branch should be involved. We need ideas; running some game on the playing field on the Saturday has been suggested. We have time to sort something out.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal British Legion. Suffolk HQ is planning a Drumhead Service at 3.30pm on Sunday 19th September in Bury Cathedral. The Branch is allowed to send two representatives and I expect they will also want our Standard (Kathy). Details are still awaited.

Looking further ahead; we have the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Branch on Sunday 30th October 2022. We need to plan something special on that day. Again your ideas would be welcome.

In the hope that we can start having meetings again, I propose we meet at the Church hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 16th August; starting with drinks (please bring a bottle) an agenda will be passed out to remind you all.



NAYLAND CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Chair: Ted Blanchette 07836551032 tedblanchette@tiscali.co.uk
Captain: Mervyn Farthing 01206 851739 mervynpaul@btinternet

Twelve months have now passed since this dreadful virus started and we had to cease playing carpet bowls which is greatly missed by all members. Luckily all of our club members have come through the pandemic unscathed, sadly unlike some other clubs that have lost members. I cannot see a resumption of playing bowls in the near future, perhaps the autumn at the earliest. Stay safe everyone.

Mervyn

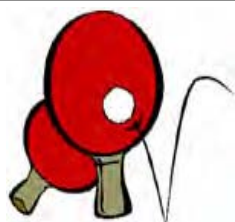


TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Jane Barbrook 263619 janebarbrook@hotmail.com
Tony Mann 262492 ad.mann@homecall.co.uk

The Table Tennis Group are unable to meet in the Village Hall at present due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We will resume our Monday afternoon sessions as soon as it is advised we can.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Chairman: Mike Hunter 264100
mikejphunter@gmail.com

www.naylandconservation.org.uk



The Society's AGM on the 8th of March was unfortunately delayed due to a Zoom problem and had to be adjourned to the 15th of March. Nevertheless, it was a great success with over 50 members in attendance. Jeremy Greenwood, an author of a book on John Nash, gave a most interesting talk on John Nash's life in the Stour Valley with some superb illustrations.

Notwithstanding the current Covid 19 restrictions the Society has a number of events planned for the next few months.

A Village Hall garden working party will take place on the 10th of April from 9am. Please bring your own gardening equipment and note that we have sufficient garden area to cover to ensure that social distancing won't be a problem!

On the 24th of April commencing at 10am the village litter pick, jointly organised with the Parish Council, will take place. You are invited to contact Mike Hunter on 01206 264100 so that we can arrange a meeting time for groups of six people to ensure that the current restrictions are not breached. Litter pickers and bags will be supplied and volunteers will be allocated areas of the village.

The Society has a full programme of speakers for 2021 and these shall continue either in person at the Village Hall or on-line, whichever course we are permitted to follow. Our next speaker is Peter Tatum who will be talking to us (probably on Zoom) on the Stour Valley Footpath on the 28th of June starting at 7.30pm.

On the 31st May, Chris Hunt will be leading our Spring Footpath walk from Boxford to Groton. We shall be meeting at the Recreation Ground at the far end of the road known as Homefield (post code CO10 5AE) in Boxford at 2.20pm (the walk will start at 2.30). Chris will relate the story of one of the Pilgrim Fathers who sailed to America having left this area and founded a new settlement.

The committee has decided that Open Gardens cannot take place in June. However, as last year, we shall have a virtual Open Gardens, so that photos of contributing gardens will be taken over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of June and these will be displayed on our web site from Sunday the 13th of June. As Open Gardens remains our main source of fund-raising viewers will be asked if they are willing to make a voluntary donation to the Society for the £5 entrance fee. The committee will decide in July whether there is the possibility of an autumn Open Gardens in late August or September but with the intention that it is limited to villagers only and not open to the general public.

Stuart Howell's film of Nayland, commissioned by ten members of the Society continues to progress and we are hoping it will be ready for viewing by the next edition of the Community Times.

Finally, we look forward to the appearance of our first swifts in the village and hope to report that occupancy of the swift boxes organised by the Society has begun!



NAYLAND BELL RINGERS

Chris Hunt 262014 or Hazel Gardiner 262582

Although our Tuesday afternoon handbell practice meetings and Monday afternoon Church bellringing practice are currently suspended due to Coronavirus we are looking forward to resuming them when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, stay safe and well everyone.



THE FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NAYLAND

Registered Charity Number 1052641

Chairman: Alan Edwards 262800 alan@edwards-online.net

After the last year of CoVid, which caused the cancellation of all our planned events and meetings, Martin Wright and Peter Mann took the opportunity to retire from the Friends Committee after many, many years of contribution. Their help has been invaluable to us both practically and in advice freely given and they will be much missed. Fortunately, Ruth Pearson and Cameron Duncan have volunteered to replace them – they were co-opted onto the committee in a Zoom meeting in January and formally voted onto the committee at our AGM on March 24th. We still have a vacancy for a committee member who is interested in developing the fund raising interests of the Friends.

At the time of writing, Ruth is planning a **Cake Sale for 27th March** and has been extremely grateful for the positive response from so many willing cake makers. We hope that the weather will be fine and that everyone's hard work will be rewarded with a joyful and profitable event.

Meanwhile, Cameron has taken on the task of getting the communications side of the Friends into the 21st Century. As it is our intention to stage more village events, centred round but not always in, St James', it is clearly important to spread the word. We would also like to move as much of our communication as possible from paper to online.

As mentioned already, we have an outline plan for the 'Summer Season' events. We hope we can persuade both the Boxted Methodist Silver Band and the Kingsland Gospel Choir to come and entertain us again. The Candlelit Carol Service will, of course, be on the evening of the Sunday before Christmas, while we also have plans for a Summer Garden Party and other possible events. Watch out for announcements!

Finally, and although still further delayed, plans for the re-ordering of the pews outside the servery in St. James' proceed. We now think there is a likelihood that the project can be complete before Christmas.



NAYLAND ART GROUP

Like most other activities the Art Group has been unable to meet for our Wednesday afternoon sessions in the Church Hall due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic restrictions. Members are looking forward to meeting up again and resuming our art.



OVER 60s CLUB

Secretary: Barbara Smith 501492

President: Eva Rolfe 263151

Sadly as the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic continue our forthcoming meetings - usually held on the second Thursday of each month in Parkers Way Community Centre - continue to be cancelled. We will let members know when they can be resumed.

If you have any queries please telephone Diana Whiting on 262023.

We hope everyone remains safe and well and look forward to seeing each other as soon as we can. **Diana Whiting**

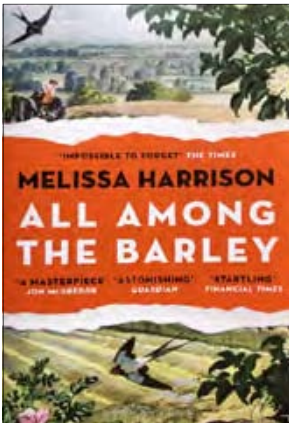


NAYLAND LUNCHEON CLUB FOR OVER 60s

A Monthly Lunch for Senior Citizens ~ at Longwood Barn ~ 12 noon for 12.30pm ~ £3
Olga Alexander on 263923

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus pandemic the luncheons continue to be cancelled. I will be in touch when it is possible to restart the lunches and look forward to seeing you all again.

In the meantime we hope everyone stays safe and well.



BOOK CLUB

Jane Barbrook 263619 janebarbrook@hotmail.com

'The Cuckoo's Calling' was a crime fiction novel written by J.K. Rowling, published under the pseudonym of Robert Galbraith. It was the first novel in the Cormoran Strike series of detective novels. Strike was a disabled war veteran and struggling private detective who was approached by John Bristow, the brother of someone he knew at school, to find out how his sister died. The police ruled it as suicide, but John refused to believe it and hired Strike to investigate her death.

Our second novel was 'Curtain' by Agatha Christie. This was Hercule Poirot's last case. An ailing Poirot returns to Styles, an old country house, with Hastings nearly three decades after solving their first mystery there, in order to prevent a serial killer from committing another crime. As always, we were kept guessing right to the end who the killer was.

Our next book is 'All Among the Barley' by Melissa Harrison.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Jeannette Finch 262993

Secretary: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

Like all clubs we have been unable to meet for many months, but we hope to have our first meeting in July.

Many of our members disliked going out in winter evenings and after a detailed discussion we have decided to change our day and time. From July the meetings will be 2.30pm to 4.30pm on the second Thursday in the month in the Village Hall. Each member was contacted and without exception they all agreed it was a lovely and sensible idea. The programme will be amended as one or two of the speakers were unable to do afternoons, but we shall have a varied programme, and I am sure we are all looking forward to meeting up again. Hopefully having changed the day and time we look forward to welcoming new members.



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Jo Murrison 262369

As mentioned last issue the Village Lunch due to be held on Wednesday 21st April had to be cancelled due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.

