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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Reg Charity No 304926

Wednesday 3rd March

by Zoom at 8pm

(CC Executive meeting at 7.30pm)

All welcome

If you wish to attend please contact Rachel Hitchcock
rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com who will forward you a link to the meeting
Further details will be included on the Agenda available from 3rd February
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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on the summer meeting : 9th December 2020

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

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh have given permission to tree works at **Rose Cottage 5 Fen Street** [DC/20/04939] to remove a Prunus tree in a conservation area; at **104 Bear Street** [DC/20/04998] to reduce and prune a Lime tree subject to a TPO; at **85 Bear Street** [DC/20/04295] to reduce by 4m the crown of a Silver Birch with a TPO.

Listed building consent was granted at **Mill House, Wiston Hall Lane** [DC/20/04351/2] for single storey extension; at **43 Bear Street** [DC/20/03661/2] for alterations to existing dwelling and conversion of existing outbuilding to annex and at **4 Birch Street** [DC/20/04553/4] for garden study/store following demolition of existing lean to).

In connection to **100 Bear Street** there were various applications and discharge of conditions. Conditions had been approved and partially approved under DC/20/03676, 04044, 03683. listed building consent application for internal repairs, alterations and installation of rooflight had been granted [DC/20/04328]. Application to vary condition 2 on approved plans had been granted [DC/20/04533].

Between meetings councilors and the tree wardens had no objections at **Yew Tree Cottage, 15 Court Street** [DC/20/05071] for works to trees in a conservation area.

At **31 Heycroft Way** [DC/20/05209] for the erection of a detached dwelling, councillors had no objections to the dwelling, felt it essential for the Planning Authority to consult with SCC Highways on the shared access situation and also safe access onto Heycroft Way. Councilors had no objections at **Haysel, 36 Stoke Road** [DC/20/05552] to cut back 2 Oak trees in a conservation area.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

It was agreed to postpone discussion regarding the permanent signage for the Recreation Ground until the January meeting. It was noted the Playpark had been inspected, however, the report is still awaited. Fairfield Recreation Ground continues to be well used by children and their parents and carers at school drop and pick up times. The hedge on the Fairfield has been reduced as agreed. The letter to the organisers of the work at the Horse-watering was delivered between meetings and an excellent report of the work has since been received and circulated. Members agreed as soon as the situation allows, a site meeting should be arranged as suggested.

HIGHWAYS

James Finch was chasing for a date for the yellow lines to be painted by Anchor Bridge as agreed at last meeting. The manager at the Anchor has been asked to encourage more parking in their car park.

The "No HGV" signage for the A134 prompted discussion on the best locations to warn drivers in good time before encountering the junctions. It was resolved to support the proposed signage with the optimum locations/distances being agreed.

The meeting was updated about the provision of grit in the parish bins and the list of locations had been submitted to the relevant highways team to ensure all were recorded. James Finch agreed to assist in chasing for the grit.

It was observed that some hedges were overgrown on Stoke Road and it was agreed to write polite letters to the home owners concerned once the details are identified to the Clerk.

James Finch continues to investigate the drainage issues in the parish and update the Parish Council. The survey was done and solutions are being considered. The specification is now awaited.

FOOTPATHS

The Footpath Warden had reported that the wooden fence beside the River Stour at the bottom of Anchor Bridge steps had collapsed. This is FP28 (41), part of the Stour Valley Path/St Edmunds Way. The Parish Council were concerned that it is a safety hazard in need of immediate action. It was agreed

for the Clerk to contact Kevin Verlander, the Public Right of Way Officer at Suffolk CC to seek further support.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID 19

The regular bulletins have been circulated to local organisations. The Chairman thanked Lorraine Brooks who continues to update the FaceBook pages. The Community Pantry continues to be a much needed support to people in these tough times.

ALLOTMENTS

The ash tree sapling on the allotments has now been cleared. The allotment committee has created a hedgehog pile. A resident has requested permission to supply and install a bench near the allotments. The Parish Council were supportive and delegated the matter to the allotment committee to choose a location for the bench. The chairman will liaise with the resident concerned.

VILLAGE HALL

Councillors had been updated about essential maintenance carried out to the hall recently. The playing field (Webb's Meadow) will be used for carol singing with the Boxed Silver Band, rather than taking place around the Christmas tree due to Covid-19.

BURIAL GROUND

An issue at the lych gate entrance to the Burial Ground had been identified and it was agreed for the Clerk to report to Babergh District Council who manage the old Burial Ground.

CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Robin Thorogood was co-opted onto and welcomed to the Parish Council.

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.

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pc@naylandwithwissingington.suffolk.gov.uk

01787 378649

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.

Notes on the meeting : 13th January 2021

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Lorraine Brooks updated the meeting regarding Gordon the Goose; the RSPCA confirmed it had been necessary to put him to sleep as he was suffering with suspected Avian Flu, but DEFRA had not yet performed an autopsy to confirm that diagnosis. A number of suggestions had been made regarding some sort of memorial for Gordon; the most practical seeming to be a plaque on 'his' bus stop. Councillors confirmed Suffolk CC would be the body to seek permission for that from, however, they said it is their intention to use an image of Gordon as a logo on future signage on Caley Green.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Melanie Barrett raised the subjects of Babergh's proposed introduction of parking charges in Sudbury, Hadleigh and other locations; Councillors felt this was detrimental to residents and traders in the towns. Babergh's service provision was also discussed as the arrangement to use Sudbury Town Hall as an access point is coming to an end. Councillors felt that inadequate provision would further anonymise Babergh officers and staff from their constituents who are now located outside the district that they represent. Melanie reminded councillors they could apply to her for funding for the proposed notice board by the river.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

James Finch's report updated councillors on Covid-19 issues. The Community Pantry will now be managed by Nicola Thorogood and Revd Val Armstrong and located in the West porch of St James' church.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

There have been incidents of vehicles driving inappropriately on Kingsland Lane resulting in considerable damage. Measures to prevent access have been taken at the Leavenheath end of the route while allowing use as required by a horse and trap. James Finch will follow up a possible solution to prevent access and Laura Erith will establish the current condition of the lane.

Wooden railings along the footpath at the bottom of Anchor Bridge steps have been reinstated, although currently the path has become flooded.

James Finch said the yellow lines have been painted by Anchor Bridge; the advisory "No HGV" signs are due to be installed on the A134. Councillors pointed out the grit bins have still not been filled as requested; James advised they would be filled. Councillors reported the fence at the end of Fen Street has been damaged; there are holes in the pavement along Stoke Road and there are potholes in Bear Street. The condition of Wiston Road is poor due to use by HGVs when it was used as a diversion route.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh have given permission at **Yew Tree Cottage, 15 Court Street** [DC/20/05071] for works to trees in a conservation area and at **2 Gravel Hill** [DC/20/04435] for change of use of part of paddock to residential garden and erection of a shed.

Discharge of conditions applications had been granted at **6-8 Birch Street** [DC/20/05366] for DC/20/02864 condition 3 (doors and fenestration), condition 4 (eaves) and condition 5 (rainwater goods); at **Hammonds Harpers Hill** [DC/20/04582] for DC/20/01527 condition 4 (landscaping scheme), condition 6 (wildlife sensitive lighting design scheme) and condition 7 (biodiversity enhancement strategy); at **Gladwins Farm Holiday Cottages Harpers Hill** [DC/20/05398] for DC/19/05964 - condition 5 (biodiversity enhancement strategy), condition 7 (landscaping scheme) and condition 8 (landscape management plan).

At **The Bungalow Harpers Hill** discharge of conditions had been granted for [DC/19/03822] condition 5 (access details) and [DC/20/04923] under S73 to vary or remove conditions relating to DC/20/00418 condition 2 (approved plans and documents) site layout and elevations for plots 5 & 6 altered and change to 3 bed/study units, replace single garage to double to Plot 1.

However, consent had been refused for a discharge of conditions application at **The Bungalow Harpers Hill** [DC/20/04681] for DC/19/03822 - Condition 5 (access details) and an application at **5 Walsh Rise** [DC/20/04688] for erection of 1.8m boundary fence.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **Hillrise, 42 Gravel Hill** [DC/21/00076] for construction of a swimming pool and erection of filter shed.

An agricultural application on **Land to the rear of Harpers Hill** [DC/20/05802] for a high agricultural building for storage has been withdrawn due to airfield restrictions and that a full Planning application would be required.

Councillors discussed **road name consultation for the new development at The Bungalow, Harpers Hill**; these included Valley Rise, Stour Rise Spring Rise and Finch Close. It was suggested names of living people should be avoided. The Council's proposal would be taken forward between meetings in order to meet the deadline of 3rd February.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Site meetings to progress provision of permanent signage for the Playpark and signage on Caley Green could not currently be arranged due to Covid-19. It was noted that further discussion was needed on parking issues at Caley Green; a decision on parking restrictions had previously been deferred.

The Stour Valley Marathon will be asked to use the Village Hall playing field again for their refreshments as the area around Pop's Piece gets very busy.

It was noted the Play Park was inspected, however, the report is overdue. The playpark, as everywhere else, is very wet due to the rain but it will not be closed unless Covid-19 restrictions change.

Damage to bollards, trees and the ground by a removal vehicle has occurred at the end of Fairfield; the removal firm will be contacted as the damage will need to be rectified.

FINANCES

The budget proposed by the finance committee for the next financial year were approved by councillors and will be forwarded to Babergh. Finances currently look healthy but some work was not carried out due to Covid-19.

ALLOTMENTS

Councillors agreed in principle to the siting of a rustic bench, supplied by a resident. The location should be decided in spring when it is less muddy. Most of the allotment rents have been paid; those outstanding will be sent reminders. Councillors are expecting the same grazing regime on the allotment field but need to confirm this.

VILLAGE HALL

Councillors heard that part of the floor is lifting again. They have no update on the outside woodwork. A Fen Street resident would like to install a gate from their garden onto Webb's Meadow; councillors had no objection to a single pedestrian gate.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Councillors praised the CC for the excellent Christmas activities which they had organised. They congratulated Lorraine Brooks and the contributors for producing news items for the CT when the usual village activities are unable to take place.

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Garden waste (brown bin) collections have been suspended from Monday 11 January 2021 until further notice. Future invoices will be adjusted to compensate for this period of non-collection.

For updates check:

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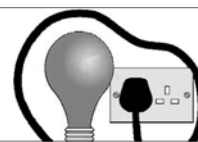
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<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



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.

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.

As of 18th January, Suffolk remains in Lock. This is working to reduce infection rates. The pace of growth in the infection rate has slowed down right across Suffolk.

As of 18th January there have been 26 cases in the Stour Valley Division in the last 7 days. A welcome downturn in incidences of infection. The data for our local area can be found in the Suffolk Coronawatch Dashboard. *For clarity this Middle Super Output Area (MSOA) area named **Nayland, Leavenheath and Boxford** includes 18 parishes and hamlets: Assington, Boxford, Dorking Tye, Edwardstone - Rose Green & Mill Green, Groton, Higham, Layham, Leavenheath, Lindsey, Mildon, Nayland, Polstead, Polstead Heath & Bower House Tye, Raydon & Raydon Great Wood, Shelly, Stoke by Nayland, Thorington Street, White Street Green.*

District case rate per 100.000 population as of 19th January:

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	42	360	375.9	↓	3,227	3506.20	256
East Suffolk	129	1,027	423.7	↓	6,667	2672.60	292
Ipswich	89	744	567.5	↓	5,685	4152.30	208
Mid Suffolk	35	346	321.5	↓	2,546	2450.60	300
West Suffolk	59	561	327.9	↓	4,788	2674.20	291
Suffolk	354	3,038	407.3	↓	22,913	3,009.5	
East of England	3,556	32,209	539.8	↓	304,155	4,877.3	
England	30,371	275,524	506.5	↓	3,022,609	5,370.0	

Home, But Not Alone

Supporting vulnerable people in Suffolk

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This Home, But Not Alone phoneline complements The Suffolk Advice and Support Service phoneline (0800 068 3131) which helps those with debt, benefits employment or housing worries. This phoneline, also delivered by the Collaborative Communities Covid-19 Board, is staffed by the Citizens Advice Suffolk Alliance, which includes the eight Citizens Advice Bureaus 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.

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The Suffolk Advice and Support Line is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



The NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine. It's important not to contact the NHS for a vaccination before then.

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

ESSEX TRADING STANDARDS

Criminals are exploiting the current situation to attempt to steal personal details and your money. The NHS is currently offering the COVID-19 vaccine to people most at risk from coronavirus.

These people will be contacted by the NHS.
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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): Help is still at hand

For those who use the internet there are a number of useful websites to store in your favourites:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> for the latest NHS information and advice about Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for the Government's advice and response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Locally, there are useful social media groups which offer interesting and useful information. (As always on the internet, be mindful that mis-information can also be displayed). Several parishes have Facebook pages specific to information relating to the Coronavirus and include neighbourly offers of help with errands, shopping, dog walking, etc. Such groups for Nayland with Wissington include:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StokeByNaylandBoxfordLeavenheathNaylandBures/> - includes Nayland & Wiston
- https://nextdoor.co.uk/neighborhood_feed/ - for Nayland with Wissington

There a Facebook page specific to: **Nayland & Wiston Coronavirus Community Group** at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/505990626676234/> where useful information and advice will be posted by and for residents.

Community spirit prevails in Nayland and Wiston

with many people willing to help the more vulnerable in our parish.....

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There are volunteers willing to help.

Telephone one of the
volunteers listed for
your area of the village.

If you do not have a copy of the list
which was included on page 6 of
<http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/CommunityTimes/2020JuneCT.pdf>
the list is available from Rachel on 263169 / 07788 954309



As usual residents of our parish excelled themselves when an appeal was circulated for volunteers to assist those who may become isolated or in need, especially those who may not be on the internet to seek help.

These wonderful willing volunteers listed left, came forward. So if you need a prescription collected, an errand run or some shopping they would be pleased to help; just give one of them a ring to make arrangements.

It is worth bearing in mind that at times like this some unscrupulous people seize upon fraudulent opportunity. So beware when on the internet. Be assured that none of the listed bona fide volunteers will contact you unless you make arrangements with them first.

Keep safe

- Coronavirus is extremely contagious.
- Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness.
- Avoid physical contact (2m distance).
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Items should be left on the doorstep.
- Do not invite anyone into your home or give payment for assistance.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Virtual Meeting: 5th January 2021 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 263169
www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the Zoom meeting and was pleased to 'see' everyone present.

MATTERS ARISING:

Executive Committee: The meeting was pleased to hear that Kate Bevan has expressed an interest in joining the Exec. She was not successful in joining the Zoom meeting tonight, but it is hoped Kate can be voted on to the Exec at the AGM. Rachel reminded the meeting this was to have been her final year as Chair; it is still in her mind to step down in the not too distant future to make way for fresh blood and new ideas, however, the year had been much quieter and if there was no-one keen to take on the role Rachel would be willing to continue at the next AGM. Members of the Exec will be asked ahead of the AGM if they are also willing to continue.

