



NAYLAND^{WITH}WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

YOUR LOCAL MAGAZINE FOR NEWS AND VIEWS

2024: A SPECIAL YEAR FOR THE VILLAGE CHOIR & CONSERVATION SOCIETY

This year marks a special anniversary for these two village organisations.

Nayland Conservation Society was founded in 1974 when the Parish Recorder and a fellow history enthusiast, started *The Nayland Record*, a quarterly journal. With some concerning changes coming to light within the village at that time the idea of forming a 'preservation' society was conceived. The Conservation Society held its inaugural meeting in the Village Hall on the 6th June 1974.

The Conservation Society will be celebrating this milestone at its annual Open Gardens on 9th June and with a 5th Anniversary Celebration on 25th June - save these dates in your diaries.

For Nayland Choir it marks their 30th anniversary. Having formed a women's choir in the village in 1992, known as 'Tapestry', Mandy Cook went on to establish Nayland Choir in 1994. This was a very exciting change and such was its popularity the Mission Hall (Church Hall) was not large enough to accommodate them so rehearsals moved to the Old Chapel. Their first concert, when they were accompanied by an orchestra, was a wonderful achievement.

They will be celebrating their milestone with a special concert on Sunday 24th March in St James' Church. They will be performing *Mozart's Requiem* and, as back in 1994, will be accompanied by an orchestra. *Further details on pages 16 and 26.*

FEBRUARY 2024

No: 207

WHAT'S ON

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NAYLAND FUN VILLAGE QUIZ
Friday 2nd February 7.30pm sharp start Village Hall
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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS OF NAYLAND^{WITH}WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Reg Charity No 304926

&

NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Reg Charity No 304928

Monday 4th March

in the Village Hall

7.30pm Community Council

(CC Exec meeting at 7pm)

8.15pm Village Hall Management Committee

Everyone welcome

Please come along and support YOUR Community

Anyone interested in joining the Community Council Executive Committee should contact Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309 or Claire Buller 07971 065856

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

View the CT in colour on: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the meeting: 13th December 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

Mike Hunter expressed his support to a resident who had offered to co-ordinate a local voluntary Speed Watch group; this would provide evidence and statistics about the speed of traffic within the village centre.

An owner of land adjacent to the burial ground raised his concern regarding 8 overgrown trees on the northern boundary of the cemetery; work commenced had been interrupted by Storm Babet in October and had not been completed. He felt the condition of the boundary fence required a maintenance plan.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece is continuing to follow up the untidy state of land by the Old Bus Shelter at the junction of Heycroft Way/Harpers Estate.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

James Finch said SCC remain united against the Norwich to Tilbury onshore pylons option. He provided a potential traffic calming programme for Nayland as requested.

HIGHWAYS

Laura Erith reported that the crumbling road surface edge, adjacent to the ditch, opposite Little Bulmer Farm remained a danger to drivers particularly now that bollards/cones had been removed. James Finch was asked to pursue this; he pointed out that there were limited resources available.

Jonathan Pearson has offered to set up a voluntary Community Speed Watch group; this would operate under the guidance of Suffolk Constabulary. Councillors agreed to support this proposal. James Finch agreed to speak to the co-ordinator at Newton Green and obtain useful advice.

As requested James Finch had been exploring suitable traffic calming equipment available at SCC that was suitable for Nayland. He confirmed that Horkesley Road would qualify for a Temporary Vehicle Activated sign (TVAS) which would be shared on a rota with other locations. This should be sited just outside the 30mph limit within the 40mph zone.

Stoke Road will qualify for a Speed Indicator Device; experience suggests a battery unit would be more reliable than a solar panel and did not require a tall pole. The PC would be required to fund this.

Councillors agreed to look into purchase options. Isabelle Reece would look into potential grant funding for speed management.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCE

The Finance Committee's recommendations, which were approved, include: A Precept increase of 7%; to increase allotment rents by 10% and burial fees by 7%, that CIL monies are to be used towards a new Defibrillator for Wiston supported by a grant from the Community Council.

Other new capital projects to be prioritised for CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies as there is still no confirmed timescale for completion of the Village Hall roof. The funds need to be spent within 5 years of allocation. The detailed CIL returns can be viewed on the PC website.

Adam Sedgwick, Community Hardship and Community Pantry Fund management, asked whether Nayland with Wissington PC would consider allocated charity monies to the Fund within the benefice; it was agreed to invite him to the January meeting.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **Lower Courtwood, 13A Court Street [DC/23/04878]** for works to trees; to remove to ground level an Ash tree and a Sycamore tree.

Discussing an application at **Harpers Hill Farm [DC/23/05311]** for advertisement consent councillors object on the grounds that the size of the proposed signs was too large for this site, adjacent to Gladwin's Farm entrance and within the AONB. The need for two signs was questioned. Signage in itself was appropriate, as with the neighbouring business, but the number and design, as per application should be refused.

Councillors had no objections to listed building consent at **72 - 74 Bear Street [DC/23/05458]** for variation of conditions relating to materials providing the Heritage Team ensure the integrity of the heritage asset should not be compromised by the choice of materials; or at **52 - 54 Bear Street [DC/23/05592]** for repair of lime render on the front elevation and replacement of concrete render on brick plinth with lime render, replacement of plain tiles on the north facing roof slope and introduction of a pentice board over raised band along the front elevation as long as Heritage Team approve materials.

Owen Brown reported that investigation into future affordable housing was on-going.

The benefits of Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) was discussed; Isabelle Reece pointed out that Babergh's Planning Team placed great emphasis and weight on NDPs.

Tricia Fuller felt the PC should pursue whole council planning training; it was agreed that enquiries should be made at SALC and with Babergh.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

The Royal Memorial project was coming to fruition: the copper beech tree with railings around and the bench are in place. A plaque is to follow. Thanks were expressed to Dawn Harris for coordinating the project, the contractors and the Community Council for their financial contribution.

SCC's work at the culvert between Bear Street and the river is completed; the rotten wooden safety rail over the culvert, adjacent to the bus shelter has been replaced.

Sally Dalton said that work on the wooden revetment isn't likely to happen in the near future but it's hoped reduction of the long reed bed will be undertaken.

Gerry Battye reported that the Fairfield Playpark equipment had been repainted. The sub-committee would need to resolve signage, both in the Playpark and the field and parking areas.

Councillors were very disappointed by the delay to the repair to the Fairfield/Cemetery driveway by the Diocese. There are safety concerns for cars carrying children, visitors to the care home, funeral vehicles and ambulances using the drive with one particularly deep pothole. The Diocese will be chased again.

VILLAGE HALL

The Council has received correspondence expressing an interest in the possibility of free EV Charging points at the hall. This has been discussed by the VHMC; the electricity supply would need to be updated to make this possible. Such updating is already part of the Roof Project. Separate costings for the points themselves would have to be sought.

BURIAL GROUND

Dawn Harris reported that some individual metal crosses were being repaired and new ones being made for marking the graves of former Jane Walker residents. It will be necessary to liaise with our grass-cutting contractor concerning the crosses.

IN BRIEF:

Councillors congratulated the Community Council on their Christmas Fayre and other festive activities.

The allotment rents have been requested. There are currently two people on the waiting list; one from this parish and one from a neighbouring parish.

Signage has been damaged at both ends of the permissive path, created by the Conservation Society, between Nayland and Stoke; Mike Hunter agreed to liaise with the Tendring Hall Estate regarding this.

Suffolk Constabulary have re-organised local policing and a Community Policing Team has been created; PC 1293 Niall Johnson and PCSO 3092 Jo Adams are our new allocated officers.

Notes by observer of the meeting: 10th January 2024

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

Robin Thorogood chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Robert Preston, Site Manager at Littlegarth School, attended the meeting following complaints regarding powerful external motion sensor security lighting on a new building at the school. They are very bright and can be seen from some distance away from the Wiston side of the village. The original planning application specified downlighting; it was expressed that wouldn't have caused a problem. The lights illuminate the car park for the safety of pedestrians. Cleaners will be parking away from the lights to avoid triggering them in the evening. Mr Preston said residents with any concerns may contact him on r.preston@littlegarth.org

Mike Hunter proposed that the Community Litterpick was held on 20th April; councillors thanked him for organising this.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece said there would be a site meeting next week to discuss the land at the Harpers Estate/Heycroft Way junction and the future of the Old Bus Shelter as well as the Babergh garages; councillors were invited to attend. She advised that funding for the Speed Watch team could be applied for from the National Lottery Road Safety Package.

HIGHWAYS

Tricia Fuller raised the issue of repairs to a small patch of Harpers Estate (below the junction with Heycroft Way) where resurfacing had been expected. Debbie Hattrell said she would check but SCC may not have specified what work they were going to do; she will follow this up.

Regarding the bollards on the A134 by-pass not being illuminated, James Finch advised that following Power Networks failure to resolve the problems SCC engineers have decided to install new self-cleaning reflective bollards which don't require a power supply. Councillors felt this was not exactly what was requested Dawn Harris will investigate this and report back to the PC.

Mike Hunter said 6 volunteers have come forward to join the Speed Watch team; they are ready to submit their application form.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **The Old Post Office 19 High Street [DC/23/05723]** for works to trees; reduce crown of Magnolia by 2 metres, reduce height of Bay by 1 metre and remove 1 stem, reduce crown of Portuguese Laurel by 2 metres in height and 1 metre in crown width, reduce crown height of Apple by 1 metre and crown width by 0.5 metres and remove crossing and dead branches, reduce over extended branches of Weeping Birch by 1 metre, reduce height of Apple by 1 metre and remove crossing and dead branches, crown lift an Indian Bean tree to 3 metres.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

Sally Dalton was asked for an update on works at Caley Green; there was no update but it is still hoped reduction of the long reed bed will be carried out. Gerry Battye said SCC have replaced the rotten wooden safety rail over the culvert, adjacent to the Bear Street bus shelter.

Gerry Battye reported that the benches on Fairfield Recreation Ground have been repaired; he will follow up on where to locate them.

The poor condition of the Fairfield/Cemetery driveway remains of concern; the Diocese reported that they were let down by a contractor and seeking another to do the work but this was 6 weeks ago. The Diocese will be chased again.

BANNER POLICY

Councillors were reminded of details of the Council's banner policy for Caley Green and Horkesley Road which was established in liaison with SCC, the landowners. Banners (and signage) are only permitted with authorisation of the PC, following an application submitted with a risk assessment and proof of PL

insurance to the PC Clerk who will check availability. Village groups may apply for display periods of 2 weeks, anything commercial may apply for periods of 1 week per month. However, only 2 banners can be displayed at any one time.

A complaint was received regarding a banner along Horkesley Road promoting the Mill Street Store & Deli during December. This had not been authorised and they have been asked to take it down. While the PC wishes to support all village organisations and businesses the banner policy is in place and should be adhered to. Laura Erith will contact the Deli regarding the policy.

VILLAGE HALL

Dawn Harris said that the Spring gardening morning will be held on 6th April. The VHMC are hoping to organise two fund-raising events this year.

The PC has the opportunity of free installation of slow-speed EV charging points at the hall. Councillors had been informed that the current electric system at the village hall would need upgrading – which will be included as part of the Replacement Roof Project – to cater for EV charging. Councillors wondered if slow-speed chargers, rather than rapid speed, would work with the current VH electric system. Adam Birchweaver was delegated – if Iain Wright is in agreement – to express an interest in taking this forward.

IN BRIEF:

Dawn Harris advised that the allotment inspections had been carried out. Some rent renewals are overdue.

Dawn Harris has requested a quote for replacement crosses to mark the graves of former Jane Walker residents in the Burial Ground.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Parish Assembly will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm.

Councillors expressed concern that numbers attending the PA have dropped alarmingly. It is a legal requirement to hold a PA annually. It was suggested that having a speaker and/or having an interesting, topical theme may draw more residents to attend. Affordable Housing, Neighbourhood Plan, Environment Agency, Local business were subject mooted – the Council would welcome suggestions from residents with ideas for a theme for the meeting of subjects that concern them. Please let the Clerk have your suggestion prior to the next PC meeting on 14th February.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 24th April

7.30pm in the Village Hall

The Parish Council invites residents to let them know of ideas for topics or themes they feel would be of interest for the Parish Assembly, or subjects that concern them.

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APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP NEIGHBOURS IN NEED

During Covid-19 residents of our parish excelled themselves when an appeal was circulated for volunteers to assist others who were isolated or unable to venture out.

The Community Council has become aware that there are a few residents in the village who at times are unable to get out for themselves due to age or physical issues and would benefit from having a prescription collected, an errand run or some shopping dropped off.

We are therefore appealing to residents to consider being included on a volunteer list to help someone local to them if the need arises. Volunteers names would not be made public; they would only be given out if someone requiring assistance contacted us.

