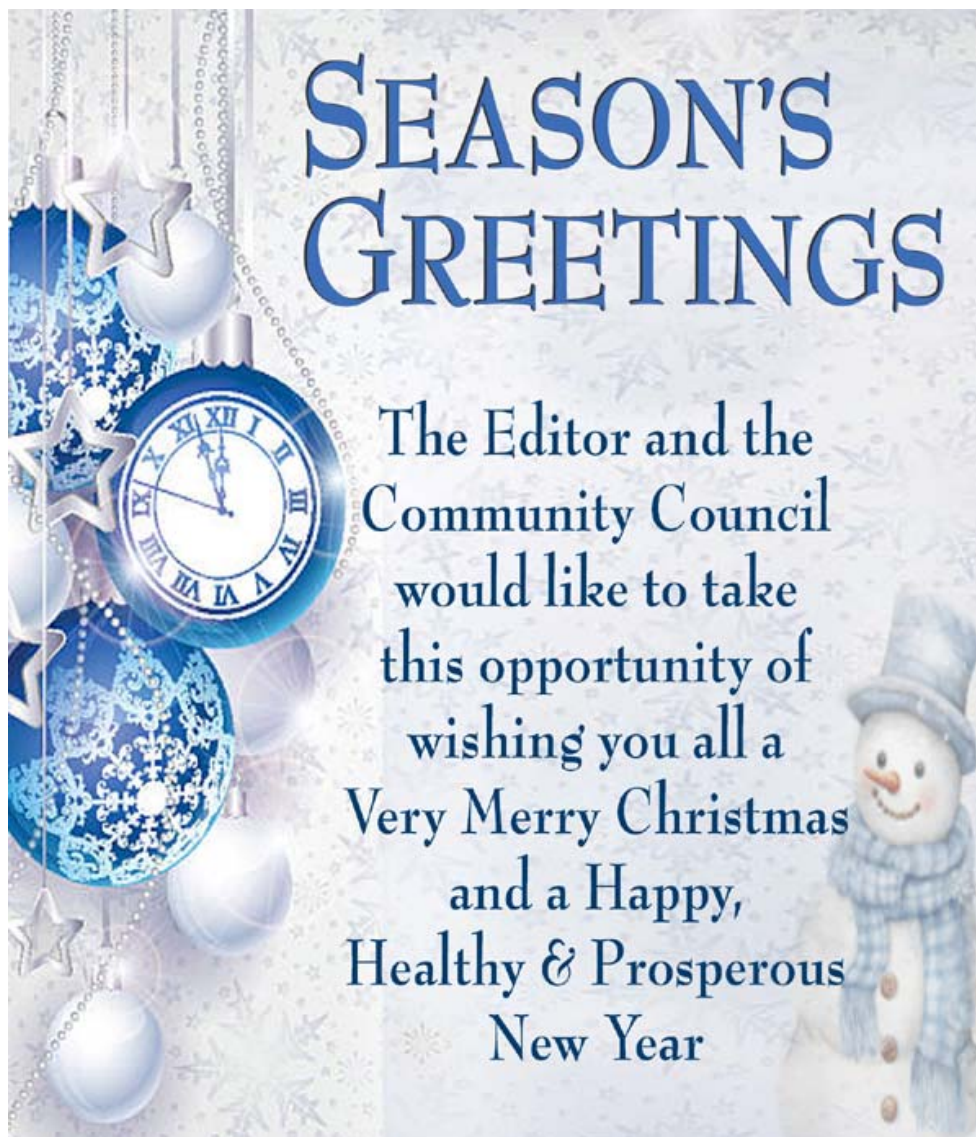




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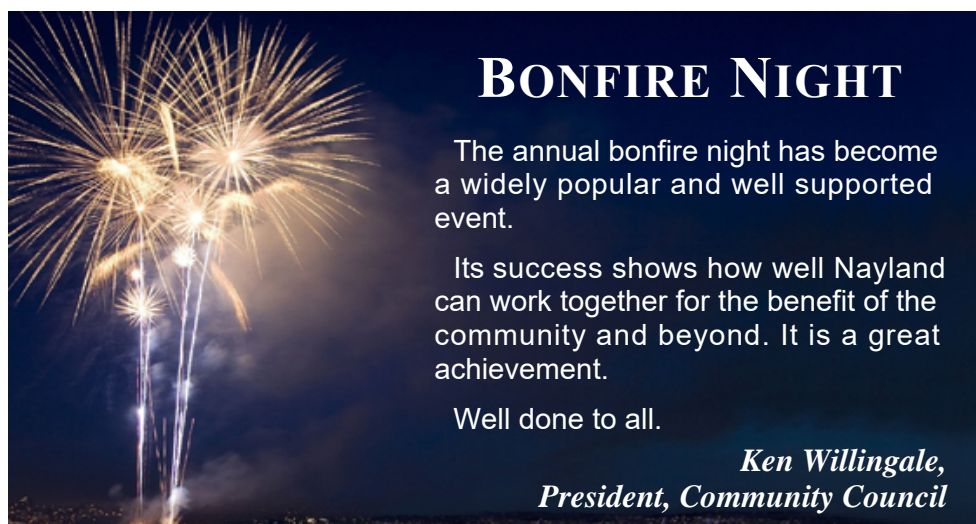
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# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes by observer of the meeting: 11th October 2023

(Minutes will be available on PC notice board in the High Street or <http://naylandwithwissington.suffolk.cloud/> after the next meeting)

Laura Erith chaired the meeting.

### PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the group organising a memorial for the Jane Walker Hospital residents, who were laid to rest in the Burial Ground, thanked the Parish Council for their support and said the project is coming to fruition. The campaign raised sufficient funds for the memorial stone which will list the residents buried there.

The issue of recent planning applications for a total of 77 dwellings in Leavenheath was raised; and the negative impact this could have on Nayland, including the school and doctors and the roads.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece said the Church Lane sign is back in place. She has been pursuing a resolution for the damage to the tree/hedge near the old bus shelter on Harpers Estate.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR

James Finch said the weed control should have been carried out, but he has concerns that the product they are using may not be sufficient. The unlit bollards on the A134 junction are being chased and the Wiston Road ditch situation is being investigated.

### PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh have granted permission at **Timbers 22 Court Street [DC/23/04030]** for works to trees - remove 3 lowest lateral limbs growing on the garage roof to allow 1m clearance to a Yew (T1) and fell dead stem of Hawthorn (T2) and at **Stour House, 23 Court Street [DC/23/04008]** for works to trees - apply bio char and microzo fungi to 1 Cherry (T1), fell 1 Cherry (T2), remove deadwood of 1 Ornamental Cherry (T3) and remove water shoots on main stem and spray woodwork mixture onto areas showing evidence of live wood worm; fell 1 Cherry Plum Tree (T4), raise canopy of 1 Oak (T5) to a height of 1.5 meters above ground level, fell 1 Ash (T6), prune back 500mm of 1 Lime (T7) maintaining natural shape.

Discharge of Conditions were refused at **82 Bear Street [DC/23/03572]** for condition 3 - timber frame, infill and brickwork repairs and condition 4 - insulation and render.

Between meetings councillors had no objections at **Hillside, 14 Stoke Road [DC/23/04342]** to listed building consent for construction of 7 Photovoltaic panels on the rear west facing roof; at **Stour House, 23 Court Street [DC/23/04008]** for work to trees (details as above), and at **9 Birch Street [DC/23/04577]** for erection of outbuilding for use as a home office/summer house.

Discussing an application at Hill Farm Business Centre, Harpers Hill [DC/23/04190] for construction of 1 storage unit building comprising 6 separate storage spaces councillors objected to the proposals on the grounds: "the lack of detail as the application stands. site is located on former agricultural land in the AONB. It is a sensitive location and next to luxury holiday accommodation. Therefore, if compliance with the necessary Planning Policies was found, essential conditions must be incorporated. These should cover the maintenance of screening, restricting operating hours and minimising the environmental impact, all to the level expected in the AONB. Operating hour restrictions and light and noise pollution prevention should be in place both through the construction phase and thereafter. Conditions should be in place to protect the amenity of neighbours and the neighbouring holiday business. Should this development be approved with relevant conditions in place, a programme of robust monitoring is essential to ensure continued compliance in this sensitive location."

Gerry Battye said he had visited the new affordable housing built recently in Stoke by Nayland. Owen Brown said that Community Action Suffolk would be happy to come along to a PC meeting to discuss a future housing needs here.

Isabelle Reece advised that some parishes are considering a less complex Neighbourhood Plan - Neighbourhood Plan Lite - which is being piloted and agreed to provide details. This will remain as an agenda item.

### 20MPH

Further discussion took place on the Conservation Society's proposal for introduction of a 20mph zone or speed limit in the village. Mike Hunter explained the exceptional circumstances required to pursue a 20mph speed limit. There were mixed views on pursuing the 20 mph limit, however, consensus on the desire to make the village safer. It was agreed to request a site meeting with SCC Highways to discuss traffic calming options.

### RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Councillors had been advised that the surveyor for the Diocese agreed that the Fairfield Drive needed attention and was in the process of obtaining quotes for repair work; as there has been no news Debbie Hattrell will ask for an update.

Dawn Harris gave an update on the lasting memorial project on Caley Green. The design of the railing around the tree needs to be modified to allow for maintenance. Work to re-profile the culvert and remove debris and reeds from its mouth are being carried out by SCC contractors. Installation of revetment is still outstanding, is not yet scheduled and the work to the long reed bed is still to be completed by SCC.

### BURIAL GROUND

The Jane Walker Memorial project to provide a memorial for patients that once resided at the hospital is progressing. Councillors approved the location and design of the memorial; the wording included and the names of those being remembered was yet to be approved.

It was noted that parking in the new bays at the turning circle is often at full capacity.

### IN BRIEF:

Progress of the Village Hall roof project is dependent on pending grant applications. The autumn VH gardening morning will be on 28th October.

The Allotment rent renewals have been requested. There are currently two people on the waiting list; one from a neighbouring parish.

## WINTER SOLSTICE PICNIC ON CALEY GREEN

Just a reminder that this event, which is a tradition going back as far as - last year, will take place on Caley Green on Thursday 21st December at 1pm. The summer event was a great success and it is so important to keep these old customs alive. All welcome, bring nibbles and a hot drink !

**Chris Hunt**





## Notes by observer of the meeting: 8th November 2023

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Robin Thorogood chaired the meeting.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR

James Finch advised that some funding has become available from central Government to help the provision of buses and bus routes. It is necessary to bid for what is required. James has been liaising with bus companies to see what may be achievable towards a better service for the next few years.

### 20MPH

Further discussion took place on the Conservation Society's proposal for introduction of a 20mph zone of speed limit in the village. Councillors were reminded that there needs to be evidence backing up a need for this; there have been no significant accidents. Debbie Hattrell pointed out that councillors had requested a site meeting with SCC Highways to see what other traffic calming measures could be put in place; it is hoped a meeting would provide guidance on options and what evidence is needed.

### PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE

Discussing quotations and priority for works it was felt that immediate maintenance and works which extend the life of equipment should take priority. This includes: hedgework along Candy Lane; hedgework on the allotment field, repair/replacement benches; pressure washing/staining of wooden play equipment. Other items should be put forward for the finance committee to consider, for example the wooden fence replacement at Fairfield.

Some complexities around reserves of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) were explained. There is a timescale of 5 years to spend, or allocate, these funds which can be used on new projects (not maintenance), such as used recently towards new play equipment at Fairfield and new refuse and dog bins.

The finance committee need to consider the timescale and what's allocated when considering how the CIL money is spent. In connection with the possibility of CIL money being allocated towards provision of a community defibrillator in Wiston; further details would be needed prior to consideration.

### PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh have granted permission at **16 Bear Street [DC/23/03841]** for erection of cart lodge (following removal of a summer house); at **9 Birch Street [DC/23/04577]** for erection of outbuilding for use as a home office/summer house; at **The Coach House 86 Bear Street [DC/23/04127]** for erection of first floor rear extension, extended raised patio, insertion of new French doors and Juliet balcony.

They granted at **82 Bear Street [DC/23/04999]** a discharge of conditions application for DC/23/02387 - condition 3 timber frame, infill and brickwork repairs and condition 4 insulation, render backing and render.

Babergh raised no objection at **Bridge House 27 Court Street [DC/23/04723]** for works to trees to remove to ground level a small Sycamore Tree (T2) and cut back overhanging branches between 1 - 3 meters 2 Cherry Plum trees.

An application at **Hill Farm Business Centre Harpers Hill [DC/23/04190]** for construction of one storage unit building comprising 6 separate storage spaces has been withdrawn.

Between meetings councillors had no objections to a Lawful Development Certificate at **Sandpits Farm Campions Hill [DC/23/04596]** for continued use of agricultural land as garden land associated with the residential dwelling; or to listed building consent at **Hill House 11 Gravel Hill [DC/23/04871]** to replace /

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## Christmas Dates To Remember

Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall on Sunday and Monday this year, and New Year's Day is on the following Sunday.

### Doctors Surgery

Open Friday 22nd December. Closed Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th December.  
Open Wednesday 27th December - Friday 29th December 8am-6.30pm  
Closed Saturday 30th - Monday 1st January, Open as normal from Tuesday 2nd January  
*Don't forget to your order prescriptions early for collection before Christmas and before New Years Eve. Out of hours emergency NHS 111. Further details on page 30*

### Bus Services *See page 46 for bus timetables*

### Refuse Collection

Collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Friday 22 December.  
Blue bins: collections due Thursday 28th December will be Saturday 30th December  
collections due on Friday 29th December will be on Tuesday 2nd January  
Black bins: collections due Thursday 4th January will be Saturday 6th January  
collections due on Friday 5th January will be on Monday 8th January  
Blue bins: collections due Thursday 11th January will be Friday 12th January  
collections due on Friday 12th January will be on Saturday 13th January  
Brown bins: no collection between 25th December - 7th January.  
*Leave bins out by 6.30am. See page 39 for Babergh's full schedule*

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**Visit Father Christmas**

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repair roof tiles and insertion of 3 windows within roofslope as long as the heritage team are content with these proposals.

Discussing an application at **5 Elm Grove [DC/23/04998]** for erection of single storey side extension (following removal of attached garage), erection of one and a half storey rear extension and front dormer window extension, including widening driveway councillors had no objections.

Tricia Fuller raised the issue that the Council was not receiving information from Babergh relating to some amendments and re-applications – despite being assured by chief planning officers at a meeting in May they would in future be advised. In relation to such an issue regarding 82 Bear Street District Councillor Isabelle Reece had agreed to look into the matter.

On the subject of affordable housing Owen Brown said he continues to look into inviting Community Action Suffolk to come along to advise the PC on procedures and other necessary factors involved when considering community affordable housing.

Councillors heard that currently SALC (Suffolk Association of Local Councils) are not offering any training sessions relating to planning; as soon as sessions are available councillors will take advantage of them. In view of the changing situation regarding planning this would be particularly useful for councillors.