Fundraising Activities & Events: As always future ideas/support are welcome. 2022 will be the **Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee** year with a 4 day Bank holiday weekend on Thursday 2nd-Sunday 5th June) <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/extra-bank-holiday-to-mark-the-queens-platinum-jubilee-in-2022>

The CC usually facilitates a large celebration for such occasions involving activities with/by other village groups - details of the last celebration at: <http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Files/2012DiamondJubileePhotoAlbum.pdf>. The CC will begin floating the idea and welcomes ideas from other village groups who may wish to participate and individuals.

Community Defibrillator & Training: As previously discussed another training event will be arranged by Rachel Hitchcock and Tracy Le Grys once the C-19 issues are over. This could introduce other aspects of First Aid.

Nayland 10k Fun Run: nayland10k.co.uk The 2021 run is scheduled for Sunday 4th July, subject to Covid-19 and the village hall being open. Luke will approach Littlegarth about the possibility of parking there and even starting the event there if the village hall is not available.

River Stour Water Level Gauge: Members previously agreed provision of a water level gauge located on the river would be a point of interest for residents as well as enable water levels to be monitored and reported when necessary and they would consider funding the cost. The NwW Land Company, as riparian land-owners, are willing to have the gauge sited on the Meadow bank opposite Caley Green; installation does not require a permit from the EA; a gauge supplier has been found. A local installer experienced at such projects has been found and a quote has just been received with two water level marker options; that it is set to our own level @ £450 + VAT or set at the official above sea level in line with the EA and river trusts @ £750 + VAT. It was agreed that details will be circulated and the discussion continued via email.

Online Ticketing Facility: A new website - NaylandEvents.org has been prepared by Justin Dowding which will enable any village society have a page to use to sell tickets to their events – once events can be held again societies will be guided on its use.

Village Hall Garden Morning: If you have time please pop along and undertake a little weeding/tidying to society plots. A Covid-safe gardening session will be held in spring – date to be confirmed.

Village Christmas Tree: The lovely tree, supplied again by Fred Smith, looked spectacular with its new lights and baubles and received many compliments. Claire Buller and all helpers were congratulated and thanked for erecting and taking down the tree. The CC is grateful to the Nayland Dental Clinic for supplying the electricity.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

Bonfire Night & Christmas Fayre had been cancelled due to Covid-19. Dates for 2021 will be 5th November & 4th December.

Christmas Trail: Advent Windows, Christmas Tree Trail & Wreath Competition. There were 24 beautifully decorated windows, 18 festive Christmas trees and 19 unique wreaths included on the Trail map. Wreath competition results: adult, Karen Freeman; under 16, Pippa & Isla Metson; under 10, Charlie Duncan.

Father Christmas: Visit to Nayland. Father Christmas and his Elf gave out over 70 bags of chocolate coins to children; there were about 150-200 youngsters, big kids and parents out to see them.

The Christmas activities were very well supported and received many positive comments. Rachel thanked all those involved including Foster Jones for chauffeuring Father Christmas and his Elf in his open-top vintage car, and everyone who participated in the Christmas Trail. Many grateful comments have been received with requests for these activities to be repeated. Photo albums including answers to the Christmas tree questions are on the CC website News page

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lesley Jameson gave her report on finances to 31st December.

Breakdown of profits: Quiz £402, Community Times £1,361, Village Calendar £640.

Grants paid 2020: Nayland School Music Group £400, NwW Land Co, £550 & NwW Conservation Soc. £649.

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £26,689.65, represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,727.71, Current a/c monies £16,046.16, Cash in Hand £75.78. We hold £268.50 for the Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000, Lizzie's Fund Walk £201. **Therefore, unencumbered assets are £16,380.15.**

Expenses: We paid £90 to Fred Smith & Son for the Christmas tree and spent £75 on Christmas Trail costs (maps, posters, Santa's sweeties). We had previously bought lights and decorations totalling £435 which will serve for several years. We bought a SumUp card reader device for £22.80 and a second one for £19; it was a great asset selling calendars at the stalls in the High Street. The SumUp fee per entry is 1.63%.

End of Year Accounts: Lesley thanked Rachel and Lorraine for their help since she took over as Treasurer. They thanked Lesley, not least for her perseverance overcoming the challenges with NatWest and the setting up PayPal and SumUp accounts.

Community Times & Websites: Lorraine Brooks thanked all involved for enabling issues to continue during Covid-19: as we are back in Lockdown the distributors will be contacted to check they will be willing to deliver while on their permitted exercise.

The Village and CC websites have been beneficial and have helped with calendar sales.

Village Calendar: Lorraine Brooks said copies of the calendar are on sale at the Post Office, Forget Me Not, Melissa's Hair Salon and from 17 Court Street and can be ordered online. She thanked Wendy Sparrow and the sales venues, and members who manned the pre-Christmas stalls in the High Street.

At 31st December profit stood at £640.26 with 183 calendars sold – a few more have been sold since. There are usually further sales in the new year.

Looking ahead: Spingold will hold their price for another year. Lorraine is willing to organise the competition and produce the calendar, Wendy is willing to produce the captions and history page copy and liaise with sales venues. The photographic competition can be conducted online if it is not able to be held in the church hall. The CC agreed they would like a calendar produced for 2022.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Fun Village Quiz: (usually held February) Rachel suggested this is revisited and hopefully held later in the year. The possibility of a Bingo Night was also suggested but Woodland Corner hold one annually and we wouldn't want to step on their toes.

AGM: Wednesday 3rd March by Zoom. Having liaised with the VPMC, we will hold our meetings separately this year.

SOCIETY REPORTS

Parish Council: Laura Erith said the final decision on the location of the double yellow lines on Anchor Bridge was made by Suffolk CC Highways. The riverside wooden rails are missing at the bottom of the steps on the PROW footpath from Anchor Bridge to Nayland Meadow. The PC have reviewed refuse and dog bins in the village; additional bins will be installed in spring with stickers detailing where the next nearest bin is located. Babergh are calculating the rise in Council Tax.

Village Players: Justin Dowding said they are optimistically planning to put on a production on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th December. They haven't decided yet whether that will be a play or a panto.

HortSoc: Trevor Smy reported they had planned their usual spring events – Spring Show, Spring Speaker (March), AGM & Quiz (April) and Morning Market (May) – but it's looking doubtful they will go ahead. It's particularly difficult as plants need to be grown if they are taking place.

Book Club: Wendy Sparrow reported the group continues to read and discuss the books chosen by individual members despite being unable to meet. They have recently read *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn and are currently reading *Girl Reading* by Katie Ward.

Women's Institute: Wendy Sparrow reported the programme for 2021 has been discussed but no speakers have been booked for the January or February meetings. It is hoped that the annual Lunch Party may take place in March but as this may be doubtful no arrangements have been made yet.

St James' Church: Chris Hunt reported that Coronavirus has affected life in church as well as everyone else, but the church still functions and up until now a regular Sunday Morning service has been held. Wedding and funerals - with social distancing and safety procedures - have been held. Although Christmas services were very much reduced - no Carol Service - Midnight Mass was celebrated and brought to an end a dismal year. The increase in the spread of Covid in this area means extra precautions need to be taken. It has been decided that regular Sunday services at St James will be suspended during January. The situation will be kept under review. The church will be open for 'Private Prayer' every Tuesday and Sunday 10am to 3pm. Information will be available in the church porch. Revd. Mark Woodrow is leaving; we wish him well and thank him for his time

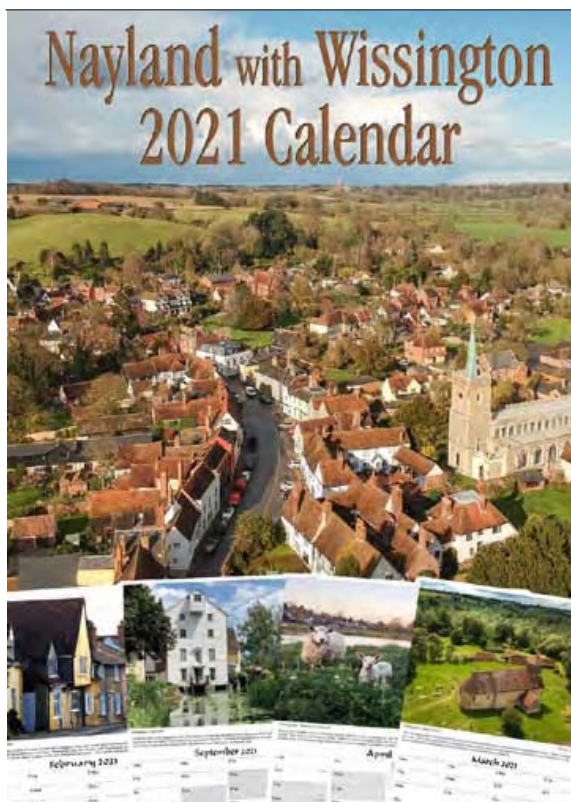
here. A replacement will be sought but it may be many months before the vacancy is filled.

Nayland Choir: Rob Swan reported nearly a year of restrictions has prevented activity. When regulations have permitted, they have popped their heads above the parapet and engaged in some singing in Langham village hall and memorably, outdoor carol singing in Nayland village. And we now have the new lockdown. It is hard to see anything resembling the group pleasures of old taking place until a substantial portion of the population has been vaccinated and our freedoms restored.

Conservation Society: Mike Hunter reported they held a Zoom speaker meeting on the 23rd November. If Covid restrictions continue to apply in the forthcoming months they will hold their AGM on the 8th March via Zoom. The narcissi planting at the junction of Horkesley Road and the A134 went ahead on the 30th November. The discoveries arising from the Court Knoll project continue to surprise the archaeological world. The latest development has been the carbon dating of carved wood recovered from the site to the 9th century. This reinforces the belief that it was an important mid to late Saxon site. Stuart Howells is still working on the Society's film of Nayland. He has recorded the narration by Peter Drew to a script initially prepared by Wendy Sparrow.

NwW Land Company: David Slater said good progress has been made but due to Covid restrictions they are not where they had planned to be by the New Year; they have a lot of work still to do before March. All the old plastic tree guards have been removed from the hedge and Richard's wood; 120m of the hedge has been coppiced on the south side and expertly laid by Neil Catchpole and his wife, Kim; on the north side, brush wood produced by the coppicing has been used to build a dead hedge around the area that is to be rewilded; some brush wood will create more dead hedge against Richard's Wood. Erection of some new fencing, and much needed repairs and maintenance to old fencing, will be carried out when ground conditions permit. Due to Covid restrictions, the timing of our tree planting plan is under review and participation by schoolchildren is no longer an option. The permissive footpath route has been modified and the Community Council seat installed with its commemorative brass plaque fitted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The AGM will be on **Wednesday 3rd March 2021** at 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) by Zoom.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CALENDAR & PHOTO COMPETITION

For anyone who still wishes to purchase a 2021 calendar there are a few more copies available at the Post Office, Forget Me Not, Melissa's Hair Salon, 17 Court Street or to order online at <http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar.html>

Calendar Photographic Competition

Do keep taking photographs for this popular competition.

The competition will be held again; we learnt in 2020 that it can be conducted very successfully online if the usual display in the Church Hall is not an option due to Coronavirus restrictions.

We will give further details in the next issue of the Community Times.

Photographs reflecting any of the 12 months of the year taken in recent years which represent our beautiful parish and our thriving community will be welcome; these may include scenic views, architectural and natural features, street scenes and any seasonal or unusual aspects of the parish. As usual the competition will be open to residents of the Nayland with Wissington parish, and those who work in the parish or are active participants in parish societies/organisations.

FATHER CHRISTMAS COMES TO NAYLAND



Father Christmas and his Elf visited Nayland on 20th December for a tour of the village in Foster Jones' open-top vintage car, a 1927 Humber.

They were greeted by about 150-200 excited youngsters, big kids and parents out to see the special man. They gave out over 70 bags of chocolate coins to delighted children.

The photographs show children enjoying the tour where it started in the High Street, at Caley Green where residents had been waiting patiently for their visit and on their tour of the Heights.

CHRISTMAS THANKS

The Community Council have received many comments of gratitude for encouraging Christmas spirit and bringing some joy during difficult times.

In turn they are very grateful to so many in the village for their eager and generous participation to make this Christmas special.



CHRISTMAS TRAIL

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

Christmas was rather different in December 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic but that seemed even more reason for us to get together as a community and bring a little seasonal cheer to the streets of Nayland and Wiston. As usual residents excelled with an abundance of festive delights displayed around the village. There were 24 beautifully decorated windows, 18 festive Christmas trees and 19 unique wreaths included on the trail map.

Windows around the village were decorated and from 1st to 24th December a new one was 'opened' each day. Christmas trees and wreaths were displayed from 7th December; for a little extra interest there was a question associated with each tree - see the answers below - and wreaths had all been decorated by the participants.

Congratulations to the winners of the wreath competitions: adult, Karen Freeman, Court Street; under 16, Pippa and Isla Metson, Laburnum Way; under 10, Charlie Duncan, Fen Street.

AND THERE WAS MORE...

Community spirit didn't end there; many residents contributed further with some wonderful festive decorations, bringing much joy and amusement to the village.

View photos of all these wonderful festive displays at: <http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/News.html>

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas Trail and made this Christmas special.



