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The Editor and the
Community Council
would like to take
this opportunity of
wishing you all a
Very Merry Christmas
and a Happy,
Healthy & Prosperous
New Year

BONFIRE NIGHT

A record crowd enjoyed the pyrotechnics and bonfire.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who made this spectacular display possible.

Wishing you all A Very Merry Christmas.

Bryan Smith,
President, Community Council



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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the meeting: 8th October 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. Sam Treharne had resigned from the Council. David Finnigan was welcomed as a new member.

PUBLIC FORUM

A resident praised the new fence at the play park. He reminded councillors about the damage to the Old Burial Ground wall which was reported some time ago; Isabelle Reece confirmed it is being dealt with. In discussion regarding a potential perimeter fence for the allotments he found a good example at Capel St Mary. He had canvassed some allotment holders and received support. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the PC had agreed to approve the principle and agreed the project leaders can proceed to consider the specification and accessibility requirements in consultation with all Allotment holders. Thereafter, the PC can consider any comments from Allotment holders and the specification proposed ahead of considering approval for the team to apply for grants. The importance of holding an allotment meeting inviting all the plot holders and the PC was stressed.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Isabelle Reece attended Macmillan Coffee Morning at Parkers Way and the working group dealing with parish and town submissions for governance and boundary changes. She confirmed the response to the sheltered housing consultation was mixed. The requests for further maintenance to the green area at the Harpers Estate old bus shelter are on-going. A sweep of the Heights has been arranged to follow the weedkilling. She is monitoring planning at Paddock Grove.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

James Finch reported progress in relation to Horkesley Road tree damage, Mill Street bridge repairs, reed cutting and village weed control. David Finnigan challenged him on other options for Local Government Re-organisation and Special Educational Needs and Disability Services.

HIGHWAYS

The arrangements for weedkilling and then sweeping the Heights had been discussed under councillor reports and dates were set in this respect. David Finnigan reported on an unauthorised vehicle parked at Parkers Way which has been reported. He is following up.

FINANCE

Enquiries will be made as to whether Samantha Treharne could attend the Finance working group as a non-councillor advisor. The Finance Working Group includes Cllrs Erith (Chair), Fuller and Finnigan. The Clerk/RFO advises the group.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections for works to trees at **Stour House 23 Court Street** [DC/25/03613] to remove to ground level a Lawson Cypress, remove dead wood on Cherry, to crown lift by 2m a Lime tree; at **14 Court Street** [DC/25/03743] to reduce a Holly to previous pruning points, trimming to maintain shape of tree; at **43 Bear Street** [DC/25/03745] to reduce height by 1 meter creating neat straight top of Hazel, Beech, Dogwood, Holly and prune back to previous pruning points 2 Walnut trees; and at **Lower Courtwood 13A Court Street** [DC/25/03841] works to flowerbeds along driveway and in centre of lawn; cut to ground level shrubs and Bay tree, Pyracantha, Ash tree, Wisteria; remove Rose stumps; prune Oak tree.

Discharge of conditions were approved at **5 High Street** [DC/25/03986] for eaves, verges, windows and doors and a non-material amendment was approved to change window type at the **site adjacent to Paddock Grove** [DC/25/03313]

Between meetings to meet Babergh's deadline councillors had no objections at **14 Church Lane** [DC/25/03976] for removal of rear extensions, erection of rear extension, replacement of roof and solar panels, erection of garden studio outbuilding for gym, and a bicycle and bin store, conversion of toilet block to garden store; or for listed building consent at objections at **72 - 78 Bear Street** [DC/25/04069] for alterations to window, door, and external finishes following consent DC/24/03739, and the

subsequent discharge of conditions applications DC/24/05477 and DC/24/05478, but requested the heritage team to check the colours and materials used for the windows/doors are sympathetic to the host property.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **Gladwins Farm, Harpers Hill** relating to [DC/25/04217] for erection of an agricultural storage building and [DC/25/04218] for construction of surfaced farm track to proposed building or at **18 Paddock Grove** [DC/25/03845] for retrospective erection of a greenhouse in the garden subject to shielding/diffusion of strip light as it is at risk of causing light pollution to neighbours.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY/NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

It was noted that all relevant paperwork to the 2018 survey is in the archive room, accessed via the Committee Room. The cost of printing was not met by the Parish previously. Owen Brown agreed to obtain a quote for the survey. There was consensus that the survey was a good idea. It was agreed for the Clerk to check whether the PC CIL monies could be used towards a Housing Needs Survey.

Experience of those working towards an affordable housing project in Leavenheath suggested the importance of having either a Neighbourhood Plan in place or an up-to-date Housing Needs survey.

CALEY GREEN

Kevin Sheath confirmed a new larger dog waste bin has been installed near the A134 tunnel. A meeting regarding signs for Caley Green had taken place and he was now able to provide our requirements to SCC.

He is chasing progress in respect of the revetment. It was agreed to ask our contractors to trim close to the riverbank as the recent reed cutting has exposed more of the bank.

VILLAGE HALL

Iain Wright confirmed that the roof replacement works at the village hall are on budget and on schedule for completion by Christmas and said the solar panels and batteries are now available to see. Gerry Battye thanked the VHMC for all their hard work in seeing this through.

ALLOTMENTS

Additional councillors are needed on the allotment working group; Dawn Harris will be approached to rejoin and Owen Brown will consider joining. The annual allotment holders' meeting is overdue; it will be arranged, at a sociable location early in 2026 when details, such as perimeter fencing proposals, are known. Councillors and all allotment holders will be invited.

BURIAL GROUND

Contractors have reported that incidents of broken glass on graves are arising again. It was agreed to put up polite notices asking that glass vases are not used. The importance of being sympathetic to grieving families was recognised and that the contractor should avoid maintaining any grave posing a health and safety risk to their operatives.

FREQUENCY OF FUTURE PC MEETINGS

It was agreed to maintain the monthly schedule of PC meetings, which has the exception of August, and perhaps omitting the December meeting. It was resolved to also aim to be more effective between meetings.

IN BRIEF

The new play park fencing has been praised. Gerry Battye asked for play park signage to be budgeted for by the finance working group.

Owen Brown has followed up the Thermal Imaging camera offer which he is hoping to make use of for the Parish.

Laura Erith and Kevin Sheath volunteered to paint non-toxic paint over the graffiti on Wiston footbridge subject to agreement from the owner; the PC would fund the materials.

It was agreed to step up efforts to attract potential Councillors.

David Finnigan agreed to join Laura Erith as joint PC representatives on the Community Council.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the meeting: 12th November 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

Dawn Harris chaired the meeting.

FINANCE

The Finance working group meeting is scheduled and will include: Laura Erith, Tricia Fuller, David Finnigan and the Clerk, Debbie Hattrell. Now is the time to put forward potential expenditure items or projects for budgeting. Suggestions including Playpark signage, contribution to village hall kitchen refurbishment, a potential village sign, and resurfacing of Star Alley were mentioned.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **18 Paddock Grove** [DC/25/03845] for retrospective application for the erection of a greenhouse in the garden; at **Sargents Farm Bures Road** [DC/25/03293] for discharge of conditions for DC/25/02344 relating to landscaping, biodiversity enhancement and inverter details; at **Bridge House Horkesley Road** [DC/25/04242] for works to trees to fell T1 Cherry and T2 Maple tree; or for listed building consent at **72 - 78 Bear Street** [DC/25/04069] for alterations to window, door, and external finishes following consent DC/24/03739, and the subsequent discharge of conditions applications DC/24/05477 and DC/24/05478

At **Gladwins Farm, Harpers Hill** Babergh confirmed formal approval was not required relating to [DC/25/04217] for erection of an agricultural storage building and [DC/25/04218] for construction of surfaced farm track to proposed building.

Between meetings to meet Babergh's deadline councillors had no objections at **Land and Pond Adjacent River Stour**

(**Nayland Meadow**) [DC/25/04378] for installation of timber boardwalk with dipping platform.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **7 Willow Grove** [DC/25/04595] for erection of a two storey side extension infill, bay window to front elevation, single storey extension to existing porch, demolition of existing single storey rear extension and replaced with single storey rear extension; or to the re-application at **1 Fox Cottages Bures Road** [DC/25/04974] for demolition of existing garage and store and erection of new garage and store.

Discussing a non-material amendment relating to DC/22/06294 at **Site Adjacent Paddock Grove Harpers Hill** [DC/25/04622] to amend front pedestrian access from ramp and steps to disability compliant steps councillors had no objection to the application.

The Clerk was asked to seek an update on the application at **Caravan Site Rushbanks Farm Bures Road** [DC/25/03427] for lawful development certificate for use of land as a caravan and tent camping site.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Owen Brown is awaiting a response from Community Action Suffolk regarding conducting a survey. Debbie Hattrell confirmed Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money can be used for a HNS.

OPEN SPACES

Councillors heard that the possibility of a village sign had been mooted. Gerry Battye said a village sign had raised considerable debate in the past. It was agreed to obtain potential cost and look at the possibility further.

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Christmas Dates To Remember

Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall on Thursday and Friday this year, and New Year's Day is on the following Wednesday.

Doctors Surgery

Closed Thursday 25th, Friday 26th December & Thursday 1st January
Surgery hours: 8am-6pm Monday-Friday
Dispensary Monday-Thursday 9am-12.30 & 1.30-5pm and Friday 9am-3pm.
Don't forget to your order prescriptions early for collection before Christmas & New Year.
Out of hours emergency NHS 111. Further details on page 27 & 47

Refuse Collection

Collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Wednesday 24 December.
Blue bins: collections due Thursday 25th December will be Saturday 27th December
collections due on Friday 26th December will be on Monday 29th December
Black bins: collections due Thursday 1st January will be Saturday 3rd January
collections due on Friday 2nd January will be on Monday 5th January
Blue bins: collections due Thursday 8th January will be Friday 9th January
collections due on Friday 9th January will be on Saturday 10th January
Brown bins: no collection between 22nd December - 4th January.
Leave bins out by 6.30am. See page 39 for Babergh's full schedule

Forget Me Not

Open Wednesday 24th December 9am-4pm. Closed 25th December to 5th January.
Open as normal from Tuesday 6th January 9am-4pm.

Bus Services

At the time of going to print Christmas/New Year details were not obtainable.
It appears that KonectBus has been sold/taken over by 'Transport Made Simple', who operate the 'Central Connect' brand. The phone number on the new printed timetable booklet responds "service no longer available". They encourage use of their 'app'.
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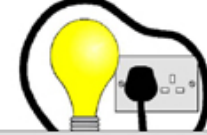
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If you would like assistance that we can offer please let Lorraine Brooks know via email at lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com or 262807.

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.

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CALEY GREEN

Councillors felt Caley Green looks amazing following cutting of the reeds and has received many positive comments.

Kevin Sheath reported that the Caley Green working party have had four meetings with Suffolk CC and Concertus, the engineers who are progressing the project for installation of riverbank protection.

Concertus had presented four initial options; two of these were discounted due to being generally unsuitable. They will now prepare detailed designs of the other two options. The detail designs will then be presented for further consultation.

While the reed cutting is a separate issue the Environment Agency (EA) stated to Suffolk County Council (SCC) that Enforcement Action may be taken. This could have some impact on any revetment scheme.

VILLAGE HALL

Iain Wright had confirmed that the roof replacement works at the village hall are on budget and on schedule for completion by Christmas. Councillors praised those involved for the hard work with this project. The autumn gardening morning had taken place; Gerry Battye said the PC's section of the garden will need some work in the Spring.

ALLOTMENTS

Dawn Harris and Owen Brown agreed to rejoin the working group.

It was felt future plans on a suggested perimeter fencing project should be available ahead of holding an annual allotment holders meeting, although this is not a PC project. It was noted that it has been proposed by some plot holders who will gather more detailed proposals, including design, consultation with all allotment tenants and grants for further discussion with the PC prior to any approval.

An agenda will be issued for the meeting of allotment holders which will be held in a more social venue.

FREQUENCY OF PC MEETINGS

It was felt holding a meeting in December was important, including in relation to the timing of some discussions, to provide momentum and continuity, maintain the public's access to councillors and enable newer councillors to become familiar with the role.

The next meeting is scheduled on 10th December.

IN BRIEF

Councillors congratulated the Community Council on another very successful Bonfire and Firework event.

Debbie Hattrell will seek an update from Isabelle Reece regarding the requested repairs to the old flint wall at the old burial ground (the old burial ground is the responsibility of Babergh).

AOB: Owen Brown has taken up Babergh's offer of free booking of a Thermal Imaging camera; the opportunity to use this free service between 18th February-3rd March will be publicised.

WINTER SOLSTICE PICNIC ON CALEY GREEN

Roll Up, Roll Up!! It's that time of the year again
when we celebrate mid winter.

on Sunday 21st December at 1pm

Just before Christmas and New Year we can remember what a great year 2025 was - well most of us made it anyway!! Just think of all the highlights; there were.. err...err... anyway it was a good summer. It may be a bit damp and cold on Caley Green in December but being close to nature with a flask of spirit enriched coffee and a cheese and onion sarnie - what could be better??