## HIGHWAYS

Tricia Fuller raised the issue of potholes along the lower stretch of Harpers Estate; these will be reported.

The PC are tenants of the land on Harpers Estate where the old bus shelter sits. Debris following damage and remedial work has been left on site despite requests for removal. The site was used for the children's attraction with Nayland Bear at Halloween, and will be again over Christmas. Isabelle Reece agreed to chase this up with Babergh but the problem has not been resolved; Debbie Hattrell will check if there is any progress.

## RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Councillors were advised in September that the surveyor for the Diocese agreed that Fairfield Drive needed attention and was in the process of obtaining quotes for repair work. Debbie Hattrell will continue chasing this.

Dawn Harris gave an update on the lasting memorial project on Caley Green. The Copper Beech tree to celebrate King Charles

III has been planted and a railing surround will be installed by the end of November. The concrete base has been installed for a bench to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II and the bench will be installed soon. A grant towards the costs of this project had been received from the Community Council.

Sally Dalton was asked for an update on Caley Green. The SCC appointed contractor had completed re-profiling the culvert and clearing debris and reeds from the mouth of the culvert and was pleased at the clear flow achieved during the recent torrential rain. During the work bottles and old revetment had been removed. An 8 feet depth of silt has built up considerably reducing the capacity of the river. Adjacent reeds have now been removed by the neighbouring property owner. SCC's Matthew Lee does not anticipate any work this year in connection with the installation of new revetment at Caley Green but is hopeful of some management of the reeds.

Gerry Battye pointed out that repair to the rotten railing on Bear Street above the culvert has not been carried out; it was expected this was part of the work at the culvert. Debbie Hattrell will chase this work. It was noted that Pop's Piece took a battering during the recent storms and flooding; the bench needs fixing back in its location. Debbie Hattrell will order this work.

## BURIAL GROUND

The Jane Walker Memorial project to facilitate the creation of a fitting memorial to be erected for patients that resided at the hospital during the 1970s and 80s is coming to fruition. Councillors approved the location and design of the memorial; 48 names have been gathered and submitted to the stonemason. Once finalised Debbie Hattrell will give the go ahead for installation.

## IN BRIEF:

Dawn Harris said the only streetlight in Wiston Road was reported but still not working. Debbie Hattrell will check progress.

Dawn Harris said the recent village hall gardening morning had been productive. The National Lottery grant application for the roof replacement is 'being processed'.

Councillors felt the Community Council's Bonfire Night had been a great show well done. A councillor mentioned that it does not have music; it was suggested that idea could be put forward to the CC.

Dawn Harris advised that the allotment inspections had been carried out.



## KEEP NAYLAND VIBRANT - AND HAVE FUN ALONG THE WAY!

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

It seems to be a consequence of many factors that Nayland and Wiston village life has changed somewhat in recent years, particularly post-Covid.

It is important that community energy should be encouraged... BUT it can only flourish with the involvement of residents. You will see listed below a few village organisations that would be pleased to welcome new committee members or helpers. If you think you may be interested, please make enquires. Being part of a group is rewarding and you will meet new friends.

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You could help our village event organisers enormously just by making a comment (however brief), or asking a question, when you spot a promotion on social media.

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### VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

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- **Parish Council** have vacancies for A parish councillor; they meet on the second Wednesday of the month, see page 3 for details. Contact Debbie Hattrell 01376 425744
- **Community Council** would welcome committee members and/or helpers at community events: they meet 6 times a year, see page 47 for dates. Contact Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member; they meet on the first Monday of the month. Contact Iain Wright 01206 263646
- **Conservation Society** would like another committee member; they meet monthly, usually on a Tuesday. Contact Mike Hunter 01206 264100
- **Nayland Choir:** would like another committee member; they rehearse on Thursdays (during term time) at 8pm at Nayland Primary School.
- **Village Lunch** is a friendly team needing help with preparing and serving lunches in mid-April and mid October. Contact Gale Scott 01206 262061

*Please support the events organised by our wonderful village groups. They are so important to the well being and future of our community but need your participation in order to continue.*

### NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING PARTIES

Chair: **Laura Erith** (until February)  
lauraerith@icloud.com  
**Robin Thorogood** (from March)  
newtons.farm@gmail.com

Vice Chair: Dawn Harris

#### WORKING PARTIES:

Allotments: Dawn Harris, Laura Erith, Adam Birchweaver  
Burial Ground: Laura Erith, Owen Brown  
Caley Green: Robin Thorogood, Owen Brown, Sally Dalton,  
Fairfield: Gerry Battye, Robin Thorogood, Dawn Harris  
Finance: Robin Thorogood, Tricia Fuller, Laura Erith,  
Sam Treharne  
Footpaths: Sally Bartrum (Footpath Warden)  
Highways: All councillors with individual areas  
Planning: All councillors  
Trees: Terry Bannister (Tree Warden), all councillors

**BEWARE**  
**SPATE OF BURGLARIES**  
**IN WISTON & NAYLAND**



Be vigilant, there have been a spate of daytime burglaries in the Nayland & Wiston area. Keep everything locked and watch out for suspicious activity.

### NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

#### CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE

Donations of prizes for the Community Council's raffle at the Christmas Family Fayre on Saturday 2nd December would be very much appreciated. They can be left at 107 Bear Street or brought along on the day.

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL in St James' Church

#### Volunteers required to help with refreshments

Saturday 9th December 10am to 4pm  
Sunday 10th December 11am to 4pm  
Saturday 16th December 10.30am to 3.30pm

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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 30th October 2023 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 263169

Full minutes available at: [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

Claire Buller welcomed members to the meeting.

**Executive Committee:** As always we welcome new members to join the team. It is an enjoyable friendly village committee that provides positive events and facilities for the community. Contact Rachel on 07788 954309 or [rachel\\_hitchcock@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com) if you would like to know more.

**Fundraising Activities/Events:** We have a good deal of activities being planned currently but as always future ideas and support are welcome.

**Community Defibrillator:** Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. The defibrillator at the Village Hall is managed by the CC.

Regarding the possibility a defibrillator in Wiston: Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) confirmed a defibrillator could operate without a power supply; the cost would be in the region £2,300; a location by the Parish Council noticeboard in Wiston has been mooted. The possibility of this being eligible for a CIL grant from Babergh was discussed at the last PC meeting; Sam Treharne said this is being looked into further by the Clerk.

The CC with the First Responders have been hoping to organise another first aid course. Tracy Le Grys, on behalf of the First Responders, said they have recently held successful CPR and defibrillator courses in Assington and asked if these courses would be welcomed in Nayland. It was felt this was an excellent idea.

**River Stour Water Level Gauge:** Rachel Hitchcock has spoken to the SCC Properties Officer; there would be no problem with the water gauge being installed on the Caley Green riverbank but exact location details (between the proposed wooden revetment and the long reed bed) should be confirmed with him.

The surveyor confirmed change of location to the south bank would not affect the datum mark for the above sea level gauge. Rachel has spoken to Danny Thurlow regarding installation; he will research what's involved and if he can help he will. As a reminder the cost for installation totalled £1,380 inc VAT (oak post £450 + VAT, Gauge Boards £450 + VAT, backing boards £250 + VAT).

**Online Ticketing Facility:** [NaylandEvents.org](http://NaylandEvents.org) – This has become increasingly useful for selling tickets to village events. If village organisations wish to use this facility to sell tickets for their events contact Justin Dowding at [jpdowding@gmail.com](mailto:jpdowding@gmail.com).

**Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III commemorative feature:** This is a Parish Council project, however, they sought our suggestions for a feature to commemorate the late Queen and the coronation of the new King. The CC have awarded a grant towards the costs. Sam Treharne said work was due to commence installing the bench and planting the tree.

**Village Hall Roof Project:** *Grant funding & fundraising events.* Iain Wright said the 'Nayland Family Festival' incorporating Woodland Corner's 'Inflatable Day' was held in September; it was a cut down version of what was originally planned, due to the slow take up of ticket sales, but still successful. There was £1,500 profit for the roof project and £500 was raised by Woodland Corner. In total £7,000 was made from all the roof fundraiser events. They are still waiting to hear from the lottery regarding the submitted grant application.

**Nayland Post Office:** The Sorting Office closed at the end of August. The Post Office is still open. There is no further news regarding the PO premises and PO service being taken over.

**Community Involvement:** Ideas to help raise participation of village groups and events are welcome. An item headed 'Volunteer Vacancies' has been added to the Community Times, listing the various volunteers needed by different groups; please let Lorraine know if you have vacancies to be included along with an idea of the level of commitment needed. It is thought this helped one society gain a committee member.

It would be helpful if everyone, when they see promotions for Nayland events on Facebook, could make a comment (however

brief) and not just click on 'like' which is no help.

**Village Hall Gardening Morning:** The autumn garden tidy was held on 28th October. About a dozen volunteers attended.

**St James' Flower Festival: 9th & 10th September.** Kathy Hunt was thanked for organising this event with floral arrangements from village groups and individuals as well as a display of clergy vestments and old bibles. Rachel Hitchcock was thanked for creating a lovely flower arrangement representing the CC's firework display. Visitors enjoyed the displays, refreshments and relaxed atmosphere.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Matt Cable gave his report to 30th Oct. **Breakdown of profits:** Community Times £938.24, Calendar £114.89, Quiz £564.44, deposit interest £330.86. **Grants paid:** Nayland Bear £100, First Responders £2,165.60, PC Commemorative Bench & Tree £1,538. **Expenses:** Coronation Party £519.81, Bonfire night expenses £1,110.50, Hall hire charges £32, annual insurance premium £631.36.

**Current Position:** The accounts show reserves of £22,359 represented by Deposit a/c monies £11,164.92, Current a/c monies £10,009.40, Cash in Hand £1,184.68. We hold £88.51 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £10,000, VH coffee machine £280 and Lizzie's Fund £153.

**Therefore, unencumbered assets are £11,837.49.**

Rachel has submitted the required Charity Commission Annual Return in advance of the 31st October deadline.

### GRANTS & DONATIONS:

**Parish Council:** would like a contribution of £1,538 towards installation of a bench, commemorative tree and railing for the late Queen and King Charles. The total cost will be £4,158. This was agreed.

**Nayland Choir:** would like a contribution of £1,538 towards the cost of musicians for their 30th Anniversary concert performing 'Mozart's Requiem' in St James Church on 24th March.

**Nayland First Responders:** Following their offer to organise CPR and defibrillator courses in Nayland free of charge it was agreed to cover the cost of hall hire for the courses.

**Bear Street Christmas Lights:** Having previously agreed to support this much loved seasonal feature, physically or financially, John Spooner has said he will not need our help with putting up the decorations. It was agreed to contribute £100 towards the electricity.

**Community Times & Websites:** Lorraine Brooks thanked all for contributing to recent issues.

**Village Calendar:** Lorraine Brooks said the calendar is on sale at the Post Office, Studio B Hair Salon, Forget Me Not, Mill Street Store and online. Wendy Sparrow is as usual dealing with sales from some local shops and venues. Gladwins Farm shop the Church Coffee Morning, Choir rehearsals, Table Tennis sessions and Wiston Church are also assisting. Many thanks to all who are helping. Suggestions for maximising sales would be much appreciated. If you attend/ organise any events, venues where calendars could be sold please let Lorraine know.

### Forthcoming Activities:

**Bonfire & Fireworks: Sunday 5th November.** Rachel Hitchcock, Claire Buller & Jo Metson leading.

All is in hand. Firework Crazy is doing the display and Fred Bugg doing the bonfire. However, currently there is a very large puddle on the field (the firework/bonfire end); Firework Crazy will be contacted regarding contingency plans and Fred Bugg regarding the bonfire.

Sale of tickets: Online at [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org), in Nayland shops and PO. Cut off for tickets sales needs to be 1400.

Woodland Corner are having a stall. After School Club are going to make a Guy for the bonfire which will sit by the Woodland Corner Stall; Rachel has bought some lanterns for the parade. Ice Cream Van and Fish and Chip Van are confirmed. Tracy



Community Council report continued.....

and the First Responders have agreed to be our designated first aiders again. Claire has in hand: Sausages & rolls (Mill Stores) and Mulled wine, Hot Chocolate (Woodland Corner), Children's squash. Matt is on top of beer and SumUp and floats. Set up is from 2.30pm.

**Christmas Fayre: Saturday 2nd December, 10am-12.30.** Rachel Hitchcock & Vicki Sargent are leading. All is in hand with organisation, but more volunteers are needed to set up and tidy away in particular (especially as Claire and Wayne will not be there. Eight external stallholders have booked including: Janet Rolfe (vintage china), Amie Smith (polymer clay earrings), Sarah Bugg (home-made personal gifts), plus wood carving, general items and face painting. The CC will have £50 first prize on their raffle; other prizes would be appreciated and can be given to Claire in advance or brought along on the day. The Primary School will again provide musical entertainment. Father Christmas and his elf will be present; this year Peter Drew and Rachel.

**Christmas Trail: (windows, trees & wreaths)** Rachel Hitchcock & Lorraine Brooks leading. Trail maps will be given out at the Fayre on 2nd December. Promotion for participation was in the CT, on local social media and email to previous participants (Lorraine) and via School/Woodland Corner parent-mail and WhatsApp (Rachel). Trees and wreaths should be on display from 9th December. Please let Lorraine know if you would like to participate before 25th November so you can be included on the map. Please encourage participation in the fun activity.

**Christmas Tree:** Claire Buller leads. The tree will be put up on Sunday 3rd December at 9.30am; volunteers to help would be welcome – this is an enjoyable activity. It will be taken down on Sunday 7th January at 9.30am. Sean Norfolk is unable to assist; Will Hitchcock will ensure the tree fits its holder.

**Father Christmas' Tour of Nayland, Village:** Claire Buller leads. George Pratt has kindly offered to take Father Christmas round with his Suffolk Punch mare and carriage; backup if she is in foal would be tractor and trailer.

**Fun Village Quiz: Friday 2nd February 2024**

**Community Council AGM: Monday 4th March 2024**

#### SOCIETY REPORTS

**HortSoc:** Trevor Smy said in October Jacqueline Aviolet was a very enthusiastic and amusing speaker on the subject of 'Spices: a super spicy story'. They will be having a stall at the Christmas Fayre. They are planning for 2024; the first event will be the Spring Flower Show on 23rd March so bear this in mind when you are planting your bulbs this autumn.

**Friends of Caley Green:** Sally Dalton reported that SCC's contractors have cleared the culvert and the island of reeds at its mouth to enable proper flow into the river and prevent flooding. During recent heavy rain the flow down the culvert has been fast. The contractor said there had been no evidence of wildlife living in the culvert. He dug out a few old bottles and wooden planks; this confirms that previously wooden revetment had been in place all round the bay. He also said the silt deposit sitting on top of the gravel river bed is about 8 feet deep which considerably reduces the river's capacity for holding flood water.