If you think you can help please let Lorraine Brooks know via email at lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com or 262807. Please let her know your name, telephone number, email and the road that you live in. Only when approached by someone who requires an errand would details of nearby volunteers be given to them.

Nayland with Wissington is a kind and generous parish so we are hopeful this appeal will ensure residents do not feel alone.

NAYLAND & WISTON:
Local volunteers
to help neighbours

SO THEY ARE NOT ALONE
when in need of help collecting a
prescription, an errand run
or shopping.

If you think you can
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Lorraine Brooks know
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or 262807



Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society
Registered Charity No. 268104

NAYLAND OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 9th JUNE
2pm-6pm

If anyone would like to include their
garden, and we would welcome gardens
on the Heights and all areas of the village,
please contact: Mike Hunter
on 264100 or mikejphunter@gmail.com

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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.

YOU CAN EVEN HELP WHILE BROWSING SOCIAL MEDIA

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.

'Liking' a post does not help in the same way; it does not help keep the post in the discussion.

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

Would you like to make a difference in your community and by getting involved and thereby making new friends?

Then please consider putting yourself forward...

- **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
- **Parish Council** have a vacancy for a parish councillor; they meet on the second Wednesday of the month, see page 6 for details. Contact Debbie Hattrell 01376 425744
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member; they meet on the first Monday of the month. Contact Iain Wright 01206 263646 or Chris Thompson 01206 262825.
- **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 or Terry Bannister 01206 262454.

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: **Robin Thorogood** (from February)
newtons.farm@gmail.com
Laura Erith (summer)
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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
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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

RAFFLE AT THE VILLAGE QUIZ

Donations of prizes for the Community Council's raffle at the **Fun Village Quiz** - on Friday 2nd February - would be very much appreciated.

They can be left at 107 Bear Street or brought along on the evening.

POLICE ENGAGEMENT EVENT



Place : Nayland Village Hall
Date : Friday 9th February 2024
Time : 9:30am-Midday

If you need some general police related advice, have questions for me, or wish to alert me to criminality or anti-social behaviour in the area, come along and have a chat.

Further information on page 28

PC 1293 Niall Johnson

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 3rd January 2024 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 263169

Full minutes available at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Claire Buller welcomed members to the meeting.

Executive Committee: As always we welcome new members to join the team – please spread an encouraging word to anyone who may be interested in joining us. 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 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.

A resident raised an issue regarding access to the Village Hall defibrillator in December. The Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) investigated the incident on our behalf and identified that because the originator of the 999 call sent someone else to get the defibrillator (just in case) the ambulance service were not able to give the code. The original 999 call had not triaged as needing a defibrillator – the operator simply asked if one was nearby (just in case) a question which applies to e.g. office buildings which might have a readily-accessible defibrillator. Because of this when the second call to 999 was placed to access the community defibrillator at the Village Hall, a code was not available. To conclude – there is no problem with our community defibrillator and our site is fully registered with the East of England Ambulance Service (EASS). The issue arose because of the ambulance service script - an issue of which they are aware and are addressing by changing over to a new system. The CHT have reported the issue and are in regular contact with them.

NB. It is not appropriate to put the defibrillator code on the cabinet as it may invalidate our insurance and risk the defibrillator being used without any record which could mean it would be unavailable for use next time it was required.

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 PC supports the use of their CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds to be used towards a community Defibrillator for Wiston supported by a grant from the CC.

Three training sessions are being organised by the First Responder Team on 17th, 20th & 24th January in the Village Hall. The CC will be funding the hire of the hall. The sessions will provide confidence in performing CPR and using a defibrillator (AED). Numbers attending each session will be limited to ensure those attending get the attention that they need during the course. Children are welcome to attend.

River Stour Water Level Gauge: SCC Properties Officer would permit the gauge to be 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 is hopeful he will be able to install the water gauge and will be meeting Rachel on site in the New Year.

Online Ticketing Facility: 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.

Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III commemorative feature: This Parish Council project has almost come to fruition; just a plaque to add. Installation of commemorative copper beech tree and railing for the late Queen and bench for King Charles was installed in December. The CC awarded a

£1,538 contribution towards the project.

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 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 spring gardening morning tidy will be held on Saturday 6th April from 9am with refreshments served; please pop along if you can.

St James' Flower Festival: 9th, 10th & 16th December. Organised by Karen Freeman. There were 27 wonderful Christmas trees, decorated by village organisations and individuals, including the CC, on display. Those that attended enjoyed the Festival which looked lovely with some ingenious decorations to demonstrate the activities of each village society. Thanks to them, the cake producers, all who helped, the Handbell Ringers for a wonderful performance, the groups that participated and the sponsors. They raised £600; half for the Primary School and half for the Church Coffee Morning.

Recent Activities:

Halloween sale of Firework Night Tickets: 31st October. Claire Buller said it had been a very useful opportunity to remind residents about the CC. They sold a few tickets for bonfire night and prompted online sales and sold a few calendars. It was lovely to be alongside Nayland Bear and see the children enjoying Halloween and give out sweets for trick or treat.

Bonfire Night: 5th November. Claire Buller said it had been a great event with a wonderful firework display; it made £4,360 profit. Firework Crazy were brilliant; despite the flooding they just re-arranged the layout where needed and got on with the job. Mulled wine sold out very quickly and 500 sausages were soon sold. Further emphasis on 'NO SPARKLERS' should be made in future.

Christmas Fayre: 2nd December. This was as usual a nice festive event. Father Christmas and his elf (Peter Drew & Rachel Hitchcock) were busy and there were more stalls this year.

Christmas Trail: Advent Windows, Christmas Tree Trail & Wreath Competition. Elaine Muskett and William Torry (under 16) won the wreath competition and received chocolates as prizes. These activities received many positive comments. There were many other festive delights including the deer and additional lights opposite Caley Green and this year at Nags Corner and many houses on the Heights were adorned with lights and festive features. Bear and Fish were visiting and provided a lovely display. Thanks to Claire, Antony Day and others for taking photos of all the displays. Photo albums of the wreaths and Christmas trees can be viewed at: <http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/News.html> Photos of the windows and other displays will be added soon. Thanks to all who participated.

Christmas Tree: The tree went up on 3rd December and will be taken down on Sunday 7th January at 9.30am. Helpers would be welcome. There was an issue with the power supply getting wet but this was rectified. As usual the tree looked delightful and received many compliments; many thanks to Claire for organising this, Will for his chainsaw carving and the team of helpers of all ages.

Father Christmas: 24th December, Tour of Nayland in George Pratt's vintage tractor and trailer. George dropped the trailer off at Bear Street; it was decorated by Claire Buller with help from John Spooner. The use of the trailer enabled children to get up close to Father Christmas for photos. There were

Community Council report continued.....

many comments of how lovely this activity was. There was a large crowd waiting for them at the Christmas tree and they were mobbed at Caley Green. They gave out over 110 bags of chocolate coins; these were only given to children due to demand. Many thanks to Claire, Wayne, George and John. George donned an elf costume and make up and seemed to thoroughly enjoy himself. Claire will ask George if he would kindly put us in his diary for next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt Cable gave his report to 31st Dec. NB: these results are preliminary figures.

Breakdown of profits: Community Times £1,013, Bonfire Night £4,369, Quiz £563, Village Calendar £430, Nayland 10K £425, Christmas Fayre £290.

Grants paid: Parish Council bench and tree £1,538, First Responders £2,165, Nayland Bear £100.

Expenses: £566 for the Coronation event and £448 for Christmas activities. £857 for central costs inc. insurance for the year.

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £27,537.04 represented by Deposit a/c monies £11,165, Current a/c monies £15,250, Cash in Hand £1,078. We hold £89 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 £16,814.**

GRANTS & DONATIONS:

Nayland Choir: A lovely card had been received thanking the CC for their grant of £1,538 towards the costs for their 30th Anniversary concert.

Nayland First Responders' Training Sessions: Following their offer to organise free of charge CPR and defibrillator (AED) training sessions in Nayland on 17th, 20th & 24th January it was agreed to award a grant of £157.50 to cover the cost of hall hire for the courses.

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

Village Calendar: Lorraine Brooks said the 2023 income is currently £430. There is an additional £112 collected; a further estimated £110 expected and there will no doubt be some late sales. There is an outstanding sponsorship of £25. Potentially this would be £677 profit for the 2024 calendar.

The current calendar team has dwindled down to just Lorraine and Wendy Sparrow in recent years and by themselves they cannot maximise sales. Claire Buller and Jo Metson have kindly agreed to join the team with a view to boosting sales. Opportunities such as Firework Night, busy times on Caley Green, including when the fish and chip van was present were mooted. Many thanks to everyone involved in the 2024 calendar; sponsors, those submitting photos, those selling the calendars and of everyone who bought copies. As we move into a new year don't forget to take photos ready for this year's calendar photo competition – details will be promoted in the Community Times.

Forthcoming Activities:

Fun Village Quiz: Friday 2nd February. The quiz is in hand; Jo Metson has agreed to help and the scorers are in place. A volunteer to man the raffle would be appreciated as would prizes for the raffle – please bring them along on the night or drop off at 107 Bear Street.

Community Council AGM: Monday 4th March. This will be at 7.30pm (Exec 7pm) in the Village Hall. The Village Hall AGM will follow at 8.15pm.

SOCIETY REPORTS

HortSoc: Trevor Smy said they enjoyed participating at Christmas Fayre. They are planning their 2004 activities; Spring Flower Show on 23rd March, AGM & Fun Quiz on 16th April, Morning Market on 11th May, coach outing to Hyde Hall on 12th June.

Friends of Caley Green: Sally Dalton reported the lone swan on the river is still alone. There is a pair of swans on the Meadow pond and most of the ducks spend the winter on the pond. The rotten railing on Bear Street above the culvert has been replaced. A few residents attended a Solstice Picnic on the new bench on the Green but it was a very cold day; not for the fainthearted.

First Responders: Tracy Le Grys said their third defibrillator kit

will be up and running in the very near future. They are holding three sessions for CPR and defibrillator training on the 17th, 20th and 24th January. The course lasts approximately 2 hours and as well as a slide show presentation, there are demonstrations and role playing. Children are welcome to attend. The Community Council will fund the hire of the Village Hall for these sessions.

Parish Council: Sam Treharne said they support a community speed watch within the village run by residents under the guidance of the Suffolk Constabulary. Data will be gathered as evidence of vehicles speeding within the village. The PC will look into the addition of traffic calming equipment within the village, such as a temporary Vehicle Activated Sign in Horkesley Road and a re-active sign which displays the speed in Stoke Road. The Royal Memorial tree, railings and bench are in place, the plaque is yet to be installed. The PC has objected to an application for signage at Harpers Hill Farm. Policing - Suffolk Constabulary have re-organised local policing and a Community Policing Team has been created: PC 1293 Niall Johnson and PCSO 3092 Jo Adams are our new allocated officers.

St James Church: Chris Hunt said the Christmas Tree Festival was very successful. During December both Littlegarth and Nayland Primary schools held their carol concerts; they were as usual very good. On the 17th nine lessons and carols was held with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. On Christmas Eve the Christingle Service was slightly different this year as we had no organist so we sang unaccompanied with thanks to David Pryor for leading us. On Christmas Day a family Eucharist was held. All these events were well attended and hopefully enjoyed by all. Some repairs to the roof on the south side (bordering Newlands Lane) are expected to take place soon. The Wednesday Coffee Mornings will recommence from Wednesday 17th January.

Conservation Society: Mike Hunter said their speakers for 2024 have been booked. Local resident Mick Inkpen will be talking about his career as a children's book author and illustrator at their AGM on 12th March. On 25th June we shall be celebrating the Society's 50th anniversary with a drinks reception for members followed by memories from three of our longest standing members and a contribution from local comedian Chris Hunt! Our October talk features Nigel Amies speaking on the subject of the Home Guard and our final speaker in November is David Pryor who is involved in the building of a Viking longship.

Open Gardens will take place on 9th June. We would be most grateful if the many excellent gardeners on the Heights would consider opening their gardens; many gardens open in the older part of the village and it would be a pleasure to spread the event more widely. Other significant events will include our Spring Footpath walk and our spring litter pick; dates for both events will be confirmed shortly.

Land Company (Nayland Meadow): David Slater said a tree that came down across the footpath during Storm Henk has been removed; adjacent trees are being checked and may require work. Phase 2 of the path improvement work is due to be carried out. Phase 1 saw works to 230 metres of path completed; for phase 2 it's hoped over 400 metres of the permissive path – from the bench down to the Horkesley Road entrance and to the river – will be completed if weather permits by the end of March. We will endeavour to minimise inconvenience to walkers.

Village Hall: Iain Wright said that the 2023 fund raising events made £7,500 for the replacement roof fund. They are still waiting for news on their Lottery grant application. They are still trying to overcome technical issues involved in installing a noise limiter at the hall; neighbouring houses have reported incidents of late night noise from the hall.

