



NAYLAND^{WITH} WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

YOUR LOCAL MAGAZINE FOR NEWS AND VIEWS



CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to put your clocks forward when you go to bed on Saturday 29th March! An extra hour of daylight in the evenings will be very much appreciated, especially as the following day will be Mothering Sunday.

COULD YOU HELP?

There are numerous groups in Nayland who are very much in need of assistance; from an hour or two helping man a stall, serving refreshments or helping tend a community garden to joining a committee or taking on the role of Treasurer, Secretary or Parish Councillor.

These activities are very sociable, rewarding to participate in and provide an opportunity to meet new friends - please do consider whether you could help at all. Further details and contact details can be found on page 7 and scattered through the CT.

NAYLAND CHURCH FETE & OPEN GARDENS

See pages 12 and 13 for more details of the fun and games in store at the Fete; also for a few volunteers still required.

Open Gardens also promises to be a lovely afternoon; see pages 18 and 31 for more information; additional participating gardens and helpers with teas would be welcome.

NAYLAND^{WITH} WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 30th April

7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall see page 6

District Councillor Lee Parker will be attending the Parish Assembly to discuss the potential of developing a Neighbourhood plan. Such a plan would shape any future development in Nayland, as well as unlock extra money to be spent on local services, but can **only** be developed with the support of residents. If you have any interest, or experience, in development, planning or the future of your village, then please attend.

Nayland^{with} Wissington Calendar PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

We're all looking forward to seeing your fabulous images.....
Deadline for your photo entries will be Monday 28th April
Vote for your favourites from 2nd to 5th May
Further details on page 11 or www.naylandandwiston.net

APRIL 2025

No: 214

WHAT'S ON

Cinema: *'Paddington in Peru'*

Hortsoc: AGM & Fun Quiz

Community Litterpick

Lizzie's Fund Easter Egg Hunt

Conservation: *'Wealden Houses'*

Village Lunch: *'Melford Hall'*

Community Litterpick

Hortsoc: Morning Market

May Footpath Walk

Country Music Afternoons

Village Players: *'Moriarty'*

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Annual Parish Assembly

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the meeting: 12th February 2025

(Minutes will be available on PC notice board in the High Street or <https://naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk> after the next meeting)

PARISH COUNCIL

Laura Erith chaired the meeting.

Kevin Sheath offered to organise some leaflets promoting Council vacancies for local delivery.

PUBLIC FORUM

June Freeman explained the work done by neighbours to the Horsecwatering since lockdown to improve the area and keep it looking attractive. She thanked the PC for funding 3 weedkiller treatments per year at around £50 each time but asked the PC to consider increasing their budget for the Horsecwatering above £200. Due to pressures on finances it was agreed this could not be increased.

Sally Dalton asked if the PC had made enquiries with the Environment Agency to support the SCC Officer's permit application to reduce the reeds along Caley Green; they said they have offered their support to the Officer if required.

84 BUS ROUTE

The Council's support for Stoke by Nayland PC's case for making the 84 service the primary route for Sudbury to Colchester services has been submitted.

HIGHWAYS

The PC's grounds maintenance contractors have been asked to incorporate spraying the A134 by-pass islands with weed-killer twice per year into their schedule. A link has been included on the PC's website for reporting fly tipping.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **The Willows Wiston Road [DC/24/04272]** for erection of single storey rear extension or for listed building consent at **5 High Street [DC/24/04419/20]** for replacement/alteration of windows and external doors, new roof lights, internal and external alterations to rear extensions including replacement roof and render finish to rear lounge. Discharge of conditions were approved at **52 - 54 Bear Street [DC/25/00408 for DC/24/01052]** for condition 9 external lighting and at **72 - 78 Bear Street [DC/24/05477 for DC/24/03739]** part discharge of condition 3 timber frame works for gable door only and full discharge of condition 7 eaves and verges, condition 8 materials, condition 9 rainwater goods, condition 11 fenestration, condition 12 rooflight details, condition 13 mechanical ventilation and services and condition 15 details of steps.

Between meetings councillors had no objections to listed building consent at **Star House 83 Bear Street [DC/24/04756]** for removal of a fireplace, part replacement of the frontage and excavation around the fireplace to deal with an oil leak from the supply line.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **Vine House 1 Court Street [DC/25/00057]** for construction of a shed subject to details and conditions relating to any hard surfacing/lighting scheme associated with this proposal. They had no objections to works to trees at **104 Bear Street [DC/25/00176]** to reduce 1 Lime (TPO WS233/T6) back to previous points and remove any decayed limbs or at **5 High Street [DC/25/00244]** reduce to previous pollard points 1 Beech tree, reduce mixed shrubs, reduce Bay tree to height of pagoda, trimming sides creating natural shape, reduce Dogwood to previous pruning points trimming sides creating natural shape.

COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

Tricia Fuller reported back on a meeting of the Lady Anne Windsor Charity and confirmed they are pressing ahead with a Call for Sites for Affordable Housing. The site suggested currently is on Plough Lane, Leavenheath.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

It was agreed to seek an update directly from the Environment Agency on Caley Green. James Finch agreed to seek an update from the SCC officer who made the application.

A banner erected on Caley Green without permission has been removed.

Dawn Harris and Kevin Sheath agreed to join the Tree Warden and Tree Surgeon for the Village Tree Risk Assessment on a date to be agreed.

The Independent Play Park assessor will be asked to carry out his annual inspection.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The annual Parish Assembly will be held on **Wednesday 30th April**. A speaker on the topic of a Neighbourhood Plan will be sought and PC reports will be delegated to each councillor as in previous years.

IN BRIEF

The village hall garden working party will be on 5th April.

The village hall Roof Project is progressing well. Babergh's decision on a grant towards the roof from CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) monies is due very soon.

Arrangements to review the condition of plots will be made. The allotment sub-committee will now consist of Laura Erith, Dawn Harris, Jo Reed, Tom Le Hur.

Footpaths are all very muddy but no issues have been reported.

Owen Brown reported no issues at the Burial Ground



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

VACANCY FOR FOOTPATH WARDEN

The Parish Council is looking for a new Footpath Warden. No specialist knowledge or experience needed, just a keen eye while you are out enjoying our wonderful countryside. Please contact the Parish Clerk, Debbie Hattrell, for more information on clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk or 01376 425744. Residents are encouraged to report any issues with the network of footpaths to the Parish Council and on the County Council's online reporting tool - see page 46 for details.

ST JAMES' PCC

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place in April in St James' Church.

Please check the date on the church noticeboard or on online.

All are welcome to attend.

During the meeting churchwardens will be elected, reports of organisations involved with church events and the general running of the church will be presented. Persons on the church electoral roll can vote at this meeting.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Iain Wright was pleased to advise that Babergh DC had granted £110,000 towards the roof replacement and upgrade works (£100K from Community Infrastructure Levy and £10K for the Community Fund. Iain was congratulated and thanked for his hard work. Documents concerning the history and ownership of the Village Hall are currently in the safe keeping of the solicitor; if and when required they can be transferred and held by the Clerk.

Sally Dalton asked if there had been any response from Matthew Lee (SCC) of James Finch regarding a EA permit to reduce the wall of reeds along Caley Green. James Finch said he will make enquiries. The Clerk will then be in a position to seek an update directly from the Environment Agency.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece said further work to vegetation at the old burial ground has been carried out. The issue regarding damage to and responsibility of the old burial ground wall is ongoing.

HIGHWAYS

Dawn Harris said weeding on the A134 traffic islands by PC contractors has been authorised; Debbie Hattrell will check whether it has been carried out.

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POLICE NOTICE: PARKING

Public have raised concerns over poor parking habits of some people picking up and dropping off children at Nayland Primary School, around the area of Bear Street and Harpers Estate.

The issues raised includes parking on yellow lines, parking at junctions, parking on pavements and blocking driveways.

Babergh Council Parking Enforcement Team would deal with yellow line offences (they are being alerted to the issue), but police will take action against people driving on paths (Section 34 Road Traffic Act 1988) and people parking on paths, junctions or blocking driveways (Unnecessary Obstruction).

If you are responsible for any of the above issues, please think about where and how you park. If the issue continues, I can guarantee I will be issuing traffic offence reports which would likely result in a fine. Police do not leave fines on windscreens, the notice would instead come through the post shortly afterwards.

PC 1293 Niall Johnson

Between meetings to meet Babergh's deadline councillors had no objections at **Hillside 14 Stoke Road [DC/25/00656]** for works to trees to remove six upper limbs of White Mulberry tree by 1.m to 1 .5 m and lower dead branches of Oak Tree.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **Church of St James Church Lane [DC/25/00855]** for works to trees reduce the height of T1 Liquid amber by up to 3 meters and reduce the lateral limbs to suit, to remove the low level lateral limb growing toward the neighbouring property and on a Prunes T2 fell 2 steams on the east side of the group overhanging the road.

Sam Treharne raised the issue of planning requirements regarding installation of solar panels on listed buildings. The current requirements will be looked into.

COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

Councillors heard that Graham Walker is promoting a local 'Call For Sites' for Affordable Housing. This will be included in the Community Times; details of potential land should be submitted to the Parish Clerk.

STREET LIGHTING

Gerry Battye advised that a damaged streetlight (No 24) in Elm Grove, following damage by an oil tanker, had been removed but not yet replaced. Debbie Hattrell said work was due to be completed by SCC on 12th February; she will chase this up.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

The SCC contractors who attended to the Willow damaged during Storm Darragh did return to remove the pile of large logs.

A date for a Tree Risk Assessment of trees in the village will be arranged.

The independent safety inspection of the Fairfield Playpark will be arranged; Gerry Battye said it is always helpful if he can attend to discuss findings for the report with the inspector.

ALLOTMENTS

Following recent checks on the condition of plots Dawn Harris felt some are being maintained a little better. Letters will be sent to two tenants who still are not working their plots giving notice. Having an annual allotment holders meeting was raised.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

A speaker with experience in creating a parish Neighbourhood Plan will be sought to attend the Parish Assembly on 30th April. Laura Erith will co-ordinate reports by delegated councillors.

IN BRIEF

The village hall garden spring working party will be on Saturday 5th April.

The Community Council will progress installation of a public access defibrillator at Wiston; the PC will contribute half the cost.

The new level access from the allotments to Bell Meadow on footpath 14 has been installed.



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The Community Council issued this appeal when they 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. Residents excelled themselves when the appeal was made by putting themselves forward.

If you would like assistance that we can offer please let Lorraine Brooks know via email at lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com or 262807.

Or if you may be able to help by being included on a volunteer list to help someone local to you if the need arises please make contact. 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 / those in need be exchanged.

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

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prescription, an errand run
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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 30th April 2025

7.30pm for 8pm at Nayland Village Hall

with Guest Speaker Lee Parker, Babergh District Councillor

**Want to help shape the future of development in Nayland?
Come along for a discussion on a potential Neighbourhood Plan.**

Such a plan would shape any future development in Nayland, as well as unlock extra money to be spent on local services, but can **only** be developed with the support of residents.

If you have any interest, or experience, in development, planning or the future of **your** village, then please attend.

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Come along to question your elected County, District and Parish Councillors about local issues and services. Representatives of Nayland with Wissington Community Council and Nayland Village Hall Management Committee will be available.

If you are unable to attend but wish to ask a question about matters relating to services and responsibilities of any of the three local councils, please email or telephone the Parish Clerk before Friday 25th April. Councillors will endeavour to give an answer during the meeting or soon afterwards.

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

Laura Erith, Chair lauraerith@icloud.com

- - Save the Date - -

Nayland Branch of the Royal British Legion will hold an event near the date of the 80th anniversary of the end of hostilities in WW2, which falls on 2nd September.

The nearest convenient date is therefore

Sunday 31st August

The Village Hall has been booked for an afternoon/evening event – details to follow.

NEW: COLOURED PENCIL ART GROUP

Meeting monthly on Monday evenings in Nayland Village Hall. See page 30.

They would love to have some new people come along

For more information contact: Mary Knapp

01206 345499 or 07775 478971

mary.eva.knapp@gmail.com

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP NAYLAND'S COMMUNITY SPIRIT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Nayland has for years been recognised as having community spirit in abundance with a good variety of activities on offer.

It is important that community energy should be encouraged... it can only flourish with the continued involvement of residents. Below are a few village organisations that would be delighted 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.

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

Would you like to make a difference in your community 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 six times a year, *see page 47 for dates*. Contact Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member and also a Treasurer; they meet on the first Monday of the month. Contact Iain Wright 01206 263646 or Chris

NAYLAND & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU

The Society is in urgent need of committee members and people to help at the various events.

It's not onerous or demanding but stalls, raffle etc need manning or refreshments served at some events.

It's good fun, not very time consuming, is very sociable and provides a chance to meet new people.

On a more serious note, sadly if we can't get more support very soon the society will not be able to carry on, even for this year's planned events.

Please get in touch with me or any other committee member soon as possible if you could help.

Trevor Smy
01206 262022 or 07957 848961

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING PARTIES

Further details on page 46

Chair: **Laura Erith** lauraerith@icloud.com

Vice Chair: Dawn Harris

WORKING PARTIES:

Allotments: Laura Erith, Dawn Harris, Jo Reed, Tom Le Her
Burial Ground: Laura Erith, Owen Brown
Caley Green: Owen Brown, Dawn Harris, Sally Dalton
Fairfield: Gerry Battye, Dawn Harris
Finance: Tricia Fuller, Laura Erith, Sam Trehame
Footpaths: Sally Bartrum until May (Footpath Warden)
Highways: All councillors with individual areas
Planning: All councillors
Trees: Terry Bannister (Tree Warden), all councillors

Thompson 01206 262825.