Christmas Tree Trail Answers

1 Court Street	Guess the height of this tree? 6ft, 7ft or 8ft	8 feet
31 Fen Street	What is on the top of this tree?	A Star
4 High Street	What type of trees are these?	Yew
12 Mill Street	Why do Christmas trees traditionally have a star on top ?	To guide the Wise Men to find the baby Jesus
4 Mill Street	What type of bird is perched in the branches of this tree?	Robin
4 Birch Street	Can you spot what sport our snowmen like?	Skiing
18 Birch Street	Where are the reindeer's carrots?	On the tree and in a bowl under the tree
Perry Farmhouse	Who stole Christmas, can you see? He's green and hiding in our tree!	The Grinch
14 Bear Street	What pretty flying insect can you spot in our tree?	A Dragonfly
33 Bear Street	What animal decoration is on the porch tree?	Reindeer
38 Bear Street	Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas Tree?	Germany
60 Bear Street	What wise creature lives in the window?	An Owl
65 Bear Street	Can you spot the baby amongst the decorations?	A photo on a bauble
82 Bear Street	What colour is the gnome's hat?	Green
1 Larch Grove	Which country sends a Christmas Tree for Trafalgar Square as a thank you for Britain's support in WW2?	Norway
3 Willow Grove	This type of tree would normally have red berries – what is it?	Rowan

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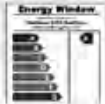


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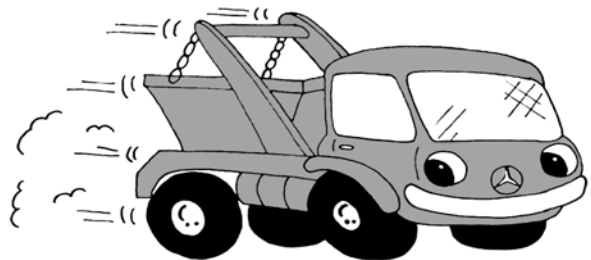
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Speaker: Jeremy Greenwood

JOHN NASH



MONDAY 8th MARCH

The meeting will take place on Zoom starting at 7.30pm

Members will receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting nearer the day

www.naylandconservation.org.uk

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Reg Charity No 304928

Monday 22nd March

by Zoom at 8pm
(VHMC at 7.45pm)

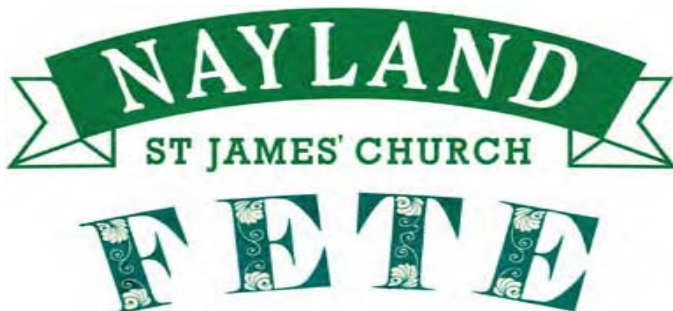
All welcome

If you wish to attend please contact Justin Dowding
jpdowding@gmail.com who will forward you a link to the meeting.

Further details will be included on the Agenda available on naylandandwiston.net

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Anyone interested in joining the Village Hall Management Committee should contact Iain Wright 263646 or Christine Thompson 262825



Regrettably we can't predict when the next Nayland Fete will be. However, we are constantly reviewing the situation and will keep you informed.

Annie Elston

acelston@btinternet.com

NEW YEAR HONOUR FOR NAYLAND RESIDENT

June Freeman, long time resident of Bear Street, has been recognized in the New Year's Honour list with an MBE for her charitable work with a women's refuge which has supported the victims of domestic abuse for more than 40 years.

June formed the Colchester and Tendring Women's Refuge in 1977. More recently she has been involved with an exhibition, titled 'You Can't Beat a Woman', charting the history of woman's refuge in the UK. This was funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and looked at the stories of around a dozen refuges in East Anglia and East London.

The Colchester and Tendring refuge, now known as 'The Next Chapter' continues to support hundreds of people every year. www.thenextchapter.org.uk

Thank you June for your tireless work and congratulations on being awarded an MBE.

CHURCH: COMMUNITY PANTRY

Items now can be delivered to the West End Porch of St James' Church, Nayland (open Sunday and Tuesday 10am – 3pm) where we hope it will continue to be accessible to those who need it, as well as for people to leave items when they are able.

The following items are currently needed:



- UHT milk (not skimmed)
- Packets of instant noodles
- Tins of curry, chilli con carne, stews or mince
- Tins or jars of cooking sauces
- Cup-a-soups
- Baked beans
- Pot noodles
- Packets of microwave rice
- Loaves of bread

- Instant coffee
- Toothpaste
- Laundry detergent (pods)
- Fresh eggs

Alternatively, if you would prefer to support financially, then you can do so by:

- Post a cash donation in a sealed envelope through Revd Val's letterbox (Orchid House, 38 Bramble Way, Leavenheath CO6 4UN)
- Leave donation with any of the Churchwardens (see page 47 for details) - please mark your envelope 'Community Pantry'.
- Contact Nicola Thorogood, Benefice Administrator (see page 47 for details), to make a BACS payment.

Thank you very much

RIVER WATCH

The autumn and winter has been extremely wet - as David Lowe's rainfall data on page 22 reveals - October and December has seen the highest rainfall for over a decade. Although the paths along the riverbank have seen less walkers due to the weather and the flooding the river is still a 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:

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

During flood and fast water flows otters can become disorientated and are more likely to be found crossing roads; if you notice any casualties or fatalities please contact the EA Otter hotline: 03708 506 506

WATER LEVELS

Lets hope that with all this rain the reservoirs are at full capacity and the groundwater levels recharged. Some readers may recall when the river ran dry in the summer of 2019 the EA explained that: *"During the summer months the rate of flow in the River Stour is determined by the groundwater level in the chalk aquifer. The chalk aquifer is recharged over winter, typically between November and April."*

Presumably it didn't fully recharge last winter as river levels were far from constant in the summer of 2020 either.



High water in Mill Stream, Jane Addis

GARDEN NOTES

Flowers adorn the garden in February in the form of Snowdrops, Crocuses, Forsythia and Magnolias. They're a comfort to those desperate for spring.

February is an excellent month for garden visitors to the bird table. The supply of seeds or nuts in the wider countryside has been dwindling since the autumn, so birds such as Siskin, Bullfinch and Lesser Redpoll may visit stations where they've been absent previously.

The garden is surprisingly full of birdsong at this time of year, although the chorus can be dampened by particularly harsh spells of weather. In February, two common garden birds, which have hitherto been silent except for a few speculative, discrete ramblings, begin to perform in earnest. One of these is the Chaffinch, a species that has such a simple phrase that you can actually tell when the performer is out of practice and needs to polish up. To our ears the male simply repeats a single, zestful, chattering, accelerating phrase, which ends in a flourish. This is repeated over and over again, until by March and April it can be heard hundreds of times a day.

The other major singer that starts in February is the beloved Blackbird. True, it will sometimes sing quietly in January or even December, especially during the twilight, but in terms of being heard with enough power to fill a neighbourhood, February is the time. The song is gorgeous. It has longer phrases than that of the Song Thrush, with truly little repetition and, when in full voice, the song is fulsomely tuneful, indeed artful. It also has a tone that could almost be called reassuring, such is its effortless delivery. As far as this writer is concerned, I would prefer an evening of Blackbird song even to that of the Nightingale.

Not many butterflies are on the wing, but on mild days some may be aroused from hibernation, far more often than in January. Likely candidates include the gaudy and popular trio of Red Admiral, Small Tortoiseshell and Peacock. Owing to the fact that gardens are good places for spring flowers, this makes them the most likely place to see these insects.

Meanwhile, the only consolation for moth trappers is that February is marginally better than January or December. Those that are usually recorded in February, but not January, include Small Eggar, Small Brindled Beauty, Spring Usher and Dotted Border.

There's plenty of new growth in the garden In March, not all of it entirely welcome. You might find some rogue Dandelions growing on your lawn, but if so, the end of the month is a good time to pick the growing leaves to add to a salad or even a sandwich. The leaves are bitter, but they're an extremely healthy addition to any diet as they're crammed full of vitamins.

If you're picking Dandelions you might want to look around for Common Chickweed, also, with its tiny, white starlike flowers that look too small for the rest of the plant. An abundant and frequently cursed weed of flowerbeds, it should be more appreciated because both the leaves and stems are excellent to eat when young and fresh, for example, in a salad. Forager John Wright says that the taste is "not unlike lettuce, but with a bit of freshly mown cricket pitch thrown in".

Take a look at any Starlings that appear in the parish. In the sun they're looking fantastic at the moment, with brilliant iridescent plumage. Furthermore, at this time of year there's a subtle difference between the sexes: both have yellow bills, but the base of the male's is light blue and that of the female pink.

There are more flying insects around in the garden, not least bumblebees and butterflies such as the Brimstone. In addition, a stack of moths appear for the first time in March. These include Orange Underwing, Light Orange Underwing, March Moth, Mottled Grey, Barred Tooth-striped, Brindled Beauty, Oak Beauty, Engrailed, Red Chestnut, Pine Beauty, Small Quaker, Blossom Underwing, Lead-coloured Drab, Common Quaker, Clouded Drab, Twin-spotted Quaker, Hebrew Character and Early Grey.

Ed Hutchings



Male Chaffinch

SWANS

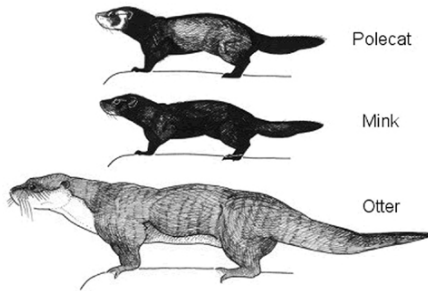
Movement of swans seems to have settled for the time being. Asbo's cygnets have all now flown off to live their own lives. The pond swans, who lost all their cygnets (mostly to herons), have returned.

OTHER LOCAL WILDLIFE

Red Kite and Buzzard are often seen soaring overhead, and in increasing numbers, to the delight of residents.

Unfortunately on 13th January a deceased Barn Owl was reported found near the owl box on the allotment field. It was not ringed. It is hoped by many that it is not Barney, who has delighted so many residents, walkers and photographers with his enchanting appearances and impressive hunting skills in recent years.

POLECATS



To assist with identification of these shy creatures, you will see the mink and polecat are considerably smaller than the otter. Above, the Polecat's facial 'bandit' mask.

As Ed Hutchings mentioned last issue, Polecats may be making a comeback. Having read this Ian Harris has confirmed he has had several sightings of these creatures in the last few years; at Barrack St. Assington, near Radleys in Campions Lane, racing across Harpers Hill, at the end of the drive to Brunnings Farm and about 4 weeks ago along Wiston Road at the bottom of Campions Hill, all very much alive and mostly seen nocturnally. So it seems Polecats are well and truly back in this area - keep your eyes peeled and cameras to the ready!

If you do spot a Polecat it's important to record your sightings with the Mammal Society: <https://www.mammal.org.uk/science-research/record-submission/>

The Polecat (*Mustela putorius*) is roughly the size of a ferret and known for its dark facial 'bandit' mask with white fur on muzzle, 'eyebrows' and ear margin. It has a two-tone coat: dark brown guard hairs cover a buff-coloured underfur, a long neck and body with short legs. The body length is 32-45cm and tail length 12-19cm. They have one litter of five to ten kits a year in early summer. In summer,

rabbits are a major food source, and polecats are slender enough to hunt them within their burrows. In winter, rats become a favoured food, and sites with good rat populations become usual habitats but they also eat small mammals, amphibians, birds and earthworms.

AVIAN INFLUENZA

As you'll know by now, the village is mourning Gordon our beloved Goose. It is highly likely that this was due to Bird Flu although not confirmed by DEFRA at the time of going to print.

'Bird flu' is the common name for avian influenza (AI). It is a highly contagious viral disease of birds worldwide. There are many strains of AI virus that cause different infections, ranging from mild strains that produce little or no symptoms (low pathogenic) to highly pathogenic strains producing severe disease and death.

The signs of AI vary and depend on many factors including how pathogenic the virus is, the species and age of infected birds. Common signs to look for are:

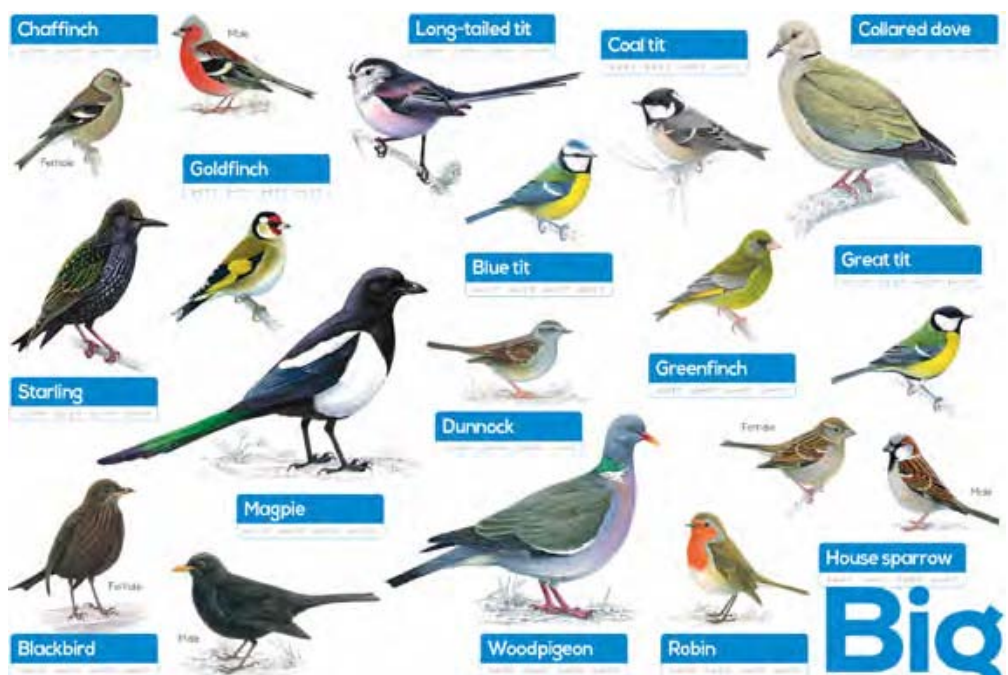
- sudden death of several birds
- swollen head, unusual head or neck posture, blue discolouration of neck and throat
- droopy appearance, ruffled feathers,
- birds unable or reluctant to walk or stand
- loss of appetite,
- respiratory distress (gaping beak, coughing, sneezing, gurgling, rattling)
- diarrhoea

If you see a bird in distress contact the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999. If you find dead wild waterfowl report them to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577. Do not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick birds that you find.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

The last weekend in January sees the the annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch which this year falls over the weekend of 29th-31st January. It will no doubt be even bigger this year with so many of us at home and able to participate. It's something for all the family, whatever the weather, and also educational fun.

Visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch> for more details and bird identifications sheets to help. All you need to do to take part is: Choose any hour between 29th and 31st January, Count the birds you see in your garden or from your viewing spot and then, Submit your results online at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) or by post.



These are some of the birds that you might see. You can use the tally to help you count. You'll find lots of tips on identifying birds as well as their calls at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch). The RSPB is a registered charity in England and Wales 257076. In Scotland SC013654. Illustrations by Mike Langman (www.mikelangman.co.uk)

Big Garden Birdwatch
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THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

On Sunday 6th December a tree was once again mounted into the underground fixings. This year was of course a little different as we had to adhere to social distancing while erecting the tree.

Everything went to plan with the new lights and decorations all in place within an hour and half.

The tree received many wonderful comments this year with its new lights and decorations making it a sight to see.

A big thank you to the Community Council for funding the new lights and baubles which helped brighten a difficult Christmas for many.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped put it up and take it down again this year and to say an extra big thank you to those people without whom we would not have a village Christmas tree.

