

# CHANGES AT OUR BELOVED BEAUTY SPOT?



#### **Does Resident Concern Matter in Nayland?**

As some may now be aware planting vegetation around the bay at Caley Green was a controversial topic at the Annual Parish Assembly where plans for its future were revealed. A petition has been submitted to the Parish Council. *For further details see pages 20 to 23.* 

# **CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

As the Community Times goes to print the deadline for entries for the calendar competition is imminent - 26th May - see details at: <u>www.naylandandwiston.net</u>.

We hope you will wish to take part in the next step and vote for your favourite photographic scenes; the twelve most popular photographs will be included in the calendar. If the entries so far are anything to go by you will be spoilt for choice. See details on how to vote on page 10.

# **FUN, FOOD & FESTIVITIES**

After a year worrying about the Coronavirus pandemic, the resulting restrictions and other problems associated with it the light at the end of the tunnel with the Government's roadmap out of lockdown is a welcome relief. If all continues to go to plan by the end of June we could see limits on social contact lifted.

Hoping that may be the case, and erring on the side of caution, plans are progressing for a Fun, Food & Festivities event for August Bank Holiday weekend - please do pop the date in your diaries.

It is hoped this will be something for all our village groups to take part in and residents of all ages to enjoy. It will also be an occasion to enable our community to recognise and express our thanks to all those who assisted others during the pandemic - our volunteers, local Surgery, Fire Service et al. It will be an opportunity for those new to the village to meet our long-term residents and get to know what our societies have to offer them. See further details on page 6 JUNE 2021 No: 191

#### **SPECIAL INTEREST**

Bank Holiday Footpath Walk Virtual Open Gardens Talk: '*Stour Valley Path'* Garden Party for Over 60s Woodland Corner's Events Royal British Legion Meeting Baby & Toddler Group Nayland 10K Nayland Flower Show Outing: Kew Gardens

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

#### Notes on the meeting : 14th April 2021

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

There was two minutes silence at the start of the meeting in respect of HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh who passed away on 9th April.

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Melanie Barratt advised following refusal of a part retrospective application for a dwelling at Harpers Hill Farm the officer visiting the site found no evidence that the work had commenced.

Gerry Battye advised Melanie that cracks have appeared in the walls of Babergh's garages on Harpers Estate.

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

James Finch stressed the seriousness of National Grid's consultation which is open until 6th May. National Grid are proposing to install a new series of pylons from Bramford to Twinstead along the northern boundary of our AONB. This would take it up to 3 high voltage overhead lines coming through this corridor instead of using offshore solutions and undergrounding cables which would have less impact.

Automatic number plate recognition cameras are to be installed in Suffolk villages as a 2 year pilot scheme; if a vehicle is found to be speeding on 3 occasions the Police will issue a warning letter. **PLANNING** 

Councillors heard that Babergh have granted consent at **16 Court Street** [DC/21/00161] for bi-fold doors replacing French doors to living room and replacing window and door to kitchen; at **21 Heycroft Way** [DC/21/0615] for installation of a dormer window to rear extension; and at **17 Heycroft Way** [DC/21/01152] non material amendment had been approved to remove gable window and add 2 rooflights to front elevation.

Between meetings councillors had no objections to listed building applications at **9 Fen Street** [*DC*/21/01415] for single storey rear extension, roof light, featheredged boarding of outbuilding and internal works; and at **2 Gravel Hill** *DC*/21/00233/4] for extensions and solar panels (re-consultation). The solar panels were removed from this re-consultation.

Councillors objected to an application at **Beachams Farm, Beachams Lane, Stoke by Nayland** [*DC/21/01480*] to subdivide annexed accommodation to form a separate residential dwelling on the grounds they support the policy/condition of making annexes linked to the host property and not being let or sold separately. This application is against this principle and is situated along a beautiful bridleway in a countryside location. Therefore, there would need to be considerable justification to weigh against the obvious intrusion into the countryside including additional vehicular traffic in the vicinity. The Parish Council did not agree on this occasion the harm would be outweighed, so urged the Planning Authority to refuse this application.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at the Old **Post Office**, **19 High Street** [*DC/21/01889*] for works to trees to reduce 2 apple trees and 1 magnolia tree; and at **Vine House, 1 Court Street** [*DC/21/01892*] to reduce a cherry tree. **RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES** 

Councillors discussed remedial work and future plans for the turning circle at the top of Fairfield. A working party - Gerry Battye, Robin Thorogood and Dawn Harris – would visit the site and consider options further.

The two-yearly tree inspection has been booked for May.

#### CALEY GREEN

The PC has liaised and had a site meeting with Suffolk CC (SCC), the Environment Agency, Dedham Vale Stour Valley AONB and the River Trust to discuss future plans for the Green and riverbank. The PC are concerned about the erosion that has occurred to the riverbank by the bend and the threat it imposes to a neighbouring property. Councillors felt they now had greater understanding of the issues and what planted coir roll is. They said reeds and other tall species of plants would be avoided in the coir roll planting. When asked what plants, that are not tall, would be used Mary George said that hasn't been decided but possibly Yellow Iris or King Cup (Marsh Marigold).

The EA are sending through details of a contractor who could

carry this work out. A permit would be required. A lifebelt station is not required unless there is a structure (i.e. at the weir). The length of previous wooden revetment will be replaced.

It was stressed the PC have a deadline to make a decision and get the scheme together so a decision needs to be made at this meeting. The deadline for a grant application to carry out the work is 17th May.

It was noted the launching of river craft had increased the erosion. It was questioned whether the coir roll would be similarly damaged and councillors were told it would need to be fenced off.

Mary George raised the idea of keeping a stretch at the far end of the Green unmown and planting wild flowers and shrubs to discourage parking. Gerry Battye did not support this idea. It was pointed out that incidents of parking there were very low due to the signage.

It was agreed that the proposal for reinstating and protecting the river edge and preparing the grant application will be progressed to meet the deadline of 17th May. The proposal will be a topic for the Parish Assembly but will be a matter of communication, not consultation; it is not for approval by residents. However, it may be possible to incorporate useful input from residents.

Councillors heard that the EA, who own Mill Lade, will be placing directional and cul-de-sac signs on their land before summer to discourage river users.

The location of information board and new permanent signage was discussed. Currently the Friends of Caley Green are putting out temporary signs which is working well at preventing parking.

Councillors approved the design of a replacement memorial seat around a tree on Caley Green; this will be provided by the family but the PC will take on routine maintenance and minor repairs but not replacement.

#### HIGHWAYS

Ned Cartwright reported he has looked at the Crawley Road verges and noted some tree damage but no other damage. There is damage to the verges in Wiston but SCC Highways do not take any responsibility for them.

The HGV signage has been erected at the Horkesley Road and Bear Street junctions and on Harpers Hill. It was agreed to monitor the impact of these new signs. Laura Erith and Patricia Wilkie will form a working party to investigate Quiet Lanes.

James Finch will chase Highways regarding the placement of the experimental yellow lines in Bear Street.

#### FOOTPATHS

The Suffolk Public Right of Way Officer arranged for a mound along Dead Lane to be removed, some levelling work is needed by the landowner. Following a complaint about a barbed wire fence along a riverside path, counsellors felt this was usual practice for stock fencing.

#### ALLOTMENTS

The sheep are currently grazing the field. Robin Thorogood has obtained NFU guidance notices for PROWs which will be put on the posts around the allotment field.

The Allotment Association will be contacted to establish whether allotment competition judging can take place this year. There is a waiting list for allotments; the allotment sub-committee will look into the possibility of extending the plots.

#### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The theme for the Parish Assembly was agreed as Caley Green and the Allotments will also feature as an Agenda item. **VILLAGE HALL** 

It was noted the Village Hall Committee Room is not compliant with Covid distancing requirements as they are currently.

#### FACE TO FACE/ZOOM MEETINGS

The legislation to hold virtual meetings has not been extended beyond the start of May and the lifting of measures does not allow for face to face meetings until at least 17th May. The Village Hall is not open. It is a requirement to have an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council during May..

# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on the annual meeting : 19th May 2021

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

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Mary George said she could not answer questions relating to proposals for Caley Green regarding the variety of plants being proposed for use in the coir roll to prevent erosion, or what other kinds of soft revetment have been looked at as they are still investigating and consulting experts that are scientifically qualified, such as the Environment Agency (EA), Dedham Vale AONB Project.

When asked what the length of wooden revetment specified for the grant that has already been secured from Stour Boating measured, Mary said replacement would be 'like for like' and no measurement stipulated.

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mary George was voted as Chair, discussion regarding Vice Chair will be deferred until next month. Patricia Wilkie represents the PC on the Fun, Food & Festivities committee and Laura Erith and Ned Cartwright share representation on the Community Council. It will be important to have a representative on the Village Hall committee.

Division of responsibility for reporting faulty streetlights, potholes, etc around the village will be revised.

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

James Finch stressed that despite having good control over Covid-19 it is important the everyone has twice weekly rapid flow tests. He advised that following National Grid's consultation regarding a new series of pylons from Bramford to Twinstead along the northern boundary of our AONB which closed on 6th May and follow up consultation is under way with a deadline of 5th June. He stressed the importance of commenting.

#### PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh have granted consent for work to trees at the Old **Post Office**, **19 High Street** [*DC*/21/01889] for works to trees to reduce 2 apple trees and 1 magnolia tree; and at **Vine House**, **1 Court Street** [*DC*/21/01892] to reduce a cherry tree. Listed building consent is granted at **18 Birch Street** [*DC*/21/00167] to re-roof the property.

A listed building application at **9** Fen Street Nayland [*DC*/21/ 01415] for erection of single storey rear extension, insertion of roof light, application of black stained featheredged boarding to rear of outbuilding and internal works was withdrawn.

A Listed building application **84 Bear Street** [*DC*/21/01148] for erection of single storey rear extension and raised decking has been refused on the grounds it will adversely impact on the significance of the heritage asset. The application at **Beachams Farm Beachams Lane** [*DC*/21/01480] for subdivision of the site to allow annexed accommodation to form a separate residential dwelling was refused.

Between meetings councillors had no objections to an application at **Timber Cottage**, **22 Court Street** [DC/21/02272] for loft conversion with insertion of dormer window on rear elevation with roof lights to side elevations. Replacement of 3 flat roofs with hipped pitched roofs or at **Beaumont House**, **Bear Street** [DC/21/02563] for erection of a single storey rear garden room extension.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **Stour House 23 Court Street** [*DC*/21/02798] for erection of storage building (following removal of existing).

#### RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Councillors discussed proposals by the sub-committee for remedial work and future plans for the turning circle at the top of Fairfield. It was agreed to seek quotes for this work.

It was agreed to get quote for a Health and Safety inspection, cleaning and repair work to the War Memorial and the Milestone.

#### PLEASE BE VIGILANT!

An Amazon parcel was stolen from the doorstep of a house in The Westerings within minutes of it being delivered. There is video proof and the police were informed; the case will be on file if anyone else reports a similar issue.

#### CALEY GREEN

Mary George said this had been discussed at the Parish Assembly and in the Public Forum of this meeting. She quoted an email received from James Carr of the EA (detailed in Community Council report, page 9). This included that it would be the responsibility of the landowner to cut back growth of the proposed vegetation.

A petition had been received requesting the PC consider alternative solutions that do not involve planting to remedy the erosion. Mary said a statement by the PC and SCC had been issued for the Community Times (on page 22).

As information had not been gathered in time for the 17th May deadline the grant application had not been submitted. A grant of £750 for replacement of the existing revetment had already been secured. Mary George said the PC will continue investigating with a view to finding a solution. They have a list of plants but haven't decided a plan. They will decide the specifications on the advice of others (such as the EA and Dedham Vale AONB Project) and apply to the EA for a permit to carry out the work.

James Finch said they do not want to lose more of the Green to the currents; it will be the root structure of the plants below ground that secures the bank.

#### HIGHWAYS

Councillors heard that a letter requesting that a vintage tea van can trade every Saturday and Sunday beside the river; the precise location was not given. During discussion it was pointed out that Babergh DC was the authority to obtain a trading licence. Councillors were not in favour of this; a response will point out that parking restrictions are being introduced and that the village does not have public conveniences.

#### IN BRIEF

A date for the outstanding work to streetlights, which necessitates a road closure permit, is awaited; James Finch will chase.

Councillors living in Wissington were asked to consider correspondence received relating to Rowley Grove footpath for discussion next meeting.

Nayland House nursing home will be contacted regarding the ivy growing on the boundary fence of the burial ground.

The Clerk will arrange a date for the Best Kept Allotment Competition. Proposals regarding extending the allotments, following a site meeting will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillors felt the possibility of having Wifi in the Village Hall should be pursued with the village hall Chairman and options for funding should be explored.

It was agreed that the June PC meeting would again be a hybrid meeting, with councillors face to face and the public attending via Zoom.

## FORTY FIVE YEARS AND TEN MONTHS

That is the time both Johnny and Yvonne have been involved in keeping our Village Hall in a clean and presentable condition.

They were asked initially by Jock Mitchell (long time resident of Bear Street, Parish and District Council during the 70's to 90's and involved with the construction of the Village Hall) to help because the original cleaners were replaced.

During my involvement with the Village Hall management I have been very impressed with their sincere, dedicated and tenacious approach to ensure that the Village Hall is always clean and presentable for the next user.

Both Johnny and Yvonne will be greatly missed by the VHMC and I personally will miss Johnny's Monday morning helpful comments which have always been made to ensure that the Village Hall is ready for the next hirer.

I know that I speak for the whole Village including the Parish Council, the Community Council and the VHMC, in saying: THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE BY BOTH OF YOU! Iain Wright, Chair, VHMC





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n, Food & Festivities

# Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th August

Webb's Meadow, next to Nayland Village Hall CO6 4JH

# SAVE THE DATE Fun Filled Saturday

- Live Music and Performances
- Dance and Fitness
- Art Exhibition
- Dress the bicycle/scooter competition
- Village Society Activities
- Bouncy Castle & Face Painting
- And much more....
  - -- Online tickets available in July --

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# **Sunday: Community Thank You**

- Family Thanksgiving Service with Archdeacon David
- Refreshments & Community Presentations
  - Vintage Vehicle Display

Both Days: Catering Marquee & Beer Tent We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **THANK YOU**

John and Yvonne Spooner would like to thank Carl and Adrian Amos of Office Needs for their assistance while they were Caretakers of Nayland Village Hall.

## **NAYLAND POST OFFICE**

Please note from Sunday 30th May Nayland Post Office will not be stocking any magazines or newspapers. Patsie Ford wishes to thank all the wonderful customers over the years. From June the Post Office opening hours will be 9.30 to 12.30 on Monday to Friday and 9 to 12 Saturday.



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

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

# **NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

# **URGENTLY NEEDS ONE** MORE COUNCILLOR

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

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

Do you live or work in Nayland or Wiston? Would you like a new challenge? Are you over 18? Are you concerned about the local community issues and environment?

Do you enjoy working as part of a team?

If so, please find out more about the responsibilities of a Parish Councillor by looking at our page on the Nayland with Wissington Community website, attending an online parish council meeting, speaking to a Councillor or by contacting the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Debbie Hattrell, at: pc@naylandwithwissington.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.

## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL **Future Parish Council Meetings**

Unfortunately, the UK Government has decided not to extend the COVID-19 legislation regarding remote council meetings beyond May 7th, despite lobbying by the National Association of Local Councils and a High Court action. That date did not coincide with the dates set out in the 'roadmap' for easing of restrictions. Meetings in venues could not be arranged before May 17th and other restrictions will apply until at least June 21st. All councillors must now attend council meetings in person, although members of the public can still join remotely.