- **Nayland Choir** would like another committee member; they rehearse on Thursdays (during term time) at 8pm at Nayland Primary School. Contact Helen Walder 07810 275836
- **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.
- **Women's Institute** would welcome further members and also help with running their branch which meets on the second Thursday of the month at 2.30pm, *see page 29 for contact details*.
- **St James' Parochial Church Council** require a volunteer **Minute Secretary** for their 6-8 weekly meetings. There is also a vacancy for another **Church Warden** to share the role in maintaining the smooth running of church activities. Contact Kathy Hunt on 262014 or kath12hunt@gmail.com.
- **Church Bellringers** would welcome new ringers or those who have rung before; training can be arranged - see page 30 or contact Chris Hunt on 262014
- **Horticultural Society** require committee members and helpers at some of their events. They are a blooming friendly bunch! Contact Trevor Smy 01206 262022

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

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL: REFUSE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR EASTER & MAY BANK HOLIDAYS

**Please make sure your bin is out by 6.30am
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28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

Garden waste collections following a bank holiday will be a day later than usual for the rest of the week

SCHEDULED ROADWORKS

<https://one.network/>

When Community Times went to print there were no scheduled roadworks recorded to take place after 10th-11th March - which involved carriageway defects on (lower) Harpers Estate and resurfacing of Fen Street with Mill Street closed to accommodate plant.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

AGM: 3rd March 2025 **Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309**
Full minutes available at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT:

The Community Council enjoyed another worthwhile year in 2024 and this report is a good opportunity to highlight the work that the Council does in Nayland and Wiston.

THANK YOU

Thanks as always goes to all those involved in the Community Council and their many contributions. Our membership is drawn from village societies and we are grateful for their ongoing support with our events and activities and for the opportunity to be able to support them in their endeavours too. It all helps to keep Nayland the thriving and active village we know and love! Thanks to the stalwart Executive Committee: Bryan Smith, Lorraine Brooks, Claire Buller, Matt Cable, Jo Metson, Vicki Sargent, Julie Clark, Heike Ellwood and Maggie Ryan.

Special thanks to Lorraine who has been keeping us all organised for many years now and who is relinquishing her role as Secretary following this AGM. Lorraine is tireless in all she does for the Community Council and other village organisations and thankfully she will be continuing to produce the excellent Community Times as well as many of her other activities. We are very grateful for all she does and we look forward to continuing to work alongside her.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Thank you to everybody who helps with Community Council events – it's a credit to everyone that we are able to have such a full diary, raising funds to put back into supporting village activities.

Bonfire Night: Another fabulous sell-out event with over 1400 people coming along to enjoy Firework Crazy's brilliant display. We are in the process of signing them up for our 2025 display which will once again be on 5th November. Thank you as always to our many helpers at this event, including Fred Bugg for the bonfire, Iain Wright for the multitude of lighting and sound equipment and general 'kit' and of course everyone who helped on the refreshments, gate and stalls. Thanks too to nayland-events.org, Forget-Me-Not and Mill Street Store and Deli for their invaluable assistance with sales and to Mill Street Store for supplying the sausages. This is a real team effort, a fabulous community event and the Community Council's biggest fundraiser raising an amazing £4,816 in 2024.

Christmas Fayre: As always, thanks is due to all the village societies, including Woodland Corner, the Women's Institute, the Horticultural Society and the Conservation Society for providing Christmas stalls and to St James' Church and Nayland Baby and Toddler group for their children's activities. Thanks too to the external stallholders who brought a fantastic range of goods and wares to help kick start everyone's Christmas shopping. Nayland Primary School children entertained everybody performing a medley of numbers from the Polar Express and of course Father Christmas paid us a visit again for which we were very grateful. Finally, a big thank you to our refreshment team who kept everybody supplied with hot chocolate and mince pies.

Father Christmas, Christmas Eve Village Tour: It has become a tradition that Father Christmas pays the village a visit on Christmas Eve and this year was no exception with lots of families coming out to greet him on his route around the village. His mode of transport was once again George Pratt's tractor and trailer, driven by George's father Jim – thank you to them both and also to Father Christmas and his elf for turning out on such a busy day.

Christmas Trail: Started during Covid to bring some much needed Christmas cheer, our village Christmas Trail has also become a Christmas fixture. Thank you to all the households and businesses who participated in 2024, with the trees, wreaths and advent windows adding some festive fun throughout the village.

Village Christmas Tree: Thanks to Fred Smith for supplying our village tree, to Claire and the team for putting it up despite the, once again, inclement weather conditions! It looked lovely in its position at the centre of the High Street – thanks too to Nayland Dental Surgery for supplying the electricity.

Village Quiz: The Annual Village Quiz continues to be well supported with 26 teams turning out for some good-humoured competition in the 2025 quiz which has already taken place.

Public Access Defibrillator: The Community Council continues to monitor the Public Access Defibrillator located at the Village Hall, sending regular reports to the Ambulance Service through the Community Heartbeat Trust and their Webnos application. Funding was agreed in 2024 (from the Community Council and the Parish Council) to provide a further Public Access Defibrillator on Bures Road, Wiston to serve the more rural parts of the village.

Water Level Gauge: After some time on our agenda I am delighted to report that the water level gauge was installed in the river at Caley Green on 23rd July. Thanks to Danny Thurlow Landscapes for installing the gauge which provides two water level readings; local depth and height above sea level.

Permissive Footpath Maintenance: The Community Council were pleased to support the ongoing maintenance of two stretches of permissive footpath in the village; the first along the right-hand side of Stoke Road and a second stretch between Court Knoll and the Allotment Field after it was highlighted that these had become very overgrown but that regular maintenance would mean that they could be easily used year round.

Resident Volunteer List: Thanks to Lorraine Brooks for co-ordinating this list of volunteers prepared to assist residents with errands such as prescription collection.

GRANTS: One of the roles of the CC is to provide grants to village organisations whose activities support our constitution. Grants issued in 2024 were: **Nayland First Responders Training Sessions** £157 to cover the cost of hall hire for the CPR and defibrillator training sessions held at the Village Hall; **Nayland Primary School** £400 to support re-establishing music projects within school **Baby and Toddler Group** £300 to assist with the cost of hall hire for their sessions; **Nayland First Responders** £155 to cover the hall hire costs for the fundraiser featuring Anthony Roberts performing Dickens' Christmas Carol. **Nayland Village Hall** £10,000 towards the replacement roof project subject to National Lottery Grant approval.

GOING FORWARD

Another full programme of activities is planned for the coming year and, as always, we would be delighted to welcome some new members to help in our efforts to support our vibrant community.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Matt Cable presented the year end accounts which were adopted.

Matt Cable also gave his report on finances to 23rd February 2025:

Breakdown of profits: Quiz £608.

Grants paid: Village Hall roof £10,000 – accrued to be paid at a later date.

Expenses: £198 for 2024 defibrillator maintenance and £112 for hall hire..

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £29,034 represented by Deposit a/c monies £11,888, Current a/c monies £16,457, Cash on Hand £688. We hold £144 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: VH roof £20,000 and Lizzie's Fund £153. **Therefore unencumbered assets are £8,737**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Officers and committee were elected en bloc: **President** Bryan Smith, **Vice President** -, **Chair** Rachel Hitchcock, **Treasurer** Matt Cable, **Vice Chair**

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Registered Charity No. 304926

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2024

Statement of Income & Expense

	Income	Expense	Surplus
Community Times	2,777.50	(2,047.65)	729.85
Village Calendar	1,488.50	(689.87)	798.63
Bonfire Night	9,231.50	(4,379.34)	4,852.16
Christmas Festivities	.....	(445.99)	(445.99)
Village Quiz	712.81	(48.61)	664.20
Christmas Fayre	387.50	(104.77)	282.73
Defibrillator	.....	(198.00)	(198.00)
Grants (note 1)	.....	(2,200.00)	(2,200.00)
Centre (note 2)	579.41	(3,338.33)	(2,758.92)
TOTAL	£ 15,177.22	(£ 13,452.56)	£ 1,724.66

Statement of Financial Position

	Open	Close	Change
Cash (note 3)	28,138.34	29,515.30	1,376.96
Accrued Income (note 4)	.....	287.50	287.50
Deferred Income	(43.81)	.....	43.81
Accrued Expenses (note 5)	(11,234.28)	(11,162.89)	71.39
TOTAL	£ 16,860.25	£ 18,639.91	£ 1,779.66
of which RBL Services Fund	(88.51)	(143.51)	(55.00)
Unencumbered assets	£ 16,771.74	£ 18,496.40	£ 1,724.66

Over the course of 2024, the Community Council's principal sources of income were Bonfire Night (net income of £4,852), the Community Times (£730) and the Village Calendar (£799). The Village Quiz (£664) and Christmas Fayre (£283) also made helpful contributions.

Grants were made to support Nayland Choir (£1,500), Nayland School Choir (£400), and the Baby and Toddler Group (£300).

The Community Council spent £1,045 installing a new water level gauge on the river, £900 on maintenance of paths around the village and £633 on the annual insurance that covers the various events we run. We spent £446 on the village Christmas tree and other festive activities.

At the end of the year the Community Council held £29.5k in cash, mainly in its current and deposit accounts. After net accruals of £10.9k this left unencumbered assets of £18.5k as shown in the accompanying financial statements and footnotes.

Notes:

1. Grants made during the year:

Nayland Choir	(1,500.00)
School Choir	(400.00)
Baby & Toddler Group	(300.00)

TOTAL (£2,200.00)

2. Central costs incurred during the year:

Annual insurance	(633.42)
Web Hosting & Village website	(228.58)
Path maintenance	(900.00)
Water Level Gauge	(1,045.20)
Other: Hall hire for meetings and general supplies	(551.13)

TOTAL (£3,338.33)

All central income relates to deposit account interest

3. Cash balances at year end

Cash on hand	1,215.82
Current account	16,402.04
Deposit account	11,888.27
Paypal account	9.17

TOTAL £29,515.30

Community Council report continued.....

Claire Buller, **Secretary** Not elected at meeting. **Executive Committee** Jo Metson, Vicki Sargent, Julie Clark, Heike Ellwood, Maggie Ryan, Iain Wright. Parish Council representation: Laura Erith and Sam Treharne. Lorraine has retired as Secretary, Rachel gave thanks for Lorraine's many contributions to the CC and said how grateful the committee are that she will continue to produce the excellent Community Times and maintain many of her much valued roles within the village.

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 was highlighted that we are currently seeking a Secretary and hoped that we would be able to fill this role soon.

Recent Events: The Fun Village Quiz on 7th February. Thanks to Rachel Hitchcock for leading on this event and her team of helpers. It was very well supported with a record 26 teams taking part so enthusiastically and creating a jovial atmosphere - despite a few minor technical hitches! The quiz

4. Accrued income

CT Advertising - collected in January	287.50
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TOTAL £287.50

5. Accrued expenses

Grants made but not yet paid: inc. Village Hall roof, and Lizzie's fund	10,153.00
Other: inc. support Nayland Bear, CT printing & gen. expenses	1,009.89

TOTAL £11,162.89

TREASURER Matt Cable CFA

CHAIRMAN Rachel Hitchcock

I have examined the books of The Nayland with Wissington Community Council (without carrying out an audit), and in my opinion, the accounts for 2024 represent a true and fair record of the Society's financial affairs. Maggie Ryan FCA

raised over £600 for council funds.

Community Defibrillator: Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. The defibrillator at the Village Hall which is managed by the CC. The defibrillator at the fire station has now been registered with The Circuit (the British Heart Foundation's register of Public Access Defibrillators) which is linked directly to the Ambulance Service. The defibrillator at the village hall is already linked. This is important as it means that the Ambulance Service will refer 999 callers to the closest defibrillator. Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) have confirmed that the location by the Parish Council noticeboard on Bures Road has a good reach for access by properties in the more rural part of Wiston. The total cost is £2,695 + VAT of which the Parish Council agreed to contribute half. There is also an option for a managed service whereby the CHT supply the defibrillator minus VAT but retain ownership of it for 4 to 8 years. No specialist installer is required – the post will simply need concreting in place. Update: The Parish Council are able to claim back the VAT on this item and so will make the purchase

Community Council report continued.....

(Rachel will organise) and the CC will reimburse their share. **Plaque for Ken Willingale:** the plaque to commemorate the contribution of Ken Willingale to the CC (including the existing commemoration to his wife Olive for her contribution to HortSoc) is now in place in the HortSoc section of the village hall garden. The plan was to officially unveil it on 5th April at the VH Gardening morning but unfortunately Rachel is now going to be away and other members of the committee were unavailable. It was therefore decided that the committee should establish an alternative date.

Village Hall Gardening Morning: The next gardening session will be on Saturday 5th April from 9am - please support this if you can; it is a pleasant social activity and refreshments are provided.

Community Involvement: If village groups have any vacancies on their committees or for volunteers please let Lorraine know so they can be promoted in the Community Times **Volunteer Vacancies** article.

Resident Volunteer List: This is a list of residents prepared to assist other residents who at times are unable to get out for themselves and would benefit from having a prescription collected, an errand run or some shopping dropped off. If anyone requires assistance or could give assistance if needed please contact Lorraine Brooks.