However we must look forward to the return of all our usual village events in the autumn so the next Village Lunch is booked for Wednesday 20th October when the speaker will be Mark Mitchels. It is hoped this Lunch will be able to go ahead and we very much look forward to seeing you all then, in the meantime we send our very best wishes to you and all your families and keep safe.



VILLAGE PLAYERS

www.villageplayers.co.uk



Chair: Justin Dowding 07805 648935 jpdowding@gmail.com

With the lockdown, the Village Players have suspended activities until we're allowed to meet again. As mentioned previously, if we are able to put on a production this year, it will be on December 3rd, 4th and 5th. However, this will depend on social distancing rules being relaxed for both the audience and the actors. When we have updates, they'll be announced in the Community Times and online at <https://villageplayers.co.uk>.



STOUR BORDER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

John Spooner 262691

Unfortunately the monthly concerts of Country Style music from leading artists have been suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic. The dances will be resumed as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, keep safe and well everyone.



NAYLAND CHOIR

Chair: Rob Swan 07954 334548 rob.swan@tb9.uk
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Since the last issue of Community Times, we have continued with online singing which is good both for technique, breathing etc, and also for well being and participating with others.

We also held our AGM (online of course) and combined this with a quiz on musical themes which was good fun but not easy!

And it is great to report that the current timetable for easing of restrictions means that amateur groups like Nayland Choir can recommence rehearsals and performances from 17th May. We will be planning for this date and also for joining in the "Fun, Food and Freedom (From Covid?)" event planned for 27th and 28th August.

It is lovely to have positive things to look forward to.



VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 304 928 www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646 Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

MATTERS ARISING

- None as the hall has been closed since March 20th 2020 due to Covid 19 pandemic.

HALL MATTERS AND MAINTENANCE

- An advert will be placed in the Community Times for a new caretaker due to the retirement of Mr & Mrs Spooner.
- The monthly fire checks have been carried out.

BOOKINGS

- The hall is booked for the Elections on Thursday 6th May. The Hall will be thoroughly cleaned that week.
- Correspondence has been exchanged with Suffolk County Council about the possible use of the Village Hall as a lateral flow Covid testing centre. Locks are carrying out the annual electrical tests in preparation for this eventuality. Two of the fluorescent lights need new emergency back up batteries and will require tower to reach them.
- Hirers are starting to book the Hall for events from May onwards. Hopefully most of the regular hirers will return.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- COIF Endowment £14,827, COIF £19,282, Bank £10,597, Cash £6, Assets £13,776, Debtors £0.

ROOF REPLACEMENT & FUNDRAISING

- The VHMC will look for other sources of grants.

CINEMA

- It is not possible to give an exact date for the Hall's reopening yet.

AOB

- The VHMC are proposing to hold a two day village event on the weekend of the late August Bank Holiday in conjunction with the Church and the Community Council in order to raise funds for the roof and to celebrate the end of lockdown.

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be the AGM on **Monday 22nd March** at 8pm via Zoom.
- The next Garden Working Party is scheduled **Saturday 10th April** at 9am - adhering to Covid-19 social distancing.
- The next monthly committee meeting will be on **Monday 5th April** 7.30pm via Zoom.

The Village Hall Management Committee would very much appreciate some new members joining us.

We meet once a month in the meeting room of the hall (or by Zoom during lockdown) for a couple of hours on the first Monday of the month. In anticipation of the hall being able to reopen in the next few months, if you feel you would be able give a little of your time to keep this community facility prospering for the mutual benefit of the whole village, please contact any member of the VHMC.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chair: Trevor Smy 262022 trevor.smy24@gmail.com www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

With signs of new growth in our gardens, we are hopeful that this signals a new beginning which will enable us to start some of the events for 2021. This year the calendar of HortSoc events is due to commence with the **Morning Market** on **Saturday 8th May**. This is going to be held outside the Church Hall between 9.30am and 12.00 noon, with plants and cakes for sale. Donations of items for sale and contributions towards the raffle may be brought to the Church Hall from 8.30 am.

The June **coach trip** is cancelled.

It is uncertain whether the **Summer Garden Party** will be able to take place this year. This is dependent upon locating a suitable venue to hold the event. Further details will be announced if this is possible.

This year should be our **39th Annual Flower Show**. It is planned to be held on Saturday 7th August in the Village Hall. The Show schedules have been prepared and these will be distributed within the next few weeks. Copies of the schedule are also available from Nayland Shops as well as being downloaded from our website.

We are hoping that our visit to **Kew Gardens** on Wednesday 8th September will take place this year. The coach will leave Nayland at 9.30am.

Andrew Sankey, our **Autumn Speaker** has been booked to come to the Church Hall on Tuesday 19th October. The title of his talk is '*Funny Garden Features*'.

If the **Christmas Fayre**, organised by the Community Council, is able to take place on 4th December, HortSoc will have their usual stall there selling seasonal items and also a raffle.

We really hope that these events can take place, but we will need to adhere to the Government guidelines when these are announced, nearer the time.



THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

Sally Dalton johnansal@live.co.uk 262675

We send Sally our best wishes for a speedy recovery following her recent operation. No doubt the Caley Green wildlife will be missing her daily visits to feed and check on them.

Many of us still miss Gordon the greylag goose; at this time of year he would have returned to his usual spring pastime of guarding the bus stop and admiring and engaging with his reflection in the glass.

After the long wet winter, spring finally arrived; the snowdrops and crocus made a welcome appearance and now the daffodils are in bloom.

The pond swans have returned and are building their nest. There are only a few pairs of ducks near the green, there are others scattered along the river

Photo by Mandy Cook



NAYLAND FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

Coordinator: Tracy Le Grys 01206 271553 Mob 07504 118843 tracyb295@googlemail.com

First Responders are volunteers with life-saving skills who attend medical emergencies where they live or work on behalf of the ambulance service.

Because they volunteer in their community they can often reach a patient before an ambulance or first response car.

Interested in joining the Nayland First Response Team?

Are you – physically fit, aged between 18-70, have a sympathetic and caring nature and agree to undertake training which is provided by the service. Then this could be for you.

Please contact Tracy Le Grys or view <http://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/join-the-team/community-first-responders>

THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON LAND COMPANY



Despite restrictions around Covid which have prevented any form of group participation, the first stage of our project is now virtually complete. The expertly laid hedge is starting to show signs of new growth and we hope the coppiced hedge will do the same in due course. Much to our relief the recent drier weather has greatly improved the walkability of the footpaths. We produced some high quality woodchip some of which is being trialled as an experiment on two well worn areas of the footpath near the Community Council seat. Thank you very much to Peter Irving for producing all the woodchip free of charge (*see photos*).

New fencing has been erected along the north side of the laid hedge and also near the pond to protect the two small areas of recently planted willow. All other fencing has been made good with new stakes where needed, and all the barbed wire replaced with plain wire. Our thanks to Danny Thurlow and his sons for getting this work done as soon as the field became dry enough (*see photo*).

Thank you also to Dick Strover, Peter and Anna Mann, Rob Dryden and particularly John Carpenter, for their help in moving and cutting up the large volume of hedgerow brash with which over 110 metres of new dead hedge has been constructed. This will be very attractive to birds and other forms of wildlife (a happy weasel has already been spotted!) and will complement our intention to put three bird nesting boxes in Richard's Wood. Anyone who would like to sponsor one of these boxes please contact Dipak Warren on 01206 263713.

We would please ask everyone when they are walking beside the river to stay on the footpath immediately next to the river, and not divert through the area that is designated as a wildflower meadow.

Also please be aware that in the interest of public safety, cycling is prohibited on the permissive footpath.

David Slater

Some sixteen years ago when the Buntings were planning their John Constable Heritage Centre there was a real fear in and around Nayland for our natural environment and its beauty. At that time the opportunity arose to acquire the meadow (bordered by the A134 on its western side, the river and Bear Street on the north and being west of Horkesley Road) from the farming business PG Rix Farms.

On the initiative of the Conservation Society and with money raised from donors + gift aid this meadow was bought. John Alexander in those days was the chairman of the Conservation Society, Andora Carver the secretary and Richard Cave the treasurer. It was a very significant moment.

A separate private company limited by guarantee was set up which registered as a charity and which owns the "conservation meadow". The intention is it will hold that meadow in perpetuity and it will become an ecological and environmental treasure for all. In 2010 the adjoining strip was acquired from the Buntings. None of this would have happened were not for the concerted efforts of the Conservation Society and in particular John, Andora and Richard. [Andora took a step down a few years ago.]

In the last 18 months there has been a consultation in relation to the meadow and tree planting, hedging works and a new permissive path.

Today the meadow sits at the beginning of an exciting new era where we will work together as a charity to deepen people's – in particular young people's – relationship with ecology in their own environment. The value of community assets such



as this will only increase and with that our enjoyment of the meadow.

After many years' contribution I now send an enormous thank you to both John and Richard as they retire for their original foresight and involvement. And likewise many (belated) thanks too to Andora.