**First Responders:** Tracy Le Grys said they are wondering if it would be possible to run a couple of CPR and defibrillator courses in the village. They held 4 in Assington during the last few weeks which were very well received; 37 people leaving a lot happier to be able to deal with an emergency of this kind. The course lasts approximately 2 hours and as well as a slide show presentation, there are demonstrations and role playing. The possibility of holding courses in Nayland was discussed; the CC felt this was a good idea.

**Parish Council:** Sam Treharne said that installation of the Coronation tree for King Charles and memorial bench for Queen Elizabeth is about to commence; the Clerk is looking into potential CIL funding in connection with a proposal for a community defibrillator in Wiston. There remains one vacancy on the PC.

**St James Church:** Chris Hunt said the Wednesday Coffee Mornings continue to be very popular and the Flower Festival had been enjoyed by visitors. There was to be a St James' Light Stop for Halloween with candlelight and refreshments for

trick or treaters. Keep your eyes open for details of Christmas services.

**Royal British Legion:** Chris Hunt said the annual Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning will be on 4th November at 10am – 12 noon in the Church Hall. On 11th November the Armistice Day gathering for 2 minutes silence takes place at 11am at the War Memorial in the High Street. On 12th November Remembrance Sunday services take place at the War Memorial Wiston (at 10am), Nayland (10.45am) followed by a service in St James'.

**Art Group:** Kathryn Niven said they have been doing some preparatory drawing with a view to printing cards and are going to Blue Owl to paint some baubles. We continue with our watercolour painting, recently thinking about composition and how the foreground can 'frame' the picture, but we also have an acrylic painting session planned so that we can explore a different media. Taster sessions for new members are free.

**Choir:** Kathryn Niven said they are currently practising for the 'Manchester Carols' concert - a series of songs and readings that interpret the Christmas story. This will be held on 10th December in the Village Hall. They are learning some additional pieces which will also feature in the church carol service. The Choir is planning a special 30th anniversary concert in St James Church on 24th March.

**Book Group:** Kathryn Niven said they recently read 'Minor Disturbances at Grand Life Apartments' by Hema Sukumar. They are now reading 'The Ice Queen' by Alice Hoffman. Although mostly fiction, we cover quite a few genres as we take turns to choose the books; some divide opinion more than others but it always makes for an interesting discussion.

**Christmas Tree Festival:** Kathryn Niven said over 20 village organisations businesses and individuals are taking part or contributing to this event being held on 9th, 10th and 16th December. Donations will benefit Nayland Primary School and St James' Church.

**Village Hall:** Iain Wright said the hall has seen increased use. A noise restrictor is being installed following complaints from neighbours; this has suffered delays due to supply issues. Routine maintenance continues.

**Village Players:** The meeting was reminded that the 'Kidnapped at Christmas' production dates are 23rd-25th November with a matinee on 25th.

**AOB:** Chris Hunt thanked the Community Council for what they do and wished them a Merry Christmas.

**Land Company (Nayland Meadow):** David Slater said it's been pleasing to see how well the length of improved footpath stood up to the recent torrential rain. They are hoping to improve more of the permissive path this winter. They have been trying to come up with a suitable name for the piece of land we manage – currently known as 'Nayland Meadow'; they would welcome any suggestions from local people for a popular and suitable name. Some suggested changing the name of areas can lead to confusion and often the new names are not used.

**Conservation Society:** Mike Hunter reported they will have a table at the Christmas Fayre selling tea towels, books, etc. On 6th November Dr Sian Dawson will present a talk entitled 'Petals & Paint Sir Cedric Morris Florilegium'.

The speaker for our October meeting had to be changed at the last minute; Terry Bannister kindly stepped in and did an excellent job talking about the war time experiences of her Polish born father. The autumn litter pick was reasonably well supported which enabled a good clean up. On 12th October volunteers planted a further few hundred naturalised narcissi at the junction of Horkeley Road and the A134. Roll on spring! A wonderful display case made by Mike Roffe housing two volumes by the Reverend William Jones, perpetual curate of our church in the 18th century has been installed in St James' Church. A QR code is displayed so the whole documents can be viewed online via devices.

**NEXT MEETING:** will be on Wednesday 3rd January in the Church Hall at 8pm with Exec at 7.30pm.

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# VILLAGE QUIZ

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Further application forms in Forget Me Not, 2 Birch Sreet  
or at [naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Events](http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Events)

Further details from:

Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309  
or email [rachel\\_hitchcock@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com)

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## Application for the Village Quiz on 2nd February 2024

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# NAYLAND & WISTON CHRISTMAS TRAIL

A festive appeal from the Community Council

The Christmas Trail has been so well received in recent years and it's delightful that it is being repeated in 2023, getting together as a community and bringing a little seasonal cheer to the local streets.

Thank you to all who set their festive creativity free and volunteered to create a Christmassy trail around the village that can be enjoyed by us all.

**Advent Windows:** From 1st to 24th December windows around the village will be decorated and 'opened' each day. Check the Christmas Trail map to discover where they are.

## Christmas Tree Trail & Wreath competition

From 9th December the festive Christmas trees and hand-made wreaths will be on display around the village. Each Christmas tree will have a simple question to answer so collect a copy of the Trail map to find out what the questions are.

There will be three categories for the wreath competition: Adult; Child (under 16); and child (under 10)

The competition will be judged and the results announced on 21st December.

Copies of the Christmas Trail map will be available in the village shops and on [naylandandwiston.net](http://naylandandwiston.net).

We will also promote the trail at the **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December**.

In the meantime you will find the first 10 advent window locations on the map below.

### Advent Windows:

1. 16 Heycroft Way
2. Forget Me Not 2 Birch St
3. 24 Stoke Road
4. 14 Bear Street
5. 38 Bear Street
6. 13 Birch Street
7. Studio B Hair Salon, High St
8. 9 Heycroft Way
9. 4 Stoke Road
10. Mill House, 12 Mill Street



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## CHARITY DANCE IN AID OF AIR AMBULANCE

On 1st October a 50s & 60s Dance with entertainment by Bob Keeley was held in Nayland Village Hall; it was organised by John Spooner and raised £1,420 for charity.

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance wrote to thank John for the kind donation, saying "it will directly help the people of Essex and Hertfordshire when they need it most."

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# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

9th, 10th & 16th December 2023



St James Church, Nayland CO6 4JE

Saturday 9th from 10am - 4pm - Sunday 10th from 11am - 4pm

Refreshments will be available.

On Sunday 10th at 1pm Nayland Handbells Ringers will perform.

On Saturday 16th from 10.30am - 3.30pm there will be a pop up cafe serving mulled wine, beverages, mince pies and biscuits.

Christmas tree trail - work out the answers to the questions for each tree.

Christmas trees will be left in place until twelfth night.

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Wednesday  
20th December



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# FATHER CHRISTMAS COMES TO NAYLAND

## Sunday 24th December

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round by carriage  
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Christmas tree at 2pm



## REMEMBRANCE

Events to mark Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday were held in Nayland and Wiston.

On Saturday 11th November, members of Nayland Royal British Legion and other residents met at the village war memorial to take part in a two-minute silence.

Remembrance Sunday began at the memorial, where wreaths were laid. The event continued in St James' Church with a service led by David Pryor.

A similar event was held earlier in Wiston, with wreaths being laid at the war memorial and a service, also conducted by Mr Pryor, in St Mary's Church.

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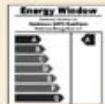


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## AUDITIONS for On Golden Pond

*A play by Ernest Thompson*

Sunday 10th December at 5pm

Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm

Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland CO6 4HY

*Performances will be 18th, 19th & 20th April*

The curmudgeonly Norman Thayer and his long-suffering wife Ethel seek to enjoy another golden summer serenaded by the call of the loons in a cottage by a lake in Maine as they come to terms with their autumn years and Norman's ongoing estrangement from their daughter. But will a new arrival on the scene cause Norman to mend his ways and heal the rift? Eric Thompson's classic is as charming and wistful today as it was when it was first performed off Broadway in 1979.

This is a fantastic piece with six great parts;

- Norman Thayer (*in his seventies, but we can cast a younger person – Lorraine is a wonder with the make up!*)
- Ethel Thayer (*Norman's wife - a bit younger, can be younger still - see above*)
- Chelsea Thayer (*their daughter - in her 30s/40s*)
- Bill Ray (*Chelsea's boyfriend, a similar age*)
- Billy Ray Jr (*Bill Ray's son - a teenager*)
- Charlie (*childhood friend of Chelsea - with a crush on her*)

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# NAYLAND BONFIRE & FIREWORKS



Bonfire Night was a huge success despite the bad weather and the rising floodwater in the build up.

Big thanks to Firework Crazy who managed the display and were not daunted by the task in hand... but most of all a HUGE thank you to all of the volunteers who make this event happen - we couldn't do it without you. Special mention to Fred Bugg and his bonfire, the whole Community Council team including Iain who has a piece of kit for every purpose! And everyone who so ably produces and serves the food and drink, no mean feat with the numbers involved - you are amazing. Thank you to Mill Street Store for supplying sausages and rolls and to all the village shops for selling tickets. Thanks too to Woodland Corner for the fabulous Guy and everyone who helps at the gate and with setting up and tidying away. Not forgetting our First Responders who provide First Aid support.

Quite a team - and community at its best - which makes it fitting that we raised an amazing £4,500 for the Community Council to put back into village activities and projects. Thank you!

**Rachel Hitchcock, Chair, Community Council**





## RIVER WATCH

Thank you to those who kindly allow use of your interesting photographs to be included in the Community Times. As always if you spot anything of interest or unusual, do please send details for inclusion here to: [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto: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. Any concerns regarding Avian Flu should be reported to the DEFRA helpline on 03459 335577. More details at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

## WATER LEVELS

As we have not been able to miss, and as reported in David Lowe's weather report on page 34 the rainfall has been very high. Consequently so have the river levels.

A number of residents have been arguing for some time about the overgrown and silted state of the river, and that in that condition the capacity of the river is reduced; that it will hold less flood water. In fact, the Suffolk CC contractor who carried out work in October found that there was 8 feet of silt above the gravel river bed... that could add up to a huge loss of capacity in the river. Although the EA insist this isn't the case! So before just blaming climate change there are other factors involved.

A number of residents who have lived in the village for many years have noticed how the areas that flood have changed somewhat. Nayland Meadow, for example seldom flooded, now it does quite regularly and quite severely. The Wiston side of the A134 frequently flooded in the past, but does so infrequently now. Why are these changes happening?

## REED GROWTH AT THE WEIR

This time last year the CT reported that *"Despite the assurances to a local resident, and indications published on the internet that some reed management would take place at Nayland Weir this did not happen."* Still there has been no management.



Above and left: recent photos with flooding on Nayland Meadow; below in 2008 with similar river water levels but no flooding on the Meadow



Photos by Ray Spencer, Antony Day & Lorraine Brooks







*Mill Stream in Fen Street was high and it spilled out onto Candy Lane and the Fennages. Photos by Jess Kirby & Jane Akers. Pop's Piece flooded, cutting off access to the footbridge. Photo by Antony Day*



*Left on the same day in 2023 as those on facing page and below on the same day in 2008, the water level at Anchor Bridge.*

*Management of vegetation and silt took place until about 2005, so the capacity of the river was greater in 2008.*

*Photos by Antony Day and Lorraine Brooks*





## WILDFOWL & SWANS

It seems at times that reporting positive news about the swans tempts fate. Happily it was said in the last issue that our resident swans had done well raising their cygnets. During October the cygnets departed to seek new lives for themselves.

Unfortunately in late October there were reports of one of our swans being ill or injured and looking in distress near the weir. And it was last seen heading in the direction of Anchor Bridge. Searches for the swan to identify the problem were unsuccessful. It is not known what happened to the swan; it did not return. The remaining swan has remained on its own, but at the time of writing has not been seen for a couple of days. It may be back, or it may have departed to look for the company of other swans.

A new pair of swans have just arrived on the Meadow pond; they may remain, and perhaps take up residence on the river or perhaps are just stopping by temporarily. Time will tell.

About 20 ducks have also taken to the Meadow pond from the river. Perhaps the still and shallow water there is warmer than the flowing river or there is a better food source?

Who said Kingfishers are very shy? Roy Clarke managed to capture photographs of a lovely Kingfisher near Caley Green on several occasions. It does not seem to be put off by vehicles or people passing by.

## RSPB BIRDWATCH

It won't be long until the next RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. Don't forget to take part; it will be on 26-28 January 2024. Visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> nearer the time for more details.

## CALEY GREEN

The Friends continue to keep an eye on the Green and the wildfowl. It is a much loved open space and lovely to see it being used and enjoyed even in the autumn months.

## THE CULVERT

SCC's contractor commenced work on 9th October to clear and re-profile the culvert alongside Caley Green that runs from Bear Street to the River Stour and remove the island of reeds at its mouth to enable proper flow into the river and prevent flooding. The delay in removing the debris from the site was due to testing the silt to determine where it is removed to.

During recent heavy rain the flow down the culvert was efficient and fast. The contractor confirmed there had been no evidence of wildlife living in the culvert. He dug out a few old bottles and wooden planks; this confirms that previously wooden revetment was in place all round the bay. He also said the silt deposit sitting on top of the gravel river bed is about 8 feet deep which considerably reduces the capacity of the river for holding flood water.

Repair to the rotten railing on Bear Street above the culvert has not been carried out; the work has been ordered and is being chased by the Parish Council.

## THE LONG REED BED

SCC remain hopeful that their contractors will carry out a reduction of the 'wall of reeds' along Caley Green this year.

## RIVERBANK LITTER BY SLUICE GATES

SCC are the landowners of the triangle of land between the A134 and the fork in the river adjacent the sluice gates.

They were alerted to a considerable amount of litter and flytipping; their appointed contractor did not carry out the rubbish clearance properly. This matter is in the hands of the Properties Officer who will look once again at getting the matter rectified.

## RIVERBANK PROTECTION UPDATE

Suffolk County Council (SCC) have indicated that wooden revetment will be installed around the bay at Caley Green to protect it from future erosion and that they will fund the work and manage the project. There is no further update on this but work is not expected to take place this year.

## LASTING MEMORIAL ON THE GREEN

The Parish Council's project to install a bench to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II and a tree to celebrate King Charles III on



*King Charles III Coronation Copper Beech tree, photo by Sally Dalton*

Caley Green is coming to fruition. The tree - a Copper Beech - has been planted and the concrete base for the bench has been laid. The bench will be installed very soon and railings around the tree in the near future. The Community Council awarded a grant of £1,538 towards this project.



## SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT

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



### ST JAMES' CHURCHYARD AUTUMN TIDY

In disappointing weather a smaller working party than usual on 21st October carried out some cutting of larger branches of bushes and tidying up of corners of the churchyard. Much of the work had been completed prior to Roy Chapman's funeral earlier in the week.

*James Carver*



Cormorants have been seen along the river and photos taken by Roy Clark and this one taken by Nayland House on one of their residents' regular visits to Caley Green.



### COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

The Conservation Society and Parish Council express thanks to the twelve adults and three children that participated in the community litterpick on 14th October.

### VILLAGE HALL GARDEN MORNING

Many thanks to the volunteers who attended the Village Hall Autumn Garden Working Party on 28th October. It was a sociable morning and much was achieved.





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



Harpers Estate was the place to be on Halloween; Nayland Bear and Fish were visiting their friends Elaine and Diana and Rachel Hitchcock and Claire Buller joined them selling Bonfire Night tickets and Nayland Calendars.

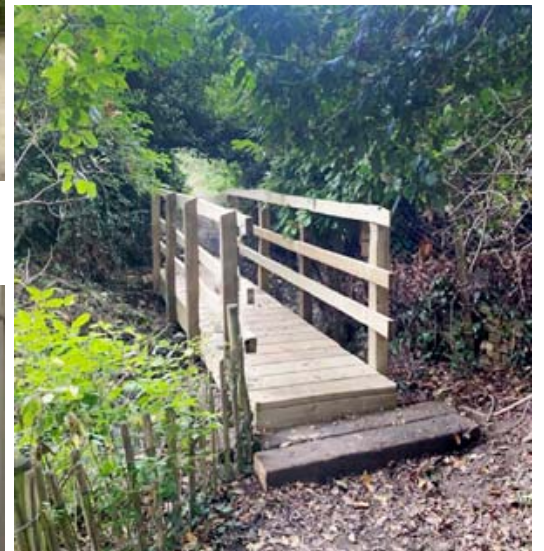
While out jogging just before Halloween Karen Freeman stopped to capture evidence of a half buried skeleton in a garden in Bear Street. Whodunnit?



Thanks to Karen Freeman who spotted these lovely floral displays in St James' Church for Remembrance. They were made by the team of Church Flower Arrangers who do a wonderful job all year round with their displays.



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Above, Thanks to Joanne Eldridge for this photo of the newly repaired bridge on the footpath beyond the burial ground.

On 7th October (from left) Rachel Hitchcock, Julie Clark, Claire Buller from the Community Council and Cheryl Leeks from Woodland Corner were manning stalls in the High Street. The Community Council were selling Bonfire Night tickets and Nayland Calendars while WC had a fundraising stall selling delicious cakes and goodies.



# Nayland with Wissington 2024 Calendar

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Nayland Post Office, Forget Me Not,  
Studio B Hair Salon, 17 Court Street,  
Mill Street Store & Deli and  
at various village events including:  
*Nayland Cinema, Wednesday Coffee Mornings*  
*December: 2nd Christmas Fayre*  
*or to order for postal delivery from:*  
[www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net)



## Nayland Baby & Toddler group

Bring your child, trained or not,  
to the Nayland playgroup.

Great for:

- exercise & agility
- sociability
- obedience (!)
- healthy treats

Fridays 9.30am - 11.15am  
at Nayland village hall.  
Sessions follow term times with  
some extended closures around  
school holidays.  
See Facebook page for details.



Lots of toys,  
activities,  
singing &  
refreshments



## NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Would you have the confidence to perform CPR  
or use a defibrillator (AED)?

Do you want to practise your CPR skills?

We are holding a number of CPR and AED sessions on:

**Wednesday 17th January**  
7pm-9.30pm

**Saturday 20th January**  
12.00-2.30pm

**Wednesday 24th January**  
7pm-9.30pm

Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane CO6 4JH

Numbers for each session are limited.



To book a place please email  
[adam-lunn@hotmail.com](mailto:adam-lunn@hotmail.com)





# Nayland with Wissington Society News



## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Chairman: Robert Dossor 265912 robert@ovcottage.com  
Secretary: Kathy Hunt 262014

This is always a busy time of year for the RBL. The Nations' period of Remembrance started with the annual Poppy Appeal and the RBL must be one of the few remaining charities that still have a doorstep collection. A Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning was held in the Church Hall on 4th November that also raised funds for the RBL. Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed and praise to our team of intrepid collectors.

On **Armistice Day**, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, at the Nayland War Memorial in the High Street 2 minutes silence was observed to remember all those who gave their lives in service to their country. (photograph: David Wiles)

On **Remembrance Sunday** services were held at Wiston and Nayland war memorials where wreaths were laid on behalf of the Royal British Legion, Parish Council and Nayland School. The participation of young people at this ceremony is always welcome. The wreath laying was followed by a church service in St James' Church and, as is the custom, the names of those from the parish who lost their lives in two World Wars were read out. Although these events were a long time ago and are now on the very edge of living memory, it should never be forgotten the role played, however small, of those who were part of those difficult times that continue to affect our world today.

Our last meeting for 2023 will be our **Annual General Meeting** on Monday 11th December at the Church Hall, Bear Street at 7.30pm when we welcome Mr Andrew Morgan who is a senior Royal British Legion estate manager.



## VILLAGE PLAYERS

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



Chair: Mark Russell 07572 031769 markfrankrussell@gmail.com

At the time of going to press, the Players were putting their final touches into rehearsing our Christmas play '*Kidnapped at Christmas*'. The play was running at about the time the Community Times was being published, so if you do see this before the run ends, please do come along and watch us at the village hall Thursday 23rd November (6:30pm), Friday and Saturday (8pm) and Saturday Matinee (2:30pm). Tickets at [www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk)

If you missed us, never mind - come and see us perform our spring play '*On Golden Pond*' on 18th - 20th April 2024.

Auditions for this production will be held on 10th and 13th December - see details on page 16. The plot of this 1979 play by Ernest Thompson focuses on ageing couple Ethel and Norman Thayer, who spend each summer at their cottage on a lake called Golden Pond. During the year the story takes place, they are visited by daughter Chelsea with her fiancé Billy Ray and his son Billy Ray Jr. The play explores the often turbulent relationship the young woman shared with her father growing up, and the difficulties faced by a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage.

This is a fantastic piece with six great parts:

- Norman Thayer (in his seventies, but we can cast a younger person - Lorraine is a wonder with the make up!)
- Ethel Thayer (Norman's wife - a bit younger, can be younger still - see above)
- Chelsea Thayer (their daughter - in her 30s/40s)
- Bill Ray (Chelsea's boyfriend, a similar age)
- Billy Ray Jr (Bill Ray's son - a teenager)
- Charlie (childhood friend of Chelsea - with a crush on her).

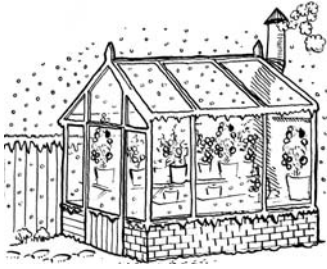
Why not join us for our bi-monthly drinks at The Anchor? We'll be there on Thursday 7th December at 8pm, hope to see you there.

If you would like find out more about what we do or to join the Players, contact us on [www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk) or by details above.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** one and all from the Nayland Village Players!







## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chair: Trevor Smy 262022 [trevor.smy24@gmail.com](mailto:trevor.smy24@gmail.com) [www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk)

On the 24<sup>th</sup> October, our **Autumn speaker**, Jacqueline Aviolet delivered an entertaining talk on 'Spices (a super spicy story)'. There was a reasonable number of people present to listen to her amusing history of spices. She also had plants for sale after her talk.

We will be having a stall at the Community Council's **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December**, 10.30am to 1pm in the Village Hall. As usual, donations for our raffle would be very much appreciated and can be brought along on the day or left with a committee member.

The committee have been busy planning the calendar of events for 2024, starting with the date for the **Spring Flower Show** which will be on Saturday 23rd March so bear this in mind when you are planting your bulbs this autumn – the show schedule can be found on page 42.

Below are some dates for your diary; others are yet to be confirmed in the Community Times nearer the time.

Tuesday 16th April	AGM and Fun Quiz
Saturday 11th May	Morning Market
Saturday 3rd August	Summer Flower Show

In the meantime **we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



## NAYLAND CINEMA

Karen Freeman [karenfreeman@suffolkonline.net](mailto:karenfreeman@suffolkonline.net) Mob: 07773 402765

Numbers attending Nayland community cinema generally remain low but a good number of people turned up to see 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris' which was a very enjoyable film with lots of positive feedback from the audience.

Due to a change in the release date for 'Oppenheimer' we were unable to screen this film as scheduled on Friday 17th November and instead swapped our remaining films of the year to accommodate this change. This gave us the opportunity to schedule the screening of 'Oppenheimer' as a matinee which was opportunistic indeed due to the length of the film!

We won't unfortunately have Tim providing pizzas at this screening and the bar will be closed but we will be offering teas/coffees and mince pies (or alternative for non mince pie lovers!) included in the £5 ticket price.

We won't have received our next film menu in time for the Community Times deadline so please take a look at the Nayland Village Hall website for future dates and films. The first film of the new year on Friday 19th January will once again be a matinee screening then reverting back to evening performances from February.

Due to the increased costs of screening films we are now only able to screen those listed on the Moviola film menu. Any other films screened outside of this are subject to a minimum guarantee which unfortunately due to the generally low numbers attending isn't a viable option. Having said this however the film menu does encompass new releases with quite a mix of genre so hopefully there will be something in the collection to suit.

We are very much hoping that 'The Great Escaper' will feature on the menu with Michael Caine playing the spirited war veteran Bernie Jordan who sneaked out of his care home to attend the D-Day anniversary in France. This film is based on a true story. Poignantly it's also the late Glenda Jackson's final role and she brings gravitas and humour as his wife.

The next films chosen from the Moviola film menu will be:

- **Friday 1st December:** : 'Oppenheimer' (2023). A dramatisation of the life of J. Robert Oppenheimer (*Cillian Murphy*), the physicist who had a large hand in the development of the atomic bomb, thus helping end World War 2. In 1942, amid World War II, General Leslie Groves Jr. (Matt Damon) recruited Oppenheimer to lead the Manhattan Project to develop an atomic bomb. When Germany surrendered some scientists questioned the bomb's relevance. Oppenheimer and Albert Einstein (Tom Conti) discussed whether atomic detonation could trigger world destruction. His work comes to fruition in 1945 when President Truman ordered Hiroshima and Nagasaki to be bombed, forcing Japan to surrender and forever changing the course of history. Oppenheimer is thrust into the public eye as the "father of the atomic bomb", but the immense destruction and mass fatalities haunt him. As an advisor to the US Atomic Energy Commission, Oppenheimer advocated against further nuclear research, especially the hydrogen bomb. Oppenheimer's stance becomes a point of contention amid the tense Cold War with the Soviet Union.

Cinema dates to add to your diaries are: 19th January, 16th February and 23rd March.



## NAYLAND ART GROUP

Kathryn Niven 07867 878443 [nivenkathryn@gmail.com](mailto:nivenkathryn@gmail.com)

It seems that no sooner we were back in the church hall after our summer break, than we were starting to think ahead to Christmas... We have been doing some preparatory drawing with a view to printing cards and, by the time this is in print, we should have been to the Blue Owl to paint some baubles.

We are continuing with our watercolour painting, recently thinking about composition and how the foreground can 'frame' the picture, but we also have an acrylic painting session planned so that we can explore a different media.

We are participating in the Nayland Christmas Tree Festival at St James Church on the 9th, 10th and 16th December.

If you are interested in joining us, taster sessions are free and new members (of any experience or none) are always welcome. We meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2-4pm (term times) in the Church Hall, Bear Street; call in or contact me, details as above.





## NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Church Bells Tower Captain: Chris Hunt 262014 - Handbells Hazel Gardiner 262582

### A Little Handbell Tale For Christmas

It was the custom in local villages - and two close to Nayland, for the handbell team to delight residents with carols on the bells at various houses and the local hostelrys for money - for charity, maintenance of the bells or more typically for beer! This story as related in December 1991 goes back to early post war years.

*One Christmas time, about fifty year ago, we'd had a little practice with the bells in the week. Then on Christmas Eve I met Bob in the village, he was young then and lived on The Downs. He say to me "We goin' out tonight," Reg he say, And I say to him "We aint had the practice Bob, the practice". So Bob he say "Come down to my place this afternoon and we'll practice then". So we did, we practices on the bells all the afternoon, then on Christmas Eve we went round the village with em. First we went to the Hall, and we rang them carols - a bit nervous like - but we must have done well cuz we was given a whole pound. A pound was a lot of money in those days. Well we must have got better as we went round the village callin' in at the Black Hoss and the Crown and the Angel, cuz we collected £20 that night. A lot of money for a Christmas Eve.*

Handbell meetings resume in January; do come along to the Church Hall on Tuesday afternoons 1:30-3pm. A warm welcome is assured.

Now, the 'big' bells in the tower.....

Steady progress is being made to establish a band of ringers for Sunday Service ringing. I am pleased that our ringers are continuing their training by visiting other churches to practise. I am very grateful to Polstead and Boxford for their help. I cannot believe that there aren't a few 'lapsed' ringers out there who could join us. Like riding a bike, you never forget how to do it, and bellringing is just the same (not the same as riding a bike, but you know what I mean!). So if anyone fancies joining us please give me a 'ring'. For Remembrance Sunday local ringers did ring on muffled bells before the service at the war memorial and I did receive some comments of appreciation for this. Next year will be a year when we hope to have a full band again !!



## THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Terry Bannister 262454 Gale Scott 262061

The last Village Lunch enjoyed a talk entitled 'A Day at the Camulodunum Races' by Samantha Rowley from the Roman Circus Visitor Museum, which stands over the Roman race track in Colchester. Samantha, who is an amazing historian, came suitably dressed in a toga and gave a fluent and most interesting talk.

We raised £740 for our village hall; this money will buy two new refrigerators for the village hall kitchen. Thank you to everyone who supports the village lunches and ultimately our village hall.

Our next Village Lunch will be held on Wednesday 10th April 2024; this will be a most interesting talk by an excellent speaker; please put the date in your diaries. Peter Lawrence will give an illustrated talk about '**Humphry Repton and his remarkable garden designs**'.

Humphry Repton (1752-1818) was born in Bury St Edmunds, and considered the last great English landscape designer of the eighteenth century, often regarded as the successor to Capability Brown. In 1788, aged 36 and with four children and no secure income, he hit on the idea of combining his sketching skills with his limited experience of laying out grounds to become a 'landscape gardener'. As a skilled water colour painter, each commission was accompanied by one of his ingenious 'red books' to illustrate his proposal. He produced a red book for Tendring Hall Estate at Stoke by Nayland.



## NAYLAND CHOIR

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Twitter: @naylandchoir

Rehearsals are going well and we are very much looking forward to performing the delightful re-telling of the Christmas Story '*The Manchester Carols*' by Carol Ann Duffy and Sasha Johnson Manning, plus other carols at Nayland Village Hall on Sunday 10th December at 4pm. Mulled wine and delicious mince pies will be available during a short interval. Tickets are £10 (under 18s free) and are selling fast so please be sure to book beforehand via the [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org) website, a small amount of tickets will be available on the door.

The choir will also be singing at Nayland's Carol Service on Sunday 17th December in St James' Church.