As there is a statutory obligation to hold a meeting during May, the Parish Council had to postpone the 12th May meeting until 19th May and find a venue with wifi outside the parish to comply with restrictions so that the public could attend via zoom as observers. Subsequent meetings arrangements will be advised via the Community website as usual.

Mary George, Chairman - Debbie Hattrell, Parish Clerk pc@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk

# 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-coronawatchbulletin

The CoronaWatch Data Dashboard (available on that page) is updated on a daily basis and includes 7 pages of data.

Leavenheath, Nayland & Boxford: details for your postcode area are available at : https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/search?postcode=CO6+4HY

# SUFFOLK SCHOOL TRANSPORT

(S) suffolkonboard Suffolk Opt-in for school or post-16 travel Who needs to opt-in (You must opt-in each school year) New pupils Returning pupils Post-16 students **Opt-in deadline** Applications must be received by 31 May 2021 Opt-in now at www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel/opt-in-apply/

Alternatively you can call the passenger transport team on 0345 606 6173 or email them at: passenger.transport@suffolk.gov.uk

Community Council Reg Charity No 304926 **COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT** 

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

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the Zoom meeting. **Executive Committee:** Rachel Hitchcock welcomed Kate Bevan as a new member of the Executive Committee adding it is an enjoyable friendly village committee that provides positive events and facilities for the community.

**Fundraising Activities/Events:** 2022 will be Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee year with a 4 day Bank holiday weekend on Thursday 2nd-Sunday 5th June - details on: *https://www.gov.uk/ government/news/extra-bank-holiday-to-mark-the-queens-platinum-jubilee-in-2022* The CC will as usual facilitate a celebration. Rachel asked the Exec to look at what happened for the Diamond Jubilee – details and photo album on the History page of the CC website (with other special events) <u>http://nayland communitycouncil.org.uk/History.html</u> with a view to putting together ideas and an initial programme for the 2022 event.

Last time the CC and Parish Council jointly provided commemorative mugs for all the children in the village. There was a Street Party (re-located to the village hall and marquees due to the weather), Duck Olympics, various games and competitions for youngsters and adults, official medal presentations, tree planting, peel of church bells, exhibition of 1950s memorabilia, church service, a Jubilee Church Fete and more...

It's hoped the Parish Council and other village groups will wish to participate again. The PC and village societies will be contacted after the next meeting once we have come up with some suggestions for the basic format.

**Community Defibrillator:** Rachel Hitchcock will liaise with Tracy Le Grys about organising a further training session, once Covid-19 restrictions allow, hopefully this summer. It had been suggested that this could introduce other aspects of First Aid.

**River Stour Water Level Gauge:** Rachel had a positive meeting on site with Dale Leeks, the installer, and Martin Wright of the Land Company. A licence agreement with the Land Co may be necessary; the Environment Agency confirmed previously a permit was not required. The position for the gauge has been agreed on the Meadow side of the river; there will be a gauge on each side of the post to enable measurement to be seen from Caley Green side too. James Taylor has kindly offered to survey the site to enable the above sea level marker to be installed (for official recording) as well as a river bed depth marker (useful for the school projects and locals). James and Dale are arranging the survey and then Rachel will organise the signage in consultation with Dale (proof to be shown to Land Company before final sign off).

The final costs will be: Installation including oak post  $\pounds$ 450 + VAT, Gauge Boards  $\pounds$ 450 + VAT, backing boards  $\pounds$ 250 + VAT, totalling  $\pounds$ 1.380 inc. VAT. This expenditure was agreed.

**Nayland 10k Fun Run:** <u>nayland 10k.co.uk</u> Luke said this year's 10k – **on Sunday 11th July** - will be held at Littlegarth School; they have ample car parking and other facilities.

The website is now taking bookings. Woodland Corner and Nayland School's HSA will be asked if they would like to be involved again. The provision of professional marshalls to ensure safe road crossing for runners will be increased.

It is hoped to attract about 30 volunteers from the Nayland community to help with marshalling from about 9.30-11.30am; there is a feel-good vibe and volunteers as well as runners enjoy the event. Please contact Luke <u>rumbelow 2000@yahoo.co.uk</u> 07598 821663 or Rachel 263169 <u>rachel hitchcock@hotmail.com</u> if you can help.

**Online Ticketing Facility:** *NaylandEvents.org* – This facility was created at the CC's request by Justin Dowding to enable village groups to sell tickets to their events. This will be useful for the Fun Food & Festivities event planned for August and Bonfire Night.

Village Hall Garden Morning: A small but dedicated group of volunteers donned tools for the spring gardening session held

on 10th April. Jo Metson (and her daughters) and Rachel represented the CC .

**Fun, Food & Festivities:** *on 28th-29th* August. Iain Wright said plans were progressing and fingers crossed Covid does not prevent it going ahead. Mandy Cook and Emma Bishton are planning the music elements and liaising with Patricia Wilkie to draft a schedule of events. Some of the activities planned will be: a dress a bike/scooter competition, an art exhibition, face painting and bouncy castle. Volunteers will be needed to help with setting up and clearing up afterwards. The next FFF meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm by Zoom.

**Recent Activities:** 

**CC Annual General Meeting** *on 3rd March:* The draft minutes were distributed and are available on the CC website.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Lesley Jameson gave her report on finances to 5th May.

**Breakdown of profits:** Community Times £837.50, Village Calendar 2021 £245.20. **Grants paid:** none to date.

**Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £27,308.01, represented by Deposit a/c monies £10,728.37, Current a/c monies £16,504.66, PayPal a/c £6.70, Cash in hand £68.28. 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 £16,838.51.

Expenses since our last meeting: the 25% deposit to Dynamic Fireworks for £625 and £222 to Spingold for the April Community Times print run.

Lesley pointed out that interest rates on CC monies were very low; the Exec was happy for her to investigate better rates. PayPal have accepted the CC as charity status resulting in fees per calendar sold being 30p instead of 50p, a drop in interest charged from 7% to 4.3%. Rachel will liaise with Lesley regarding applying to the Village Hall for an alcohol licence.

**GRANTS & DONATIONS:** There had been no grant applications or donations.

**Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all involved for contributing to recent issues. She asked that people let her know if they have any events to promote or news to include as times and village life are not as predictable as they once were.

The Nayland & Wiston website continues to be useful for including updates and useful information for residents.

**Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks reminded members that the deadline for the photographic competition will be 26th May. Residents will vote for their favourite photos via the internet on 4th-6th June.

#### FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

**Bonfire Night on 5th November**: It is hoped this will go ahead. Dynamic Fireworks have been helpful offering flexibility for their loyal customers. Maggie Ryan's break even model will be used to help with setting pricing so that we can plan for different scenarios, especially if visitor numbers have to be restricted. The Anchor Inn has not responded yet regarding car parking.

Ticket prices and further planning for the new format Bonfire Night will be on the agenda for our next meeting in July.

**Christmas Fayre on 7th December:** Rachel Hitchcock said it is hoped this will go ahead.

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

- Calendar Photographic Competition: entries 26th May/ judging 4th-6th June
- Nayland 10K Fun Run: on 11th July
- · Nayland Flower Show: on 7th August
- · Fun Food & Festivities: 28th & 29th August
- Bonfire & Fireworks: 5th November
- · Christmas Fayre: on 4th December.

#### Community Council report continued.....

• Fun Village Quiz: in February 2022

#### • Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Event: June 2022 SOCIETY REPORTS

**HortSoc:** Trevor Smy reported that the Morning Market sale of plants and cakes will take place outside the Church Hall on Saturday 8th May at 9.30am-midday. The June coach outing and Summer Garden Party will not be held but the Annual Flower Show is being planned for 7th August. They have booked an outing to Kew Gardens for 8th September.

**Women's Institute:** Wendy Sparrow reported that they are hoping it might be possible for members to meet in the Village Hall in July for an informal reunion but the annual garden party is planned to go ahead in August and a speaker will be arranged for September.

**Book Club:** Wendy Sparrow reported that they are still unable to meet but continue to read books chosen by members. We have recently read '*All among the Barley*' by Mellissa Harrison and are currently reading '*The Thistle and the Crown*' by Jean Plaidy.

**Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter reported that the online AGM had been successful with an excellent speaker, Jeremy Greenwood, talking on the subject of local artist *John Nash in the Stour Valley*.

The Village Hall garden working party was poorly attended save for members of the CC and the Society! The village litter pick held on the 24th April attracted more volunteers than ever before; we ran out of litter pickers!

On 17th April founder committee members Wendy Sparrow and Linda Clapham unveiled the Court Knoll information sign, originally installed in 1978, which the Society had arranged to be restored.

We are hopeful that our next speaker meeting on 28th June may be held at the Village Hall. The speaker is Peter Tatum talking on the topic of the *Stour Valley Path*.

The Society will be holding a virtual Open Gardens with photos going live on our web site on the 13th June, the photos will be taken on the previous weekend. Viewers will be invited to make a voluntary donation as Open Gardens is our only fund raising activity and this is the second year we have been unable to hold it.

We wrote to members inviting them to lodge concerns over National Grid's proposals to erect huge power lines next the existing pylons between Bramford and Twinstead.

**Nayland Land Co:** Plenty of greenery can be seen on the part of a hedge that was skilfully laid by Neil Catchpole. This continues to receive many plaudits from passers-by. The sheep are back in the field with many lambs, and the birth of some of them was happily witnessed by local residents. The newly planted trees behind the community council seat are doing well. The infield trees have been watered but rain is badly needed.

The pair of swans on the pond had eight cygnets and provision was made to release our swans and cygnets onto the river as they had shown interest in wishing to do this by walking along inside the fence looking for an escape route. They were moved on 6th May. It was of some concern as the cygnets are not yet very old but if we left them on the pond they would be very likely to be lost to predation or eventual starvation because the food

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available in the pond would be insufficient to sustain them all. **Friends of Caley Green:** You may have seen details on Facebook or posters around the village suggesting those with concerns about the proposals for Caley Green could show support for exploring all options to prevent further erosion of the riverbank at Caley Green rather than the Parish Council's preferred option of planting vegetation. The Friends are concerned because this option will over time block views, and prevent villagers from accessing the riverside at Caley Green. Show your support by adding your name to the petition; you can do this by emailing your name and postcode to: johnansal <u>@live.co.uk</u> or <u>lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com</u> or drop a note with details to 101 Bear Street.

**Village Hall:** Iain Wright said the hall will be open for one day on 17th May for the elections. Hopefully it will be able to reopen for bookings at the end of June.

**Parish Council:** Laura Erith said that 20 residents attended the annual Parish Assembly; signage on the A134 deterring HGV lorries entering the village have been installed; a date for installation of the double yellow lines at Caley Green is awaited; the allotment competition will be held; they are considering extending the allotments as there is a waiting list; there is still one vacancy on the PC.

Mary George said on the uncertainty and difficulties around where/how they can hold their May meeting due to current Government policy and the facilities available in Nayland; there is no solution currently.

Following concerns expressed by some residents at the Parish Assembly regarding proposals at Caley Green Mary read a response regarding some of them from James Carr of the Environment Agency (EA):

- Nicospan is a brand name for geotextile mesh which can be used along river or canal frontage where a permanent revetment is required. It is made out of plastic so is neither natural nor bio-degradable. Coir is a natural material (coconut fibre) which can be used to perform a similar function. We would always prioritise using natural materials where they will do the necessary job.
- The portage platforms built by the EA (i.e. those up and down -stream of the Nayland horseshoe weir) are considerably shorter than the revetment here. There is sometimes a short wait for paddlers as people launch but usually people are respectful, courteous and friendly. Our portages are typically around 2.5 metres long.
- The EA would consider an application for permitting the construction of a launching platform particularly if it had overwhelming local and landowner support. We are aware that many local people value the local tranquillity and such a feature might encourage more public use of the area as a honey pot site.
- Under its founding 1995 Environment Act, the EA has a legal duty 'to Conserve and Enhance the Environment' in all it does. Extending hard revetment is not something we take lightly as it results in loss of biodiversity and river habitat.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** will be Monday 5th July, hopefully in the Church Hall, but if not by Zoom, at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm.

# WHERE ARE THE 2 PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS IN NAYLAND?

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

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



# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON VILLAGE CALENDAR COMPETITION

As the Community Times goes to print there are still a few days until deadline for entries in this year's competition - but hurry, deadline is **Wednesday 26th May.** 

Full details can be found on www.naylandandwiston.net

We hope you will wish to take part in the next step and vote for your favourite photographic scenes; the twelve most popular photographs will be included in the calendar. If the entries so far are anything to go by you will be spoilt for choice.

The display of photographs will be available to view online from **4th-6th June** via <u>www.naylandandwiston.net</u> for residents to choose their 12 favourites for inclusion in the calendar.

The photographs will be split into categories for selection. Please choose your favourites from each category and make a note of the numbers you wish to vote for. Then email those 12 numbers through to *lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com* before midnight on 6th June.

The 12 most popular photographs will announced on 10th June and will be included in the 2022 calendar. The calendars will be on sale from 7th August at the Flower Show and thereafter at village shops.

# **NAYLAND SCHOOL HISTORY BOOKS**

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## 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: <u>http://www.naylandconservation.org.uk/ArchiveIntro.html</u>

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

## **NAYLAND HISTORY PUBLICATIONS**

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

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

• Nayland: A Bird's Eye View: a collection of articles about people

and events from Nayland's past, historic buildings and much more. £5 • *Is it Wiston or Wissington?* The history of Nayland's 'other parish' from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century. £5

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

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

AVAILABILITY: All Items from Forget Me Not, 2 Birch Street. Nayland: A Bird's Eye View also from Wendy Sparrow 262820 PAGE 10

# Nayland LUNCHEON CLUB

for Senior Citizens at Longwood Barn, Fen Street

## Summer Garden Tea Party Thursday 15th July

Come along and join the friendly atmosphere for a chat with friends, old and new.

If you would like to join us for lunch just come along. If transport down to Fen Street is difficult telephone Olga Alexander on 263923 to see if we can collect you.

# SAVE THE DATE RACE NIGHT

# on Friday 1st October

in Nayland Village Hall

## in aid of St Helena Hospice

# Nayland & District Monticultural Society

**Coach outing to** 

Kew Gardens

# Wednesday 8th September

Kew Gardens houses the largest and most diverse botanical collections in the world.

Founded in 1840, from the exotic garden at Kew Park in Middlesex, England, its living collections includes some of the 27,000 species of plants curated by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, while the herbarium, which is one of the largest in the world, has over 8.5 million preserved plant and fungal specimens.

**Coach leaving Nayland 9.30am, return from Kew 4.30pm**. The cost will be £32 to include travel and entry. Refreshments are available. Open to non-members.

**Early booking is advisable**. Booking forms can be returned to the HortSoc box in the Post Office, or direct to Trevor Smy at 24 Harpers Estate.