Grants & Donations:

Permissive Path Improvements: A quote has been received for installation of stabilising plastic grid to stretch of footpath between Court Knoll and the Allotment field that frequently floods. Rachel will contact the landowner for their opinion and look at the options.

Horsewatering: June Freeman is seeking £400 towards ongoing maintenance of this patch of common land off Bear Street, specifically to provide 2 hours maintenance a month for 8 months of the year. It was agreed that the committee would consider this by email prior to our next meeting.

First Responders: £75 for the hire of the village hall to hold two Basic Life Support training sessions, one in March, one in April. This was approved.

Community Times & Websites:

For over 35 years, and 213 issues the CT has been keeping residents informed of what is going on in the parish. New technologies have enabled some changes and content differs slightly but it's hoped it continues to fulfil its role and be useful. New ideas and content are always welcome.

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

Thanks also to Justin Dowding for managing the website www.naylandandwiston.net and for establishing the online ticket sales facility at www.naylandevents.org which has become increasingly beneficial to village organisations

Village Calendar:

The NWV Calendar has been popular with residents since it was first published 16 years ago. We are enormously grateful to the small team for their commitment and hard work in producing it. The calendar team are very grateful to: local businesses that sponsor the calendar, all those who enter their photographs and those who help with sales at local shops or village activities. And last but certainly not least, those who buy the calendars.

We are delighted that Wendy Sparrow and Lorraine Brooks have agreed to continue with this project for another year, Claire Buller taking on sales.

Plans are now in hand for the next photographic competition to generate images for the calendar. It will be conducted online and, as previously, we will ask residents to select their favourite images for inclusion in the calendar. Further details in the Community Times and at www.naylandandwiston.net. Deadline for entries will be **21st April** and voting will take place over the weekend of 2nd-5th May. See page 11

HortSoc: Trevor Smy reported that the Spring Show will be on Saturday 22nd March; the AGM and Fun Quiz with horticulture in mind on 15th April and the Morning Market on 10th May. They hope to have a Summer Garden Party on 11th July and the Flower Show will be on 2nd August.

Friends of Caley Green: Sally Dalton reported that canoe clubs and keen river craft users are using the Green again as spring approaches. The deceased muntjac which had been hit by a car was removed. There have been recent swan wars as the pair on the pond jostle for territory on the river.

Art Group: Kathryn Niven reported that they continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons, with a mixture of tutored sessions, these where we follow up on this or explore our own ideas. They are a mixed ability group and would welcome new members.

Nayland Choir: Kathryn Niven reported that they had three very successful concerts in 2024. Their next concert on 29th March will be *Puccini's Messa di Gloria* and three short pieces with an Italian connection. They will have a summer evening of song with a light supper in July. New members are welcome.

Baby & Toddlers: Gillian Manser reported they have been busy with lots of new families attending during January and February. Their sessions to Easter will be 21st and 28th March.

Royal British Legion: Robert Dossor reported on 1st May a visit to Ingatestone Hall; 1st June Pat O'Malley will continue the story of his father's exploits in the Far East. They are considering outings to Greenwich; a local industry visit; and to Lavenham Airfield. It is hoped to organise an event to mark the 80th Anniversary of both VE-Day and VJ-Day.

Nayland Meadow: David Slater said they recently purchased some hedge trimming equipment and both hedges have had their annual trim. They are investigating the possibility of getting a mains water supply to the meadow for the sheep. The sheep are expected to return in March when spring has arrived.

Conservation Society: Mike Hunter said in February Jo Caruth of Cotswold Archaeology gave a final report of the Court Knoll Project. The report will be added to the Society's website once it has been approved by Historic England. In June John Walker will talk on Wealden buildings. Open Gardens will take place on Sunday 8th June and they would welcome inclusion of gardens on the Heights. The Spring Litterpick is on 26th April, a visit to Ingatestone Hall on 1st May, the Spring Footpath walk on Sunday 11th May.

First Responders: Adam Lunn said he and Corinne attended their yearly Falls Training refresher course; this allows them to deploy specialist equipment while conducting supplementary shifts on the North Essex CFR car. They are holding two Basic Life Support training sessions in March and April.

St James' Church: Chris Hunt said they have maintained a rota of services every Sunday including a monthly family service. The Wednesday Coffee Mornings remain well attended. The Annual Fete is on 5th May; volunteers to help would be welcome.

Parish Council: Sam Treharne reported that the Annual Parish Assembly is on Wednesday 30th April. They have two vacancies on the PC and would welcome new councillors.

Village Players: Nick Moriarty said they are preparing for the play, Ken Ludwig's *'Moriarty'*, a new Sherlock Holmes adventure directed by Mary Moriarty, with performances on 2nd, 4th and 5th April.

AOB: Thank Yous: Thanks were given to the Community Council for their contribution to the village.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: will be on **Wednesday 7th May** at 7.30pm (Exec 7pm) in the Church Hall.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON VILLAGE CALENDAR COMPETITION

This popular competition - first held in 2009 - will soon be taking place again. As holding it online has proved successful it will be conducted this way again.

As usual we welcome photographs taken in recent years, reflecting any of the 12 months of the year, representing our beautiful parish and our thriving community. These may include scenic views, architectural and natural features, street scenes and any seasonal or unusual aspects of the parish. Community events, such as the Fete, Open Gardens or fayres or celebrations and other society activities would also be appreciated.

The images should be recognisable as being in Nayland or Wissington. (Please remember that while shots of magnificent birds soaring overhead, cute animals in a field or spectacular skies are impressive they could be taken anywhere.) So please capture something familiar in the background.

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

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



Rules of Entry:

- The competition is open to residents of the Nayland with Wissington parish, and those who work in the parish or are active participants in parish societies or groups.
- Photographs should be landscape orientation and of good pixel size (high resolution).
- The images should be recognisable as being taken in Nayland or Wissington.
- If in doubt the map of the parish can be viewed at: naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar
- If photographs include children parental consent must be obtained by the entrant.
- A maximum of 10 photographs per person may be entered.
- Photographs should not be digitally enhanced.
- The deadline for entries will be **Monday 28th April** - see details below.
- The display of photographs will be available to view online via www.naylandandwiston.net from **2nd to 5th May**
- Email the numbers of your 12 favourite scenes to lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com Voting will close at **midnight on 5th May**.
- The 12 most popular photographs will announced on 7th May and will be included in the 2026 calendar.

Entries for Nayland with Wissington Calendar Photography Competition

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

Name - Telephone number - Address

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

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

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

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

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on the gate £5



Funds raised for the upkeep of St James' Church

f Nayland Village Fete

STALLS

Donations for the stalls would be really welcome please. The stalls are hugely popular. We are still accepting resalable donations for the following stalls:

Toys
China & Glass
Kitchen items
Vintage items
Pictures
Gifts
Bric a Brac
Jewellery & Handbags
Good Quality Ladies Clothes
Bottles for the Tombola

(sauce to bubble bath, to wine and beer)

Books
China for the china smash

Homemade biscuits and cakes would be much appreciated to serve with the teas, these can be left in the Village Hall on the day.

Unfortunately, we **cannot** take general clothing, luggage, electrical items or furniture.

Items can be left in the changing rooms at Nayland Village Hall from 1st to 29th April. Access via side door to the right of the hall. Open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm.

Vintage items to Forget Me Not please.

Helpers are always very welcome.

Please contact the following:

Stalls:	Annie Elston	07818 601264
Field set up:	Gillian Stanton	07771 858717

Thank you very much for your support.

Your donations and support are invaluable. The Fete raises funds for the Church fabric fund which is used exclusively for the upkeep of this wonderful historic building.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising and running the fete, the donations and of course those that come along on the day.

Many hands make light work as they say, so we are always grateful for helpers on the day, whether for an hour or two or for the duration. It really is good fun.

We look forward to you joining us on the new date for the fete this year, Monday 5th May 2025.



Brentwood Mac – Live at Nayland Village Hall Saturday 26th April

Brentwood Mac is consistently performing to sell-out audiences in Essex and beyond, so find out why and join us for a fabulous evening of Fleetwood Mac music. There's no need to travel to a theatre when this professional concert will take place in your local village hall.

From the haunting vocals of Stevie Nicks to the driving rhythms of Mick Fleetwood, Brentwood Mac pays homage to every member of Fleetwood Mac. Whether you're a Fleetwood Mac enthusiast or a new listener, Brentwood Mac promises a night of captivating music that's sure to leave you wanting more!

Doors & bar open at 6:15pm, performance starts at 7pm.

Don't delay – buy today! Tickets available from www.brentwoodmac.co.uk

FUN VILLAGE QUIZ

The annual fun village quiz on 7th February, organised by the Community Council, was, once again, hugely well supported by the community with a record 26 teams taking part. There was a three-way tie for first place between Skinny/spare/cheaters, Don't Knows and 007 UPs so a huge well done to you all.

It was a great evening of quizzing and fun with everybody entering into the spirit of the event; well done Rachel for putting together all the questions and being our quizmaster. Many thanks to all our helpers who supported with set up, scoring, collecting in answer sheets, selling raffle tickets and technical assistance.

Community Council Chair, Rachel Hitchcock said: *"Thanks so much to everybody for making this evening such a success, for creating a jovial atmosphere and taking part so enthusiastically - despite a few minor technical hitches!"*

The event raised over £600 for council funds.

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




Do you want to practice your CPR skills?

The Nayland Community First Responders are holding a number of Basic Life Support sessions.

Tuesday 25th of March 7pm
Saturday 26th April 10am

Nayland Village Hall, CO6 4JH

To book your space please visit our Eventbrite page

NAYLAND
ST JAMES' CHURCH
FETE
Monday 5th May
1-4pm at Nayland Village Hall

Could YOU help?

Wanted - volunteers are needed to help with setting up, taking shifts manning the gate, car park marshalling, etc

Volunteers are also needed to help with sideshows & stalls particularly the bouncy castle and china stall.

Help serving teas in the village hall and donations of cakes would be most welcome

Please consider joining our friendly Fete Team
contact Annie Elston: acelston@btinternet.com

Have you considered joining the Parish Council?

*Are you passionate about your local area?
Are you concerned about community issues?
Want to make it a better place?
Would you like a new challenge?
Do you have some skills to share?
Do you enjoy working as part of a team?*

Then your Parish Council needs YOU!



Eligible?

Over 18, a NWW elector,
or live and work in or within
3 miles of the Parish boundary



Want to know more?

Speak to a councillor or contact
the Parish Clerk: Debbie Hattrell:
clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk
or 01376 425744



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LIZZIE'S FUND: EASTER EGG HUNT

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Good Friday, 18th April
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**Fun Quiz to win a chocolate Easter Egg,
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Tickets are £6.50 in advance
Limited tickets available on the day, at £8
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Nayland Baby & Toddler group

Bring your child, trained or not,
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- sociability
- obedience (!)
- healthy treats

Fridays 9.30am - 11.15am
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some extended closures around
school holidays.
See Facebook page for details.



Lots of toys,
activities,
singing &
refreshments

The Village Lunch

Wednesday 9th April

11.45am for 12 noon talk, lunch at 1pm
Nayland Village Hall



An illustrated talk by Ken Burr
*'Melford Hall, Long Melford:
an eclectic home, with stories of naval exploits
and Beatrix Potter, set in picturesque gardens'*

Tickets: £15 on sale from 7th March



at: naylandevents.org

or from Mill Street Store & Deli (cash only)

Last date for tickets Friday 4th April

Please bring your own drinks

All proceeds to the Village Hall fund



Our forthcoming Spring production

Directed by Mary Moriarty

Holmes and Watson are back on the case!

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KEN LUDWIG'S **MORIARTY** A NEW SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURE

Wednesday 2nd April @ 6:30pm

Friday 4th April @ 8pm

Saturday 5th April @ 8pm

Nayland Village Hall
Church Lane CO6 4JH

Tickets:

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available from:

www.villageplayers.co.uk

or contact

Mary Moriarty on 01206 262808



This amateur production of Ken Ludwig's Moriarty is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd

Nayland & District Horticultural Society

AGM & FUN QUIZ EVENING Tuesday 15th April

7.30pm - Church Hall

All welcome

Come along and see what a
friendly bunch we are!

Following the brief formalities, there
will be refreshments and a fun quiz
with horticulture in mind.

For those interested in becoming a
member, membership is available
for £3 or £5 for joint.

MORNING MARKET

Saturday 10th May

9.30pm to noon

Church Hall, Bear Street CO6 4HY

- Plants including Bedding & Vegetables
- Home-made Cakes and Preserves
- Refreshments
- Raffle (draw at 11.30am)

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

www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

HARE & HOUNDS LEAVENHEATH

Upcoming Events

Sat 19th April

THE CCJS
RAUCOUS
RHYTHM N BLUES
FROM 8:30PM

May

TBC

Sat 21st June

SUMMER SOLSTICE
ALL DAY LIVE DJs
DISCO, HOUSE & DANCE MUSIC
COCKTAILS
BBQ - FAMILY FRIENDLY

Sat 19th July

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7th - 10th August

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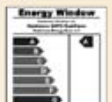


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27th June

18th July

15th August

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It would be a pleasure to include new gardens in this event
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Mike Hunter on 264100 or mikejphunter@gmail.com

www.naylandconservation.org.uk



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SUNDAY 11th MAY FOOTPATHS THE WALK

Meet at 1.45pm for 2pm start
at Boxted Church car park

Walk round the variety of Boxted Parish

Join Chris Hunt for a walk through fields, woodland, country lanes and even a mention of Silver Band!! The walk will last about two hours. Stout walking shoes are recommended, all dogs to be kept on leads and please try to car share as parking is restricted.