Thanks to our dental surgery for servicing the tree with its electricity and allowing the tree to be positioned outside their premises, Fred Smith of Straight Road, Boxted for delivering and supplying the tree at a very competitive rate and Sean Norfolk with his chain saw who expertly shaped the tree to fit its holder.

The photograph shows the band of helpers this year and the spectacular tree.

Claire Buller, Community Council





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Like much of the rest of the village the churches in our parish were beautifully decorated this festive season with flower arrangements, thanks to the Flower Arranging Team and with Christmas trees (St James left, St Mary's Wiston right) The trees were decorated and photographed by Pablo Jaime Escudero.

Many thanks to Pablo who has decorated all the church Christmas trees in the Benefice for some years.

Thank you to Di Green for taking this lovely photograph of Caley Green, all lit up and a hive of activity, on a Saturday night.

John Spooner's renowned Christmas illuminations provided much enjoyment for those queuing for Renu's popular fish and chips.



On 9th December there was yet another incident where a HGV damaged property in the village. A lorry cab with a very long trailer with a large piece of equipment reversed into this house in Birch Street. The driver did not stop and drove off up Gravel Hill. Fortunately the incident was witnessed and photographed.

Thanks to Mary George for sending this photograph.

If you notice any incidents with lorries or their drivers, including if they've used unsuitable or narrow roads, routes or villages in Suffolk report them online at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/lorry-management/report-a-heavy-goods-vehicle-incident/>

NAYLAND BEAR'S FESTIVE SPECTACULAR!

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES



Rumour on the village grapevine was that Nayland Bear and his glamorous sidekick Fish would be making a comeback for Christmas. We did not expect, however, the scale of the spectacular display that they were to delight and entertain the village with at Christmas and with their New Year Party at the old bus shelter on Harper's Estate.

We think Bear had been out and about, scouting the opposition for ideas - as spotted here admiring John Spooner's illuminations.

Bear also took time to visit our fantastic NHS workers and thank them for their dedication, particularly during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Bear, like the rest of us, will miss his buddy Gordon the Goose.



REMEMBERING GORDON

Who could ever forget Gordon?

How often is it that a goose wanders into a village, brings much amusement and enjoyment and captures the hearts of the whole community?

Gordon the Greylag Goose lived on the River Stour at Caley Green for over five years. He spent part of the year hanging out with the resident swans, cygnets and ducks but each spring he took up residence at the bus stop on Bear Street. Bus travellers have been fascinated by him, schoolchildren adored him greeting them on their way to school, visitors to the Green enjoyed watching and feeding him.

But could the real reason he moved to the bus shelter be to enjoy his own reflection? Some suggested a reflection was less high maintenance than pairing up with a female goose. He was not unattractive to the opposite sex though; female greylags did stop by and spend time with him but the relationships did not amount to anything and after a short courtship Gordon returned to the company of his reflection. Greylags are loyal creatures and are monogamous, so perhaps that was the secret behind why he never settled with one of the female visitors that came a-calling.

There's no mistaking Gordon was a stately bird and was the subject of many photographs; appearing in the village calendar competition every year since 2016 and reaching pin-up status in the calendar five times. Perhaps his biggest claim to fame was appearing on BBC Look East after he received an anonymous Valentine card at the bus stop in 2019.

During the Coronavirus Lockdowns of 2020 Gordon's presence certainly made a difference, raising the spirits of everyone visiting Caley Green.

He was such a wonderful character and we will all miss him, thank you Gordon for brightening our lives, You are a legend xx



Photos by: Justin Dowding, Amy Christie, Antony Day, Ray Spencer, Sue Pilgrim, Mike Hunter

SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...



Thank you to Brian Sanders for this beautiful photograph captured while he was out with his drone. It shows the extent of the flooding over the valley meadows in what has been an extremely wet winter.

As data from David Lowe's weather records reveal in the graph of rainfall (opposite), for October, November and December over the last decade, October and December 2020 saw record breaking levels of rainfall.

Thanks also to Stuart Howells who was out promptly to witness early morning family enjoyment on Caley Green after a brief spell of snow on 4th December; the ducks though didn't seem to be enjoying the weather.

There was another short lived flurry of snow across the still flooded valley on 16th January when Mandy Cook captured this fabulous atmospheric view across Nayland Meadow from Anchor Bridge.



LETTERS:

Dear Editor,

I would just like to express huge gratitude to those in our community who brought such joy into Christmas 2020.

For the inspirational Advent Calendar Windows, the lovely wreaths hanging on doors, the Christmas tree shining as a beacon of hope near the Post Office. And what can be said about the lovely Christmas grotto in the old bus shelter? Magic and a little wonder for children and adults alike. The children were not denied Father Christmas either even if his mode of transport was a vintage car rather than a sleigh! There were a myriad of Christmas lights to cheer us and as ever our church of St James looked beautiful. Neither did our shops disappoint looking Christmassy and inviting.

We have missed so much in the past year that normally brings us together in Nayland so thank you all so much for your effort and the cheer that sent us into a more hopeful and promising 2021.

WHAT COULD THIS BE?



During Suffolk CC's explorations of the drainage system in Birch Street, workers uncovered a mysterious feature about 1 foot below the current road surface; a 6ft plinth of concrete, roughly 100mm wide, but of unknown depth. Roughly in the centre was this irregular shaped hole (which resembles a railway track holder). Alan Edwards, who lives in Birch Street took this photo and poses the question, what is it?

John Spooner, who lived nearby as a child, recalls seeing these and believes its purpose, in the days of the Home Guard, was to stop tanks entering the area should the worst happen and the enemy managed to invade our shores.

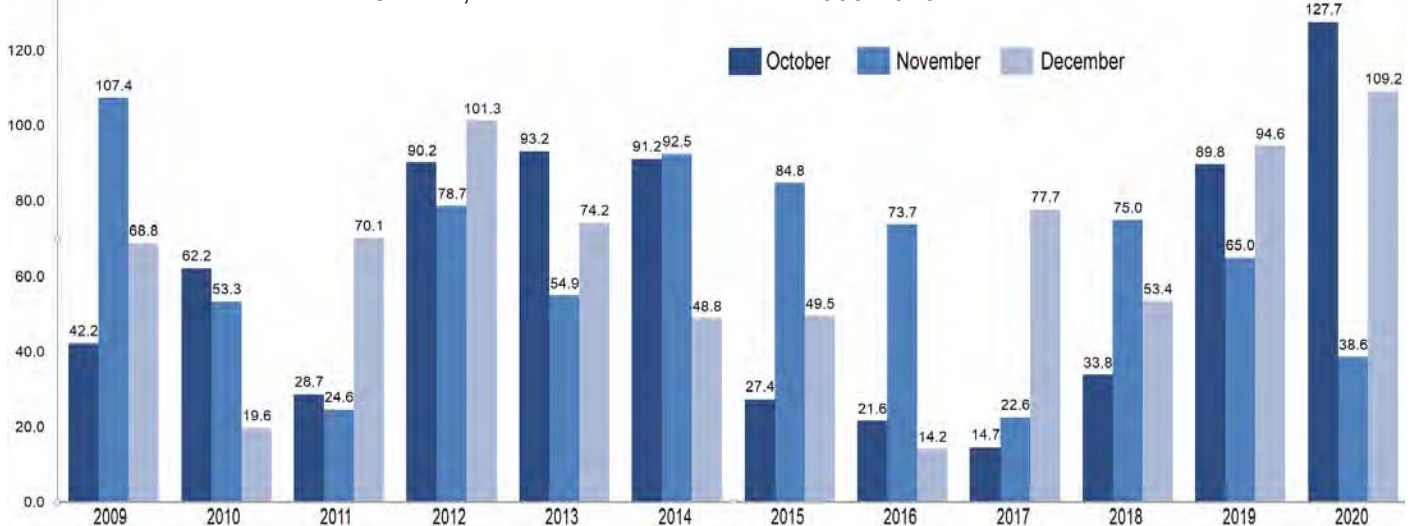
If anyone knows anything about the holes please let Alan Edwards, Wendy Sparrow or Lorraine Brooks know.

Thanks to members of the Community Council who braved the weather to man Saturday morning stalls in the High Street selling the Village calendar; and thank you to everyone who visited them. Rachel Hitchcock and Vicki Sargent (left) are looking cheerful and well wrapped up against the elements.

And finally, this abandoned Kayak was spotted on 18th December. It was retrieved shortly afterwards. Someone had a wet and chilly encounter!



RAINFALL IN NAYLAND: October, November and December 2009-2020



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

In addition to being included in the Community Times or amusing us on local Facebook, there are times when 'seeing it and snapping it' is very useful.....

Recently some very thoughtless workers on Suffolk CC business, when the ground everywhere is known to be very saturated, decided driving on Caley Green would be convenient for them. Well it was not and they left considerable damage. They appear to have used sandbags in an effort to get some traction under their wheels.... and left the remnants of them as well. Luckily the event was witnessed, photographed and reported; the Parish Council and our Suffolk County Councillor are investigating.

They have damaged the ground where daffodils are expected to appear very soon and brighten our spirits which are very Covid weary. Lets hope they also rectify the damage to them or replace the daffodils!!




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NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

Saturday 24th April

Meet at 10am at the
Village Hall Car Park

- subject to COVID restrictions at that time
Please register your interest in participating to
help collect litter from the village and footpaths.

Equipment provided but please wear gloves.

Contact Mike Hunter at mikejphunter@gmail.com
or 01206 264100 to book your place



Nayland with Wissington Society News



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.

Many thanks to those who gave donations towards the cost of Christmas flowers.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to Jo Murrison by Jeannette Finch on her recent retirement as leader of the Flower Arranging Team, although she has kindly agreed to assist with flowers for special occasions. Jo took over the role from Olive Noakes in 2012 and has a wealth of experience in flower arranging.

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.

Photo, left to right: Mary Hussey, Olga Alexander, Jeannette Finch and Jo Murrison.



NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Rachel Skells 262422
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www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

The Church Hall is currently closed following the latest government regulations. The committee will keep this position under regular review.

We look forward to welcoming back all our regular groups as soon as circumstances allow and in the meantime please stay safe and well.

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.

On the 22nd December 2020, the secretary laid a wreath on behalf of the branch on the grave of Private Noy in Stoke-by-Nayland churchyard. Private Noy was a member of the Essex Regiment who died of his wounds received in WW1. The Revd Mark Woodrow led the short service with Richard Channon and Robert Lightfoot also in attendance.

The family of Charles Gumm USAAF wish to visit in mid 2022 and the Parish Council, Boxted Airfield Museum Group and ourselves have agreed to organise appropriate activities for their visit. Charles Gumm was a US Army pilot based at Boxted Airfield in the last war who was killed when piloting his damaged aircraft away from the village to avoid casualties. There is a bench beside the War Memorial that commemorates his sacrifice.

Our meetings have been enhanced by talks given by members on subjects of their choice which do not necessarily have to have a service connection. Now is the time to start preparing for future talks when our meetings start again. This boring lock down time is an ideal time to start developing future talks – so get going!!!



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
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The current Covid 19 restrictions continue to impact on the Society's plans for 2021 but the success of our Zoom speaker meeting in November last year has given the Society confidence that our AGM can take place on-line if we are not permitted to occupy the Village Hall. Members will receive notice of the AGM, accounts and chairman's report in early February together with a link for the Zoom meeting. Our speaker is Jeremy Greenwood who will be talking on the topic of internationally renowned artist John Nash who used to live at Wormingford.

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.

The Society's committee continues to check and review all planning applications made in the parish and has made representations on three matters in the past two months. We have also made contact with our District Councillor on the draft local plan for Babergh District Council and let her know our views.

I am delighted to report further developments in connection with the analysis of finds arising from the Court Knoll excavations. Although progress has understandably been very limited, Jo Caruth our lead archaeologist, has advised that radio carbon dating of some of the finely carved wood recovered from Trench 1 suggests a 9th Century date which gives a strong possibility that the roof timbers were mid 10th Century. Such an early date was not expected and even if the timbers were re-used from a church on another site it still means that this was a significant building. There is a suggestion that reference to a church in the will of the Saxon Thegn Ælfgar, previously thought to have related to Stoke by Nayland may be a reference to this building in Nayland. An application for a grant has been made by the Society for further radio carbon tests to be carried out and the results will be revealed in due course.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the Court Knoll sign has been restored and once the current restrictions are relaxed Wendy Sparrow, our village recorder and one of the founder committee members of the Society will unveil it. Hopefully a photograph of this event will appear in the next edition of the CT!



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.



NAYLAND CARPET BOWLS CLUB

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

As reported last issue, the 2020/21 season leagues have been cancelled. We hope our club meetings will be able to restart in the not too distant future.

In the meantime, stay safe everyone.

Mervyn



FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH

Registered Charity No 1158565

Email: wistonfriends@gmail.com

Chairman: Simon Empson 01206 460250

Treasurer: Julian Baker 01206 262653

The Friends of Wiston Church is an organisation dedicated to raising money to help maintain the fabric of our much loved ancient building.

Needless to say, this year's plans to hold fundraising events came to nothing - it was so disappointing not to meet our friends at social and festive gatherings.

Happily, there seems to be a little light at the end of this tunnel - and we look forward to a time when we can all get together, once again.

If you're not already part of our small community, we'd love to hear from you!

We're always looking for new supporters - business and personal - so if you might be willing to help, we'd be delighted to hear from you!

Many kind individuals give £10-£20 a month (or £120-£240 annually). You can set up a regular subscription - and the amount is entirely up to you.

As an alternative, if you might consider leaving a bequest in your will, please, feel free to get in touch to discuss it.

The need to maintain the church fabric never stops - we'd be so grateful for anything you feel able to give - no matter how modest. If you can - please DONATE NOW and help support Wiston Church!



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

In these uncertain times our forthcoming meetings - which are usually held on the second Thursday of each month in Parkers Way Community Centre at 2.30pm - have been 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

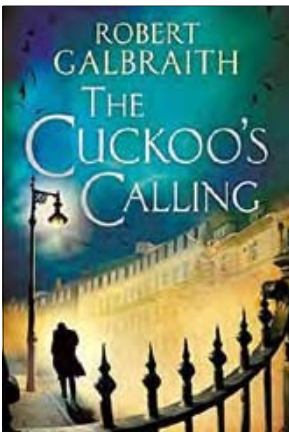


NAYLAND LUNCHEON CLUB FOR OVER 60S

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

Sadly, due to the Coronavirus pandemic the luncheons have been 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 book club have recently finished reading two books.

Our first was *'The Salt Path'* by Raynor Winn. This told the true story of a couple who lost everything, including their home. So, they embarked on a journey of self-discovery and healing, walking 630 miles along the south west coast path from Somerset to Dorset, via Devon and Cornwall. They had no money for food and carried their tent and essentials on their backs, spending nights wild camping on beaches and clifftops.