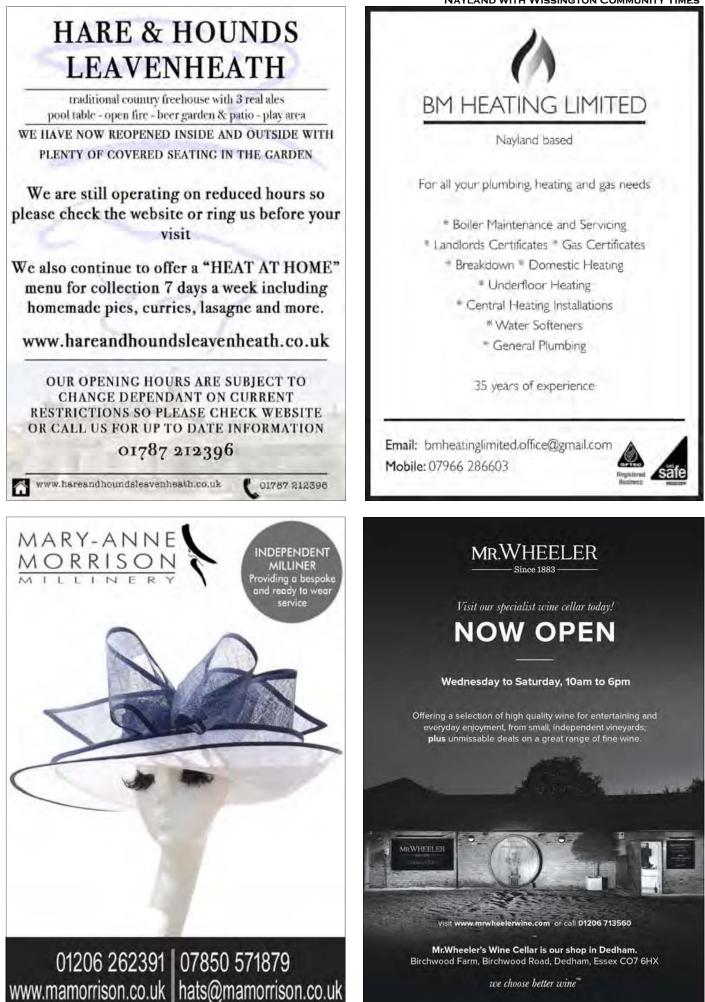
Cheques payable to *Nayland & District Horticultural Society*. For more information, visit <u>www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk</u> or contact Trevor on 262022 or trevor.smy24@gmail.com.

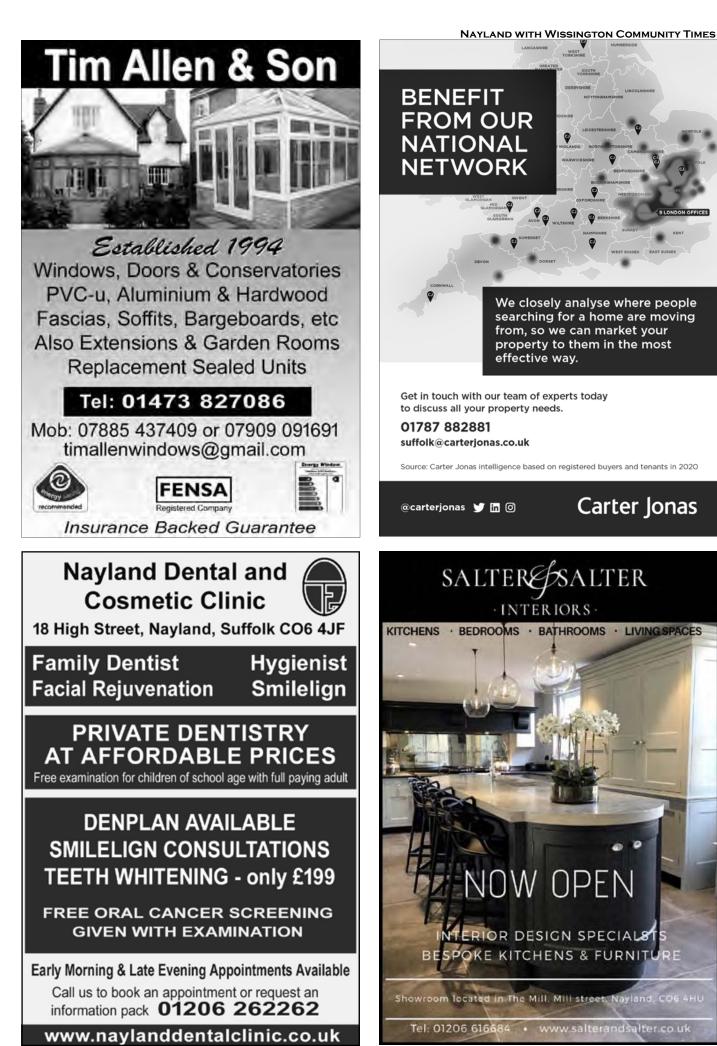
# Kew Gardens Booking Form

You will receive an acknowledgement of booking..

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# **PETER MOSS & SONS**

Thank you to all present and past customers.

With the interruption of business and life over the past year, after careful consideration, we have made the decision to cease trading from the 30th June.

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# **2021 Tickets** now on sale! www.nayland10k.co.uk



# Sunday 11 July 2021

## at Littlegarth School, starting from 9.30am

#### 10 reasons to enter the Nayland 10k

- Take part in our challenging new routes
- We've moved to a new venue, Littlegarth School
- We donate thousands to local Nayland charities every year
- Get a custom designed medal
- Run across beautiful terrain
- · Family-friendly and fun community event
- Help raise money for our local charities
- Enter online in under 5 mins
- · We're not into serious racing, this is an event anyone can enter
- It's fun and rewarding!

We're kindly sponsored by Peake Fitness based at Stoke by Nayland Golf & Spa. This year we're fundraising for SESAW, Nayland Community Council and Nayland Primary School. A massive thanks to Littlegarth School, our new venue for 2021.

#### Volunteers

We are also on the hunt to recruit lots of volunteers, so if you know anyone who can give a couple of hours of their time and contribute to our fundraising event, and they're 16 or above, please get in touch.

Luke 07598 821663 luke@nayland10k.co.uk



INFLATABLE

# Saturday 18th September 2pm-5pm

FUN DAY

(Weather permitting)

Nayland Village Hall Playing Field Please come along and support Woodland Corner

Woodland Corner provides morning and afternoon pre-school sessions and lunch club as well as extended schools services before and after school for children aged 2-11.

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



## **RIVER WATCH**

A variety of fabulous photos and films continue to be posted on local Facebook and kindly allowed to be included in the Community Times.

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

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

#### WATER LEVELS

On 8th April Anglian Water Services stated "Ardleigh reservoir is currently at 81.9% against a target of 91% for this time of year. Although the reservoir level is below target, it has been predicted that the levels will increase steadily over the next few months and will be at a healthy level before the summer period."

At the end of April Essex and Suffolk Water stated that "Abberton and Hanningfield reservoirs are now at 95% and 96% full, respectively providing us with very healthy storage across our Essex supply area."

We can only wait and see what this may mean for the water levels of the River Stour through Nayland.

However, in future it will be possible to monitor and if necessary report the levels accurately as installation of a water level gauge on the bend in the river at Caley Green will take place soon. The Community Council has funded this and the Land Company have permitted siting on the Meadow riverbank.





Photograph by Paul Paget

# GARDEN NOTES

The garden is glorious in June. Flower bling is everywhere, delighting eye and nose alike. Insects are everywhere too, attracted by the blooms. You could spend an entire day in an averagely sized garden (like mine) looking at small creatures and never get bored.

Take a look at the local Starlings and you might wonder why so many seem to have turned brown? In fact, the brown versions are the young, looking quite different from the adults and June is the time when it's easiest to see them as they nag their parents for food on the lawn. The youngsters make a very distinctive noise, a sort of explosive "tscherr" that sounds a little like a fizzy drink escaping from a shaken bottle.

On warm, settled days – the sort when the barbeque calls siren like to you from its corner of the garden – your outdoor supper may be interrupted by muffled squeals. Just as the light fades and the first midges bite, take a look up at the sky, where one of the garden's intriguing dramas is taking place. The squeals come from Swifts, which spend most of the day circling above treetop height catching flying insects. In the evening at least some of these birds, mainly juveniles, wheel higher and higher into the sky and will actually spend the short night aloft, at an altitude of a thousand to two thousand metres. They do so in small groups and evidently socialise beforehand, hence the screaming calls. It's now widely known that these birds sleep while flying, but they keep alert with one side of their brain and then the other, alternating between the two, resting and awake at the same time. Watch them as they rise higher and higher, eventually lost to view as they gain altitude and the light fades.

June is a great month for moths in the garden; it's possible to see a hundred species in a single night. Many will be attracted to night flowering blooms such as Honeysuckle and the scent can carry for half a mile. Among the commonest current species are Heart and Dart, Small Magpie and Mother of Pearl (micromoths), Garden Carpet, Common Carpet and Brimstone.

Bats are feeding pups at the moment and living in small colonies known as maternity roosts. Males are usually excluded and have their own roost sites. Poor weather can be a big problem.

One of the most interesting garden wildlife events of the year typically happens in the last week of July – the mating flights of flying ants. For most of the year, these ordinary Black Garden Ants live in their colonies in the ground. However, in order to found new colonies, they literally have to spread their wings.

Scientists studying this phenomenon have discovered that, although the precise day of the nuptial flight can be any time in late July or early August, it tends to occur between the hours of 16:00 and 18:00. This shields the ants from some predation (if they emerged in the morning, they would be feasted on all day), while also allowing the queen to find somewhere to land before darkness falls. Another consistent factor is that the flights happen during periods of warm, settled weather and especially after a shower of rain. Too much wind or cold will postpone the big day.

Another fascinating piece of behaviour that one often witnesses in July comes from a quite different creature – the Song Thrush. For a large part of the year the diet of this familiar garden bird mirrors that of the Blackbird – it searches on the lawn for worms and in the leaflitter for insects, as well as bingeing on berries in the autumn. However, when the weather is especially dry, as can easily happen in the latter half of summer, the Song Thrush has a secret weapon – it's able to smash the shells of snails. No other British bird does this and it could be seen as an emergency procedure when other food is scarce. Finding large snails is easy enough, even human beings can do this, but the skill lies in the opening. The bird holds the outer edge of the shell in its beak and, with a motion that has both a vertical and sideways component, it thrusts the shell onto a hard surface. Surfaces are specially chosen; they could be a rock from a rockery, some paving stones or perhaps even a bottle; favoured spots are often betrayed by a pile of shattered shells.

It doesn't always go to plan. Only today, writing this, I have witnessed a Song Thrush using decking as an 'anvil'. Unfortunately, the thrush didn't hold tight enough and as soon as it launched the snail on the surface, the mollusc bounced right off the decking and into a nearby flowerbed.

It is hoped it will be of general interest to visitors of Caley Green and the Meadow footpath. It will have the above sea level scale (for official recording) and a river bed depth scale.

#### SWANS

This year we have only had one pair of swans in Nayland; they nested on the Meadow pond and then moved to the river. All was well at first with eight cygnets hatched but at the time of writing only three remain, as photographed here by Nicky Blakebrough. It appears that the pen swan rejected some of them; this happens sometimes sadly. The cob swan has been seen protecting his family and seeing off some paddle boarders.

#### OTHER LOCAL WILDLIFE

The river and Caley Green have certainly been much quieter this year; perhaps Gordon the greylag goose was an attraction, not just to us humans but also to the ducks.

As reported by the Friends of Caley Green, Gracie, Gordon's love interest popped by briefly.

There have been a number of Moorhens and their chicks present. On 10th April Lesley Jameson photographed this delightful brood of 15 Mallard ducklings.

Further afield in the village, down at the allotment field, squatters have taken up residence in the Owl box previously inhabited by Barney. The baby squirrels, visible in the photo by Wendy Anderson, have been entertaining passers by as they scamper in and out of the box. It's not known where Barney who last year was often seen giving displays of his hunting skills has moved on to.

#### **RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH**

This year's Birdwatch saw record numbers of people enjoying nature and counting the birds. But it has not been a bumper time for birds; results reveal sadly there are far fewer birds around. The top 10 results....

- 1. House Sparrow no change, down 58% since 1979
- 2. Blue Tit up 1 place, up 10% since 1979
- 3. Starling down 1 place, down 83% since 1979
- 4. Blackbird up 1 place, down 41% since 1979
- 5. **Woodpigeon** up 1 place, up 1029% since 1979
- 6. Robin up 2 places. down 25% since 1979
- 7. Great Tit no change, up 57% since 1979
- 8. **Goldfinch** down 2 places, up 13% in past decade
- 9. Magpie up 1 place, up 192% since 1979
- 10. Long-tailed Tit down 1 place, up 19% in past decade
- GARDEN BUTTERFLY SURVEY

This is a project aimed at understanding how butterflies are faring in the UK's gardens. To take part you need to check your garden at least once a month in reasonable weather. And submit your findings.

Butterflies and moths are among the most threatened groups of wildlife in the UK. Why not take part as a family and introduce children to the wonders and the importance of these delightful creatures.

If you would like to know more about how to take part visit: <u>https://www.gardenbutterflysurvey.org/</u>

#### THE BOX TREE CATERPILLAR

A warning for gardeners..... the Box Moth Caterpillar has been found in Nayland!



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Box tree caterpillars are the larvae of a moth that can devastate all Box (Buxus) plants very quickly. It is native to East Asia and a relatively new insect to Britain.

As part of their research the RHS would like to know where box tree moth has been seen. For more information visit: <u>https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=760</u>



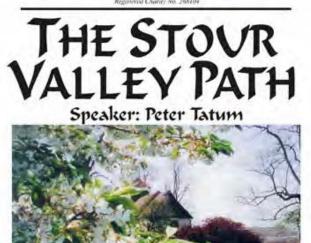


The walk towards Groton will be led by Chris Hunt. It is 400 years since the Pilgrim Fathers sailed on the Mayflower to the New World. (now known as America!) and this walk will tell the story of one of the early Puritans who left this area and founded a new settlement. Stout walking shoes/boots advisable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



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Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society



# MONDAY 28th JUNE

It is hoped meeting will take place in Nayland Village Hall, 7.15pm for 7.30pm.

(if Covid-19 restrictions apply it will take place on Zoom and members will be notified nearer the evening.)

www.naylandconservation.org.uk

# Nayland & District Horticultural Society SUMPERFLOWERSHOW

# Saturday 7th August

2pm - 5pm Nayland Village Hall

Teas, Produce Stall, Raffle, Nayland Calendar 2022

Admission 50p - Opening 2pm, Prize Giving 4.30pm

Classes for: Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Flower Arranging, Cookery, Preserves, Country Drinks, Art & Craft, Photography, Children's & Family's Sections - Entries in by 4th August.

Show schedules available at Nayland shops, Trevor 01206 262022 or at www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

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# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Notes taken at the meeting : 26th April 2021

The Parish Council (PC) Chair's report, the District Councillor's and County Councillor's reports had been made available on the PC's web facility and noticeboards. These notes relate to the questions and comments raised during the meeting.

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Melanie Barratt said a review of all Babergh garage sites is being undertaken to record ownership, condition and identify sites suitable for redevelopment if they are not sought after due to being too small for modern cars. Some garages are automatically included with council tenancies, some have been purchased and some rented separately. A resident who had applied for a garage said they had been told there is a two year waiting list which indicates they are in demand. Another resident said he had reported large cracks in the block of garages in Harpers Estate but has heard no more. Melanie said she would investigate both issues and report back to the residents.

PARISH COUNCIL

Mary George read her report out and thanked all volunteers, community organisations, businesses and shops who stepped up during this challenging period. There were no comments or questions asked by residents.

#### WALSH TRUST

Gerry Battye reported on this small charity which has been providing small Christmas bonuses for those who are 80 and over and have lived in the village for at least 3 years and added that it has been a challenge establishing who would benefit from receiving a bonus. There appear to be some younger residents who may be in need and a meeting to discuss future implementation of eligibility is planned. There were no comments or questions asked by residents.

#### VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Peter Mann reported on the Village Hall accounts and said work had been carried out on the gable end and on the front doors. Gerry Battye expressed thanks to the Management Committee.

