



# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

YOUR LOCAL MAGAZINE FOR NEWS AND VIEWS

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Hortsoc: Morning Market

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## PAVEMENT PARKERS: TAKE NOTE!

Traffic congestion and parking problems can occur all over the village but there has been another spate of complaints about the obstruction of pavements in Stoke Road forcing pedestrians onto the road. This is a Police matter and is an offence.

As a result of the complaints PC1293 Niall Johnson will be visiting and proceeding with traffic offence reports for offending vehicles. See more details on page 12

## NEW YOUTH CLUB

A newly formed community social group for 11-14 year olds has been established by our local church. Monthly sessions are held in Nayland Village hall from 7.30-9pm providing a safe supervised place to socialise and have fun. There are optional activities and games. Snacks and drinks are provided. Come with friends or on your own. See more on pages 14 & 32

Nayland with Wissington Calendar  
**PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

We're all looking forward to seeing your fabulous images.....  
Deadline for your photo entries will be Monday 20th April  
Vote for your favourites from 24th to 26th April  
Further details on [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net) or see page 11

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 20th May

7.45 for 8pm in the Village Hall

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

If you are unable to attend but wish to ask a question about matters relating to services and responsibilities of any of the three local councils, please email or telephone the Parish Clerk before Friday 8th May. Councillors will endeavour to give an answer during the meeting or soon afterwards.

Debbie Hattrell, Parish Clerk [clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk)

Dawn Harris, Chair [dawn.harris@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:dawn.harris@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk)

View the CT in colour on: [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

## Notes by observer of the meeting: 11th February 2026

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

### FUTURE OF COMMON ROOM AT PARKERS WAY

Jeremy Robbins, Community Officer at Babergh DC, explained that Babergh is moving away from providing sheltered housing. Funding and demand have declined and the cost of wardens and necessary changes to telephone alarm systems have led to the decision to withdraw the sheltered element of some schemes including Parkers Way. He said that since the decision was communicated, all the residents have decided to remain. Their service charge will go down as a result.

If an official community group or the PC wanted to take over the management of the common room, this could be arranged. The building and grounds maintenance will remain with Babergh.

It was noted that the right to buy option for residents of what was previously sheltered housing is being investigated.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Lorraine Brooks said that complaints and photographs had been received for the Community Times regarding obstruction of pavements by vehicles in Stoke Road.

Sally Dalton raised questions regarding the readiness of recycling plant and other facilities needed for the new central government led refuse arrangements.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Dawn Harris chaired the meeting. There is a councillor vacancy on the PC; this will be publicised.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece reminded councillors that residents will soon receive information packs about new waste and recycling systems to be implemented from June. She updated the meeting that they planned to clear vegetation from the wall of Nayland burial ground before March to allow a full structural survey to be undertaken; she will continue to monitor developments. In relation to the common room at Parkers Way, details will be provided on the estimated costs of running the facility to enable the Parish to consider the next steps.

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Responding to Gerry Battye's query about the potholes and poor condition of the road along Bear Street and other locations. James Finch explained that the continuous wet conditions are delaying the work as it needs to be drier for effective repair. He reminded everyone to ensure every pothole is reported on the reporting tool, to enable the work to be prioritised when conditions improve.

### HIGHWAYS

Parking on pavements causing obstructions in both Stoke Road and Parkers Way was raised. Parked vehicles causing reduction in road space for emergency vehicles was mentioned. The Clerk will ask Babergh's Parking Enforcement team to investigate. Problem parking during school pick up times was raised and it was agreed to monitor the situation.

A report of damaged verges in Cawley Road was discussed; Dawn Harris agreed to communicate with the resident and report using the Highways Reporting Tool.

### FINANCE

An application for a funding contribution had been received towards acoustic rafts for Woodland Corner. Woodland Corner is privately run and is of great benefit to the village. The PC were supportive of the principle of contributing subject to budget being found to allocate. One consideration is the PC's CIL monies, so it was agreed to seek clarification from the Babergh CIL team that funds could be used in this respect.

### PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **1 Fox Cottages, Bures Road [DC/25/04974]** for demolition of existing garage and store and erection of new garage and store or at **50 Gravel Hill [DC/26/00094]** for reduction of walnut tree.

In recent applications received councillors had no objections at **Nayland Meadow, Horkesley Road [DC/26/00202]** for works notification to various Ash, Oak and Willow trees. Councillors had no objections at **Land to the rear of the Anchor Inn, 26**

**Court Street [DC/25/05611]** for change of use from unused meadow/grassland to a small, seasonal watersports business subject to safeguards to prevent further expansion and to minimise the impact including: no parking on the field or on Court Knoll track; the number of crafts not to exceed those within this application; no changes to the surface; full consultation with the Environment Agency.

### HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Owen Brown reported that Community Action Suffolk have confirmed the costs of a survey. There are fixed costs of £2,000, however, the remainder is based on the households and return rate. Stationary is reimbursed at cost. It is therefore between £2,500 and £3,000. The Finance Meeting allocated some of the PC CIL at £2,165, so further funds will need to be allocated to proceed.

Tricia Fuller then explained the progress regarding the proposed new alms houses for the benefit of Nayland residents under the charity objectives. The proposal is for Local Affordable homes at Plough Lane, Leavenheath with some market housing to support the funding. Housing Associations have been approached, and planning will involve rural exception site rules as the land is not within the Parish built up area.

### OPEN SPACES

An update of progress on river revetment installation at Caley Green by civil engineers Concertus is awaited.

It was felt that nearby residents should be consulted about a request to site a memorial bench on the Caley Green triangle in Bear Street. Another location near the river was suggested as potentially more suitable; this would be discussed with the family.

The Clerk would action the annual safety inspection of the Playpark, progress should be made on necessary signage for the recreation ground.

### VILLAGE HALL

Congratulations were expressed to the Village Hall Committee, particularly the Chairman, for the successful completion of the replacement roof project. There are some snagging issues and painting. New flooring in the hall has been installed. A donation offer has been received for new curtains in the hall.

### ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

The date has been set for Wednesday 20th May. That may coincide with the required publicity for the Housing Needs Survey, however, that will depend on progress.

### IN BRIEF

The Community Council will celebrate their 60th Anniversary at the AGM on 4th March.

The Village Hall meeting room has been booked for the Allotment Holders Meeting on 9th April.

An item regarding footpaths would be discussed in committee following the meeting in the public interest.



# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes by observer of the meeting: 11th March 2026

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

### PUBLIC FORUM

A Stoke by Nayland resident asked the PC, following the discontinuation of the LSPN magazine, if they could support in any way production of a LSPN Mark 2. The previous LSPN had been losing money due to reduced advertising. They are asking the PCs of all four villages. They were thanked for attending and asked to be updated on progress.

The Community Times (CT) editor pointed out that the Nayland and Wiston magazine had also experienced a considerable drop in advertising and profits were now minimal. While the two magazines had run alongside each other very amicably in the past a new LSPN Mark 2 going forward would be competition in a dwindling market. She reminded councillors that in 2004, prior to her becoming editor, a consultation with residents found they did not wish the CT to merge into the LSP (Leavenheath, Stoke & Polstead), as it was called then. This had been proposed by the LSP editor who wanted to raise their distribution figures to attract more advertisers. They then added 'N' to the LSP name and began distribution in Nayland village to serve that purpose. Distribution of the LSPN did not reach all outlying homes or any of Wiston.

On the subject of conducting a Housing Needs Survey, Sally Dalton asked what the purpose was for Nayland and whether any potential development sites had been located. It was confirmed no sites have been located.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Dawn Harris chaired the meeting. The Clerk raised that the PC did not currently have a bus and transport representative to attend online forum meetings; Joan Border agreed to take this on.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece said she was chasing progress regarding the burial ground flint wall; the Clerk said Babergh had been due to clear vegetation from the wall before March in order to conduct a structural survey.

She reported that in connection with the new waste and recycling system due to commence in June that Babergh had received a great number of concerns regarding the accommodation of additional wheelie bins and many more about the three weekly collection of general rubbish.

Discussing the future of the common room at Parkers Way councillors said they were awaiting details from Babergh of potential options and costs involved in order to consider the next steps if any village organisation was interested in managing the facility.