AOB: Volunteer List: The need for establishing a list of a few volunteers willing to collect prescriptions, and perhaps help with other errands for those in need was raised. It was felt this would be helpful. The way forward and promotion in the CT would be discussed further via email.

NEXT MEETING: will be the AGM on Monday 4th March at 7.30pm (Exec 7pm) in the Village Hall.

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VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

On Sunday 3rd December the Christmas tree was once again mounted into its underground fixings. This year it was again a truly magnificent tree. Based on last year's experience we made sure we had enough manpower to lift the tree into its holder. No easy feat.

The tree received many wonderful comments this year with its many lights and decorations making it a sight to see. Many said "It was one of the best years ever". A big thank you to the Community Council for funding the lights and baubles which helped brighten everyone's Christmas again this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped put it up and take it down again this year. It was also lovely this year to see new faces and families with young children helping.

Thanks to our Dental Surgery for servicing the tree with its electricity and allowing the tree to be positioned outside their premises, Fred Smith of Straight Road, Boxted for delivering and supplying the tree at a competitive rate, Will Hitchcock for stepping in with his chainsaw to expertly shape the tree stump to fit its holder and Iain Wright for lying in the gutter to secure the fixing bolts. Photograph shows the band of helpers on the 3rd December; Sam, Ian, Teresa, Mark, Hugo, Fluer, Milo, Tracey, Wayne, Will, Claire, Lina and Iain.

Claire Buller, Community Council

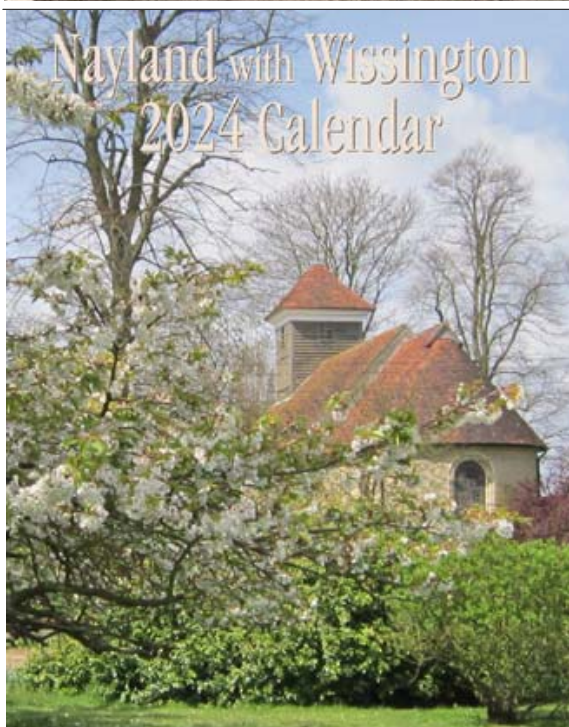


MISSING

During the Christmas Tree Festival two ceramic baubles went missing from the Art Group's Christmas tree in the church.

No-one from the church is aware of any such breakages so it is probable that they were taken - probably not by anyone in the village and long gone.

However, the Art Group ask anyone who may have 'borrowed' them to return them anonymously by leaving them in an envelope marked 'Art Group' somewhere at the back of the church.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CALENDAR & PHOTO COMPETITION

For anyone who still wishes to purchase a 2024 calendar there are a few more copies available at the Post Office, Forget Me Not, 17 Court Street or to order online at:

<http://www.naylandandwiston.net/>

Calendar Photographic Competition

Do keep taking photographs for this popular competition.

The competition will be held again; further details in the next issue of the Community Times. We anticipate the competition will be held in late April so do get out and capture some scenes.

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

FATHER CHRISTMAS COMES TO NAYLAND

Father Christmas and his Elf once again visited Nayland on Christmas Eve for a tour of the village.

This year George Pratt and his vintage Massey Ferguson tractor and trailer provided transport.

They were greeted by many excited children, parents and 'big kids' in the High Street and virtually mobbed at Caley Green.

Over 110 bags of chocolate coins were handed out to the delighted children.

CHRISTMAS THANKS

The Community Council have been delighted to receive many comments of gratitude for encouraging Christmas spirit and bringing joy to the village. But they cannot achieve this without your support. They are very grateful to so many in the village for their eager and generous participation to make this Christmas special. More members of the CC team would be welcome; it's an enjoyable friendly village committee that provides positive events and facilities for the community, if you would like to know more or are interested in helping please contact Rachel Hitchcock on 07788 954309 or rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com



1pm-4pm

It is a lot of fun behind the scenes of the Fete and it's a great way to meet new people. If you would like to be involved in a stall, have some new ideas or anything that will help, we would love to hear from you. The Fete really has gone from strength to strength and is a wonderful example of a community working together.

The stalls are a great attraction, so please start putting aside unwanted and resaleable china and glass, bric a brac, anything for the home, vintage items, toys, pictures, bags, jewellery, garden tools and good quality ladies clothes (but I am afraid no electrical items this year).

Donations will be gratefully received from 1st March until 22 April, but please note the drop off points as below:

Please take Vintage items to Forget me Not

Everything else to be left in the changing rooms at Nayland Village Hall. The door to the changing rooms is accessed via the path to the right of the hall and will be open between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Saturday.

Donations for the bottle tombola and homemade cake stalls will be greatly appreciated nearer the time.

Nayland Fete is always brilliantly supported by the local and wider community, who enjoy the music, stalls, vintage cars, sideshows and refreshments at our very friendly traditional Fete.

We are looking forward to another day of fun and laughter on Monday 6th May.

Please contact the Committee via:

Lorna Burgin: nickandlorna@yahoo.co.uk

Tel: 07769 665182

CHRISTMAS TRAIL

The Christmas Trail, which began during the Covid-19 pandemic, continues to bring the community together and create a little seasonal cheer along the streets of Nayland and Wiston. It has become a popular highlight of the festive season. For a fourth year residents excelled with an abundance of festive delights displayed around the village. There were 24 beautifully decorated windows opening daily from 1st-24th December, festive Christmas trees and unique wreaths included on the trail map.

Windows around the village were decorated and from 1st to 24th December a new one was opened each day. Christmas trees and wreaths were displayed from 9th December; for a little extra interest there was a question associated with each tree - see the answers below - and wreaths had all been decorated by the participants.

Congratulations to the winners of the wreath competitions: adult, Elaine Muskett, Harpers Estate and under 16, William Torry, Heycroft Way.

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

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

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



The famous Bear Street illuminations had a new nativity scene

CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL ANSWERS

- **5 Court Street:** How many years are Disney celebrating this year? *100*
- **Village Tree High Street** Which band will accompany Carol singing round the tree on 21st December? *Boxted Methodist Silver Band*
- **St James' Church:** Why do Christmas trees traditionally have a star on top? *To guide the Wise Men where to find the baby Jesus*
- **Christmas Tree Festival:** How many trees are in the Festival in St James? *27*
- **31 Fen Street:** Who sang the original 'Rockin' around the Christmas tree' in 1958? *Brenda Lee*
- **Mill Stores, Mill Street:** Feathers from what bird were used in the first artificial Christmas trees which originated in Germany in the 19th Century? *Goose feathers dyed green*
- **3 Mill Street:** My little doggy loves Christmas, so I made some decorations just for him. How many times can you see him on the tree? *Six*
- **16 Birch Street:** List the decorations you can see on the tree that would be edible if they were real. How many are there? *Orange, oysters, apple & candy cane*
- **18 Birch Street:** Three of Santa's reindeers' names begin with the letter 'D'. What are those names? *Dancer, Dasher & Donner*
- **31 Bear Street:** What is the character the on top of the tree? *Daddy pig for Peppa pig*
- **33 Bear Street:** What colour are the nutcracker's boots? *Gold*
- **82 Bear Street:** What country does this dala horse come from and what colour is it? *Sweden and red*
- **St Mary's Wiston:** In Victorian times what items were used to decorate the tree? *Nuts, berries, apples, paper roses, candles and tinsel made of shredded silver*

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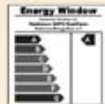


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Wednesday 10th April

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Saturday 20th April @ 8pm



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- Home-made Cakes and Preserves
- Refreshments
- Raffle (draw at 11.30am)

Donations of items for sale or raffle prizes
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morning or left with a committee member
during the week leading up to the event.

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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

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 highlighted last issue and as reported in David Lowe's weather report on page 34 the rainfall continued to be very high. Consequently river levels have been high and flooding continued.

Drawing on a positive from this, at least levels in Abberton Reservoir and the groundwater chalk aquifer should stand us in good stead should we have a long hot summer... and our poor under-maintained river shouldn't stop flowing.

REED GROWTH AT THE WEIR

Reeds have died down and been dormant during the winter. With spring on its way that will soon change and the well established reed beds will soon be romping away to claim more of the river and reduce its water holding capacity.

The likelihood of the EA undertaking any much needed reed management or removal seems unlikely given their previous broken promises.

WILDFOWL & SWANS

As reported last issue it was feared that the pen (female) swan had been injured and disappeared. The cob swan has overwintered on the river and Caley Green alone.

There was encouraging news in January when another pen swan started visiting our cob swan at Caley Green. This became more exciting on 16th January when the pair were spotted mating several times down near the Horseshoe weir. Fingers crossed that they settle together here and she is not a promiscuous, fly by night pen.

There are currently no swans on Nayland Meadow.

Kingfishers have continued to delight passers by, and during the first two weeks of January there were several sightings in Wiston of a White Stork.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

Don't forget to take part in the annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch; it will be on **26-28 January**.

With 1 in 4 birds in serious decline, it's never been more important to monitor the UK's bird populations.

The Big Garden Birdwatch is a fun and fascinating activity for all ages to enjoy and can be done from your garden, a local park or any open space. You never know what might land in your patch! All you have to do is:

1. Watch the birds around you for one hour at any time between **26-28 January**



The sluice gates have been doing their job and directing excess water down the flood channel. Photo by Antony Day



Photo of a White Stork in Wiston taken by Emma Cowen.

2. Count how many of each species of bird lands on your patch during that time
3. Go online and tell us what you saw before 18th February

For more information go to: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

THE RIVER AS AN AMENITY

With the days gradually getting longer and signs of spring arriving all around us it perhaps time to get excited about the prospect of outdoor activities. This does bring with it a few rules and regulations to be aware of....

RIVER CRAFT

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

The **River Stour Trust** can issue craft registrations. The annual fee (1 Apr 2023 - 31 Mar 2024) is £47.70 per private unpowered craft. Monthly and weekly licences are available. Register at: <https://www.riverstourtrust.org/boat-trips/paddling-the-river-stour/craft-registrations/>

Alternatively, membership of **British Canoeing** includes a licence - but it covers the member and not the craft. individual adult costs £47. Join at <https://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk/>

FISHING

The closed season, when you cannot fish on rivers and streams, is 15th March to 15th June 2024.

At any time of year a rod licence must be carried if you are aged 13 or over and you fish for freshwater fish, smelt or eel or you could be prosecuted and you can be fined up to £2,500.

A yearly 2-rod course fishing licence costs: £33 for adults, £22 for over 65 or the disabled and is free for 13-16 year olds. 1-day or 8-day licences are also available.

Licences can be purchased at Post Offices, online at <https://www.gov.uk/fishing-licences/buy-a-fishing-licence> or by telephone to the Environment Agency fishing licence service on 0344 800 5386.

CALEY GREEN

The Friends continue to keep an eye on the Green and the wildfowl. It is lovely to see it being enjoyed even during the winter months.

THE CULVERT

Suffolk County Council (SCC) completed clearance and re-profiling of the culvert alongside Caley Green and removal of the island of reeds at its mouth in October. During the heavy rain during winter the flow down the culvert has been much improved.

Repair to the rotten railing on Bear Street above the culvert has also now been carried out.

THE LONG REED BED

SCC remain hopeful that their contractors will carry out a reduction of the 'wall of reeds' in the near future.

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. The SCC Properties Officer said he will look once again at getting the matter rectified.

RIVERBANK PROTECTION UPDATE

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 when this work is likely to take place.



LASTING MEMORIAL ON THE GREEN

A memorial bench to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II, engraved 'Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022', and a tree - a Copper Beech - to celebrate King Charles III have been installed on Caley Green.

BANNERS ON CALEY GREEN & ALONG HORKESLEY ROAD

In order for advertising banners or any promotional signage to be placed on Caley Green or along Horkesley Road permission must first be granted by the Parish Council.

A banner policy was established in liaison with SCC, the landowners:

- Permission should be obtained prior to the banner being displayed. An application must include a risk assessment together with proof of Insurance.
- The Parish Clerk will check availability; there can be no more than 2 banners there at any time.
- Village groups may apply for display periods of 2 weeks, anything commercial may apply for periods of 1 week per month.
- A banner may not be erected more than 14 days before the event being advertised and must be removed no later than 48 hours after the event.
- The banner should be at least 2 metres from the A134, be very securely staked and tied and not be placed so that they obstruct visibility to users of the highway.