#### COUNTY COUNCILLOR

James Finch is hoping the installation of the double yellow lines by Caley Green will be carried out by the end of May; this will be a experimental traffic order and subject to review. SCC Highways and the Fire Service had raised safety concerns over recent parking problems there. Local residents were consulted on the plans.

With increased use of the river during Covid-19 and likely in future with the expanding and new river craft facilities at Wiston and Sudbury use of the river is likely to remain substantial. Some river users are unaware that craft need to be licensed or of river etiquette; plans for an information board, which would also include the Countryside Code, and other signage is being progressed. Following loss of privacy and noise being reported the Environment Agency (EA) will be installing signage on their land near the horseshoe weir to warn river users that Mill Lade is a no through route. Additional waste and dog bins will be installed on Caley Green.

Gerry Battye asked if progress was likely regarding repairing potholes. James Finch said it is an ongoing saga with C roads and unclassified roads having less priority while they have seen a change in use with increasing delivery vehicles using them. A resident asked if the old Bear Street cul-de-sac could be resurfaced prior to laying the double yellow lines.

It was commented that the appointment system at recycling centres during Covid had worked very efficiently and asked if the system would continue; James Finch said it would, with a few tweaks and introduction of an ANPR system.

#### CALEY GREEN

A number of residents attended the meeting to express concerns about rumoured proposals for Caley Green.

At their last meeting the PC agreed to progress with plans for installing planted coir roll along the riverbank to reinstate the bank and prevent further erosion in order to meet the deadline for a grant application. A number of residents, on hearing this, submitted comments for the Parish Assembly – see facing page. Mary George addressed some of the comments.

She said if there was a public consultation some would not like the result; she said residents can attend PC meetings. She added that some residents would prefer a more natural look rather than a park look to the Green. A resident questioned how that was known, and asked who are those people, isn't that just hearsay, a survey is needed. Mary said that historic plans to create a more natural space with planting didn't go ahead and the suggestions were reviewed again a few years ago. This met with some opposition at the time.

The current and previous owners of the property neighbouring the Green attended the meeting; it was explained there had been no erosion there and their riverbank was protected with Nicospan revetment. Mary said there is some urgency as the river is eroding the Green and long-term the neighbouring property could be affected.

She said the EA prefer a natural solution with planting and this will not require any future maintenance. She addressed the query why other solutions are not being considered, for example wooden revetment, saying they would not be appropriate, are short-term solutions and they have been told the EA would probably refuse a permit allowing that work to be carried out. Asked why the PC and SCC (owners of the Green) do not challenge this Mary George and James Finch said they have no influence and a challenge is unlikely to be successful.

The EA will permit the section where wooden revetment was in place previously to have new wooden revetment installed; Mary added the grant awarded to replace that revetment must be spent by the end of this year.

It was pointed out that the fairly short length of wooden revetment by the bench may get congested with river craft entering and exiting the river there, people sitting on the bench and it being the only area where people will be able to get close to the water's edge.

Regarding the PC's suggestion that the Friends of Caley Green had been involved in the discussions about plans for the Green, a representative of the Friends said they had not been advised of the meeting until the morning of the meeting; they were at work so could not attend. At other times they attended as an observer.

Addressing comments regarding the lack of publicity and consultation regarding the proposals Mary said the Parish Assembly information was available online and the decision on the proposals had to be made at the last PC meeting but there is no finite plan yet.

When asked if residents will be consulted when the plans are decided, Mary responded that there is only the May meeting before the grant deadline. When asked if details will be available before the meeting to enable comments to be made in the public forum of the meeting she responded they will be available with the meeting agenda if they are finalised in time.

Several residents attending felt the river through Nayland has enough vegetation already and that villagers complain about the excess growth and how narrow the waterway has become since the EA no longer control growth. It was added that many residents enjoy the openness of that stretch of river; Mary replied that some residents comment the opposite.

Residents suggested that in order to prevent erosion the plants used would be strong rooted varieties which grow tall and would block the view and access to the river; Mary said there were shorter growing varieties than could be used. The idea of a portage being installed was suggested.

A resident said they would not like to see the Green littered with signage and bins and asked about the locations of the signage and information board; Mary said they will be placed near something that is already there, for example the bus stop, to minimise the impact.

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# CALEY GREEN

#### Samples of correspondence to the Parish Council ahead of the Annual Parish Assembly

Will there be consultation with the village residents regarding the proposals of planting at Caley Green?

#### Claire Buller

We are writing to express our dismay and disappointment at the plans put forward by the Parish council for Caley Green. Had we not listened to the PC meeting of Wednesday last we would have no idea of what had been provisionally decided and not being present at the site meeting, we were certainly not included in the distribution list of the plan.

We would like to raise the following points

- 1. The reason given for the urgency the threat to neighbouring property. A look at the two photographs supplied by the EA clearly show that the neighbouring property is on a totally separate independent piece of land bounded by a gully and stream. The before and after erosion pictures clearly show, as would a walk along the river bank, that properties backing onto the river have on the whole removed riparian growth and substituted wooden and other forms of jetties to allow access and open up views. We are struggling to understand how the PC or SCC could therefore be held responsible. Also the neighbouring property was sold last year and would have had a professional survey completed.
- 2.Whilst we agree that remedial action needs to be taken to prevent further erosion why is the only option coir?

Coir is a planting medium, it will disintegrate after a few years, therefore it stands to reason that plants used will need to be robust with strong root systems to hold the bank and prevent erosion.

Examples given are invasive and can grow over a metre in height. They also need regular maintenance, who will do this? The proposed planting does mean that the open view of the river currently enjoyed by residents will be destroyed. The example given by the EA of coir and planting at Dedham is quite frankly an unsightly mess. The replacement wooden revetment is directly in front of the bench and does not appear to be the 10 metres as stated at the PC meeting.

Residents and visitors who do not have direct access to the river and have canoes and have paid for their licences will have difficulty launching craft especially if the bench is occupied.

3.Apart from the bay area the old brown reed growth stretching all the way along the green is in places 2 to 3 metres deep and at least 2 metres in height. This is preventing new young healthy reed growth from establishing. We are told that years ago the EA did maintain and control riparian growth, however the EA have told us that they no longer maintain the river except for navigation purposes. Why then are the PC allowing more of the same?

Residents from all parts of the village regularly complain about the state of the excessive riparian growth in the river at Nayland.

- 4.Yesterday I watched a mother with pushchair and toddler spend time at the waters edge looking at the small fish. This together with many activities that villagers enjoy will be prevented if these plans go ahead. Also the bay is the preferred access point to the grass for the waterfowl that use this stretch of river.
- 5. The PC is most certainly aware of the depth of feeling in the village regarding Caley Green. Many residents have not been made aware of the plans. Information has not been provided in a timely manner leaving very little time for constructive comment and could be seen as undemocratic.

We would urge the PC to think again.

#### John and Sally Dalton

Please find below my comments on proposals for Caley Green. The lack of publicity and public consultation:

The Parish Council (PC) agreed at their April meeting that the proposal to use planted coir roll as a solution to the erosion of the riverbank should be progressed in order to meet a grant application deadline of 17th May. It was suggested at the PC meeting that any useful feedback from the Parish Assembly may be able to be incorporated but it was stated that this was "a matter of communication and not a consultation", "it's not for approval by residents".

As the PC are aware Caley Green is extremely popular part of the village and well used by residents and visitors especially during the pandemic. Such is the affection for the Green the democratic answer would have been to have a proper consultation.

The Parish Assembly documents referring to Caley Green and the PA agenda were not posted online until Tuesday 20th April; the deadline for comments was Friday 23rd.

Within the documents posted, comparing an old summer season aerial view with its lush growth a recent winter season aerial view was visually deceiving. The claim regarding the neighbouring property being threatened is alarmist. The owner until recently was part of the team controlling the river vegetation growth; the property was sold last year and would have had a professional survey completed. Aerial views clearly show a division in the land between the hedge of this property and Caley Green by the gully running along by the boundary.

#### The single solution option is disappointing:

Previous comments aside, there has been some erosion on part of the bend and prevention of further erosion is needed. However, the PC are only considering one possible solution; use of planted coir roll.

I'm aware the Environment Agency (EA) have stated they do not support the wooden revetment being extended when the existing rotten section is replaced, but <u>why do the Parish</u> <u>Council (and the landowners, Suffolk CC) not challenge this?</u>

The EA and the DVSV AONB may prefer use of vegetation but much of the river is overgrown with vegetation to the point it is barely accessible or navigable; this is a frequent topic of conversation and complaint by residents living in all areas of the village. Surely allowing extension of the wooden revetment for this small section of the river, for the benefit of residents, would not be to the detriment of wildlife. Some of the local waterfowl take advantage of the easy access to Caley Green and enjoy sharing the space with visitors and being fed by them. Wildlife is much more likely to be disturbed by river craft users who alight into their craft at many points along the river. **The planting options are concerning:** 

The coir roll is biodegradable and disappears within a few years, by which time the plants will be well established and take over the task of preventing riverbank erosion. Plants commonly used for this are robust varieties with strong root systems that will stand up to strong water flow, such as: Reeds, Greater and Lesser Sedge, Yellow Flag Water Iris, Common Rush and Purple Loosestrife are recommended. These all grow to over 3 feet high; once established, the roots and rhizomes of the plants will trap silt and extend the area that they can colonise. The King Cup or Marsh Marigold, mentioned at the April PC meeting, grows near the surface of the soil and is used to establish boggy areas and not to prevent erosion of riverbanks.

#### The result will spoil the Green for many:

Therefore, it is almost certain that the view of the river will be obscured and the current landscape that we all enjoy will be lost. The short area of wooden revetment will be a very popular space. Anywhere else children and parents will not be able to get close to the riverside and gaze in wonder at the creatures swimming about, or capture them in their fishing nets and jam jars to study them. Angling is difficult along much of the river but has been enjoyed recently from the Green. The elderly or less mobile who wish to sit and take in the river view, will only have the bench area to do so, and they will be disturbed when craft users enter or exit the river using the short stretch of revetment. People and wildfowl will have less space for feeding and to interact. And the list goes on and on.....

Please consider consulting the residents for their views and ideas before rushing ahead with this project so whatever is done is at least democratic.

Lorraine Brooks

# CALEY GREEN AND RIVER ISSUES STATEMENT FROM COUNTY AND PARISH COUNCILS

Contrary to claims made elsewhere, Suffolk County Council and Nayland with Wissington Parish Council have <u>NO</u> plans to block out the view of the river at Caley Green for visitors or the properties of residents at the southern end of Bear Street. The brief regarding erosion has always been that remedies should be sustainable, beneficial to wildlife and that residents' view of the river should not be lost. This was confirmed to residents at the Annual Parish Assembly on 26th April.

There are no plans to restrict access to the river, but there are plans to replace the previous 10 metres of wooden revetment to allow safe access along what has become a hazardous riverbank. Some options, including extending this revetment, have been considered and rejected by the Environment Agency.

Sustainable methods of protecting Caley Green from erosion are being considered by a group of relevant official authorities. Applications for permits must be made to the Environment Agency for formal approval of any work on riverbanks. The water edge is now several feet nearer the street and a silt bay has been created in the river. There is long term risk to the path provided by the Parish Council to allow all weather access to wheelchairs. There is also a risk that the corner of the Green which protects neighbouring property could be undermined. It is essential that this section of Caley Green is restored and protected so that people can enjoy the river and the Green safely.

Officers from the EA Waterways Navigation Team, EA Biodiversity Team, Dedham Vale & Stour Valley AONB Project Team, River Stour Trust, Babergh District Public Realms and Councillors from Babergh District Council, Suffolk County Council (landowner) and Nayland with Wissington Parish Council (Licensed Custodian) have been meeting to discuss the continuing erosion, the impact of unprecedented visitor numbers and potential funding to overcome these problems. In the spirit of openness, a representative from Friends of Caley Green was invited to meetings and attended as an observer. Questions raised at the Annual Parish Assembly by residents were passed to all official agencies. A detailed response has been received from the EA Biodiversity Officer and endorsed by the Dedham Vale AONB Team.

Your County and Parish Councillors have not yet agreed a detailed plan as more information is needed but they will be guided by experts. However, the Parish Council has agreed to apply for grants from the Dedham Vale AONB Sustainable Development Fund and to earmark Babergh CIL income if criteria can be met.

During the past year, many residents have raised concerns about escalating erosion, overcrowding by paddle craft, loss of privacy in waterside gardens, damage to habitats, decline of wildlife along the river and Mill Lade, as well as inconsiderate or dangerous parking by some visitors. Concerns have also been expressed by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service. All paddle boards and other craft must be licensed by an official organisation such as The River Stour Trust or British Canoe Association before use on the river. Some of these issues will be mitigated by information signage, parking restrictions and regular visits by EA Navigation officers.

Reports and updates will continue to be uploaded to the Parish Council webpage of the Nayland and Wiston Community website <a href="https://www.naylandandwiston.net/parish">https://www.naylandandwiston.net/parish</a> council/info.php

If you need any information, please check the webpage or contact the Councils direct. James.Finch@suffolk.gov.ukpc@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk or mary@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk



**Does Resident Concern Matter in Nayland?** 

Following the concerns of a number of residents, some of whom attended the Parish Assembly to ask questions and raise issues about the proposals for using vegetation to protect the riverbank in the bay at Caley Green, a petition was created to gauge the strength of feeling and pass this on to the Parish Council. Within a short timescale and despite social distancing restrictions it seems many are quite passionate about the Green and to date 110 people, mostly residents, were keen to support the petition. This was sent to the Parish Council ahead of their May meeting.

Please note: the petition is NOT disputing that the issue of erosion needs to be rectified. It is asking that other solutions, of which there are many possibilities, should be considered.

Those signing the petition raised questions and concerns including that they:

- are disappointed that questions remained inadequately answered at the Parish Assembly
- are concerned by the reluctance to reveal what plants will be used in the coir roll
- are concerned that to protect the coir roll and young vegetation a fence or barrier will also need to be installed and remain in place until the vegetation is established
- are concerned that there appears to be a discrepancy in the measurement of the wooden revetment to be replaced; the PC and EA state it will be 10 metres but that is not what is indicated on the plan. Are they committing to a length of 10 meters? - see the EA's suggested layout on page 22
- are disappointed that the open view as we know it will be lost
- are disappointed that close access to the waters' edge will no longer be possible here
- · have doubts that the use of planted coir alone, especially with shorter less invasive plants, will be a sustainable method of preventing further erosion as it will not protect
- the bank deep enough · believe that the lack of management of riverside reeds upstream has contributed to the erosion and will continue to exacerbate the situation (in his email James Carr stated changes at the bay have the knock on effect down stream of causing further erosion over time but he did not consider that changes just upstream of the bay, i.e. the
- unmanaged and excessive reed growth has contributed to changes in the flow of the river and the erosion of the bay) are concerned by the process of this proposal; it is usual for the riparian owner to come up with a plan and then to seek a permit from EA for their proposals - not ask the EA to come up with proposals. The EA have no understanding of the concerns of village
- residents and the PC may have underestimated the strength of feeling · feel there should have been public consultation on this sensitive and controversial issue

Some of these questions were asked again at the Parish Council meeting on 19th May. Unfortunately there was no progress in them being answered.

It was confirmed however, that the grant application (from the AONB Sustainable Development Fund with a deadline of 17th May) was not submitted and the Parish Council will be investigating further the options.

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#### Alternative solutions:

There are many alternative solutions including; wooden/green oak revetment, gabions, rock rolls, tree revetment, retaining walls, geotextiles, steel walls, rip rap, TrapBag, Nicospan, etc which have not been considered. Some would not be suitable here but some could enhance the area.