### HIGHWAYS

It was confirmed that Babergh will be mowing the area around the old Harpers Estate bus shelter but the cutting schedule is not known. Councillors noted that some of the potholes in the village are being filled.

Regarding the obstruction of pavements by vehicles along Stoke Road, PC Johnson has agreed action with the Community Times. The next issue will remind residents of the impact of pavement parking, that it is an offence to obstruct the pavement and the consequences of doing so and it will warn that the Police have agreed to visit and issue traffic offence reports for offending vehicles.

The Clerk had contacted Babergh's Parking Enforcement team in connection with the parking issues on Stoke Road and Parkers Way. However, they confirmed situations with obstructions caused by vehicles are a Police matter.

### FINANCE

Discussing an application for a funding contribution towards acoustic rafts for Woodland Corner, it was agreed they could contribute £500 from their budget to the project.

Charity payments of £100 each would be made to: Nayland Community First Responders, Sudbury Citizens Advice, Homestart Suffolk, and Suffolk Accident Rescue. These charities benefit Nayland residents.

Councillors heard that campaigners trying to save the Boxted Bridge are hoping to raise £12,300 to pay for an impartial survey

by specialist engineers who are sensitive to the repair of historic buildings. Councillors were supportive of the campaign but had no funds in their budget to contribute at this time.

The Clerk identified that the older lantern style lights in Bear Street are more expensive to run than the LED Lights and suggested that consideration be given to whether to make any changes. Further information and the potential costs involved is awaited. It has been suggested the area is quite dark; consideration to the comparison with downward facing LED lights could be considered.

### PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **Bridge House Horkesley Road** [DC/25/05528 & 29] for installing timber detailing above the existing low-level brick boundary wall, a new gate, and erection of a new garden shed within the curtilage of the listed building; at **Nayland Meadow Horkesley Road** [DC/26/00202] for works to a mixed group of Ash and Oak trees – to crown clean the group, remove over extended lateral limbs to balance out the crowns, fell Oak to favour 2 trees either side, fell Ash to favour 2 oaks, re-pollard Willow back to old pollard points; or to discharge of conditions at **Land And Pond Adjacent River Stour** [DC/26/00460] for application DC/25/04378 concerning the Guard Rail and Management Plan.

Discussing recent applications councillors had no objections at **16 Paddock Grove** [DC/26/00857] for conversion of existing garage to be re purposed as a home office and gym and erecting a wooden apex shed.

### OPEN SPACES

No recent update of progress on river revetment installation at Caley Green has been received; Kevin Sheath will contact the engineer. It was noted that a planning application had not yet been made. A meeting will be held with a family to identify the most suitable location for a memorial bench.

A member of the public had asked Gerry Battye if area of grass along the path on Caley Green could be cut shorter. Gerry will clarify details to enable the Clerk to notify the grass cutting contractors.

The annual Playpark inspection had taken place and its condition praised; some cleaning would be carried out.

Signage for the recreation ground was still to be implemented. A survey of the benches in the Parish is carried out periodically; another will be considered.

### IN BRIEF

The Village Hall meeting room has been booked on 9th April for the Allotment Holders meeting.



## ROGATION SUNDAY

The usual trailer ride will take place on

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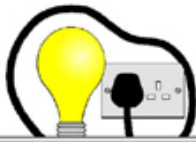
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## YOUR RECYCLING & WASTE SERVICES ARE CHANGING.

### WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHEN



- You'll be getting new wheelie bins to use alongside your existing ones.
- For homes where space is limited, you may get a smaller box or sack instead.

#### When does it start?

- The new service starts in June.
- We'll be delivering your new bin for recycling and food waste caddies – these deliveries are expected to take around twelve weeks. The food waste caddies may be delivered separately to the wheelie bin.
- If your current recycling bin has a blue lid, your new one will have a green lid.
- During May we'll send you a detailed information pack and collection calendar.
- The exact date your new collection date will start will be in your collection calendar.

#### Food Caddies...

- You will receive two caddies. The smaller caddy is to store your food waste inside the home. This waste can then be transferred to the larger caddy, kept outside.
- We've also popped in a free roll of compostable caddy liners to get you started. Replacements can be purchased from supermarkets.

#### Collections...

Food caddies will be collected weekly; general refuse and recycling will be on a three-week cycle.

One recycling bin will collect paper and card, the other will collect glass, tins and cans, cartons and plastics.

To find our more visit: [www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/better-recycling](http://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/better-recycling)

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Food						
Recycling						
Rubbish						
Garden (optional)						

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

Please make sure your bin is out by 6.30am on collection day

Check for delays: [www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services) or phone 0300 1234 000 (option 4)

April 2026							May 2026							
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27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

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

Please put your bin out by 6.30am

Check for delays at: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling> or 0300 1234 000 (option 4)

## NEW ELECTRICAL RECYCLING BANKS

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have launched a new recycling scheme for electrical items. This includes things like coffee machines, kettles, mobile phones, tablets, and anything smaller than a 4-slice toaster.

The striking new pink recycling bins located in Babergh can found at:

- Bures Community Centre
- Stevenson Centre, Gt Cornard
- Magdalen Road car park, Hadleigh
- Old School car park, Long Melford
- Cock Inn coach park, Lavenham
- Shotley Village Hall



## NAYLAND & WISTON: Local volunteers to help neighbours

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

If you think you can help please let Lorraine Brooks know [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com) or 262807



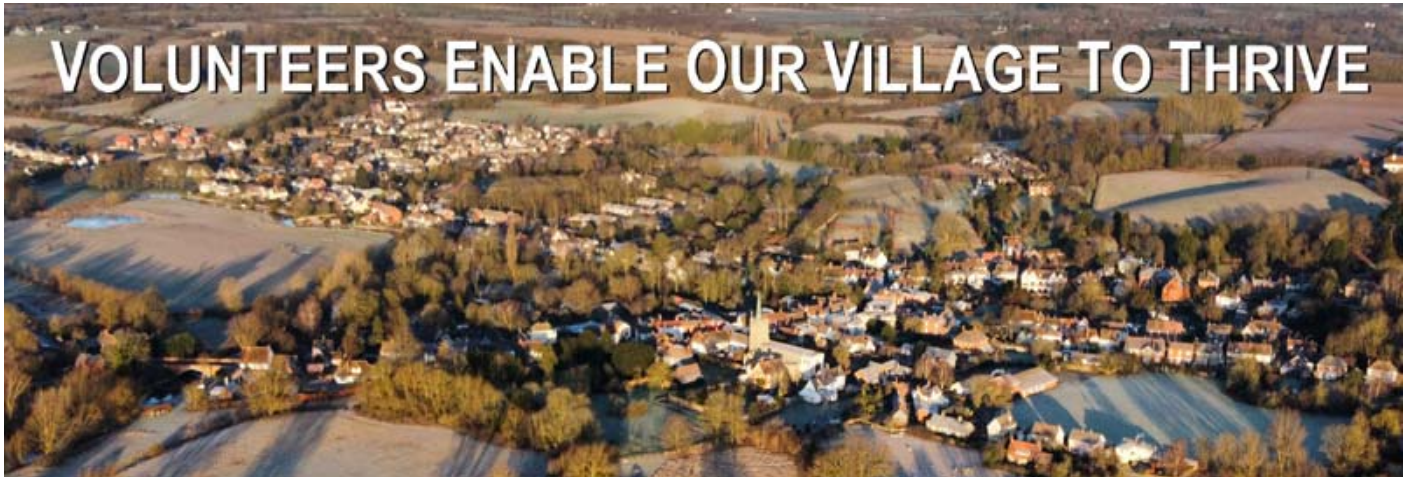
## NEIGHBOURS IN NEED APPEAL

The Community Council issued this appeal when they became aware that there are a few residents in the village who at times are unable to get out for themselves due to age or physical issues and would benefit from having a prescription collected, a local errand run or some shopping dropped off. Residents excelled themselves when the appeal was made by putting themselves forward.

If you would like assistance that we can offer please let Lorraine Brooks know via email at [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto: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.



# VOLUNTEERS ENABLE OUR VILLAGE TO THRIVE

Sustaining a thriving community life in Nayland and Wiston depends on those who generously step forward.