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WEALDEN BUILDINGS IN SUFFOLK

Speaker: John Walker



MONDAY 24th JUNE

7.15pm for 7.30pm

Nayland Village Hall

All are most welcome

Entry for non-members £3

www.naylandconservation.org.uk

NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

Saturday 26th 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 264100 for more information

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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
As a reminder the Environment Agency (EA) 24 hour hotline number: 0800 80 70 60.

For Avian Influenza the DEFRA helpline is 03459 335577 <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu>

WATER LEVELS

There has been no real need to refer to the water level gauge at Caley Green as levels have not been outside the normal variations for the season.

Should you feel there is an issue use the above sea level measurement to report to the EA hotline, and Lorraine would be pleased to be advised in order to keep a note of incidents (details as above).

WATER QUALITY & SEWAGE

There is currently no news on water quality and testing results.

REED & VEGETATION GROWTH

The situation with reeds around the Horseshoe weir (and other areas of the river through Nayland) remains disgraceful. The EA are the riparian owners around the weir. In mid March a small army of EA people were seen looking at the Horseshoes Weir and pointing fingers; they then walked up to the sluice gates. The reason for their visit is unknown.

WILDFOWL & SWANS

As many will know the Nayland cob swan (ring No F4GV) had an injured wing and he was being monitored. As a precaution a swan expert came to examine him and revealed that he was in good health overall but he had broken his wing and it had healed out of alignment. This was not causing him discomfort but would prevent him from flying.

Other swans have been coming and going to the river and the Meadow pond. Currently there is a pair on the pond and a lone cob on the river. There has been one serious fight which was interrupted by a brave resident. Wildlife and nature



The pair of swans on a frosty Nayland Meadow pond by Phil Border



FISHING ROD LICENCES

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

At any time of year a valid 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 coarse fishing licence costs: £35.80 for adults, £23.80 for over 66 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.



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

The **River Stour Trust** can issue craft registrations on behalf of the Environment Agency. Registered craft are permitted to travel the whole length of the Stour Navigation, from Brundon Mill to Cattawade. The annual fee (1 Apr 2025 - 31 Mar 2026) is £52.90 per private unpowered craft. Monthly and weekly licences are available.

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

Alternatively, membership of **British Canoeing** includes a licence for many waterways in England. They have a number of membership plans: individual adult costs £60 (renewal £47). Membership covers the member and not the craft.

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

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

is about survival of the fittest - it's hard to watch sometimes! Cob F4GV appears to know his limitations and has kept out of the way.

Little Egret have been seen regularly below the weir and Cormorants have been seen.

THE LONG REED BED

The long running saga regarding reduction of the enormous and expanding wall of reeds along Caley Green continues still - another seasonal opportunity where this work can be undertaken has been lost! SCC applied to the EA for a permit to allow them to reduce the reeds last summer. The Parish Council have now asked James Finch to make enquiries about the delay.

FLYTIPPING: HARPERS HILL WILDLIFE SITE & ELSEWHERE

A reminder that flytipping of garden waste which occurred regularly on the Harpers Hill county wildlife site - presumably by a local resident/s is illegal. It is an offence to do so. An eye will be kept on the situation this year - if you see anyone depositing waste anywhere please report it and also notify the Parish Council.

- www.babergh.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping
- clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk



REPORTING INCIDENTS TO BABERGH

Thanks to Wendy Sparrow for the alert that this dog waste bin is overflowing. This has now been reported to Babergh DC by the Parish Council. If at any time you notice issues like this or fly-tipping or PRow footpaths please report them.... either to a Parish Councillor or direct to Babergh using the appropriate reporting tool:

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/report-dog-fouling>

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping>

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/public-rights-of-way>

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SUMMER SOLSTICE PICNIC Saturday 21st June

It's nearly that time again !! Dust off the hampers - unfold the blankets - check those deckchairs. Picnic time is here. The great tradition of welcoming the summer solstice will happen on Caley Green at 1pm (roughly!).

What a great afternoon we can have, *"all things rejoiced beneath the sun; the weeds, the river, the corn fields and the reeds"* (Percy Bysshe Shelly - I think !) I may not be around for the sunrise but it's worth seeing the sunset.

You can see how the line of potholes in Bear Street align with the setting sun as it dips below the horizon - truly magical !!

Of course June 21st is also another significant day. It's Suffolk Day. Flags will fly, it's an occasion to celebrate all that the county has to offer. So, it would be good if folks could bring to the picnic their favourite saying, poem, song, etc. just to highlight how wonderful the county is and the great benefits and privileges it is to be here. Then after a minute or two we can eat our sandwiches!! Happy Days

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.



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 [@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland).



ST JAMES CHURCHYARD

This year the weather remained dry for the Churchyard Spring clear up which was held on 15th March but there was a cold wind and warm refreshments were much appreciated. Many thanks to all who helped.

The churchyard is looking tidy and fresh in the sunshine. Thanks to James Carver (above) and Antony Day (top right) for these photos.



DOG WASTE FOUND INSIDE ST JAMES' CHURCH !!!

It is really disgusting that someone did not pick up after their dog inside St James' Church.

Who did they think was going to clean it up... the kind volunteers who clean and keep the church in good order? It's not their job! Whoever it was really gives dog owners a bad name.

There is no excuse! As a reminder – to others that also don't clear up after their dogs – there are plenty of dog waste bins around the village – check the map...



AIR TRAFFIC

On 18th March an unusual looking air balloon was spotted passing over Nayland. It was not a colourful hot air balloon which used to be seen regularly floating by; this was a white gas balloon.

Gas balloons, filled with either hydrogen or helium, have a far greater range than a hot air balloon; flight OE-ZZM began its adventure in Burgkirchen, Bavaria.

www.flightradar24.com reveals that after floating above Suffolk it headed north to Scotland...and beyond?



SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...



Work to level out and improve access on PRow footpath 14 from the allotments to Bell Meadow has been completed by the Parish Council's contractors.



CAN YOU DATE THIS PHOTO?

Taken in Nayland High Street looking towards Mill Street with the site of the old mill (which was dismantled in 1922) on the right. After it was reduced it became The Nayland Light & Power Station which closed in 1938.

The photo shows interesting old signage for 'overhanging eaves'.

Can anyone reveal what the old mill was used for at this time?

If you can please let Lorraine know at lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com or 262807



Babergh DC have carried out further work to tame overgrown vegetation at the old burial ground and it is looking much improved, even since last autumn when they carried out work. The area has been much neglected for some so it is pleasing to see an improvement. Repair to the damaged flint wall has not been carried out; although Babergh have previously repaired the wall they have now queried where responsibility lies. This is being investigated. Thanks to Antony Day for these photos.



June 2024



NAYLAND MEADOW

The trustees recently purchased some suitable hedge trimming equipment and, thanks to John Carpenter, who did the vast majority of the hard work required, both hedges have had their annual trim.

We hope to use the cuttings from this operation to help provide some shade for the sheep, as well as helping to top up some of the dead hedges.

Alex Walton of Nayland tree services is going to run his expert eye over the trees that stand between the two hedges and offer his best advice for their ongoing management.#

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NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Kevin Walsh 07342 235001
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www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

Kevin Walsh has taken over from Rachel Skells as the booking Secretary and Treasurer for the Church Hall.

The Church Hall is available for one off and regular bookings. Please do consider using this great village facility for children's parties and private gatherings or contact us to set up a regular booking.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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

Sadly, we report that John Partridge, our Vice-President, passed away in January. His wit, bottomless anecdotes and sound advice will be greatly missed.

Our first meeting for 2025 was held in the Church Hall on Monday 10th March, when we had a fascinating and revealing illustrated talk from Dr Hugh Frostick about the arrangements, personnel, bases and training for a secret group of 'Stay-behinds' who would have provided armed resistance had the Country been invaded in 1940. There was an Operational Base in Polstead, whose remains are still visible, but which was unknown to Members. Dr Frostick has details of the Bures and Polstead Patrols, whose members were from local families.

The Meeting afterwards discussed future events for the year which will include a visit to Ingatestone Hall in conjunction with the Conservation Society on 1st May, a private tour of Lavenham Airfield on 29th June, and a trip to Bentwaters Cold War Museum on a date to be arranged. Everyone in Nayland is welcome to any of these activities.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 16th June in the Church Hall, when our speaker will be Mr Pat O'Malley, continuing the saga of his father's exploits in the Far East during WW2. The meeting on Monday 1st September will hear Andrew Gowen's account of his life and career in HM Royal Marines, a story never completely told before!

Looking ahead, it was agreed unanimously that the Branch should hold an event near the 80th anniversary date of the end of hostilities in WW2, which falls on 2nd September. The nearest convenient date is therefore Sunday 31st August, for which the Village Hall has been booked for an afternoon/evening event – details to follow, but **save the date!** We also decided to plant a tree, to join those already planted in commemoration of other significant anniversaries for the community.



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Terry Bannister 262454 Gale Scott 262061

The next Village Lunch will be held on Wednesday 9th April in the

Village Hall. There will be a most interesting illustrated talk by Ken Burr on 'Melford Hall' at Long Melford set in picturesque gardens.

Melford Hall has been home to the Hyde Parker family since 1786, and members of the family still live in the South Wing of the building. However it was once the home of Benedictine monks. Melford Hall has a long and varied history; we will hear the stories of Naval exploits, its royal connections and visits by children's author Beatrix Potter.

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 7th March until 4th April online at naylandevents.org or from Mill Street Store & Deli (cash only).

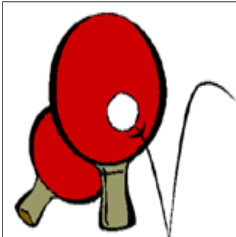


TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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

The Table Tennis Group meet every Monday in the Village 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. No previous experience necessary and all are welcome.



NAYLAND CINEMA

Karen Freeman karenfreeman@suffolkonline.net Mob: 07773 402765

Our recent screening of *'The Critic'* was very well supported with our best audience this side of Covid!

I wasn't actually able to make this evening but I heard that as well as a record number of attendees Ross and Jade provided over thirty suppers which were very well received. To provide this number of plates of food in the limited time available was quite a tall order and, even though given their experience and efficiency they were able to achieve this, it was decided that we would start providing food at the earlier time of 6pm with the last orders by 7.15pm.

We have just received our film menu from Moviola and there are some very good films available to us to screen in the next quarter. We are pleased to be able to screen the award winning *'Conclave'* on May 16th with some other very good films to follow. Once our choices have been confirmed by Moviola I will put the dates and films on the cinema website so please look out for them.

So looking ahead we have great films, food and wine - what more could you ask for! See below, on page 18 or our webpage at www.naylandandwiston.net

- **Friday 11th April: *'Paddington in Peru'* (2024)** is a animated adventure comedy film. On receiving a letter from the home for retired bears in Peru, saying that his Aunt Lucy deeply misses him and is acting strangely, Paddington and the Browns decide to go to Peru to visit her. Upon arriving in Peru they learn from the Reverend Mother that Aunt Lucy has gone missing in the jungle. The search and Paddington's adventures continue but is the Reverend Mother all she seems, can Hunter really be trusted, is Paddington in any danger?
- **Friday 16th May: *'Conclave'* (2024)** follows one of the world's most secretive and ancient events - selecting the new Pope. Cardinal Lawrence (Ralph Fiennes) is tasked with running this covert process after the unexpected death of the beloved Pope. Once the Catholic Church's most powerful leaders have gathered from around the world and are locked together in the Vatican halls, Lawrence uncovers a trail of deep secrets left in the dead Pope's wake, secrets which could shake the foundations of the Church.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

For our February meeting, Mike Rumsey gave a most interesting talk entitled 'They are not all bad!!' in which he gave an insight into his family background.

March is the month is when we celebrate the birthday of our branch of the WI with a lunch outing for all the members; this was unavoidable postponed until the 20th March.

At our next meeting on 10th April we will be entertained by Roy Treloar, giving us an insight into *'The Good Old Days'* and on 8th May we will hold our AGM. We look forward to welcoming Paul Gallifant back on 12th June who will be showing us more of his lovely local photography.

We always welcome guests and new members to our meetings - keep an eye on the WI noticeboard in Nayland High Street for details or in your Community Times.

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in Nayland Village Hall in Church Lane.



THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

Sally Dalton johnansal@live.co.uk 262675

Spring is here. The green is gradually waking from Winter.

We had a good display of the first spring snowdrops, and we are now seeing a wonderful display of daffodils.

The last two weekends with the improvement in the weather has seen the return of the local canoe clubs.

We have a new pair of swans that have taken up residence. They spend most of their time on the meadow pond but sometimes venture onto the river where they come into contact with a new young male swan who has taken up residence. There is some seeing off and one fight so far, this has not deterred the young male so far.

Sadly there is no sign of any nest building from our new pair. I will update further next time on our former resident swans.