Green Oak Revetment



Stone/Rock Gabions



Planted coir roll



These aerial views show how the shape of the river has altered. It reveals how the waterway has narrowed and changed course due to the unmanaged reed growth. It also shows where the bay has eroded. The erosion will have been exacerbated by the changing flow of the river upstream caused by the reeds.

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

View the colour version of the Community Times at: <u>www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Community Times.</u>html Do keep scenes you see coming to *lorraine.nayland* @*btinternet.com.* 



#### NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL GARDENING MORNING

A small but dedicated group of volunteers donned tools for the spring gardening session held on 10th April. It is always a cheerful occasion despite Covid-19.

The various village societies have adopted sections of the village hall garden. Twice a year, in spring and autumn, a 'Gardening Morning' is arranged to encourage volunteers to come along and help keep the gardens in good order. Usually refreshments are served although this was not possible during Covid restrictions. These mornings are a good way for new and long time residents to get to know each other and generally socialise. Do consider coming to the next one in the autumn.



#### NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

Thirty volunteers participated in the spring community litter pick on 24th April in Nayland and Wissington organised by the Conservation Society and the Parish Council. As a result of Covid restrictions the litter pickers were divided into groups of four; hence the attached photo shows only one of the groups. The team did an excellent job and I am sure the village appreciates their efforts.

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Thanks to Rob Dryden who reported that four bird nesting boxes, kindly sponsored by Adrienne Strover, were installed in Richard's Wood, adjacent to Nayland Meadow, in April.

Although it may be a little late for them to be used this season, they are expected to provide suitable nesting sites for blue tits and great tits in future years.



Thank you to Darius Laws for sending this photo of an incomplete and somewhat out of date sign in Parkers Way. Originally it gave information about the Mobile Library Service.

For those who may not recall that far back.... changes to geographic telephone numbers - with the addition of '1' - took place on "<u>PhONEday</u>", which was on 16 April 1995.

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Many thanks to Nicola Thorogood for sending these photos af activities in Wiston, an important part of our Parish.

After a recent church service our Parochial Church Council meeting was scheduled to take place in St Mary's Church, Wiston, but the excellent weather outside was too good to miss! Spot the dog too!

Sorting through books for the Church porch book sales at St Mary's, Wiston.

Did you know they have second hand books for sale at Wiston Church?

They have a wide selection of books to choose from, currently they are priced at just 4 for £1. You can donate books too: in the clearly signed metal box in the Wiston church car park at Newtons Farm <u>before</u> you reach the church.

Do pop in if you're passing by or walking on the nearby network of footpaths. St Mary's is a charming eleventh century Norman church with internal wall paintings dating from about 1280.

Thank you to Gill Boardman who shared this image of an unexpected visitor at their hedgehog feeding station in Nayland Heights on 21st April experts confirm it's a polecat. Unfortunately they haven't seen it again, although they have had a couple of visits each from a fox and a badger, plus the usual regular visits from their local hedgehogs.



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



Thank you to Nicky Blakebrough and Antony Day for sending these scenes with paddle boarders enjoying the River Stour. Sonny the dog looks on in the spring sunshine but when the sun went in the temperature was really quite chilly; this didn't seem to put these young lads off at all.

Bear and Fish were back for Easter!! You just never know when they might pop up and excite the children and amuse us older residents. Many thanks to Elaine and Di for their spectacular displays. We are looking forward to their next visit!!



# **NAYLAND MOBILE LIBRARY**

The mobile library service is now running again...

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

Saturdays at 10am-11.15am, every four weeks **19 June - 17 July - 4 August**  Route 9 : Parkers Way Saturdays at 3.55pm-4.30pm, every four weeks 5 June - 3 July - 31 July - 28 August

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# Nayland with Wissington Society News



## NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Rachel Skells 262422 naylandchurchhall@yahoo.com

www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

The Church Hall committee are hoping to re-open the hall for all bookings from 21 June 2021. This is on the basis that there is no change to the roadmap between now and then. Please contact Rachel by email at <u>naylandchurchhall@yahoo.com</u> or call on 01206 262422 if you have any queries.

## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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

The important thing is to keep in touch in the absence of our meetings. There is nothing to report. Our next meeting will take place at 7.30pm in the Church hall on Monday 16th August opening with some alcoholic refreshments. An agenda will be sent out nearer the day. Are there any volunteers as speaker? Village Fun Weekend on 28th/29th August. The Village Hall, Parish Council, and Community Council is

planning a fun weekend and the Branch should be involved. We need ideas; running some games on the playing field on the Saturday has been suggested. We have time to sort something out.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal British Legion. Suffolk HQ is planning a Drumhead Service at 3.30pm on Sunday 19th September in Bury Cathedral. The Branch is allowed to send two representatives. Looking further ahead; we have our 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Branch on Sunday 30th October 2022. We need to plan something special on that day. Again your ideas would be welcome.



## NAYLAND CINEMA

Karen Freeman karenfreeman@suffolkonline.net Mob: 07773 402765

Good news!

Following the successful vaccination programme and the current very low levels of virus in the community the unfurling of the Government's road map continues as planned.

The Village Hall Management Committee have therefore decided that the cinema can reopen in September.

I would like to form a small committee which can initially meet to discuss the reopening of the cinema and consider what improvements can be made to streamline the process and maximise the enjoyment of this facility. This committee will then be responsible for the running of the cinema from setting up on the day to providing refreshments and choosing films. Christine Thompson will be the representative for the VHMC and will feedback to the members at their regular meetings.

If you would like to join this committee please get in touch with me Karen Freeman via the details above.



## NAYLAND CARPET BOWLS CLUB

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

It doesn't seem possible that it's almost a year and a half since we have been able to play bowls, I have kept in touch with all members on and off during this time and everyone is now very keen to get back playing again. As most of us have had both vaccines now, the possibility of this is hopefully getting much closer. In my opinion we should look to August/September to get back to playing. Fingers crossed my next report will be more positive with better news.

In the meantime stay safe everyone.

Mervyn



## ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993

Many thanks to those who gave donations towards the cost of lilies for decorating St James' church for Easter. Donations towards flowers throughout the year can be given to Jeannette Finch, Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street.

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



#### NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Chairman: Mike Hunter 264100 mikejphunter@gmail.com www.naylandconservation.org.uk



As a result of the Covid restrictions, the Society has arranged a virtual Open Gardens for the second year in a row. Photographs of the contributing gardens will be taken over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of June and members of the Society and the public will be able to view the photos on the Society's web site (see http://

www.naylandconservation.org.uk/OpenGardens.html ) from Sunday the 13th of June. As Open Gardens is the Society's only fund-raising event, viewers will be invited to make a voluntary donation of £5 into the Society's bank account and full details will appear on the Society's web site.

Numbers at the Village Hall garden working party on the 10th of April were a little disappointing but the village litter pick, jointly organised with the Parish Council on the 24th of April, was a great success and it was a delight to meet a number of new residents who joined us for the first time.

At the time of writing this report we are looking forward to Chris Hunt leading our Spring Footpath walk from Boxford to Groton on the 31st of May.

We are optimistic that our next speaker meeting, featuring Peter Tatum talking on the Stour Valley Footpath, on the 28th of June may take place in person at the Village Hall. The final decision may have to be made shortly before the day of the meeting so members will receive an email from the Society confirming the position and notification of the arrangements will also appear on various social media outlets.

The Court Knoll information sign, erected by the Society in 1978, has been restored to its position following its restoration by the Society. On the 17th April, Wendy Sparrow and Linda Clapham, both founder members of the committee of the Society, unveiled the restored sign. (see photo).

At the time of writing a number of swifts have been seen flying above the village and we are hoping that in due course some of the swift nesting boxes erected by the Society last year will be occupied.

Concern over National Grid's proposed new overhead power line between Twinstead and Bramford skirting the northern boundary of our AONB prompted the Society to invite its members to write a letter of opposition to the inadequate undergrounding of only part of the new route. Furthermore, National Grid propose to leave the existing pylons in situ



Unveiling of the restored Court Knoll information sign. The Daffodils planted last autumn on the corner of Horkesley Road and the A134 put on a good show in their first season.



(they were erected before the Dedham Vale acquired AONB status) rather than take advantage of the opportunity to place them with the new underground cables. We shall continue to keep members informed of developments in the hope that pressure will result in the protection of our landscape.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that two new members have been co-opted on to the committee. They are: Colette O'Shea, a recent resident of the village, who is the COO of listed company Land Securities and Mandy Cook a long-time village resident and music teacher who has agreed to accept the role of Honorary Secretary.



#### **FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH**

*Registered Charity No 1158565* Chairman: Simon Empson 01206 460250 Treasurer: Julian Baker 01206 262653 Email: wistonfriends@gmail.com

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

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. We are looking forward to meeting up again when it is safe to do so.



## OVER 60s CLUB

Secretary: Barbara Smith 501492

President: Eva Rolfe 263151

Although the Covid-19 restrictions are gradually being relaxed we are not yet resuming our meetings - usually held on the second Thursday of each month in Parkers Way Community Centre. 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 ~  $\pounds$ 3 Olga Alexander on 263923

I am so pleased that our lives are, hopefully moving forward, so I have looked in the diary, and made a date for our Over 60s Summer Garden Tea Party at Longwood Barn..... THURSDAY 15th JULY 2021. So please put the date in your Diary; we all look forward to seeing you.

In the meantime we hope everyone stays safe and well.



#### NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Jeannette Finch 262993

Secretary: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

We are very hopeful to be able to meet again for a long awaited tea party on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July in the Nayland Village Hall at 2.30pm.

A committee meeting will be held prior to this date and arrangements for speakers etc for the rest of the year will be made. Our meetings will in future be held in the afternoons, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on the second Thursday in the month in the Village Hall.

New members are very welcome, if you would like to know more about our WI branch please contact Lorna or Jeannette, details above.



## THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Jo Murrison 262369

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



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

Registered Charity Number 1052641

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

Our first Easter Cake Sale and Raffle was a great success. Held in the High Street on March 27th, we raised a grand total of  $\pounds$ 675. Our thanks go to all who bought the lovely cakes as well as the many volunteers who baked for us and helped with the selling. Finally, a special thank you to Ruth Pearson for organising the event.

Now it looks very much as though normal life is resuming, we are having our first 'proper' committee meeting since January 2020 in late June. At that time we will be able to re-energise the various projects and events which we hope will take place before Christmas this year.



#### STOUR BORDER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

John Spooner 262691

Although there is light at the end of the Covid-19 tunnel, it is still not yet possible to resume the monthly concerts of Country Style music. As soon as restrictions are lifted sufficiently and it is safe hold our dances leading country music artists will be booked and we will let you know.

In the meantime, keep safe and well everyone.

# **Be Ringers**

#### NAYLAND BELL RINGERS

Chris Hunt 262014 or Hazel Gardiner 262582

Sadly the social distancing rules prevent any ringing at St James. The Tenor bell was tolled, half-muffled, following the death of HRH Prince Phillip. Looking to the future, some of our regular ringers are no longer involved with ringing and regrettably we do not have a ringing 'Band' anymore at Nayland. If anyone out there would be interested in joining us and training up to ring please contact Chris Hunt.



The handbell ringers <u>may</u> start up again but this depends on among other things when the Church Hall is fully open. Watch this space !!



## NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

Rebecca Renshaw, Practice Manager 01206 262202 creffieldmedicalcentre@nhs.net

We would like to thank you for your understanding, patience and support during what has been a very difficult year. Currently you will still be asked to wait outside for your appointment to ensure the safety of all. If you wish to wait in your car please phone the reception team upon

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

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

The Surgery will be closed for an education event from 12pm on 26th May 2021 but will reopen at 8am the following day or 9am for Dispensary. The hours in which you can call the dispensary are between 9am and 2pm.



#### VILLAGE PLAYERS

#### www.villageplayers.co.uk



Chair: Justin Dowding 07805 648935 jpdowding@gmail.com

The Village Players are still waiting for confirmation of the end of restrictions before making any concrete plans for future productions. If restrictions are lifted in time for us to continue with rehearsals, we plan to put on a production on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

With any luck, there will be more details in the next issue of the Community Times! When we have updates, they'll be announced in the Community Times and online at <u>https://villageplayers.co.uk</u>.



## NAYLAND CHOIR

Chair: Rob Swan 07954 334548 rob.swan@tb9.uk Sec: Cathy Allen cathymargaretallen@gmail.com www.naylandchoir.org Twitter at @naylandchoir

This Covid thing is very testing!

You press on preparing for easing of restrictions and then a variant sneaks up behind you and threatens all your plans. As of this morning (Sunday 16th May), the second significant easing is meant to happen tomorrow and we are all set up for start of rehearsals in the school hall on Thursday. But – who knows what will happen, with talk this morning of possible rule changes again.

Anyway, with optimistic hat on, we will be singing together again in a very informal way this coming week, starting a term of Covid secure rehearsals of accessible music designed to get everyone back into choral singing. No formal concert is planned but we will be joining in the *"Fun, Food and Festivities"* event planned for 28th and 29th August and we may drop in a "flash" concert if the opportunity arises.

Details are on naylandchoir.org



#### NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

We started our horticultural year 2021 with our **Morning Market** on the 8th May. We had planned to hold this outside next to the Church Hall, but the wet weather made this impossible. So we opened the Church Hall to welcome visitors inside instead. It was a successful event, which

raised nearly £250 from plants, cakes and preserves. It was lovely to see such good support from members and villagers. Thank you too for all for your contributions of plants, cakes and preserves.

This year will be our 39th annual **Flower Show.** It is planned to be held on Saturday 7th August in the Village Hall. The Show schedules have been distributed and copies of the schedule are also available from Nayland shops, as well as being downloaded from our website.

We are hoping that our visit to **Kew Gardens** on Wednesday 8th September will take place this year. The coach will leave Nayland at 9.30 am. Further details and a booking form can be found on page 11.

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

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

Application forms for HortSoc membership are available from the Nayland Post Office box or from Margaret Smy 262022 or trevor.smy24@gmail.com.



#### THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

Sally Dalton johnansal@live.co.uk 262675

Use of the river at Caley green has increased during April and early May with our regular canoeists and paddle boarders returning.

The inclement weather has kept families and day trippers away during April and early May and with lockdown restrictions easing there is a possibility we may not get so many visitors this summer.

In April we had some feathered visitors. Gracie the greylag goose, Gordon's on/off girlfriend spent some time on the river and green together with another pair of greylag geese and a pair of Egyptian geese spent two weeks on the green arriving early in the mornings before flying off.

The Nayand Land Company opened the fence near the meadow pond to allow the swans and cygnets which had nested on the pond, to reach the river. Sadly from the original eight only three remain, however these seem to be thriving.



Photo by Nicky Blakebrough



#### ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

by Chris Hunt Tel: 262014

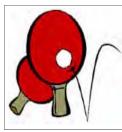
Churchwarden (designate - unless someone else would like a go !!)

We struggle on providing services during our vacancy. It now seems the Vicarage is to be let on a six month lease so a quick replacement for the Revd Mark seems unlikely. We are very grateful to the visiting priests who are leading our Holy Communion services and to the rest of the Ministry Team, churchwardens, church councils and staff who keep the wheels turning. Hopefully when you read this the church will be open daily but sanitising and Test & Trace still apply - we are not out of the woods yet.