The desirability of living here, beyond the attraction of the heritage buildings and dwellings within the AONB, lies in its residents and community: its clubs and societies, shops, pubs, school, church, commercial outlets, green spaces, the river, and recreation.

Residents are able to enjoy a myriad of activities, annual events, fundraisers, celebrations or national milestones held in our halls and other venues. Such occasions are possible due to our spirited and engaged population of all age groups coming together in a cohesive manner for our benefit. For this we are truly grateful, however, should not take this for granted. Almost everything listed in the Community Times is organised by volunteers giving a little time to keep our village alive.

A small, engaged group of volunteers form the Community Council - a charity established in 1966 initiated the purchase of Webb's Meadow and construction of our village hall. It is an umbrella organisation of some 20 or so village organisations and continues to raise funds to provide and sustain facilities for the benefit of the community and provide grants to village organisations. It publishes the Community Times, hosts annually a Quiz, Firework Night and various Christmas events.

The impressive facilities at the village hall are managed by a committee. There is also the church hall for smaller functions and St James' church which hosts a popular weekly coffee morning, the community pantry, concerts as well as church services.

Our Parish Council and a host of other village societies and organisations which are an asset to the village also rely on volunteers, such as: the Conservation and Horticultural societies, Village Cinema, Village Lunch, Village Players, Nayland Choir, Baby & Toddler Group, Youth Club, Table Tennis and Art Clubs, Royal British Legion, Women's Institute, Community First Responders and several Friends groups (St James, St Mary's churches).

*These are all managed by volunteers.* Our Parish Councillors are also volunteers.

In 2026 we find life has shifted and the village may become at risk of becoming dormitory, no longer enjoying the many and various recreational and communal activities that make Nayland a thriving environment in which to live. A diminishing and ageing nucleus of the same willing faces has kept all our activities going but new blood is necessary, now and in the future. So please consider whether you can help. Perhaps you have a practical bent that can be turned to good use, your admin or accounts and the preparation of balance sheets skills could be applied. Perhaps you just like meeting people and helping where... and when you are able to. If you would like to know more or wish to offer your participation please get in touch with the organisation contact person *listed on page 47, or throughout the following pages.*

Currently volunteers would be welcome:

- **Community Council** would welcome committee members
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member
- **Parish Council** have a vacancy for a Councillor and a **Parish Footpath Warden**
- **St James' Flower Arranging Team** would welcome others to help them; guidance given if required
- **St James' Parochial Church Council** require another **Church Warden**
- **Horticultural Society** require committee members and helpers at some of their events
- **Conservation Society** require committee members
- **Church Bellingers** would welcome new ringers
- **Village Players** would welcome volunteers to help build their sets and help backstage.

## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING PARTIES

*Further details on page 46*

Chair: Dawn Harris [dawn.harris@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:dawn.harris@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk)  
 Vice Chair: Owen Brown

#### WORKING PARTIES:

Allotments: Dawn Harris, Owen Brown, Ruth Beverley  
 Burial Ground: Owen Brown  
 Caley Green: Kevin Sheath, Dawn Harris, Owen Brown, Sally Dalton  
 Fairfield: Gerry Battye, Dawn Harris  
 Finance: 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

## SCHEDULED ROADWORKS

### Horkesley Hill (Pops Bridge Road)

30 Mar 08:00 - 2 Apr 18:00 BST

Road closure

Gigaclear Ltd: Works for faster broadband

### Harpers Hill

1 - 3 April

Some carriageway incursion

Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

### Court Street

18 May - 19 May 00:00 - 23:59

Road closure

Anglian Water: Stop Tap Replacements.

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

*This was correct when Community Times went to print  
 (this can be subject to change/delays)*

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

**AGM: 4th March 2026** Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309  
Full minutes available at: [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk)

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members and residents to the meeting – thanks to all those who came. As planned, this year's AGM was a more social event to mark the Community Council's 60th Anniversary alongside celebrating the Village Hall roof. Iain Wright and the Village Hall Management Committee were thanked for their efforts to secure the fabulous new roof which protects the longevity of the hall. Thanks were also given to Lorraine for producing displays and albums charting the history of both the Community Council and the Village Hall. These were interesting to peruse and evoked a lot of memories. The archive albums are available online at <http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/History.html> and are well worth a look.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

2025 was a successful year for the Community Council and as usual this report is an opportunity to highlight the positive things that the Community Council has achieved in the community over the past year.

Thanks as always goes to all those involved in the Community Council and their many contributions. Our membership is drawn from village societies and we are grateful for their ongoing support with our events and activities and for the opportunity to be able to support them in their endeavours too. As I have said in previous years, it all helps to keep Nayland the thriving and active village we know and love!

Thanks to the stalwart Executive Committee: Bryan Smith, Claire Buller, Matt Cable, Iain Wright, Jo Metson, Vicki Sargent, Julie Clark, Heike Ellwood, Becs Spendiff and Maggie Ryan. Thanks too to Lorraine Brooks who, although she has stepped back from her role as Secretary, has continued to produce the excellent Community Times and the Village Calendar as well as continuing to carry out many other important tasks for the Community Council and many other village organisations too.

**Community Council events and activities:** And thank you to everybody who helps with Community Council events – it's a credit to everyone that we are able to have such a full diary, raising funds which benefit the village in so many different ways.

**Bonfire Night:** Bonfire Night has firmly established itself as our biggest fundraiser of the year and a key event in the village calendar. This year was another sell-out event, attracting over 1400 people to enjoy Firework Crazy's brilliant display.

Thank you as always to our many helpers at this event, including Fred Bugg and team for the bonfire, Iain Wright for the multitude of lighting and sound equipment and general 'kit' and of course everyone who helped on the refreshments, gate and stalls. Thanks too to [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org), for their support with sales and to Mill Street Store for supplying the sausages.

Bonfire Night is a real team effort, a fabulous community event and raised a record £6,839 in 2025.

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

**Father Christmas, Christmas Eve Village Tour:** It has become a tradition that Father Christmas pays the village a visit on Christmas Eve and this year was no exception with lots of families coming out to greet him on his route around the

village. His mode of transport was once again George Pratt's tractor and trailer – a big thank you to him and also to Father Christmas and his elf for turning out on such a busy day.

**Christmas Trail:** Started during Covid, our village Christmas Trail has also become a Christmas fixture. Thank you to all the households and businesses who participated in 2025, with the advent windows and trees adding festive cheer and interest throughout the village.

**Village Christmas Tree:** Thanks to Fred Smith for supplying our village tree, to Claire and the team for putting it up – thanks too to the weather which was kinder this year! The tree looked lovely in its position at the centre of the High Street – thanks too to Nayland Dental Surgery for supplying the electricity.

**Village Quiz:** The Annual Village Quiz continues to be well supported with 22 teams turning out for some friendly competition in the 2026 quiz which has already taken place. A great atmosphere and good humour made for a fun evening all round,

**Public Access Defibrillator:** In 2025 the Community Council committed £1347.50, with the Parish Council, to provide a further public access defibrillator at Bures Road, Wiston to serve the more rural parts of the village. This defibrillator was installed in October and has been registered with the Circuit, the British Heart Foundation System linked to the Ambulance Service.

**Permissive Footpath Maintenance:** The Community Council are pleased to support the ongoing maintenance of two stretches of permissive footpath in the village; the first along the right-hand side of Stoke Road and a second stretch between Court Knoll and the Allotment Field. This regular maintenance will prevent these stretches from becoming overgrown and means that they can more easily be used throughout the year.

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

**Grants:** One of the roles of the Community Council is to provide grants to village organisations and projects whose activities support our constitution. Grants issued in 2024 were towards: costs of training sessions by Nayland First Responders, towards print costs of a WW2 Commemorative Book, refurbishment of the Horse Watering, an additional £10,000 contribution towards the Village Hall replacement roof project.

**Going forward:** 2026 is a special year for the Community Council as we celebrate our 60th anniversary. Set up, in the first instance, to support the establishment of the Village Hall, it is fitting that AGM this year also celebrates the completion of the new Village Hall roof! Another full programme of activities is planned for the year and, as always, we would be delighted to welcome some new members to help in our efforts to support our vibrant community.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Matt Cable presented the year end accounts for the meeting and they were adopted.