All welcome... See you there.

Chris Hunt



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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... 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 enquiries. You will meet new friends and being part of a group is rewarding.

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES

- **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; they meet on the first Monday of the month. Contact Iain Wright 01206 263646 or Chris Thompson 01206 262825.
- **Parish Council** need another councillor to make a full council. See page 2 for details. A **Parish Footpath Warden** is also required - see page 7 for details.
- **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 26 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. Page 41
- **Church Bellringers** would welcome new ringers or those who have rung before; training can be arranged - see page 14 or contact Chris Hunt on 262014
- **Village Players** are in need of volunteers to help build their sets and help backstage. They have two productions a year. Contact Emma Wallis 07942 778536 See page 26
- **Horticultural Society** require committee members and helpers at some of their events. They are a blooming friendly bunch! Contact Trevor Smy 01206 262022. Page 28
- **Conservation Society** require committee members and helpers at some of their events. Contact Mike Hunter 01206 264100. See page 31
- **Church Fete** committee are looking for volunteers to assist in planning the event, see page 29 or contact Kevin Walsh on 07342 235001 or at kevinmwalsh1@gmail.com
- **Friends of Wiston Church**, a charity dedicated to raising funds for maintenance and repairs of St Mary's Church, are seeking volunteers to join their team. Contact Simon Empson 01206 460250 (until 7pm) - see page 41

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.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE

Donations of prizes for the Community Council's raffle at the Christmas Family Fayre on **Saturday 6th December** would be very much appreciated. They can be left at 107 Bear Street or brought along on the day.

Woodland Corner CHRISTMAS TOMBOLA

Donations of prizes for the Tombola at the Christmas Family Fayre on **Saturday 6th December** would be very welcome. Please bring them along on the day.

SCHEDULED ROADWORKS

A134 Leavenheath

15 Nov 2025 - 31 Dec 2029
Temporary 30mph speed restriction
Balfour Beatty on behalf of National Grid

Water Lane

26 Jan 2026 - 28 Jan 2026
Road closure
Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

Further details: <https://one.network/>

This was correct when Community Times went to print

COFFEE, CAKE & CONVERSATION Wednesday Coffee Mornings

10am to noon
St James' Church, Nayland

Join us for coffee, tea, cakes and friendly chat in an informal atmosphere with others from our local community. Everyone Welcome.



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, Owen Brown, Ruth Beverley
Burial Ground: Laura Erith, Owen Brown
Caley Green: Kevin Sheath, Dawn Harris, Owen Brown, Sally Dalton
Fairfield: Gerry Battye, Dawn Harris
Finance: Laura Erith, Tricia Fuller, David Finnigan, Debbie Hattrell
Footpaths: Vacancy for Footpath Warden
Highways: All councillors with individual areas
Planning: All councillors
Trees: Terry Bannister (Tree Warden), Kevin Sheath

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 22nd October 2025 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309
Full minutes available at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members to the meeting.

Executive Committee: As always new members would be welcome to join the team.

Fundraising Activities/Events: It has been agreed to mark the Community Council's 60th Anniversary at our July committee meeting and discuss with Lorraine doing a feature in the Community Times.

Community Defibrillators: Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall and at the Fire Station. The defibrillator at the Village Hall is managed by the CC; it is regularly checked and is registered with The Circuit, the British Heart Foundation System linked to the Ambulance Service. Site checks are reported to both the CHT Webnos system and the Circuit. The defibrillator at the Fire Station is also linked to the Circuit which means the Ambulance Service will refer 999 callers to the closest defibrillator.

The Wiston defibrillator has been installed on the verge outside The Houses, Bures Road, Wiston CO6 4LZ. What 3 Words: // ahead.replying.repaying. The defibrillator has been registered with the Circuit and Webnos systems and site checks being reported to both. Adam Lunn has been added as a reporter and will carry out and report the site checks of the Wiston defibrillator. Jo Metson and Rachel Hitchcock will continue to do the site checks for the Village Hall defibrillator.

Online Ticketing Facility: NaylandEvents.org This remains the principle outlet for selling tickets to village events. If village organisations wish to use this facility contact Justin Dowding.

Village Hall Gardening Morning: on Saturday 25th October. Jo Metson said she would attend on behalf of the CC. There would be a viewing of the Village Hall roof replacement works at 10am for those wishing to attend – refreshments would be provided and a brief resume of the overall works.

Community Involvement: Ideas to help raise participation in village groups and events welcome. An item headed **Volunteer Vacancies** is included in the Community Times, listing the various volunteers needed by different groups; please let Lorraine Brooks know if you have vacancies to be included.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Matt Cable gave his report on finances to 18th October 2025:

Breakdown of profits to date: Quiz £533, Community Times £960, interest income £224.

Grants paid: Village Hall roof £10,000, Maintenance of Horse Watering area £300.

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £9,773 represented by Current a/c monies £7,516, Stripe account £1,131 and Cash on hand £1,126. We hold £177 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: Horse Watering area £58 and Lizzie's Fund £153. **Therefore unencumbered assets are £9,386.**

Expenses year to date: 198 for 2024 defibrillator maintenance, £113 for the village website and £112 for hall hire.

Matt confirmed that the new Wiston defibrillator had been added to the insurance.

GRANTS & DONATIONS:

Permissive footpath maintenance: *The CC continue to monitor the two stretches of permissive footpath - Stoke Road and Court Knoll to Allotment field - and call Dan Bowman back when needed (obviously being mindful of restrictions due to nesting birds). The CC will also monitor bodpave solution at the Conservation Meadow and see how this beds in with a view to*

this being a possible solution to the wet stretch of footpath between Court Knoll and the allotments, keeping an eye on how often this stretch is impassable before considering approaching others to contribute. Tending Hall Estate has said that they approve of the bodpave solution and would be prepared to contribute £1000 towards the project.

David Slater observed that the Stoke Road stretch would probably not need further maintenance until the first part of next year.

Nayland with Wissington Remembers 1945 book: As part of the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII commemorations a CC grant of £549 supported the initial printing costs of a commemorative book providing a permanent record of life during WW2 particularly in Nayland and Wiston. The first print run sold out and a second print, supported financially by the Conservation Society, was commissioned. This book is on sale at Forget-Me-Not for £8. All Proceeds to the Poppy Appeal.

Community First Responders: The CC agreed to cover the cost of hiring the village hall for two basic life support sessions. The session on 12 October went ahead (3 people attended) but the Wednesday 15th session was cancelled as only one booking. It was suggested that maybe future sessions could be held at the Church Hall if fewer people were attending and that it might be worth doing one next Spring with more help from CC to publicise. Thank you to the First Responders for running these sessions.

Community Times & Websites: Thanks as always to all contributors. Heading towards the next deadline; please let Lorraine Brooks know if you have promotion or large items to include so adequate space can be reserved.

Village Calendar: Village calendars are now on sale at village outlets (Forget-Me-Not, Mill Street Stores, Studio B). Posters promoting sales have been distributed.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Bonfire & Fireworks: Tuesday 5th November. Ticket sales are steady on naylandevents.org and Justin is providing a breakdown of ticket sales in order to keep track of numbers attending. Publicity has been sent out and continues to be promoted via Facebook and roadside signs on the A134 and Caley Green. The team had a useful site meeting at the Village Hall to ensure that all was in place and to make any adjustments required to allow for the scaffolding currently in place for the roof project. Positions and layout for barrier, refreshments, disabled parking and lighting were agreed along with provision for PA system and walkie talkies. Re: parking. It will be strictly blue badge parking only at the Hall. On tickets, it now asks people to enter the village via Horkesley Road and marshalls will be positioned strategically at the Court Street Pinch Point and at the end of Church Lane.

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 6th December. Seven external stalls are confirmed plus our usual society stalls and activities. Nayland Primary School ukuleles will perform – as this is a smaller group they will perform by the refreshments with some Christmas classics to encourage audience participation! Father Christmas and his Elf are confirmed – Rachel to sort Santa's gifts. Vicki and family confirmed to help with refreshments etc. Volunteers are in place to put up bunting and tree on Friday afternoon and then finish set up on Saturday morning. There is another booking in the hall at 1.30pm so will need prompt tidy up.

Christmas Trail: (Windows & Trees) There are some volunteers for Christmas Trail already but more are needed. Rachel to try and secure more participants and asked for people to spread the word to friends and family and to get in touch if they are able to take part.

Village Christmas tree: Sunday 7th December Claire Buller leading. The usual volunteers will be needed.

Community Council report continued.....

Father Christmas' Tour of Nayland: Wednesday 24th December at 2pm. Our usual Father Christmas and elf are now available and looking forward to this! Claire is confirming transport.

Fun Village Quiz: Friday 6th February. Rachel Hitchcock leading.

AOB:

- **Repairs to CC Noticeboard:** thanks to Becs and Paul Spendiff for doing this. It looks fab and its life is now prolonged for a little bit longer!
- The idea of a **public access defibrillator at Parkers Way** was raised. It was suggested that this might be hard to justify given the proximity to the public access defibrillator at the fire station and that we are well provisioned in the Parish.

SOCIETY REPORTS

First Responders: October the 16th was the British Heart Foundation's Restart a Heart Day. We had 3 attendees for one of the basic life support sessions planned, the second session was cancelled due to poor take up. However, the social media campaign has drawn attention from two local groups who have asked for a session each.

We were successful in a grant application from the Bures Musical Festival; the funds will be used to upgrade our training equipment. The manikins and training AEDs will be used by the team for clinical training, and members of the public during the training sessions. We will be attending the Remembrance Day Parade in Nayland on Sunday 9th November.

Conservation Society: The Autumn litter pick was well attended with 15 volunteers. Following our October meeting on the subject of 'Kentwell Hall' on 11th November, Jackie Marshall will speak on the topic of domestic service in Victorian times in her talk 'Upstairs Downstairs'.

We were recently advised that the overgrown area next to Mill Lane in Mill Street, known as the Swan's Nest, was coming up for auction at the end of October. It was agreed we should

investigate acquiring it with the intention of using it as a green space for use and enjoyment by the village and its visitors. However, the vendor was unable to agree to a delay in the auction and a sale went through. The Society will have a stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Parish Council: We are pleased to have a new councillor, David Finnigan, but sadly lost Samantha Trehane. We have stepped up promotion for vacancies. We are currently considering undertaking a housing needs survey and the possibility of a new wildlife proof perimeter fence for the allotments is being explored.

Nayland Meadow: During the next six months we hope to remove silt that has accumulated in the pond over the last 20 years, plus about half of the existing reed growth, and then construct a timber access and viewing platform into the pond from the existing footpath. The process of getting all the required funding, permissions, certificates, licenses, approvals and quotations has been time consuming and expensive. If we are able to go ahead, the whole process will undoubtedly be messy but should not cause too many issues with regard to use of the footpath.

Date of Next Meeting: will be **Monday 5th January 2026** at 8pm (Exec 7.30pm in the Church Hall).

VILLAGE HALL ROOF

Progress with the re-roofing of the Village Hall is nearing completion with the temporary roof being removed, by the time the Community Times is delivered most of the scaffolding will have been removed.

The current programme for the works indicates an anticipated completion date is the 19th December 2025.

The VPMC wishes to thank all of the people that have helped this project to succeed, this includes everybody that has helped with time and knowledge.

Iain Wright, Chair, VPMC

REMEMBRANCE

Events to mark Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day were held.

Remembrance Sunday on 9th November began at St Mary's Wiston as seen. → Wreaths were laid and a short service, conducted by David Pryor, took place outside in the sunshine with 33 people attending. Once again the service proved very moving particularly during the two minute silence when all that could be heard were rooks cawing and the leaves fluttering down from the churchyard trees.

At the war memorial in Nayland, wreaths were laid by the RBL, Parish and Community Councils, First Responders, Fire Service, Primary School, Woodland Corner and Boxted Airfield Historical Group. Kathy Hunt was the standard bearer and the bugler sounded the Last Post. A service followed in St James' Church.

On 11th November for Armistice Day, → members of Nayland Royal British Legion, Mr Pryor, Revd Stéphane and other residents met at the village war memorial to take part in a two-minute silence to mark the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

See more on page 30



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FATHER CHRISTMAS COMES TO NAYLAND

Wednesday 24th December

Starting at 2pm from the Christmas tree in the High Street he will tour the village - stopping for 10 minutes as marked on the map - spreading his Christmas cheer en route by handing out chocolate coins to the little people of the village

If it is raining
Father Christmas will
not be able to travel
round by tractor
but he will be at the
Christmas tree at 2pm



THE VILLAGE HALL REPLACEMENT ROOF PROJECT

This is not the angle that the village hall is usually viewed from but thanks to Darius Laws and his drone there is a video of the progress of this project taken in November. It can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYZEcwc4H2o>

The protective cover to keep the rain off the building has been removed to reveal the new tiles and the solar panels which have been installed.