In an age when, in theory, it's possible to stand in the street on a mobile phone and speak to a man on the moon, communication is sometimes worse than it was in medieval times, I think it's because we don't get out as much as we used to, so please keep an eye out on village notice boards and in the church porch for service information. Incidentally, I saw somewhere recently a reference to Nayland being a medieval village. For historic convenience the medieval period is usually considered to be from 1066, Battle of Hastings, to 1485 Battle of Bosworth and the start of the Tudor period. As most of Nayland was built during my lifetime does this make me medieval - or just a sad old bloke? Answers on a postcard please.

Church life does depend on a stalwart band of interested people so if anyone would like to have a go at bell ringing, singing in the choir (not at the same time !!), or helping us generally in these unusual and difficult times you would be most welcome. Stay Safe.

**COFFEE, CAKE & CONVERSATION:** is resuming on Wednesday mornings 10am to noon at St James. Join us for coffee, tea, cakes and conversation in an informal atmosphere with others from our local community. Everyone welcome. Weather permitting in the churchyard, or socially distanced inside.



#### **TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

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The Table Tennis Group are keen to resume our Monday afternoon sessions in the Village Hall when it is safe to do so. We await guidance on the best way to proceed, and once this is clear we will notify members of a proposed start date.

# **BOOK CLUB**

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MELISSA HARRISON AMONG THE BARLE

We recently finished reading 'All Among the Barley' by Melissa Harrison. The novel is set in 1930s rural Suffolk and is narrated by Edith, looking back at the events of that time when she was a 14 year old girl living on the family farm. Her community's life is interrupted by the arrival of a visitor, a middle-aged woman from London, Connie, who has come to record and preserve the rural ways. As the story develops, dark and sinister undercurrents come to the surface.

At present we are reading Jean Plaidy's 'The Thistle and the Rose'.

# THE NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON LAND COMPANY



Chair: Martin Wright 07768 006546 martincewright2@hotmail.com - Sec: Dipak Warren 263713 dipakwarren@yahoo.co.uk

It is now over 15 years since the meadow was bought by the [full name] Nayland with Wissington Land Co. and you will all have seen changes. We think real improvements. (The Nayland Land Co [short name] was a newly created company which is a UK registered charity.) The future envisages the continued sheep grazing on the meadow and hopefully many of you will have been lucky to see the happy, gamboling lambs already this year. You will also have seen a new created permissive path, a re-wilded area and 200m of "dead hedge", a new seat and that we have planted a number of trees on the meadow and most splendidly you must have noted the spectacular work in terms of laying the hedge by the very skilled Neil Catchpole in relation to 1/2 of our portion of the hedge (the remainder is due to be likewise worked on this autumn). You will have seen the swans and cygnets but they merit their own article !

But this is primarily to mention the environment, biodiversity and education and our community.

We can only do our bit and only in relation to land that we have some control over. The Nayland Land Co is committed to improving the environment and also the biodiversity of animals and plants on the meadow for our community. Hence we continue with the wildflower strip - so please do NOT walk all over it (!!!!) as well as a range of other ideas. Put simply the environment and biodiversity are critically important for their own sake and indeed human survival depends on them. That said we are not expecting to effect any sudden change : rather it will be incremental and measured. Coupled with these themes and key is the engagement with our community and in particular the next generation and with the latter in mind we have made initial approaches to both Nayland School and Littlegarth to see how that can work. Our efforts to involve the schoolchildren with tree-planting were annoyingly utterly frustrated by COVID-19!

The future is the next generation at least and we want to work collaboratively with that next generation to ensure that they understand the world they live in (and seek to improve it) and the importance of the environment and biodiversity.

The Nayland Land Co is a charity and is dependent upon volunteers to do work/jobs on the meadow and for donations. As restrictions ease please if anybody has any ideas, questions or suggestions (or wishes to volunteer ... please or even donate !) please do not hesitate to get in contact with me (or directly with other board members).

Please feel free to contribute however as best you can and a huge THANK YOU to those who have to-date. Martin Wright



Our first Nayland community volunteer. Peter Allen has joined us and is helping with some of our tree management tasks. If anyone else who would like to offer us their help please contact John Carpenter at inbcarpenter@hotmail.com or 07879412324.

March and April bird records: Birdlife on the meadow in March and April reflected the changing seasons. Small flocks of starling were frequently present, with 29 on 12th March and 35 on 29th April. Birds holding territory in the meadow/Richard's Wood included robin, wren, woodpigeon and moorhen. A first swallow was seen on 11th April, and 20 fieldfare were observed flying over on the same date. 2 male reed bunting were present along the river on 20th April, with another recorded on 29th April. Other species recorded in March and April include jay, house sparrow (favouring the area around the pond and the dead elder along the river), red-legged partridge, lesser black-backed gull, grey wagtail, goldfinch, and blue, great and long-tailed tits.



#### **NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

Leaders: Anna Easdon 07826 153023 easdownanna@gmail.com



We're so excited to finally be able to announce a date for the restarting of Baby and Toddler Group at the Village Hall. We will be running every Friday, during term time, from 09-30am to 11.15am, starting September 3rd 2021.

It will still be £3.50 per family and we hope to continue to offer tea, coffee and healthy snacks plus some homemade treats for parents/carers and children but will review closer to the time. Much will depend on COVID and possible restrictions of course.

The baby area will be back with baby toys and soft play mats but extra cleaning measures will be in place. For toddlers, many old favourites will return, the slide, trampoline, play kitchen, doll's house, dress up box, trucks, trikes and much more. We will round off each play session by singing around the mats with musical instruments and puppets, not forgetting the grand finale, the bubble machine!

We are very fortunate to have some of our fantastic volunteers returning to help out again. Thank you all so much! However, extra hands are always welcome, so anyone reading this who feels they could contribute in some way, whether it be baking, crafting with the children, making teas or even helping to run a whole session, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Anna via email at <u>easdownanna@gmail.com</u> or call 07826153023.

#### NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL : EAGLE CLASS

Mrs Kennedy

#### Eagles' Earth Day Efforts

After a busy half term holiday, the Eagle Class were enthusiastic to get back to their learning. Recently we have been finding out about the fascinating topic of Ancient Egyptians and their lives years ago. We have also researched Africa and the River Nile; we learnt about hieroglyphics, using them to answer some very tricky sums. Despite not being mandatory this year due to the pandemic, the class have also been working hard practising SATS exam papers as well as getting ready for the approaching transfer to our new secondary schools. However, one of the key dates earlier this term that the Eagles really enjoyed was Earth Day.

Earth Day is an annual event on the 22nd of April, it was first held in 1970 and its aim is to encourage everyone worldwide to demonstrate support for environment protection. The whole school took part in themed activities throughout the day. As part of the year 6 maths learning we calculated the volume of the different sized bins within school in order to establish how much landfill waste is being produced. The next step was to see how the school could reduce this problem. Following a creative discussion, it was decided to introduce an easy-to-follow recycling routine for each class, including a competition to design the labels for the

different type of waste bin. One of the major issues discovered was the number of plastic pots and paper waste from school lunches that was going into landfill.

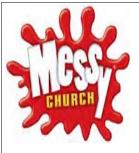
A solution to the problem arrived in the form of "Rubbish Children", this group of volunteers don their rubber gloves each day and separate the plastic pots from the rest of the lunch rubbish for the whole school. These pots are then washed, dried and are currently being stored for a future art project ... watch this space. One of the "Rubbish Children" Amelia Byford said, "We have been shocked by the huge number of plastic pots that have already been saved from going into landfill." In addition, a fun and informative video was made by several members of the class to demonstrate to the rest of the school just what needs to be done. We are proud that our class has taken on the responsibilities to make such a positive change and is helping to educate the younger children.

> by Maia Diss and Scarlett Georgeson (Year 6 pupils)





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## MESSY CHURCH

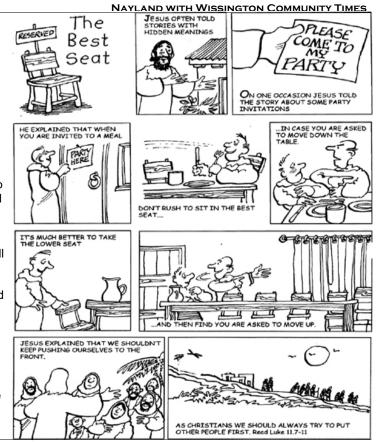
Churches of Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Polstead, Stoke by Nayland

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

With many areas of our lives now starting to open up again we have been delighted to welcome families back into our churches. Our first family service at St James', Nayland in a long time was a great success. More relaxed and informal with 'congregation participation' and activities for the children it was a lovely service that was very much enjoyed by all ages in attendance. These family services will be taking place in Nayland every third Sunday throughout the summer (see Church Services page 39 for details). Please do come along, everybody is welcome and we would love to hear your feedback.

We are also hoping to host our annual Messy Church BBQ at the end of June/beginning of July. Please keep an eye on the website: <u>www.naylandchurches.wordpress.com</u> for details and confirmation of the date or contact Reverend Val on 01206 262814 nearer the time.

We look forward to seeing you all soon, in the meantime love from the whole Messy Church team.





# Woodland Corner

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Manager: Cheryl Leeks 263054 http://woodlandcornernayland.blogspot.com Registered Charity No. 1035330

It has been wonderful to welcome the older children back to breakfast and after school clubs this term. The children have tie died t-shirts, painted stones and created sand art. The weather has mostly been kind to us and we have been spending long periods of time outside. Whether we are playing on the monkey bars using our gross motor skills or painting a picture using our fine motor skills. At the moment, everyone loves the ride ons, mostly the motorbikes in particular, but also the scooters, playing pirates at the top of the slide or as a special treat we get to go on the Astro.

During Forest School sessions the children have used magnifying glasses to look at bugs, trees, plants and flowers. We picked daisies and made daisy chains. The mud kitchen is a favourite, we use the water butt to make the ground super muddy! We also enjoyed rolling the logs up and down the hill, we had to be really careful and check no-one was at the bottom of the hill before we rolled them down! We climbed lots of trees, made a nest with sticks and explored the area.

This term, we have used our incubator to grow chicks. The children used their imaginations to work out what might be inside them – they came up with ideas such as dinosaurs, unicorns, snakes and ducks!

To help raise funds, when shopping on line please use Amazon Smile and select Woodland Corner CIO as your charity - we will receive a donation as you shop. We also collect used ink jet cartridges for recycling.

Please get in touch if you would like to arrange a visit to our wonderful setting or require further information - details above.





# VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 304 928

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646

Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825

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# MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Although the Village Hall has been closed for the last 12 months, it will hopefully be re-opening soon. The VHMC has had several Zoom meetings and certain decisions and duties have been carried out.

My thanks go to those members of the committee who have continued to serve, especially to Nick Moriarty for his checking of all the battery operated safety signs and lights, to Peter Mann for continuing to be Treasurer and to Christine Thompson in her dual role as Secretary and Bookings Clerk. Without the generous input of these people there is no effective management of the Hall.

The Village Hall funds received a £10,000 grant from the Government which has been used to cover expenditure for minimum cleaning and power requirements.

The Village Hall is indebted to Mr and Mrs Spooner for continuing to look after the Hall and for highlighting maintenance issues, such as the Fen Street gable end barge boards being replaced. It is with great sadness that I have to report that Yvonne and Johnny Spooner are going to retire from their services as caretakers and key holders for hall users and we are endeavouring to seek a replacement for this caring duo.

The VHMC is continuing to access grants for the recovering of the village hall roof and hopefully we will succeed soon.

The VHMC, together with the Community Council, the Parish Council and the church, are planning a significant event called *Fun, Food and Festivities*' which we hope we can all attend, subject to Government restrictions being lifted. My thanks go to all those involved in the planning committee.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The results (adjusted for the Charity Commission) for the year

## **APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### HALL MATTERS AND MAINTENANCE

- The flooring will be repaired where it is lifting.
- The monthly fire checks have been carried out.
- Lock Electrical recommend some upgrading of the Hall's electrical work needs to be carried out. Details of the cost will be requested.
- A Health and Safety Check of the Hall will be completed before reopening.

#### BOOKINGS

- The hall is booked for the Elections on Thursday 6th May. The Hall will be thoroughly cleaned that week. Suffolk County Council have paid for the electrical checks that were necessary for the Hall to be opened for just the election day.
- The VHMC agreed that the Hall can reopen on 21st June when the government removes all Covid restrictions. Hirers will be responsible for sanitizing their own equipment.
- It was agreed that the footballers will not be able to use the changing rooms until the Hall is open on 21st June.
- The Cinema can reopen in September.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

• COIF Endowment £14,827, COIF £19,282, Bank £9,074, Cash £6, Assets £13,776, Debtors £0.

#### **ROOF REPLACEMENT & FUNDRAISING**

• District Councillor, Melanie Barrett, will be asked about possible grants.

#### AOB

- The VHMC would like to thank those who tidied up the Hall gardens.
- The VHMC are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Hannah Clarke and Mr Gary Clark as the new caretakers of the Hall. Hannah has taken over the cleaning of the Hall from 19th April.

ending 31.12.20 show an income of £17,018 and expenditure of £17,606, giving a loss of £588. The corresponding figure for 2019 showed a surplus of £4,163.

Balance sheet items at 31.12.20 are as follows:

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It goes without saying that 2020 was a strange year, with the Village Hall effectively shut for 10 of the 12 months. Of particular note, the Village Cinema made a healthy profit of £772, and we are most grateful to Karen Freeman for that. Hall income includes a £10,000 Government grant from Babergh District Council, which was very well received. Unfortunately there were no Village Lunches during 2020, and the Village Players were also unable to perform.

With regard to expenditure, particular items of maintenance include  $\pounds$ 1,200 to repair the north gable of the Hall, and  $\pounds$ 1,174 to improve the front door locking system.

Finally, it should be noted that the hall building and land (which are very significant Village assets) do not feature in these accounts, as they are owned by the Parish Council, but leased and managed on their behalf by the NVHMC.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The officers and committee were re-elected: Chairman Iain Wright, Treasurer Peter Mann, Secretary and Bookings Clerk Christine Thompson, Committee Nick Moriarty and Yvonne Swane.

Rachel Hitchcock thanked the members of the VHMC for their hard work and care of the Hall.

## **MAY COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### HALL MATTERS AND MAINTENANCE

- Locks have been asked to replace the fuse box on the stage and some of the defunct fluorescent tubes in the Hall.
- Weedkiller will be applied around the outside of the Hall.
- The broken stay rod on the window of the meeting room will be fixed.
- Brian May has been asked to check the heating as it was not working on election day.
- The floor tiles have been repaired.
- The paintwork is still peeling in the entrance hall
- The monthly fire checks have been carried out.
- A Health and Safety Check of the Hall will be carried out on Monday 17th May at 2pm.

#### BOOKINGS

- The VHMC It was agreed to meet on Monday 14thJune to discuss the latest government advice so that hopefully the Hall can reopen on 21st June.
- Hirers are making new bookings for the Hall.
- Applications for two licences have been received from the Community Council; Firework Night and the Christmas Fayre.
- Email correspondence has been received from the footballers about the rabbit problem on the field.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

- COIF Endowment £14,827, COIF £19,282, Bank £8,315, Cash £6, Assets £13,776, Debtors £0.
- A start up business grant of £2,700 from Babergh Council has been applied for.

#### **ROOF REPLACEMENT & FUNDRAISING**

• The planning permission for this will need to be renewed in September 2021

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

 The next meeting will be Monday 14th June @ 7.30pm via Zoom.
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Garden Notes by The Old Muckspreader

The OM/S cannot remember a year in which weed growth has been so horrific; moreover it seems to have appeared and increased suddenly. If the weeds are grass however, they can be useful in repairing any bare patches on lawns, or to make compost.