Spring term rehearsals will start on Thursday 11th January 2024 (8pm) at Nayland Primary School where we'll be primarily focusing on the wonderful Requiem by Mozart in readiness for the Choir's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert on 24th March 2024 in Nayland church. Please do come along and join us as we're always on the lookout for new members!

Finally, it's that time of year to say a huge thanks to our patient and inspirational conductor Emma, our accompanist Mary, our hard working committee (of which we need new members too!) and last but not least, our fabulous members of the Choir for a superb year of musical delights!

Happy Christmas everyone!!





## ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

The village is most grateful to the team of dedicated and talented flower arrangers who keep the church decorated throughout the year.

Donations towards flowers throughout the year, and for Christmas, 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.



## ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

Kathy Hunt, Church warden Tel: 262014 kath12hunt@gmail.com

Our Services continue and we recently celebrated the Harvest Festival with a Family Service which was well attended. The Church was decorated and a mention must be made of our team of flower ladies (and men) who do so much to add colour to our variety of Services.

It is lovely to see families coming regularly at our Family Service every third Sunday at 10am and we hope to see them also at our Parish Communion which is held on the second Sunday of each month at 9-30am.

A small play area has been created in the north aisle and we thank Tina and Roxy Stephens for providing this.

Our Service pattern is well publicised in the Community Times and it will be seen that there is something for everyone - please join us whenever you feel able.

Our Churchyard is an important open space in the middle of the village and a haven for wildlife. In line with some thoughts we did have a - No Mow May - to encourage wildlife. Predictably this resulted in the Churchyard getting untidy with memorials and paths getting overgrown. It took many, many hours of hard work to get the area respectable and many thanks go to James, Andora and their band of volunteers for all their work.

Halloween is not usually associated with the Church but this year we joined in the fun by offering a Light Stop; the Church was bathed in candlelight for the evening to remind us Christ is bringing light to the world. Several groups visited and the peace was appreciated after trick or treating.

Our Wednesday coffee mornings continue to be popular and two circular tables have been provided, it is surprising how these help with making the atmosphere more relaxing. The selection of delicious cakes never cease to amaze - many thanks to all.

Among our usual Services we sadly have to remember the departed. Memorial Services for the late Roy Chapman and Jean Evans have been held with the Church housing over

400 people on one occasion. Such events highlight the importance of the Church in community life, being a place where people can gather to reflect on the contribution made by others to our society.

The annual Service of Remembrance was held with a parade by members of the Royal British Legion and the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

To prepare the Church for services as well as to keep the building clean and tidy a dedicated team put in many hours sweeping, mopping, polishing and so on. Extra attention has been paid recently to polishing woodwork (pews, pulpit etc) and the Church looks good. It is a constant struggle and many thanks to all who give their time in keeping St James fit for purpose. Our thoughts now turn to Christmas.

Christmas Services planned so far are Service of 9 lessons and carols on the 17th December, Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm and a Parish Communion on Christmas Day at 11am.

And finally may I remind people to clear up after their dogs.

As this is the last CT before Christmas May I wish everyone a **Happy, Healthy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.** Bearing in mind that for many that will not be the case.







## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

Mike Hunter gave a very interesting illustrated talk in September, on the '*Land Mark Trust*', with photographs of local properties and those further afield. The Landmark Trust, founded in 1965, is one of Britain's leading building conservation charities which restores historic buildings and offers them a new future.

In October the Nayland Handbell Ringers entertained us with their delightful music and many of the WI members joined in. The speaker booked to talk about of '*Medical Detection Dogs*' in November unfortunately cancelled but we had a lovely afternoon nevertheless with members participating in two quizzes which were much enjoyed.

We will be having a stall at the Christmas Fayre selling seasonal goodies.

Several members will be helping to decorate a WI tree in St James as part of the Christmas Tree Festival being held on 9th, 10th and 16th December.

On 14th December '*Shantfolk*' a group of five sea shanty singers will entertain us and encourage audience participation; members of other local WI branches have been invited. We shall be serving mulled wine and mince pies. This will be our open meeting so please come along.

On 11th January Katherine Buchanan will be our speaker on the subject 'You Are What You Eat' and Dick Daniels will be talking to us about the National Coast Watch on 8th February.

We welcome new members and guests who may be interested in our talks and activities. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Our notice board in the High Street (near Fen Street) gives details of our activities.



## NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Coordinator: Tracy Le Grys 01206 271553 Mob 07504 118843  
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The Nayland First Responders are now able to train people how to perform effective CPR and how to use a defibrillator (AED). We ran four successful courses in Assington during October where we trained 37 people, 36 Adults and one 2 year old. The courses were informative and fun and everybody left confident that if the need arose they would be able to perform CPR and use a community defibrillator until the Ambulance Service arrived.

We are running 3 courses at the Nayland Village Hall in January, numbers for each session are limited to 12, to allow us to give everyone attending the time and attention that they need during the course. Please see our advert on how to book in for one of our courses. Dates are: 17th, 20th and 25th January - see further details and how to book on page 23.

We are also taking part in the Nayland Christmas Tree Festival at St James' Church on the 9th, 10th and 16th December. So please come along and support this event, find our tree and answer our first aid related question.

If you would like any more information on the group and how we operate please do not hesitate to contact me, details above, or view <http://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/join-the-team/community-first-responders>



## THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

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Autumn is now upon us, and the green is looking wonderful. Lots of maintenance work has taken place during the past few weeks and work to improve drainage from the culvert has been completed. The contractor found a gravel river bed under eight feet of silt and found bottles, and pieces of the original revetment.

The commemorative copper beech tree has been planted and the ground-work is completed for the new bench. Ducks returned to the bay area, and have now moved to the Meadow pond where they spend time over winter. Sadly we have lost one of our resident swans. There were reports of a swan with a damaged neck, we searched but it could not be found. This leaves one solitary swan to patrol the river.

We are still lobbying for some maintenance and reduction of the long reed bed this year.







## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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[www.naylandconservation.org.uk](http://www.naylandconservation.org.uk)



The speaker for our October meeting had to be changed, however Terry Bannister who stepped in at the last minute, gave an excellent talk to around 80 members and guests on the story of her Polish born father, Jósef Pankiewicz, focusing on his life during the Second World War and his traumatic experiences.

Dr Sian Dawson gave an excellent talk at our November meeting on the topic of the *Cedric Morris Florilegium*. The original meaning of the word "*Florilegium*" was a lavishly illustrated book on flowers and a number of examples of previous bodies of work were given during the presentation. Next Summer an exhibition of the original paintings in the *Cedric Morris Florilegium* will be displayed at Gainsborough House in Sudbury.

It is pleasing to report that the Society has completed its planting of a further 500 narcissi at the junction of Horkesley Road and the A134 and we look forward to an increased display in the spring. Our thanks are extended to Suzanne Cullen and Chris Hunter for assisting the chairman with the planting.

We hope to see a large crowd at our table at the Xmas Fayre this year as we have produced a new range of Xmas cards, notelets and post cards using the Society's post card collection as the subject matter.

The Society is also involved in the Xmas Tree Festival in St. James' where items linked to the Society and the history of the village will be displayed on our tree. We are sure this will be a successful and interesting celebration for the whole of the community.

The wonderful display case in St James' Church, made for the Society by Mike Roffe, housing two volumes by the Reverend William Jones, now displays a QR code on the glass front so that every page of each book can be viewed online via your mobile phone.

Finally, please remember that the Society's chairman attends every Parish Council meeting and the committee reviews every planning application relating to the parish and surrounding area and if any resident has any concerns with any application please do not hesitate to contact us.



## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON LAND COMPANY

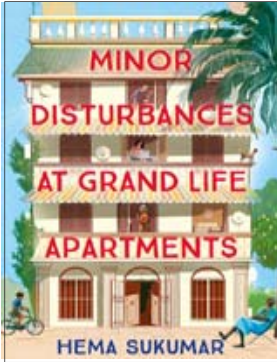
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It is pleasing to see how well the length of improved footpath stood up to the recent torrential rain. It has been a great improvement on the muddy morass it would previously have been. We are hoping to improve more of the permissive path this winter.

For some time now we have been trying to come up with a suitable name for the piece of land we manage. We already enjoy, for example, Caley Green and Pop's Piece as well known location names in the village. Historical investigation has yielded only rather mundane and uninspiring historical titles. We would very much welcome any suggestions from local people for a popular and suitable name for the Nayland Meadow.





## BOOK CLUB

Jane Barbrook 263619 janebarbrook@hotmail.com

We have recently finished reading 'Minor Disturbances at Grand Life Apartments' by Hema Sukumar. The novel is set in Chennai, a coastal town in India, and follows the lives of three residents living in a privately-owned apartment building with a beautiful garden, tended by the owner. As the neighbourhood surrounding them is being developed, their own apartment building comes under threat from a construction company which wants to demolish it and rebuild it. The residents and the owner unite to try to save their home.

Our current book is 'The Ice Queen' by Alice Hoffman.



## NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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Facebook: Creffield Medical Group



Please note that we are closed Monday 25th December and Tuesday 26th December, opening at 8am Wednesday 27th December. We are also closed Monday 1st January, re-opening at 8am Tuesday 2nd January.

Over the festive period we kindly ask that our patients allow 5 working days for their prescriptions to be processed.

We wish all of our patients a **happy and health Christmas and New Year.**



## NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Leader: Gillian Manser 01206 751094  
[gmmanser1@gmail.com](mailto:gmmanser1@gmail.com)

Facebook:  
Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



The children have been busy making decorations to go on a Christmas Tree which will be displayed in Nayland Church as part of the Christmas Tree Festival. We are also having a stall at the Christmas

Fayre to be held on 2nd December in the Village Hall and are hoping to raise some funds to keep the group running.

Unfortunately our finances are being stretched since the recent rent increase and we will be forced to raise our charges to £4 per family in January 2024. However tea/coffee, biscuits, healthy toddler snacks and drinks are all included in the entry price along with lots of toys, activities and space for children to use up some energy.

Hope you and your little ones can join us on a Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.15am in Nayland Village Hall. Dates include: November 24th; December 1st & 8th; January 19th & 26th; February 2nd & 9th.

Please check the 'Nayland Baby and Toddler Group' Facebook page for more details.



## Family@Nayland

Helen Schalin  
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07717 766683

St James' family services take place at 10am on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

It has been an exciting couple of months!

We held our Harvest Festival in October and brought donations for our Community Pantry. At the end of October, we opened the church for our first Hallowe'en Light Stop, providing refreshments, small giveaways, and a calm, candlelit space for weary trick or treaters.

And in our November service, we acted out the Parable of the Talents and thought about all the talents God has given us, and how we can use them to bring joy to others.

Our Christmas service will be on 17th December, 10am, St James' Church, Nayland. We would love to see you there!







## Woodland Corner

Administrator: Nicola Peachey 263054  
e-mail: woodlandcorner@outlook.com

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

Manager: Cheryl Leeks 263054  
http://woodlandcornernayland.blogspot.com

Registered Charity  
No. 1035330

What a busy few weeks we have had so far! The children dressed up for Halloween and we used a pumpkin for a science experiment, with baking powder and vinegar to make an exploding volcano. We even had a 'spooky' yoga session with Katie!

We have been re-enacting lots of stories, such as: Tiger who came to tea; Jack and the bean stalk, The enormous turnip; Goldilocks and the three bears; Owl babies and Whatever next.

We made a 'Guy' at extended schools and took it to the Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks night on 5th November. Staff and committee ran a hot chocolate stall, with toffee apples and delicious homemade biscuits. This was a wonderful evening, seeing lots of the old and current students of Woodland Corner, who then paraded the 'Guy' through the crowds and safely deposited it on the fire.

Our next fundraising event is an Art Exhibition on Friday 24th (5.30pm-9pm) and Saturday 25th November (10am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4pm) at Woodland Corner. See website (above) for further details. Skymeadow Gallery will



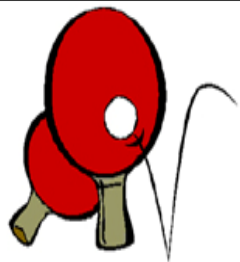
be displaying artwork for sale, alongside art produced by the children for their families to purchase. Friday night will be an adult only event with wine from Anglian Wines. So what better to come and buy some art and wine for Christmas!

On Monday 13th November the Pre-School children will be walking to the War Memorial in Nayland High Street to lay a wreath that they have made to remember those who lost their lives in the war.

We are looking forward to starting our Christmas celebrations at the Nayland Christmas Fayre on 2nd December running our popular tombola stall. We are also decorating a tree as part of the Christmas Tree Festival in St James' church.

We are still collecting used ink jet cartridges for recycling, please leave these on our wall.

We have limited availability for Pre-School sessions until September 2024 but please phone or email us to arrange a visit. Our extended schools are also nearly full with only a few spaces remaining!



### TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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

The Table Tennis Club meet every Monday, including most bank holidays, between 2pm and 4pm and we have a good number of regular members playing.

Please contact Tony or Jane for more information or call in on a Monday afternoon for a chat.



### FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH

Chairman: Simon Empson 01206 460250  
Treasurer: Julian Baker 01206 262653

Email: wistonfriends@gmail.com  
Registered Charity No 1158565

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

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!





# VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 304 928

www.naylandandwiston.net &gt; Village Hall

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646

Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



## OCTOBER MEETING

### MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for October was read out.
- The monthly fire check for October was carried out; there were no problems.
- The next quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- the annual Health & Safety Check has been carried out.
- The Garden Working Party will take place on Saturday 28th October at 9am.
- The Electrical Lights Inspection is not due until 2025.
- The glasses in the bar will be reorganised.
- The abandoned car in the car park will be removed by Babergh District Council.

### MAINTENANCE

- Brian May will be asked to service the boiler.
- More faulty overhead door closures on the first stage door will be replaced.
- Stuart Mosley has removed the weeds growing around the hall and the brambles on the driveway.
- The floor tiles near the chair store will be replaced.
- Someone who can clean and rehang the hall curtains will be sought and asked to do so.
- The redundant soap dispensers in the foyer and the bar will be disabled.
- The rest of the scaffold tower will be placed in the Carpet Bowls cupboard and the damaged chairs disposed of.
- A glazier will be found to replace the damaged windows on the Fen Street side of the hall.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Endowment Fund £15,250, COIF £19,832, Bank £25,906, Cash £538, Debtors £0, Assets £24,428.

### ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The VHMC is continuing with submissions to the Lottery Fund and Babergh Council for funding the roof replacement.
- A Teams meeting with the representative from the National Lottery has taken place and detailed submissions have been forwarded to the lottery.

### BOOKINGS

- The hall is being very well used and early booking is advised.

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

We meet once a month in the meeting room of the hall for a couple of hours on the first Monday of the month.

If you feel you can give a little of your time to keep this community facility prospering for the mutual benefit of the whole village, please contact any member of the VHMC.