Our next book was *'Girl Reading'* by Katie Ward. This book contained seven stories, all linked by a piece of artwork showing a woman or girl reading. Each of the stories is set in a different era, starting with the Renaissance in the 14th Century and the last one is well into the future in the year 2060.

Our next book, by Robert Galbraith, is called *'The Cuckoo's Calling'*.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Jeannette Finch 262993

Secretary: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

We have put a notice in our board hoping everyone is keeping safe and staying home.

Our 2020 programme will be used for 2021 when we can safely return to WI meetings.

We continue to ring those members who are on their own and to have a chat, they are most appreciative, hopefully looking forward to better times in the spring. Any WI member who has a problem please contact either Jeannette or Lorna.



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Jo Murrison 262369

Yet again we are sorry to have to inform you that with much regret another Village Lunch due to be held on Wednesday 21st April has to be cancelled, to go ahead would just not be viable due to several factors.

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 2021 when the speaker will be Mark Mitchels.

Hopefully 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 648035 jpdowding@gmail.com

The Village Players remain in a state of hibernation until social distancing rules are relaxed.

We hope that we will be able to rehearse again in the autumn. To that end, we have set the dates for our triumphant return (?) as **December 3, 4 and 5**. (Thursday to Saturday)

As always, please keep an eye on our website at <https://villageplayers.co.uk> for further information.



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

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Happy New Year from all at Nayland Choir.
Nearly a year of restrictions (and counting) has had the same effect on choral singing as virtually any other group activity – in other words, no activity.

When regulations have permitted, we have popped our heads above the parapet and engaged in some singing in Langham village hall and memorably, outdoor carol singing in the village. And of course there is Zoom but it is not well suited to singing in harmony.

And we now have the new lockdown. It is hard to see anything resembling the group pleasures of old taking place until a substantial portion of the population has been vaccinated and our freedoms restored.

On that note it is curtains down until the happy day when we meet for our first proper rehearsal.



VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646 Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



MAINTENANCE

The VHMC is continuing to monitor the condition of the Village Hall. There has been an extensive repair to the barge board and gable end on the Fen Street side of the Village Hall, this work was carried out by Adam Crisell to a good standard. When the weather improves there will have to be maintenance to the external fabric of the hall and also to the car park. This work will include painting of the external timbers, re-fitting the gutters and relaying or replacing the manhole covers to the drainage systems. Nick Moriarty has continued with the monthly inspections of the fire alarm and the maintained exit lights, this task can take several hours to complete. We all should be grateful to Nick for his diligence during these difficult times.

COVID-19 CLOSURE

The VHMC continues to monitor the Government restrictions in respect of the spread of the COVID virus and as soon as the restrictions are lifted the Village Hall will be thoroughly cleaned and opened for the village use.

CARETAKER VACANCY

Mr and Mrs Spooner who are now in their late 70's have indicated their intentions to retire from their duties in respect of the Village Hall as soon as the COVID restriction are over. Mr and Mrs Spooner have been involved with the village hall since 1975. Mr and Mrs Spooner have been loyal servants ensuring that the hall has been clean and ready for the next user. Mr and Mrs Spooner's duties include cleaning the hall and acting as key holders for the hall users.

The VHMC would welcome suggestions and offers for help to replace Mr and Mrs Spooner.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

Sadly, the HortSoc committee have had to cancel our forthcoming **Spring Show**, planned for the 20th March and also our visiting **Spring speaker**.

We are keeping an eye on the situation as it develops for later this year. We have provisional dates for both our **AGM** on the 13th April and the **Morning Market** on the 8th May but these will need to be reviewed nearer the time. Time will tell whether we are able to hold our **Summer Show** in August and our **coach trip** in September.

We hope to see you all soon, and the Committee wishes all members and non-members a very happy and healthy 2021.



THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

Sally Dalton johnansal@live.co.uk 262675

January has been a sad month with the loss of our goose Gordon.

I know the editor has a wonderful tribute to him on page 21, but I wanted to share the following memories of him.

In Spring usually before we were up from bed he would leave the bus stop and come over the road into my neighbour's garden; he would grasp my neighbour's newly planted bedding plants in his mouth pull them out and toss them in the air!

He would lead all the ducks over into our garden and then run after me flapping his wings with excitement when I appeared with the food bucket.

He will be hugely missed.

I will catch up with the other Caley Green residents next time.



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.

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

THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON LAND COMPANY



Due to Covid restrictions the work which was previously scheduled to have been carried out by the AONB Stour Valley Project volunteers has had to be undertaken by ourselves. Good progress has been made but we are not where we had planned to be by the New Year, leaving a lot of work still to be carried out before March, when the sheep return to the field.

All the old plastic tree guards have been removed from our hedge and Richard's wood. Approximately 120m of the hedge has been coppiced on the south side and expertly laid on the north side by Neil Catchpole and his wife Kim.

All the brushwood produced by the coppicing has been used to build a dead hedge around the area that is to be rewilded.

The brushwood from the laid hedge that is still lying on the field will be used to:

- provide protection for the coppiced hedge from animal grazing
- make more dead hedge against Richard's wood
- produce woodchip to improve the walkability of the wetter sections of the footpath

The permissive footpath route has been modified and the Community Council seat installed with a commemorative brass plaque fitted.

Erection of some new fencing, and much-needed repairs to old fencing, will be completed before March.

Local community volunteers

Due to Covid we have been unable to involve local residents in any of the work we have been doing, so far. We would however like to establish a register of those who may like to participate once these restrictions are lifted. Anyone who thinks they would like to possibly lend a hand please give your contact details to: **John Carpenter** at jnbcarpenter@hotmail.com or 07879412324.

Financial donations

We are trying to benefit both the local environment and the local community.

Due to Brexit, and the financial constraints our government will have to cope with as a result of Covid, agricultural support schemes that we have come to rely on to cover annual maintenance costs, as well as grant aid for any improvements, may no longer exist in the future. Continuity is really important to ensure that present improvements are maintained and looked after in the years to come, for everyone's benefit.

Financial donations, large or small, would help to ensure this happens. Anyone who wishes to contribute please contact: **Dipak Warren** at dipakwarren@yahoo.co.uk or 01206 263713.

David Slater

Photos:

- The fact that our first length of laid hedge looks so fantastic is down to the skill, expertise, and hard work of Neil Catchpole and his wife Kim from Wormingford
- Our double hedge is now, at last, free of all plastic tree guards. The 11 bags and green tubes in the photo represent only 50% of what had to be removed!
- Trees planted with stakes, guards, and mulch mats. Repositioned gates with new posts. The native trees planted were: 5 each of Oak Field Maple, Rowan, Wild Cherry, Silver Birch and 2 Crab Apple. The shrubs planted were: 5 each of Hawthorn, Guelder Rose, Hazel, Dogwood and 2 Sallow. More Sallow were planted in the corners near the pond.



LAND COMPANY: HEDGEROW & TREE MANAGEMENT

The boundary hedge along the southern edge of the main conservation field, running beside the new permissive path, was established approximately 15 years ago by the planting of native tree and shrub species. It consists of a double hedge with a line of individual trees in the gap between. Without intervention the hedge would grow on to form a line of trees. We are now implementing traditional management practices to rejuvenate the hedge, thicken its base, prolong its life, and make it more attractive to wildlife. The following techniques are being used.

Coppicing

The southern hedgeline is being coppiced, which entails cutting the hedge down to approximately 10cm above ground level and allowing it to sprout back with fresh shoots. Some of the cut material is being placed over the coppice stools to protect the regenerating shoots from grazing damage by rabbits or deer.

Laying

The northern hedgeline is being "laid". This entails cutting part way through the stems of the hedgerow trees and shrubs and laying them at an angle of approximately 30 degrees. Posts, cut from the hedgerow trees, have been used to hold the laid sections of hedge in place. The stems and stumps of the laid material will re-sprout and develop into a dense hedge.

Hedgerow trees

Individual trees between the two hedge lines have been left intact. The best of these will be allowed to grow on to form "standard" trees. These standard trees will be widely spaced so that they do not cause too much shading to the regenerating hedges.

Half of the hedge management is being carried out this winter, with the remainder being carried out in autumn 2021. Funding for this work has been possible due to a Defra Countryside Stewardship agreement.

Dead hedge

The small branches or "brash" arising from hedge management have been used to form a "dead hedge" around the boundary of the adjacent field. The dead hedge will provide nesting sites for birds, and habitat suitable for a diversity of other wildlife including small mammals, insects and fungi. We are grateful to both local residents and the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project Volunteers for helping to construct the dead hedge.

Field corner

As part of our Countryside Stewardship scheme the corner of the field behind the dead hedge will be taken out of management for a period of five years. There will be little or no intervention, including no grazing by livestock, and the land will be allowed to "rewild" to provide habitat and food for invertebrates, birds and other animals.

New bench

A new bench (generously grant aided by Nayland Community Council) has been installed overlooking the main field. A small area of land behind the bench has been planted with a mixture of native tree and shrub species, grant aided by the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Sustainable Development Fund. Once established, the new planting will help provide visual and noise screening of the A134 and Horkesley Road.

Rob Dryden



Installation of Bench, kindly financed by Nayland Community Council, on a modified route of the permissive path. Local contractor Stephen Barnes and NLC board member Martin Wright.



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL : EAGLE CLASS

Mrs Kennedy

Well, it wasn't the start to the New Year we wanted in Eagles, but we're getting more and more adept at being flexible and resourceful! Last term, the Eagles had some practice hosting weekly school assemblies via Teams as well as the opportunity to continue using Class Notebook for homework.

As I type, I'm listening to an online live French lesson being taught by Madame James, whilst this morning the Eagles had a live 2-hour maths lesson (with a playtime!). Live lessons are a great way for all the class to interact together, but it's not the only tool in our expanding remote-learning-toolbox! The teachers are also busy filming video introductions and plenaries of lessons to be streamed daily; they are reading class books via video; using the chat channels in Teams for peer and teacher support and of course on top of all that they are still teaching some live children of key-workers!

We've tried to find ways for everyone to have access to our curriculum, especially in our art learning. We were going to be finishing our paintings inspired by landscape artist John Constable – but alas this had to be adapted. Instead, the Eagles were shown how to make their own paints (using flour, water and food dyes) and painting tools; they are now busy creating 'planet-scapes'! Watch this space (!) for photos next month.

We hope all of our community stay safe and healthy over the next few weeks. When we meet up again in the class, we are certain to appreciate learning in live time so much more. In the meantime, we're looking both forward and upward as this term's topic – Universal Beginnings- examines Earth's place in space and seeks both to ask answer some of those universal questions – such as 'where did we come from?' and 'how old is the Earth?'



NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

Danielle Byford, Nayland PA 01206 262202 creffieldmedicalcentre@nhs.net

Due to the latest guidance, you will be asked to wait outside for your appointment. We have seen an increase in colder weather recently and therefore 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 advice.

The surgery will be closed from 12pm on Thursday 25th February for a North East Essex Educational Shutdown, but will reopen at 8am on Friday 26th or 9am for Dispensary.

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



Woodland Corner

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Nayland, Colchester, CO6 4HY

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Happy New Year, we have started the term differently to our plans. This term to keep everyone safe, we have split children and staff into bubbles. We are reminding ourselves of the importance of frequent hand washing, keeping 2m meters apart, and the "catch it, bin it, kill it" rules.

Before we broke up we had a whole week of Christmas activities, we made clay shapes to hang on our trees, made wreaths and lanterns, had visits from Elsa, and performed the "Littlest Christmas Tree" for our families to watch on Tapestry. Since returning we have talked about how we celebrated Christmas with our families, and that now some children's siblings are home schooling and parents are working from home.

We are continuing to play outside as much as possible. We have some new motorbikes to improve our balance, co-ordination and spatial awareness. We will use this opportunity to talk about the weather and seasons, we are hoping for some frosty mornings and perhaps a snow covered field too.

Staff have received training on the Characteristics of Effective Learning, and will put this to practical use with the children creating role play experiences to expand their knowledge of the world.

Please get in touch if you have any COVID safe fundraising ideas.





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 are all getting on ok at home and finding lots of messy activities to keep you occupied, both inside and out. We would also like to wish Reverend Mark well in his new role in the Stour Valley Benefice. We are sad to see him go but send him with our good wishes and hope that he will soon be happily settled.

For now, love to you all from the whole Messy Church team.



Mouse Makes

WHAT AM I?
The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next

E				
• What two things did God create first? Genesis 1:1				
	S			
• What was the Earth without? Genesis 1:2				
• What came before morning? Gen 1:5				
	G			
• Who is the creator? Genesis 1:1				
• What was separated from light? Gen 1:4				
	H			
• Which day did God finish work? Gen 2:2				
• Who was created God's image? Gen 1:27				
	L			S
• Who moved over the water? Gen 1:2				

FIND THE CREATION PAIRS
from Genesis 1 and 2

EARTH	MORNING
LIGHT	FRUIT
DAYS	SEA
TREES	NIGHT
LAND	FISH
EVENING	YEARS
ADAM	HEAVENS
DAY	DARK
BIRDS	WATER
SKY	EVE

CREATURE H G O D P
D G A L R E F R U I T E L
L O R I E S L B M O S E A
A O T G E T Y D A R K P N
N D H H E A V E N I G H T
D A Y T R R S P I R I T W
A S E E D S K Y B I R D O

Can you find these words in the word search?
GOD • HEAVEN • SPIRIT
FLY • DEEP • EARTH
DARK • DAY • LIGHT
NIGHT • STARS • SKY
SEA • LAND • BIRD
CREATURE • HUMAN
TREE • PLANT • SEEDS
FRUIT • GOOD • TWO

By the **seventh** day God finished the work He had been doing. God **blessed** the seventh day and made it **holy**. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments the **fourth** commandment said to **remember** the seventh Sabbath day, to **keep it holy** and set apart for God.

DID YOU KNOW?
The first word of the Old Testament in Hebrew is **bereshith** which means "in the beginning". The Greeks translated this word as **GENESIS** which means creation, origin and generation

Mouse Makes

WHAT IS LOVE?
Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.

OHNKEWJLOSHCNP
CGHUADPBTFEKRA
FJOMUORD
VWEURDSKEV
TOEGNP

God's love is...
Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.