Matt also gave his report on finances to 3rd March 2026: Breakdown of profits to date: Quiz £711, Community Times £108, Calendar £51. Grants paid: None. Expenses year to date: £1,546 for 2025 defibrillator maintenance and the new Wiston device, and £432 for permissive path maintenance.

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £14,150 represented by Current a/c monies £13,605 and Cash on Hand £545. We hold £222 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: Horse Watering area £19.

**Therefore unencumbered assets are £13,910.**

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**Statement of Income & Expense**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Surplus</u>
Community Times	2,702.50	(2,037.65)	665.50
Village Calendar	1,190.00	(606.80)	583.20
Bonfire Night	11,982.98	(5,144.20)	6,838.78
Christmas Festivities	.....	(296.98)	(296.98)
Village Quiz	684.10	(152.04)	532.06
Christmas Fayre	443.65	(303.54)	140.11
Defibrillator	.....	(198.00)	(198.00)
Grants (note 1)	.....	(11,011.00)	(11,011.00)
Centre (note 2)	347.68	(1,080.11)	(732.43)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 17,350.91</b>	<b>(£ 20,829.67)</b>	<b>(£ 3,478.76)</b>

**Statement of Financial Position**

	<u>Open</u>	<u>Close</u>	<u>Change</u>
Cash (note 3)	29,515.30	15,543.77	(13,971.53)
Accrued Income (note 4)	287.50	5.00	(282.50)
Accrued Expenses (note 5)	(11,162.89)	(309.52)	10,853.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 18,639.91</b>	<b>£ 15,239.25</b>	<b>(£ 3,400.66)</b>
of which RBL Services Fund	(143.51)	(221.61)	(78.10)
<b>Unencumbered assets</b>	<b>£ 18,496.40</b>	<b>£ 15,017.64</b>	<b>(£ 3,478.76)</b>

**Notes:****1. Grants made during the year:**

Village Hall Roof	(10,000)	5.00
WWII Book	(112.80)	
Horse Watering	(300.00)	
First Responders	(96.00)	
Lizzie's Fund	(39.00)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(£112.80)</b>	

**2. Central costs incurred during the year:**

Annual insurance	(680.92)
Web Hosting & Village website	(212.39)
Other: <i>Hall hire for meetings and general supplies</i>	(186.80)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(£1,080.11)</b>

**3. Cash balances at year end**

Cash on hand	694.57
Current account	14,849.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£15,543.77</b>

Over the course of 2025, the Community Council's principle sources of income were Bonfire Night (net income of £6,839), the Community Times (£666) and the Village Calendar (£583). The Village Quiz (£532) and Christmas Fayre (£140) also made helpful contributions.

Grants were made to support the Village hall roof project (£10,000), World War II commemorative book (£576), Horse Watering area maintenance (£300), First Responders (£96) and Lizzie's Fund (£39).

The Community Council spent £681 on annual insurance, £198 on the village's emergency defibrillators and £399 on general administration. We spent £297 on the village Christmas tree and other festive activities.

At the end of the year the Community Council held £15,544 in cash, mainly in our current account. After net accruals of £526 this left unencumbered assets of £15,018 as shown in the accompanying financial statements and footnotes.

**TOTAL** **£5.00**

**5. Accrued expenses**

Grants made but not yet paid: <i>remaining grant Horsecwatering</i>	(57.52)
Other: <i>expenses after year end</i>	(252.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£262.00</b>

TREASURER *Matt Cable CFA*

CHAIRMAN *Rachel Hitchcock*

I have examined the books of The Nayland with Wissington Community Council (without carrying out an audit), and in my opinion, the accounts for 2025 represent a true and fair record of the Society's financial affairs. *Maggie Ryan FCA*

**Horse Watering:** A grant of £200 was agreed for further maintenance of the horse watering area.

**2026 ACTIVITIES**

Later in the year a feature will be included in the Community Times commemorating 60 years of the Community Council.

**Village Quiz:** Another successful Village Quiz on 6th February. Thanks were given for all those who helped and supported the event which made a record profit of £711.35.

**Village Calendar:** Calendars have sold well with profit to date of just under £500. It was agreed that it was worthwhile continuing with the calendar especially as Lorraine, Wendy and Claire were happy to continue in the current roles. A big thank you to the whole team for their efforts.

Deadline for this year's photographic competition will be 20th April and voting for your favourite scenes on 24th-26th April (see page 11)

**Village Hall Gardening Morning:** Saturday 21st March from 9am. *All welcome*

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** This will be on Wednesday 6th May, 8pm (Exec 7.30 pm) in the Church Hall. Meetings for 2026: 1st July; 2nd September; 28th October.

**The full minutes are available at:** [www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Meetings.html](http://www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Meetings.html)

Community Council report continued.....

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Officers and committee were elected: President Bryan Smith, Chair Rachel Hitchcock, Treasurer Matt Cable, Vice Chair Claire Buller, Secretary vacancy. Executive Committee Vicki Sargent, Jo Metson, Julie Clark, Heike Ellwood, Becs Spendiff, Iain Wright. Parish Council representation, David Finnigan and Joan Border. Maggie Ryan stood down from the committee; thanks were given for Maggie's many contributions to the CC including in her role as Treasurer. The committee were also grateful for her review of the annual accounts.

**GRANTS & DONATIONS:**

**Permissive footpaths:** Dan Bowman was called back to carry out the ongoing hedge maintenance to the two stretches of permissive path - Stoke Road and Court Knoll to Allotment field - in advance of the prime growth months. This will hopefully ensure that these paths remain accessible throughout the summer. The Conservation Society have done the same for the stretch to the south of Anchor Marsh that they funded previously.

**Woodland Corner:** A grant of £800 was approved for a project to improve the acoustics in their building which have become a problem as their numbers have grown.



## Nayland Primary School - Join Us as a School Governor

We are looking for new governors to join us at Nayland Primary School and would be delighted if someone who lives nearby would join our team.

### What is a school governor?

School governors have a varied and important role, in helping our school run effectively. They have 3 core functions:

- Planning the strategic direction of the school
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and ensuring money is well spent
- Holding the headteacher or school leadership to account

The governor role is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement. They champion the work the school does.


### Do I need to have certain qualifications?

No special qualifications are needed. The most important thing is to have an interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work.

### How do I get involved?

To find out more about the role, you can get in touch via the school office, or you can email Teresa Moriarty [teresa.moriarty@nayland.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:teresa.moriarty@nayland.suffolk.sch.uk) and we will arrange to talk you through what it involves.

## Nayland Baby & Toddler group



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

- exercise & agility
- sociability
- obedience(!)
- healthy treats
- lots toys, activities, singing
- refreshments

Fridays, 9.30-11.15am Nayland village hall  
Sessions follow term times

## ST JAMES' FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM



We would welcome others with an interest in helping decorate the church; guidance would be given. If you would like to know more please contact

Jeannette Finch  
on 01206 262993



# The Nayland & St James Church VILLAGE FETE

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

### 1pm - 4pm

**Traditional Games**

**Beer Tent**

**Jazz Band**

**Raffle**

**Live Music**

**Classic Cars**

**Stall Donations**

We are looking for donations for the following stalls :  
Handbags, Bric-a-brac, Glass, Jewellery, China, Interiors, Pictures, Gifts, Toys, Vintage and Books. (No furniture or electrical items please)

Please drop off any donations to the village hall changing rooms between  
**30th March to the 26th April (10am-5pm)**

**Dog Show**

**Barbeque**

**Teas & Coffees**

**Stalls, Cakes**

**Inflatables & More**





**www.naylandfete.co.uk**

Nayland Village Hall & Playing Fields  
Nayland CO6 4JH

**£5 entry**

**Under 16's  
FREE**

# NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON VILLAGE CALENDAR COMPETITION

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

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

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

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

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



## Rules of Entry:

- The competition is open to residents of the Nayland with Wissington parish, and those who work in the parish or are active participants in parish societies or groups.
- Photographs should be **landscape orientation** and of good pixel size (**high resolution**).
- The images should be recognisable as being taken in Nayland or Wissington.
- If in doubt the map of the parish can be viewed at: [naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar](http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/Calendar)
- If photographs include children parental consent must be obtained by the entrant.
- A maximum of 10 photographs per person may be entered.
- Photographs should not be digitally enhanced.
- The deadline for entries will be **Monday 20th April** - see details below.
- The display of photographs will be available to view online via [www.naylandandwiston.net](http://www.naylandandwiston.net) from **24th-26th April**.
- Email the numbers of your 12 favourite scenes to [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com) Voting will close at **midnight on 26th April**.
- The 12 most popular photographs will announced on 7th May and will be included in the 2027 calendar.