Martin Wright, Chairman, Nayland with Wissington Land Co.

Nayland Land Company: Bird records January and February 2021

The Land Company has begun regular surveys of birdlife using the Conservation Meadow. To complement this, we would be happy to receive any ad hoc bird records for the site from local residents. Please let us know what you have seen and the date that you saw it. Only submit records for birds on the meadow itself and the meadow "half" of the river which is in the Land Company ownership. Records of birds flying over the site should be distinguished from those which land on the meadow. Records can be submitted at Naylandmeadowbirds@gmail.com. Highlights for January and February were as follows:

January:

Highlight of the month was the presence of goosanders on the river and pond. Birds were noted on 6 separate dates in January, with a maximum count of six on both 11th and 12th of January. Goosanders are sawbill ducks which feed on fish. They are winter visitors to East Anglia, and breed in the north and west of Britain.

The very wet weather during the month and consequent partial flooding of the meadow was beneficial to birds and provided suitable foraging habitat for species such as meadow pipit and pied wagtail, as well as black-headed gulls. A flock of meadow pipit (maximum count of 31) was present throughout the month. Although this species is resident in Suffolk, these birds may well be overseas migrants over-wintering in the area.

The sward within the field also provided good foraging habitat for corvids, with maximum recorded counts of 66 jackdaw, 80 rook and 2 carrion crow. Other records for the month included a little grebe on the pond, a party of 16 long-tailed tit, and a pair of Egyptian geese. A single redwing was recorded on 25th January. A single coot was present on the pond on most survey dates, together with the resident pair of mute swan. Moorhen were present on all survey dates, with a maximum count of 9 on 10th January. There were flyovers by kestrel, red kite and buzzard.

February:

The great white egret records were the highlight of the month. An individual was recording roosting in the centre of the field on 15th February, which later moved to the river to feed. This or another bird was also seen on 16th February. An uncommon species, great white egrets (much larger than the more familiar little egrets) are expanding their populations in continental Europe and records in the UK are becoming much more frequent.

Meadow pipit records were fewer than recorded in January, being seen on just a single date (10th Feb) when 21 were recorded. Peak corvid numbers were 39 jackdaw on 24th February, 38 rook on the 10th, and 4 carrion crow on the 24th. A peak count of 40 black-headed gull was recorded on 5th Feb. A pair of Egyptian geese were observed on two dates, and the ever present pair of mute swans on the pond was supplemented by the pair on the river.

Birds observed flying over the field include 4 goosander (on 15th February) as well as cormorant, grey heron, collared dove, red kite, kestrel and buzzard.

Rob Dryden



Photo: Nicky Blakebrough



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL : EAGLE CLASS

Mrs Kennedy

After 9 weeks of remote learning, it was wonderful to finally welcome back some 3D children! The school organisation of keeping separate Bubbles etc had been adapted to improve the 'flow' of arrivals to and from school in a bid to keep disruptions to our neighbours to a minimum and social distancing to a maximum.

Eagles share Bubble 3 with the Kestrel Class (Y5) with a new start time of 8:50am. The final part of this term started with every pupil in school adding their handprint to a rainbow collaboration, echoing our fingerprint design from the first lockdown. Pepper, our school dog, celebrated her birthday that day too and she was thoroughly spoiled with presents from each class. In Eagles we should have been undertaking our annual residential trip to P.G.L. As this was not possible, we decided to collapse the usual timetable and have a Space week instead with MOONDAY and Constellation Day along with Solar System Day. Activities included scavenger hunts, crater investigations, constellation mapping and of course dressing up!

In a rash moment during lockdown, when I was complaining about the lack of hairdresser visits, I told the Eagle Class they could cut my hair when back in school... fast forward several weeks - the Eagles had not forgotten!!! We decided to raise money for Red Nose Day and so they were able to purchase raffle tickets for a draw, the win being given the honour of cutting my hair!!!! As I type I am yet to know the fate of my 'barnet' as the draw and cutting will take place on Red Nose Day itself. Perhaps the next edition will include photos of the before and after....



WHERE ARE THE 2 PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS IN NAYLAND?

- **Nayland Fire Station**, Bear Street, Nayland CO6 4HY on the outside wall by the entrance.
- **Nayland Village Hall**, Church Lane, Nayland CO6 4JH on the outside wall to the right of the main entrance.

Please familiarise yourself with these locations and let your friends, family and neighbours know.



Woodland Corner

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behind Nayland Primary School, Bear Street,
Nayland, Colchester, CO6 4HY

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Thank you to everyone that supported our Clothes Collection and Mother's Day Cake Sale, we raised £135 and £511 respectively. Thank you to Kerridges, The Anchor, Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, a hand painted silk scarf by Francesca Quine and Cawston Press your prizes made the 'Squares Game' very popular.

At Pre-School this term we have been celebrating Burns Night by making short bread, St David's Day we made daffodils, on 1st March we celebrated Martisor (a Romainian celebration) by making bracelets. We all dressed up for World Book day on the 4th March. Dana's music sessions are very popular with the children and the staff! We have been planting spring flowers in our flower bed and pots to make our garden look very pretty.

We are making Mother's Day cards and it will soon be Red Nose Day and Easter! With Easter in mind, we are going to hatch chicks again and have some live eggs arriving soon. We have been spending most of our time outside in our lovely garden. We have enjoyed the large sand pit again and have been role playing Firefighters, the Police and role playing take away cafes.

We are running a special Pre-School Holiday Club on Monday 29th March 9.15am-3.15pm. Session cost £25. Please book your space early to avoid disappointment.

We are looking forward to welcoming six new pre-school children and their families after Easter. We have limited pre-school sessions available for this school year, please contact us to arrange a visit and register your interest for the Summer or Autumn term.

Extended schools sessions will restart after the Easter Break and we are looking forward to welcoming the older children back to Woodland Corner. We will make the most of the lighter evenings and play outside as much as possible. Sessions run before school from 8.00-9.00 and after school until 5.00.





NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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Due to the ongoing pandemic, you will be asked to wait outside for your appointment, if you wish to wait in your car please phone the reception team upon your arrival. Please be aware when you enter the surgery you will have your temperature checked and be asked to wear a mask for the duration of your appointment, please bring your own if you are able to. In order to protect our staff and other patients please cancel your appointment if you or anyone in your household has Coronavirus symptoms.

For Coronavirus testing please call 119 or visit the government website, we are unable to arrange this on your behalf. Please do not contact the surgery regarding your COVID vaccination, you will be contacted directly if you are eligible to be vaccinated at this time. We are aiming to return to our normal appointment system as soon as possible and we will be following Government and NHS England guidance. Please visit the NHS England and Department of Health Guidance website for updates and advise.

The Surgery will be closed for the Easter Bank Holiday from 6pm on Thursday 1st of April and will re-open at 8am on Tuesday 6th and 9am for the dispensary. The surgery will also be closed from 12pm on Wednesday 28th April and Wednesday 26th May for North East Essex Educational Shutdowns, but will reopen at 8am the following day or 9am for Dispensary.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time.



MESSY CHURCH

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

For further information: Revd Val Armstrong 262814 mrsvarmstrong@hotmail.com

Fun art and craft activities and games based around informal worship and afternoon tea.

We remain hopeful that Messy Church activities will be able to resume later in 2021 and look forward to being able to see everybody in person soon. In the meantime we hope that you have a Happy Easter and enjoy the holidays, hopefully with some nice Spring weather and lots of opportunities to get outside – and of course, get messy!

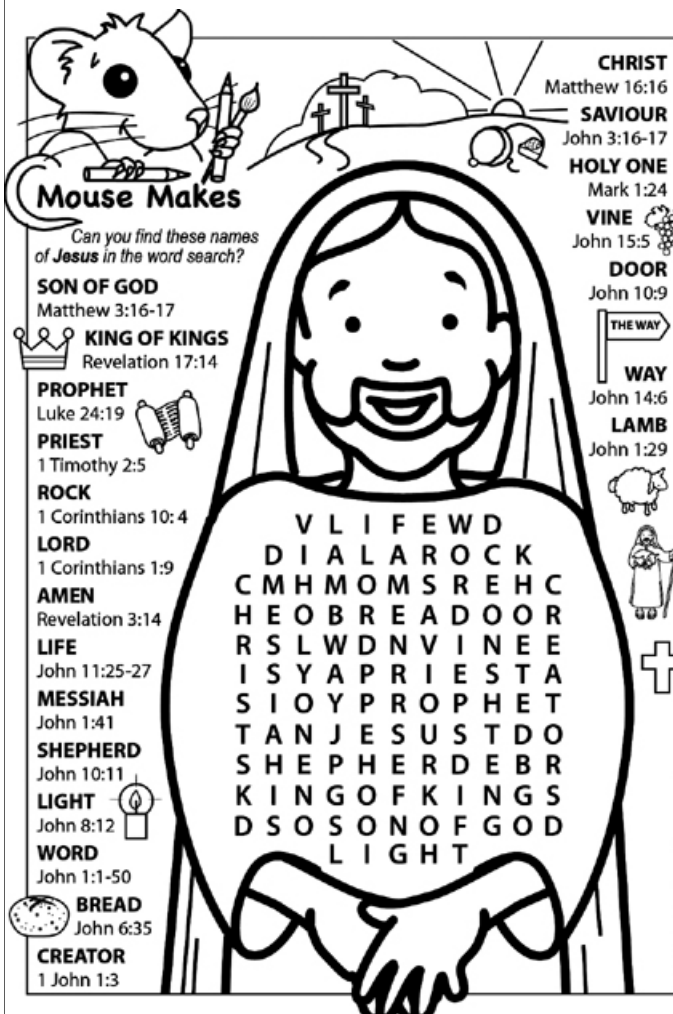
Love to you all from the whole Messy Church team.