VILLAGE PLAYERS

www.villageplayers.co.uk



Chair: Emma Wallis 07942 778536 emmawallis369@gmail.com

It's fair to say that The Village Players have been having a lot of fun rehearsing their Spring Production of Moriarty. With John McCarroll taking the lead role and Charlie Erith as his arch nemesis, Moriarty, this Sherlock Holmes adventure is a fast paced tale with blackmail, intrigue, comedy and romance at every turn.



Production dates are 2nd, 4th and 5th April, tickets are available online at villageplayers.co.uk. Tickets are £10 for adults. Children under 16 are £6. We hope you can join us.

The AGM will take place on Wednesday 30th April from 7.30pm at Nayland Church Hall. All are welcome to attend.

We are also actively looking for directors for future productions. If you have always nurtured an ambition to direct a thriller, comedy or drama, now is your opportunity. Please do get in touch with Emma Wallis on 07942 778536 or naylandvillageplayers@gmail.com



NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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



Nayland Surgery is open: 8am-6pm Monday-Friday

Nayland Dispensary opening times: Monday-Thursday 9am-12.30 & 1.30-5pm and Friday 9am-3pm.

Please note that the surgery will be closed on Bank Holiday Friday 18th April, Monday 21st April for Easter and bank holidays on 5th and 26th May. Please also allow for this when ordering your repeat prescriptions.

The dispensary will also be closed all day on Monday 14th April due to stock taking.

NEW APPOINTMENT SYSTEM

As you may or may not be aware, the Surgery has undergone a change in how patients can now book appointments. NHS England have steered the focus of General Practice in the direction of Digital Health. Digital Health in simple terms means increased access via digital avenues to access healthcare. This does not mean healthcare is exclusively delivered digitally, nor does it mean access for those who do not use the digital platforms is limited. It simply allows those who can submit requests digitally can do so from their home, workplace, during school run etc. Those who cannot access the surgery are still able to call via our phone lines and we anticipate waiting times on our phones will decrease significantly.

How to request an appointment

Simply log onto the Creffield Medical Group Website (at time of press we are still awaiting the system to be uploaded onto the NHS app). Click on the Contact us tile on the front page (RED TILE) and complete the relevant form (either Admin enquiry or medical enquiry) **Please ensure you do not add a medical query to the admin form as this may not be dealt with within timescales required.** Please include as much information as possible as this will help us to manage your request or query efficiently for you. If you telephone us, we will complete the form on your behalf.

What happens next

Once your medical enquiry has been submitted one of our Lead GP partners will view your request and mark the urgency and correct Practitioner suitable for the medical appointment, we will then send an appointment via text or phone call. This system will allow the urgency of patients medical needs be the forefront rather than the old system of "first come first served". For administrative queries, these will go direct to our admin team.

How long will it take

We will process your request or query within 2 working days dependent on clinical urgency. If you need to see a clinician in an absolute emergency, please visit the Urgent Treatment Centre within the grounds of Colchester General Hospital. However, we are delighted to advise that most medical enquiries are processed in one day.

Feedback - This process has been in place for 2 weeks and we have had a lot of positive feedback from our patients.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

We are hoping that the following calendar of events will take place, but the Committee needs at least two more people to join our ranks, in order to make this possible. We are a very friendly team so if you have a few hours to spare to help with these events please do volunteer, you would be made very welcome.

Just after the Community times goes to print our annual **Spring Flower Show will be held on Saturday 22nd March** at 10am in the Church Hall. This is usually a cheerful, colourful occasion and we will report how it went and the results of the classes in the next issue. For those reading the early, online issue of the CT do 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 so we would be very grateful for donations of cakes, or prizes for the raffle which can be dropped off at the Church Hall early on the day of the Show. For those interested in exhibiting, entry forms available on our website should be submitted by 6 pm on Thursday 20th March; classes and further details are given on the entry form. Winners of each class will be awarded a certificate and the Olive Noakes Cup will be awarded to the most successful exhibitor.

Please come along to our **AGM and Fun Quiz on the Tuesday 15th April**, 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Our fairly brief AGM formalities will be followed by a fun horticultural-themed Quiz. Members and prospective members are very welcome.

Membership for 2025 is now available and good value at just £3.00 for single or £5.00 for joint membership. Application forms are available at any of our events, from Margaret Smy.

The **Morning Market on Saturday 10th May** will be held in the Church Hall between 9.30am and 12 noon. Bedding and vegetable plants will be on sale, as well as home-made cakes and preserves. Refreshments are available and there will be a raffle (draw taking place at 11.30am). Donations of items for sale or raffle prizes would be very welcome and may be brought to the Hall from 8.30am on the Saturday morning or left with a committee member during the week leading up to the event.

Schedules for the **Summer Flower Show to be held on Saturday 2nd August** will be distributed shortly and will also be available in Mill Street Store and Deli, Forget Me Not, and can also be downloaded from our website. Please note that there have been a few changes to our classes again this year so please check the schedule. The subject for the adults' photography section will be 'Architecture', 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. Please note that the cut off for entering exhibits is the Wednesday before the Show (6pm on 30th July). Any late entries on the day of the show makes judging very difficult. HortSoc are grateful to the advertisers in the schedule who enable us to fund this promotion.

We are hoping to hold a **Summer Garden Party for members on Friday 11th July**. More details will be in the Community Times nearer the time.



NAYLAND CHOIR

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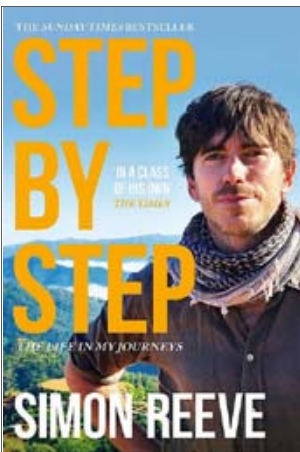
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By the time this Community Times goes out, we should have performed our Spring Concert in St. James' Church on 29th March. We hope that many of you were able to attend and that you enjoyed the sounds (sometimes stirring and dramatic, sometimes melancholy and poignant) of Puccini, Rossini and Liszt. As this article is being written, our current rehearsals, before the event, are challenging but a real pleasure. We are so fortunate to be led by Emma Bishton, who always inspires and brings out the best in everyone, and supported by our accompanist, Mary Blanchard.

Singing in a choir is a very special experience and reportedly brings many benefits so, if you are thinking that you would like to join us, please try us out when we begin rehearsals after Easter for our next concert. Although some of the choir have been performing together for many years, we have had some new members in the past year which has been very welcome. There is no audition process and, although you will need to be able to follow a written score, you do not need to be able to sing from sight.

The summer concert will be in the village hall on 4th July and will follow a similar format to previous years, with a light supper and an evening of song. Nearer to the time, tickets will be available on naylandevents.org



BOOK CLUB

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We recently finished reading 'Step by Step' by Simon Reeve, presenter of many BBC travel shows. His book traces the story of his early life; leaving school without qualifications, finding himself in very bad company, and at age 17 becoming suicidal and ridden with depression. He determined to change his fortunes and was very lucky to get a job onto a Sunday Times scheme for non-graduate post-boys and girls where recruits could gain experience in the newsroom when they weren't sorting letters. The newspaper "became the education I had missed".

We got to read some stories from his travels, encompassing the scenes he has witnessed, people he has met and individuals experiencing true and brutal suffering. He describes how he has journeyed across epic landscapes, dodged bullets on frontlines and been detained for spying by the KGB.

We are currently reading 'Seven Sisters' by Lucinda Riley.



NAYLAND MEADOW LTD

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Hopefully the sheep will be on Nayland Meadow by the time you read this... if not soon !!!
 A lot of hard work has recently gone into trimming the hedges! Enjoy. NB the hedge was not planted or tended to be a place to hang dog poo bags....

In anticipation of the new bird breeding season the nest boxes at Nayland Meadow have had their annual inspection/repairs/refurbishment. The key headlines are as follows:

- Overall we have 14 nest boxes of various types in place on site.
- Nine were occupied in 2024, compared with ten in 2023 and seven in 2022. This is a high level of occupancy and demonstrates a lack of natural nesting sites for hole nesting species.
- The boxes were likely to have been used mainly by blue tits and great tits.
- Larger nest boxes (large open front nest boxes and the barn owl box) have been used for breeding attempts by wood-pigeon/stock dove.
- Four nest boxes have been successfully used in each of the last three years. Only one nest box has not been used in any year. This will be moved at the end of the season if it again remains unused this year.

A good tip re Apps is the free Merlin Bird ID. Hear a bird, put this on and you will learn what it is. Amazing!!!



BAT BOXES

Top end new homes in Nayland!
 There are two new bat boxes around the Meadow; huge thanks to the donors, the NwW Conservation Society and a private donation.

If you would be interested in donating (they are £59.99) please get in touch.

(Bats are mammals that can fly but their legs are too weak to walk on (except two species which will never be seen in Nayland)).



PATH IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The David Cock Foundation is delighted to have the opportunity to support the Nayland Meadow Project. The Nayland Land Company (charity) was successfully awarded a grant last October 2024, to help fund the Footpath Improvement Programme around the Meadow.

Trustee Peter Mimpriss and Communities Project Leader Rebecca Ash (David Cock Foundation) visited the Meadow as Phase 3 of the footpath was being finished. They were really impressed with this incredible community asset which enables local people to connect with nature.

The grant was awarded in memory of local farmer David Cock (1914 –1992) from Great Dunmow in Essex. David, (pictured left) was a very fine cricketer, a community-minded man and a Justice of the Peace. He played cricket for Essex and served during the war in the Royal Air Force. The David Cock Foundation is using David's legacy, and the proceeds of the sale of part of David's farmland in Essex, to build and support stronger, healthier communities.



NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Team Leader: Adam Lunn

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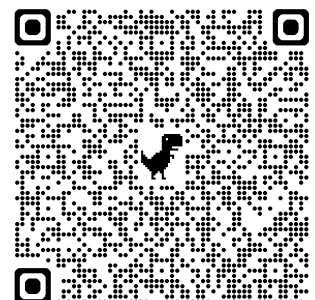


The new year means the first few monthly training sessions the volunteers must attend are set aside for them to be assessed. All our volunteers have passed their assessments, meaning they can continue responding for another year.

Our volunteer Team Leader Adam, and volunteer responder Corinne, attended their yearly Falls Training refresher course. This allows them to deploy a specialist item of equipment while conducting supplementary shifts on the North Essex CFR car. As Falls Responders they can see a reversal in their role whereby 999 ambulance crews request the CFRs to back them up, and assist them in helping patients up from the floor who may be too frail or elderly to help themselves. After deploying the Raizer 2 lifting devices, the ambulance clinicians and/or CFRs then try to leave the patients at home (where safe to do so) and try to avoid unnecessary hospitalisation.

We will be running our free Basic Life Support sessions at Nayland Village Hall on March 25th and April 26th. These sessions will equip you with the skills and knowledge to start CPR and the confidence to use a public access defibrillator. Details on how to book can be found by visiting our Facebook page, Eventbrite booking page (QR code right) or by emailing us at adam.lunn@eastamb.nhs.uk

January and February figures: As a group we volunteered 488 Hrs, attended 4 calls and 2 public engagement events





COLOURED PENCIL ART GROUP

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We are a small, informal art group, using coloured pencils, which can produce wonderful effects and results. We meet once a month, on a Monday evening in Nayland Village Hall.

We would love to have some new people come along - to join in, give it a go - or just to see what we do. There is no formal tuition but we will gladly provide help, advice and tips and materials can be supplied for your first sessions.

Our next dates are : Monday 14th April and Monday 19th May at 6.30-8.30pm in the Village Hall.



NAYLAND ART GROUP

Kathryn Niven 07867 878443 nivenkathryn@gmail.com

We've had a quiet start to the year, with some members away and the usual bouts of winter bugs, but those of us attending have been busy as usual.

We have been revisiting some basic skills. For drawing, we have been using different 'warm up' techniques, mark making with pencils - probably the sort of thing many readers will recall from school. We've also tried using a pencil without resting hands or wrists on the table and using our non-dominant hands to free up the movement. We then tried drawing some still life arrangements using some of the elliptical shapes from our warm-ups.

With watercolour, we had an interesting session discussing the purpose of a painting, what makes an interesting painting and how to therefore use artistic license when considering the composition - for example, by editing out some details or rearranging some elements.

If this sounds a bit academic, it really isn't! We have plenty of fun and lots of time just to paint or draw at leisure. If anyone reading would like to join us in the church hall on Wednesday afternoons, please get in touch and come along to see what you think. Everyone is very friendly and helpful and there is always a hot drink and a biscuit waiting for you!



NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

Keen to get started and happy to be together, the handbell team are well into their first term of 2025. Meeting as usual in the Church Hall each Tuesday from 1.30pm-3pm. Confidence has certainly grown and with it new musical challenges. We certainly appreciated the nice comments our pre Christmas audiences attributed to us.

If anyone is interested there is a handbell concert at St Botolphs church on Saturday 31st May performed by the 30 or so members of the Essex ringers. Tickets cost £10 but I know no further details at the moment. Meanwhile your local group plan to hold small event in St James' church later in the year. Keep an eye open for details. Your support would be valued.



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

It is encouraging that I have had a couple of enquiries about ringing the church bells. It does take a bit of time to learn to ring and get familiar with how the system works. All must be done safely. Getting people together these days is also a problem but remember there is a weekly coffee morning held in church and if anyone would like to know about ringing I will be in church at 11am most Wednesdays and could meet anyone interested and just explain the 'ropes' and any other information they may need. Perhaps by the end of summer we may have a band !!