Applications and/or enquiries should be made to Debbie Hattrell, Parish Clerk, pc@naylandwithwissington.suffolk.gov.uk or telephone 01376 425744



NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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nayland-surgery.co.uk
Facebook: Creffield Medical Group



Happy New Year to all of our patients.

A reminder of our dispensary opening hours: We are open Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm and Friday 9am - 3pm.

We continue to offer appointments in the evenings and Saturdays as part of our enhanced access service.

The surgery will be closed for staff training in the afternoon from 12pm on 30th January, 22nd February and 27th March.

The surgery will be closed on Bank Holiday Friday 29th March and Monday 1st April.

Did you know you can contact the surgery via our website to ask non urgent questions and request your medication using online services or the NHS app. We have NHS App promotion support sessions from the North East Essex Digital Access Support Team at Nayland Surgery on the 3rd week of the month, please send us a message via the website or speak to the reception team at Nayland for more information.

Creffield Medical Group has been awarded the Royal College of General Practitioners Active Practice Status. This means that as a Practice we are actively encouraging our patients and staff to get more active to improve their physical and mental health. By encouraging our patients to exercise (walking groups planned for 2024), becoming a ParkRun practice, we have pledged to continue our promotion of an active lifestyle for both our patients and staff.

SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...



View the colour version of the Community Times at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/CommunityTimes.html

Do keep scenes you see coming to lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com.

CHRISTMAS IN NAYLAND

Nayland Bear and Fish never fail to disappoint... they were back for Christmas with a wonderful nativity scene display at the Old Bus Shelter.

Thanks very much to the very artistic Elaine and Di.

Below: Spotted in the High Street during December by Antony Day.



CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Thanks to Elle Torry who took a moment to capture this scene while enjoying the annual Carols Around the Christmas tree with the Boxted Methodist Silver band.

This event always draws a good crowd and draws the village into the Christmas mood.

ST JAMES' WALL

Thank you to James Carver for recording the repairs to the wall in St James' Churchyard which were completed by the end of 2023.



SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...



WINTER SOLSTICE PICNIC

The significant time of the year when the sun is at its lowest and when people gear up for Christmas and the New Year. For generations mankind, (and I suppose womankind) have celebrated the season by festivities involving food and drink, dancing and drink, fertility rites and drink, discussion involving world events and drink, moaning about speed of traffic on the A134 and drink, size of modern cars and how bright headlights are... well you get the idea. And so it was that on December 21st the crowds gathered on Caley Green for this age old tradition. So many residents attended that the new Queen Elizabeth memorial seat was soon filled to capacity. A great repast was had by all. There were hot sausage rolls, whisky, hot mince pies, bottles of beer, cheese rolls, whisky, hot soup etc, etc. It was noticeable that not much of the fertility side of things was in evidence, but it was a bit chilly !!

And so the great wheel of life and ritual rolls along bringing deep joy to all - well four of us. Next picnic Summer Solstice 21st June 2024, be there !!

PARKING AT FAIRFIELD

Parking at the recently refurbished turning circle at the top end of Fairfield is for use by those visiting the burial ground and to attend funerals. Several photographs have been taken by a resident in recent months highlighting that the same vehicles have been parking there all day most days during term time. This prevents those the spaces are meant for using them; often those who are less mobile and carrying tools or flowers to tend graves.

This information has been sent to the Parish Council asking for signage to remind drivers who the spaces are for.



Above: Local contractor, Danny Thurlow commenced phase 2 of improvement work to the permissive path on Nayland Meadow. *See more information on page 34.*

Left & below: The weather has not been kind this winter; with record amounts of rain - see David Lowe's weather report on page 37. In January Storm Henk arrived and took down some trees in its path. Thanks to Trevor Smy for clearing debris across Candy Lane and Danny Thurlow who attended to the tree across the path at Nayland Meadow.



Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society

Registered Charity No. 268104

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Mick Inkpen

'Author and Illustrator
of children's books'



TUESDAY 12th MARCH

7.15pm for 7.30pm

Nayland Village Hall

All are most welcome

www.naylandconservation.org.uk

NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

Saturday 20th April

Meet at 1.30pm
at the Village Hall Car Park

All welcome to help collect litter from
the village and footpaths.

Equipment provided but please wear gloves.

Contact mikejphunter@gmail.com
or 01206 263100 for more information

ST JAMES' CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 9 March

from 9am – 12 noon



All welcome, no skill necessary.
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

**PLEASE BRING GLOVES, RAKES,
SECATEURS, WHEELBARROWS, ETC**

For further details contact
James Carver: 01206 413811

VILLAGE HALL GARDEN WORKING PARTY

Saturday 6 April

from 9am



Please come along and join us
and make it a social occasion.
Refreshments will be provided.

**IT WILL BE USEFUL TO BRING
TOOLS, GLOVES, SECATEURS,
WHEELBARROWS, ETC.**

WHERE ARE THE 2 PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS IN NAYLAND?

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

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



Nayland & District Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show

on Saturday 23rd March 2024

Display Opens at 10am in the Church Hall

Come along and enjoy the displays of spring flowers and relax with refreshments.
Entry is free. Cakes will be on sale & there will be a raffle.

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 a single variety 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

Rules:

Entry for exhibits will be 10p per class.

Entries submitted to 81 Bear Street or the HortSoc Box in Mill Street Deli by Tuesday 19th March.

Entries to be brought to the hall between 8.15am-9am on the morning of the show.

All persons must leave the hall during judging at 9am unless officially retained.

- The show is staged by the Nayland & District Horticultural Society.
- No exhibitor may make more than one entry in any one class.
- The Church Hall will be open for staging entries on the show day from 8.15am – 9am
- All exhibitors shall provide their own vases, plates or other containers. Pot plants must be placed on a saucer/container.
- All exhibits must be *bona fide* growth of the exhibitor from his or her own garden or allotment.
- THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMPETITION.
- The Committee will take reasonable care of all exhibits, but will not in any event hold themselves liable or responsible for accident, loss or damage to any article exhibited.
- Exhibits must be removed between 11.45 – 12 noon on the show day.

Entry forms and more information are available from:

01206 262022 or trevor.smy24@gmail.com or www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

Nayland & District Horticultural Society

Total Entry Fee: £ Date:

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE EXHIBIT(S) HAS (HAVE) BEEN GROWN OR
MADE BY ME, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE ALLOWED

Name: Signed:

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NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL CINEMA

Starts 7.30pm Doors open 6.30pm

Biographical Drama
96 minutes - Cert 12A

MICHAEL CAINE
GLENDA JACKSON

THE GREAT ESCAPER



Mystery Horror
103 minutes - Cert 12A

A HAUNTING IN VENICE

DEATH WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING

Friday 16th February

Friday 1st March

Bar selling a variety of beverages. Pizza available before the film and in the interval.
Ice creams and other refreshments also available.

Tickets £5, under 16 £2, on the door or from naylandevents.org - further details on page 26



Save one life save the world

ANTHONY
HOPKINS

JOHNNY
FLYNN

AND HELENA
BONHAM CARTER

ONE LIFE



ACADEMY AWARD WINNER
JOAQUIN PHOENIX

DIRECTED BY
RIDLEY SCOTT

WRITTEN BY
DAVID SCARPA

Cert 15
158 minutes

NAPOLEÓN

Drama
War Action
Biography
History

Friday 15th March

Friday 12th April



Nayland with Wissington Society News



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Chairman: Robert Dossor 265912 robert@ovcottage.com

Secretary: Kathy Hunt 262014

We are sad to report the passing of Petty Officer Ken Willingale on 11th January 2024. Ken had been a key Member of the Nayland Branch, serving as President for many recent years. Whilst Ken was generally a modest man, he gave interesting talks about his experiences during WW2, when he served with the Royal Navy as a Petty Officer, particularly on D-Day when he was i/c an Assault craft; he is also remembered for his sermons in St James'. Ken was a Nayland character and joins that throng of his generation who have recently died leaving Nayland a different village altogether.

For 2024 the Royal British Legion will offer a wide variety of activities to which everyone is welcome.

On 11th March, in the Church Hall, we will hold our first general Meeting with speaker Richard Turner from the Boxted Airfield Historical Society. There is a small museum on the site of the Airfield (as well as a solar farm which we have already visited) and Richard has a short film, which should be interesting.

After that we have our regular Monday evening meetings with local speakers, in May, July and September plus proposed visits to Stephen Walters & Sons' silk mill in Sudbury, a St George's Day lunch at The Anchor on 23rd April, a tour of the Saxon Ship reconstruction workshop in Woodbridge and a possible trip down the Orwell aboard Sailing Barge Victor, so lots of variety!

Watch this space.



VILLAGE PLAYERS

www.villageplayers.co.uk



Chair: Mark Russell 07572 031769 markfrankrussell@gmail.com

The Players' Christmas production '*Kidnapped at Christmas*' went well, although audiences were down because of the earlier timing.

Onwards and upwards, we are now preparing for our spring play '*On Golden Pond*' directed by Liz Mullen. 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.

The cast is as follows:

Norman Thayer - John McCarroll

Ethel Thayer - Jackie Grant

Charlie Martin - Tim Dotchin

Chelsea Thayer Wayne - Emma Wallis

Billy Ray - Alex Walder

Bill Ray - Mark Russell

Rehearsals began on 17th January, with the play running from 18th – 20th April. Tickets at: www.villageplayers.co.uk we would love to see you there.

Spare a thought for Jackie Grant who is also preparing for "*My Fair Lady*" at the Mercury in Colchester (25th January – 4th February – tickets available at www.mercurytheatre.co.uk and Emma Wallis, who will be teaming up again with Helen Bridge and Director Chrissie Kettle, as she reprises her award-winning role as Miriam in "*Snake in the Grass*" at the Headgate. The play runs from 21st – 24th February. Tickets at headgatetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/

In other news, after a winter break The Players will be reprising their bi-monthly drink at The Anchor in March. If you're around at 8pm on 7th March, please feel free to pop in and join us for a pint or two.

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





NAYLAND CINEMA

Karen Freeman karenfreeman@suffolkonline.net Mob: 07773 402765

By the time you read this edition of the Community Times we will have screened our last matinee film *'Double Indemnity'*. Our December film *'Oppenheimer'* was a long film but benefited from being screened as a matinee as it was punctuated by a longer than usual interval with mince pies and refreshments available as part of the ticket price.

However, unfortunately numbers to the matinee performance were low and without the support of the bar the cinema on this occasion made a loss. The idea of matinees was experimental but the results have shown that they are less well supported than the usual evening performances and therefore the remaining films for 2024 will only be screened in the evening supported by the bar and Pizza (please check the posters around the village and the village hall website for pizza availability).

We have some interesting films for the next quarter from the Moviola film menu which will be:

- **Friday 16th February: 'The Great Escaper' (2023).** In the summer of 2014 - the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings - octogenarian Bernie Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines when he staged a 'great escape' from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades. Bernie's adventure also marked the culmination of his 60-year marriage to Irene (Glenda Jackson).
- **Friday 1st March: 'A Haunting in Venice' (2023)** is loosely based on the 1969 Agatha Christie novel Halloween Party and set in eerie, post-World War II Venice on All Hallows' Eve. Hercule Poirot (Kenneth Branagh), now retired and living in his own exile, is visited by his old friend Ariadne Oliver (Tina Fey) who asks him to come to a séance by medium Joyce Reynolds (Michelle Yeoh) in the palatial home of Rowena Drake (Kelly Reilly). Rowena has hired Joyce to commune with her daughter Alicia (Rowan Robinson), who committed suicide after her fiancé, chef Maxime Gerard (Kyle Allen), ended their engagement. When one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to once again uncover the killer. The ensemble cast also includes Kyle Allen, Jamie Dornan, Jude Hill, Ali Khan, Emma Laird and Riccardo Scamarcio
- **Friday 15th March: 'One Life' (2023)** is a 2023 British biographical drama film directed by James Hawes. It is based on the true story of British humanitarian Sir Nicholas Winton as he looks back on his past efforts to help groups of Jewish children in German-occupied Czechoslovakia to hide and flee in 1938–39, just before the beginning of World War II. The film stars Sir Anthony Hopkins and Johnny Flynn as Sir Nicholas, and Helena Bonham Carter as his wife Babi Winton
- **Friday 12th April: 'Napoleon' (2023).** Against a stunning backdrop and with some of the most dynamic battle sequences ever filmed director Ridley Scott captures the iconic Napoleon Bonaparte (Joaquin Phoenix), confident in his abilities as a military strategist, infused with terrific ambition, and a desire to bring Europe peace through war. The Napoleon represented here by Joaquin Phoenix presents a dour man who through sheer will wins the affection of the love of his life, Joséphine de Beauharnais (Vanessa Kirby). However, Napoleon is pulled by an obsession stronger than his love for Joséphine. His desire for acceptance by the aristocracy of the other major European powers and their petty conflicts leads to his making war to extend French control beyond her borders. General turned Emperor, Napoleon seeks to achieve through conquest what he could not otherwise, but it leads to exile, resurrection, and eventual downfall.