Words and Actions



See Luke 10:38-42



Garden Notes

by The Old Muckspreader

In the past month we have had enough rain for the whole season; fortunately it seems to have ceased for the moment.

Here the low ground to the East side of our house, where a pair of wild duck made a brief visit, is beginning to dry out, and the first Primroses, living up to their original name of 'prime roses', are flowering on the adjoining bank. Benjamin Disraeli named them as his favourite flower – not a bad choice.

The Winter Jasmine (J. Nudiflorum) has now finished flowering, and can be cut back hard, when it will produce a lot of healthy new growth to carry next seasons flower.

It's not too late to prune other summer flowering shrubs such as Buddleias which have made a lot of growth and need reducing in height.

If you have a bit of spare ground, or a gap in the front of a border probably the best way of filling it is to plant annuals there.

Now, or a bit later depending on the plant, is the time to sow their seed. If you have a greenhouse, even an unheated one, it is an advantage, but many annuals don't need extra heat to germinate, and many can be sown directly into the place where they will spend their lives.

In front of the house there are now several drifts of the little Crocus Thomasinnianus; this good value, being a great self-seeder and here is much preferred to the larger Dutch Crocuses.

In the Glade, the Aconites and Snowdrops have finished flowering, and the Bluebells will be next. Most are the native wild ones, but here and there are some hybrids (a cross between the natives and the bigger Spaniards) presumably planted by a previous owner of the property. The OM/S, who wants the place to look natural (even though he planted almost all of it himself!) tries to dispose of the interlopers whenever they appear – not an easy task, but at least it stops them scattering their seed.

On the vegetable front, we await the first picking from the Nine Star Perennial Broccoli, planted last year. This is a wonderful vegetable, but difficult to get hold of, not appearing in most seed catalogues. Bon appétit, we hope.

WORDSEARCH: Plants from South Africa

ANAGRAMS: Cottage Garden Plants

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JOHN AND THOMAS ABELL

Standing on Anchor Bridge today it is interesting to imagine horse-drawn barges wending their way up and down the river centuries ago between Sudbury and Mistley, stopping at Nayland, the half-way point, on their journey. The wooden bridge they passed under in the early days of the Navigation was built in the 15th century and although the Stour Navigation Act was passed in 1705 it was not until 1775 that the wooden bridge was replaced by one constructed in brick, followed by the present one which was built in the 1950s.

Throughout Nayland's history the river was always an essential means of transportation particularly during the time of the woollen cloth trade from the 14th century when Nayland became an important "town". By the 16th century it was ranked 42nd in the list of richest towns in the country and two thirds of people engaged in trade and industry were in the woollen cloth making industry. In 1522 there were 11 wealthy cloth makers and many weavers and associated craftsmen. One of these cloth makers was John Abell who is believed to have instigated the building of the wooden bridge, at that time called Plod Bridge.

Five generations of Abells were Lords of the Manor at Cooks Hall in nearby West Bergholt. John Abell conducted his business in Colchester and when he died in 1523 he was a very rich and influential man. He owned a vast amount of property all over north Essex and south Suffolk including Nayland and Stoke-by-Nayland. There is a reference to John living at Nayland in the Colchester Court Rolls for 1510-11 and in his will he identifies his Nayland residence as a house called Greenes. Nayland historian Dr Slade suggested it could have been on the site of the present Longwood House in Stoke Road but no real evidence has been found.

John Abell was married twice and had nine children. In his will he left instructions that he should be buried with his first wife Johanne "in the churchyard of St James's chappell in Nayland", although there is no record of where their grave is. John was a devout Christian and supporter of Nayland Church, both in his attendance and in his financial support and after his death the church showed their gratitude by adding the south west porch in his memory.

Another reminder of John Abell's generosity to Nayland involved Anchor Bridge which at different times has been called Plod, Poole, Nayland, Horkesley, Bell and County Bridge. In his will John bequeathed the income from a house and land at Layer Breton to maintain the Plod Bridge in perpetuity. For nearly 200 years the trustees carried out John Abell's wishes but in the early 18th century the bridge was becoming unsafe and expensive to maintain. In 1714, as the bridge straddled the Essex and Suffolk boundary, the trust was taken over by the two county authorities who continued to maintain the bridge until 1774. It was then decided to demolish the old wooden bridge and to replace it with one of brick. It is written that the keystones in the brick bridge showing a bell and a letter A were taken from a bridge in Fen Street near where it was believed John Abell lived and that the stones were inserted in his memory. This tribute was carried on in the later existing bridge. Whatever the truth these stones provide a visible link with the benefactor of the first old bridge.

John Abell was also generous in his will to friends and employees. He left 10/- for "the honest company of that same town of Neyland to have at my burial to make merry whereas they do please" and all householders were to receive 4 pence each and after 7 days later 2 pence each and 30 days after that 3 pence each. Householders at Stoke were to receive 5 pence on his burial day. To the poor of West Bergholt, Great and Little Horkesley, Polstead, Boxted, Wormingford and Assington



The 18th century bridge at Nayland

he left similar amounts. He ended his will with a wish that his executor should use whatever was left after his specific bequests for "almes, deeds and in mending of high weyes as he shall think best and most needful to be done".

After John's death the Abell family continued to prosper and in 1573 John Abell, Junior, was granted a coat of arms by the College of Arms. He installed the heraldic shield, reproduced in stained glass, in the window of his ancestral home at Cooks Hall but in 1940 it found its way into St James's Church Nayland where it can be seen today on the south wall, another reminder to the village of the Abell family.

John Abell's eldest son, Thomas, was born in 1493 and as a child may have lived in Nayland. John would no doubt have been proud of his son's achievement when at the age of 35 Thomas joined King Henry VIII's court in 1528 and became chaplain to Queen Katherine of Aragon but unfortunately John had died a few years before this. We can only imagine his sorrow if he had known that his son was later executed by Henry VIII in 1540 for his part in that king's divorce. This tragic story is not well known and in many history books is hardly mentioned, such was the drama and cruelty of the times when murder and executions were commonplace.

However, Jon Lander's excellent book published in 2008 describes in detail the role Thomas Abell played in Henry VIII's divorce from Katherine of Aragon. At the time of his appointment to the court the matter of the divorce was already ongoing and Thomas privately decided he could not accept the King's claim that when he married Katherine he had broken God's law and that the marriage was invalid. Amongst his many accomplishments Thomas could speak Spanish and as Katherine's chaplain he became her loyal supporter and confidante.

On a secret mission to Spain Thomas sought to destroy the King's case for divorce and back in England he argued against the King both in print and from the pulpit. Thomas and others who refused to accept the validity of his marriage to Anne Boleyn were imprisoned in the Tower of London. Having endured nearly seven years of imprisonment in the Tower, Thomas was eventually found guilty of treason after refusing to take the Oath accepting Henry as Head of the Church and in 1540 he was hanged, drawn and quartered at Smithfield on the orders of Henry VIII.

Father and son, John and Thomas Abell, were undoubtedly two remarkable men in Nayland's history, John as a successful cloth maker and generous benefactor, and Thomas who tried in vain to change the history of this country.

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder

[Sources: *The Queen's Champion* by Jon Lander (pub 2008); *Dr Slade's History of Nayland* (unpublished); *The Essex Review* No 244 Vol LXI (1952)

WEATHER SUMMARY: 2020-21 Winter Weather Report *by David Lowe*

January was a wet and cool month. Rain was at record level over the past 13 years for the third month out of the last four. While the national press reported January as being the coldest over the past 10 years, it wasn't here.

The pressure system pattern was similar to the wet months of October and December, with Atlantic lows and their fronts only moving slowly over the country, and sometimes stagnating over it, and sometimes generating secondary features here, too. All this means rainfall was concentrated over the UK. The cause was higher pressure to the north, blocking the favoured low pressure route to the north of Norway. Latterly, this has been further influenced by 'Sudden Stratospheric Warming', over the North Polar region, which disrupts the west to east flow of low pressure systems over the Atlantic, and leads to an outflow over cold air from the polar region, which Scotland has had to contend with for the past week, and looks as if we shall have to, tomorrow and next week.