## Entries for Nayland with Wissington Calendar Photography Competition

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

### Name - Telephone number - Address

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

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

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

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

## PAVEMENT PARKERS: STOKE ROAD

Previous issues of the Community Times have appealed to those obstructing pavements with their vehicles, particularly in Stoke Road where there have been increasing incidents and complaints.

Parking on a pavement forces pedestrians into the carriageway; for parents with buggies or children, wheelchair users or the blind this could be particularly dangerous. A minimum of 1.2metres of clear pavement should be kept clear for pedestrians.

The Police have confirmed that it is an offence to obstruct a pavement, contrary to Regulation 103 of The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986. And driving a vehicle on a 'road' being a footpath/bridleway is contrary to Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. Offenders could be issued a traffic offence report for obstruction from police. The penalty is a fine for either or both the obstruction offence and driving on a footpath; if the report is contested then the matter goes to court and the penalty decided there.

**Obstruction is an offence**

Due to complaints the Hadleigh & Nayland CPT Constable, PC 1293 Niall Johnson, will be visiting Nayland, particularly Stoke Road to follow up on this issue and he will proceed with issuing traffic offence reports for offending vehicles.

**Police will be visiting Stoke Road**

When a traffic offence report is issued nothing is left on the windscreen, but shortly afterwards the owner of the vehicle gets a request asking who the offending driver was. Not identifying the driver is an offence of 'failing to identify the driver of a vehicle when required under the Section 172 of the Road Traffic Act 1988' and can lead to much larger fines and points on the owners licence.

So please give greater consideration to your parking so that all pedestrians remain safe and there will be no consequences due to a moment of thoughtlessness.

**Please consider ALL pedestrians**



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: £430 raised for Nayland Church Funds

I found an impressive collection of Raffle-ticket books in various stages of usage in Mum's cupboard - she loved a good raffle and participated in many at Nayland events over the years. An idea was born.

Tina Stevens and myself (Maggie Baker) put our heads together one Wednesday Coffee Morning at the Church and decided to organise a fundraising raffle for Mother's Day.

It's ironic said Tina as you and I have both lost our Mums. So we dedicated this to them - Pam Baker and Anni Cass - as they loved Nayland Church and would wholeheartedly approve.

Their Order of Service photos feature wine and tea - both items were in our deluxe first prize hamper! - Along with five additional prizes, I think Mum would agree it was a good raffle. We certainly had fun raising money to support such an important building in our village.

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes especially Nayland Deli and Nayland Cinema.

Your support is very much appreciated.

There are still raffle books to use

up so save your pennies as there may be more to come!

**Margaret Baker**



## NAYLAND MOBILE LIBRARY

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

Saturdays at 10.35am-11.20am, every four weeks

**21 March - 18 April  
16 May - 13 June**

**Route 9 : Parkers Way**

Saturdays at 1.45pm-2.15pm, every four weeks

**4 April - 2 May -  
30 May - 27 June**

Tel: 01473 263838  
www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

# The Village Lunch

## Wednesday 15th April

11.45am for 12 noon talk, lunch at 1pm  
Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane CO6 4HY



An illustrated talk by Duncan Bickley  
on his interesting career as a helicopter pilot, instructor & examiner  
*'My Adventures In Helicopters'*

Tickets: £15 on sale from 6th March



at: [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org)  
or from Mill Street Store & Deli (cash only)  
Last date for tickets Sunday 12th April

Please bring your own drinks  
All proceeds to the Village Hall fund

VILLAGE PLAYERS PRESENT

Sir Terence Rattigan's

# FLARE PATH

Directed by Mandy Cook

Thursday 16th April @ 6:30pm  
Friday 17th April @ 7.30pm  
Saturday 18th April @ 7.30pm

Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane, CO6 4JH  
Tickets: Adults £10, Under 16s £6  
from [www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk)  
or 01206 263210 or [mandycookonline@gmail.com](mailto:mandycookonline@gmail.com)

This amateur production of Terence Rattigan's Flare Path is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd on behalf of Samuel French Ltd.

# Nayland & District Horticultural Society

## AGM & FUN QUIZ EVENING

### Tuesday 14th April

7.30pm - Church Hall

All welcome

Come along and see what a friendly bunch we are!

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

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

## MORNING MARKET

### Saturday 9th May

9.30pm to noon

Church Hall, Bear Street CO6 4HY

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

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

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

**THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY**  
LIZZIE'S FUND



**LIZZIE'S FUND:  
EASTER EGG HUNT**

Join us for an outdoor Easter Egg trail on  
**Good Friday, 3rd April**  
from 10.30am - 12.30pm,  
at The Anchor Inn, Nayland CO6 4JL



**Fun Quiz to win a chocolate Easter Egg,  
plus refreshments, games, raffle  
and a guest appearance from  
The Easter Bunny.**



Tickets are £6.50 in advance  
Limited tickets available on the day, at £8  
(accompanying adults go free!)  
available from <https://naylandevents.org>



Advance reservation for dairy free Easter egg only  
please email [lizziesfund@yahoo.com](mailto:lizziesfund@yahoo.com).



All proceeds to Lizzie's Fund, on behalf of The Brain Tumour Charity

**JOIN OUR YOUTH CLUB!**

**Calling all 11-14 year olds! Come  
and socialise with friends in a fun,  
welcoming, safe space.**

**NAYLAND**  
8th May & 12th June  
Nayland Village Hall  
7:30-9pm



**WHAT'S ON**  
Foosball, Indoor Games  
Chill Space, Snacks & Drinks

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

Friendly, welcoming vibe  
Safe, supervised place to socialise and have fun  
Come with friends or on your own

**Contact: Helen at [benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk](mailto:benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk)**

**IMPORTANT: IF IT'S YOUR FIRST MEETING  
PLEASE BRING YOUR PARENTS TO MEET THE  
TEAM, COMPLETE THE APPLICATION/ PARENTAL  
CONSENT FORMS AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS  
THEY MAY HAVE.**

BENEFICE OF  
STOKE-BY-NAYLAND WITH  
LEAVENHEATH AND POLSTEAD AND  
NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of St Edmundsbury  
and Ipswich



**Woodland Corner**  
Pre-School & Wraparound Care



**Limited spaces available for Summer term  
Register your interest today**

If you have a child turning 2+, please contact us to arrange  
a viewing and to complete a registration form.

In the grounds of Nayland Primary School, Bear Street, Nayland CO6 4HY  
Tel: 01206 263054 Email: [woodlandcorner@outlook.com](mailto:woodlandcorner@outlook.com)  
[www.woodlandcorner.co.uk](http://www.woodlandcorner.co.uk)  
Woodland Corner is a Registered Charity 1168815




**EASTER  
HOLIDAY CLUB**

on Tuesday 31st March  
& Wednesday 8th April



9am - 3pm £30.75 full day  
Aged 2 – 11 years



Two year olds must be already attending  
Pre-School at Woodland Corner

**In the grounds of Nayland Primary School,  
Bear Street, Nayland, Colchester CO6 4HY**

For further information, contact Woodland Corner  
tel: 01206 263054 e-mail: [woodlandcorner@outlook.com](mailto:woodlandcorner@outlook.com)  
[www.woodlandcornernayland.co.uk](http://www.woodlandcornernayland.co.uk)  
Registered Charity 1168815



Woodland Corner

**PUB QUIZ**

23rd April 7.30pm  
The Hare&Hounds, Leavenheath

**£5 per person**  
**Teams of 4-8**

01206263504  
Woodlandcorner@outlook.com

Registered Charity: 1188815  
Ofsted No. EY548740

**NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK**

**Saturday 18th April**

Meet at 1.30pm  
at the Village Hall Car Park

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

Equipment provided but please wear gloves.