NAYLAND CHOIR

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Thank you to all those who came to our sellout concert at the Village Hall last month. It was a joy to perform the Manchester Carols and we hope you loved it as much as we did!

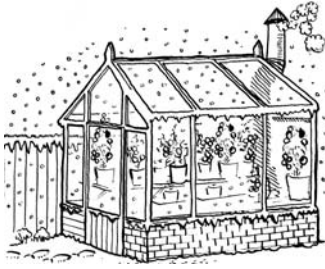
Many thanks to the choir, Emma and our soloists.

Spring term rehearsals will start on Thursday 11th January 2024 (8pm) at Nayland Primary School on Bear Street where we'll be focusing on the wonderful *'Requiem'* by Mozart in readiness for the Choir's 30th Anniversary concert on 24th March in St James' Church.

We will have an orchestra accompanying us for this concert which will be a grand event so please keep a look out for further details.

Do come along and join us for rehearsals... we're always on the lookout for new members, no audition necessary. Hope to see you soon!





NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

HortSoc would like to thank everyone for their support of our stall at the Christmas Fayre, whether donating or purchasing items. This helped us raise funds for Society activities. It was a lovely community event. We also participated in the Christmas Tree Festival; it was lovely to see the church filled with 27 delightful trees decorated by village groups.

While this is generally a fairly dormant time in the garden, the committee have been active finalising a busy schedule and this year the first event, on **Saturday 23rd March** is our annual **Spring Flower Show**. This is being held in the Church Hall and promises to be a colourful occasion, so come along and enjoy the displays of spring flowers and relax with refreshments. Cakes will be on sale and there will also be a raffle. It is open for visitors from 10am to 12 noon, entry is free. We would be very grateful for donations of cakes, or prizes for the raffle – please drop off at the Church Hall in Bear Street early on the day of the show. Or give to a committee member beforehand.

For those interested in exhibiting, full details and entry forms are on page 23, or can be downloaded from our website. Entries for the show should be brought along between 8.15am – 9am on the 23rd, as judging will need to take place before the public display and coffee morning opens at 10am. Winners of each class will be awarded a certificate and the Olive Noakes Cup will be awarded for the most successful exhibitor.

Membership for 2024 is now available and good value at just £3 for single or £5 for joint membership. Application forms are available at any of our events, from Margaret Smy (01206 262022) at 24 Harpers Estate.

Schedules for the **Summer Flower Show** to be held on **Saturday 3rd August** will be distributed in March and are also available in the Post Office, or can be downloaded from our website. Please note that there have been a few changes to our Classes this year so please check the schedule. The subject for the adults' photography section will be *'Through a Window'*, and for young people aged 10 – 14 *'A Day Out'*, so don't forget to get out and about with your cameras soon to capture some colourful shots. HortSoc are grateful to the advertisers in the schedule who enable us to fund this promotion.

We hope you will wish to put these dates in your diary.

23th March	Spring Flower Show
16th April	AGM and Quiz
11th May	Morning Market
12th June	Coach outing to Hyde Hall
3rd August	Summer Flower Show
13th November	Coach outing to Polhill Garden Centre in Sevenoaks

The Speakers for March and October have not yet been confirmed. More details will be available nearer the time.



NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

The group were particularly pleased to play carols on our bells during the delightful Christmas Tree Festival in St James' Church.

Now after a short break we are back in the Church Hall on Tuesday afternoons from 1.30pm-3pm. Please note the day and time would be newcomers - you will be made welcome.

Under the direction of Margaret Harvey the group feel they have progressed from just 'donging' notes to performing musically as a band.

We look forward to taking our bells to Boxford in March.
Best wishes to all for a prosperous new year.

The Church Bells....

Quintessentially a very special English tradition; the delightful sound of bells chiming in a country village...

but the art of bellringing is in decline and once gone is unlikely to be revived.

So, if you have rung before and would like to take it up again and make a valuable contribution in keeping the art of bellringing alive.....

Chris Hunt, the Nayland Church Tower Captain would be delighted to hear from you on 01206 262014





ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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

The Christmas Tree Festival organised by Karen Freeman was very successful with 27 trees decorated by village groups on display. The Handbell Ringers gave a delightful performance.

During December both Littlegarth and Nayland Primary schools held their carol concerts both as usual very good. On the 17th nine lessons and carols was held with mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. On Christmas Eve the Christingle Service was slightly different this year as we had no organist so we sang unaccompanied with thanks to David Pryor for leading us. On Christmas Day a family Eucharist was held. All these events were well attended and hopefully enjoyed by all.

It is lovely to see families coming regularly at our Family Service every third Sunday at 10am

Our Services are now back to their regular pattern and there is a yellow notice in the Church porch to let you know which Service is on which Sunday or they can be found on page 40 with details of the church website where they can also be found.

Sadly we have lost some members of the parish and on the 12 January the funeral of Jane Lane, who was one of the church flower arrangers, was held.

The Wednesday Coffee Mornings recommenced after the festive break on 17th January. All are welcome, please join us in St James at 10am to noon.

The Spring Churchyard Working Party will be held on Saturday 9th March at 9am-12noon. All are welcome, no skill is necessary to help tidy the churchyard. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided - see page 22.



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

PC 1293 Niall Johnson

www.suffolk.police.uk/

cpt.ipswichwest@suffolk.police.uk for the attention of PC 1293 Niall Johnson at Hadleigh

Dear Nayland with Wissington residents,

A new policing model has been introduced by Suffolk Constabulary. There are now Community Policing Teams (CPT) who have responsibility for long term problem solving and engaging with the community. The area I will be responsible for includes the following parishes ...

Aldham, Capel St Mary, Elmsett, Hadleigh North, Hadleigh South, Higham, Holton St Mary, Kersey, Layham, Wenham Magna, Wenham Parva, Nayland With Wissington, Nedging With Naughton, Polstead, Raydon, Semer, Shelley, Stoke By Nayland, Stratford St Mary and Whatfield.

I have help with my area from PCSO 3092 Jo Adams, we are based out of Hadleigh Police Station. Other officers, such as those on the Response Investigation Team (RIT) are responsible for dealing with most crime and emergency incidents reported to Suffolk Police.

My new role incorporates visiting schools, holding engagement events, identifying and tackling any ongoing issues, dealing with anti-social behaviour and some other specific matters. The new approach should mean you see police a bit more and gives me the flexibility to patrol around my area and target anything that is going on and hear from the public directly about any issues that need police attention.

When it comes to Nayland and Nayland with Wissington, it remains a typically very safe place. However, at time of writing, since 1st November 2023, there have been 4 crimes reported in your area, and these are not just isolated to the early hours of the morning either, with at least one occurring in the afternoon. The crimes include a house burglary in Wissington (Nov), theft of a car (Nov), damage to a house (Dec) and theft of number plates (Jan) all in Nayland. Due to this I will be continuing to visit Nayland at key times. You can find good crime prevention advice on the Suffolk Police website - www.suffolk.police.uk. The website also has a map showing what crime and anti-social behaviour is happening around you, just click on the "Policing in your area" and choose "Hadleigh and Nayland" then view the crime map and zoom in on your home area.

Please consider following the Hadleigh Police Facebook and X (formally Twitter) pages, as along with a colleague responsible for the East Babergh area, I post on there and will advertise where I will be for each of my monthly engagement events.

I will be in the Nayland Village Hall between 9:30-midday on Friday 9th February if you have any questions or information to pass to me.

Hope to see you around, say hello if you see me.

Kind Regards, PC 1293 Niall Johnson.





NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975
Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

We had a very enjoyable ending to 2023 with 'Shantyfolk', a group of five sea shanty singers, accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies.

In January we welcomed Catherine Buchanan who gave us a very interesting talk on the use of different cutlery and table manners through the years.

At our next meeting on the 8th February Dick Daniels will talking to us about the 'National Coastwatch'; this is a voluntary organisation set up in 1994 to restore visual watch along UK shores after many small Coastguard stations had been closed.

In March we will be celebrating Nayland WI's 67th birthday with lunch in a local restaurant. On 11th April the subject of the meeting will be helping us to have posture, poise and balance.

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

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The First Responders were presented with an additional defibrillator kit by Rachel Hitchcock and Clare Buller of the Community Council who funded the new kit. We now have three kits between the five responders meaning that we will be able to cover more of the area at one time.

As the CT goes to print we are about to run three CPR and defibrillator (AED) courses at the Nayland Village Hall - on 17th, 20th and 25th January. Previously run courses have been 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 took part in the Nayland Christmas Tree Festival held in St James' Church during December; this was a lovely community event.

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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Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2024.

Caley Green has been relatively quiet over the past few weeks; the frequent rain has kept people indoors.

There seems to be an increase in dog walkers, we still have the odd fisherman braving the cold and some hardy souls have even been out for a paddle.

We lost the female from our swan pair last year, and after spending time alone the male has been joined by another female. She flies onto the river in the early hours and spends time with the male. Hopefully they will become a pair.

The dog waste bins are now being emptied on schedule again which is good news.

The daffodils, originally planted by HortSoc, are beginning to emerge and will soon herald that Spring has arrived.





NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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The Society has a full speaker programme for the year, starting with our AGM on the 12th of March when we are fortunate to have as our guest speaker local resident (but internationally famous) children's author and illustrator Mick Inkpen. Mick will talk to us about his work and I suspect we may hear some interesting details about the life of Kipper the Dog and the Wibbly Pig!

We were pleased to participate in the Christmas Tree Festival in December at St. James's Church. Our tree featured photographs of the old postcards showing views of Nayland, contained in the Society's collection, and pictures of some of the many medieval wall paintings found in numerous houses in our village.

Two important dates for the diary include our Spring Footpath walk which will take place on the 12th of May and Open Gardens which is booked for Sunday the 9th of June. If you would like to participate in this event please do not hesitate to contact me at mikephunter@gmail.com. In particular, it would be a pleasure to see some gardens in the Nayland Heights area included in this event.

On the matter of planning issues, it has been reported that the application relating to Rushbanks Farm Caravan Site, where permission was being requested to continue the use of land as a touring caravan and campsite with a limit of 110 pitches, has been withdrawn.

Similarly, the application for 6 separate storage spaces at the Hill Farm Business Centre on Harpers Hill has also been withdrawn. The Society had lodged objections on both applications.



NAYLAND ART GROUP

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In the weeks before Christmas, we explored some different media. We painted ceramic baubles at the Blue Owl pottery studio which we very much enjoyed. These were displayed on our Christmas tree in the church along with some hand painted wooden baubles of local and festive scenes. We also tried our hands at lino printing and enjoyed our two planned sessions so much that we added in a third. We met for a dinner at the Anchor together in the week leading up to Christmas which was very much enjoyed by all.

We have restarted our sessions for the New Year and are looking forward to learning, practising and developing new and/or existing skills. Although watercolour painting is our most usual medium, last year we also used acrylics, pencils and pastels as well as trying some life drawing and printing.

If you are interested in joining us, the first two 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.



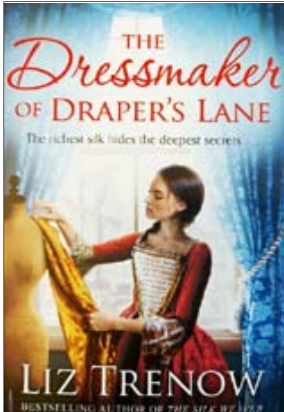
ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

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 Easter, 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.



BOOK CLUB

Jane Barbrook 263619 janebarbrook@hotmail.com

We have recently finished reading *'The Ice Queen'* by Alice Hoffman. The story begins when a little girl wishes her mother dead and her wish comes true when her mother dies in a car accident on an icy winter's night. The girl grows up with a splinter of ice in her heart, full of guilt and obsessed with dark fairy tales. Many years later, she wishes to be struck by lightning. Her wish is granted. Although she survives, she is changed by the event.

We then went on to read *'Under a Blood Red Sky'*, written by Kate Furnivall. Set in Russia in the mid-1930s, Sofia and Anna have been imprisoned in a Siberian Labour Camp. When Anna becomes seriously ill, Sofia decides to escape and try to get help from Anna's childhood sweetheart.

Our latest book is *'The Dressmaker of Draper's Lane'* by Liz Trenow, which we will be discussing in a few weeks' time.