"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvdi
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp
uibu fwfszpf xip cfmjfwft
jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu
ibwf fufsobm mlgf."
Kpio 3:16

HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?
Cross out all the xxx to find out!

xxGxixvxextxhxaxnxkxsxxtxoxxtxhx
exxLxoxrxdx,xfxoxrxxHxexixxsxg
xxxxoxdx,xxHixxsxxtxeaxxdx
fxaxsxtxlloxvxeexnxdxu
rxxexsfxoxrxxexvxxexr.
xpxsaxxlxmxx
1x3x6:1

How does God show he loves us?
Look at this in a mirror!

zu rot evol zih beworls boG
otni no2 ylno zid pribnæe yd
ew tsrt oz ,bhow ertt
etih evsh trlgim
miH dpuortt
e:4 nrtol 1

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases"
Lamentations 3:22

Garden Notes

by The Old Muckspreader



Crocus Tommasinianus, early Crocus

Venturing out into his garden, in an attempt to alleviate the boredom of being locked in, the OM/S was delighted to see that the drifts of Aconites were beginning to appear. They are well worth growing, trouble free, and disappear soon after flowering until their reappearance next year. Sometimes this may lead to their demise for once dead they resemble clods of soil, and may be raked up and disposed of. The safest way is to plant them in grassland, and if you walk up the path to the main door of St James' Church and look to the left there is quite a large drift in front of the large Lilac bush; these are the descendants of about a dozen planted there by the OM/S many years ago.

Next to appear will be the snowdrops, and here they are planted to form a sort of white river underneath the Oaks. We have talked in the past about Galanthophiles (chaps and chapesses who go bonkers about them, paying large sums of money for varieties with minute variations of the common form). Some years ago the OM/S went with his son and family to Anglesey Abbey, near Cambridge, where there are fine displays. In the sales area there were a lot of single bulbs in pots for sale, and he mentioned to his daughter-in-law the silly prices charged for some varieties. She obviously didn't believe him but having had a quick look beforehand (the old military maxim – time spent in reconnaissance is seldom wasted), he was able to show her a ranky looking specimen on sale @ £50.

Talking of rivers, there is a substantial lake to the side of the house just now, as they say in Scotland. Around here the ditches are mostly blocked with vegetation (and sometimes rubbish), so are unable to perform their function of carrying the water off the land; the OM/S is old enough to remember the days when the workforce on farms kept them, and the hedges in good order during the winter.

Returning to horticulture the first crocuses will soon be appearing. We prefer the small *Crocus Tommasinianus* which seeds itself all over the place, even in stony driveways, and gives a good display.

Looking back on previous articles the OM/S sees that he promised to record failures among his efforts with vegetables. His carrots come into that category; they never really matured, probably due to inadequate watering. His excuse is that the vegetable garden is some distance from the house and watering is difficult. This year he has decided not to bother with main crop potatoes, but to concentrate on the earlies, which really do prove their worth in taste.

WORDSEARCH: Spring Interest in the Garden

S	U	S	S	I	C	R	A	N	H	O	L	I	R	I
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H	C	J	F	O	R	S	Y	T	H	I	A	L	A	R
T	T	H	W	A	L	O	N	T	H	I	S	I	R	I
N	C	U	I	C	O	X	B	A	S	S	K	I	A	M
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C	T	U	L	I	P	H	S	O	D	A	P	H	N	E
A	N	M	V	N	O	A	R	H	X	I	A	O	V	O
E	P	U	S	C	H	K	I	N	I	A	M	E	N	A

ANEMONE BLANDA
ARUM
CHIONODOXA
CROCUS
DAPHNE

FORSYTHIA
GALANTHUS
HELLEBORUS
NARCISSUS
IRIS

PRIMULA
PRUNUS
PUSCHKINIA
SCILLA
TULIP

ANAGRAMS: Trees

- 1 ALNPLNOENDO
- 2 LEADMIFELP
- 3 SRTOCNEHUSTEH
- 4 HSIRVECLRLIB
- 5 EMZYOLPKZUEN
- 6 NWIGWLOEPWLEI
- 7 LHEGKAINOS
- 8 PAYOWCRNSURE
- 9 EPCEBPOCRHE
- 10 CNISPETOS
- 11 ARDDCEREA
- 12 ORCYEAMS

Wordsearch words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal and forward or backwards

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PRESSCUTTINGS FROM BYGONE DAYS

Essex County Standard, 31st May 1890

Property Market – The Nayland Gas Works. Messrs Edwd. Smith & Boggis submitted to public competition at the Fleece Hotel, Colchester on May 23 by direction of the Proprietor, the freehold property known as the Nayland Gas Works (a going concern) situate in Church Lane, Nayland. The buildings are brick-and-tiled, and comprise gas and purifying houses, fitted with three retorts &c; coal stores, sheds, gasometer 14 ft in diameter and the whole of the plant, machinery and fixtures were included in the sale. Bought by Mr Arthur Cutmore of Sudbury for £200.

Essex County Standard, 25th July 1891

Athletic Sports at Nayland. The 5th annual Athletic Land and Water Sports, Horse, Cob and Pony Races took place on the 23rd July and notwithstanding the showers were well attended. Water Sports were held on the River Stour near Anchor Bridge including:

Walking the Bowsprit (1st prize was a pig won by E Holmes, 2nd a pair of duck won by S Butler), Swimming Races and a Barrel and Shovel Race. There were Horse and Pony races on Mr Goldsmith's meadow and Land Sports on Mr Cuddon's Meadow [now Webb's Meadow] including Hurdle Races, Throwing Cricket Ball (CC Members only); Flat races, Long Jump; High Jump; Tug of War; Obstacle Race; a Labourers' Race and a Donkey Race. Prizes were a few shillings or items such as a biscuit barrel, a case of razors, a breakfast cruet, sportsman's knife, fishing rod, a jam stand, nutcrackers, walking stick, portmanteau and inkstand. The Colchester Town Band was in attendance and played a good selection of music during the day. There was a display of fireworks at 8.30 pm.

The Musical Times, 30th July 1926

Jones of Nayland. In the ranks of the many eminent divines connected with Suffolk's past history, the Rev. William Jones, of Nayland, the bicentenary of whose birth occurs today, must be accorded no mean place. "Trinity Jones" as he was called commanded the respect of a wide circle of readers during his long and useful life. Even now his books are read with profit by students of theology. Born at Lowick in Northamptonshire in 1726 William Jones is always referred to as "Jones of Nayland" by virtue of his long residence and activities in Suffolk. ... In the floor of Nayland Church is a stone inscribed: "This vault was built by the Rev. William Jones, Minister of this parish for the use of his family, 1788"

Essex County Standard, 1940s

Nayland Pest House. Those wishing to see one of the very few remaining relics of public health as practised in the reign of George II should visit the old "Pest House" at Nayland before it collapses as it is now in a very dilapidated state of repair. It was built in 1756 by the Nayland Feoffees at the cost of £64 16s. 6 ½ d. The lean-to and bakehouse at the south end were added in 1767, the material being obtained by demolishing a property of the Feoffees at the church gates. It was used as an isolation hospital chiefly for small-pox until 1872.

Suffolk Free Press, 1st August 1956

Nayland Parish Council to hold meetings to increase interest in village. To encourage the interest of parishioners in their village, Nayland with Wissington Parish Council decided at last week's meeting to convene a meeting with representatives of the various organisations in the village. Such meetings could be held quarterly and thus keep parishioners, through their organisations, in closer touch with local affairs, in addition to suggesting the manner in which the council could be assisted, thus giving a great service to the community. It was considered that little interest had been shown in the Best Kept Village competition mainly because few people realised it was held



Walking the bowsprit in the 1920s

even though many posters had been displayed. [Ten years later the Community Council was formed]

East Anglian Daily Times, 16th September 1954

Textiles from Suffolk, New Industry at Nayland Mill. The acquisition of the old Nayland Mill facing the ancient Queen's Head Hotel, by Gainsboro Products (Textiles) Ltd., of Wivenhoe, Essex, as a centre for making up light clothing strengthens a new link with a local industry of the 16th century. In bygone times Nayland had several light industries including a candle factory, soap works and tannery. Bombazine, now also less used, was another product – a kind of twilled fabric containing a mixture of silk and wool, used for women's dresses and mourning garments. This year, Mr Algernon Campbell Gibbs, of High Street, has commenced weaving in the village with three Finnish looms, only a few yards away. Nayland's oldest native born inhabitant, Mr Harry Wilson, said: "This used to be a wonderful little village of various industries. The new ones, I have no doubt, will do something to revive the old activity."

Essex County Standard, 1966

Nayland to fight lights plan. The whole parish council at Nayland is prepared to resign in protest over a decision of West Suffolk County Council to spend £3,000 on traffic lights at the corner of Bear Street and Mill Street. They decided to take this stand at the annual parish meeting when it was made clear that neither they nor the residents wanted the lights. However, the County Council said it would only be a temporary measure until the bypass was built.

Suffolk Free Press, 28th July 1977

Bear reverts back to its old role. One of Nayland's oldest houses in Bear Street took on a new lease of life last week when it reverted to a role it may have held centuries ago and opened as a restaurant called The Bear. The original timber structure of the building, formerly known as Stourbank, dates back to the 15th century and although no written evidence has been discovered there is strong local belief that it was once an inn.

Suffolk Free Press, 24th January 1974

Drive the bus or services may shut down. A West Suffolk bus company, W Norfolk & Sons of Nayland – the oldest privately operated firm in Britain which pioneered horse-drawn services from the Stour Valley to London – has taken the unprecedented step of appealing to villagers to drive the buses themselves in a bid to fill driver vacancies. If more drivers are not found services to many villages and towns might be scrapped. The company is willing to train women as bus drivers if suitable candidates come forward. #

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder

WEATHER SUMMARY: 2020 November & December Weather Report *by David Lowe*

In **November**, predominant high pressure to the south fended off the majority of Atlantic depressions and the most active part of their fronts off in November, which resulted in a much drier month than October.

Mean temperature was 8.8°C (7.87) thus slightly above average, with a high of 17.8°C (16.22) and low of -2.6°C (-2.09). Eleven out of thirteen Novembers have produced a temperature of $15^{\circ}\text{C} +$ - always in the first half of the month and normally the first week: highest 18.4°C on the 4th in 2010.

There were 6 (5) ground frosts and 5 (3.15) air frosts. What readers may be surprised to learn is that November had the most frosts of the year so far – but this says more about the mildness of the January to March period, than the coldness of November.

Bright sun hours were 87.5 (81.43) something of a surprise this was more than average. Solar energy, too, was a little over average – 2424 ly (2255.76). Not surprisingly then, evapotranspiration was a little over average – 19.25 mm (17.44 mm).

Rainfall was well below average at 38.7 mm (64.42 mm) with highest daily rainfall bang on the average of 15mm. Highest rainfall rate was 62 mm/hr (48.58).

Average wind speed was 4.8 mph (3.29) with highest gust 35 mph (32.31). Highest day average speed was 11.4 mph (9.51).

The prevailing wind direction was SW – the dominant November direction is S.

December's weather was characterised by a cool start and end – and a mild middle. The latter saw a number of depressions and fronts stalling over the country – rather than moving reasonably quickly through, which is usually the case, and as happened in October.

The main feature was thus, not surprisingly, the very high rainfall – 109.2 mm, a December record, following October's record total. Within this was a fall of 29.8 mm on the 5th, the highest total in December for 13 years – and the only December total over 20 mm. I have recorded. The Stour valley was, not surprisingly, flooded for a good part of the month.

Mean temperature was 5.3°C (5.49) with a high of 13.2°C (13.23) and low of -2.7°C (-3.59). High dewpoint was 12.5°C (11.12) and low, -3°C (-4.48).

There were 6 days (7.69) and with air frost and 13 with ground frost (11.38). On no day did the temperature fail to rise above freezing point (on one it did in daylight hours) but there were 3 days on which the mean temperature was below 0°C (1.85). On 8 days the temperature failed to reach 5°C (6.08) and 19 it failed to make 10°C (21.08). (15°C has only been reached twice over the period – both in 2015).

Bright sun hours were 44 (48.75) and solar energy 1405 Ly (1383.07). Evapotranspiration was only 9.5 mm (12.77) but this substantial monthly imbalance with rainfall was insufficient to enable ET to balance the annual rainfall total, because of the very large ETs in preceding months.

Rainfall I have highlighted. There was one further day with a total of significance, 11.6 mm on the 22nd. The balance was made up of a large no. of falls 0.5mm to 0.9 mm range.

Average wind speed was 5.1 mph (4.02) and the highest daily average was 11.8 mph (10.25). Highest gust was 38 mph (36.15)

2020 Nayland Weather Review

The most memorable aspects of the year's weather were the very mild winter, very sunny spring and early summer – and the two record breaking wet months of October and December.

Mean temperature for the year was 7.1°C (6.74). 2 years in the past 13 have been higher. Highest was 34.1°C (31.62) behind 35.8°C in 2019. However, the last air frost was in May, the first time this has happened in the last 12 years.

There were no days on which the temperature failed to reach 0°C , but 3 (6.67) when the mean day temp was less than 0°C . There were 23 air frosts (35.45) and 48 ground frosts (61.45). At the cold end of the scale, one needs to bear in mind the influence on the mean of the very low temps of December 2010 – when there were 7 days when 0°C was not exceeded, 8 when less than -5°C was recorded and 23 when the mean was less than 0°C .

20°C was first recorded in April and 25°C in May, as is usual. There were 37 days of 25°C or more (18.67) the highest to date and 7 over 30°C (2.25), highest 9 in 2018 – while 2009, 2013 and 2014 had none.

Bright sun hours were 2611.9 (2533.62) highest to date, and solar energy 95380 Ly (87307) again highest to date. However, 2009 and 2018 were not far behind on both statistics.

Evapotranspiration was 875.25 mm (687.52) compared to annual rainfall of 661.9 mm (611.6) thus a deficit of 213.45 mm (79.06) and which rainfall in none of the last 12 years would have equalled. Only in two years in the last 12 has the yearly rainfall exceeded evapotranspiration, in 2012 and 2014. These years had the highest rainfall to date of 829.8 and 756.7 mm, with 2020 coming third.

Average wind speed was 5.7 mph (3.6) and predominant direction was SW (normal). Highest gust was 48 mph (45.25).

TEMPERATURE - ANNUAL 2009-2020



ESSENTIAL SHOPPING

Local options and delivery services

(This list is available to view on: www.naylandandwiston.net/info)

GROCERS - BUTCHERS - FOOD PRODUCERS – TAKE-AWAYS – GARDEN PLANTS & SUNDRIES

During the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic obtaining essential supplies and keeping safe is vital. It is hoped this list of delivery services and suppliers will be useful:

(If you have any further recommendations please advise lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com)

NAYLAND VILLAGE STORES

Nayland Post Office, High Street: open Mon-Fri 10am-12.30, Sat 9am-12.30, Sun 9am-10.30, no delivery service

Kerridge Butcher, Court Street: 262218 – shop is open, pre-order for collection.

Forget Me Not, Birch Street: 265965 - open Tues-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 9am-1pm. Ring to pre-order for collection

NAYLAND SURGERY

Dispensary: Collect prescriptions Monday-Friday 9am-5pm - the collection point is at the side of the building at the window. Telephone queries for prescriptions/dispensary 9am-2pm.

Contact: 01206 262202 Taking telephone calls Monday to Friday between 8am - 6.30pm.