Contact [mikejphunter@gmail.com](mailto:mikejphunter@gmail.com)  
or 01206 264100 for more information

**NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
are looking for a new councillor to join the team

- Do you care about what happens in Nayland & Wissington?
- Fancy getting involved, to contribute and give something back?
- Would you like to share your ideas for making things better?

**Then we'd like to hear from you.**

**What does being a Parish Councillor involve?**

- Getting involved in local decisions
- Helping make the community a better place to live
- Representing the community and getting things done
- Having your say on things that matter (like planning, open spaces and local services)

You don't need any special qualifications – just a bit of time, a positive attitude, and a genuine interest in our community.

**It might suit you if:**

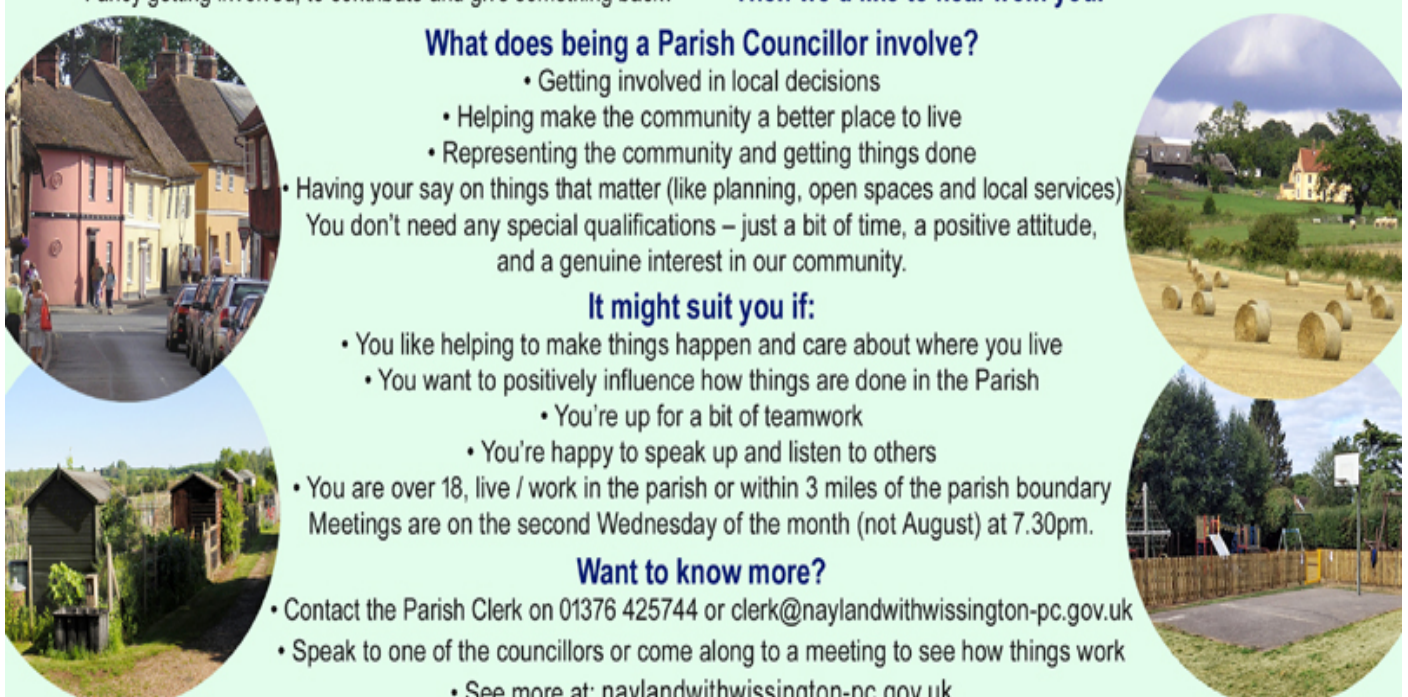
- You like helping to make things happen and care about where you live
- You want to positively influence how things are done in the Parish
- You're up for a bit of teamwork
- You're happy to speak up and listen to others
- You are over 18, live / work in the parish or within 3 miles of the parish boundary

Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month (not August) at 7.30pm.

**Want to know more?**

- Contact the Parish Clerk on 01376 425744 or [clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk)
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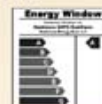


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# SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY

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**Walk through regenerated woodland**  
Join Chris Hunt for a walk from Leavenheath towards Arger Fen and through areas of regenerated woodland managed by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The walk will last about two hours. Stout walking shoes are recommended, all dogs to be kept on leads and please try to car share as parking is restricted.



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**Thursday 23rd April**  
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## RIVER WATCH

Thank you to those who kindly allow use of your interesting photographs to be included in the Community Times. As always if you spot anything of interest or unusual, do please send details for inclusion here to: [lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com](mailto:lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com)

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

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

### WATER LEVELS

Levels seem quite normal for the time of year. As usual river levels rose during the winter - and as you can see on page 36 it was a considerably wet one - but levels have dropped once again as we head into Spring.

The Horseshoe Weir has flowed well, especially with the winter die-back of the reeds.

### WATER QUALITY & SEWAGE

There is no recent news on water quality of the river.

### RIVER VEGETATION

During the winter months, with vegetation die-back we can all enjoy views of the river and that reveals the areas of severe silt build up.

A 'island' has formed by the river curve to the rear of some Bear Street properties, and another where the river branches off towards the Horseshoe Weir; both have considerable reed growth which is collecting more silt and expanding.

Both areas can be seen in the photos below. One photo reveals how the clumps of cheer-giving riverside daffodils have expanded over the years).



↑ Water level gauges at Abel Bridge and Caley Green show the levels were up by .15m local level. Thanks to Antony Day for these photos taken on 29th January.



←↑ Thanks to Phil Border for this photo taken on 11th March

↑ Thank you to Mandy Cook for this scene on 15th March.

← Mandy also captured this wintery scene at Abel bridge, taken on 7th January. This was the only occasion this winter that we received snowfall but it was a mere scattering.

### BANK EROSION AT CALEY GREEN

There has been no progress report regarding the project to prevent further riverbank erosion around the Caley Green bay. Applications were due to be made by engineers Concertus on behalf of Suffolk County Council for planning permission to Babergh and a permit from the EA were expected to be submitted.

### WILDLIFE & SWANS

During winter the number of ducks and other river fowl appeared to have been greater, making the most of the more open space on parts of the river. They have become a little quieter now probably preparing for their nesting season.

Swan activity is still rather fluid; a pair spent considerable time here and hopes grew that we would have a 'Nayland pair' although at this time they are not here but a lone swan is hanging around. So we will have to see what happens.

## RIVER FISHING SEASON

Following incidents with wildlife being injured and killed by fishing lures, and a river swimmer also having recently experienced a close encounter with a three-hook pike lure, thankfully there have been no recent reports of further incidents. However, further fishing tackle has been spotted and cleared from the river.

River fishing is now in closed season, so we should see no fisherfolk along the river Stour until 15th June.

It is of course, great to see the river being enjoyed by residents, including fisher folk, BUT it is hoped they give consideration to others and especially wildlife.

**Let's all enjoy the river safely.**

## RSPB's BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch survey was held on the weekend of **Friday 23 – Sunday 25 January**. However, the results will not be released until mid April. Visit [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) for information.

Meanwhile in our area we are able to regularly see red kite and buzzards flying overhead (kite have a pointed tails, a buzzards tail is a rounded fan).

We should perhaps now be on the lookout for white tailed eagles - aka the sea eagle - as sightings have been reported recently at Abberton, Fordham and West Bergholt. They are the UK's largest bird of prey, with a wingspan that can exceed 8 feet - compared to red at 5.7 to 6.4 feet and buzzards at 3.6 to 4.6 feet. White tailed eagles are opportunistic eaters, catching their own prey (birds, mammals & fish) as well as scavenging carrion. They will sometimes steal food from other birds and even otters. They have been known to pick off young lambs. They have a huge appetite because they are huge birds.



↑ This atmospheric photo of the Horseshoe Weir was taken by Lynn Sampson on 20th January during a period when Northern Lights were gracing our skies.