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

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The last Village Lunch in October was much enjoyed with a very interesting talk by Samantha Rowley from the Roman Circus Visitor Museum, which stands over the Roman race track in Colchester. She looked very much the part wearing a toga and new her subject very well. We raised £740 will be used to purchase two new refrigerators for the village hall.

The next Village Lunch will be held on Wednesday 10th April in the Village Hall. There will be a most interesting talk by an excellent speaker; Peter Lawrence will give an illustrated talk about ***'Humphry Repton and his remarkable garden designs'***.

The format as usual; 11.45am for the talks at 12 followed by lunch at 1pm. A two course lunch will be served and please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £15 and will be available from 4th March until 5th April online at naylandevents.org or from Mill Street Store & Deli.

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.

Thank you to everyone who supports the village lunches and ultimately our Village Hall.

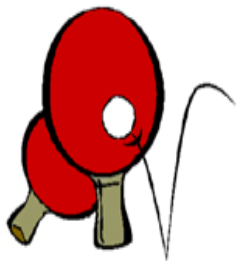


TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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The Table Tennis Club meet every Monday, including most bank holidays, in the Church Hall 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.



NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



The children and their parents enjoyed making Christmas decorations together which we displayed in Nayland Church's Christmas Tree Festival. We also had a stall at the Christmas Fair and raised £60 which will be used to help cover the rent of the village hall in the Spring term.

We have received reassurance that we can apply for a grant from the Community Council if needed to help with rent. Numbers of families attending the Toddler Group have varied greatly week to week in the Autumn term so it is difficult to predict numbers attending in 2024.

To help cover costs it has been necessary to increase our charges to £4 per family. 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 Friday mornings from 9.30am until 11.15am in Nayland Village Hall. Dates include: January 26th; February 2nd & 9th; March 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd.

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





Woodland Corner

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Registered Charity
No. 1035330

We have welcomed some new families to Woodland Corner this term and we are looking forward to getting to know them. We are close to being full now till September 2024 but are still happy to show families around.

Woodland Corner hosted its first ever art exhibition, *Our Colourful World*, over two days in November. Skymeadow Gallery exhibited a collection of beautiful paintings which, in addition to being brightly coloured, had a connection to Suffolk or East Anglia. On the Friday night, art lovers (aged 18 and over!) browsed while enjoying delicious wine from Nayland-based wine merchant Anglia Wines and we hosted child-friendly activities on the Saturday. The exhibition was a huge success and raised more than £900. We have already put some of the funds towards a giant easel so we can continue to stimulate creativity in all the children who attend our setting.

Last term has been busy with other fundraising events, which are vital to us as a charity. We hosted a bake sale, a very successful stall at the Nayland bonfire and fireworks (the extended schools children also helped us to make the guy!) and a tombola at the Nayland Christmas Fayre. We have raised over £1,000 in total from these events and are so grateful to you and your families for your generosity and support.

The children performed their Christmas songs at both the care home and the Nayland Church coffee morning. We also performed our Christmas songs to the parents/carers at the Christmas party. We participated at the Christmas Tree Festival in St James' church when children enjoyed making the decorations for our tree.

We have continued with Yoga and Multisports sessions from our outside providers and we will be starting Emma's Learner gang for our oldest children going to school this year.

This year marks a very special milestone for the village. It's the 50th anniversary of Nayland Playgroup! re-named Woodland Corner in 2008. To mark this special occasion we are having a party - with The Greatest Showman theme - at the Village Hall on the 18th May in the afternoon/evening. We will be asking ex-pupils who have a musical talent to come and perform, so please get in touch if that sounds like you or your child/grandchild on 01206 263054 or email us at woodlandcorner@outlook.com more details to follow but save the date!

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



Family@Nayland

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

December was a busy time; on the 3rd, we decorated our tree for the Christmas Tree Festival, with decorations we made during our November service. On the 17th we had our Christmas family service where we sang like the angels in the Christmas story and learnt a new Christmas action song. And on the 24th it was wonderful to see so many of you for Christingle.

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year and hope to see you at our services in 2024!





FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH

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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 > Village Hall

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646 Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



JANUARY MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for December was read out.
- The monthly fire check for January was carried out; there were no problems.
- The annual battery exhaustion test will be completed soon.
- The next quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- Lock Electrical are continuing to work on limiting the level of sound coming from the hall
- Two new fridges have been installed in the kitchen thanks to the donation from the Village Lunch.

MAINTENANCE

- Brian May will be asked to service the boiler.
- The possibility of installing electric hand driers was discussed as the paper towels are expensive. It was decided that the situation with the towels will be monitored as they are also useful for mopping up spills.
- Hadleigh Glass will be contacted about maintenance of the front doors.
- The sinks in the kitchen need replacing
- Someone who can replace the hall curtains will be sought.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Endowment Fund £15,731, COIF £20,067, Bank £26,645, Cash £888, Debtors £0, Assets £24,428.

- Donations towards the roof replacement from the village total £3,290.
- Fundraising efforts last year raised £7,300.
- The cinema made £750 profit last year.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The VHM is continuing with submissions to the Lottery Fund and Babergh Council for funding the roof replacement.
- The roof leaked during the recent heavy rainfall.
- There will be 2 major fundraising events in the summer this year.

BOOKINGS

- The hall is being very well used and early booking is advised.
- It was agreed that the donations for the Fete can be stored in the changing rooms from 1st March.
- The community policeman has requested the use of the foyer twice a year for the public to have a point of contact. We will liaise with him and the Community Council who will be asked to fund this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting will be on **Monday 5th February @ 7.30pm** in the hall committee room.
- The AGM will take place on **Monday 4th March**.
- The Garden Working Party will take place on **Saturday 6th April** at 9am

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 VHM.

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

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: 10am Botanical Painting (*from late March*)
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.

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.



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON LAND COMPANY

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We have received overwhelmingly positive comment on the improvement we made last year to approximately 200 metres of the previously muddiest section of footpath around Nayland Meadow. It has stood up well to a prolonged period of record rainfall, which in previous years would have turned that length of path into an ever-widening quagmire of mud and water.

We have been able to acquire funding to carry out the same process this year, with the same local contractor (Danny Thurlow) on a further 430 metres running from the Community Council seat along the permissive path to the Anchor Car Park and the river. This is to be completed before the end of March 2024.

This should not be a problem if the weather is reasonably kind to us but regret that there will inevitably be some disruption to normal use of the footpath during construction. Limited alternative routing may be possible at times.

We are assured that the improved path will tolerate periodically being under water. After flooding there should be a mud-free path much sooner than on normal soil.

We are very grateful to The Anchor for their sponsorship of a bat-box on the meadow. More details to follow when installed. The first of many we hope. Other would-be sponsors please get in touch.

Wildlife Sightings

With the exception of rabbits and grey squirrels, mammal sightings on the meadow are relatively infrequent. However, a muntjac has recently been seen twice in the vicinity of the laid/coppiced hedgerows. Although frequently seen in other parts of Nayland this small deer, a non-native species originating from Asia, has not been recorded on the meadow before, perhaps due to the relative lack of cover and the partial isolation of the site due to the surrounding roads.

Otters are faring well in the Stour catchment but are rarely seen. They are predominantly nocturnal, though with luck can sometimes be seen in the daytime if there is lack of disturbance. More often their presence can only be detected through field signs, including footprints and their droppings, otherwise known as spraints. Otters typically spraint on prominent features such as stones and tree limbs at the water's edge. On the meadow the removal of the fallen willow by the culvert between the river and pond has left a stump that now provides a perfect sprainting site for passing otters, and the keen-eyed among you might have noticed recent spraints here. These are black and oily when fresh (with a pleasant jasmine odour) but become paler as they dry out. Upon close inspection you can often make out scales and bones from the fish the otters have eaten.

One highlight from 2023 was the recolonisation of our river frontage by water voles. An individual was seen swimming back and forth across the river in May and further investigation revealed feeding signs and droppings along the Land Company owned bank. Water voles are exclusively vegetarian and benefit from

the cover and food supply provided by the wide strip of vegetation along the margin of the river. They are an endangered species, and both the voles and their habitat are strictly protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Their welcome return has been aided by a concerted effort from landowners and conservation organisations to control populations of the invasive non-native American mink, whose

predation of voles has been a major cause of the historical decline.

Bird highlights over the past year include several reed warbler holding territory last summer (and almost certainly breeding) along the dense vegetated margins of the river and pond. Reed warblers are a migrant species that over-winter in Africa before returning to the UK in summer to breed. A male reed bunting was recorded singing beside the river in May, though there was no confirmation of breeding. Between October and December a Cetti's warbler could frequently be heard calling along the river frontage by Caley Green and from the pond margins. Cetti's warbler is a strictly protected species which is gradually expanding its range in the UK since first breeding in Kent in 1972. With luck it may stay on and breed along the river in 2024.

The recent flooding of the meadow from the river has provided a glut of invertebrate food and as a result attracted large numbers of birds, mostly gulls, starlings and corvids (rooks and jackdaws). These included a total of 310 black-headed gulls on 22nd October. Little grebes have been noticeable on the river and pond during these periods of high river flow.



Otter Spraint, River Stour Nayland

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Nayland with Wissington Community Council celebrated the start of the festive season with a successful Christmas Fayre on 2nd December.

It had all the ingredients of a jolly festive occasion; the village hall was gaily decorated with bunting and several local societies ran a variety of stalls. Father Christmas was in attendance, Nayland Primary School choir provided musical entertainment and festive food and refreshments were available.

Council chairman Rachel Hitchcock said: *"Once again the Christmas Fayre was a lovely start to the Christmas season. Thanks to all the societies who ran stalls and the external stall-holders too who helped with some timely Christmas shopping - not forgetting the ukes and singers from Nayland Primary School who entertained us beautifully and got everyone singing along. Thanks too to Father Christmas who had lots of visitors on the day and to all of you who came along."*

Many thanks to all who helped with the planning and on the day; our events would not happen without support from the community.

Photos: Ladies at the Conservation Society's stall and Father Christmas' cheeky elf.



KIDNAPPED AT CHRISTMAS

Something different from the Village Players

The Village Players' Christmas production "Kidnapped at Christmas" mixed farce with a bit of panto, to comedic effect.

Hapless convicts Gilbert and Crosby (ably portrayed by Mark Russell and Tim Dotchin) decided that they could not stomach another miserable Christmas in prison, with clammy sprouts and lumpy mashed potatoes, so they hatched a cunning plan to escape...

Warders Mullins and McBain (Mark West and Alice Gurden) did their best to thwart them – but kept running into obstacles in an effective comedic display of incompetence. If it wasn't the giant spider, then it was the convicts "disguising" themselves as athletes (by running round in their "undies") or hiding amongst the audience by sitting on their laps. Either way, Gilbert and Crosby kept slipping through their fingers. Even when DC Stephen Grummet (skilfully played by John McCarroll) entered the fray, he was equally useless as he got "bopped on the nut" by his own truncheon.

The central story was the disappearance of young Grummett (son of the DC and Clara Grummett, played by the motherly Mary Moriarty). Arthur Allen was convincing as the little rascal who had an obsession with firearms ("kerpow, kersplat"). Poor Gilbert and Crosby – innocent for once – got the blame. Young Grummett then ended up with the convicts in a dank and ghastly

green cellar, which turned out to be.....horror of horrors....an underground school dinner factory!

Enter Frankenstein's monster, a disguise sported by Headteacher Allardyce – a comedy tour de force from Charlie Erith. There was also room for an eloquent cameo from Fiona Haskell, as Scottish woman Evadne Docherty (multi-tasking by masquerading as an ice cream seller at one point) whose son had also got mixed up in all the shenanigans.

There were some wonderful comedy moments as the convicts wore disguises and Mullins sported a drooping fake moustache, with Allardyce getting the cast (and audience) to sit up straight and put their hands on their heads as only a headmaster could.

Long story short, it turned out that DC Grummet had kidnapped his own kid in order to have a peaceful Christmas! Poor Grummet ended up in the clink and was subjected to Gilbert serenading him with his made-up Christmas songs. But the spider returned and Gilbert and Crosby escaped again – ready to fight another day.

With the exception of Friday, the audiences were quite small, which was a shame – but this reflected the fact that the performances were in November due to hall availability issues. Nevertheless, this was a fun show, with lots of banter and audience participation, which everyone enjoyed.

Well done The Players!



AROUND THE CHURCH

Looking at old photographs of Nayland in the past century or so it seems most street views have not changed a great deal. However, one part of the village which was transformed in the 19th century is the area around the church. With the old school and the adjoining gas works cottage currently up for sale it is a good time to remember some of the changes in this quiet area of the village.