OTHER LOCAL STORES, BUTCHERS & SUPPLIERS

- **Byham's Dairy, Sudbury:** <https://www.byhamsdairy.co.uk/> 01787 372 526 for delivery of milk, dairy, bakery, eggs, juices, soft drinks, water, coal, bird food, compost
- **John Coleman Butcher, Boxted:** <https://www.johncolemanbutchers.co.uk/> 01206 272270 – online shop for home delivery or shop pick-up service
- **Park Street Stores & Post Office:** Stoke by Nayland: <https://www.facebook.com/parkstreetstores> 262335 Mon-Fri 10am-5.30, Sat 10am-12.30. Call and collect and delivery service to local villages.
- **Assington Farm Shop:** <https://www.facebook.com/assingtonfarmshop> 01787 211610 for groceries, frozen meals, meat, fruit, veg, etc - delivery service available
- **Lower Dairy Farm, Lt. Horkesley:** <http://www.lowerdairyfarm.co.uk/> 01206 262314 for beef, pork, preserves, eggs & seasonal produce - call and collect service
- **Collett's Farm Kitchen, Wormingford:** <http://www.collettsfarm.co.uk/> 01787 227292 Farm produce, homemade pies, pasties, rolls & scotch eggs, beef, lamb & pork meat boxes, raw Jersey milk
- **Blackwells Farm Shop, Coggeshall:** <https://www.blackwellsfarmproduce.co.uk/> 01376 562500 for dairy, meat, eggs, bread, fruit, veg, groceries etc – deliveries Mon-Fri, £50 min spend, £5 delivery

TAKE-AWAY & CONVENIENCE MEALS

- **Howe & Co Fish & Chip van:** <https://howeandcofishandchips.co.uk/> with a useful tracker to see their location on the round (Nayland, Great Horkesley on Saturdays, Leavenheath, Stoke on Wednesdays). Renu, in Van 25 will deliver to elderly and disabled. 07377 815446
- **Hare & Hounds, Leavenheath:** <https://www.facebook.com/Leavenheathhare> 01787 212396 Sunday They have take-away menu and Sunday roasts available
- **The Half Butt, Great Horkesley:** <https://www.facebook.com/The-Half-Butt-325201291765096/> 01206 616720 – They have take-away menu and Sunday roasts available
- **Eight Bells, Bures:** <https://www.facebook.com/TheEightBellsBures> 01787 227354 They have take-away menu and Sunday roasts available
- **The Crown, Wormingford:** <https://www.facebook.com/crownwormingford> 01787 227464 - They have take-away menu and Sunday roasts available
- **Made by Marcus:** 07432144406 Facebook: *Bear House Supper Club* - for home-made meals delivery service
- **The Mindful Baker, Nayland:** <https://www.themindfulbaker.com> Tim: 07813717032 Sourdough bread and sourdough pizza. See website for pizza kits, topping options or bread orders - 36 hour lead time for loaves.
- **Tin's Chinese Super Kitchen, Mile End Road:** <https://www.facebook.com/Tins-Super-Kitchen-Chinese-Take-Away-401731179853524/> 01206 855160 Open Weds-Sun 5pm-9pm, collection and delivery service
- **Indian Village, Harwich Road:** <https://indianvillagetakeaway.com/> 01206 870108/870884
- **Ashiana Indian Takeaway, Magdalen Street:** <https://ashianatandoorionline.co.uk/> 01206 570533 Order online
- **Or for a variety of other food type takeaways look on:** <https://www.just-eat.co.uk/area/co6-colchester>

GARDENING, PLANTS, PETS, DIY & FUEL

- **See Dee Pets, Middleton Road, Sudbury CO10 2DB:** <https://www.facebook.com/SEEDDEEPETS/> or 01787 311122 – for all pet requirements, livestock, wild bird food, compost, charcoal, coal offering an order/pay by telephone for collection service
- **Farmhouse Fuels, Earls Colne:** <https://www.farmhousefuels.co.uk/> 01787 222486 Free delivery on £100 spend
- **Beth Chatto:** <https://www.bethchatto.co.uk/> Open for online plant sales for dispatch
- **Most Garden Centres are currently open**



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

During this third lockdown there will be no services held in our churches but the churches will be open for private prayer during the times shown below. As the nights draw out the opening times will extend to 4pm.

These timings may, of course, be subject to change following Government guidance.

Polstead : Thursday 10am to 3pm
Stoke : Sunday & Wednesday 10am to 3pm
Leavenheath : Monday & Friday 10am – 3pm
Nayland : Sunday & Tuesday 10am – 3pm
Wiston : Saturday & Wednesday 10am – 3pm

When visiting our churches please wear masks and use the hand sanitiser available. Also please sign in with your details or use the track and trace QR code.

Once restrictions are lifted, services will be resumed in some of our churches. Please ask your churchwardens or look on your church porch noticeboards for details.

ONLINE SERVICES will be via YouTube or Facebook

1st Sunday in the month First Sunday Service with Jane Addis & team
 2nd Sunday in the month Eucharist with Revd Val Armstrong
 3rd Sunday in the month Evening Praise with Ken Freeman, Jane Gurden & team
 4th Sunday in the month Eucharist with Revd Val Armstrong

Those of you who were on Revd Mark's mailing list will continue to receive a weekly email with the necessary links for the above services.

There are also other online services available within our Deanery which you may wish to follow via YouTube or Facebook, e.g. from the Cathedral, the Stratford Benefice, the Elmsett Benefice or neighbouring Bures Benefice. There are plenty of services to choose from!

Weekly Zoom Coffee Morning The weekly Coffee Morning Zoom chats will take place every **Wednesday at 10am**. The link for this will be included in the weekly email to those on the mailing list.

Funerals, Weddings, Baptisms - Covid guidelines as at 12th January 2021.

Funerals are permitted in church with 30 in attendance. Weddings in church are permitted only in exceptional circumstances with six people in attendance. Baptisms are not currently permitted.

Any queries about the above please contact Nicola Thorogood on 01206 262453 or email nicola.church@yahoo.com

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



FUNERALS

Maurice Bradenbury
 Frances Norton

DEATHS

Nick Ennion
 Pauline Horrell
 June Lay

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..... ~

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing, (early January 2021), we find ourselves yet again in Lockdown, kept shut away from our friends and family, our neighbours and the groups, organisations, outdoor activities and pastimes we are all accustomed to enjoying. As a regular church goer, I have missed getting together for corporate worship, and the simple pleasures of friendly conversation, keeping up with news over a cuppa, and the warmth of a handshake.

One thing that has really helped, has been the regular online services recorded and led by Reverend Mark Woodrow on the Benefice website (at <https://naylandchurches.wordpress.com/>). It has been good to follow the pattern of the year, marking the festival and seasons, as they flow. Actually, at times we have spent more time participating in these seasonal changes, walking in the splendour of God's creation, spending time at home with our family, and rushing around less than we used to do.

While none of us wanted our lives to be so affected by the pandemic, the time to slow, to reflect, to pray and to thank God for all the good in our lives is valuable, and worth valuing. At the same time, to all those who have lost loved ones, lost livelihoods or been affected in anyway by the pandemic, the thoughts and prayers of all of the ministry team in our benefice go out to you.

Reverend Mark left us early in January, after four and a half years of ministry in our benefice, to take up his new post as Rector of the Stour Valley Benefice. We wish him every blessing in his new ministry. This means we enter a period of interregnum as we seek a new Incumbent who will hear God's call to live, grow and pray with us.

Online services will continue on the Benefice website at <https://naylandchurches.wordpress.com/> and can also be found on the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich website at <https://www.cofesuffolk.org/> and the church of England website at <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

I hope you may find comforting any of these online services, and through the peace of stillness, reflection and prayer, may feel God's presence in our lives. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, and all those you love, now and always. Amen

Derek Johns, Licensed Lay Reader

ST JAMES' CHURCH, NAYLAND by Chris Hunt, Churchwarden

People may be aware that the vicar, Revd. Mark Woodrow is leaving. There is a formal process for selecting a new incumbent and it has to be said that the wheels of the Church of England can be a bit slow. It may be many months before a replacement is found. In the meantime the church still functions (lockdown considered), and services will still take place but perhaps a bit irregularly. There is a Ministry Team and a group of spare, that is usually retired, vicars who can take services. All this takes organising so if you plan to get married give us plenty of warning. The church is managed by a group of volunteers known as the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which is a sort of Parish Council in church. Many people give their time and effort to work for the church. There is cleaning to be done, flowers to be arranged, bells to be rung, organ to be played, choir to be organised and rehearsed, bins to be put out, events - such as the fete and coffee mornings, to be organised, and so on. Help for the church comes also from the 'Friends of St James' and from a professional (that is employed) team of administrators, architects and other support staff, and of course our regular congregation. All this plus the conduct of services makes for a complex and expensive organisation. I would like to sincerely thank everyone involved with the running of the church at this difficult time and always.

Of course going to church and all that God stuff is not necessarily 'cool' these days. The number of people attending has dramatically fallen. But the church still hangs on when places like petrol stations, shops, pubs, and post offices fall by the wayside. But to be realistic the Gospel that Augustine and his Monks brought to England when they landed at Ebbsfleet 1500 years ago is not as popular as it was, (group of foreigners in a small boat crossing the Channel - blimey !). However the church remains an important symbol of community life and a great swathe of our cultural heritage, support from the village is always appreciated.



Just to explain things there follows a quick glossary of some of the items raised:-

- Incumbent / vicar / Priest / rector - Salaried area manager usually responsible for a group of churches.
- Locally that means Nayland, Wiston (or is it Wissington ?), Stoke, Leavenheath and Polstead. This group is known as the benefice.
- Ministry Team - people who can lead certain acts of worship, also known as Lay Team.
- Parish - Nayland with Wissington (or is it Wiston)
- God - the 'G' word often used as in "OMG".

So there it is. The church struggles on and hopefully will survive this nightmare we are going through. Contact details for church matters are always in the CT (page 47) Stay Safe. ***"There shall no evil happen unto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling". (Book of Common Prayer)***

LEAVING PRESENTATION TO REVD MARK WOODROW

You are probably all aware that due to the Covid restrictions we have had to cancel the farewell Benefice Service for Mark, which was due to be held here at St Mary's Church, Stoke-by-Nayland, on Sunday 10th January. As a result, and due to Mark's imminent departure, we have decided to make this short video to show the presentation to Mark of the Benefice leaving gift together with a substantial cheque.

Mark, here we are to wish you farewell as you embark on the next chapter of your life.

You go with our best wishes and prayers for a happy, healthy future as you take up the reins in the Stour Valley Benefice.

You will be greatly missed but luckily you will not be all that far off and so do please keep in touch. You will always be very welcome here.

Having experienced three or is it four interregnums in my time as Churchwarden you can imagine the sense of relief, we all felt when we welcomed you here in July 2016 as our Priest in Charge. It seems almost like yesterday and we are only sorry that having just got your feet under the desk you are moving on to pastures new.

I know these days it is not unusual for an incumbent to move on after only a few years. Unlike some of your predecessors whose names you can see on the board at the back of the church for whom, for better or worse, the appointment was very often a life sentence.

No job is easy. They all have their ups and downs, but nothing can have prepared us for the unprecedented and difficult time we are experiencing at the moment.

Thank you for all you have done for us during the pandemic - to provide us with services whether in church or online and especially for setting up the foodbank in your garage which has



helped so many. We also thank you for your work in our schools.

When we heard the news that you were leaving, we thought it would be a good idea to give you something to remind you of your time here; especially as it was your first appointment so we commissioned a picture designed and drawn by Susie Kramers of East Bergholt. It depicts the five churches of the Benefice and comes with our love and best wishes for the future.

I hope you have been happy here and enjoyed your time among us.

May I now ask my fellow churchwarden, June Smith and Nicola Thorogood, the Benefice Administrator and churchwarden of Wiston, to unveil the picture.

I am also delighted to hand over a cheque (£1920) which comes with our love and blessings for what we hope will be more optimistic times ahead.

Andrew Norman-Butler

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL: REFUSE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE

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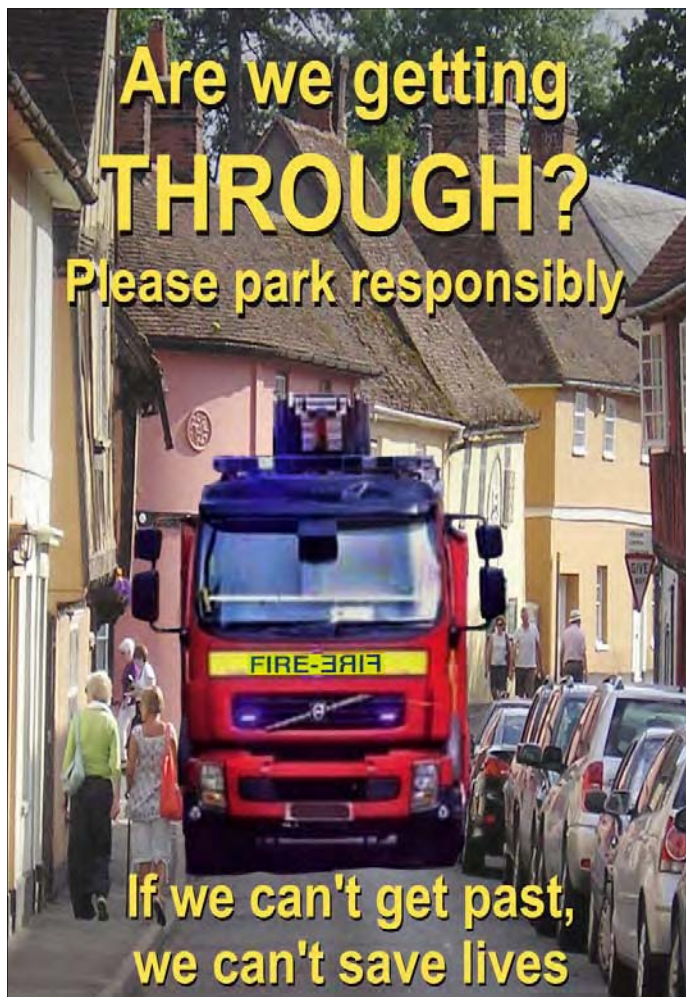
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Feedback from James Finch - Your Stour Valley County Councillor

COVID-19 INFECTION RATES OVER CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

I regret to say that this subject is still very much the focus for the Suffolk County Council team. **More than one third of Suffolk's total confirmed coronavirus cases were recorded in the last two weeks.**

A cumulative total of 15,643 people have tested positive for the virus in the county as of January 2 – *with 5,321 people testing positive from December 20 to January 2, making up 34% of all cases recorded in Suffolk by that point.* The highest ever number of people testing positive came on December 29, when 749 people were confirmed to have contracted the virus, however this could be due to a lag in test results on Christmas day. As at 15th January there were 48 cases in my Area in the previous 7 days - a turning of the corner I hope. Updated data for our local area can be found in the Suffolk Coronawatch website <https://www.healthysuffolk.org.uk/jsna/coronawatch> and scroll to the Suffolk Data Dashboard and go to page 6.