One weed however, is of little use, though it seems the Romans introduced it as an item of food; this is Ground Elder whose growth here in the last three weeks has been amazing. In one part of the garden it has appeared in profusion at least a yard away from where it was established last year at the base of a hedge – a location whence it is virtually impossible to eradicate it.

Another plant we classify as a weed, though it purports to be a garden plant, is Allium Triquetrum – the Three Cornered Garlic (the stem is triangular); if allowed to flower it will seed itself all over the place. The OM/S was given a root many years ago by a very expert gardener, now deceased, who should have been ashamed of herself.

The late flowering Tulipa Sprengeri has spread itself all over the herbaceous border, and will soon be a blaze of vivid red. It will increase from seed (5 years or so to flowering) and is easy to grow, since it need not be lifted in winter.

It's not widely available, since few nurseries stock it. The reason for this, which was conveyed to the writer by a well known nursery man, is that it isn't grown by the Dutch because the bulbs bury themselves deep into the ground and in Holland if you dig deep you hit water.

A useful shrub coming into flower now is the Abutilon. Before the last War they were only found in greenhouses, but since then they have survived several harsh winters. Here we have several and where protected by a wall they have grown to 10 feet or so, and are now flowering profusely.

Gardens have been a great blessing during Lockdown; next time we meet let us hope that this requirement may no longer be necessary.

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THE 2021 CENSUS

Another Census Day has come and gone. Following the Census Act of 1800 a census has taken place every ten years since 1801, except 1941, and provides essential information about households in England and Wales for the Government to ensure that public services will meet the needs of our ever changing society.

The 2021 Census was the first to be produced digitally, the public being encouraged to complete the form online, and the results of the census this time will be particularly important because of the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic. Once again there were some new questions to answer and rather like the Enumerators in days gone by Field Officers visited householders to help and advise where needed.

There is no central archival material surviving from the first census in 1801, nor from 1811, 1821, and 1831 apart from a few schedules which have come to light in local Record Offices. Once official returned the original return

statistics were produced the original returns were destroyed. The first census found that the population of Great Britain was 9 million. Ten years later it had increased to 11 million and in Nayland and Wiston the population was 933. The early census returns recorded only brief details and were simply lists of householders with the number of families employed in agriculture, trade, manufacturing etc. The 1821 Census was the first to include the ages of a householder's family in 5 to 10 year groups. By 1831 the population of Nayland and Wiston had risen to 1047.

The 1841 Census was the first to contain more personal information about people. Enumerators issued forms and collected them the day after Census night. The head of the household was required to complete the form but the Enumerators often had to do this as there were many who could not read or write and signed with a cross. The relationship of each member to the head was not recorded and ages this time were rounded down to the nearest 5 years. The Enumerators then had to copy the information into books. Transcripts or Enumerator returns for 1841 - 1901 survive in Record Offices and can be viewed online.

The 1841 Census was taken on 6th June but as some itinerant harvest workers were sleeping rough and were therefore not recorded it was decided in future to hold the census on a Sunday at the beginning of spring. In 1841 the population of England and Wales was 16 million and most occupations at that time were in agriculture and domestic service. In Nayland and Wiston the population was 1,110. There was a considerable amount of trade and industry in Nayland in the 19th century such as corn milling, tanning, malting, soap boiling, straw hat making and others. There was also a silk factory in Fen Street which employed up to 200 workers. These included about 40 people who lived or lodged in Nayland, some of these being as young as 9 or 10 years old. Navigation of the river was at its peak at this time and 10 bargemen were listed as resident.

In the 1851 Census the exact age, marital status, relationship to the head of the household and birth place were recorded. Because of the different ways in which ages had been recorded in previous censuses this can lead to confusion for researchers of family history. It also has to be remembered that censuses cannot be relied upon to be completely accurate; the Enumerators sometimes misspelt or misheard the answers to their questions and people were sometimes confused or were not entirely honest.

In Nayland in 1851 Jeremiah Stannard was listed as a corn and coal merchant in Mill Street owning 11 barges and employing 22 men. At the Wharf House next to the Anchor, James

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES



Nayland Post Office in 1906 shortly before it moved to the High Street. In the 1901 Census Alfred Littlebury was listed as Postmaster and lived there with his wife and 8 children.

Hurrell was listed as the "Wharfinger" (owner or manager of a wharf). The silk factory still employed a large number of workers but this closed in the 1860s.

From 1861 to 1901 there was little change in the contents of the censuses or the way in which they were carried out but the analysis became more detailed. In 1871 as well as listing blind, deaf and dumb people, lunatic and imbeciles were added but these and all infirmities were omitted in 1911. In 1881 Nayland and Wiston had over 80 agricultural workers, 46 in the clothing industry, 58 domestic servants, 30 shop keepers and trades. By now there was a manager at the Gasworks in Newlands Lane and Samuel Cuddon was listed as a brewer in Church Lane. At this time the population was 910.

The 1901 Census showed that nationally 8 out of 10 men were in employment plus a third of females. In this year of Queen Victoria's death the population was 32 million. In Nayland and Wiston there were more domestic servants and agricultural workers than any other occupation and in the opening years of the new century, it is noticeable that many of the old trades had disappeared. There were, however, still 9 pubs or beer houses in business at that time.

In the 1911 Census it is interesting to be able to see online the original forms completed by householders and for those researching their family history it can be exciting to see their great grandparent's handwriting and signature.

Since 1921 there have been new questions added about employment, children's education, dependency etc. In 1942 the 1931 census forms were destroyed by fire and there was no census in 1941 because of World War II. The 1951 census therefore was significant in tracking changes for a period of 20 years and found that the population was 50 million.

Modern technology over recent years has facilitated the collection of the vast amount of information produced by the census. In 1961 computers were used for the first time but it took five and a half years to produce a full set of statistics! In the 2001 census images of the forms we completed were stored on microfilm and the paper records were destroyed.

Because of the 100 year secrecy rule the last census made available to the public was that of 1911 but the 1921 census will be available to view in early 2022. However, the public will have to wait until 2121 to see the census we have all just completed in 2021! This will almost certainly be of great interest to future residents of Nayland.

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder [References: Nayland Census Returns; Oxford Companion to Local and Family History]

# WEATHER SUMMARY: March & April 2021 Weather Report by David Lowe

**March** was very much an average March. It featured cool spells between the 1st and 7th and 17th and 21st, with warmer spells 11th to 16th and 22nd to 28th culminating in three very warm days 29th-31st.

In spring, the procession of low pressure areas from the Atlantic is frequently paused, by a greater prevalence for high pressure. However, that does not necessarily mean that sunny, warm weather will arise - but it can. It all depends where the high pressure is and the attendant wind direction. Anything other than between west and south will often be cool and cloudy - or cold. This is in part because sea temperatures are at their lowest in March. But N. Africa and the Canaries have really warmed up by this time - so a wind direction from either is good news - as we found on 29th -31st, with temperatures topping 20  $^{\circ}$ C on the last two days, the only time(s) this has happened over the 13 year record period.

Mean temperature for the month was 6.9  $^{\circ}$ C (6.73) with a high of 20.8  $^{\circ}$ C (17.03) and low of -1.2  $^{\circ}$ C (-1.77). The highest dewpoint of the 13 year period was recorded on the 31st, associated with the warm, moist air coming up from the south - of 13.2  $^{\circ}$ C (11.42).

There was only 1 air frost (4.85) and 7 ground frosts (9.46). On 1 day the temp failed to reach 5 (0.85) and on 12, failed to reach 10 (12.15).

Bright sun hours were 217.2 (212.28) and solar energy 6600 Ly (6334.61). Evapotranspiration was 49.75 mm (48.29) exceeding rainfall of 35.2 mm (35.65). I expect many of you noticed how much surfaces in the area dried over the month.

There were no days on which 20 mm or 10 mm were recorded - largest total 7.6 mm. On average there is 1 day with 10mm - but there hasn't ever been one of 20mm in March.

Average wind speed was 6.1 mph (4.81) with highest day average of 14.4 mph (11.61). Highest gust was 44 mph (40.38) with 2 days over 35 mph and 5 over 30 mph

**April** - what a month! Lots of records broken, with the weather being a significant departure from the norm. This arose from a more or less constant supply of cold, dry air from the north, and high pressure over the country. There was barely an April shower in sight.

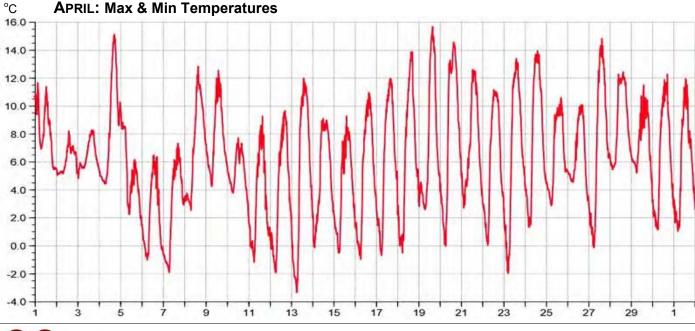
Mean temperature was 6.2  $^{\circ}$ C (9.22) much the coldest for the 13 year period, the nearest being 7.6  $^{\circ}$ C, and colder than March which was 6.9  $^{\circ}$ C (7.3). There were 14 air frosts (2.61) and 16 (5.54) ground frosts. This was 8 more air frosts than in any other April, and 7 more ground frosts. 14 was also equal with January and February for air frost this year - which was higher than normal - average 10.5 for January and 6.92 for February. The number of frosts was quite exceptional.

The lowest temperature recorded was -3.4  $^{\circ}$ C (-0.87) and the highest of 15.8  $^{\circ}$ C (21.25) much the lowest. Dewpoints were consistently low - with the lowest of -8.5  $^{\circ}$ C (-3.33) being the lowest over the 13 year period.

At the same time, April 2021 was also the sunniest over the 13 year period - 309.5 hrs (284.39). Solar energy was 11,750 Ly (10585) at the top end, and evapotranspiration 82.8 mm (74.87).

Not surprisingly, rainfall was at a record low for April at 1.6 mm (27.68) the lowest by a very long distance.

Average windspeed was 6 mph (4.19) the windiest over the period with highest gust at 30 mph (32.38). Our gustiest winds come from between North West and South, as a rule.





### NAYLAND FIRST RESPONSE TEAM

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

First Responders are volunteers with life-saving skills who attend medical emergencies where they live or work on behalf of the ambulance service. Because they volunteer in their community they can often reach a patient before an ambulance or first response car.

### Interested in joining the Nayland First Response Team?

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

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

# FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES:

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**

30th May	10.00am	Stoke	HC	4th July	8.00am 10.00am	Nayland Stoke	HC HC
6th June	8.00am 10.00am	Nayland Stoke	HC HC		10.00am	Wiston	MP
	10.00am	Wiston	MP	11th July	10.00am 10.00am	Nayland Stoke	HC MP
13th June	10.00am	Nayland	HC	18th July	10.00am	Polstead	HC
20th June	10.00am 10.00am	Stoke Polstead	MP HC	Totribuly	10.00am	Nayland	Family@Nayland
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27th June	10.00am 10.00am	Nayland Leavenheath	HC HC	25th July	10.00am	Leavenheath	MP
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**IMPORTANT.** Pre booking is not required but please do remember to fill in the track and trace form as you enter, wear a mask and observe social distancing. Sanitising gel is provided.

We know that it will take time before everyone will feel comfortable or confident about returning to in person services so **online services** will continue to be provided for the foreseeable future. Please email Revd Val - <u>mrsvarmstrong@</u> <u>hotmail.com</u>- or the link if you do not already receive it or follow the link on the website **www.naylandchurches.wordpress.com** 

**Private prayer**, usual opening times: Nayland daily 10-5pm, Wiston daily 9-5pm Stoke daily 9-5pm, Polstead Sundays only 11-4pm, Leavenheath Daily 10-5pm

### FROM THE REGISTERS

MARRIAGES



Paul Coward & Kirsty King

#### Dear All,

As I write this letter in May, it feels like April, sunshine and showers- lots of them! It has been a strange year for weather and in many other ways too. Not being able to come together in church to worship, in the most difficult year I have ever known, has been hard. It has been wonderfully uplifting to be back in church.

I felt a real sense of homecoming in so many ways. The service began with confession, in words I have known and reflected on for nearly 60 years. Not much fun in that you might think but I would respectfully beg to differ. Sunday by Sunday, I am challenged to acknowledge my failures and limitations: not to be judged or made to feel bad but to be forgiven and set free to start the week with a clean sheet. Just like everyone else there, in the place that as St. Augustine put it, is a both a community of saints and a school for sinners.

Many people say that they feel closer to God in nature and in the beauty and richness of creation that surrounds us. That is not surprising. It is easy to see God's goodness in what he has made but not so easy to see how or why God loves us: those who so often get it wrong, who hurt or damage each other and the world he made.

There's an expression these days, "Get real". Church is about just that, the reality check that however hard we try we cannot live up to human standards, let alone God's.... but God has a plan!"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him might not perish but have everlasting life "John 3.16. Easter is God's plan. And here's how it works.

There's an old joke about the man who died and went to heaven. Of course, St. Peter met him at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you've done, and I give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in." "Okay," the man said. "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart." "That's wonderful," said St. Peter. "That's worth three points!" "Three points?" said the man. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithes and service." "Terrific!" said St. Peter. "That's certainly worth a point." "One point?!! Well, I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans." "Fantastic, that's good for two more points," said Peter. "Two points!" the man cried. "At this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God." "Bingo, 100 points! Come on in." smiled St. Peter. So come on in, you will not find perfection but you will find a warm welcome and I hope, a profound sense of homecoming to

the Father God who loves you.



## 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...... ~

Donations of books are welcome; in the clearly signed metal box in the Wiston church car park at Newtons Farm <u>before</u> you reach the church.

### CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS ON PAGE 47

In the interregnum please contact Nicola Thorogood on <u>nicola.church@yahoo.com</u> 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.



# PLEASE DO NOT PARK ANYWHERE ON THE GREEN

# DO NOT LIGHT BARBECUES OR FIRES OR CAMP OVERNIGHT

# REMEMBER THE NATIONAL COUNTRYSIDE CODE: PROTECT, RESPECT, ENJOY

Please protect and respect the local wildlife and environment and do not disturb nesting habitats along the riverbank. Take litter home and clean up after your dogs.

ALL CRAFT INCLUDING PADDLE BOARDS MUST HAVE A LICENCE https://www.visitanglianwaterways.org/anglian-pass-application-form

Please keep to the main river route in either direction. The narrow stream in the Mill Lade is not a through route on the river. It is a dead end. Please respect the privacy of local residents.

> NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL pc@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk



# **The Countryside Code**

### Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- · Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways is clear
- · Leave gates and property as you find them
- · Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

### Protect the natural environment

- · Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- · Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo bag it and bin it

### Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures



# COMMUNITY PANTRY & HARDSHIP FUND



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

received funding of  $\pounds400$  from Suffolk County Council, with more support promised if required. We are indebted to James for putting The Community Pantry forward for this funding.

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

The following items are currently needed:

- Fresh fruit & vegetables
- Butter
- Cereal
- Tea & instant coffee
- Toiletries & toothpaste
- Household cleaning stuffs
- · Packets of instant noodles

- Cup-a-soups
- Longlife milkTissues & toilet rolls
- Cat/ dog food
- Jars of Cheesy Pasta
- Tomato Sauce
- Jars of cooking sauces
- Pot noodles
- · Packets of microwave rice
- · Loaves of bread
- Laundry detergent (pods)
- Fresh eggs

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

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

Tel: 01206 262812 Email: <u>mrsvarmstrong@hotmail.com</u> Thank you so very much.