The relevant section of the Tithe Map of 1838, below, shows the historic area around the church where several properties have come and gone since then. Cuddon's Brewery, the large building seen south of the church, was already established by 1838



Church of the Sacred Heart before the school was built in 1848

but the Church of the Sacred Heart is not to be seen, nor the School or the Gasworks. The Village Hall was not even thought of. There were several cottages shown in Newlands Lane but most of these were replaced in the 20th century.

Nayland's first school was founded in 1707 and later schools over the years occupied several different buildings around the village. The school in Church Lane was built in 1848 and remained as a school until 1957 when a new building was provided in Bear Street, the old one being sold as a private house. It seems from the 1838 map (No 149) that the site had previously been partly occupied by cottages which would have been demolished to make way for the school.

Nearby, Cuddon's Brewery was founded in the 1830s by James Cuddon. Several generations and members of this large Catholic family ran the business and the last owner, Thomas Cuddon, died in 1918. It had been taken over by the Colchester Brewery Company a few years previously but was demolished in the early 1920s, leaving the adjacent brewery house.

The Cuddon family have an important place in Nayland's history for another reason. As well as founding the brewery they were responsible for the building of the Church of the Sacred Heart in 1902 on their land in Church Lane (No 144), a short distance from the brewery. The nearest Catholic church was at Withmarsh Green and one of the Cuddon daughters was instrumental in gaining permission for a new church to be built in Nayland. After celebrating its centenary the church sadly closed in 2010 and is now a residence.

The Village Hall behind the church was built in 1972 on Webb's Meadow. This land had also been owned earlier by the Cuddons but the Webb family, butchers in the High Street from 1903 and previously in Birch Street, were their tenants and used it for their animals for many years so that it became known as Webb's Meadow as it still is.

The Nayland Gas works was opened in 1866 by the Ipswich Gas Company and closed around 1920 when the last owner, Mr William Hindes, established the Nayland Electric Light and Power Company at the old mill in Mill Street. The gasworks was built on what was shown as open land on the map, behind the school site, part of the meadow which in 1838 was owned by Thomas Whittaker (now Webb's Meadow). No 150 on the Tithe map was described as a cottage and yard belonging to the Nayland Feoffees. This property was sold for £40 in 1897 and was absorbed into the gas works site.

An interesting Auction Notice in 1844

describes two cottages to be sold at the White Hart on the 31st January that year. Lot 1 is No 151 on the Tithe Map and was described as a freehold double cottage and garden owned by John Lungley. The house was timber built and tiled with a large garden, a row of Victorian cottages later being built on part of the garden.

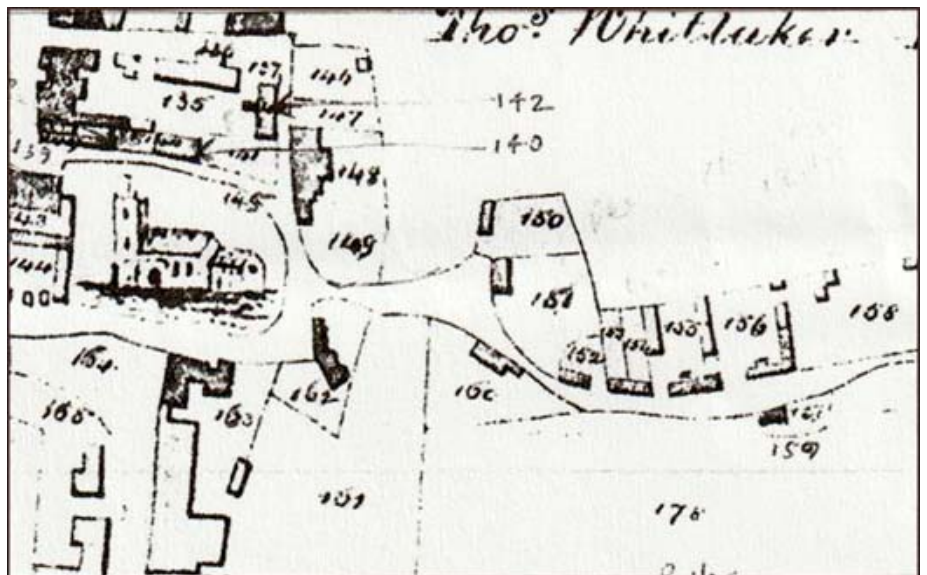
Lot 2 appears to be No 156 in Newlands Lane on the map and was described as timber built and thatched. What a pity there are no photographs of the lane at this time. There were several thatched cottages in the village in the past and now there are none, except in Wiston.

On the Tithe Map the existing Almshouses in Newlands Lane, numbered 152 to 154, were listed as being cottages owned by the Nayland Feoffees (later known as the Nayland Charities) and these were rebuilt in 1882 by George Nevard, a Nayland builder.

Some years ago I was given a picture postcard of Dijon with a Paris postmark of 1914. It was sent by the Rev William Farmiloe, Nayland Vicar at that time, to a Mrs Cole whose address was the Gas works Almshouses, Nayland. He writes: "With kindest remembrances. Hope to find you better on my return".

Today it is difficult for us to believe that this tranquil and attractive part of Nayland was once a busy industrial area with toxic fumes from the gasworks and the brewery, as well as noisy horse drawn transport moving coal and barrels of beer through what is a narrow lane. It could not have been so pleasant then, as now, for the residents or for the children at the school.

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder



Nayland Tithe Map 1838

NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: November & December 2023 by David Lowe

November did not give rise to the excitement of previous months, but still had its moments.

Up until 23rd, it was broadly mild, but cooled down considerably thereafter, with two air frosts. This was sufficient to give a mean temperature of 7.5°C (7.94) for the month, a bit cooler than average.

Bright sun hours at 91.5 (82.62) were above average (third highest over the 16 year record period), as was solar energy at 2500 Ly (2208.75) second highest. Evapotranspiration was a record 24.5 mm (18.02). There was certainly plenty of water about to evaporate! 21.6 mm of rain (15.96) was the second highest daily fall over the 16 year record period.

Looking at the statistics more generally, the highest temperature was 15.4°C (16.15) and the lowest was -2.6°C (-1.95). The lowest max was 5.8°C (5.38). There were 3 air frosts (2.94) 6 ground frosts and 11 grass frosts. There were 11 days with less than 10°C (11.06) max, and 29 less than 15°C (27.56).

Highest rainfall rate was 21 mm/hr (45.88) with 2 days having over 10 mm (1.69) of rain and 1 over 20 mm (0.19). Monthly rain was 79 mm (66.63).

Mean wind speed was 5 mph (3.86) with highest gust 41 mph (35.62). Highest daily average was 9.8 mph (10.25). There were 5 days over 30 mph (2.5) 3 over 35 mph (2.5) and 1 over 40 mph. The dominant direction was WSW.

With the exception of the first week of **December**, the mild wet weather that had dominated the preceding months, continued. It wasn't surprising, then, when the 16 year annual rainfall

record, which we had been statistically homing in on for some months, went on December 12 – and now stands, at the end of the month, at 877.7 mm (previously 829.8 mm, set in 2012).

Mean temperature for the month was 8.1°C (5.67) the second highest over the 16 year record period. The highest was 15.4°C on Christmas Eve, again second highest. Lowest minimum was -2.5°C (-3.72). The lowest max was -0.3°C (2.74) on the second, interestingly the second lowest over the record period.

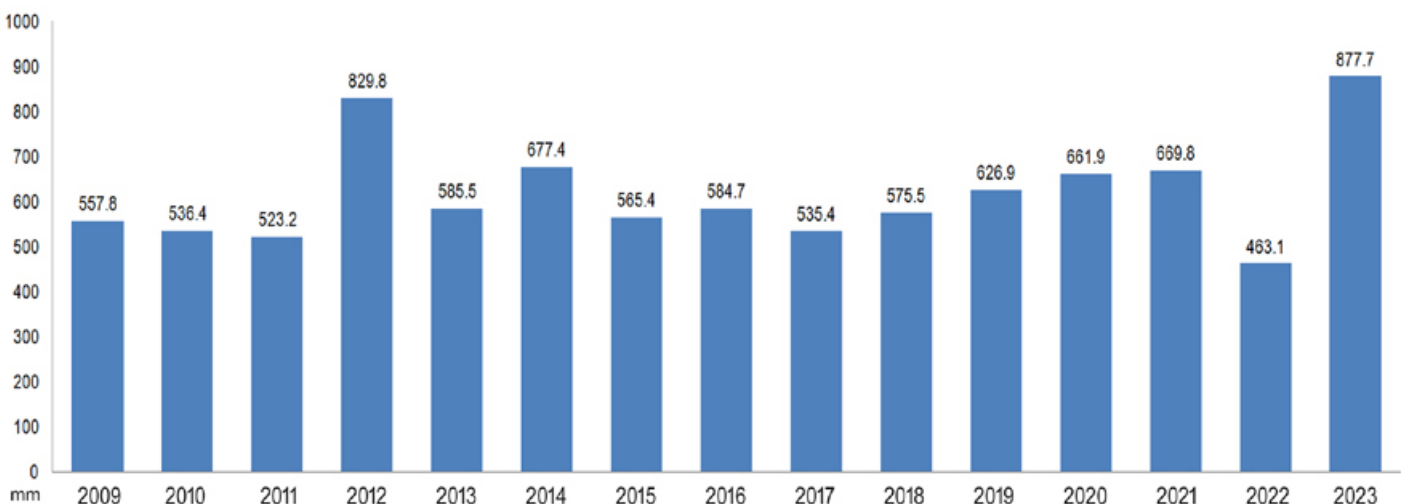
There was 1 day with a mean temp of less than 0°C (2.12) 3 days less than 5°C max (5.94) and 10 days less than 10°C max (20.5). There were 4 days (7.37) with air frost and 5 each with ground (10.5) and grass frost.

Bright sun hours were 32.3 (47.06) solar energy was 1240 Ly (1376.25) and evapotranspiration 20.1 mm (13.15) presumably so high because there was so much water about – together with high average temperature and wind.

Rainfall was 88 mm (62.71). Highest daily rain was 16.6mm (12.66) and highest rainfall rate 63.2 mm/hr (35.79) second equal highest. There were 3 days of over 10 mm (1.25) second highest. There has only been one December day over the record period with 20 mm +.

Mean wind speed was 7.2 mph (4.36) much the highest for December and quite probably, for all months. There were 8 days over 30 mph (3.94) 3 over 30 mph (1.19) and 1 over 40 mph (0.62). During the 4 days between the 21 and 24, the average wind speed did not drop below 10mph, which I suspect is a record. Dominant wind direction was WSW.

NAYLAND RAINFALL TOTALS 2009-2023



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Frank Payne is close to hitting his target of raising £5,000 for SESA, from the sale of his books. 'Here Today, "Goon" Tomorrow'; 'Well Worth Waiting For' and 'It All Kicks Off On Sunday' are still available. All three volumes for £12 available from Frank on 01206 263006 or email cahors@live.co.uk

Have you made any resolutions as you hang the new calendar, flip through the seed catalogues and holiday brochures or search for evening classes? Maybe you want to turn over a new leaf, eat less, exercise more – or how about volunteering once a week?

A few hours of your time can make a huge difference to charity shops, food banks, befriending services or hospitals. If you happen to love animals, SESA needs you too. Volunteering is a two-way street, your gift is more than compensated by the feelgood factor. Our human carers go home tired but happy, especially when they see people or families going home with their new pets. If you would like to volunteer at SESA, please contact: sesawken@gmail.com. One of my humans will call you to discuss how we could help each other.

We still have kittens in need of new homes and a five year old, black and white cat. We believe Paddington was callously thrown over a garden wall and left to die when seriously ill with flu. Fortunately she was brought to SESA where she spent two weeks beside a radiator, being nursed, medicated and fed (my) best food. I didn't really mind sharing my rations and glad to see her now fit and ready for a new, loving home.

Please visit Paddington if you are the human she needs, or you are looking for a pet to share your life. Mum's new diary is open on the desk, ready to take your calls but she'll find her pen is missing. A nice, crunchy biro is too tempting to a little dog like me, **Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!**



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Nayland saw its first Christmas Tree Festival in 2023 which remained in situ until twelfth night.

Twenty six organisations, almost exclusively associated with Nayland, came together to decorate their tree in the theme of their organisation. The results were magnificent with imagination and creative skills seen in abundance. A wonderful addition to the festival were the Nayland Handbell Ringers who gave a magical performance on the Sunday afternoon (*photo below*).

Those who were able to come along to the festival very much enjoyed the sight of all these beautifully decorated trees with some children (and a few adults) participating in the Christmas tree trail to find the answers on the trees to the questions supplied by each organisation.

Refreshments were available over the weekend of the 9th and 10th December and a pop up cafe on the 16th December where thanks go to the Anchor for providing and serving mulled wine and mince pies.