The pressure pattern was also the cause of cooler than average temperatures, with only four days in double figures – 19th and 20th and 28th and 29th. An awful lot of day temperatures were between 1°C and 5°C and night temps often just below freezing. Mean temperature for the month was 3.4°C (4.28). There were 19 days with ground frost (14.58) third highest over the period and 14 with air frost (10.5). Lowest temperature was only -3.7°C (-4.3). There were no days when 0°C was not exceeded, 17 when 5°C was not exceeded (9.91) and 27 when 10°C was not reached (24.33). Only on two days was the mean temp less than 0°C – the 8th and 9th. It may be of interest that temperatures have never reached 15°C in January over the 13 year period.

Bright sun hours were 62 (63.1) and solar energy, 1830 Ly (1777.5). Evapotranspiration was 12.75 mm (14.94) comfortably exceeded by rainfall at 90.4mm (51.89mm). The next highest January rainfall was 81.3 mm in 2019. It was interesting that rainfall for January on the Shotley peninsula was significantly higher than ours, when it is normally noticeably lower. A friend there had 111 mm. I suspect this is down to rainfall borne on days with easterly winds and to erratic rainfall from slow moving fronts.

Here the highest rain rate was 54.4 mm/hr (36.65) and there were two days of over 10mm rain (1.17). Over the 13 year period, there has never been a day with 20 mm of rain in January.

Average wind strength was 6.3 mph (4.22) and highest day average 15 (10.07) the highest day average over the period (on the 30th). Maximum gust was 36 mph (36.92) with 30 mph exceeded on 5 days (4.83) and 35 mph on 1 (1.58).

February turned out average statistics, in many respects. But there are many ways of getting to an average. In this case, it was three mild weeks and one very cold one, but the latter

not as cold as a north easterly one can be in February. The cold spell started on the 7th and started to ease on the 14th. This was the outturn of 'Sudden Stratospheric Warming' in the upper atmosphere, which has the effect of reversing the wind flow lower down, in this case, to the north east. It snowed for the best part of two days, as a result of low pressure to the east, and moisture picked up over the North Sea. Most of the snowfall was light here, but it inevitably accumulated over such a lengthy period. Parts of north east Suffolk, which received the direct NE wind flow, had as much as 30 cm, which is a decent fall for an alpine resort.

Within the average statistics, there were some unusual ones. Average temperature was 4.97°C (5.1) with a max of 16.4°C on the 24th and minimum of -4.6°C on the 9th. 16.4°C is the second highest max over the 13 year period. Lowest day max was -1.5°C, second lowest over the period, and the one of only two days on which 0°C was not reached. On 7 days, the mean temperature was below 0°C (1.61) and only beaten by 11 in 2012. There were an equal no. of ground and air frosts – 11 (6.92 & 11.77) which is very unusual. The weather was either cold – or not!

Bright sun hours were 118 (117.09) and solar energy, 3480 Ly (3185). Evapotranspiration was 25.8 mm (24.1).

Rainfall (including an estimated figure for snow) was 43 mm (43.51). Possibly one day over 10 mm – none over 20 mm – there have not been any over 20 mm over the 13 year period.

Average wind strength was 6.1 mph (4.97) and highest daily average, 13 mph (11.26). Highest gust was 34 mph. Last year, we had 15 days with gusts over 30 mph, and 12 over 35 mph, which was exceptional.

The winter overall, December to February, has thrown up some contrasting statistics.

I don't expect it will surprise anyone that it was the wettest over the past 13 years, as it includes two 'stand-alone' wettest months'. Total rainfall was 242.6 mm (152.4) with 2014 being the runner up at 233.1 mm.

Average temperature was 4.6°C (4.91) but this included 12 days with a mean of less than 0°C (6.38) second equal highest. There were 43 ground frosts (37.74) and 31 air frosts (25.11).

Bright sun hours were 224 (228.94) and solar energy 6715 Ly (6355.53).

While I have taken winter as being December to February, it needs to be remembered that March can occasionally be exceptionally cold. In 2013, it was the coldest month of the winter, with an average of 2.8, well colder than any month this year, and one of the coldest of the past 13 years.

February temperature fluctuations



ALEXANDER 'ALEX' BADMAN

Known for his community spirit and fundraising, especially for children's charities, Alex Badman passed away peacefully on 16th February 2021. Adored husband of Jill, proud father of Katie and Harry and much loved by all who knew him. He will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and colleagues.

During their time in Nayland Alex and Jill became much involved in community activities; Alex as Chairman of the Community Council and Jill as Secretary of the Nayland Fundraising Committee.

Lorraine Brooks recalls: "Alex was a very enthusiastic Chair of the CC and I recall his love of Christmas and the Christmas Fayre where he and Jill introduced various new activities and competitions for the youngsters. He took firework night in his stride and helped Jill immensely with the Nayland Fundraisers' very successful events. Perhaps my strongest memories of Alex's time on the CC are the trials and tribulations encountered prior to installing the underground Christmas tree holder in the High Street and of course switching at the last minute to plan B due to rain for the fabulous 2012 Jubilee Celebrations."

Claire Buller said: "Alex was a man with a lively character who enthusiastically led the community council team. His passion for fundraising and community activities was infectious, inspiring us all to get involved in his events. My lasting memory will be a generous selfless man with a big heart."

Bryan Smith shared: "Alex often said how privileged and lucky he was to live in Nayland. I feel it was Nayland who was privileged to have him living here. With his many activities he made such an enormous contribution to the well being of the village. I was treasurer of the Village Hall when he was Chairman. I have very fond memories of the many convivial evenings, round his house, when we had to review the Village Hall accounts!! Alex 'parting is such sweet sorrow'. You will be sorely missed by us all and we thank you for what you gave us."

And Martin Wright writes: "Alex Badman born 1955 died 2021 aged 65. Too young, far too young : a victim of COVID. A true friend to me and to many. It always seemed to me - and seems yet more so now - an incredible irony that Alex Badman, or A Bad Man was in fact the complete opposite of that. In fact the very best of men is what he was. I knew him well for the best part of 20 years, was proud to call him a friend and cannot actually think of a single bad aspect about him. He was a good man, a good husband to Jill, a good father to Katie and Harry, a good and true friend to many - a man who would always go out of his way to help others. Truly a big man in stature and in spirit."

A man who started aged 15 as an apprentice, then went on to get a first class degree in Applied Fuels from Brunel and then an MBA and finally run an airbase of 4 square miles and 500 buildings!

Thank You

Harry and I would like to thank the Community Council for the lovely flowers you sent in memory of Alex. We loved our time in Bear Street and Alex was proud to have been involved with the Community Council and was always delighted to be able to give his time to village activities, especially the firework evening and to supporting my involvement with the Nayland Charity Committee. We are now very happily settled in Bury St Edmunds, but do still miss our wonderful view across the river and fields and our dear friends in Nayland.

As many of you will already know Alex contracted Covid19 just after New Year, no idea where from, and although he fought long and hard it was just too powerful for him and we sadly lost him on 16th February. Harry and I were able to be with him and it was very peaceful.

Due to the current restrictions we can only have a very small funeral, but we do plan to hold an informal memorial service when we are able. From the many cards and letters that we have received it is clear that many people's lasting memory of Alex is his affinity with children, whether it be on the rugby or cricket side-lines bellowing encouragement, or at his favourite time of year when he grew his beard and helped Father Christmas. He made a wonderful Father Christmas, even owning his own suit, and for over 30 years delighted children at nursery, playgroup, school and latterly the USAF children



Alex Badman with James Carver at the 2012 Jubilee celebrations

He was evidently not as hopeless as his teachers once thought! His English teacher wrote in his report one year 'It can't get any worse' - the next report he wrote 'Oh dear, it did!' All in those bad days before dyslexia was diagnosed. Let that/let him be an inspiration.

I have seen many Father Christmases in my time, but for me at least one stood head and shoulders above the rest (literally) and that was Alex Badman. Well in advance of Christmas he would start to groom and shape that beard for it to be in tip top form. Physically large, with authority and bonhomie and everything one might hope for, he was a natural Father Christmas.

To my certain knowledge, a gas-fitter, an engineer, the chef, and a man held in the highest esteem by the U.S. Air Force for whom he worked over the last eight years. A natural raconteur who would fill a room exuding humour, confidence and competence I will never forget him telling me the story about when he went to interview with the U.S. Air Force. Having submitted a CV - which did not really speak of his undoubted qualities to run a US air force base in Suffolk which Brit does have those qualities on a CV ? - the US colonel told him of course he got him in for interview, he was intrigued he simply could NOT in all conscience and curiosity NOT meet a man he would call **a bad man**. Once interview secured - no question he would get the job and they loved him.