The works, which have been carried out by TJ Evers, are on budget and on schedule for completion by Christmas.

It had taken a long time, and enormous effort by the Village Hall Management Committee and all those supporting them, but the project is coming to fruition. Well done to everyone involved.



NAYLAND & WISTON CHRISTMAS TRAIL

A festive appeal from the Community Council

The Christmas Trail has been so well received in recent years and it is delightful that it is being repeated in 2025, getting together as a community and bringing a little seasonal cheer to the local streets.

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

Advent Windows: From 1st to 24th December windows around the village will be decorated and 'opened' each day. Check the Christmas Trail map to discover where they are: the first 10 are listed below.

Christmas Tree Trail

From 8th December the festive Christmas trees will be on display around the village. Each Christmas tree will have a simple question to answer so collect a copy of the Trail map to find out what the questions are. The answers to the questions will be revealed on www.naylandandwiston.net and in the next Community Times.

Copies of the Christmas Trail map will be available in the village shops and on www.naylandandwiston.net.

We will also promote the trail at the **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December**.

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

Advent Windows:

1. Studio B, 3 High Street
2. Forget Me Not, 2 Birch St
3. 9 Heycroft Way
4. 4 Stoke Road
5. 26 Harpers Estate
6. 13 Birch Street
7. 82 Bear Street
8. 15 The Westerings
9. 24 Stoke Road
10. Mill House, 12 Mill Street



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If you'd like to find out more about what's involved, please email us at woodlandcorner@outlook.com. Our next meeting will be held at Woodland Corner on Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 7.30pm.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a real difference. We truly value the support of our wonderful community.

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

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Auditions will be held on:

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NAYLAND-WITH-WISSINGTON REMEMBERS 1945



A new collection of photographs, documents and memories to
commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War

Researched and edited by Mary George and Wendy Sparrow

The book contains personal letters, photographs, documents, and memories commemorating the six local men who were killed and telling the stories of men and women who served in the Armed Forces or on the Home Front during WW2. It also records the hardships suffered by civilians who 'did their bit' and their joyful celebrations at the end of WW2.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON REMEMBERS 1945: BOOK SALES

We would like to thank everyone who contributed photographs, documents and family stories to be included in our local history book commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in 1945. We are also grateful to the Community Council for sponsoring Spingold printing costs and Rachel at Forget-Me-Not for selling the books in her shop.

A copy was presented to the American family of USAAF Lieutenant Charles Gumm when they attended the Nayland RBL WW2 event on 31st August. Copies were also donated to Nayland Primary School Library, to Suffolk Record Office and other official archives as a permanent record of the impact of the war on the families of Nayland and Wiston.

The first print sold out very quickly but thanks to new sponsorship from Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society the book has been reprinted and is back on sale at Forget-Me-Not. We raised **£776** by October and this has been donated to the 2025 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in remembrance of the men named on our war memorials and all those who served in so many ways during the Second World War. A big thank you to everyone who has bought the book already.

Mary George and Wendy Sparrow

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RIVER WATCH

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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

The long summer heatwave and low rainfall took their toll on the river and the countryside. The weir was dry, all summer with pipes installed in an endeavour to prevent the weir from completely drying out. Flow returned by mid October due to some rainfall. The flow was quite strong compared to the amount of rain locally so perhaps the EOETS (Ely Ouse to Essex Transfer Scheme) was re-activated.

WILDLIFE & SWANS

Thank you to John Dalton for the photo, below, of a grass snake in the river at Caley Green. Grass snakes (*Natrix natrix*), aka the ringed snake or water snake is non-venomous and semi-aquatic so are strong swimmers and may be found close to fresh water as they feed almost exclusively on amphibians, such as frogs, toads and but they also take fish, small mammals and birds.

They are typically dark green or brown/grey/black with undersides whitish with irregular blocks of black and they have a characteristic yellow or whitish collar behind the head.

Their preferred habitat tends to be open woodland and field margins and areas near ponds and water, including gardens. Gardens with warm compost heaps are a useful location for them to lay their eggs. Grass snakes, like most reptiles, are at the mercy of the thermal environment so may winter underground.

The Swan family that raised five cygnets this year have been teaching their cygnets to fly as they gradually become independent. They appear to have benefitted from having the width of the river restored. It has also been noticeable how considerably more ducks visit Caley Green since the work was carried out and they like gathering on the bank where the reeds previously inhibited their access.

Cormorant have also been seen and as mentioned on page 22 an otter family was seen playing in the river to the rear of Bear Street.

"OH, WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE"

Thank you to Nayland House for capturing this revealing photo of a swan eagerly taking bread from the residents on one of their regular visits to Caley Green.

With panto season approaching, when first seeing the photo, "Oh what big teeth you have" sprang to mind. Of course, swans do not have teeth as such but as the photo shows their strong beaks have serrated edges that look like small, jagged teeth. These serrations, called tomium, help them catch and eat aquatic plants and algae, and they can also be used to capture small animals like molluscs, small fish, frogs, worms, as well as algae and other slippery aquatic organisms. They are used to cut leafy vegetation and to help them graze. You'll notice that their tongues have the same serrations as they have on their beaks. This 'dental structure' not only helps them feed, it filters out mud so they digest only what they need.

The hard black tip on a swan's beak is called the 'nail'. This is used for foraging among silt and roots, is a multi-purpose tool for grooming, and used in self-defence.



↑ It was pleasing to see the Horseshoe weir flowing once again in this photo taken on 12th October by Antony Day. The reeds will die down for winter as still no management of them has been carried out by the EA. The pipe that was inserted to help with a little flow over summer was still there



↑ A number of ducks have been enjoying the more accessible space at Caley Green, photo by Antony Day



↑ Thank you to Nayland House for capturing this interesting photo of a swan eagerly taking bread

FEEDING SWANS

There has been debate about feeding swans and other waterfowl bread but experts confirm there is no reason not to, provided it is not mouldy. While bread is not the best dietary option for swans compared to their natural food it has become a much needed source of energy, supplementing their natural diet and helping them to survive the cold winter months. The food should be thrown onto the water so that they can swallow water with the food. However, instead of bread, it would be preferable to feed specialist swan food (which floats).

Swans are not greedy creatures and will only eat what they need.

WATER QUALITY & SEWAGE

Last issue we heard that the Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust together with Essex Rivers Trust have been encouraging local people to become involved in taking action to help restore the status of our rivers. They have set up Essex River-Watch, a citizen science project to collect information about water quality across both Suffolk and Essex. We were delighted that Gill Boardman undertook this training and was able to report on the monthly testing which is now carried out

at Caley Green.

The most recent test was carried out on 10th November and Gill has reported that nothing unusual was detected in the nitrate, phosphate and ammonia levels. Turbidity was also normal. They don't test for bacteria. *NB: nitrate and ammonia in the water mainly result from agriculture while in the River Stour phosphate is mostly from sewage works.*

BANK EROSION AT CALEY GREEN

Engineering company, Concertus, continue with the project to prevent riverbank erosion around the bay on behalf of Suffolk CC. This has involved commissioning topographical and ecological surveys and may require other permissions and permits.

They came up with four initial solutions; two were discounted during meetings between Concertus, SCC and the PC's Caley Green Working Group.

Concertus will now move on creating more detailed designs of the other two options. These designs will then be presented for further consultation.

Once a design is agreed any permit, licence and planning applications necessary will be submitted to the EA, Babergh,

ANOTHER TAWNY OWL RESCUE IN NAYLAND

At the end of September Colchester Owl Rescue took another Tawny Owl from Nayland into their care. Several residents were involved in getting the owl which was hanging in a tree about 20 feet above the river by the A134 tunnel down. A great team effort - huge thanks to them. It was then wrapped up and taken to Katrina Myers at the Rescue. She reported that: *"The owl was totally exhausted and in pain. We had to cut the fish lure away from the hook to get the hook out. I have given him antibiotics and pain relief, once the pain relief had kicked in I gave him a good clean up now he is resting and drying off. At the moment the wing looks like it should be ok but should know better tomorrow after he has rested."*

"It is not uncommon for the Rescue to receive an owl caught up in lost or discarded fishing line with hooks. This is a horrible nasty and unnecessary accident for them to go through and when it's wing related can take a long time to get back to normal."

On 21st October, having been cared for by Katrina for 3 weeks, the Tawny owl had fully recovered and was released. Katrina said: *"She had been very fortunate not to have too much damage to her wing and healed quickly; when she finished her medication she was put into the flight aviary and I was surprised she flew effortlessly straightaway, so she just needed time to build up her strength ready for her release."*

Amy Schmitz, who took the owl to the Rescue had the honour of releasing her with several residents involved in the rescue delighted to witness her return to good health.

Thos was the third rescued owl release that evening; they are incredibly busy and have good success with owls and birds of prey.

In early July the Rescue saved another Tawny owl from Nayland who had been hit by a car and found still alive but in very poor condition (as reported in the Community Times). At the

end of March a deceased Tawny was found in Bear Street, near the school. Both these owls were presumed hit by a vehicle, which is a common danger when they are flying low for prey.

While these incidents may indicate there are a number of Tawny owls in the area it also reveals their vulnerabilities; in this latest case may we appeal to those enjoying fishing to please be vigilant and take home all your hooks, line and other gear. If discarded it can be a danger to many forms of wildlife.

The Rescue relies on donations to cover its costs so any amounts however small are always very welcome. They can be made via: Barclays Bank, Colchester Owl Rescue, Sort Code: 20-19-97, Account: 00555762.



The fish lure that nearly took this owl's life



SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES



There was plenty going on this Halloween in Nayland!

George Romer-Lee's 12-hour Drumathon in aid of Lizzie's Fund - The Brain Tumour Charity took place at the Village Hall. Well done to George and thanks to all the village organisations and individuals who supported this marathon; the current fund- raiser total is over £17,000 (including gift aid). Donations can still be made at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/georgesdrumathon>.

Nayland Bear and Fish welcomed residents to their fabulous coven at Harpers old bus shelter; thanks to Elaine and Di for making them welcome.

St James' Church looked wonderful during Light Stop which provided quiet time by candlelight and refreshments to relax amid the excitement of Halloween.

All this as well as the fun of Trick or Treat; there were some wonderful scary costumes.



↑ Nicola Thorogood captured the interest of some 'new kids on the block' in Wiston as they posed nicely for this scene.

They are Jacob sheep, a domestic British breed combining two unusual characteristics; they are piebald (black and white) and they are often polycerate or multi-horned. Their exact origins remain a mystery, some believe they descend from the sheep bred by Jacob, as mentioned in the Bible. In the 17th and 18th Century these handsome creatures were kept as 'park sheep', to ornament the large estates of landowners. In modern times it is reared mainly for wool, meat and skins.

→ On 9th November, which enjoyed wonderful weather, Mandy Cook took this unseasonally bright shot in Church Passage and the beautiful display of Salvias along the wall of Alston Court.

→ By contrast on 14th, a very bleak day, the Spencer family had their day brightened by three otters playing at the back of their garden in Bear Street. As usual they were camera shy but Liz Huggins managed to capture them on video.





After a summer of drought, autumn brought its seasonal variations, impressive skies and rainbows; this one taken from Newlands Lane by Mike Hunter.

VILLAGE HALL GARDEN MORNING

➔ Many thanks to the 15 volunteers who attended the Village Hall Autumn Garden Working Party on 26th October. It was a very sociable and satisfying morning with much achieved.

WISTON HARVEST EVENSONG

↓ The Wiston congregation enjoyed their Harvest Evensong in September and everyone stayed for refreshments afterwards including six children who participated in the service. Thank you to everyone who brought gifts and decorated St Mary's church.

WISTON DEFIBRILLATOR

➔ The new defibrillator in Wiston, installed through a partnership between the Community and Parish Councils and First Responders with representatives of those organizations.

Details of all three community defibrillators on page 36



NAYLAND MOBILE LIBRARY

Route 20 : High Street P.O.

Saturdays at 10.35am-11.20am, every four weeks

29 November - 27 December - 24 January - 21 February

Route 9 : Parkers Way

Saturdays at 1.45pm-2.15pm, every four weeks

13 December - 10 January - 7 February

Tel: 01473 263838 www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

NAYLAND BONFIRE & FIREWORKS



A huge thank you to everybody who helped make Nayland's Bonfire and Fireworks such a fantastic success again this year! Firework Crazy once again delivered an amazing display to 'oohs' and 'aahs' from the gathered crowd,

But this would all be for nothing if it weren't for our brilliant team of volunteers: The Community Council committee (and their friends and families); Fred Bugg and his bonfire team; everyone who supplies, produces and serves the food and drink; those on the gate and naylandevents.org for ticket sales; Iain and his endless supply of 'kit'; and all those who help with setting up, tidying away and picking up litter the next day plus anyone we have failed to mention - a HUGE thank you to you all - we couldn't do it without you.