If you would like to know more please contact Chris Hunt 262014.



ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

EASTER FLOWERS IN ST JAMES

Donations towards flowers for Easter, and throughout the year, can be given to Jeannette Finch, Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street.

Many compliments have been expressed about the beautiful flowers in the church. The village is most grateful to the team of dedicated and talented flower arrangers who keep the church decorated throughout the year.

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



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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The first quarter of the year has been an unusually busy time for the Society with meetings in each of the opening three months. The January meeting featured Martin Tickler speaking on the topic of house martins followed by a meeting in February when archaeologist Jo Caruth spoke to a large audience regarding the final report on the Court Knoll Project. The report cannot be published until the content has been approved by Historic England (as the site is a listed ancient monument) but as soon as possible the Society shall put it on its website.

The third meeting, which took place on the 11th of March, included our AGM and after the usual business, Professor Jules Pretty talked to members and guests on the challenge of the climate and conservation crisis by reference to story telling or chronicles. He explained that stories might be about transformation and transgression, "things that might jolt us out of current thinking".

Looking forward to the next few months, on the 26th of April we shall hold our spring litter pick, in conjunction with the Parish Council, and we invite everyone to join us, meeting at the Village Hall car park at 1.30pm.

On the 1st of May, in conjunction with Nayland branch of the Royal British Legion, we have arranged a private tour of Ingatstone Hall. Numbers are limited and at present we are fully subscribed but if you are interested let me know and you can be added to the waiting list.

On the 11th of May, local resident Chris Hunt will lead us on our Spring footpath walk. Everyone is welcome to join us and we shall meet at Boxford Church car park at 1.45pm with the circular walk commencing at 2pm. As the car park capacity is limited, walkers are asked to car share where possible.

Finally, the Society needs a lot of help and assistance for the conduct of Open Gardens, which is due to take place on Sunday the 8th of June. This year the event will start at 1.00 pm and finish at 5.00 pm. We need volunteers for (a) cake making (b) car parking (c) tea and cake sales. If you would like to assist the Society please call me on 01206 264100.



ROGATION SUNDAY

The usual trailer ride take place on

Sunday 25th May

starting at 3pm from Newtons Farm, Wiston

We will 'beat the bounds' from Wiston, up to Shaddelows Farm, Nayland and back blessing the crops, farm animals and river en route, returning for tea and refreshments at St Mary's Wiston.

All are very welcome.

Why not come along and bring the children?

VILLAGE HALL GARDEN WORKING PARTY

Saturday 5 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.



ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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It has been a quiet time since Christmas. Our Wednesday coffee mornings continue to be very well attended with a glorious selection of homemade cakes on offer. The usual rota of church services continues and includes a family service on the third Sunday of each month. The church also provides the local Community Pantry and this is well used.

The churchyard autumn working party was held on 15th March; thank you to all who came along to help. The churchyard is looking lovely.

The Mothering Day Service on 30th March will be a benefice service for all five parishes. On the Saturday before posies will be made to distribute at the Service. Lent courses with the theme 'What it means to be Anglican' are being held (8th March-5th April)

A Service 'On the elements of the Passion' will be held on Good Friday. On Holy Saturday Easter Eve the first Communion of Easter will be held and on Easter Day there will be a Family Communion Service.

The Annual Parochial Church (PCC) meeting will be held in April in St James' Church - check the date on the website or on the church noticeboard. The reports of organisations involved with church events and the general running of the church will be presented and churchwardens will be elected. Those on the church electoral roll can vote at this meeting.

There remains a vacancy for a Parochial Church Council minute secretary which is not an onerous role; it involves producing and distributing the Agenda and Minutes of meetings which are held every 6-8 weeks.

There is also a vacancy for another Church Warden to share the role with Kathy Hunt in maintaining the smooth running of church activities.

The Annual Village Fete is on 5th May; if you can spare an hour or so to help you will be most welcome: see page 13.



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

PC 1293 Niall Johnson, Hadleigh Community Police Officer

www.suffolk.police.uk

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Nayland with Wissington Crime Review 10/01/25 – 04/03/25:

Within this time frame Nayland with Wissington has suffered the following crimes: 1x Criminal Damage, 1x Garage Burglary, 1x Child Safeguarding Referral.

I have some information on fraud and scams, due to an increase of incidents targeting people in Suffolk.

Put simply, fraud scam is where someone is tricked out of money by another person. I am sure most of us have received scam calls, texts or emails attempting this. People are being called on the phone and the caller pretends to be a police officer from Suffolk Police and asks them to withdraw money. The scam can include a claim that their bank account has been compromised and/or that they want the victim to work alongside police. A person then attends their address in an attempt to collect cash. If a fraud is in progress and someone has just turned up at an address or is expected to turn up, call 999 immediately. Local police can complete any immediate actions necessary to try to safeguard the person targeted, help prevent loss and potentially catch the suspect attending the address in those crucial early stages. But if a fraud is long over and no one is in any further danger, all frauds should be reported to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk. Action Fraud assess each report and determine what actions any local police force across the country need to complete and request this work, they can also look for patterns and trigger police action in relation to fraud as well.

If you get a suspected fraud call that you do not fall for and the phone number is displayed, send a text to 7726 with the phone number, your provider should then look to investigate the origin of the call and arrange to block or ban the sender if it is found to be malicious. The same goes for scam texts, forward the text to 7726 for the same process. You can report scam emails and websites to the email address report@phishing.gov.uk (screenshots of texts can also be sent there). You can also report online scam adverts to the Advertising Standards Authority, by selecting the 'Make a complaint' section on their website www.asa.org.uk. By reporting you can reduce the amount of scam contact you get, you also make yourself a harder target for scammers and it protects others from cyber crime online. According to the National Cyber Security Centre website (as of November 2024) 25 thousand phone numbers used by scammers have been removed as a result of the 7726 text service and 202 thousand website scams were removed due to reports.

The best way to protect against fraud is to be immediately suspicious and never confirm or pass personal details over the phone. Police would never be asking someone to take cash out of their account for safe keeping or to assist with an investigation. The scammer preys on peoples politeness and trust, so please do not be afraid to challenge someone robustly and stand your ground. If you want to confirm you are talking to a police officer, take the persons details and then call 101, explain the circumstances to the call taker and ask to be put through to that officer (if they exist). If the officer's name exists within Suffolk Police, there is still a chance the fraudster could simply be using that name, make sure you have properly hung up from the person before you call 101, as the suspect can sometimes hold the line open and pretend to be a police operator and in turn pretend to pass you through to a police officer.



Family@Nayland

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We hold our family services at 10am on the third Sunday of every month, at St James' Nayland.

What fun we had during our March service! We read the parable of the Great Feast and had an impromptu party, with party hats, balloons, games and of course cake. All the children had a party bag to take home and we learnt a new song: Gracious Invitation. We talked about the meaning of the parable and all the great things Jesus promises us if we accept his invitation, such as peace, forgiveness and Heaven.

We're looking ahead to our special Mothering Sunday (30th March) Holy Communion service and our next family service which will be held on Easter Sunday (20th April)! All are welcome to join us!



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SPRING TERM BUZZ AT NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's been a whirlwind start to the Spring term filled with exciting activities, hands-on learning, and plenty of fun! From science experiments that had students on the edge of their seats to creative workshops with family involvement, there's been no shortage of memorable moments so far.

Our term kicked off with a bang during Science Day, where students had the chance to get their hands dirty (and a little bit sticky) in workshops that involved mixing potions and experiencing small explosions. Fencing came to the school this term as every student took part in a fencing workshop. The session introduced them to the exciting sport, focusing on coordination, strategy, and discipline. For many, it was their first taste of fencing, and we hope that some may have discovered a new passion.

In February, our school came together to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. This special event included an afternoon where students and their families worked alongside adults at home to create beautiful plant drawings. The activity helped students reflect on who they are today and what they hope to grow into in the future. It was a wonderful way to connect and reflect on the importance of mental well-being.



Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic day at Flatford

Mill, where they braved the chilly weather to learn about rivers and streams, take measurements, and dip in ponds to discover the fascinating world of aquatic life. Meanwhile, our Reception class enjoyed an exciting visit from the role-play specialists, Little City, immersing them in imaginative play that helped develop their social skills and creativity. Years 5 and 6 had an exhilarating time creating robots during a robot-building and coding session. Students worked together to build their own fighting robots, learning about engineering and programming while unleashing their creativity. One of the highlights of the term (and every academic year) was Year 6's adventurous trip to PGL, where students embraced challenges like abseiling, swinging on the giant swing, playing ambush in the dark, and - perhaps most impressively - learning how to make their own beds! In March, World Book Day was celebrated with a fantastic event - The Great Big Nayland Book Swap. It was a wonderful way to promote reading within our school community, as every student was able to take home new books to enjoy.

As we move forward in the term, there's still plenty to look forward to. We're excited to celebrate Red Nose Day with fun activities and fundraising efforts, enjoy our annual Easter Fayre, and await some very special baa-rilant secret visitors.



Woodland Corner

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We have been busy celebrating this half term. First, we made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and painted daffodils for St David's Day. We celebrated World Book Day with children bringing in their favourite book.

We have made cards and planted a viola for Mothering Sunday. We have invited Mothers or ladies who are special to them on Monday the 31st March for tea and cake.

On the 15th March it's Red Nose Day and we are decorating a biscuit and wearing 'red'. We will be holding parent appointments for our two year old children (and some who have recently turned two). We will have lots of Easter crafts and activities in the last two weeks of term and are looking forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the woods.

We still have some sessions for Pre-School but places are limited now until September. Please arrange a visit and go on our waiting list. Our extended schools are nearly full with only a few spaces remaining!



This year we are hoping to have an extension over the Summer holidays and are holding a Barn Dance to help raise funds (last one was 2016) on the 10th May at Nayland village hall.



NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



We have been having lots of fun at the Toddler Group. Sessions follow term times with some extended closures around school holidays.

Dates of our new year sessions will be March 21st and 28th; April 28th; May 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Our entrance fee is £4 per family with tea/coffee, biscuits, healthy toddler snacks and drinks all included in the entry price along with lots of toys, activities and plenty of space for physical play and to use up some energy.

We would love you and your little ones to come and join us on Friday mornings at 9.30am until 11.15am.

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



BANNERS ON CALEY GREEN

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 risk assessment must be completed beforehand and sent to the Parish Council together with proof of Insurance.

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



VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 304 928

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3RD FEBRUARY MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for February was read out.
- The February fire check will be carried out.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The current balance is £27,409. Endowment Fund £16,431; Village Hall Fund £21,367.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The lawyers are continuing their work on the legal aspects of the roof project.

15TH FEBRUARY MEETING

SANTANDER BANKING

The chairman explained that this is an additional meeting to formalise the changes required to the current Bank Account sort code 72-00-00. Account Number 105239305 to enable on line banking and the removal of ex-officio members of the Nayland Village Hall Management Committee. Each action requires a specific resolution.

- The removal as an operator of the Santander Bank Account specified above, of Michael J Hunter.
 - The removal of the late Peter Mann as an operator of the Santander Bank above.
 - The change of address for the bank statements from P Mann, Newlands Lane to Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane Nayland, Colchester CO6 4JH
 - to add Iain A C Wright as an operator of the Santander Bank Account as specified above.
 - to add Christine Thompson as an operator of the Santander Bank as specified above.
 - To change the requirement for two signatures on a cheque to a single signature on the Santander Bank Account as specified above.
 - To enable online banking facility for the Santander bank account as specified above.
 - To request a separate Santander Bank Account for the roof photo voltaic contract. This bank will handle £450,000 over a period of Six months. Money will be from the National Lottery and Babergh District Council and other local grants.
- All proposals were agreed.

10TH MARCH MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for March was read out.
- The February and March fire checks have been carried out; no problems found.
- The fire extinguishers have all been checked by Firepower & the certificate placed in the hall.
- The next quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The annual external inspection of the hall will be carried out.

MAINTENANCE

- A & B Glazing have been asked to service the fire doors on the field side of the hall. However, as they did not manufacture them, another supplier will have to be found.
- Hadleigh Glass have been reminded of our request to service the front door.
- The car park surface needs repair. A quote for tarmacking will be obtained.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The licence for the sale of alcohol £70 has been paid to Babergh Council.
- The Performing Rights Licence has been paid.

BOOKINGS

- The hall is being well used and early booking is advised.
- The noise limiter is working & has prevented excessive noise from the hall.
- It was agreed to raise the hire charges from 1st May. Hirers will be informed. Revised charges will be updated on the website and in the Community Times.
- It was agreed half fees will be charged for hire of the meeting room for lighting controls.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The roof replacement will take place now that the National lottery have given the hall the grant of £275,305.
- Babergh Council has agreed to contribute £100,000 towards the roof project from the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- A separate bank account for the roof replacement project is being set up.
- There will be 2 major fundraising events in 2025.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: will be **Monday 7th April @ 7.30pm** in the hall committee room.

The next Garden Working party is on Saturday 5th 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 VHMC.

COLLECTION OF KEYS

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

VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

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

VACANCY FOR TREASURER

The Village Hall Management Committee requires a Treasurer;

if you can help please contact either:

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 or Christine Thompson 262825
christinethompson@btinternet.com)

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 Drawing, 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.