In his presence you simply could not help but warm to Alex and feel your life was enriched. His untimely departure leaves a very big hole but we will remember him for the kindnesses and joy he brought to many."

on base at RAF Mildenhall where he arrived to switch on the Christmas lights on the top of an enormous American fire engine. Happy memories for lots of children and parents.

We ask that you don't send flowers for Alex, but instead consider making a donation to a charity very close to his heart; My WiSH at the West Suffolk Hospital. We have supported this excellent charity on a number of occasions but now would like to ask that you donate in Alex's memory to their #25 Appeal which is to provide a play specialist for the Children's A&E Dept. They know that if a child is occupied or distracted (and their parents too) often they are able to treat the child without needing to take them to surgery or give a general anaesthetic. This gives a better outcome in many ways and reduces the risk of hospital phobia in the future.

If you would like to make a donation please follow this link, where you will find more details of the appeal and the charity in general. Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alex-badman1>

Can I also thank you all for the cards and letters you have sent with wonderful words and memories of Alex, Harry and I have read every one and laughed and cried at many of them.

Harry and I send you our love and hope to see you all at a Nayland event as soon as we are able. Please keep safe and appreciate how serious Covid 19 is.

Best wishes, Jill Badman



FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES:

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland & Polstead

Please check the Benefice website and Facebook page for updates:
www.naylandchurches.wordpress.com/ - and - www.facebook.com/naylandchurches/

CHURCH OPENING TIMES & ONLINE SERVICES

Our churches are opening their doors! We are delighted to be able to offer in person services beginning on Palm Sunday. We are moving cautiously forward and as lockdown restrictions ease, we will continue to monitor the situation. Infection rates may rise, guidelines may change so please continue to check the notices in our church porches or on the church website or Facebook for the latest news on in-church services throughout the forthcoming weeks.

Palm Sunday	28 th March, 10am Holy Communion at Nayland
Maudy Thursday	1 st April Please find an online service, e.g. from the Cathedral
Good Friday 2 nd April	10am Elements of the Passion at Nayland 1-4pm St Matthew's Passion at Stoke. People are invited to attended this devotional and can 'come and go' during the three hours. All churches will be open for private prayer on Good Friday during the following times: Nayland 9-5pm Wiston 9-4pm Stoke 10-1pm Polstead 11-4pm Leavenheath 12-3pm And on Easter Day: Nayland 10-4pm Wiston 9-4pm Stoke 11-4pm Polstead 11-4pm Leavenheath 10-4pm
Easter Sunday 4 th April	10am Holy Communion at Stoke 10am Morning Prayer at Wiston 10am Easter First Sunday (Online) The Easter Sunday service at Stoke will be recorded and posted on YouTube

IMPORTANT. Anyone wishing to attend **any** of the above in-church services should register with the churchwardens in advance as numbers are limited for social distancing.

Chris and Kathy Hunt for Nayland (262014) June Smith for Stoke (263225)

Please remember to fill in the 'Track & Trace' form as you enter, wear a mask and observe social distancing. Sanitising gel is provided.

We know that it will take time before everyone will feel comfortable or confident about returning to in person services so the following **online services** will continue to be provided for the foreseeable future. Please email Revd Val for the link if you do not already receive it or follow the link on the website

www.naylandchurches.wordpress.com

1st Sunday 10am First Sunday

2nd Sunday 10am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 6.30pm Evening Praise

4th Sunday 10am Holy Communion

Private prayer, usual opening times: Nayland daily 10-4pm, Wiston daily 9-4pm
 Stoke daily 10-4pm, Polstead Sunday 11-4pm, Leavenheath Friday & Monday 10-4pm

CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS ON PAGE 47

In the interregnum please contact Nicola Thorogood on nicola.church@yahoo.com or 262453 for general enquiries (including baptism, weddings and funerals) as well as Wiston church matters.

As Churchwardens for St James' Chris and Kathy Hunt (262014) would be the point of contact for Nayland church queries.

FROM THE REGISTERS



DEATHS

Barbara Crees

WISTON CHURCH PORCH BOOKS - 4 for £1 !

There is a large selection of second-hand books for sale in the church porch at St Mary's, Wiston.

Maybe take your daily exercise along the footpath past the church and call into the church porch and browse through the books.
 ~ autobiographies, cookery, children's, fiction, non-fiction..... ~

After Easter in-church services will be as follows, unless regulations change. All starting at 10am

4th April HC at Stoke (Easter)

11th April HC at Nayland

18th April HC at Polstead

25th April HC at Nayland

MP Leavenheath +APCM

2nd May HC at Stoke

MP at Wiston

9th May HC at Nayland

MP at Stoke

16th May HC at Polstead

MP at Nayland

23rd May HC at Nayland

30th May HC at Stoke

Easter greetings,

During the past year we have learned many things about ourselves, learnt new skills, appreciated the natural world, home schooled our children, tried to improve our technology skills, baked, taken up new crafts, reconnected with our neighbours, volunteered to help the most vulnerable in our society, but at the same time we have exposed truths about our society, systemic racism, overcrowded housing, lack of public green spaces in cities, underinvestment in social care, domestic violence, a disconnection with the natural world, over reliance in just in time supply chains.

We now have an opportunity to build a better world more caring, compassionate, tolerant, only time will tell. As we enter the most important time in the church calendar I am reminded of these verses from Ecclesiastes. There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven, a time to be born and a time to die. A time to plant and a time to uproot. A time to kill and a time to heal. A time to tear down and a time to build. A time to weep and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them. A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing. A time to search and a time to give up. A time to keep and a time to throw away. A time to tear and a time to mend. A time to be silent and a time to speak. A time to love and a time to hate. A time for war and a time for peace. You could say that the past year has been akin to the darkness of Good Friday and now we are coming into the glorious light of Easter Sunday. Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, alleluia.

June Smith, Churchwarden and lay elder

ST JAMES' CHURCH, NAYLAND

by Chris Hunt, Churchwarden

(the position of Churchwarden comes up for election each year - anyone want to apply? Don't all rush!!)

So, in spite of everything life is carrying on at church. Hopefully at least one service a week will be held, starting at Easter. There will be a service on Palm Sunday and Good Friday - the Easter Day Service will be held at Stoke. Details will be posted in the church porch. The Community Pantry is available and prior to Mothering Sunday we handed out over 60 posies to passing mums in the village - thank you to Helen, Gustaf and Kathy, and to Ruth for the arrangement in church. Flowers will also be arranged in church for Easter. Hopefully too the church will participate in the proposed 'Post Covid' event being planned for August. This will be a much needed opportunity to get together again. So, slowly, very slowly we are starting to aim towards the 'new' normal, (before the winter 'lockdown'!).

The wheels to get a new vicar have also been set in motion. We have selected two members of the Parochial Church Council to sit on the interview board, when convened, to help select a new incumbent. Let us hope there is a choice of candidates. In the past there have been many colourful characters selected as vicars but not at Nayland. Take for instance the Revd Dr Edward Drax Free (1764-1843), Rector of All Saints, Sutton, Bedfordshire. His file contains many complaints of his behaviour which included drunkenness, lewdness, assault and turning the churchyard into a farm (don't give our treasurer any ideas!). Of many of Dr Drax Free's housekeepers four became mistresses and had five children between them. His Ministry was terminated when he barricaded himself in the rectory and withstood a ten day siege during which shots were fired. Eventually he fled to London where he was run over by a horse and cart and killed.

Firearms and sex also feature in the sad story of The Revd James Hackman (1751-79). Following a career in the army Hackman became vicar of Wiveton, Norfolk. Unfortunately he had fallen madly in love with a glamorous singer of the day, Martha Ray. The problem was that 32 year old Miss Ray was already the mistress of the Earl of Sandwich (he of quick snack fame). Hackman had proposed to the lady but had been rejected, she clearly knew what side her bread was buttered! (get it? sandwich - never mind). Distraught, Hackman armed himself with two pistols and waited outside the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, where Ray was attending a performance of 'Love in the Village'. As she came out he blew her brains out. He turned the other gun on himself but missed. He was arrested, tried at the Old Bailey and hanged within a fortnight.

I doubt such entertaining persons will be on our shortlist but we wish our interview board all the best for their judgement on the day. Stay Safe everyone.



Over 60 posies were handed out to passing mums

COMMUNITY PANTRY & HARDSHIP FUND



Thank you to all who have supported the Community Pantry and Hardship Fund already, either with produce donations or financially. We are particularly grateful to Councillor James Finch who has committed to this project and through him we have received funding of £400

from Suffolk County Council, with more support promised if required. We are indebted to James for putting The Community Pantry forward for this funding.

Items are still required and they can be delivered to the **West End Porch of St James' Church, Nayland** where goods are accessible to those who need it, as well as for people to leave items. The gate is closed but not locked. Please keep spreading the word that this is a resource for anyone in our villages, whether their need is occasional or regular.