## COLLECTION OF KEYS

Please collect keys from Amy Christie, the caretaker, at 5 Meadow Cottages, Wiston Road, Nayland CO6 4FR. Phone 07581 036164.

## VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

The VHMC would like to remind villagers that when an event is held in the hall the hirers have the sole use of the car park.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

### MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for November was read out.
- The monthly fire check for October was carried out; there were no problems.
- The next quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The Garden Working Party took place on 28th October: the VHMC is grateful for all of the participants in the clearing of the garden areas.
- The glasses in the bar have been reorganised. To retail alcohol from a bottle of wine the pre stamped glasses must be used and the measures served must be to the line only.

### MAINTENANCE

- Brian May will be asked to service the boiler.
- More faulty overhead door closures on the first stage door have been replaced.
- The floor tiles near the chair store have been replaced with a strip of hardwood flooring.
- Someone who can clean and rehang the hall curtains will be sought and asked to do so.
- The redundant soap dispensers in the foyer and the bar will be disabled.
- The rest of the scaffold tower will be placed in the Carpet Bowls cupboard and the damaged chairs disposed of.
- A glazier will be found to replace the damaged windows on the Fen Street side of the hall.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- Endowment Fund £15,250, COIF £19,832, Bank £25,906, Cash £538, Debtors £0, Assets £24,428.
- Peter Mann reported that a generous local donation towards the VH roof replacement had been received and that he had thanked the donor.

### ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The VHMC is continuing with submissions to the Lottery Fund and Babergh Council for funding the roof replacement.
- A Teams meeting with the representative from the National Lottery has taken place and detailed submissions have been forwarded to the lottery. Our application has been passed on to next team for consideration.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be on **Monday 4th December @ 7.30pm** in the hall committee room.

## DONATIONS: ROOF REPLACEMENT

If you would like to make a donation to the Village Hall roof replacement project. The Village Hall bank account is:

- Bank: Santander
- Account Name: Nayland Village Hall
- Sort Code: 09 01 51
- Account Number: 05239305.

Please mark your donations for the roof replacement.

## CLASSES & GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Mondays: 9.30am Acrylic Painting 2pm Table Tennis,
- Tuesdays: 9.15 Pilates, 10.45 Dance Fitness Club
- Wednesdays: 2pm Yoga
- Thursdays: 6pm Zumba Class
- Fridays: 9.30am Baby & Toddler Group (term time)
- Saturdays: 8am Yoga

Further details of these classes are available on the village hall bookings website via [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net).



## THE NAYLAND AND BOXTED SILVER BANDS

This Christmas we look forward once again to the Boxted Methodist Silver Band accompanying our carol singing around the Christmas Tree in the High Street. Christmas would not be complete in Nayland without the annual evening visit of this popular local band.

In September this year the Boxted band celebrated its 125th anniversary with an impressive and unforgettable concert at Littlegarth School. Over 200 people attended, including many Essex and Colchester dignitaries, and the audience was entertained by 33 members of the band. For part of the concert they were joined by musicians from elsewhere in the country, making the event the biggest gathering of brass and silver band musicians in the area since the last Colchester Military Tattoo event in 1990.

The band's roots can be traced back to 1860 when a woodwind and brass music group was formed by members of the Boxted Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. In 1898 it became an all brass band and by 1938 was known as The Boxted Methodist Silver Band. Despite many setbacks over the years the band steadfastly kept going even when the Methodist Chapel and hall where they played were closed in 2019. During the Covid pandemic the band remained in contact and afterwards it was able to meet in temporary venues to practise until the Boxted Primary School offered the use of their hall and normal service was resumed.

Did you know that Nayland had its own band during the 1930s? There were many village bands in existence at this time but Nayland owed its formation to several members of the Boxted band.

The Nayland & District British Legion Silver Band was formed under the auspices of the local branch of the British Legion in 1936 by Herbert Taylor, an ex-military bandsman. He had previously been bandmaster of the Boxted Silver Band but following a disagreement he and other bandsmen left and started the Nayland Band. Herbert Taylor lived in Mill Street, Nayland, where he ran one of the three bakeries which Nayland was fortunate to have at that time.

Ernie Hatten whose family ran Hatten's shop in Bear Street for over a hundred years, until it closed in 2017, became a member of the band. He told me that he joined when he was 16 and Herbie Taylor taught him to play the cornet. Some of Ernie's friends joined and soon they were all enthusiastically practising in the Mission Room (now the Church Hall in Bear



*The Nayland Band*

Street), on instruments loaned by the British Legion. In no time at all the band was playing at local functions. One of many was a United Service and Church Parade in Nayland in July 1936 when all ex-service men and women were invited to join the parade, the proceeds of the event going to the Nayland and Stoke Nursing Association.

The band became very successful and was in great demand for functions such as flower shows, fetes, British Legion rallies and carnivals. It played in the Colchester Carnival procession and regularly entertained holidaymakers at Walton but, with the coming of the Second World War, several of the band members left Nayland to join the forces and the band folded up.

Sadly when peace returned the Nayland band was never reformed. It was not the only band to fall by the wayside at this time but the enduring Boxted Band kept going and survived. In fact, when peace festivities were held in the area and a big military parade was organised through Colchester town centre, the Boxted Methodist Silver Band was the only civilian band to take part.

And so, we look forward to some members of this excellent band returning once again to Nayland as it has been doing for more than 50 years. At the appointed time the musicians take up their position in the High Street at St James's gate, whatever the weather. As they start to play people begin to gather round with their torches in the darkness, whole families well wrapped up, all coming to sing carols together in the lights of the Christmas tree. Sometimes the snow is falling but the band plays on!

**Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder**

[Sources: *Boxted Methodist Silver Band: 125 Years of Honour & Glory*, Mark Kettle; *The Village BrassBand*, David Cawdell; *Colchester Gazette*]



*The Nayland Band in the High Street*



## NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: September & October 2023 *by David Lowe*

**September** was an exceptionally warm month, having a higher average temperature than both July and August, and equal to that of June, which itself was a record breaker for warmth.

But the fact that July and August were cool and wet shows that it is not warmth all the way.

Mean temperature was 17.5°C (14.88) the highest over the 16 year record period, but only 0.3°C ahead of 2016. The high temperature of 31.1°C (26.14) was well ahead of any previous year – next nearest 29.6°C. This September was the first time 30°C has been exceeded – and did this on no less than three occasions. The no. of days over 20°C was 20 (12.12) a record, over 25°C, 8 (2.25) a record. There were no days less than 15°C (1.25) and only 10 less than 20°C (17.75).

The odd thing was that sun hours and solar energy were not that high – sun hours 248.7 (244.51) and solar energy 8200 Ly (7683). This emphasises that the warmth was due to imported air from the tropics. There was a cooler and wetter period from the 13th to the 23rd, which affected the statistics.

Monthly rain was 33.4 mm (40.17) and evapotranspiration 68.6 mm (62.15). Greatest rainfall in a day was on the 20th, when 15.2 mm fell (14.69). Some of this was very heavy, coming down at 221.6 mm/hr (95.6).

Average wind speed was 3.7 mph (2.93) with highest daily average 8.9 mph (7.54) on the 19th. The 19th also had the highest gust of 36 mph (31). Predominant wind direction was SW.

**October.** What a month! Record warmth in the first 11 days, and then record rainfall in the last 20!

The first 11 days had 8 days over 20°C and 2 over 25°C, the first of the latter since 2011. And then the heavens opened, with a massive 53 mm on the 20th, 20.4 mm on both the 18th and 28th and over 10 mm on four other days. All these figures break the 16 year record – while the monthly total, 172.2 mm,

breaks the overall 16 year record of 146.3mm set in June 2017 by a wide margin of 26 mm. Between the 12th and 31st, there were only 5 days on which it didn't rain. At the end of October, we have had more rain this year, 710.7 mm, than any year in total except 2012. This had a total of 829.8 mm but stood at 649.9 mm at the end of October.

So what happened? For the first 11 days the Jet Stream was generally to the north of us, funnelling low pressure to the north, while after that, it was over us or to the south, funnelling low pressures at southern England. At the same time, during the latter part of the month, high pressure was located over the 'gap' between Iceland and Norway, which, at this season, low pressures normally head for.

Another factor was that many of the low pressures approached the UK for the south, which means east/southeast winds here as they arrive. With the absence of the rain shadow effect of westerly winds, we receive much higher rainfall in the east. Also, coming from the south, large quantities of tropical moisture had been scooped up by the lows; many also became slow moving over us.

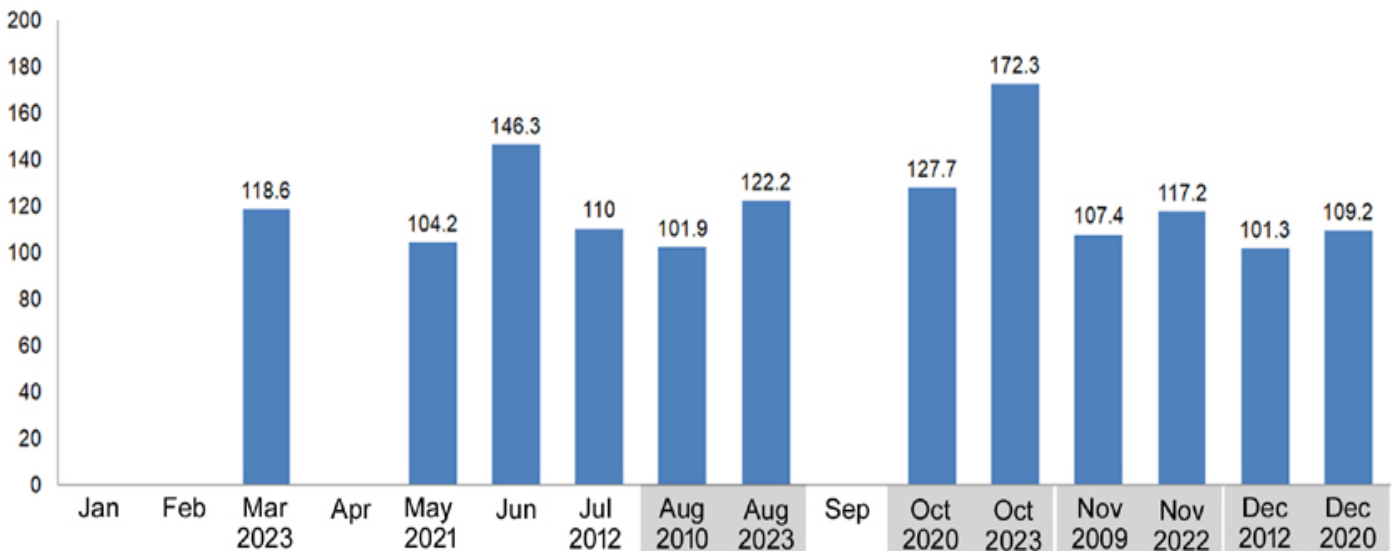
Overall statistics don't fit this October very well, but, for consistency, we should review these. Mean temperature was 12.9°C (11.74) with a high of 25.4°C (21.07) and low of 0.3°C (1.96). There were two grass frosts and 1 (1.25) ground frost.

Bright sun hours 180.3 (166.49), solar energy 4900 Ly (4655).

Rainfall, as already detailed, was 172.2 mm (67.14) compared to 40 mm evapotranspiration. Highest rainfall rate was 175 mm/hr (81.83). Other rainfall statistics are set out in the 2nd paragraph.

Average wind speed was 4 mph (3.44) with highest gust of 37 mph and three days over 30 mph (1.25). Highest daily average was 10.5 mph (7.46). Mean direction was WSW.

### NAYLAND RAINFALL TOTALS OVER 100mm: July 2008 to October 2023



### 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.





## LILIAN PEGGY SHREEVE

23rd March 1924 - 11th June 2023

Our mother, Lilian Peggy Shreeve, always known as 'Peggy' passed away peacefully shortly before dawn in her sleep on Sunday June 11th 2023 at Nayland House Care Home. She was 99 years old.

Mum came to Nayland in February 1969 when our family moved to the village as my father gained a management position at Colchester Post office.

Peggy and Jim soon became active in village life. For many years they both collected and counted the monies from the Annual Village Fete.

Mum joined the staff at the then Jane Walker Hospital at Wiston in the early 1970s and rose to become the Higher Clerical Officer in charge of the Office. Through her work and other interests she made many friends in the Nayland area.

On retirement in 1982 she continued her involvement in the village. She was an active



member of the Royal British Legion, Nayland Horticultural Society, the Women's Institute and the Art Club.

After Jim passed away in 1997 she remained active and drove her car around the villages and to Sudbury until she was 89.

Peggy was a lovely lady who was known throughout Nayland for her gentle nature, kindness and concern for others. She had a lovely smile and enjoyed supporting all the local shops.

She remained independent until her early 90s. Then, with the help of some domiciliary care, she remained living at her home at 4 Elm Grove until she was 95. She then moved to Nayland House where she met some old friends and colleagues.

Always cheerful and friendly, she was an inspiration to all who met her. May she rest in peace.

**Philip and Robin Shreeve**



Fundraising for reseach into childhood brain tumours

**Date:** Friday 8th December 2023  
**Time:** 10am-12 noon  
**Venue:** The Old Rectory, Rectory Hill, Polstead CO6 5AE  
**Tickets:** £20 each (limited tickets in advance please)  
 incl. fabulous gift of a prepared bowl of Christmas bulbs

Tickets from Nayland Events: <https://naylandevents.org>  
 or Email: [lizziesfund@yahoo.com](mailto:lizziesfund@yahoo.com)

Can't make it?

Please support our Raffle: Tickets 5 for £5  
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## Christmas Stitching Workshops

Our stitching workshops are perfect to create fabulous Christmas tree decorations, hand stitched for you and your loved ones.

Workshops suitable for all levels of sewing experience with full instructions in small groups.

All materials provided, plus coffee and cake!

**Dates:** Friday 24th November 9.30am-12.30pm  
 Saturday 25th November 9.30am-12.30pm  
 Tuesday 5th December 9.30am-12.30pm  
 Tuesday 5th December 7pm-9.30pm  
 Wednesday 13th December 7pm-9.30pm

£35 all proceeds to Lizzie's Fund.

Email: [lizziesfund@yahoo.com](mailto:lizziesfund@yahoo.com)

## COMMUNITY PANTRY & HARDSHIP FUND

Foodstuffs and toiletries always accepted at the pantry situated in the West porch of St James' Church.

Any financial donations can be made to: Community Panty & Hardship Fund Sort Code 30 99 50 – Account No 24195560

Many thanks to all those who support the pantry and hardship fund.



## THANK YOU

On behalf of the family of Roy Chapman may I please express a heartfelt thank you to the people of Nayland for making my father's last few years such happy ones.

Although a relative latecomer he was welcomed with open arms and embraced village life to the full. The first Tuesdays in the month will never be the same!

As his health deteriorated it was an enormous comfort to us to know that there was such huge support team to keep an eye on him.