Lots of people descend on the village for a few hours on 5th November so thank you for being tolerant and for all your support and kind comments. We raised a massive £6,800 (a record by a significant margin!) which will all go back into supporting village activities and projects. A real community effort.##

Rachel Hitchcock, Chair, Community Council





Nayland with Wissington Society News



NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

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www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

Nayland Church Hall is refreshed and ready to Welcome You

Nayland Church Hall has recently undergone a series of improvements, making it an even more inviting space for local events and community use. The hall has been freshly painted throughout, with new

flooring and blinds giving the space a bright modern feel. The toilet facilities have been smartened up to ensure a comfortable experience for visitors. With a capacity of 40-50 people and a well stocked kitchenette, the hall is perfect for parties, social gatherings, clubs and community events. We warmly invite local residents and groups to make use of this much-loved village space.

To enquire about bookings please get in touch - we'd love to welcome you.

REGULAR CLASSES & GROUPS HELD HERE:

Monday: 9.30 Acrylic Painting (to 15 Dec)
 Tuesday: 1.30pm Handbell Ringing (term time)
 Wednesday: 2pm Art Group (term time)
 Thursday: 2pm Pilates

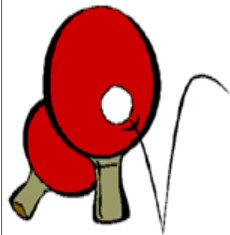


TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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 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 ART GROUP

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We are enjoying the Autumn months and one of our recent activities was printing with leaves and grasses; white ink on black paper produced a lovely ethereal image.

We used masking tape, torn to produce long rough-edged strips and laid within a frame, painted with a woodland background and then tape removed to leave silver birch trunks to which we added details. We explored light and shadow and the ways in which they affect mood in paintings of standing stones. We used washes using only one colour to produce landscapes but also explored

pointillism, using dots of colour to paint instead of the more traditional watercolour techniques.

We have a lot of fun at our meetings and enjoy trying out different ideas. If you would like to join us on Wednesday afternoons, do get in touch.



COLOURED PENCIL ART GROUP

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We are a small, informal art group, using coloured pencils, which are very versatile and can produce wonderful painterly effects. We meet once a month, on a Monday evening, when we each work on our own projects. There is no formal tuition, but we will gladly provide help, tips and guidance and we all swap ideas.

Why not come along and give it a try? You don't need to already be an 'artist' or have any previous experience. Materials and a starter project can be supplied for your first sessions.

Please contact Mary - details above - for more information.



NAYLAND CINEMA

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As you read this I'm sure that your thoughts will be on the matter of Christmas and we will be saying to ourselves where did that year go!

We don't have Christmas films on our menu from Moviola and looking at what's on it seems to be the same films recycled every year! Given this, and the fact that I'm sure most of you are familiar with these films, we haven't 'gone Christmasy' although you might find a mince pie on offer and maybe we can persuade the bar to produce some mulled wine.

Our December film 'The Salt Path' may seem controversial given the revelations seen in the press and heard on the radio, however putting this to one side, those of us who have read the book enjoyed it beyond the initial reasons for the walk. Hopefully a good percentage of the revenue generated by this film will be donated to a good cause, possibly into the research and potential treatment of corticobasal degeneration (CBD).

The year has seen an eclectic mix of films with audience numbers varying but with a definite gradual increase noted as we have progressed through the year.

Ross and Jade from Mill Street Deli have continued to serve delicious food, the bar is well stocked by Iain and ice creams (available all year round!) sold by Chris. Refreshments provided by Mary are interesting, varied and often related in some way to the film being screened; do you remember the marmalade sandwiches?

As we near the end of the year I would like to say a big thank you to the team who give their time and effort to ensure that everyone has a enjoyable evening. Thank you Nick and Ned our projectionists without whom we wouldn't have a film to view and to Christopher for providing us with something to sit on. Thank you Justin, Iain and Gale for the all important bar and Chris and Mary for your valued input re film selection. Thank you Peter for assisting me with meet and greet and to Lorraine for the brilliant posters.

At the time of writing we hadn't received our new film menu for the first quarter of 2026 so please look out for the posters and adverts and check out the Nayland website for information.

My last thank you must go to all of you for coming along and supporting the cinema especially when the evenings are dark and the weather inclement!

• **Friday 12th December: 'The Salt Path'** is the profound true story of husband and wife, Raynor and Moth Winn's 630-mile trek along the beautiful but rugged Cornish, Devon and Dorset coastline after being evicted from their farm and home, and Moth diagnosed with corticobasal degeneration, a rare, degenerative and terminal disease. With depleted resources, only a tent and some essentials between them, every step along the path is a testament to their determination. As they walk Moth slowly grows in strength and they make positive plans for the future...

Forthcoming cinemas dates for your diary include: January 16th; February 27th; March 20th ; April 24th ; May 15th; June 19th. For further details see page 18 or our webpage at www.naylandandwiston.net



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

At our monthly meeting in October Robin Howe came to talk about 'Stress Control'. In November Martin and Katie Wright enlightened us about their 'Visit to Ethiopia'. It was very interesting, concentrating on five areas which they visited, and was illustrated with beautiful photographs.

Nayland Handbell ringers will be enchanting us with their ringing at our meeting on 11th December in the Village Hall.

On 6th December we will have a stall at the Community Council's **Christmas Fayre** selling tasty Christmas treats.

In the New Year due to our lower numbers, we will be relocating our meetings to the Church Hall with a new time of 10am to midday. On 8th January we will be 'Grumpy Old Women' with members having their say, followed by a quiz. Our speaker on 12th February will be Irene Barnett on the subject of 'Soap made from Goats Milk' and on 13th March we will be 'out to lunch' celebrating the birthday of our WI branch.

We welcome guests and new members to our meetings - keep an eye on the WI noticeboard in Nayland High Street for details. From January we meet on the second Thursday of the month at 10am in the Church Hall in Bear Street.



VILLAGE PLAYERS

www.villageplayers.co.uk



Chair: Emma Wallis 07942 778536 emmawallis369@gmail.com

The Village Players are busy putting the final touches to their autumn production, 'The Village Hall' by Ashley Burgoyne. Making his directorial debut is VP regular Mark Russell.

Can Derek (Charlie Erith), Chairman of Upper Kingham Parish Council, win back the coveted 'Village Games' crown? Local drama teacher Laura (Suzanne Harknett) starts an amateur dramatics group and rehearses a play. Between the village games and the theatre group, the hall is in constant use and stalwart Majorie (Mary Moriarty) is always there making tea! Things start to go awry when Tyler (Brian Spalding), a committee member joins forces with Guiseppe (Mark West) from rival village Lower Kingham. This two act comedy has been great fun to rehearse and is most definitely a fun watch. Performances are 3rd, 5th and 6th December. Tickets are available online from the village players.co.uk. See details on page 19.

Auditions for our Spring production will be held on 11th and 14th January at the Church Hall. Mandy Cook will be directing, play title to be confirmed. See details on page 15.

We are always on the look out for new people, if you are interested in helping in any way please do get in touch. Contact Emma Wallis on 07942 7785346 / naylandvillageplayers@gmail.com



THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

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Swan update: We have been aware of concerns raised about the lone swan with the feather loss to its wing; this swan is more than likely moulting. Mute cob swans can lose feathers at this time of year. It appears healthy otherwise and is spending time chasing the cygnets. We will monitor its progress.

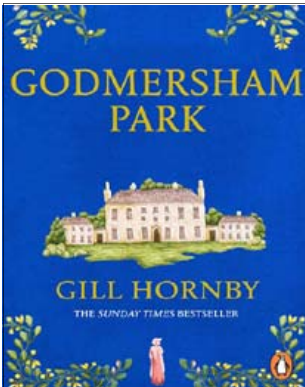
The adult swan pair took their cygnets onto the green for flying lessons in October and it was wonderful to see them being able to land on the wide expanse of river since the reed cutting. More ducks have returned to the area and as seen in the photograph paddleboarders can enjoy the space.

They have now struck out on their own and the parents will tolerate them until the mating season begins then they will be chased away. Their adult white feathers are more prominent now and this process will continue until they depart next year.

The long reed bed has now been cut. We are very grateful to Dale Leeks and his team for what transpired to be a very difficult job due to the high level of silt. This meant the truxor had to push through the silt in order to cut the reeds.

We are hopeful that going forward a regular programme of maintenance can be established

Best wishes for 2026



BOOK CLUB

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We recently finished reading 'The Paris Library' by Janet Skeslien Charles. The novel follows the life of a young woman called Odile, a librarian working at the American Library in Paris during the Nazi occupation in the Second World War and later during the 1980s when living in rural Montana.

We then went on to read 'Godmersham Park' by Gill Hornby. This novel tells the story of Anne Sharp, the governess who came to live with the Austen family in Kent. Anne had fallen on hard times so had to earn a living teaching the Austens' eldest daughter Fanny.

We are currently reading 'Jane's Away' by Clare Hawken.



NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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

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

CHRISTMAS CLOSURES: The Surgery & Dispensary will be **closed** on **CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY AND THURSDAY 1st JANUARY.** **Please be aware when submitting repeat prescriptions**

Dispensary: Announcement from Dr Gunasekera

I would like to inform you of our new prescription protocol from **1st October 2025**. We implement these changes to ensure high levels of safety when issuing your medications. Our Dispensary staff work very hard to ensure each prescription is ready to collect on time, but please be aware that some factors are beyond our control.

Due to an increase in demand for prescriptions, prescription issuing process and supplier issues, Dispensary requires **at least 5 working days** for a prescription. Please ensure you remember when your request was handed in and note the collection date will fall **5 working days later**. This includes online requests.

Please note: According to NHS prescribing guidelines we can only issue 28 days' worth of medication at one time. We have zero-tolerance policy against rude and argumentative behaviour towards our Dispensary and prescription staff.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to how Christmas holidays fall this year - **please submit your repeat prescriptions 10 days before collection.**

MYCHART: is a new free App which allows you to access your hospital health record. The app, or website, means you can access real time information about your hospital care, as well as directly contact your clinician or the team looking after you. MyChart helps you be actively involved in your care. Patient information on MyChart began from time of launch (02 October 2025) Backdated historical data isn't available. MyChart does NOT link to SystemOne, so patients will not be able to see their primary care record through this App. You can view primary care information via NHS app. Please pop into the surgery for information on how to sign up.

All staff at Nayland Surgery wish our patients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!!



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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We will be having a stall at the Community Council's **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December**, 10am to 12.30pm in the Village Hall. As usual, donations for our raffle would be very much appreciated and can be brought along on the day or left with a committee member. The committee are planning the calendar of events for next year, starting with the date for the **Spring Flower Show** which will be on **Saturday 28th March**, so bear this in mind when you are planting your bulbs this autumn/winter – classes can be seen below.

There will be more news on activities for next year in the next Community Times and the website is being updated as plans progress. In the meantime here are some dates for your diaries:

Spring Flower Show	28th March	Garden Party	10th July
AGM and Quiz	14th April	Summer Flower Show	1st August
Morning Market	9th May		

Spring Show Classes:

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| 1. Pot of spring bulbs, corms or tubers (<i>not Daffodil/Narcissus</i>) | 10. Vase with 3 stems of Hyacinths |
| 2. Pot of 5 Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs any colour or variety | 11. Vase of mixed flowers and/or flowering shrubs |
| 3. Pot miniature Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs | 12. Vase of one kind of flowering shrub or tree |
| 4. Pot of Polyanthus or Primula (Primroses) | 13. Vase of 3 Tulips (any variety/varieties) |
| 5. Flowering houseplant | 14. Vase with 1 bloom Camellia |
| 6. Non-flowering houseplant | 15. Vase of 6 assorted Daffodil/Narcissus |
| 7. 3 blooms (any one variety) floating in a dish of water | 16. Vase of 6 Miniature Daffodil/Narcissus |
| 8. Flower arrangement: 'A Host of Daffodils' | 17. 3 specimen Daffodil/Narcissus blooms (any one variety) |
| 9. Flower arrangement: 'Spring Fever' | 18. Rhubarb: 3 stalks |



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

PC 1293 Niall Johnson, Hadleigh Community Police Officer
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www.suffolk.police.uk

Nayland with Wissington Crime Review

September: 2x Non Crime incidents

October: 1x Anti-Social Behaviour, 1x Assault, 1x Sexual Offence, 2x Non Crime Incidents

We are now in a time of year when, due to the cover of darkness, burglaries and vehicle thefts/break-ins are more likely.

At this time of year house burglaries tend to occur in the evenings, while shed and outbuilding break-ins often happen late at night or in the early hours of the morning. Vehicle crime also increases, with car break-ins typically occurring during the evening or early morning. Offenders sometimes go from car to car trying door handles.

Here are the most important tips to help prevent becoming a victim of these offences:

MAKE IT APPEAR SOMEONE IS HOME: If you are going out in the evening, leave some lights on. Consider using a television LED simulator that mimics the glow of a TV. If you will be out during the day and not home until after dark, have timers on a couple of lights so they turn on automatically.