## FISHING ROD LICENCES

**The closed season, when you cannot fish on rivers and streams, is 15th March to 15th June 2026.**

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

A yearly 2-rod course fishing licence costs: £36.80 for adults, £24.50 for over 66 or the disabled and is free for 13-16 year olds. 1-day or 8-day licences are also available.

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



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

The **River Stour Trust** can issue craft registrations on behalf of the Environment Agency. Registered craft are permitted to travel the whole length of the Stour Navigation, from Brundon Mill to Cattawade. The annual fee (1 Apr 2026 - 31 Mar 2027) is £52.90 per private unpowered craft. Monthly and weekly licences are available. Register at: <https://www.riverstourtrust.org/boat-trips/paddling-the-river-stour/>

Alternatively, membership of **Paddle UK** (formerly British Canoeing) includes a licence for many waterways in England. They have a number of membership plans: individual adult costs £60 (renewal £49). Membership covers the member and not the craft.

Join at <https://paddleuk.org.uk/on-the-water-membership/>

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

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



↑ Thank you to Nicola Thorogood for this scene with the wonderful carpet of snowdrops that bring cheer to passers by each February.

→↑ Thanks also to Phil Border who spotted this moon over Bear Street as he got off the bus on his way home - goes to show it useful to have a camera with you at all times;

↓ And to Lynn Sampson who captured the beautiful Northern Lights over Caley Green on 20th January.



This seat at St Mary's Wiston churchyard shows the newly engraved plaques replacing the faded engraving on the top bar of the seat. Many people use the seat to enjoy the sunshine, rest weary legs on their journey along the footpath or just to savour the rural setting of Wiston church. Special thanks to the PCC member who arranged for the plaques to be made and fitted. Thank you to Nicola Thorogood for the photo.

The seat is dedicated to Paul Rowland Taylor BSc who was a Flight Lieutenant on the RAF Volunteer Reserve. He died in 1943, aged 25, at El Taurub, Tawaali, Libya and was buried at Halfaya Sollum War Cemetery, Maṭrūh, Egypt. It is inscribed: "In memory of Paul Roland Taylor Bsc, Oxon RAF, church organist here, teacher, cricketer. Died in North Africa on 5th November 1943. Let Light Perpetual shine upon him." He is also commemorated on the Nayland War Memorial.

Paul Taylor served from the outbreak of war when he was a research student in mathematics at St John's College, Oxford. Fellow pupils at Sudbury Grammar School have said he was involved in the development of Radar. Paul was a keen cricketer who, with his father George, encouraged boys at Nayland School to play for Tendring Park Cricket Club. His father was headmaster at Nayland School from 1921 to 1946, Secretary of the Cricket Club during the 1930s, the Nayland Librarian and a Special Constable.

The family, he had three younger siblings Anne Mona, Alan George and Michael John, lived at 8 Lewis Cottages (Paul Earee designed Arts & Crafts style houses, now known as 95-109 Bear Street). Paul's French mother, Madeline Juliette (nee Quiet), taught domestic science, needlework and music at Nayland School.

[Source: Ancestry, www.unithistories.com, Nayland with Wissington Remembers 1945 & John Spooner]

### WISTON CHURCH PORCH BOOKS

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

Take a pleasurable walk along the footpath past the church and call into the church porch and browse through the books ~ biographies, cookery, children's, fiction, non-fiction & more

*Donations of books are welcome too; these can be left in the clearly signed metal box in the Wiston church car park at Newtons Farm before you reach the church.*



Thank you to Darius Laws for this lovely view of the Allotment Field and the allotments. Some residue flooding can be seen on Bell Meadow. In days gone by, especially during the second World War, there were many more allotments - you can just make out where some divisions occurred. The field, and the allotments are managed by the Parish Council - anyone interested in taking on a plot should contact the Parish Clerk, Debbie Hattrell on 01376 425744 or [clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk)

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## CHURCH WARDEN

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Thank you to James Carver who captured the scene when there was a burst water main in the High Street on 7th February. It's interesting to see clearly the different layers of substrate beneath the tarmac.

Perhaps someone knowledgeable would be able to reveal accurately what they are; road builders in history possibly did a better job than modern day methods. Nowadays we have lots of potholes which rarely seem to heal permanently after repair.

It seems the key layers of substrate under medieval streets were typically: a Foundation Layer (Base) from the earlier Roman road foundations; an Intermediate Layer (Sub-base) of smaller material to fill gaps, provide leveling, and assist with drainage; an Upper Substrate Layer (Bedding) to provide a firm, stable base that was durable yet flexible; and Surfacing of paving stones or cobblestones compacted layer of small stones, gravel, or pebbles, known as 'metalling'.

Roman roads were usually constructed of a layer of dry sand; a layer of medium-to-large stones called the statumen; a layer of small gravel mixed with cement called the rudus; a layer of sand mixed with cement called the nucleus; and a top layer of flat, wide stones called the summum dorsum.





This year marks the 60th Anniversary of the Nayland with Wissington Community Council - a charity established in 1966 - that initiated the purchase of Webb's Meadow and construction of our village hall.

It is an umbrella organisation of village societies and continues to raise funds to provide and sustain facilities for the benefit of the community. It publishes the Community Times, hosts annually a Quiz, Firework Night and various Christmas events.

This year's AGM, held on 4th March, was a more social event to mark the anniversary and also to celebrate the village hall replacement roof project coming to fruition. The Village Hall Management Committee also conducted their AGM affairs.

There were displays and archive albums on display relating to the history of the Community Council and the Village Hall. These were interesting to peruse and evoked a lot of memories. The archive albums are available online at <http://naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/History.html> and are well worth a look.

## FUN VILLAGE QUIZ

The Community Council's annual fun village quiz on 6th February was once again hugely well supported by the community. The winning team were: Support Your Local Pub - Steve, Claire, Luke and Sarah - who won in a close-fought tie break against Jerry and the Rockettes. Well done to both teams and indeed all those who took part.

It was a great evening of quizzing and fun. Well done Rachel for putting together all the questions and being our quizmaster

## Nayland & District Horticultural Society

# Spring Flower Show

Saturday 28th March

Display Opens at 10am in the Church Hall

**Come along and enjoy the displays of spring flowers and relax with refreshments.**

**Entry is free. Delicious cakes will be on sale & there will be a raffle (drawn at 11.30am).**

A reminder for those exhibiting...

Entry forms must be submitted by 6pm on Thursday 26th March. Forms available at [www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk)  
 Entries to be brought to the hall between 8.15am and 9am.

and many thanks to all our helpers who supported with set up, scoring, collecting in answer sheets, selling raffle tickets and technical assistance.

CC Chair, Rachel Hitchcock said: *"It was great evening with a fabulous atmosphere. 22 teams took part and entered into the 'fun but competitive' spirit with a vengeance! Added to which £711.35 was raised for the Community Council to put back into village activities. Another record total so a big thank you to everyone for their support and enthusiasm."*





## VOLUNTEERS ENABLE OUR PARISH TO THRIVE

Our village organisations, halls, clubs, societies and youth groups don't run themselves.

Everything listed on these pages is organised by our marvellous volunteers - neighbours giving a little time to keep things happening. People volunteer for many reasons, and often gain more than they expect.

- Getting to know people they might not otherwise meet
- Feeling part of the village rather than just living in it
- Using skills they already have, and gaining new ones
- Being involved in events and facilities that bring people together
- Gaining practical experience and confidence that can be useful beyond the village
- Contributing in small, manageable ways that fit around work and family

For anyone considering getting involved, help doesn't have to mean long-term or specialist commitment. Many roles involve only a few hours a month, and responsibilities are usually shared across a committee or small team. Our organisations would benefit from:

- occasional help at events
- behind-the-scenes admin or publicity
- fresh faces with new ideas

Getting involved is one of the easiest ways to meet people and feel part of village life, so please consider doing so yourself.



### NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

We are now at full complement as the last two ladies have returned from southern shores, both revealing an enviable tan. We have been practising *The Volga Boat Song* (something I learned at school some aeons ago)! We are also playing some rather tricky spirituals and *The Sound Of Silence*, a well loved piece.

Meetings continue in the newly decorated Church Hall every Tuesday from 1:30pm to 3pm during school term times and cost £4.00 per session.