JOIN YOUR CONSERVATION SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME

The Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society is a friendly organisation which holds several interesting speaker meetings each year as well as arranging an annual footpath walk, visits to historic houses and organising the very popular Nayland Open Gardens.

The committee would love to share our activities and knowledge with a wider audience so do take a look at what we do and consider joining us. Membership ranges from just £10 for single annual to £60 for double life membership.

The Society was founded in 1974 and since then has achieved a great deal. Perhaps most notable was the purchase in 2005 of the seventeen acre field beside the River Stour; this can now be enjoyed by parish residents in perpetuity. We have organised test pit digs in numerous locations around the village for research by Cambridge University and a major archaeological excavation in the village at Court Knoll which is an ancient monument. The Society has commissioned four very interesting books on the history of the parish and has a huge archive of historic photographs which can also be viewed online.

In the last 50 years we have achieved much more which can be seen on our website at www.naylandconservation.org.uk



NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: January & February 2025 by David Lowe

January had an average mean temperature but was wetter than normal. Sun hours were a little below average. It was cold enough between the 11th and 12th to permit extensive ice to form - with ice skating possible on the 12th on shallow, flooded fields.

Mean temperature was 4.2°C (4.45) with a max of 12.9°C (12.75) and min of -5.6°C (-4.8). There were 13 days each with grass and ground frost (average 14.37 ground) and 7 air frosts (9.62).

There were no days when the temperature failed to reach 0°C (0.23) with a max of less than 5°C recorded on 11 days (9.25) and 25, less than 10°C (23.75).

Bright sunhours were 63.5 (66.09) solar energy was 1840 Ly (1833.75) and evapotranspiration 11.8 mm (15.81) less than half as much as last year.

Monthly rain was 74 mm (51.3) with the highest rainfall in a day of 24.4 mm (the highest in December recorded over the 17 year record period.) There was 1 day over 10mm (1.19) and a highest rainfall rate of 39.2 mm/hr (38.26).

Average wind speed was 4.2 mph (4.51) with highest gust of 40 mph (38.59). There were 5 days with gusts over 30 mph (4.87) 4 over 35 mph (2). The dominant direction was WSW.

You will see on the monthly spreadsheet that some of the stats have a blue background. This is because the 2014 entry is missing because of a station breakdown at the time. Some of the earlier years' averages may be inaccurate because of this.

My memory of **February** is of a cloudy and cold month, but reviewing the statistics shows that while sunshine was below average, 5 years out of the last 17 had less, with 2011 having very much less; the mean temperature of 5.4 °C compares with the 17 year average of 5.42 °C.

The highest temperature was 16.1 °C (14.52) and lowest, -2.7 °C (-3.3). The lowest maximum was 4.5 °C (3.32). The highest dewpoint was 12.2 °C (10.86) and lowest -3.3 °C (-4.27).

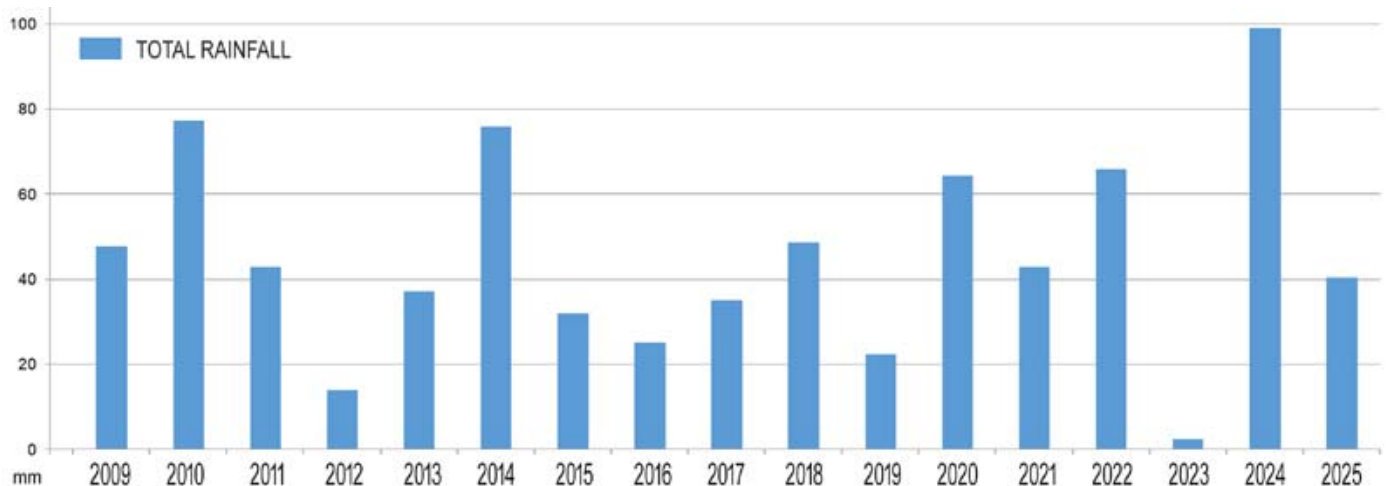
There were no days with -5 min or less and only 3 air frosts (6.23) 6 ground (10.29) and 10 grass. There were no days on which 0 °C was reached (0.29) 0 when 5 °C wasn't reached (5.23) but 20 when 10 °C wasn't reached (15.82). 15°C was only exceeded once (27.59)101.5

Bright sun hours were (118.29) solar energy 2760 Ly (3124.41) and evapotranspiration 18.9 mm (25.31 mm).

Rainfall was below average at 40.4 mm (45.51 with no days of 10 mm or more. (Over the 17 year record period, there has never been a day with 20 mm or more). Highest rainfall rate was 24 mm/hr (29.63).

Mean wind speed was 4.8 mph (5.2) with 2 days (4.06) with gusts over 30 mph (none higher). Highest daily average was 13.8 (11.74) while the dominant direction was south.

NAYLAND MONTHLY RAINFALL IN FEBRUARY 2009-2025



NAYLAND LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

Courts: LYE LANE.

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES



Ewart Russell's medal

THE NAYLAND LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Now that Spring is here many people will be looking forward to playing outdoor sports. Photographs and records exist of the many Nayland sports events and clubs which have come and gone in days gone by and one of these was tennis.

Some of the larger houses here have always had their own courts including the old Victorian Vicarage off Bear Street (now Nayland House Care Home) where years ago the vicar, his family and friends played. However, in the 1920s a village tennis club was formed. The earliest known reference to the club was in the Parish Magazine of March 1923 in which there was an item about the Nayland Tennis Club "which hopes to commence playing on the 1st of May". It seems the club was set up and ran smoothly until July 1924 after which the magazine references peter out. Where the club originally met is not known but in the December 1924 edition of the magazine the Honorary Secretary of the club, Mr G Taylor, wrote: "It seems a great pity that a club ... should be in danger of falling through for want of a ground. It is hardly necessary to state that we would be willing to pay a fair rental".

Whether a place to play was found at this time we do not know but on the 5th May 1932 a newly formed Nayland Lawn Tennis Club held its first annual general meeting under the chairmanship of Colonel Rundall and this venture proved much more of a success, lasting until the middle of the Second World War. By this time the club was playing on a court near the allotment field in Candy Lane which was then called Lye Lane.

In that first year the club held a tennis tournament and in the Men's Singles



Tennis Club cup

competition a medal was won by 18 year old Ewart James Russell who lived at Wiston. His father was manager of the farm at the East Anglian Sanatorium. A few years ago Ewart's sons, David and Bob Russell who spent their early childhoods living in Nayland, very kindly donated the medal their father had won to the village archives.

I also have two cups from this period of the tennis club, one for the ladies' singles and one from the men's singles. One of these cups was presented by Dr Slade, Nayland's GP at that time, and the other by Mrs Violet Walsh who lived at Stourbank. She and her husband Captain Walsh were keen supporters of village activities in Nayland for many years.

A brochure of the club's Rules and Regulations states that Members would consist of (a) Ordinary or Full members and (b) Junior members between 12 and 16 years. Annual Subscriptions were 5/- for Ordinary Members and 3/6d for Junior Members.

It seems there was a lapse again after the war but the club was reformed on 3rd of July 1952 with Major Barlow as Chairman, although it appears to have wound up about a year later.

In more recent years, during the 1990s, residents lobbied the Parish Council for the provision of a public tennis court. Again, the problem was finding a suitable site. Webb's Meadow was a popular choice but after much time and effort by the Council it was decided this would not be suitable, much to everyone's disappointment. So, will Nayland ever have another tennis club?

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder



VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 304 928

www.naylandandwiston.net > Village Hall

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646
naylandvillagehall@gmail.com

Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 3rd MARCH

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Our grateful thanks go to the late Peter Mann for his diligence in managing the village hall finances and to his widow, Anna, for her continued support while we are attempting to change the banking parameters with Santander Bank. This has been a very difficult year, not only due to the sudden death of our late Treasurer, Peter Mann, but also in dealing with the various different people at the National Lottery, causing the application to be re-submitted.

In addition to that Santander Bank has proved to be extremely difficult a) in removing Peter Mann and b) to move to on-line banking. Hopefully the latter is nearly resolved.

A further complication was the fact that the National Lottery insisted that not only was the property and Webb's Meadow registered but also the Lease. This is on-going.

Our grateful thanks are due to all of the people who hire the hall, especially those organisations from within the village and its immediate neighbours.

The VHMC has benefitted from additional sources of funding during the year. We are grateful to Terri Bannister, Gale Scott and the team for enabling the village lunches to take place. The village cinema, run by Karen and her team, is going from strength to strength with the option of supper before the start of the film; we are grateful to all involved.

Our grateful thanks also extend to our cleaning team, headed by Amy Christy and assisted by Sara Smith, for keeping the hall presentable to a reasonable standard for incoming users.

The VHMC are grateful for all the promised donations to ensure that the re-roofing and photovoltaic panels will take place. The current donations include: £60,000 Parish Council (PC); £20,000 Community Council; £10,000 each from Green Energy Nayland, the Village Players, Horticultural Society, Conservation Society and from Suffolk CC Locality Budget; together with other personal donations.

We have received a significant grant from the National Lottery of £275,305 and Babergh DC has agreed to contribute £110,000 (£100K from Community Infrastructure Levy and £10K for the Community Fund).

The construction costs for the re-roofing are in the region of £475,000. There are also additional costs for the professional services of the Architect, the Principal Designer, under the Construction and Design Management Regulation, the Quantity Surveyor.

In addition, as part of the National Lottery requirements, we have had to register the Title of the property and our Lease. The PC is in the process of registering the Title because they are the landowners; the VHMC being the tenants.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As the VHMC has no Treasurer, the Chairman presented the accounts which were prepared by a chartered accountant. The hall made a small profit of £1,095 last year; this was a direct result of the village cinema and the village lunches; the committee is grateful to those involved.

The hire charges cannot sustain the village hall which is now over 50 years old and will require regular to keep it in good condition; it has been decided to raise the hire costs by 5% from 1st May.

With regard to the roof replacement costs there are significant additional legal costs for dealing with property registration and to meet National Lottery's and any other conditions. The total anticipated project cost is

£547,851.75 which includes allowances for contingencies. We have benefitted from both grants and services 'in kind' to enable the lottery match funding criteria to be met. Our grateful thanks go to all those involved. Being cautiously optimistic, we hope to start the installation of the PV panels and re-roofing in April of this year.

VILLAGE HALL ACCOUNTS 2024

Balance b/f, start of year £ 88.053

Element of Income

Village Hall	23,081.66	
Playing Field	.....
Cinema	2,399.48	
Interest on COIF	1,842.24	
Fundraising	865.00	
Miscellaneous	.....
Village Lunch	381.00	
Next Year	.....
Rates Refunds	488.25	
Contras	.....
Reserved	1000.00	
TOTAL	£ 29,157.63	£ 29,157.63

Expenses

Caretaker/Cleaning	6,667.23	
Water	393.99	
Electricity	5,118.49	
Oil	2,707.50	
Maintenance	6,704.48	
Playing Field	336.00	
Cinema	1,813.90	
Miscellaneous	708.30	
Communications	1,301.58	
Insurance	1,658.86	
Business Rates	651.42	
Depreciation	1,866.17	
Reserved	.....
TOTAL		£ 29,927.92

Balance

COIF2 (Endowment)	16,431.07	
COIF	21,367.66	
Debtors	135.00	
Bank	27,612.58	
Cash	402.50	
Assets	21,333.99	
		£ 87,282.80

Total Receipts	29,157.63
Total Expenses	28,061.75

Surplus/Deficit £ 1,095.88

ELECTION OF THE VHMC

Officers and committee were re-elected: Chairman Iain Wright; Secretary & Booking Secretary Christine Thompson; Committee Nick Moriarty, Dawn Harris.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

Negotiations with the National Lottery have been successfully completed and work should begin in April. The hall will continue to be in use.

AOB

Rachel Hitchcock thanked the VHMC for their hard work.

DONATIONS:

Please consider a donation to the Village Hall funds to ensure that there are monies available for future maintenance and further developments to enhance your Village Hall.

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.

Leavenheath and Nayland with Wissington Parish Councils

‘CALL FOR SITES’

FOR COMMUNITY-LED AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We are gathering information about land that might be considered suitable for a small development of affordable housing for people with strong local connections within the Parishes of Leavenheath and Nayland-with-Wissington.