CCTV: Even a basic video doorbell can deter criminals. Police recommend the Defender Video Doorbell because it is secure, works without a subscription, it just needs Wi-Fi to work. Better still, invest in a CCTV system - wireless options are available. Burglars do not want to be seen and will usually flee if they suspect they are being monitored. Even a fake CCTV system is better than none.

HIDE YOUR VALUABLES: Hide valuables such as cash or jewellery well, so they cannot be easily found even if drawers are emptied. Do not leave anything of value in your vehicle, or items that look like they might contain valuables (such as bags).

LOCK HOUSE/CAR DOORS AND WINDOWS: Ensure all doors and windows are closed and locked, **including back doors, even if you are at home.** Last year, there was a spate of burglaries where the offender entered through an unlocked back door mid evening, whilst the occupant was home, and stole items from accessible rooms (e.g., handbags from kitchens). Consider a chain or secondary lock on your front door - if a burglar cannot enter silently, they may give up or make noise, alerting you. Keep your vehicle locked.

KEEP YOUR CAR KEYS SECURE: Do not leave car keys near the front door. Hide them. If you have keyless entry, store keys in a Faraday pouch or box to prevent signal cloning.

HOUSE ALARM: Consider installing a burglar alarm, especially if your home is secluded or rural. Even a fake alarm box mounted high on the front of your home can deter most burglars.

FORENSIC MARKING: Mark up your property with UV pen or for some items special embossing. Keep note of serial numbers. If you have power tools or other items you are never going to sell, make them as unattractive to criminals as possible, paint them or mark them in ways that make them less attractive to steal in the first place and sell on.

As you may have seen, Suffolk remains a low crime county and a very safe place to live, so being a victim of these offences is quite rare. But offences can and do happen in your area, with a spike in burglaries typically seen in the darker months, so please take as many of these precautions as you can to make it harder for criminals. I feel it is human nature for some people to think it will never happen to them, but it is obviously happening to some people, so protect yourself against it as best you can. If you follow those tips above, you are dramatically reducing the chances of being targeted in the first place and if you were still unlucky enough to be a victim, the offender would not get away with much and anything they do take is potentially identifiable to which helps when police recover property.

I hope everyone has a good Christmas and New Year.



NAYLAND MEADOW LTD

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F: Nayland Meadow



We have two exciting projects planned for Nayland Meadow over the next few months. These are the desilting of the pond and the construction of a short boardwalk and dipping/viewing platform at the west edge of the pond.

The pond was dug by the Environment Agency in 2005, and since that time silt has gradually accumulated, leading to a significant reduction in water depth and contraction of aquatic habitat. Surveys we carried out earlier this year showed that the depth of silt was typically 40 to 60cm, about half the overall depth of the pond. In addition, the growth of vegetation has reduced the connectivity between the pond and river, hampering the ability of fish to move freely between the two water bodies. The project will entail removal of silt from the centre of the pond and a reduction in the width of the fringing vegetation, whilst taking care to leave plenty of habitat for wildlife. The work is being carried out in the winter in order to minimise the impacts on biodiversity. Desilting will require drainage of the pond and fish will be rescued and transferred to the river as part of this process. The pond restoration will temporarily impact on water vole habitat and we have had to obtain a Strategic Water Vole Licence from Natural England, the Government's statutory advisor on nature conservation. This licence ensures that the impact of our work on water voles is fully compensated for/mitigated. Overall, the restoration project, once complete, will ensure that the pond continues to provide suitable habitat for fish, water voles and breeding birds for many years to come.

The 6m long boardwalk and 12.9 square metre platform will, subject to planning permission, be constructed along the western side of the pond. This is an accessibility project, funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and strongly supported by the National Landscapes Team. It is designed to complement and link in with the recent footpath improvements on the meadow. The facility will allow visitors a closer connection to nature and provide educational opportunities for children and others. We consider these benefits to outweigh any small increase in local disturbance to wildlife using the pond. The structure has been designed specifically to minimise visual intrusion, with the platform constructed approximately 0.5m below the level of the footpath/bund around the pond edge. The platform and boardwalk combined will occupy less than 1% of the pond area.

Both projects will be carried out in such a way that they avoid any need to temporarily close the riverside footpath. Any queries feel free to contact me.

SHEPHERD
07885 745074
 (if you see a sheep in distress)



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Terry Bannister 262454 Gale Scott 262061

The last village lunch raised £457 for the village hall; it was a very pleasant afternoon with a lovely lunch and a very interesting speaker. Adrian Tindal was excellent and as an experienced guide for Bury St Edmunds imparted his knowledge of this 'Handsome Little Town'.

New stainless steel work tops will be fitted in the kitchen; this is why we raise money to refurbish the hall.

Thank you to the team behind the lunches and to all who supported the event.



NAYLAND FETE 2026 APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The 2025 Nayland Fete was again held successfully in May, being an enjoyable afternoon for all attendees and bringing in much needed funds for St James' Church.

This was again overseen by Annie Elston, as the chair of the organising committee. It will however be her last Fete as she is stepping aside after 20 years! She will be much missed!

It does remain the intention to continue to hold a village fete and the 2026 date has already been confirmed for Monday 4th May.

The organisational work doesn't commence until late in 2025, but we are now looking for volunteers to step forward and join the committee in order to arrange and run the event. If anyone is therefore interested in the challenge and would like to play their part in ensuring the future of our fete, please do contact me.

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ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN ST JAMES

Donations towards flowers for Christmas, 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, particularly so during the weddings held during the summer in St James. 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 HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

The handbell group are gearing up for Christmas performances including its third visit to Nayland WI. The group is growing and are delighted to welcome new recruit, Jenny, to its ranks and to its Tuesday afternoon practices (1.30pm to 3pm in the Church Hall).

We would also like to mention the tower bells for which Chris Hunt has been appealing for volunteers to learn the ancient and very English art of change ringing. It is sad that the bells of St James' have fallen largely silent after over fifty years of ringing for Sunday services, weddings, funerals, state occasions, and other celebrations since being refurbished and rehung in the early 1970s. The sweet call of the bells up and down the Stour Valley on a clear frosty evening is amazingly uplifting.

To quote from a hymn written in 1904 by Henry Wilder:

We ring with joyous gladness when man and wife are blessed. We peel in muffled sadness for loved ones laid to rest.

Our lives, like bells, while changing an ordered life pursue. Through joy and sorrows ranging may all those lives ring true.

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

Fingers crossed progress is being made with interest in being bellringers. A 'student' (sorry, lapsed into useless modern day speak for someone learning!!), is making good progress, and another person has expressed interest. So, little steps but useful ones.

Bellringing can be fun, interesting and very sociable. It can also rip the skin off your elbows, tear clothing and knock your glasses off, but we don't talk about that. Just pull the rope and think of England!!

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



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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During our September meeting it was agreed that an obelisk style stone with brass plaque be installed at a location in the village, (like that previously placed on Caley Green). The Treasurer, Richard Cave, reported that the Branch balance held in the bank was £1532.80. Welfare Officer, Chris Hunt, reported that arrangements had been made for members to visit former service people living in Nayland Care Home. It is hoped such visits can continue.

A highlight of 2025 was our commemoration event to mark the end of WW2 and VJ day in particular. Highly rated by those there, we raised over £2,600.00 for the Poppy Appeal including sales of Mary George's and Wendy Sparrow's book 'Nayland with Wissington Remembers 1945'. This year Mark Shirley (retired Captain, The Lancers) and the Chairman took part in an Assembly at Nayland Primary School for Remembrance Week, showing the students why Remembrance is so important and the number of people from Nayland who went to war in both WW1 and WW2 but did not return. Our coffee morning raised over £240 again, another superb effort by our supporters.

Remembrance with two-minutes silence and a bugler was marked with Services in St James' Nayland and St Mary's Wiston Churches, when wreaths were laid by the Branch, the Parish Council, Community Council, Nayland Fire Service, Nayland First Responders, Nayland Primary School and Boxted Airfield Historical Group. We also stood in parade, again with a bugler on 11th November for 2-minutes silence at the War Memorial.

We mark the retirement of Kathy Hunt as our Branch Standard Bearer at the AGM on 24th November after over 30 years as Bearer for both the Ladies' and General sections. This is a remarkable achievement, and we shall make suitable presentations. David Wiles will take over, an experienced and very capable Bearer for the Branch.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Monday 24th November in the Church Hall with Will Hitchcock talking about his ancestor, '**Captain Matthew Flinders**', who, in a remarkable voyage, was the first person to circumnavigate Australia producing the first map of the country as we know it today. The **AGM** business will follow; this will be our last meeting before we become a 'County Supported Branch' in 2026, with need for fewer Officers and less RBL formality with our finances.

We welcome new members this year, hopefully a sign of a vitalised 2026. All our meetings are open to everyone, and we hope some of the topics and visits will be of interest to anyone in the Village.

Provisional dates are: meetings on 16th February and 13th April and a St George's Day lunch at the Anchor on 19th April.





NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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Readers may already be aware that the area known as the Swan's Nest, adjacent to the Mill Lade and almost opposite the Deli, came up for auction at the end of October. The Society contacted the seller to advise him that we might be interested in acquiring it for use by the village as a green space. Unfortunately, he was unable to delay the sale which would have given the Society time to raise funds and it has been sold to a third party.

We held speaker meetings in October and November and the latter talk featured a participatory evening (see photo) when members of the audience were invited to adopt their roles in the Victorian household!

Looking ahead to next year, we already have a full list of speakers. In March at our AGM we are very lucky to have Frances Christie, the fine art expert who regularly appears on Antiques Roadshow. She will talk on her experiences of dealing with high value works of art.

Next year we are arranging a private viewing of Smallbridge Hall, the Elizabethan property at Wormingford. As this trip is likely to be very popular, visitors will be limited to Society members only. More details will be available within the next few months.

We shall have a table at the Community Council's Christmas Fayre on the 6th of December when we hope you can be persuaded to acquire one of our many interesting publications, cards or tea towels featuring superb designs by famous artist Richard Bawden.

The Society was pleased to finance the cost of reprinting the excellent publication 'Nayland-with Wissington Remembers 1945' written by Mary George and Wendy Sparrow concerning the 80th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War. If you haven't already bought a copy these will be available at the Xmas Fayre.

Finally, the Committee have resolved that the next time Open Gardens will take place will be on the 13th of June 2027. This has been a very difficult decision but one of the main problems we have encountered is that we have been unable to find anyone willing to take on the responsibility of managing the event. If a volunteer steps forward within the next few months it may be possible to review the decision.



NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

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In October, between our volunteers, we gave six days to the East of England Ambulance Service Trust to help train ambulance crews, air ambulance clinicians, police officers, and firefighters, from across the region, in responding to major incidents such as terrorist attacks. Our volunteers played the part of simulated casualties, helping to bring a degree of realism to the scenarios.

On 21st October, Kevin and Mark from the men's senior golf team at Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club, undertook a 26 mile sponsored walk to raise money for us. Kevin, the team captain, chose us as the captain's charity of the year for 2025 and we are extremely grateful for the support they have been providing us.

We have been very lucky to receive a grant from the Bures Musical Festival. The 5day event raised £24,000 for good causes this year and our grant will be used to replace our aging training equipment which we use for ourselves and to provide our public education sessions.

Could you be a Community First Responder?

We are recruiting new volunteer responders in the Nayland area that meet the following criteria

- be physically fit (our two equipment bags have a 30kg combined weight)
- be aged over 18
- agree to a disclosure and barring service check (DBS). This was previously known as criminal records bureau disclosure or CRB
- have a sympathetic, caring nature
- agree to undertake training (which we provide) and be able to respond from home and/or work
- have a full driving licence and access to a road worthy car

You do not need any previous experience, and we will support and mentor you through your volunteering career. Email us for more details or scan the QR code to apply.

September and October numbers; 417 hours booked on duty by our volunteers. 11 calls were attended in this period and 22 residents trained in Basic Life Support.





ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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Our regular pattern of services continues at St James including the well supported Family Service held every third Sunday. This week there was a well attended baptism.

Relocating the Community Pantry from the West Porch to the area inside the church behind the font has worked well. The pantry is well used.

The churchyard working party gathered for an autumn tidy on 18th October with helpers coming and going during the morning. We are grateful to those who came along; a good clear up was achieved. We are also grateful to have regular grass mowers.

Forty to fifty visitors popped in on 31st October to see St James by candlelight for the Light Stop and relax and have refreshments amid the toil and trouble of Halloween.

Remembrance Sunday was well supported at the War Memorial in the High Street followed by a service in St James.

The Parochial Church Council is still in need of a minute secretary, which is not an onerous role, and another churchwarden to share the role, so, if anyone fancies helping do please get in touch.

Looking ahead to winter, the Nine Lessons and Carol Service will take place on Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm; as usual followed by a glass of wine and mince pie.