For clarity this Middle Super Output Area (MSOA) area named **Nayland, Leavenheath and Boxford** includes the following 18 parishes and hamlets: *Assington, Boxford, Dorking Tye, Edwardstone - Rose Green & Mill Green, Groton, Higham, Layham, Leavenheath, Lindsey, Milden, Nayland, Polstead, Polstead Heath & Bower House Tye, Raydon & Raydon Great Wood, Shelley, Stoke by Nayland, Thorington Street, White Street Green.*

Message from Stuart Keeble, Director of public health for Suffolk County Council, said: "Suffolk is seeing a similar, sharp increase in positive cases in line with the regional picture, which is making more people ill and putting our hospitals under even more pressure. The new variant of the virus spreads more easily, we must all limit contact with others wherever possible. Even though you may not have any symptoms, you may be giving Covid-19 to someone else without realising it." Do not forget though another reason for the greater number of positive cases is the significant increase in the quantity of testing throughout the county and the country.

Let's stick to this guidance rigidly NOT LEAST NOW to protect our accident and emergency teams in our hospitals.

VACCINATION CENTRES AND HUBS IN SUFFOLK

NHS Management aim to reach a point where everybody lives less than a half an hour away from a vaccination centre in Suffolk and north Essex. Vaccination centres are expected to go live at Gainsborough Sports Centre and Trinity Park – the site of the Suffolk Show by mid-January. Eventually, it is hoped there will be 16 vaccination centres and 20 GP surgery hubs, sites alongside the three hospital sites in Ipswich Colchester and Bury St Edmunds within our area of Suffolk. At the time of writing, the following GP practices in South Suffolk will be offering COVID Vaccinations - East Bergholt (Constable Country Medical Practice), Hadleigh (Hadleigh Health Centre), Sudbury & Great Cornard (Hardwicke House Surgery, Cornard Branch) & Lavenham (Lavenham Branch of Long Melford Practice). The advice is- *Do not call them – they will call you.*

As plans have not been fully developed, I have had discussions with the Directors of the Stoke by Nayland Hotel Golf and Spa, and have put forward their site for use as a local vaccination centre. This is being considered by Dr Ed Garrett, CEO of the Clinical Commissioning Group. The advantages for this area of South Suffolk is that there is easy access and plenty of parking on site and because of the present lock down plenty of space within the conference rooms and the large banqueting suite – none of which are being utilised at the moment.

SUFFOLK POLICE PROPOSALS FOR APRIL 2021 -2022

Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore has just published his proposals for the policing element of the council tax precept for the next financial year which includes a proposal for more officers for the county through the policing precept.

He is asking Suffolk residents for their thoughts on his proposals through an electronic survey which can be accessed through the website by Googling "Suffolk Precept Survey". The survey is open until 9am on Thursday 28th January.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHES

Parents and carers have until Friday 15 January 2021 to submit an application to secure their child's place at a Primary, Infant, Junior or Middle school for September 2021.

Applications should be made for children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 who are due to start primary school from September 2021.

An application for a full-time school place must be made even if a child is already attending a nursery class in an infant or primary school, a pre-school or a children's centre next to a school site.

Before making a school application, parents and carers need to consider how they will get their child to and from school. School Travel eligibility is based on a child attending the nearest suitable school that would have had a place available. This might not be the catchment area school. To find out more about SCC's school travel policy please visit www.suffolkonboard.com/schooltravel.

SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE IN THE STOUR VALLEY DURING THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Over and above what the County Council is supporting directly, I have this month allocated funds to each of my three Benefices in my division to support in particular the local food banks that the local churches are running. If you do know any person or family in particular need, please let me know or your local priest.

VIRTUAL FOSTERING AND ADOPTION SESSIONS FOR THE STOUR VALLEY

Since the incidence of COVID 19 sadly the demand for this service has increased significantly. Therefore, those who would like to find out more refer to the website - <https://www.fosterandadopt.suffolk.gov.uk/>

or join one of the following events

For those wanting more information on Fostering only:-
Wednesdays - 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March and 7th April - all 7pm in your home.

For those wanting more information on Adoption only:-
Thursdays - 7th January, 4th February, 4th March and 8th April - all at 7pm in your home.

To book a place **please email** Claire.Gwatkin@suffolk.gov.uk.

She will then send instructions on how to join the virtual meeting. As always, our team will be happy to answer any questions you have about fostering or adoption! They normally will have a foster carer or adoptive parent available to help you too at these events.

James Finch, Suffolk County Councillor, T: 01206 263649
M: 07545 423796 E: james.finch@suffolk.gov.uk

SMALL ADVERT COLUMN

Nayland and Wiston residents may place free adverts for items valued under £50, items £50 and over are charged £5. Contact: Lorraine Brooks 262807 lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com

FOR SALE:

RABBIT HUTCH new, Nayland 01206-262691

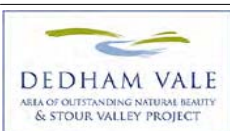
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NEW AWARDS LAUNCHED TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNISE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO NATIONAL LANDSCAPES IN SUFFOLK & ESSEX

Brand new awards have been launched in 2021 to celebrate and recognise the achievements of individuals, groups and organisations that have made an outstanding contribution to conserving and enhancing the Coast & Heaths and Dedham Vale Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and Stour Valley.

The Awards will recognise the hard work and amazing contributions that people are making to improve the AONBs, helping to make them an even better place for wildlife, communities, and visitors alike.

The awards are named after David Wood; Chairman of the Coast and Heaths AONB Joint Advisory Committee and Partnership, and Robert Erith TD DL; the former Chairman of the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Partnership. Both are lifelong advocates for these special landscapes and the awards aim to inspire others to get involved in the AONB to ensure the outstanding landscape, wildlife, heritage and culture is protected for all to enjoy for many generations to come.

With the first awards to be presented in 2021, they will become an annual award scheme. Award winners will receive a framed copy of a linocut print created by local artist, **Jem Seeley**, and produced by **Drab Ltd** featuring the AONB's iconic species – hazel dormouse in the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley, and Redshank in the Coast and Heaths AONB.

Anyone can be nominated for the award if they have made an outstanding contribution to the AONB in the following areas:

Landscape and farming	Biodiversity
Outdoor education	Tourism
Access to the countryside	Culture
Community engagement	Heritage

Visit our websites to make a nomination.

The closing date is 7th February 2021.

suffolkcoastandheaths.org/awards/ or
dedhamvalestourvalley.org/awards/

For more information on the awards, you can contact AONB Countryside Projects Officer Emma Black emma.black@suffolk.gov.uk or by phone on **01394 445225**.

NO CENTRAL HEATING IN YOUR HOME?

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Your Councils have secured funding to help more than 500 fuel poor households in Suffolk install first time central heating systems, in most cases this will be free.

KENNY'S SESAW NEWS



We little dogs have a reputation for being noisy creatures with plenty to say. Nevertheless, I sometimes wonder what to write as your magazine deadline approaches but this time Mum has

an important message for anyone struggling to look after their animals - **PLEASE DO NOT ABANDON YOUR PETS!** We currently have space to take in animals so if you, or someone you know, needs help, please get in touch by leaving your name and number on 01787 210888.

Mother and daughter staffies, Alice and Tia are amongst our animals re-homed last year. The pair soon settled into their new home and now enjoy being thoroughly spoilt. It is taking much longer than usual to work through the waiting list of people looking for new pets. Apologies for this but it's unavoidable in the present climate and the prospect of holding fundraising events is still a long way off. Please hold onto good quality items until further notice but we would be grateful for clean duvets, blankets, towels and newspapers.

It's very cold and muddy outside, even awkward old Ollie (the Black) Cat is staying indoors recently. We will wait in the kitchen for Mum's return then it's dinner and a warm bed by the Rayburn for me, **Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua**.

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare (Reg Charity No. 1124029)
Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. www.sesaw.co.uk

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During the current Lockdown the mobile library services are suspended. When services are resumed dates will be...

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13 February - 13 March - 10 April

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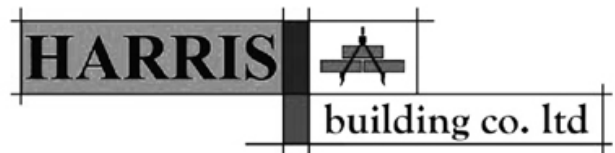
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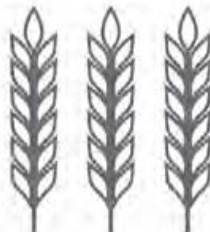
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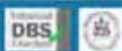


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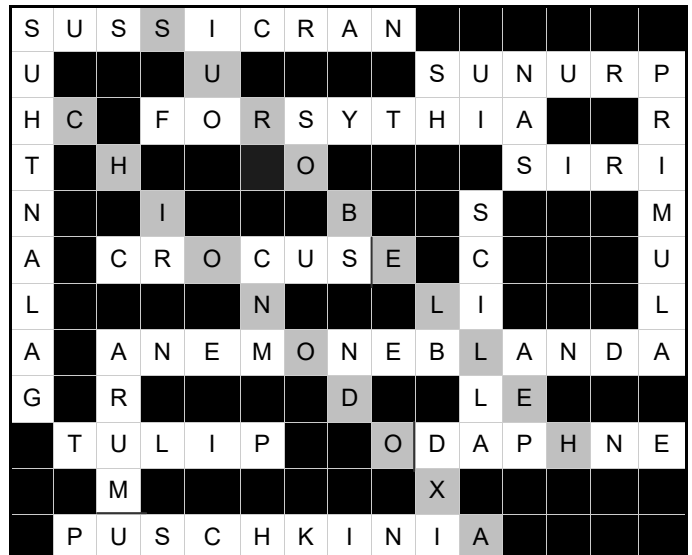
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ANAGRAM SOLUTION

1 London Plane, 2 Field Maple, 3 Horse Chestnut, 4 Sliver Birch, 5 Monkey Puzzle, 6 Weeping Willow, 7 English Oak, 8 Norway Spruce, 9 Copper Beech, 10 Scots Pine, 11 Red Cedar. 12 Sycamore

USEFUL WEBSITES

- **Babergh Planning:** www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/
 - **Refuse Collections:** <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/collection-days/>
 - **Highways Reporting:** <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>
 - **To check on roadworks:** <https://roadworks.org/>
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- Useful local social media group sites:**
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StokeByNaylandBoxfordLeavenheathNaylandBures/>
 - https://nextdoor.co.uk/news_feed/

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Timetable from 2 September 2020

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Monday to Saturday	84 Sch	784	784	784	784	84A Th	784	784	84 NS			
Sudbury Bus Station	0657	0905	1005	1105	1205	1235	1305	1405	1507 *	<i>* The 1507 runs 9 minutes later as far as Great Cornard during school holidays Sch = Schooldays only, NS = Not Saturday, Th = Thursdays Only Hol = Mon-Fri school holidays only.</i>		
Great Cornard School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1520			
Nayland Surgery	0744	.....	.....	.....	.....	1302	.....	.....	1602			
Nayland Turning	.....	0929	1029	1129	1229	.....	1329	1429	.....		
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	84 Sch	84 Hol	784
Norman Way Schools	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1550	.....	.....
Colchester Head Street	.....	.....	.....	0934	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1609	1639	1739
Colchester North Station	.....	0850	.....	0938	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1613	1643	1743
Turner Road, for Hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1619	1649	.....
Cordelia Drive Myland	0732	0855	.....	0943	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	.....	.....	1748
Nayland Surgery	0744	.....	0930	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1634	1704	.....
Nayland Turning	0906	0952	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1757
Great Cornard School	0830
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Baby & Toddler Group
Village Hall
Church Hall
Church Hall
Royal British Legion
Womens Institute
Over 60s Club
Bowls Club
Village Cinema
Table Tennis Club
Nayland Art Club
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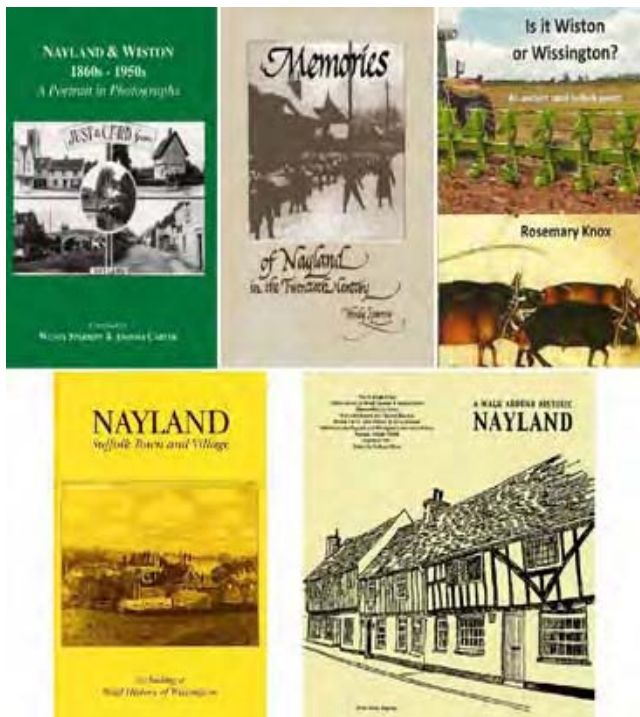
Justin Dowding – Tel: 262217 - e-mail: jpdowding@gmail.com
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93 Bear Street Tel: 262202 (*out of hours emergency call NHS 111*)
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VILLAGE DIARY

In these unprecedented and uncertain times and in view of rapidly moving Government advice to stop non-essential social contact due to the Coronavirus pandemic most planned events in Nayland with Wissington have been cancelled. The village hall and church hall have cancelled their bookings and will review the situation in line with Government recommendations. Most church services and activities are suspended (*see page 38 for church details*).

February 10th	Parish Council: Virtual meeting or 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room <i>see page 2 & 47</i>
March 3rd 8th 10th 22nd	Community Council: AGM Virtual meeting 8pm (<i>Exec 7.30pm</i>) <i>see page 9 & 47</i> Conservation Society: AGM speaker Jeremy Greenwood 'John Nash' 7.30pm by Zoom <i>page 15 & 26</i> Parish Council: Virtual meeting or 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room <i>see page 2 & 47</i> Village Hall Management Committee: AGM Virtual meeting 8pm (<i>Committee 7.45pm</i>) <i>see page 15 & 47</i>
Forward Planner	24th April Community Litterpick 10am meet at Village Hall <i>page 24</i> 3rd-5th December Village Players: Production <i>page 28</i>



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>

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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

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