Submitted sites will be assessed to establish the suitability, availability, and achievability for affordable community-led housing development. This will consider planning policy, environmental and local constraints and how these can be mitigated.

The Call for Sites will not determine whether a site will be selected for development as affordable housing, it is an exercise aimed at identifying potential sites and all proposals will be considered.

All sites submitted as part of the Call for Sites will be assessed on the basis of their suitability, deliverability and achievability for development.

HOW CAN I SUBMIT A SITE TO THE CALL FOR SITES?

If you want a site/s to be considered, we should like to hear from you. The sites need not be in your ownership. Please supply the following information where possible.

- Location shown (supply map where possible showing site boundary)
- Current use of site
- Any known or anticipated constraints to developing the site.
- The size of the site (acres or hectares)

If you would like a site to be considered, please send all relevant information including your name and full contact details to the Parish Council Clerk no later than the end of April.

Debbie Hattrell, Clerk to the the Councils

pc@leavenheath.suffolk.gov.uk

clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING SESAW ANIMALS

Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare is closed and in the process of winding down. We no longer have any animals but need to trace anyone fostering a SESA animal. If you are one of our Foster Carers and have not yet been contacted, please text or phone 07720 079370 as soon as possible. Please DO NOT surrender an animal to anyone purporting to represent SESA. If in doubt, contact the above number immediately.

NOTICE TO ALL PET OWNERS

All cats and dogs must now be microchipped by law and their details kept up to date. Other small animals may also be microchipped. Please ask your vet to scan your pet and check the registered details are correct.

They will be able to tell you which database to contact or you can check here: <https://www.check-a-chip.co.uk/>

If you have a SESA pet you can email info@sesaw.co.uk with your details and the chip number and we can check for you. Please do so as soon as possible.

We thank all past and present friends and volunteers for their support and dedication to animal rescue over the years. They all contributed towards the Charity's reputation and success story. SESA could not have existed without them.

The Trustees, February 2025

LADY ANNE WINDSOR CHARITY

The charitable purpose of the Lady Anne Windsor Charity (LAWC) is to provide for local housing need in the Stoke by Nayland, Nayland and Leavenheath area.

LAWC has owned and made available the almshouses on The Downs in Stoke by Nayland since they were built around 1608. Planning permission has recently been granted for a major remodelling to provide accommodation for the 21st century while respecting the historic building.

LAWC also owns a field at the western end of Plough Lane, close to the A134. This presents a unique opportunity to develop new accommodation on this site to meet local needs. The principle of developing community-managed almshouses on this site has support from the Leavenheath and Nayland with Wissington Parish Councils.

Our intent aligns with Babergh Policy LP07 (Community-led and rural exception housing). Discussions are ongoing with BDC Strategic Housing, a Rural and Community Housing Enabler and District Councillors.

LAWC is regulated by the Charity Commission to ensure that all the accommodation developed on the site to meet specific local housing needs will remain in the ownership of the charity, and devoted to local housing needs, in perpetuity.

For more details about LAWC, including previous LSPN articles on our Plough Lane field, see our webpage at <https://stokebynayland.onesuffolk.net/parish-organisations/lady-anne-windsor-charity/>

If you have any questions, do contact us, preferably by e-mail to our Clerk, at LAWCclerk@gmail.com



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- Isolated by virtue of location or circumstances
- Unable to access existing public transport

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- The Dial-A-Ride service runs on weekdays. Users can be of any age, but must live in the local area.
- Mini bus and driver hire. Local charitable groups and organisations are able to hire a 16 seater mini bus and driver.
- Education shuttle runs. GoStart vehicles provide numerous service to educational facilities in Sudbury and the surrounding areas, including after-school work for a nursery and transport to take students home after school.
- GoStart vehicles provide access to doctor's surgeries, clinics, friends, opticians, shopping and other local journeys in and around Sudbury, between 9.15am and 4.45pm.

For further details: <https://www.gostart.org.uk/>

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between 9am–4pm on weekdays



FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES:

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland & Polstead

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

CHURCH SERVICES: March/April

<u>29th March</u>	<i>Don't forget.. Clocks spring forward</i>		
<u>Sunday 30th March</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Polstead
	10.00am	Benefice Service - <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	Nayland
<u>Sunday 6th April</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 13th April</u>	9.45am	Procession from Nayland Care Home to join the congregation in Nayland High Street	
	10.00am	Service in St James' Church , Nayland. Refreshments served afterwards	
Holy Week			
Tuesday 15th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Leavenheath
Weds 16th	7.00pm	Compline	Wiston
Maundy Thu 17th	7.00pm	Institution of Last Supper	Wiston
Good Friday 18th	10.00am	Elements of the Cross	Nayland
	2pm-5pm	Sacred Music Afternoon	Stoke
Saturday 19th	7.00pm	Easter Vigil	Nayland
<u>Sunday 20th April</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Polstead
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
<u>Sunday 27th April</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	6.30pm	Evensong	Nayland

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

Weekly Pew Sheets & Reading

If anyone would like to receive the weekly church pew sheets via email please let Sam know via admin@lspnw.org.uk

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:	6.00pm	EP	Stoke
Saturdays:	6.00pm	C	Polstead

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES: May/June

<u>Sunday 4th May</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 11th May</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 18th May</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	6.30pm	Evening Praise	Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 25th May</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	3.00pm	Rogation Tractor Ride*	Wiston
<u>Sunday 1st June</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke

* Rogation: The usual trailer ride take place on Sunday 25th May starting at 3pm from Newtons Farm, Wiston. We will 'beat the bounds' from Wiston, up to Shaddelows Farm, Nayland and back blessing the crops, farm animals and river en route, returning for tea and refreshments at St Mary's Wiston. All are very welcome.

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISM

Adaline McElfresh

DEATHS

Margaret Day

Anni Cass

Eva Rolfe

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 rector@lspnw.org.uk (Friday is his usual day off)

Benefice Administrator: Sam Bridgeman on 07770 884682 or admin@lspnw.org.uk

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 or Nicola Thorogood 262453 for St Mary's Wiston.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

This is an important season that comes in the rhythm of Christian life every year. It looks very familiar to us as we all have some knowledge or experience of it. Through family, school, society, news or our own belief, we all have a certain understanding of what it is. Some of us take it as a good opportunity to discipline themselves on a critical topic, others regard it as a pivotal moment of their spiritual life, some are completely indifferent about it.

As always it is important to get back to the basics to review our attitude towards this season.

- Lent: Lent is a reflective season to prepare ourselves for the Holy Week and the celebrations of Easter. It is a time of self-discipline where we want to get closer to God by abstaining from frivolous things that can distract us and by focusing on the study of the Scriptures and the service of the poor.
- The Holy Week: From Palm Sunday to Good Friday, we reenact the events that happened between the recognition of Jesus as the Messiah and Christ towards his crucifixion.
- Easter: The affirmation that the tomb was empty, that Christ is risen again and that women were the witnesses of this event and that Jesus visited his disciples.

Now what do we do with that? How is it relevant to us as an individual, as a community, as human beings?

- As individual, the experience of Lent is a moment of realisation that we should be liberated from everything that distract ourselves from what is important in life. Putting down our smartphones to look our neighbour in the eyes. Stop thinking about money, career, achievement, success to spend more time with family and friends, to open our heart to the poor and

the stranger. Educating ourselves reading books instead of fuelling our anxiety with news on media and social networks. Etc... And most important of all, instead of complaining about our violent and selfish world, changing it with our everyday charity and kindness.

- As a community, commemorating together the Holy Week to be connected with history. This moment two thousand years ago when people realised Jesus was the long waited Messiah because he was feeding us, healing us, teaching us, comforting us, making us feel worthy. And then rejecting him, because he refused to lead an army, cease power, conquer territories to give us glory. How much have we got to learn our lessons from history and be humble!
- As human beings, Easter / the Resurrection, this extraordinary event makes us realise that violence is never the solution and that love will always triumph. This teaches humanity that we should stop admiring autocrats, dictators, mighty leaders, successful businessmen and start valuing those who are quietly making this world a better place through caring, teaching, empowering, sharing, comforting, fighting only for justice not for greed, glory or power.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, reflecting on this extraordinary season we are celebrating, let us be vigilant to pick the real fight as Christians. It is not about abortion, sexual morality, bums on the pews or definition of gender. It is all about what Jesus showed us: feed the poor, heal the sick, liberate the captive, give sight to the blind and proclaim the Good News.

Because Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Reverend Stéphane

St James' Parochial Church Council

require a volunteer

MINUTE SECRETARY

for their meetings which are held every 6-8 weeks.

It is not an onerous role; it involves producing and distributing the Agenda and Minutes for each meeting.

Contact Kathy Hunt on 262014 or kath12hunt@gmail.com

St James' Church

requires a volunteer

CHURCH WARDEN

to share the role with Kathy Hunt in maintaining the smooth running of church activities. This is not an onerous role.

Contact Kathy Hunt on 262014 or kath12hunt@gmail.com

COMMUNITY PANTRY & HARDSHIP FUND

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

Any financial donations can be made to:

Community Pantry & Hardship Fund

Sort Code 30 99 50 - Account No 24195560

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

WISTON CHURCH PORCH BOOKS

- 4 for £1 !

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

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

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



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Email: wistonfriends@gmail.com

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The Friends of Wiston Church is a charity 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 you to join in with our future Social and Cultural events! We're always looking for new supporters - so if you might be able to give something, we'd be so pleased to hear from you!

Many kind people donate regularly - and if you might be willing to do the same, please do get in touch (the amount is entirely up to you). As you can imagine, the need to maintain the church fabric never ceases so, if you might consider leaving a bequest, your memory would live on in the Church.



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VILLAGE DIARY

Weekly on	<p>Mondays: Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 25</i></p> <p>Tuesday: Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall <i>page 30</i></p> <p>Wednesdays: Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James <i>page 3 & 32</i></p> <p>Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall <i>page 30</i></p> <p>Fridays: Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall (<i>term times</i>) <i>page 34</i></p>
March	
29th	Nayland Choir: 'Puccini's Messa di Gloria' concert 4.30 for 5pm St James Church <i>page 19 & 28</i>
29th	Clocks spring forward
30th	Country Music Sundays: 'Best of Friends' 1.15pm for 2pm <i>page 24</i>
April	
2nd,	Village Payers': Ken Ludwig's 'Moriarty' 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 15 & 27</i>
4th & 5th	Village Payers': Ken Ludwig's 'Moriarty' 8pm Village Hall <i>page 15 & 27</i>
5th	Village Hall: Spring Gardening Morning from 9am <i>page 10, 31 & 35</i>
7th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>pages 33, 38 & 47</i>
9th	Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>
9th	Village Lunch: 'Melford Hall' Ken Burr 11.45am for 12 Village Hall <i>page 15 & 25</i>
10th	Women's Institute: 'The Good Old Days' Roy Treloar 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 26</i>
11th	Village Cinema: 'Paddington in Peru' open 6pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 26</i>
14th	Coloured Pencil Art Group: 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 30</i>
15th	HortSoc Fun Quiz & AGM 7.30pm Church Hall <i>pages 15 & 28</i>
18th-21st	Easter weekend
26th	Nayland Community Litterpick: meet 1.30pm Village Hall Car Park <i>page 18 & 31</i>
26th	First Responders: Basic Life Support Training 10am <i>page 13 & 29</i>
26th	Brentwood Mac live at the village hall 6.15 of 7pm <i>page 12</i>
27th	Country Music Sundays: 'Kevin Barry' 1.15pm for 2pm <i>page 24</i>
28th	Nayland Calendar Photographic Competition: deadline for entries <i>page 1, 10 & 11</i>
30th	Annual Parish Assembly 7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall <i>page 1 & 6</i>
30th	Village Players: AGM 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 27</i>
May	
1st	Conservation & RBL: Visit to Inगतstone Hall <i>page 25 & 31</i>
2nd-5th	Nayland Calendar Photographic Competition: online voting - closes midnight on 5th May <i>page 1, 10 & 11</i>
5th	Nayland Church Fete 1pm-4pm Village Hall playing field <i>page 12 & 13</i>
7th	Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm (<i>Exec 7.30pm</i>) <i>page 10 & 47</i>
8th	Women's Institute: AGM 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 26</i>
10th	HortSoc: Morning Market & Refreshments 9.30am-noon Church Hall <i>page 15 & 28</i>
10th	Woodland Corner: Barn Dance <i>page 34</i>
11th	Conservation Society: Spring Footpath walk meet 1.45pm at Boxted <i>page 19 & 31</i>
14th	Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>
16th	Village Cinema: 'Conclave' open 6pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 26</i>
19th	Coloured Pencil Art Group: 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 30</i>
25th	Rogation Sunday: Trailer ride from 3pm St Mary's Wiston followed by picnic <i>page 31 & 40</i>
25th	Country Music Sundays: 'Bob Keeley' 1.15pm for 2pm <i>page 24</i>
June	
8th	Conservation Society: Nayland Open Gardens <i>page 18 & 31</i>
15th	Country Music Sundays: 'Rick Storm' 1.15pm for 2pm <i>page 24</i>
16th	Royal British Legion: meeting 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 25</i>
20th	Ultimate Indie Live Music 7pm Village Hall <i>page 24</i>
21st	Summer Solstice Picnic 1pm on Caley Green <i>page 21</i>
24th	Conservation Society: John Walker on 'Wealden Buildings in Suffolk' 7.15pm Village Hall <i>page 19 & 31</i>

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