On 24th December Christingle will be held for the children to enjoy. Woollen nativity figures will be placed in the stable nativity scene. Their decorated oranges will be lit (symbolizing Christ as the light of the world) and they will sing carols. The Christmas Day service (Family Eucharist) will be held at 11.15am.

Wednesday Coffee Mornings continue to be popular but we will take a break over the festive period. At the last meeting on 10th December we are delighted that children from Woodland Corner will be singing to us and the School ukelele and recorder groups will be playing for us. The Coffee Mornings will resume on 7th January.



The vibrant autumnal 'nature's carpet' in St James' churchyard looks spectacular, photo by Chris Hunt



NAYLAND CHOIR

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We are into the final few weeks of rehearsals for our seasonal concert 'What Sweeter Music'. Our programme includes a wide range of music and celebrates the start of the winter season and Christmas - and also celebrates some significant birthdays. There are pieces by choir and audience favourites John Rutter and Bob Chilcott (who were 80 and 70 respectively this year) plus our oldest piece written by Francesco Landini who was born 700 years ago. There are plenty of other composers represented and the music ranges from gentle lullaby to a demand for good ale!

The concert will be held in the village hall on Sunday 7th December at 4pm (doors open at 3.30pm.) and tickets are £10 (under 18s free) and there will be mince pies and mulled wine so do come along for a festive afternoon to get you in the mood for Christmas. Tickets are available from naylandevents.org See advert on page 19.

We will also be singing at Nayland carol service at St James' church on Sunday 21st December. Some of us will also be carol singing with some other local groups at the Anchor Inn in Nayland on 10th December at 6pm and singing Christmas songs at the Hare and Hounds in Leavenheath on 19th December at 7pm.

If you wish to join us in rehearsals for our next concert (in St James' Church on Sunday 29th March 2026), we will be starting in Nayland School hall at 8pm on 8th January. We always welcome new members and will be learning choral music for another performance supported by a range of musicians.



Family@Nayland

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Family services continue on the 3rd Sunday of every month, 10am at St James' Nayland. Family services are short and informal where participation is encouraged! We aim to make our Bible readings accessible to all ages with different activities. We celebrated our Harvest Festival in September, making bread as we read that Jesus is the bread of life. Thank you for all the generous donations for the Community Pantry! We made a prayer toolbox in October to help us remember to say wow, thank you, sorry and please prayers. And November's service was very special as we baptised a new member of our church family.

We're looking forward to our Christmas services - family service Sunday 21st December at 10am and Christingle on Christmas Eve at 4pm. We would love to welcome you.



NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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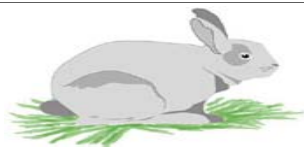
Facebook:
 Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



After a quiet start in September the number of families attending has been picking up nicely. It has been lovely to welcome so many new toddlers and babies and their carers.

Please do come along with your little ones; 9.30am start in the Village Hall, just £4 per family which includes tea/coffee biscuits and snacks and drinks for children. Plenty of space for tricycles, scooters, small climbing frame, and trampoline. Loads of toys and activities. We finish each session with musical instruments and songs. Our session dates are: 21st, 28th November, 5th December, 23rd & 30th January and 6th February.

We will also have a stall at the Nayland Christmas Fayre on the 6th December with activities for children including painting Christmas decorations and icing biscuits. Hope to see you there.



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Nayland Primary School: Celebrating Our Community Connections

At Nayland Primary School, we believe that being part of a strong, caring community is at the heart of a happy and successful education. Our school is proud to be a true community school - one that not only serves the families of Nayland, but is also playing an active role in village life. Over the past term, our pupils and staff have been working hard to strengthen these important connections, and we are delighted to share some of the ways we have been getting involved.

Recently, our school house captains had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Nayland Coffee Morning, where they met and chatted with local residents. The children spoke confidently about their roles as house captains, their responsibilities in school, and the charity projects they are currently planning. They were fantastic ambassadors for Nayland Primary School, showing our values of kindness, respect, and curiosity in action. The conversations sparked ideas for future events and partnerships, reminding everyone that our young people are the future of the community - and that they already have so much to give.

We have also been delighted to welcome a number of special visitors into school this term. Our pupils enjoyed meeting a Colchester councillor, who spoke about how local government works and the importance of having a voice in shaping our community. Reverend Stéphane and Mrs Schalin joined us from St James' church to lead a thoughtful assembly about friendship. In addition, a representative from the Nayland District Royal British Legion visited to talk about remembrance and service, helping our children understand the importance of gratitude and reflection. These visits have helped bring real-world learning into our classrooms and shown pupils that they are part of something much bigger than themselves.

Being part of a community is about more than geography - it's about connection, care, and shared purpose. At Nayland Primary School, we teach our children that every small act of kindness contributes to the wellbeing of others, and that by working together we can create a happier, stronger world. We know that when children feel part of a supportive network, they grow in confidence, empathy, and resilience. These are not just skills for school - they are foundations for life, helping our pupils become happy, responsible global citizens who understand that community begins at home.



We are always keen to welcome visitors, families, and local residents into school life, whether for an assembly, a performance, or a cup of tea and a chat. Our doors are open to everyone, and we love being part of such a warm and vibrant village. We look forward to seeing many of you at future events, including the Nayland Village Christmas Fayre, where our pupils will be helping to spread some festive cheer.

Together, we are proud to make Nayland Primary School a true community school - one where everyone belongs, everyone contributes, and everyone matters.

We currently have some vacancies to at Nayland Primary school, if you are interested in joining our team please visit www.naylandschool.com and visit the 'About Us' section.



What a busy term we are having! We kicked things off with our fantastic Inflatable Day, which was full of laughter and excitement. A huge thank you to all our families who joined us — it was such a joy to see everyone having so much fun together!

This half term, we've welcomed lots of new families to our Woodland Corner community, and we're so pleased to see how brilliantly the children have settled in. To our returning families — it's been wonderful reconnecting with you all again!

We've also been enjoying our beautiful new extension, which has brightened up our preschool no end. Our home corner is now bigger and better than ever, and we're thrilled to have a proper nappy changing area, cosy den and even our very own staff room!

Dancing and Singing: Music and movement have filled our days this term! We've been practising lots of traditional nursery rhymes, and the children have had so much fun joining in with party dancing, including 'the floor is larva'.

Multi-Sports and Forest School Adventures: Our children are also lucky enough to enjoy Multi-Sports every Friday, where they have the opportunity to try out lots of different moves and exercises. These sessions keep everyone active and are a great way for the children to build coordination, confidence, and a love of being active.

We're also thrilled that Forest School has returned! We have the absolute pleasure of Laura the Lion leading our sessions, which take place every other Monday. The children spend the whole morning outdoors, engaging with nature, exploring, and learning through hands-on experiences. From discovering bugs to building dens and exploring the changing seasons, Forest School continues to be one of the most magical parts of our week.

Healthy Eating and Looking After Our Teeth: Next, we explored healthy eating and looking after our teeth. We were very lucky to have a dental surgeon visit us, who showed us how to brush our teeth properly and taught us which foods are good (and not so good!) for our teeth.

Autumn Adventures: As autumn arrived, we took full advantage of our beautiful woodland surroundings to explore the changing seasons. Our mud kitchen became a pumpkin patch kitchen, which quickly became a favourite spot for imaginative play.

The children also made their own autumnal playdough, using natural treasures like conkers, pinecones, and leaves to create their masterpieces. On our light table, they explored autumn leaves, studied their beautiful colours, and made stunning seasonal creations.

Celebrating Diwali and Halloween Fun: We finished the half term by learning about and celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Light. We watched the story of Rama and Sita, and another about a family celebrating Diwali. We talked about fireworks, colours, and light — and then tried out Bollywood dancing together!

As Halloween approached, we had a fantastic time making "scary soup" - spooky concoctions filled with worms, spiders, and colourful potions. The children's imaginations ran wild!



The new play surface



Half Term: During October half term week we had a new play surface (to replace the bark). The children at Breakfast Club, Pre-School and After School club love this and it's made a massive difference to how they can now use this space and ride bikes and scooters around the whole garden!

We ended our half term with our very popular Halloween Sweet Cone Sale, which the children helped make over the past few weeks. They were so proud to help sell them - and we raised lots of money for new resources for our preschool.

We also sent home autumn activity bags for families to enjoy during the half term week. We raised over a massive £500 for our lovely setting through the sponsorships!

Bonfire & Firework night: We had a stall at the Nayland Community Council event at the Nayland village hall in Nayland selling hot chocolates, tea/coffee, soft drinks, sweet cones and toffee/chocolate apples. We would like to thank them for inviting us again and we raised lots of funds for Woodland Corner.

Remembrance at Woodland Corner: The children at Woodland Corner have been busy creating beautiful poppies for our very own wreath, which has been placed at the Nayland War Memorial for everyone to see.

Today we observed the two minutes silence together. We explained to the children that "we are going to sit quietly for a very short time to think about all the people who help to keep us safe." We will remember them.

Our last fundraiser of 2025 will be our Tombola at the Christmas Fayre in Nayland on 6th December see [page 15](#)

We are very busy but still have some spaces left and take government funding. Please call the office 01206 263054 to arrange a visit.



VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646 Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825
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OCTOBER MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for October was read out.
- The boiler service has been carried out.
- The quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The annual Health & Safety Inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The September fire checks have been carried out; no problems found. All the alarms are working.
- The Garden Working Party will take place on Saturday 28th October. The foliage growing around the drive will be cut back.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The new invoicing system on the website is working well.
- The VH email will be changed from Yahoo to Gmail.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The work on the roof has begun. The contractors, TJ Evers, are on schedule and on budget. The batteries have been installed. The completion date is 19th December.
- The National Lottery have paid the second instalment towards the cost of the roof.

FUNDRAISING

- The hall will need continual maintenance once the work on the hall is completed & will need continued fundraising.

NOVEMBER MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for November was read out.
- The inventory will be checked and updated by in January.
- The quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out in January.
- The annual Health & Safety Inspection of the hall will be carried out in January.
- The October fire checks were carried out; no problems found.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The roof works are on budget.
- The VHMC agreed that the CCLA account should be closed

and another savings account for the hall should be opened.

- The rates for the Village Players for set building and use of the meeting room have been agreed.
- The hall contracts with the electricity and water companies have been reviewed.
- It was agreed to increase the pay of our caretaking staff.

BOOKINGS

- The numbers of bookings are increasing, early booking is advised.
- Some complaints were received about the noise & disturbance caused by partygoers at a Halloween party. This matter has been dealt with.

MAINTENANCE

- The work surface in the kitchen has been replaced with a stainless steel one.
- The kitchen will need refurbishment. The ovens will need a professional clean.
- The car park will be resurfaced when the work on the roof is complete.
- A new sink will be fitted in the ladies toilets.
- Locks will repair the switch in the hall for the central heating booster.
- A budget for a land drain to be dug to prevent the flooding of the car park will be sent to the Parish Council.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The work on the roof is nearing completion. The contractors Evers are completing the work on time and on budget. The batteries have been installed. The completion date is 19th December.

FUNDRAISING

- The hall will need continual maintenance once the work on the hall is completed & will continue to need fundraising efforts.

AOB

- Thanks to all who helped with the Garden Working Party and attended the Open Morning.
- An email received from Richard Evans was discussed and a reply will be sent.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: will be **Monday 15th December** at 7.30pm in the hall committee room.

DONATIONS: FUTURE MAINTENANCE

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

Please mark your donations for the roof replacement.

COLLECTION OF KEYS

Please collect keys from Amy Christie, the caretaker, at 5 Meadow Cottages, Wiston Road, Nayland CO6 4FR.
 Phone 07368 803850.

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.

The Village Hall Management Committee would very much appreciate new members

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.

CLASSES & GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Mondays: 9.30 Acrylic Painting (*from Jan*)
 2pm Table Tennis, 5pm Soccer School (*to 5 Jan*)
- Tuesdays: 9.15 Pilates (*from Jan*), 10.45 Adult Dance Club,
 6pm Fitness Class
- Thursdays: 10am Botanical Drawing (*from March*)
 6pm Zumba Class
- Fridays: 9.30am Baby & Toddler Group (*term time*)

Further details of these classes are available on the village hall bookings website via www.naylandandwiston.net.

NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: September & October 2025 by David Lowe

September was a fairly average September, but, nonetheless, threw up a few interesting statistics. Mean temperature was 15.2°C (15.94) with a max of 26.3°C (26.16). Lowest max was 16.3°C (15.06) and lowest minimum 3.8°C (4.94). There were 2 days on which 25°C was reached (2.17) and 17 over 20°C (23.78). There was 1 grass frost and. On 20 nights, the temperature stayed above 10°C.

Bright sun hours were 242.5(244.12) and solar energy was 7350 Ly (7693.05).