# Feedback from James Finch - Your Stour Valley County Councillor

#### The Year of COVID 19

The year has been dominated for all of us at National and local level by pulling together to overcome the unprecedented incident of Coronavirus throughout the year. The County Council with the Suffolk Fire Service reacted from the very beginning back in March 2020 in many ways to the National guidance given by the Ministry of Health and the NHS. These are just some examples of actions taken by the Council:

- Immediate response supplying the elderly and vulnerable with food packs so that they were well fed and nobody suffered because of the 1st lock down and were unable to visit the shops.
- The collection and dissemination of local data and advice to guide the local policy for best practice control.
- The organisation of Home Schooling with the local authority in maintained schools
- The introduction of "Home but not Alone" free phone line for the lonely.
- · Support Lines for those with Financial Worries.
- The follow up to Test and Trace and now recently totally co-ordinated at the local level since March 2021.
- Local co-ordination of the Vaccination programme with Clinical Commissioning Groups via the Director of Public Health.

There will be lots of lessons learnt for this last year and no doubt our future *modus operandi* both in work and leisure will be different in the future.

#### **RESURFACING OF 25% OF THE SUFFOLK HIGHWAY**

On 5th August it was announced that Suffolk Highways completed its 1000th resurfaced mile following the Council's commitment to relay new road surfaces on a quarter of Suffolk's road network. In 2017 Suffolk County Council's Cabinet committed to resurfacing 1,000 miles of road across Suffolk over a four-year period in a bid to improve the quality of roads and reduce the number of potholes. There is still more to do ! **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS** 

In September it was announced that 100 fast charging points for electric vehicles were to be built in rural parts of the county. The council have reached out to interested parish and town councils and non-profit organisations to put in fast chargers where there are currently none. The funding will cover the installation and set-up costs, meaning very little expense for the hosts and possibly creating a source of income for them. The up take has been good.

#### CHOICE OF SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

On National Offer Day 98.57% of Suffolk children were offered a place at one of the schools preferred by their parents. Suffolk County Council received 7,602 applications from parents indicating which primary school they would prefer their child to join in September 2021. Some 7,116 children received offers for their first preference school and 7,493 children

received an offer for one of their three preferred schools. SUFFOLK'S RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

In response to its declaration of a climate emergency, SCC aims to lead the way with an unparalleled range of activities and policy changes to support its ambition of being a 'net zero' authority by 2030.

#### INVESTMENT IN SUFFOLK'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The County Council will be investing in tree-planting, restoring hedgerows, and improving roadside verges for wildlife.

£228,000 from the Suffolk 2020 Fund will enable Suffolk County Council to enhance its work to protect and encourage biodiversity in the county. The authority will do this through a number of new schemes, as well as building on existing work. SUFFOLK ARCHIVES NEW HOME "THE HOLD" WELCOMES FIRST VISITORS IN 2020

Monday 28th September saw the public able to access The Hold, Suffolk's flagship new heritage facility on Ipswich Waterfront. This versatile new building will be the permanent home of the Suffolk Archives Ipswich branch and is shared with the University of Suffolk, who have dedicated teaching spaces within the building. The creation of The Hold, and its associated countywide programme of events and activities, has been made possible thanks to a grant of £10.3m from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, and further funding support from other national organisations and local Suffolk heritage groups. **BETTER BROADBAND FOR SUFFOLK REACHES** 

### 100,000TH CUSTOMER

By June 3, more than 100,000 households across Suffolk were using faster broadband, thanks to the council-led Better Broadband for Suffolk programme. The partnership - between Suffolk County Council, Openreach, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (NALEP) and local councils – has made faster broadband available to around 150,000 premises so far, since being launched in 2010. It means the current total superfast broadband coverage in Suffolk now stands at more than 98 per cent coverage.

The team has plans to go even further, after today announcing an additional phase of work, to provide connectivity to approximately 5,000 more premises, including over 550 businesses, in some of the most rural parts of Suffolk under Phase 3.

#### **COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 6TH MAY**

I am honoured to have been elected as your County Councillor for a 4th term. May I thank all readers for the confidence they have shown in me for the next 4 years. As before I am here to represent everyone who lives in the Stour Valley Division at the County Council and will continue to do so to the best of my ability.

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



All craft must be registered to take to the water on any part of the Inland Waterway network of England. The Environment Agency takes enforcement action if it finds any boat moored or in use if it is not displaying a current, valid registration plate.

The **River Stour Trust** can issue craft registrations on behalf of the Environment Agency. Registered craft are permitted to travel the whole length of the Stour Navigation, from Brundon Mill to Cattawade. The annual fee (1 Apr-31 Mar) is £44.20 per private unpowered craft. Monthly and weekly licences are available.

Register at: <u>https://www.riverstourtrust.org/river-trips/</u> navigation-guide/craft-registrations/

Alternatively, membership of **British Canoeing** includes a licence for many waterways in England. They have a number of membership plans: individual adult costs £45. Membership covers the member and not the craft.

Join at https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/

Wherever you obtain your licence you need to carry proof with you when you paddle; if you don't have proof when you're asked you could face a hefty fine.

# **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

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**USED INKJET CARTRIDGES** for Woodland Corner. Please leave them on the wall by our back gate (opposite the vicarage)

# KENNY'S SESAW NEWS



My old tummy trouble flared up last month so Ollie stepped in to write our news. He also provided the best laugh I've had in ages when Mum caught him trying to converse with a toy parrot! Seeing the superior 'cat who walks by himself' failing to get a response from a stuffed toy cheered me up REPORT IT REPORT IT IT MAY HAVE CUBS THAT  $A_{E_{E_O}}$  to  $B_E$ NORTH EAST ESSEX BADGER GROUP HOTLINE: 07751 572 175 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY OTTER HOTLINE: 03708 506 506

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SEE A DEAD BADGER.

no end! Next time he mocks my canine intelligence I'll call him Pretty Ollie!

Although we are not holding any fundraising events, our trusty volunteers attend sales and markets including the Community Markets in Langham. We have received a generous donation of £250 from Polstead Community Shop, thank you to both the proprietors and customers. At last, life is getting back to normal with the return of the Nayland 10K Run on Sunday 11th July. SESAW is one of the charities to benefit from this excellent event. More details at: www.nayland10k.co.uk

Over the last year the demand for pets has increased dramatically and theft is rife. Dogs have been taken, not only from owners and walkers whilst outdoors but from kennels and gardens in broad daylight. Please stay vigilant at all times to keep your beloved companions safe and avoid the heartbreak of a missing pet.

We have a few dogs for rehoming including, Tasmin and Tarla, lively five and six year old staffies, homeless through no fault of their own. They are spayed, microchipped, vaccinated and ready for lots of walks and cuddles in a loving home.

It's time to accompany Mum on her evening rounds before nightfall then it's a cosy bed by the fire for me, *Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.* Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare (*Reg Charity No.1124029*) Stoke

Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. <u>www.sesaw.co.uk</u> Tel: 01787 210888 Email: info@sesaw.co.uk

Volunteers Needed to Listen to Children Read in Primary Schools

Could you become a Schoolreaders volunteer and help children catch up on vital reading skills?

Schools are now open but the impact of Coronavirus on education means that thousands of children won't have had the opportunity to practise reading during lockdown. In a normal year, one in four children leave primary school unable to read well. Estimates suggest many children have fallen further behind. It is also a very rewarding volunteer opportunity, knowing you are making a valuable contribution and seeing the results of your support as the children gain confidence and ability.

Schoolreaders need more volunteers in your area to support children's reading and help them catch up on their lost education. If you want to make a difference to a child's life, apply to become a Schoolreader. No qualifications are needed; just a love of reading, some spare time each week and a willingness to go where the children need you the most.

The process to become a Schoolreader takes a few weeks, so please apply now so you can be ready to start as soon as it can be arranged.



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To join us, please visit the website www.schoolreaders.org/volunteerapplication-form or call us 01234 924111 for further information.

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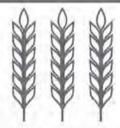
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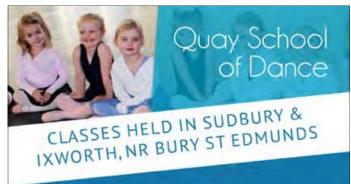


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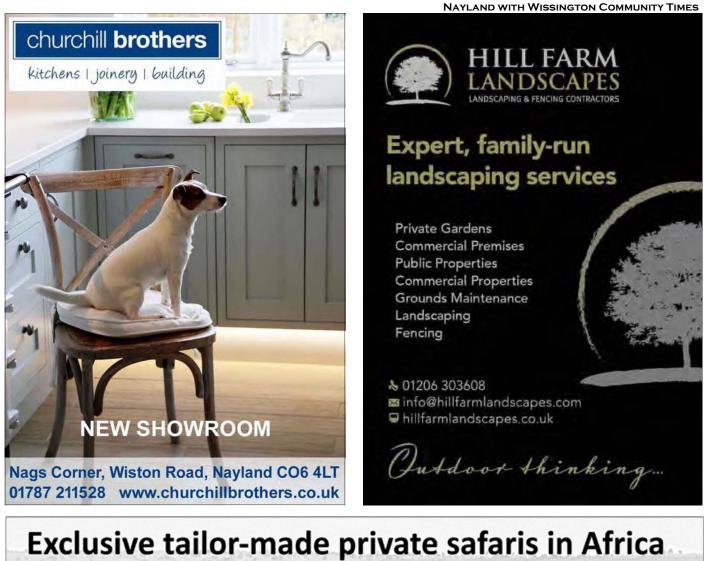




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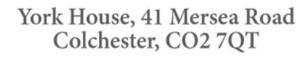
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# ST. JAMES' CHURCH HALL **HIRE CHARGES**

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MINIMUM CHARGE (2 hours)	£10.00
Weekends (Hourly Rates)	£6.00
MINIMUM CHARGE (2 hours)	£12.00

During Winter: Heating Vouchers @ £1 each

Bookings: online at www.naylandandwiston.net or Rachel Skells 262422 naylandchurchhall@yahoo.com Contact 262309 / 07900 581347 for combination to key box

## NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL **HIRE CHARGES** (from 1 January 2019)

Includes: Main Hall, Stage, Kitchen, Bar Area and Toilets. Licence to provide Alcohol: £25 additional fee.

MINIMUM HALL HIRE:

### 2 HOURS FOR VILLAGE SOCIETIES, 3 HOURS FOR OTHERS

Sunday – Friday Hourly Rates	Residents	Non Residents		
9am – midnight	£12.00	£18.00		
Meeting Room (minimum 3 hours)	£6.00	£21.00		
Playing Field only (all day)	£60.00	£60.00		
Changing Rooms (all day)	£25.00	£25.00		
Saturday				
Daytime until 6pm	Hourly Rates as above			
Evening 6pm-midnight	£140.00 £210.00			
Playing Field, Changing Rooms & Meeting Room	Hourly Rates as above			

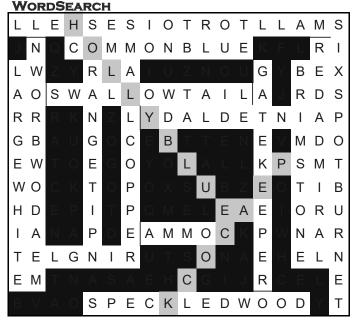
Reduced rates for regular users can be negotiated with the Treasurer. Peter Mann on 262830

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#### **ANAGRAM SOLUTION**

1 Vegetable Patch, 2 Greenhouse, 3 Potting Shed, 4 Rose Arbour, 5 Raised Bed, 6 Herb Wheel, 7 Ornamental Pond, 8 Walled Garden, 9 Herbaceous Border, 10 Terrace

### **USEFUL WEBSITES**

- Babergh Planning: www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/
- Refuse Collections: https://www.babergh.gov.uk/wasteservices/collection-days/
- Highways Reporting: https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/
- To check on roadworks: https://roadworks.org/
- To check water issues: https://inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/
- Useful local social media group sites:
- https://www.facebook.com/groups/ StokeByNaylandBoxfordLeavenheathNaylandBures/
- https://nextdoor.co.uk/news\_feed/

# SCHOOL TERM DATES 2021

Half Term: 31 May – 4 June Summer Term ends: 20 July

<b>BUS TIMETABLES</b> Service 84 & 784					Timetable from 2 September 2020				No service on Sunday or Public Holidays			
Monday to Saturday	84 <b>Sch</b>	784	784	784	784	84A Th	784	784	84 <b>NS</b>			
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# VILLAGE DIARY

As the Government's road map gradually relaxes Covid-19 restrictions - guided by data not dates - village activities are slowly and with caution able to resume. The village hall and church hall continue to review the situation in line with Government recommendations and hope to reopen fully after 21st June. Some church services and activities are resuming with the option to attend remotely *(see page 39 for church details)*. Details below will continue to be subject to change so please keep an eye on village noticeboards, emails, social media and keep in touch with organisers.

Weekly on We	ednesdays: Coffee, C	ake & Conversation is resuming 10am to noon at St James' page 31					
<b>May</b> 26th 31st	Calendar Photographic Competition: Deadline for entries <i>page 10</i> Conservation Society: Annual Footpath Walk 2.20pm Boxford <i>page 19</i> & 28						
<b>June</b> 4th-6th 5th-6th 7th 9th 13th 21st 28th	Calendar Photographic Competition: Residents vote for their favourite images page 10 Conservation Society: Photographs taken of 'Open Gardens' page 18 & 28 Village Hall Management Committee: Virtual meeting 7.30pm page 35 & 47 Parish Council: meeting public by Zoom 7.30pm but subject to change page 7 & 47 Conservation Society: Virtual Open Gardens will be available to view page 18 & 28 Fun Food & Festivities: planning meeting 7.30pm by Zoom page 6 Conservation Society: Peter Tatum 'The Stour Valley Path' page 19 & 28						
<b>July</b> 5th 8th 11th 14th 15th	Village Hall Manage Nayland 10K: Fun F Parish Council: mee	: meeting by Zoom 8pm <i>(Exec 7.30pm) page 9 &amp; 47</i> ement Committee: Virtual meeting 7.30pm <i>page 35 &amp; 47</i> Run starting from Littlegarth School <i>page 15</i> eting public by Zoom 7.30pm but subject to change <i>page 7 &amp; 47</i> Over 60s: Summer Garden Tea Party at Longwood Barn <i>page 11 &amp; 29</i>					
August 2nd 7th 11th 16th 28th-29th	Nayland Flower Sho Parish Council: sum Royal British Legior	ement Committee: Virtual meeting 7.30pm page 35 & 47 ow 2pm-5pm page 19 & 31 omer meeting only held if needed for urgent matters page 7 & 47 n: meeting 7.30pm Church Hall page 27 ies at Nayland Village Hall page 6					
Forward Planner	3rd September 8th September	Baby & Toddler Group: weekly session resume Fridays 9.30am Village Hall page 18 & 33 HortSoc: Outing to Kew Gardens page 11 & 31					
'Events to hopefully look forward to!	8th September 18th September tba September 1st October 20th October 29th October 5th November 2nd-4th December 4th December February 2022 June 2022	HortSoc: Outing to Kew Gardens page 11 & 31         Woodland Corner: Inflatable Fun Day 2pm-5pm Village Hall Playing Field page 15 & 34         Nayland Cinema page 27         Race Night in aid of St Helena Hospice page 11         Village Lunch: speaker Mark Mitchels page 29         HortSoc: Andrew Sankey 'Funny Garden Features' page 31         Bonfire & Fireworks page 8         Village Players: production (provisional) page 30         Christmas Fayre page 8         Fun Village Quiz page 8         Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Event page 8					

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