Age never really slowed him down, especially if a lunch was involved, and it is testament to his unstinting interest in so many aspects of life that Nayland Church was packed for his thanksgiving service. As you can imagine we were left very clear instructions as to how he wished the service to run and luckily we were able to fulfil his wishes almost to the letter.

It goes without saying that his passing leaves a huge hole not just in our lives but so many others.

It would be remiss of me not to say a very special thank you to Sue for all her love and care over the years, thank you really doesn't seem enough we are so, so grateful.

**Robert, Sally, John, Jackie, Sam, Emma and Harley**



## NAYLAND MOBILE LIBRARY

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

Saturdays at 10am-11.15am, every four weeks

**2 December - 30 December**

**27 January - 24 February**

### Route 9 : Parkers Way

Saturdays at 3.55pm-4.30pm, every four weeks

**16 December - 13 January**

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## LIGHT UP A LIFE AND SUPPORT ST HELENA HOSPICE THIS CHRISTMAS

Join St Helena Hospice and Light up a Life this Christmas to share special memories and traditions created with loved ones as we remember and celebrate them at this poignant time of year.

You are invited to dedicate a light in memory of your loved one on the Hospice garden Christmas tree in return for a donation to St Helena Hospice. The festive season is often one of celebration and an opportunity to reflect on cherished memories of those we miss and love. By dedicating a light in memory this Christmas you are helping St Helena continue to provide vital and essential care to the growing number of patients and families who desperately need their support this festive season.

The Light up a Life event will take place within the St Helena Hospice garden on Thursday 14th December and will include a festive reading from St Helena's spirituality lead Tim Leeson, a Christmas light switch on, carol singing and range of delicious Christmas refreshments.

To make your dedication and Light up a Life this winter please visit [www.sthelena.org.uk/lightupalife](http://www.sthelena.org.uk/lightupalife)

There are many other ways you can support St Helena this festive period, by visiting their range of shops across north east Essex to do some Christmas shopping, stopping by their Mersea and Stanway cafes for a warm winter refreshment or to purchase your Christmas cards.

If you are planning on purchasing a real Christmas tree this year you can plan ahead and tick disposing of it after the festivities off your to do list as St Helena's Christmas Treecycle returns for 2024! Keep your eyes peeled for sign up to open at [www.sthelena.org.uk/treecycle24](http://www.sthelena.org.uk/treecycle24) and register your tree to be collected in the New Year and recycled in exchange for a donation to St Helena Hospice. Help us 'sleigh your waste' this winter.



## ROY CHAPMAN

*May 1930 – September 2023*

Did you know that Roy once worked for Harrods? Not for long, but had he persisted, it's interesting to consider how he would have struck it off many years later with Mr Al Fayed.

That surprising nugget of information about Roy is an example of what one can learn about an old friend whose life one has come to celebrate. You run no such risk today, for was there ever a more transparently genuine man than Roy Chapman? What you saw was what you got.

How can one do justice in a few minutes to the memory of such a man, family man, sportsman, professional and businessman, colleague, dear friend, adviser, charity fundraiser, host and, of course, supreme luncher?

Roy was born in 1930 at Clacton-on-Sea where his father, was a police constable, later to become the legendary Inspector Chapman keeping law and order in Halstead. In 1939, Roy was evacuated and spent the next few years with his grandparents in Witham from where he won a scholarship to Westcliff High, and made his presence felt; Cricket Captain at 16, Captain of Rugby 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and first Tennis Six. He then at 17, with that characteristic independence, left school without troubling his parents with any consultation.

And this was when Roy took up employment at Harrods, living in digs in Barnes (he had a certain style, even in those days).

There then followed eighteen months' National Service, mostly spent playing cricket for the RAF, with tours to Holland and to Germany, the high point of which was catching out Ken Barrington on the boundary.

There then followed Roy's first taste of the property world, when in 1950, looking for a job with (as he described it to me) as little work as possible, good pay and a car, he took up employment in Robert Balch's office in Chelmsford. The job didn't meet any of those criteria but did provide the truly life-changing event of meeting Mary, who was Robert Balch's secretary. Roy told me that on the day of his interview when he met Mary, he determined that she must become his wife.

That job, however, was not gripping, and he decided, encouraged by his father, to give the Police Force a try. He passed out of the National Training College (naturally) top of his course, and was posted to Chelmsford, and point duty. Can you imagine Roy on point duty? It was not really "him", somehow, so he decided to move on, despite the entreaties of no less than the Chief Constable, Sir Jonathan Peel, and returned to Balch & Balch in March 1951 at £6 a week, where encouraged by Mary, and by dint of a correspondence course, he trained and qualified as a Chartered Auctioneer and Estate Agent in 1956, later becoming a Chartered Surveyor.

Meanwhile, in 1953 Roy and Mary were married, and if there is one thing about Roy which everyone here must know, it is what a wonderfully happy and supportive marriage it was. Sadly, Mary's mother died of cancer ten days before the wedding, and that event led some years later to their extraordinary efforts in forming a committee and leading activities in aid of Cancer Research UK, which during Roy's time in office raised over £1.6m.

Newly qualified in 1956, Roy joined the Inland Revenue Valuation Office, gaining valuable experience and knowledge in the offices at Chelmsford and Colchester, and beginning to make his name in the profession.

In 1959, Roy was approached by Stan Skinner, with whom he had played cricket, and who with Tony Simmons practised



as surveyors and estate agents as James Abbott, with an offer to join them, which he accepted. Two years later he became the third partner, charged with growing the business. There followed a remarkable period of growth of Abbots until in 1986, with 23 partners and 32 offices around East Anglia the business was acquired by Hambro to become Countrywide. A number of Roy's colleagues of those days, describe him as a man who was energetic, hugely popular, trusted, and respected and the very best role model.

A couple of years later, Roy left Countrywide and established his own practice, later welcoming John, then Robert to join him, and which he happily continued at West Bergholt, and later at Nayland until Robert joined Carter Jonas and John, Jackson Stopps, when he retired.

Family life was at the centre of Roy's life: his and Mary's devotion to each other was legendary, and wherever possible they combined their interests and activities, and gloried in each others' company. Robert and John remember them both with immense affection and gratitude. They describe him as "a fantastic father - always there for us, and for Sally and Jackie". As

a grandfather, he enjoyed a very close relationship with Sam and Emma, taking a deep and proud interest in his achievements at cricket and football, and hers at eventing and show jumping.

Notwithstanding the calls of a demanding professional and family life, Roy found time to play an active role in many outside activities - I have already mentioned Cancer Research UK - but to mention a few others, Gents of Essex Cricket Club, Rotary International, he was Centenary Chairman of the Essex Branch of the Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Father & Sons' Dinner Club which he founded 50 years ago, Divestus, Green Bottle, and, of course horse racing and breeding - a passion he shared with Mary.

Mary was particularly interested in the breeding of horses, and two of their highs were sharing the winner's enclosure with HM The Queen at Royal Ascot, and having a winner at the Cheltenham Festival. Roy was in recent years a well informed television follower of horseracing. It was an extraordinary coincidence and irony that Mary's last bred foal, Crail, long retired, died on the very same day as Roy.

Of course, Colchester United Football Club must be mentioned. Roy joined the board in the mid 1960s, becoming Chairman in 1971 when the Club was faced with the threat of relegation from the Football League. With characteristic determination he used his boundless energy and powers of persuasion to secure Colchester's re-election.

Roy's Nayland days brought great happiness to him, and to his many friends and neighbours there, organising events and visits - it is recalled that there was always smoked salmon and champagne on the coach, bridge, and of course his monthly open door "Happy Hours". And most importantly, the companionship of Sue. She introduced him to bridge which became an important feature of his life and they shared the love of Scotland, music and the theatre.

I have, of course, in recent weeks sought impressions from many (but only a small fraction) of Roy's friends and colleagues. The picture is of a big man, with a big personality, a gentleman, an understanding man, a man of generous spirit, an active and energetic man, an enthusiastic man, a man upon whom one could rely, and in whom one could trust absolutely.

*by Tony Frost*



## NAYLAND HISTORY ONLINE ARCHIVE

With winter on its way we may be spending more time indoors, and when the sun goes down why not discover more about the history of our villages. Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society has an incredible online archive of photographs. They are available to view and 'search' at:

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

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

## NAYLAND HISTORY PUBLICATIONS

- **Nayland and Wiston: A Portrait in Photographs:** fascinating old photographs from Nayland and Wiston which show the history and character of people and places and reveals what life was like as early as 1860. The pictures are delightful. £6
- **Memories of Nayland:** provides an interesting picture of Nayland in the twentieth century through the memories of some of its residents. £4
- **Nayland: A Bird's Eye View:** a collection of articles about people and events from Nayland's past, historic buildings and much more. £5
- **Is it Wiston or Wissington?** The history of Nayland's 'other

parish' from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century. £5

- **Nayland: Suffolk Town and Village:** this is a short history of Nayland and Wiston including the following chapters: Nayland's industries and trades, schools, churches, medical and other services, river, road, and railways, social pursuits, personal and family reminiscences. There is a walk around guide and map at the back. £3
- **A Walk Around Historic Nayland:** a small booklet with photographs and drawings. £2.50

**AVAILABILITY:** All items from Forget Me Not, 2 Birch Street. Books also available from Wendy Sparrow 262820

Some of these books and village tea towels will be on sale at the Conservation Society stall at Nayland Christmas Fayre on 2nd December at the Village hall 10.30am-1pm.

### SCHOOL HISTORY BOOKS:

- **Book 1: A History of Nayland Schools (1707-2004)**
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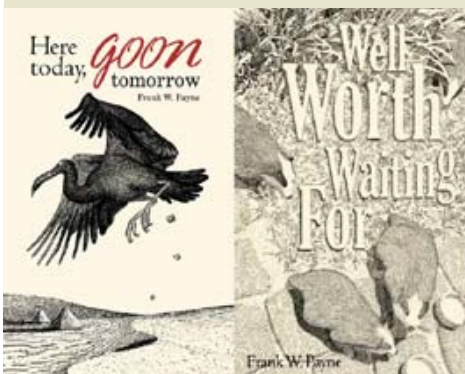
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## BOOKS IN AID OF SESAW



One of our supporters has the ideal gift for avid readers. They say everyone has a book inside them. Well in Frank Payne's case it's not one, not two - but three! Frank Payne started to chronicle his full and interesting life during lockdown, as a fundraising exercise for SESAW.

**Here Today, "Goon" Tomorrow:** is a compelling memoir of a slice of eighty-six year-old author Frank W Payne's life, focusing on his childhood, growing up around the Blitz to a promising career in sports journalism cut short by National Service in the RAF. Written with humour, it balances the darker aspects of the book, ending with a powerfully poignant read.

**Well Worth Waiting For:** is the sequel which chronicles his departure from the Air Force when he has returned from the RAF to 'normal' life. Cut adrift, looking for work amidst a sea of other men, the reader follows Frank on his career path - and a rollercoaster it was, starting in sales, climbing the ladder only to fall to the bottom rung repeatedly. You can't help but admire his tenacity and work ethic, be inspired and ultimately root for the young Frank as he tackles everything with a sly humour that aids him on his quest for career fulfilment even as it goes awry.

But it's not all doom as young Frank finds love and builds a family, with a wife he's still very much devoted to today. We're treated to glimpses of daily life, leading to Frank's other passion for rescuing dogs - especially Romanian dogs from the streets where they're brutalised on a daily basis. Writing with irreverent humour about good, bad and ugly subjects.

**It All Kicks Off On Sunday:** which lifts the lid on the inside story of football after forty three years as a qualified referee, a junior football team manager, and coach, including various battles with players, managers, parents and supporters.

The first two books - *Here Today, Goon Tomorrow* and *Well Worth Waiting For* are available for purchase at £5 each. Our awesome author is offering all three volumes for £12, a perfect Christmas present or enjoyable holiday reading for you. Frank is donating all proceeds to SESAW, please phone him on 01206 263006 or email [cahors@live.co.uk](mailto:cahors@live.co.uk) to place an order.

## SESAW NEWS

Now that winter has arrived, please check our website or Facebook pages before visiting us as our seasonal shutdown begins in December. Ollie (the Black) Cat joins me in wishing all our friends and rehomed animals health and happiness for Christmas and the New Year. I would say more but Mum told me to stop writing. I'm not to get any big ideas, the world is not ready for the memoirs of me, **Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua**

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

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## Christmas & New Year Bin Collection Schedule 2023-24

Please ensure your bins are presented by 6.30am on the day of collection

	Usual collection date	Amended collection date	Change
Recycling	Monday 25 December 2023	Wednesday 27 December 2023	2 days later
	Tuesday 26 December 2023	Thursday 28 December 2023	2 days later
	Wednesday 27 December 2023	Friday 29 December 2023	2 days later
	Thursday 28 December 2023	Saturday 30 December 2023	2 days later
	Friday 29 December 2023	Tuesday 2 January 2024	4 days later
Refuse	Monday 1 January 2024	Wednesday 3 January 2024	2 days later
	Tuesday 2 January 2024	Thursday 4 January 2024	2 days later
	Wednesday 3 January 2024	Friday 5 January 2024	2 days later
	Thursday 4 January 2024	Saturday 6 January 2024	2 days later
	Friday 5 January 2024	Monday 8 January 2024	3 days later
Recycling	Monday 8 January 2024	Tuesday 9 January 2024	1 day later
	Tuesday 9 January 2024	Wednesday 10 January 2024	1 day later
	Wednesday 10 January 2024	Thursday 11 January 2024	1 day later
	Thursday 11 January 2024	Friday 12 January 2024	1 day later
	Friday 12 January 2024	Saturday 13 January 2024	1 day later

Refuse and recycling collections continue as normal up to Friday 22 December; they return to normal on Monday 15 January 2024. Garden waste collections take place as normal until Friday 22 December. No garden waste collections 25 December to 7 January 2024. They return to the normal schedule from Monday 8 January 2024.

Further information at: [www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services)

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**Babergh DC will recycle your real Christmas tree for free!**

If you have a brown garden waste bin you can leave your real Christmas tree (without decorations) beside your brown bin for collection during January.

Please note: Large trees (more than 7 ft tall, or a trunk thicker than 7cm) cannot be collected alongside brown bins. They can be collected via a collection point or taken to any of Suffolk's household recycling centres.

You can recycle your real Christmas tree at any of our collection points. Details of all of Babergh Christmas tree collection points will be available soon at: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/collection-days/christmas-collections/>



Although not yet confirmed, the usual collection points nearest to Nayland are as follows **BUT** please check the dates they will be collecting.