Monthly rain was 42 mm (42.32) with a highest daily fall of 11.4 mm (14.53). Evapotranspiration was 73.5 mm, still way over rainfall.

Average wind strength was 5 mph (3.17) second highest over the 18 year record period. Highest daily average was 14.3 mph (8.02) well over anything else recorded in September. Highest gust was 42 mph (31.78) second highest over the record period. There were 4 days over 30 mph, 2 over 35 mph and 1 over 40 mph. The 30 and 35 figures were also records. The predominant wind direction was WSW.

October was a cloudy and windy month, with slightly above average temperature and just below average rainfall.

Mean temperature was 12.4°C (11.78) with a high of 21.6°C (21.06). The lowest was 4°C (1.92). Lowest max was 12.3°C (10.67).

There were no days when 10°C was not reached, 13 when 15°C was not reached (12.65) and only 1 day when 20°C was reached (2.23). There was 1 grass frost.

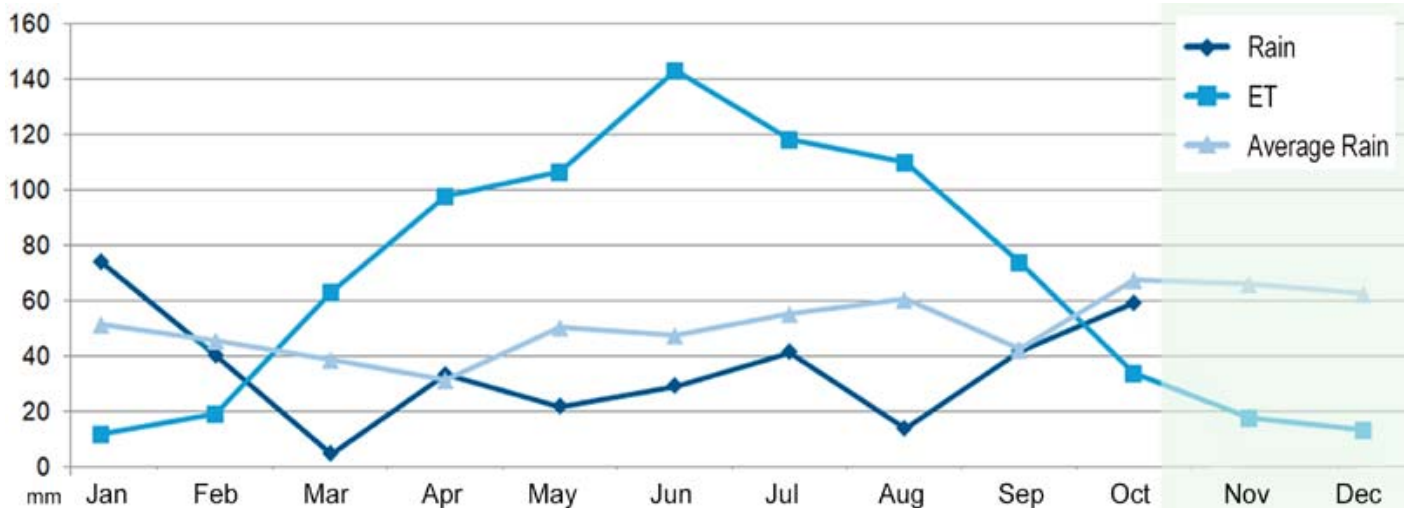
Bright sun hours were 145 (166.43) the least for the 18 year record period. Solar energy was 3750 Ly (4644.12) second lowest. Evapotranspiration was 33.8 mm (36.55) well below rainfall, as expected in October.

Rainfall was 59.2 mm (67.31) with highest daily rain 11.2 mm and highest rainfall rate 62 mm/hr. There were 2 days with over 10 mm of rain (1.88).

Average wind speed was 4.5 mph (3.44) third highest of the record period. Highest daily average was 12 mph (7.38) highest of the record period. There were 4 days over 30 mph (1.23) equal highest and 1 over 35 mph (0.18). Dominant direction was WSW.

NAYLAND: RAINFALL & EVAPOTRANSPIRATION IN 2025

To the end of October, rainfall is 361mm and ET 775.9mm, more than twice as much. There should be some rainfall catch up in November and December, as ET is so low in these months. November & December figures are averages for months ahead.



PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS IN NAYLAND & WISTON

There are now 3 public access defibrillators in Nayland and Wiston with a new defibrillator (jointly funded by the Parish Council and the Community Council) installed on 9th September at Bures Road, Wiston to serve the more rural areas of the parish.

Where are the 3 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
- The verge outside the houses on Bures Road, Wiston CO6 4LZ. What3Words: ///ahead.replying.repaying

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

All of our public access defibrillators are registered with The Circuit, the British Heart Foundation system linked to the Ambulance Service. This means that the Ambulance Service will refer 999 callers to the closest defibrillator if needed.

ALWAYS DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY.

THE CALL HANDLER WILL KNOW THERE IS A DEFIBRILLATOR NEARBY.

Training is not necessary as the device provides clear visual and audible instructions.

This equipment can save vital time whilst waiting for the



MORE ABOUT CHARLES GUMM'S SEAT & LEO MARKS

It was a pleasure to meet four members of the Gumm Family at the 80th Anniversary event of the ending of the Second World War on the 31st August. USAAF 1st Lt Charles Gumm's story is well known in Nayland but it is remarkable that 80 years after the tragedy his memory still lives on. As time goes by there are very few people who remember the crash on the 1st March 1944 but he will always be very much a part of Nayland's history.

Charles's relatives visited the field near Court Knoll where he died when his plane crashed. Even though there were press reports at the time of the drama and his story has been told beyond Nayland many times, the exact spot of the crash will probably never be known. No matter, we know that Lt Gumm's plane was in trouble but he managed to avoid the village before his plane crashed.

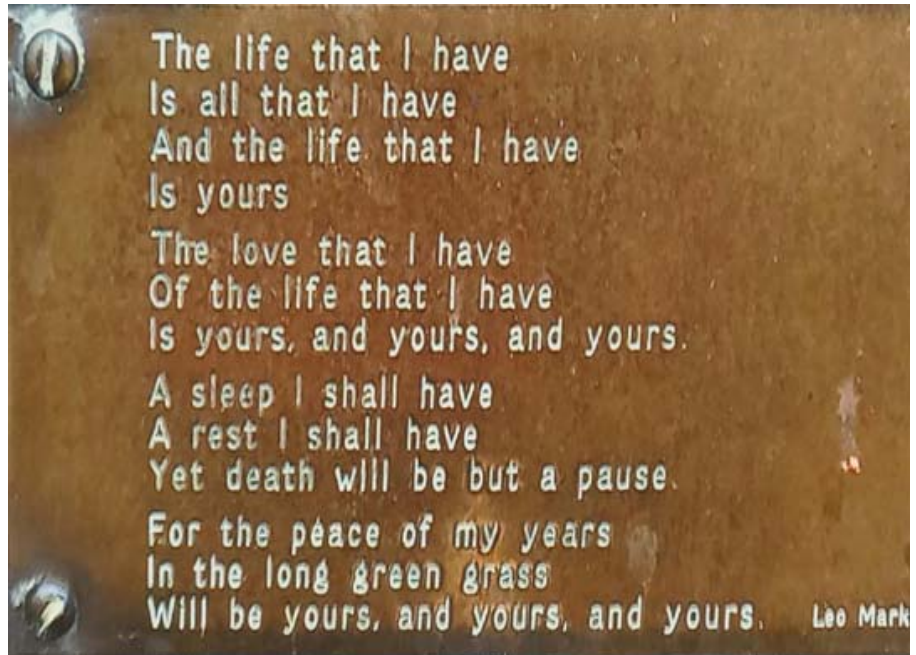
One local newspaper report said that the Vicar at that time, Canon William Wright, saw the plane coming down, "mounted his bicycle and arrived at the scene a few minutes later".

The doctor was already there, probably Dr Crann who was Nayland's GP before Dr McMichael who came just after the war in 1946. The report also said that Mr HF Beady, an ARP Warden and landlord of the Anchor Inn at that time, saw the plane skim over the houses and said, "If ever there was a plucky youth, it was he. He did everything possible to avoid hitting the place."

It was Canon Wright who arranged the special service in St James's Church after the crash and the installation of a memorial seat in the burial ground off Bear Street. This seat was eventually replaced by the Parish Council in 2001 with the new one which stands next to the war memorial in the High Street. Two brass plaques were removed from the old seat and fixed to the new seat, one recording Charles Gumm's birth and death dates and his rank, and the other was engraved with a well-known poem by Leo Marks.

The original seat still stands in the burial ground and many visitors to the burial ground who sit on it are probably quite unaware of its history. These days it looks a little sad, neglected and forgotten, but if you care to look, parts of the original carving can still be seen.

I have been reflecting on the Leo Marks' poem on one of the



Leo Marks's poem on the Charles Gumm seat in the High Street

plaques since I read about its history in a book kindly loaned to me by a friend. It seems relevant at the time to Charles Gumm's death and wonder if it was Canon Wright who chose it.

Leo Marks (1920-2001) was only 22 when he worked as a cryptographer during World War II. He worked for the Special Operations Executive which organised and supported the resistance movements behind German lines. It was Leo's job not to break codes but to create them for agents who were parachuted behind enemy lines.

Leo met and fell in love with a nurse called Ruth during the war who was training for air ambulance work but she was sadly killed in an air crash in 1943. The following Christmas Eve in his grief Leo wrote a poem to her entitled "The Life that I Have", sometimes called "Yours".

It was only a few months after this, in 1944, that Leo gave the poem to Violette Szabo, a young French resistance worker who had been working under cover in German occupied France. Secret agents had to memorise a verse whose letters created a code that was unique to them to enable them to send messages back to Britain. Tragically a few months after receiving this poem Violette was captured by the Germans in France, was tortured and executed.

After the war in 1958, Violette's story was made into a film called "Carve Her Name with Pride" starring Virginia McKenna and Paul Scofield, which many people will remember. Seeing this true story which featured the moving poem by Leo Marks was an unforgettable experience for many who saw the film as the war was still fresh in the minds of many people.

When Charles Gumm died in 1944 the poem Leo Marks had written in memory of his girlfriend had only been composed a few months before; he then gifted it to the brave Violette Szabo and just a few more months after that she also died. All these events happened coincidentally within a few months of each other. I wonder if Canon Wright knew about the poem's history, thought it was appropriate and decided to install it on the plaque which was fixed to the original memorial seat in the burial ground.

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder

[Reference: Robert Lacey, *Great Tales from English History* (1690-1953)]



The old seat in the Burial Ground

CALEY GREEN

23rd September 2025 was a joyous day for many residents... when after much lobbying, for a long time, work began on cutting the reeds that had established themselves through neglect.

It is wonderful to see this section of the riverside restored to as it was created to be.

Ducks have gathered, as they used to, Moorhens have been seen and the swans have made more use of the space.

Human activity on the river has been more enjoyable too.

Residents, especially those less mobile, have been enjoying the open view, others have been seen fishing - as is their right.



Many positive comments have been made about the improvement.

A number of people have expressed gratitude to Suffolk County Council, and others, for their efforts made towards restoring the Green.

John Spooner, who has lived near the Green most of his life, recalls that when the A134 by-pass was constructed in the 60s much of the excavated earth was used to landscape the Green and it was designated for use by residents. Fishing rights were given to residents.

The Environment Agency, (since 2005 in Nayland) no longer managed riverside vegetation, or silt build up.

This work was contracted out by SCC, owners of the Green, after years of requests from villagers. Ecologists and the Environment Agency were consulted. They were only allowed to cut the reeds, not pull them.

Nevertheless it is hoped this may allow greater biodiversity as the brutish reeds have prevented growth of other less robust species of riverside plants.



Two decades of neglect resulted in this being a large job to undertake and it may take a little while for the area to settle.

As well as Suffolk CC, the Parish Council, the Friends of Caley Green and other residents have contributed to the efforts in pushing this work to fruition. So thanks to everyone.

Now we can all enjoy this wonderful public open space as it has been intended all along.