The following items are currently needed:

- Fresh fruit & vegetables
- Butter
- Cereal
- Tea & instant coffee
- Toiletries & toothpaste
- Household cleaning stuffs

- Packets of instant noodles
- Cup-a-soups
- Longlife milk
- Tissues & toilet rolls
- Cat/ dog food
- Jars of Cheesy Pasta
- Tins of stews, mince, curries, etc
- Jars of cooking sauces
- Pot noodles
- Packets of microwave rice
- Loaves of bread
- Laundry detergent (pods)
- Fresh eggs

Alternatively, if you would prefer to support financially, then you can post a cash/cheque donation in a sealed envelope through Revd Val's letterbox (Orchid House, 38 Bramble Way, Leavenheath CO6 4UN), or leave cash/cheque with any of the Church Wardens (please mark your envelope "Community Pantry"), or via a bacs payment which can be made to the Benefice Account using the following details: Account name: Pent Accord Benefice Account. Sort code: 77-66-35 Account No: 25649060. Please reference payment 'Community Pantry'

There is a fund for those in need of financial assistance, perhaps with school uniforms and shoes, essential or unexpected bills. Please do feel free to contact Rev Val Armstrong who can assist you in complete confidence.

Tel: 01206262812 Email: mrsvarmstrong@hotmail.com

Thank you so very much.

BARN OWL POISONING

Readers may recall in the last issue the report of a dead Barn Owl found at the allotment field. The autopsy results are not yet known but it is possible that it was a victim of rat poison. Barn owls cover a very wide hunting territory. Unfortunately, baited poison has been found locally which is concerning for owls, other raptors, all wildlife and pets and their owners.

The following and other information about the impact on owls and other raptors when they eat poisoned rodents can be found on <https://www.barnowltrust.org.uk/hazards-solutions/rodenticides/background-rat-poison-problem/>



BACKGROUND TO THE RAT POISON PROBLEM

• Rats and Barn Owls

Barn Owls have lived in and around farm buildings for thousands of years and when Brown Rats arrived in the 18th century, Barn Owls helped to keep their numbers down. Some farmers positively encouraged Barn Owls by providing owl-holes in buildings. Despite damage caused by rodents, farming remained profitable for hundreds of years.

• Farm assurance schemes

These days the UK food industry imposes strict quality assurance requirements on farmers, including the control of rodents. Schemes such as 'Red Tractor' require farmers to have a *Rodent Control Program* but fail to explain to farmers that this does not mean using rat bait all the time.

• Permanent and preventative baiting

The constant use of rat bait where there are no rats, or keeping it down when the rats are dead, results in other animals such as Wood Mice and voles being poisoned. This unwanted poisoning is a major cause of wildlife contamination.

• Gamekeepers poison wildlife

Currently, around 70 million pheasants are reared annually in the UK. They continue to be provided with food, even after their release into the wild. 50% of the food that gamekeepers put out for released pheasants is taken by rats, despite the fact that 72% of gamekeepers use SGARs. Thus, most gamekeepers are creating rat infestations and using a lot of poison yet failing to deliver rodent control. This causes widespread contamination of wildlife.

• Rats are not the only route of contamination

Most Kestrels tested in the UK contain rat poison, despite the fact that Kestrels don't usually eat rats. The main route of their contamination is probably through eating Wood Mice and voles that have eaten bait laid for rats. There is little doubt that this is also the main route of Barn Owl poisoning. Red Kites however do prey on rats and, unlike owls and Kestrels, they will scavenge for dead ones.

• Bait covering does not work

Keeping baits covered reduces the risk of bait being eaten by dogs, children, pigeons etc., but does nothing to prevent bait being consumed by animals that are smaller than rats. It is impossible to prevent Wood Mice and voles gaining access to rat bait, no matter how it is laid. Whether or not the bait is laid by a Gamekeeper, Farmer, professional Pest Controller or an amateur, makes no difference whatsoever.

HOW THE POISONS KILL

Most rodenticides are anti-coagulants. They prevent the blood from clotting and thin it until the victim eventually dies from internal bleeding. The time taken for a rodent to die after eating the bait varies from 2 to 12 days. A rodent eating a sub-lethal dose (not enough to kill it) may carry the poison in its liver for several months. Before a poisoned rodent dies it may be caught by a Barn Owl which then ingests the poison. This is called secondary poisoning. Creatures which have been killed by secondary poisoning include Barn Owls, Tawny



Poisoned Barn Owls will die slowly

Owls, Red Kites and Foxes. Animals which have been killed by directly eating rodenticide baits include dogs, cats, pigeons and blackbirds.

Research has shown that poisoned Barn Owls either die slowly, or survive and carry a residue of poison in their bodies. Typically it takes 6 to 17 days for a Barn Owl to die after eating 3 mice containing the poison Brodifacoum. Unfortunately no research has been carried out on the effects of sub-lethal doses on wild Barn Owls. There is a concern that it may affect survival during hard times and breeding success.

LEVELS OF SGARS IN BARN OWLS

Monitoring of Barn Owl carcasses has shown an increase

in secondary poisoning; the percentage of carcasses containing residues of second-generation rodenticides increased from 5% in 1983-4 to 53% in 2003 (Predatory Bird Monitoring Scheme). In 2006 a new, more sensitive method of analysis was used. This revealed that 63% of the Barn Owls examined had traces of second-generation poison in their livers. Had the old method been used, the poison would have been detected in 39%. While this shows that levels of poisoning have gone down since the high of 2003, it also suggests that previous levels have been significantly underestimated. What the 2003 figure would have been, had the new method been available then, can only be guessed at. The figure for 2010, again using the newer method, stands at 91%. The latest figure (for 2015 published in 2017) is 95%.

Rodenticides almost certainly have a detrimental effect on Barn Owl populations in the UK and this is an issue of serious concern for Barn Owl conservation.

RAT POISON LABELLING

All rodenticides are toxic and can kill Barn Owls; however the instructions provided on the containers do not mention the risks of secondary poisoning, or explain how it happens. Labelling generally gives the impression that, provided baits are kept covered and dead rodents disposed of, there is little or no risk to predatory birds. Unfortunately no amount of bait covering will prevent secondary poisoning and research has shown that the instruction to search for and dispose of dead rats is ignored by 98% of users.

WARNING: Do not use poison where or when there is no rodent problem.

So-called **Preventative Baiting** and **Permanent Baiting** are a major cause of secondary poisoning and contrary to the UK Rodenticide Stewardship Regime. When there are insufficient rats to consume the bait it will be eaten by non-target small mammals such as Wood Mice and Bank Voles. Even Field Voles and Common Shrews have been found to contain rat poison. The contamination of these harmless little animals results in the poisoning of Barn Owls and Kestrels.

Feedback from James Finch - Your Stour Valley County Councillor

CALEY GREEN PARKING

Following consultations and meetings with the Parish Council, Local residents, the Environmental Agency and the Dedham Vale AONB, I am pleased that a plan is now being developed to support the expected visitors on the Caley Green and the river this summer. The first part, to reduce the area for parking at the junction with the A134 to ensure access to the village and houses at this part of Bear Street is not restricted, will be the provision of double yellow lines by Suffolk Highways under an experimental traffic regulation order. The next action, led by the Parish Council, is to draw up some signage to enable visitors to enjoy and gain the most from their visit whilst maintaining the tranquillity of the area.

COVID 19 INFECTION RATES

We must continue to stick to the guidance rigidly NOT LEAST NOW to protect our accident and emergency teams in our hospitals. I am also now pleased to say that there is good news in that Suffolk is now vaccinating the over 60's.

CORONAVIRUS RAPID TESTING CENTRES

There are now 28 Lateral Flow Testing Centres in Suffolk (LFT), with results delivered in under an hour have opened locally in South Suffolk for those showing no symptoms – ie asymptomatic. These tests are most useful at identifying people who are infectious on the day of the test *but not showing any symptoms. These centres are being arranged by Suffolk County Council (SCC) for anyone who is working but who cannot work from home.* The new sites local to the Stour Valley are located at:

- The Stevenson Centre, Stevenson Approach, Great Cornard, Sudbury. CO10 0WD -(in partnership with Commisceo – Shift Partner.)
- The Fire Station in Bear Street Nayland CO6 4LA
- The United Reform Church, Market Place, Hadleigh IP7 5DL.
- Appointments can be booked online - <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/getting-a-test/covid-19-asymptomatic-testing/> or by telephone - 0333 772 6144

BUDGET TO SUPPORT MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS AND COUNTY'S RECOVERY FROM COVID-19

Planned spending in 2021/22 is £597.9million, + £41million (7.4%) more than 2020/21. As part of this, the council will be spending £15.3million to address its ongoing Covid-19 costs, arising from the continuing local response to the pandemic. *There are no proposed reductions in council services or personnel in 2021/22.* This year's budget is based only on a 12-month financial settlement from government, rather than the 3 or 4 year agreement which is usually offered.

Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, the Government has continued to support local authorities as they adapt to serve communities, redeploy staff into alternative specialist roles and *see income streams such as business rates and council tax reduce significantly.* Suffolk County Council has received around £82.2 million in financial support during 2020 to meet Covid-19 related costs and whilst the challenges of continuing to respond, and in time recover, from Covid-19 remain, significant financial pressures will continue.

The council's income from council tax is going to be £7.9 million less than expected in 2021/22 and this shortfall will be met by using council reserves. Reserves can only be spent once and do not represent a viable long term financial solution. This effective use of reserves is made possible because Suffolk County Council has maintained a consistent approach to managing its finances effectively for a number of years, holding a proportionate level of reserves for this exact situation.

In 2021/22, general Council Tax will rise by 1.99%, which represents an increase of £26.68 for a Band D property, from £1,224.70 in 2020, to £1,251.38. There is also a 2.00 % rise in

the Social Care Precept for the forthcoming year as the council recognises the ongoing challenges with meeting the rising costs and rising demand for adult care services. This means a Band D property will see an overall rise of £53.55 this year for Suffolk County Council's element of their Council Tax bill, from £1,343.61 in 2020-21 to £1,397.16 in 2021-22.

It is fair to say that the pandemic this year has included redeploying staff into bespoke roles such as procuring personal protective equipment (PPE) to support Suffolk's care sector and adapting working practices for frontline staff to maintain effective social distancing measures. As a result, the council is expecting a shortfall of around £7.8 million in projected savings for 2021. Whilst this means that further work is needed to identify potential future programmes of work, many of the new ways of working adopted by the council during 2020 because of the pandemic may actually offer potential alternative transformation savings as the organisation continues to adapt and tailor the way it works to deliver services for Suffolk's communities.

HIGHWAYS DOUBLES DRAINAGE BUDGET

On 17th February Suffolk County Council has received £27.2m capital funding allocation from central government to provide further repairs to the Suffolk roads and £3.5m to invest in Integrated Transport. As this was £6.2m more than that incorporated into the budget agreed at the full County Council meeting on 11th February, the following areas will be boosted by:-

An additional £2m into drainage and drainage resources (now £4m in total) recognising the worsening problem related to drainage and flooding throughout Suffolk due to the winter heavy rainfall,

An additional £3.4m into roads – enabling more pre-patching works from summer 2021 onwards to bolster surfacing programme in 2022/23

An additional £800k into the rights of ways bridges to recognise the greater number now walking our footpaths for their health and welfare.

CABINET CONFIRMS ITS SUPPORT FOR FREEPORT EAST

On February 23, the cabinet of the county council confirmed its support for the creation of a new Freeport (Freeport East). The Freeport would cover both the ports of Felixstowe and Harwich as part of the Government's aim to create a number of Freeports across the country to drive job creation, investment and international trade post Brexit.

A Freeport includes secure customs zones and tax sites where business can be carried out inside a country's land border, but where different tax and customs rules apply. These rules mean Freeports can potentially reduce administrative burdens and tariff controls, provide relief from duties, import taxes, and ease tax and planning regulations.

Freeport East has several unique aspects which make its bid for Freeport status particularly strong. This includes global and regional connectivity, with 36% of all the UK's container traffic passing through the Port of Felixstowe, unrivalled international connections, particularly with Asia, strong connectivity to the Midlands and the North, thereby supporting the government's "levelling up agenda" in these areas. The bid also stands out as supporting other national objectives such as the development of new technology and the push for clean energy. *The Port of Felixstowe has recently won funding to trial a pilot 5G network and has strong research and development links with Cambridge and Essex Universities. There are also strong links with the energy sector and the emerging hydrogen economy.*

The final decision about Freeport designation rests with the UK central government.

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KENNY'S SESAW NEWS



Everyone seems to be in a reflective mood as we mark the changes over the last year so here are a few words from Mum – better known to you as Maggie.

"Many of us have come to acknowledge the truth of that old adage, 'You don't know what you'll miss until it's gone', be it a person, a pet or the disrupted rhythm of life. At SESAW, we miss the past hard work local companies put into helping us maintain our kennels and catteries. That said we are still here, a bit scruffier, up to our ears in mud but never the less the animals are clean, warm in their heated kennels, well fed and loved.

So what's to moan about? Spring has arrived, it will get dryer and we look forward to releasing a Buzzard that was bought into us starving. It is now eating well and will soon return to its territory. It is a similar scenario for a Barn Owl which will be taking wing in the near future. So don't forget, if we can help we are here, operating nearly thirty years and facing the future with hope and compassion."

Thanks Mum. That just leaves me enough space to mention our Pet stall at the Langham Easter Market on Good Friday 2nd April. Lots of yummy food and drink will be on offer from local producers between 10am and 1pm at Langham Community Centre. Meanwhile it's dinner time for all the animals including me, your usual correspondent, **Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua**.

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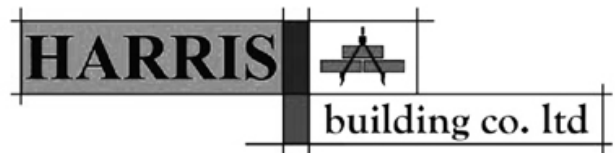
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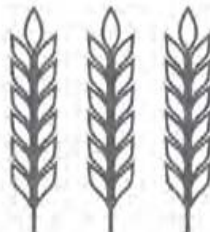
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Nayland Surgery	0744	1302	1602	
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Cordelia Drive Myland	0756	0938	1038...	1138	1238	1338	1438	1613	
Colchester Gen. Hosp.	0801	1617	
Colchester North Station	0806	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1622	
Colchester High Street	0811	0948	1054	1154	1254	1354	1454	1627	
Norman Way Schools	0825	
Monday to Saturday	84 Sch	784 NS	84A Th	784	784	784	784	784	784	
Norman Way Schools	1550
Colchester Head Street	0934	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1609
Colchester North Station	0850	0938	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1613
Turner Road, for Hospital	1619
Cordelia Drive Myland	0732	0855	0943	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1619
Nayland Surgery	0744	0930	1634
Nayland Turning	0906	0952	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1704
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March 27th 28th 28th 29th	Friends St James': Cake Sale <i>page 26</i> British summer-time begins: Clock 'spring' forward Palm Sunday Holy Communion Service: St James' church 10am <i>page 38</i> Woodland Corner: Easter Holiday Club <i>page 18 & 32</i>
April 5th 4th 10th 14th 24th 26th	Village Hall Management Committee: Virtual meeting 7.30pm <i>page 28 & 47</i> Easter Sunday Morning Prayer@ St Mary's Wiston 10am <i>page 38</i> Village Hall Garden Working Party: from 9am - adhering to Covid-19 social distancing <i>page 24 & 28</i> Parish Council: Virtual meeting or 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room <i>page 3, 19 & 47</i> Community Litterpick 10am meet at Village Hall <i>page 15</i> Parish Council: Annual Parish Assembly 7.30pm by Zoom <i>page 19</i>
May 5th 8th 10th 12th 26th 31st	Community Council: meeting by Zoom 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) <i>page 11 & 47</i> HortSoc: Morning Market 9.30am-12 noon outside the Church Hall <i>page 18 & 29</i> Village Hall Management Committee: Virtual meeting 7.30pm <i>page 28 & 47</i> Parish Council: Virtual meeting or 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room <i>page 2 & 47</i> Calendar Photographic Competition: Deadline for entries <i>page 23</i> Conservation Society: Annual Footpath Walk 2.20pm Boxford <i>page 18 & 26</i>
June 5th-6th 6th-8th 13th 28th	Conservation Society: Photographs taken of 'Open Gardens' <i>page 18 & 26</i> Calendar Photographic Competition: Residents vote for their favourite images <i>page 23</i> Conservation Society: Virtual Open Gardens will be available to view <i>page 18 & 26</i> Conservation Society: Peter Tatum 'The Stour Valley Path' <i>page 19 & 26</i>
Forward Planner <i>'Events to hopefully look forward to!'</i>	7th August Nayland Flower Show <i>page 29</i> 16th August Royal British Legion: meeting & 3.30pm Church Hall <i>page 25</i> 28th-29th August Fun Food & Festivities <i>page 11</i> 8th September HortSoc: Outing to Kew Gardens <i>page 29</i> 20th October Village Lunch: speaker Mark Mitchels <i>page 27</i> 29th October HortSoc: Andrew Sankey 'Funny Garden Features' <i>page 29</i> 5th November Bonfire & Fireworks <i>page 10</i> 4th December Christmas Fayre <i>page 10</i> February 2022 Fun Village Quiz <i>page 10</i> June 2022 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Event <i>page 10</i>

CORONAVIRUS: THE FOUR STEP ROUTE TO FREEDOM IN ENGLAND

More detailed list on page 17

- 29 March :** 'Stay at Home' replaced by 'Stay Local'
12 April : Non-essential retailers re-open, Pubs and restaurants can reopen for outdoor seated service
17 May : 'Rule of 6' scrapped outdoors, Indoor hospitality reopens, Limited spectators at sporting events
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