- **Leavenheath:** Village Hall
  - **Boxford:** Boxford Spinney (entrance)
  - **Great Cornard:** Stevenson Centre, Stevenson Approach (off Broom Street)
  - **Hadleigh:** Stonehouse Road car park & Town Hall Market Place
  - **Sudbury:** Kingfisher Leisure Centre car park (by bottle banks)
- The household recycling centres are:
- **Sudbury:** Sandy Lane, Sudbury, CO10 7HG (off Bulmer Road, Ballingdon Hill - A131)
  - **Hadleigh:** Crockett Road, Hadleigh, IP7 6RD (off Lady Lane Industrial Estate)

More info on recycling at: <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/>





## FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES:

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### CHURCH SERVICES: *December*

<u>Sunday 3rd</u>	8.00am	HC BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 10th</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 17th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Christmas Service	Nayland
	5.00pm	9 Lessons & Carols	Leavenheath
	6.30pm	9 Lessons & Carols	Nayland
<u>Wednesday 20th</u>	7.00pm	Carols around the Christmas tree with Boxted Silver Band (High Street)	
<u>Sunday 24th</u>	3.00pm	Crib Service	Stoke
	4.00pm	Christingle	Leavenheath
	4.00pm	Christingle	Nayland
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Stoke
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Stoke
<u>Monday 25th</u>	9.30am	Family Eucharist	Polstead
	9.30am	Family Eucharist	Leavenheath
	10.00am	Family Morning Prayer	Wiston
	11.00am	Family Eucharist	Nayland
<u>Sunday 31st</u>	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Leavenheath

### CHURCH SERVICES: *January*

<u>Sunday 7th</u>	8.00am	HC BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	9.30am	Epiphany Carol Serv.	Wiston
	11.15am	Epiphany Carol Serv.	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 14th</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 21st</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Leavenheath
<u>Sunday 28th</u>	8.00am	HC BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Sung Evensong BCP	Nayland
<u>Sunday 4th January</u>	8.00am	HC BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke

*This rota is correct at time of going to print please also check timetable of services in your church porch on the website or Facebook*

### Weekly Pew Sheets & Reading

If anyone would like to receive the weekly church pew sheets and readings via email please let Nicola know via email: [nicola.church@yahoo.com](mailto:nicola.church@yahoo.com)

### Weekday & Saturday Services

*The following services will be held in our churches **every** week unless indicated in the weekly pew sheet. Do join us in our weekday worship.*

Mondays:	8.30am	MP	Nayland
Tuesdays:	8.30am	MP	Leavenheath
Wednesdays:	9.00am	HC	Nayland
Thursdays:	8.30am	MP	Wiston
Fridays:	6.30pm	EP	Stoke
Saturdays:	6.00pm	C	Polstead

*Key: MP Morning Prayer, HC Holy Communion, EP Evening Prayer, C Compline, BCP Book of Common Prayer*

**Daily church opening times:** Nayland 10-4pm, Wiston 9-4pm, Stoke 9-4pm, Leavenheath 10-4pm, Polstead 9-4pm.

### CHURCH CONTACT ALL DETAILS ON PAGE 47

If you require information about a baptism, marriage, funeral or anything pastoral please contact:

**Rector:** Revd Stéphane Javelle on 01206 263589 or [rev.stephane.javelle@eclipso.eu](mailto:rev.stephane.javelle@eclipso.eu) (Friday is his usual day off)

**Benefice Administrator:** Nicola Thorogood on 262453 or [nicola.church@yahoo.com](mailto:nicola.church@yahoo.com)

Churchwarden for St James': Kathy Hunt (262014) is the point of contact for Nayland church queries.

### COMMUNITY PANTRY & HARDSHIP FUND

Foodstuffs and toiletries are always welcomed at the pantry situated in the West porch of St James' Church.

Any financial donations can be made to:  
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Many thanks to all those who support the pantry and hardship fund.

### FROM THE REGISTERS



### DEATHS

Jean Evans



## Dear Friends,

We are entering the season of Advent leading us to Christmas and all the joy and family time that we love. Schools are performing in front of the parents some carols and we go on village greens and in churches to sing these carols out loud, ears full of the merry of the words.

It is also traditionally the time when we pay more attention to the poor at the local level and pray for peace in the rest of the world. No need to say that these two points of focus are definitely worth the attention nowadays. Poverty is definitely not a myth and the Church in this Benefice with its Community Pantry & Hardship Fund can actually bear witness that there's a real need. War is a reality whether it's at our door step in Ukraine or further East on the Holy Land. We have an even more vivid perception of the reality of this than we've got a constant flow of information on these conflicts and we've been exposed to the situation of refugees on each geographical side.

Often we feel powerless in front of the conflicts. We know how to deal with our local people in need for support and how to welcome refugees in our families and schools. But bring peace to the world, that's another story! There's not much we can do at our humble level besides educating ourselves about geopolitics, choosing carefully our politicians and praying Jesus-Christ, the Prince of Peace, to help us.

However, we forget that peace is also built for the future at the local level. All these rulers, heads of state or government,

used to be children, to live in a community, to have neighbours. When you take time to pay attention to the story of each warmonger, dictator, autocrat, falcon etc.. you discover children ill-treated or bullied, frustration, resentment, discrimination and other life experiences that are negative. We often don't realise it but our behaviour shapes the future. Any child, any neighbour could potentially become one day someone in a position of such power that they can either bring peace or war.

So more than ever, the wisdom of Jesus-Christ about human relationship is relevant, for now and for the future. And it's not that difficult: teaching children to be kind, generous and careful with each other at school; being kind and patient with your neighbour, because even if they get on your nerves, you never know the full story behind; being smiley, openminded and generous with the stranger, and above all, in any circumstances, do not judge.

I have got the feeling I am stating the obvious, but it's neither with indifference, nor hatred, nor disdain, nor ignorance that we build security or peace, but indeed with love and compassion. My brothers and sisters in Christ, it's with everyday simple acts of kindness that we build peace and make this world a better place. As simple as a smile.

**Reverend Stéphane**



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Last meeting before Christmas will be 13th December.  
Coffee mornings will resume in mid-January, probably in the warmth of the Church Hall, Bear Street

## TALK BY TONY PALMER

When I was asked by fellow Nayland resident Mark Ede who we might invite to give a talk at the inaugural event of Nayland Arts Society, I suggested Tony Palmer. I'd attended many screenings of his films at the BFI after designing DVD packaging for him. Tony has over 120 films to his credit, covering a wide spectrum of subjects, from pop-music related documentaries in the 60s and 70s (after befriending John Lennon during a press conference for *Hard Days Night*), to many films about many composers such as Benjamin Britten, Vaughan Williams, Stravinsky and Shostakovich. He also made films about people that fascinated him: Richard Burton, Peter Sellers, Leonard Cohen, Liberace and Hugh Hefner, to name but a few!

I rang Tony to ask if he would come to Nayland. He agreed to take part and, possibly because our past relationship, only charged us minimal travel expenses. In his eighties now and though no longer making films, Tony is very active, and told me he'd given a talk to 400 students at Durham University one week in September, followed by another the following week, at Trinity College Cambridge, where he'd once been a student himself. He asked if we had a decent film projector and screen, I said yes (courtesy of Nick Moriarty, who was a life saver on the night). Tony chose some film clips and I drafted out questions for a Q&A format with him. As it turned out, I needn't have bothered...no questions I had could have stemmed his flow or match his stories, which appeared one

after another, non-stop and peppered with anecdotes.

One minute he was telling the sell out crowd about meeting Stravinsky (who only agreed to be filmed if Tony introduced him to The Beatles), the next with Nelson Mandela, followed after that by the deeds of the Queen Mother. My job was to move him on as politely as possible, otherwise we'd have overrun by hours and only concentrated on one or two films.

"I want to upset the ordinary traditional way of seeing things", he once said about his films.

Melvyn Bragg described him as an 'impact director'. His talk in Nayland certainly had an impact. Some of the audience were moved to tears by his film about Maria Callas as she sang 'All for art - all for love!' Tony Palmer's credo was always "you cannot separate the artist and their lives and times if you want to understand their music. Music always means something". That is as good a summation of his life and work as anything, and he delivered that message loud and clear on the night.

It was a very special evening which coincided (October 10th) with 'World Homeless Day' <https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/world-homeless-day/> and as we all know homelessness is on the increase, Nayland Arts Society (all volunteers) have decided to pay profits from this event to Colchester Nightshelter: <https://cens4homeless.org.uk>

An extraordinary and memorable evening all round.

**Mark Wilkinson**





# Nayland & District Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show

on Saturday 23rd March 2024 in the Church Hall

- Classes:
1. Pot of spring bulbs, corms or tubers (*other than Daffodil/Narcissus*)
  2. Pot of 5 Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs any colour or variety
  3. Pot miniature Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs
  4. Pot of Polyanthus or Primula (Primroses)
  5. Flowering houseplant
  6. Non-flowering houseplant
  7. 3 blooms (*any one variety*) floating in a dish of water
  8. Flower arrangement: 'A Host of Daffodils' (*to be predominantly Daffodils*)
  9. Flower arrangement: 'Spring Fever' (*max size 12" overall*)
  10. Vase with 3 stems of Hyacinths
  11. Vase of mixed flowers and/or flowering shrubs
  12. Vase of one kind of flowering shrub or tree
  13. Vase of 3 Tulips (*any variety/varieties*)
  14. Vase with 1 bloom Camellia
  15. Vase of 6 assorted Daffodil/Narcissus
  16. Vase of 6 Miniature Daffodil/Narcissus
  17. 3 specimen Daffodil/Narcissus blooms (*any one variety*)
  18. Rhubarb: 3 stalks, leaves trimmed, but if forced foliage should remain
- This is an advance notice to enable you to plant up your entries!  
More information will be available in later issues of the Community Times, or  
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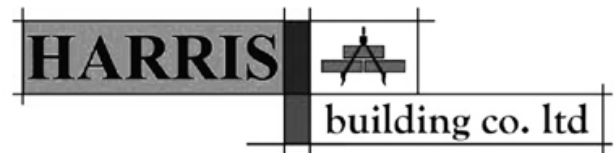


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Monday to Saturday	84	784	784	784	784	84A	784	84 Sch	84 Hol				
Sudbury Bus Station	0657	0905	1005	1105	1205	1245	1405	1507	1516	<i>Sch: Suffolk Schooldays</i> <i>ESch: Essex Schooldays</i> <i>NSch: Sat &amp; Mon-Fri in School holidays</i> <i>Hol: Mon-Fri in School hols</i> <i>NS: not Saturday</i> <i>Th: Thursday only</i> <i>*: 784 stops at Northern Approach Road for Hosp</i>			
Great Cornard School	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1520	.....				
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<b>Nayland Turning</b>	.....	<b>0929</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>1129</b>	<b>1235</b>	.....	<b>1429</b>	.....	.....				
Cordelia Drive Myland	0756	0938	1038...	1138	1244	.....	1438	1613	1613				
Colchester Gen. Hosp. *	0801	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1617	1617				
Colchester North Station	0806	0943	1043	1143	1249	.....	1443	1622	1622				
Colchester High Street	0811	0948	1048	1148	1254	.....	1448	1627	1627				
Norman Way Schools	0825	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....				
Monday to Saturday	84 Sch	784 NS	84	784	784	784 Sat	784	784	784 NSch	784 Sch	84 ESch	84 EHol	784
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Colchester North Station	.....	0850	0919	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1442	1613	1643	1748
Turner Road, for Hospital *	.....	.....	0925	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1619	1649	.....
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Great Cornard School	0830	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1520	.....	.....	.....
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## VILLAGE DIARY

Weekly on	<p><b>Mondays:</b> Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 31</i></p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b> Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall <i>page 26</i></p> <p><b>Wednesdays:</b> Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall <i>page 25</i></p> <p><b>Fridays:</b> Coffee, Cake &amp; Conversation 10am St James <i>page 7 (close mid December-mid January)</i></p> <p>Baby &amp; Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall <i>page 30</i></p>
<b>November</b> 23rd - 25th	Village Players: <i>'Kidnapped at Christmas'</i> <i>page 24</i>
<b>December</b>	<p>1st Christmas Trail Advent windows are revealed <i>page 9 &amp; 11</i></p> <p>1st Village Cinema matinee: <i>'Oppenheimer'</i> 1.30pm for 2pm Village Hall <i>page 16 &amp; 25</i></p> <p>2nd Community Council: Christmas Fayre 10.30-1pm Village Hall <i>page 6 &amp; 9</i></p> <p>3rd Community Council: putting up the village Christmas tree High Street 9am <i>page 8</i></p> <p>4th Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 32 &amp; 47</i></p> <p>8th Friends of Wiston Church: The Marenzio Singers 7.30pm <i>page 16</i></p> <p>9th Community Council: Christmas Trail trees &amp; wreaths go on display <i>page 9 &amp; 11</i></p> <p>9th &amp; 10th Christmas Tree Festival St James' Church see times on <i>page 7 &amp; 12</i></p> <p>10th Nayland Choir: concert <i>'Manchester Carols'</i> 4pm Village Hall <i>page 16 &amp; 26</i></p> <p>10th Village Players: Auditions <i>'On Golden Pond'</i> 5pm Church Hall <i>page 16 &amp; 24</i></p> <p>11th Royal British Legion: AGM with Mr Andrew Morgan 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 24</i></p> <p>13th Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 &amp; 47</i></p> <p>13th Village Players: Auditions <i>'On Golden Pond'</i> 5pm Church Hall <i>page 16 &amp; 24</i></p> <p>14th Women's Institute: <i>'ShantyFolk' with mulled wine &amp; mince pies All Welcome</i> 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 2 &amp; 28</i></p> <p>16th Christmas Tree Festival St James' Church see times on <i>page 7 &amp; 12</i></p> <p>17th Candlelit Carol Service at St James' Church at 6.30pm <i>page 12 &amp; 27</i></p> <p>20th Carols Around the Christmas Tree with the Boxted Silver Band at 7pm High Street <i>page 12</i></p> <p>21st Winter Solstice Picnic on Caley Green 1pm <i>page 2</i></p> <p>24th Community Council: Father Christmas' Tour of Nayland 2pm from the Village Christmas tree <i>page 9 &amp; 13</i></p>
<b>January</b>	<p>3rd Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm (<i>Exec 7.30pm</i>) <i>page 8 &amp; 47</i></p> <p>7th Community Council: taking down the village Christmas tree High Street 9am <i>page 9</i></p> <p>8th Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 32 &amp; 47</i></p> <p>10th Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 &amp; 47</i></p> <p>11th Women's Institute: <i>'You Are What You Eat'</i> Katherine Buchannon 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 28</i></p> <p>17th First Responders: CPR &amp; AED Training 7pm-9.30pm Village Hall <i>page 23 &amp; 28</i></p> <p>19th Village Cinema: <i>'film tbc'</i> 7pm for 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 25</i></p> <p>20th First Responders: CPR &amp; AED Training 12noon-2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 23 &amp; 28</i></p> <p>24th First Responders: CPR &amp; AED Training 7pm-9.30pm Village Hall <i>page 23 &amp; 28</i></p>
<b>February</b>	<p>2nd Community Council: Fun Village Quiz 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 9 &amp; 10</i></p> <p>8th Women's Institute: <i>'National Coast Watch'</i> Dick Daniels 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 28</i></p> <p>16th Village Cinema: <i>'film tbc'</i> 7pm for 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 25</i></p>
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