A huge THANK YOU must go to our sponsors of the event, Mill Street Stores, Gladwins Farm, Studio B, The Crown, The Anchor Inn, St James' Coffee Morning, Nayland Dental Practice and Churchill Brothers, all the brilliant bakers in the village, all those who kindly came along to help with refreshments and to all the organisations who took part in the event.

The weather wasn't kind to us, visitor numbers were low but it was possible from the monies raised to support the specific project being undertaken at Nayland Primary School with the balance donated to St James' Church.

An archive album of the Festival is being created and will be available to view on www.naylandandwiston.net



Nayland Handbell Ringers

Village organisations decorated their trees with much imagination and creative skills. The choir, for example made beautiful origami decorations using music score. Nayland Primary School also made decorations and chains out of printed paper, while Woodland Corner had a gingerbread boy theme. Nayland Firefighters used hoses and fire-fighting teddy bears and the First Responders utilised bandages and medical supplies.

Meanwhile in the servery delicious cakes were being served.



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Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland & Polstead

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CHURCH SERVICES: February

<u>Sunday 28th January</u>	8.00am	HC BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.00am	Holy Communion Sung	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Evensong BCP	Nayland
<u>Sunday 4th</u>	8.00am	HC BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	10.00am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 11th</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Wednesday 14th</u>	7.00pm	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
<u>Sunday 18th</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 25th</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Sung Evensong	Nayland

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

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.

FROM THE REGISTERS



DEATHS

Jane Lane
John Branfield
Margaret Dowding
Ken Willingale

CHURCH SERVICES: March

<u>Sunday 3rd</u>	8.00am	HC BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	10.00am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 10th Mothering Sunday</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke w. Polstead
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 17th</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 24th Palm Sunday</u>	10.00am	Benefice Service	Nayland
Holy Week			
Monday 25th	7.00pm	Introduction of Easter	Polstead
Tuesday 26th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Leavenheath
Weds 27th	7.00pm	Compline	Wiston
Maundy Thu 28th	7.00pm	Eucharist & Foot Wash	Nayland
Good Friday 29th	9.00am	One Hour at the Cross	Leavenheath
	10.30am	Objects of the Passion	Nayland
	2.00pm	Easter Meditation	Stoke
Saturday 30th	7.00pm	Easter Vigil Eucharist	Nayland
Easter Sunday 31st	9.30am	Family Eucharist	Polstead
	10.00am	Family Eucharist	Leavenheath
	10.30am	Family Morning Prayer	Wiston
	11.00am	Family Eucharist	Stoke
<u>Sunday 7th April</u>	8.00am	HC BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	10.00am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	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

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@eclipsos.eu (Friday is his usual day off)

Benefice Administrator: Nicola Thorogood on 262453 or nicola.church@yahoo.com

Retired Clergy: Revd Val Armstrong on 01206 262814 mrsvarmstrong@hotmail.com

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

THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY PANTRY

Winter, and the Christmas period in particular, puts quite a strain on our Community Pantry resources but this year we had many kind donations, for which we are very grateful. We did relax our rules about only food, cleaning or toiletry items to be left in the pantry over Christmas, but now might we remind people that other items like clothes should not be left there. They can be taken to the Fire Station collection point.

As well as gifts left in the pantry itself, there was generous financial support from St James' Church and Nayland Primary School. Thank you so much: your support for people in the community makes a real difference to many lives.

We would just like to share the words of thanks in a Christmas card left in the pantry. *"To all the kind people who give with no reward - thank you. You have helped me more than you know".*

All best wishes for 2024



Dear Friends,

It is probably a bit late for 'Happy New Year', but if you are still in the New Year mode of health kicks and resolutions, I can heartily recommend a pilgrimage walk to see the earliest known depiction of St Francis of Assisi in the country. It might not be as far away from where you are reading this now as you think!

Anyone who took part in our Christmas Day, Morning Prayer service retelling, of the Nativity story will already know that 2023 was the eight hundredth anniversary of the Christmas crib. Francis of Assisi is known for his devotion to Christ, and for his commitment to making Christ's love known as widely as possible. In the winter of 1223, less than three years before his death, Francis created the first 'living' crib in the village of Greccio in the Rieti Valley of Italy.

A few weeks before Christmas in 1223, Francis persuaded a nobleman to lend him an ox, a donkey, and a stable, and invited the local population to join him. Many people came, carrying candles and torches to light their way. The manger was prepared, and hay carried in. The donkey and ox were led into the stable. To quote Thomas of Celano, the first biographer of St Francis, "Out of Greccio is made a new Bethlehem."

Every year in a field just below the hermitage of Greccio, tiers of seats are assembled, a stable is erected and the local inhabitants join the Franciscan friars in re-enacting the first Nativity. They are joined by visitors from Italy and other nations, gathering to relive the events of 1223. In towns and villages across Umbria and neighbouring regions, 'presepevivente' – a live Christmas tradition – are held, including a baby from the town being given the special honour of representing Gesù Bambino in the stable scene.

In all five of our Benefice churches, Nativity Scenes were created in December, many of which have been lovingly put together by generations past, and displayed year on year. In St Mary's Wiston, our stable scene had clay figures made some 40 or more years ago, and placed on the straw each year, with the baby Jesus arriving on Christmas morning, and the Magi a week later at our Epiphany carol service.

Around the gallery of the sanctuary church of Greccio, a permanent collection of crib scenes from around the world are displayed alongside the extensive wall paintings that illustrate scenes from Jesus' earthly ministry and the life of St Francis. While it might be a deeply spiritual place for a pilgrimage visit, as undertaken by Pope Francis, it is much easier to see fine medieval wall painting within the Dedham Vale AONB.

As is explained on the *A Church Near You* website www.achurchnearyou.com/church.2035 regarding Wiston Church: "dedicated to St Mary the Virgin", this small, charming eleventh century Norman church (Grade 1 listed) stands near the River Stour (AONB) with a notable ornamented south door, fine Norman chancel arch and a unique C15 font. **It is open every day for private prayer and visiting.**

Gifted to Cluniac monks in the reign of Henry I (1100-35), the interior has a cycle of wall paintings dating from about 1280 which includes an early depiction of St Francis of Assisi and an unusual nativity sequence similar to that found in Autun Cathedral (Burgundy, French Romanesque, 1120-46)."

Back in August 2019, Simon Knott at the website www.suffolkchurches.co.uk/wissington.htm wrote: "There are two major paintings on the



north wall, and they are both really quite extraordinary. One is above the former north door, and shows a large ferocious dragon. Being a later addition of the 15th Century, he is quite out of scale with the other images. At the other end of the north wall, however, is the earliest known English image of St Francis. He is shown preaching to the birds in the tree. If 1280, the estimated date for this work, is broadly correct, then this could have been painted by people who were alive in the lifetime of their subject."

Wiston's doors are always open. It is a calm and quiet place for prayer and contemplation, and it is filled with quiet, colourful treasures that have helped to share the stories of the Bible to many generations. If you do get the chance to visit, it is always worth a glance at the visitors' book. We receive such lovely comments from visitors from all corners of the globe, who are moved to record their personal discovery of this still much loved and thriving community space.

Of course, this is just one of the five magnificent church buildings you could choose to visit across our benefice, all of which have been lovingly cared for and treasured by their communities across the centuries. All five churches remain at the heart of our communities, and like St Francis and his living Nativity at Greccio, make a new Bethlehem at the turning of each year. We hope to welcome you on your journey soon. Further details can be found on the Benefice website at: lspnw.org.uk




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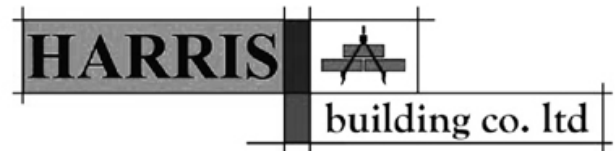


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- **Refuse Collections:** <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/collection-days/>
- **Highways Reporting:** <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>
- **To check on roadworks:** <https://one.network/>
- **To check water issues:** <https://inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/>
- **Track Rain/Lightening:** <https://www.radar-live.com/2018/04/rain-map.html>

Useful local social media group sites:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StokeByNaylandBoxfordLeavenheathNaylandBures/>
- https://nextdoor.co.uk/news_feed/

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024

Spring Half Term: 19 – 23 February

Spring Term ends: 28 March

Summer Term begins: 12 April

BUS TIME TABLES Service 84 & 784

Timetable from 4th September 2023

No service on Sunday or Public Holidays

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 & 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	.....			
Nayland Surgery	0744	.....	.....	.....	.....	1326	.....	1602	1602				
Nayland Turning	.....	0929	1029	1129	1235	.....	1429	.....	.....		
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
Norman Way Schools	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1545	.....	.....
Colchester Head Street	.....	.....	0915	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1438	1609	1639	1744
Colchester North Station	.....	0850	0919	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1442	1613	1643	1748
Turner Road, for Hospital *	.....	.....	0925	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1619	1649	.....
Cordelia Drive Myland	0732	0855	0928	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1447	1622	1652	1753
Nayland Surgery	0744	.....	0940	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1634	1704	.....
Nayland Turning	.....	0906	.....	0956	1056	1156	1256	1356	1456	1456	.....	.....	1802
Great Cornard School	0830	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1520	.....	.....	.....
Sudbury Bus Station	0840	0933	1030	1030	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1530	1719	1749	1826

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LOCAL INFORMATION

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Websites manager
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Doctors Surgery

Parkers Way
Primary School
Home School Association
Nayland Playgroup
Woodland Corner
Primary School Choir
Baby & Toddler Group
Village Hall
Church Hall
Royal British Legion
Womens Institute
Village Cinema
Table Tennis Club
Nayland Art Club
Horticultural Society
Conservation Society
Nayland Land Company
Village Players
Nayland Choir
First Responders
Friends of St. James' Church
Friends of Wiston Church
Friends of Caley Green
Chambers Buses
Roman Catholic Church
Police
Suffolk Constabulary Hadleigh
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VILLAGE DIARY

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February		
2nd	Community Council: Fun Village Quiz 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 9 & 10</i>	
5th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 33 & 47</i>	
8th	Women's Institute: 'National Coast Watch' Dick Daniels 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 29</i>	
9th	Police Engagement Event: PC Niall Johnson 9.30am-midday Village Hall <i>page 7 & 28</i>	
14th	Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>	
16th	Village Cinema: 'The Great Escaper' 7pm for 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 24 & 26</i>	
March		
1st	Village Cinema: 'A Haunting in Venice' 7pm for 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 24 & 26</i>	
4th	Community Council: AGM 7.30pm (Exec 7pm) Village Hall <i>pages 1, 9 & 47</i>	
4th	Village Hall Management Committee: AGM 8.15pm Village Hall <i>pages 1, 33 & 47</i>	
9th	St James' Churchyard Working Party 9am-12noon <i>page 22</i>	
11th	Royal British Legion: meeting 'Boxted Airfield' 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 25</i>	
12th	Conservation Society: AGM Mick Inkpen 'Author & Illustrator of Childrens' Books' 7.15 pm Village Hall <i>page 22 & 30</i>	
13th	Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>	
15th	Village Cinema: 'One Life' 7pm for 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 24 & 26</i>	
23rd	HortSoc: Spring Show & Coffee Morning 10am-12 noon Church Hall <i>page 23 & 27</i>	
24th	Nayland Choir: 30th Anniversary concert St James Church <i>page 16 & 26</i>	
29th-1st Ap	Easter weekend	
31st	British Summer Time begins: Clocks Spring Forward	
April		
6th	Village Hall: Spring Gardening Morning from 9am <i>page 9, 22 & 33</i>	
10th	Village Lunch: 'Humphry Repton' Peter Lawrence 11.45am for 12 Village Hall <i>page 17 & 31</i>	
10th	Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>	
11th	Women's Institute: 'Posture Poise and Balance' 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 29</i>	
12th	Village Cinema: 'Napoleon' 7pm for 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 24 & 26</i>	
16th	HortSoc: AGM & Fun Quiz 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 17 & 27</i>	
18th	Village Players: 'On Golden Pond' 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 17 & 25</i>	
19th	Village Players: 'On Golden Pond' 8pm Village Hall <i>page 17 & 25</i>	
20th	Nayland Community Litterpick: meet 1.30pm Village Hall Car Park <i>page 22</i>	
20th	Village Players: 'On Golden Pond' 8pm Village Hall <i>page 17 & 25</i>	
24th	Parish Council: Annual Parish Assembly 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 3 & 47</i>	
May		
1st	Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm (Exec 7.30pm) <i>page 8 & 47</i>	
6th	Nayland Church Fete 1pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 12</i>	
11th	HortSoc: Morning Market Church Hall <i>page 17 & 27</i>	
12th	Conservation Society: Spring Footpath walk <i>page 30</i>	
13th	Royal British Legion: meeting 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 25</i>	
18th	Woodland Corner / Nayland Playgroup: 50th Anniversary Celebration <i>page 32</i>	
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