Babergh District Council
Waste and Recycling

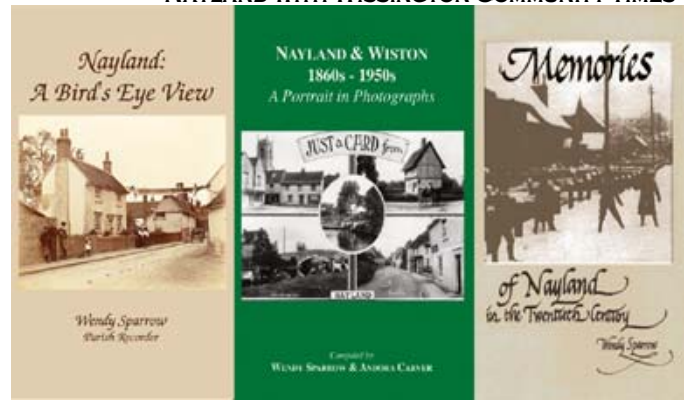
Christmas & New Year Bin Collection Schedule 2025-26

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

	Usual collection date	Amended collection date	Change
Recycling	Monday 22 December 2025	No Change	None
	Tuesday 23 December 2025	No Change	None
	Wednesday 24 December 2025	No Change	None
	Thursday 25 December 2025	Saturday 27 December 2025	2 days later
	Friday 26 December 2025	Monday 29 December 2025	3 days later
Refuse	Monday 29 December 2025	Tuesday 30 December 2025	1 day later
	Tuesday 30 December 2025	Wednesday 31 December 2025	1 day later
	Wednesday 31 December 2025	Friday 2 January 2026	2 days later
	Thursday 1 January 2026	Saturday 3 January 2026	2 days later
	Friday 2 January 2026	Monday 5 January 2026	3 days later
Recycling	Monday 5 January 2026	Tuesday 6 January 2026	1 day later
	Tuesday 6 January 2026	Wednesday 7 January 2026	1 day later
	Wednesday 7 January 2026	Thursday 8 January 2026	1 day later
	Thursday 8 January 2026	Friday 9 January 2026	1 day later
	Friday 9 January 2026	Saturday 10 January 2026	1 day later

Refuse and recycling collections continue as normal up to Wednesday 24 December; they return to normal on Monday 12 January 2026
Garden waste collections take place as normal until Friday 19 December.
No garden waste collections 22 December to 4 January 2026.
They return to the normal schedule from Monday 5 January 2026.

Further information at: www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services
Waste Services: 0300 1234 000 (option 4)



NAYLAND PUBLICATIONS & GIFTS

Stuck for a small gift idea or Christmas stocking filler?

Did you know there are a number of Nayland publications and gifts. Most will be available at the Christmas Fayre on 6th December or are available from Forget Me Not, 2 Birch Street. For example:

- **Nayland & Wiston 2026 Calendar**
- **Tea Towels:** design showing features of Nayland
- **Postcards & Notelets:** with historic Nayland scenes



HISTORY BOOKS: including:

- **Nayland and Wiston: A Portrait in Photographs:** fascinating old photographs from Nayland and Wiston which show the history and character of people and places and reveals what life was like as early as 1860. The pictures are delightful.
- **Memories of Nayland:** provides an interesting picture of Nayland in the twentieth century through the memories of some of its residents.
- **Nayland: A Bird's Eye View:** a collection of articles about people and events from Nayland's past, historic buildings and much more.
- **Is it Wiston or Wissington?** The history of Nayland's 'other parish' from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century.
- **Nayland: Suffolk Town and Village:** this is a short history of Nayland and Wiston including the following chapters: Nayland's industries and trades, schools, churches, medical and other services, river, road, and railways, social pursuits, personal and family reminiscences. There is a walk around guide and map at the back.
- **A Walk Around Historic Nayland:** a small booklet with photographs and drawings.
- **Nayland with Wissington Remembers 1945:** a collection of photographs, documents and family stories to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World.

SCHOOL HISTORY BOOKS:

- **Book 1: A History of Nayland Schools (1707-2004)**
- **Book 2: Nayland School at War**
- **Book 3: For King and Country**

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

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

- **Leavenheath:** Village Hall
- The household recycling centres are:
- **Sudbury:** Sandy Lane, Sudbury, CO10 7HG (off Bulmer Road, Ballingdon Hill - A131)
 - **Hadleigh:** Crockett Road, Hadleigh, IP7 6RD (off Lady Lane Industrial Estate)

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

REAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Babergh DC will recycle your real Christmas tree for free!

If you have a brown garden waste bin you can leave your real Christmas tree (with all decorations removed) beside your brown bin for collection during January.

Please note: Large trees (more than 7 ft tall, or a trunk thicker than 7cm) cannot be collected alongside brown bins. They can be taken to a recycling centre or a collection point.





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: November/December

<u>Sunday 30th November</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Polstead
	10.00am	Advent Benefice Serv.	Nayland
<u>Sunday 7th December</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 14th December</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Wednesday 17th</u>	Carols around the Tree, Nayland High Street		
<u>Saturday 20th</u>	6.30pm	Carol Service	Polstead
<u>Sunday 21st December</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Leavenheath
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	Nayland
<u>Monday 22nd</u>	Carols on the Green, Stoke		
<u>Wednesday 24th December</u>	3.00pm	Crib Service	Stoke
	4.00pm	Christingle	Leavenheath
	4.00pm	Christingle	Nayland
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Stoke
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Stoke
<u>Thursday 25th December</u>	9.30am	Family Eucharist	Polstead
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	Nayland
<u>Sunday 28th December</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion	Hadleigh
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke

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: January/February

<u>Sunday 4th January</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 January</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	5.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 18th January</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 January</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Evensong	Nayland
	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Polstead
	10.00am	Advent Benefice Serv.	Nayland
<u>Sunday 1st February</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

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

FROM THE REGISTERS



DEATHS

Ralph Harris

BURIAL OF ASHES

Margaret Day

BAPTISM

Harry Judge

Edward Fryer

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

Churchwardens: Kathy Hunt (262014) is the point of contact for Nayland church queries or Nicola Thorogood 262453 for St Mary's Wiston.

My dear all,

This time, I would like to tell you a tale from the region I was born: the county of Provence in the South of France. It is a beautiful story teaching you how easily we can be distracted from what Christmas actually means. Read it, have a thought and answer the question: what is Christmas, the activity, the Incarnation of the Word of God?

Reverend Stéphane

THE THREE WHISPERED MASSES. A CHRISTMAS TALE

This is a story that happened in the 17th century in the south of France. It was written by Alphonse Daudet in his "Letters from my windmill".

The story is set in the castle of Trinquelage on Christmas Eve. Don Balaguère, reverend chaplain of the castle is discussing with his sacristan Garrigou in the vestry. The two men are not discussing about the preparation of the service but of the meal that is to follow. The reverend is captivated by the amount of details that his sacristan is giving to him. The sacristan spent the whole day with the kitchen preparing. He knows very well what kind of birds was on the table. He knows everything about the variety of fish that were prepared. He knows the kind of wine that was set on the table. He knows everything about the dishes, glasses, the centrepieces, the flowers and candelabra that were displayed. He describes so much wonders that will trouble the mind of the reverend before he gets to the sanctuary.

There are actually two things to know. First as you will understand, is that his clerk is actually the devil himself for tonight. Second is that at these times in the Catholic Church, it was the tradition to attend to three masses in a row at Christmas Eve.

So, while both men were preparing for the mass, the population and the nobility of the region were aiming to the chapel of the castle. The first mass went more or less well. The mind of the priest was sometimes digressing, thinking about all the delicacies waiting for him at the table of his lordship the marquees of Trinquelage. The coming in and out of all the personal working in the kitchen at the back of the chapel troubles him again. And

without realising it, he says the grace instead of a blessing. Garrigou spends his time ringing the bells with a pace that accelerates. More or less the priest ends the mass with a pretty acceptable standard.

Just the time to breathe and now starts the second mass. But this time the bells won't stop ringing and the images in his mind won't go away. The reverend is now swallowing the pages of his book of prayers with avidity. When he starts with "The Lord be..."; he sacristan interrupts him with an "also with you". The pace accelerates. The churchgoers start to wonder what is happening.

"Two! One last more" says to himself Don Balaguère.

And now starts the third mass like a race. The bells are ringing frantically. Pages are jumping. The celebrant is mumbling. The congregation doesn't know when to stand, kneel or sit anymore. The creed is omitted. After all, nobody complains because everybody has got all the beauty, the smells and taste of the promised meal blurring their mind. And at the moment the priest bursts in a "go in peace to serve the Lord", everybody is already running to the dining room.

That night, Don Balaguère ate a lot. So much that he died of a heart attack. It is now time to face the judgement. He hasn't got the welcoming he would have hoped. The Eternal greets him with fury.

"So you've stolen me a mass?! You dragged your whole congregation in an unforgivable sin of gluttony. Did you think a life a virtue would cover this disgrace? You've stolen one, you will say 300 before you and all your parishioners go through these gates!"

Since that day, the shepherds of the county have been telling to who would listen, that every Christmas Eve, among the ruins of the former castle, you could see people dressed in old clothes, congregating to the chapel. A priest was saying a silent mass, accompanied by a servant ringing silent bells.

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COMMUNITY PANTRY AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Christmas should be a joyous time for all, but it won't be for some people in our community who will find it hard to spare the means from tight budgets to make much of a celebration.

If you could spare anything to help, it would be very much appreciated. It could simply be some everyday food, toiletries or household items. If you would prefer to give something more festive, it might be best to hand these to any of the pantry organisers so they can make sure they are shared out.

If you make a donation to the Community Pantry/Hardship fund, we will provide Christmas treats of various kinds according to our means.

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- **Refuse Collections:** <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/collection-days/>
- **Fly-tipping:** <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping>
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- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StokeByNaylandBoxfordLeavenheathNaylandBures/>
- https://nextdoor.co.uk/news_feed/

BUS TIMETABLES: Service 43 & variants from 1st September 2025

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VILLAGE DIARY

Weekly on	Mondays: Tuesday: Wednesdays: Fridays:	Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 25</i> Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 30</i> Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James <i>page 7 & 32</i> Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 25</i> Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 14 & 33</i>
November		
21st	Village Cinema: <i>'The Ballad of Wallis Island'</i> open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 26</i>	
24th	Royal British Legion: AGM Will Hitchcock <i>'Captain Matthew Flinders'</i> 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 30</i>	
December		
1st	Community Council: Advent Windows open each day <i>page 8 & 13</i>	
3rd, 5th, 6th	Village Players: Ashley Burgoyne's <i>'The Village Hall'</i> 3rd @ 6.30pm 5th/6th @ 8pm Village Hall <i>page 19 & 26</i>	
6th	Community Council: Christmas Fayre 10am-12.30pm Village Hall <i>page 8 & 15</i>	
7th	Community Council: Christmas tree going up in High Street 9am <i>page 8</i>	
7th	Nayland Choir winter concert <i>'What Sweeter Music'</i> 3.30 for 4pm Village Hall <i>page 19 & 32</i>	
8th	Christmas Trail Christmas trees are revealed <i>page 9 & 13</i>	
8th	Dedham Vale Society: Charlie Haylock <i>'An Eccentric Look at Suffolk'</i> 7.30pm for 8pm Village Hall	
10th	Wednesday Coffee Morning: 10am St James - Woodland Corner & Nayland School will be performing <i>page 32</i>	
11th	Women's Institute: <i>'Nayland Handbell Ringers'</i> 2.30pm Village Hall <i>page 26</i>	
12th	Village Cinema: <i>'The Salt Path'</i> open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 26</i>	
14th	Country Music Sunday: monthly dances <i>'Kevin Barry'</i> 1.15pm for 2pm Village Hall <i>page 15</i>	
15th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 35 & 47</i>	
17th	Carols Around the Christmas Tree with the Boxted Silver Band at 7pm High Street <i>page 11 & 40</i>	
21st	Winter Solstice Picnic on Caley Green 1pm All welcome <i>page 6</i>	
21st	Nine Lessons & Carol Service at St James' Church at 6.30pm <i>page 11, 32 & 40</i>	
24th	Community Council: Father Christmas will be touring Nayland, starting 2pm in the High Street <i>page 9 & 12</i>	
24th	St James Church: Christingle at 4pm <i>page 32 & 40</i>	
January		
4th	Community Council: taking down the village Christmas tree High Street 9am	
5th	Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm (<i>Exec 7.30pm</i>) <i>page 9 & 47</i>	
5th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 35 & 47</i>	
7th	Wednesday Coffee Morning: weekly meetings resume 10am St James <i>page 32</i>	
8th	Women's Institute: <i>'Grumpy Old Women' & Quiz 10am Church Hall</i> <i>page 26</i>	
11th	NEW Introductory Youth Club 7.30pm Leavenheath Village Hall <i>page 14</i>	
11th	Village Players: Auditions <i>'Play tbc'</i> 5pm-7pm Church Hall <i>page 15 & 26</i>	
14th	Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>	
14th	Village Players: Auditions <i>'Play tbc'</i> 7.30-9.30pm Church Hall <i>page 15 & 26</i>	
16th	Village Cinema: <i>'Film tbc'</i> open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 26</i>	
February		
6th	Community Council: Fun Village Quiz 7.30pm sharp Village Hall <i>page 9 & 10</i>	
12th	Women's Institute: <i>'Soap made from Goats Milk'</i> Irene Barnett <u>10am Church Hall</u> <i>page 26</i>	
16th	Royal British Legion: 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 30</i>	
27th	Village Cinema: <i>'Film tbc'</i> open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 26</i>	
Forward Planner		
10th March	Conservation Society: AGM & Frances Christie <i>'High Value Art'</i> <i>page 31</i>	
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14th April	HortSoc: AGM & Fun Quiz Church Hall <i>page 28</i>	
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