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

We have some new ringers who are making excellent progress with their 'bell handling' lessons. As progress is made we are heading for a complete 'local' band again at St James – but always room for more !!

There are some weddings booked during the year and they have requested bells so there will be more ringing. In addition there will hopefully be at least two quarter peals rung to celebrate special occasions, one being John Constable's 250th birthday on June 11th. So, watch (or should that be 'listen to') this space !!

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



### NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Kevin Walsh 07342 235001  
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### 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:

Tuesday: 1.30pm Handbell Ringing (*term time*)

Wednesday: 2pm Art Group (*term time*)

Thursday: 2pm Pilates. 3.15pm Pilates





## NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

Our annual **Spring Flower Show** will be held on Saturday **28th March** at 10am in Nayland Church Hall, Bear Street. This is usually a cheerful, colourful occasion so do come along and enjoy the displays of spring flowers and relax with refreshments. Cakes will be on sale and there will also be a raffle so we would be very grateful for donations of cakes, or prizes for the raffle which can be dropped off at the Church Hall early on the day of the Show.

For those interested in exhibiting, details are shown on page 24 and an entry form available on our website - [www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk). Entry forms should be submitted by 6pm on Thursday 26th March and placed either in the HortSoc box in Mill Street Deli or in the mail box at Star Cottage, 81 Bear Street. Entries to be brought to the hall between 8.15am and 9am on the morning of the show so that judging can take place at 9am. Winners of each class will be awarded a certificate and the Olive Noakes Cup will be awarded for the most successful exhibitor.

Please come along to our **AGM and Fun Quiz** on the **14th April**, 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Our fairly brief AGM formalities will be followed by a fun horticultural-themed Quiz. Members and prospective members are very welcome.

Membership for 2026 is now available and good value at just £3 for single or £5 for joint membership. Application forms are available at any of our events, from Margaret Smy.

The **Morning Market** on the **9th May** will be held in the Church Hall between 9.30am and 12 noon. Bedding and vegetable plants will be on sale, as well as home-made cakes and preserves. Refreshments are available and there will be a raffle (draw taking place at 11.30am). Donations of items for sale or raffle prizes would be very welcome and may be brought to the Hall from 8.30am on the Saturday morning or left with a committee member during the week leading up to the event.

This year we are having a members' **local garden visit** hosted by Patricia and Richard Cave on the **14th June**. More details will follow.

On **10th July** our **Summer Garden Party** will be held in Fen Street once again. Our thanks to Mig and Peter Drew for hosting his event. This is open to HortSoc members only.

Schedules for the **Summer Flower Show** to be held on **Saturday 1st August** will be distributed shortly and will also be available in Mill Street Store and Deli, Forget Me Not, and can also be downloaded from our website. Please note that there have been a few changes to our classes again this year so please check the Schedule. The subject for the adults' photography section will be '*Reflections*', and for young people aged 10 – 14 '*My Favourite Animal*', so don't forget to get out and about with your cameras soon to capture some colourful shots. Please note that the cut off for entering exhibits will be the Wednesday before the Show (6pm on 29th July). Any late entries on the day of the Show makes judging very difficult. HortSoc are grateful to the advertisers in the schedule who enable us to fund this promotion.



## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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



Over eighty members and guests attended the Society's AGM on Tuesday 10th March to hear a superb talk on '*The Value of Art*' by BBC Antiques Roadshow Fine Art Expert Frances Christie. Reference was made to a wide range of artists and paintings culminating in the sale of Banksy's self-destructing painting '*Love is in the bin*' which sold for £18.9 million. Frances's knowledge of 20th century British art was spellbinding.

On a more modest note our Spring Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 18th April when we shall meet in the Village Hall car park at 1.30pm. All volunteers will receive a litter picker and refuse sack and will be designated an area of the village.

Our visit to Smallbridge Hall will take place on 7th May (all bookings have now been made, so late entrants cannot be accommodated).

Our annual guided footpath walk takes place on 10th May when Chris Hunt will lead us on another local expedition starting from Leavenheath Village Hall. We shall meet at 1.45pm for a 2pm start and will walk towards Arger Fen through areas of regenerated woodland managed by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The walk will last around two hours and please car share where possible.

In June, we had initially arranged for a talk by Ian Collins, the author of the biography on Ronnie Blyth. Sadly, Mr. Collins recently withdrew but we are pleased to say that Beatrice Prosser-Snelling who is managing Benton End, the artistic home of Cedric Morris and the Suffolk School of Art has kindly agreed to speak to us that evening. The meeting takes place on 23rd June at Nayland Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Some years ago, the Society published a footpath map of the village and surrounding area. Unfortunately, we have had to delay a reprint as a short but important path between the Nayland Meadow permissive path and Horkesley Road had not been formally recognised as a permissive path by the previous owners of the Anchor. I am delighted to confirm that the new owners, the Chestnut Group, have now confirmed that this route is a permissive path and we shall proceed to issue an updated map as soon as possible.





## THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Terry Bannister 262454      Gale Scott 262061

The next Village Lunch will be held on Wednesday 15th April in the Village Hall. There will be a most interesting illustrated talk by Duncan Bickley entitled 'My Adventures In Helicopters' about his career as a helicopter pilot, Instructor, and examiner with over 20 years helicopter flying experience. He ran his own helicopter company based at Cambridge airport flying sorties that included commercial charter, photography and filming tasks, geographical surveys and critical component delivery. As a commercial helicopter pilot leading trips for his customers he has flown over interesting places, such as over London, Paris, the French Alps, Mallorca and all around the coastline of the UK. He also has stories about some of the famous faces he has flown with and of amusing events.

The format will be as usual; 11.45am for the talks at 12 followed by lunch at 1pm. A two course lunch will be served and please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £15 and will be available from 6th March until 12th April online at [naylandevents.org](http://naylandevents.org) or from Mill Street Store & Deli (cash only).

We are supporting our village hall refurbishment and hope to welcome you on this sociable occasion.

Thank you from the Village Lunch team.



## NAYLAND CINEMA

Karen Freeman      karenfreeman@suffolkonline.net      Mob: 07773 402765

It is pleasing to see that Nayland Cinema is attracting some regulars from both within Nayland and from the surrounding villages, some as far away as East Bergholt and Earls Colne. It has always been our aim to create a cinema club that draws people to come along not just for the film to be screened but to enjoy all that the cinema has to offer. Having Ross and Jade from Mill Street Deli providing a delicious supper has certainly greatly contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

Everything is there for you (except maybe the reclining seats!) to have an enjoyable evening and to maybe experience and enjoy films outside of your comfort zone. I personally have been surprised and enjoyed films which I wouldn't have gone to the cinema to see.

'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid' was well supported as a great classic with many of the audience remembering the first time they saw it quite a few years ago!

By the time you read this we will have screened 'Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere' which I'm informed runs along lines that the audience is probably not expecting and which I can reflect on in the next edition.

Our April film is Alan Bennett's screenplay 'The Choral' - Hytner directs Ralph Fiennes in this film.

• **Friday 24th April: 'The Choral' (2025)** is set in World War I as war rages on the Western Front and Choral Society in Ramsden, Yorkshire has lost most of its men to the army. The Choral's ambitious committee, determined to press ahead, decides to recruit local young males to swell their ranks. They must also engage a new chorus master, and despite their suspicions that he has something to hide, their best bet seems to be Dr. Henry Guthrie (Ralph Fiennes) -- driven, uncompromising, and recently returned from a career in Germany. As conscription papers start to arrive, the whole community discovers that the best response to the chaos that is laying waste to their lives is to make music together.

Future cinema dates to pop in your diaries are: 15th May, 19th June, 17th July and 28th August - *further details on page 18.*



## NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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Facebook: Creffield Medical Group



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

Dispensary is open: 9am-12.30 & 1.30-5pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9am-3pm Tuesday & Friday

### **BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURES:**

The surgery will be closed **on Friday 3rd April and Monday 6th April** for the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend and **closed on Monday 4th May and Monday 25th May**. Please be aware when submitting your prescriptions that we need **5 working days** to process.

**GP SHUTDOWN EVENTS:** The Surgery will be closed from 12 noon on Tuesday 21st April and Tuesday 19th May for training.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE - Temporary Changes to Dispensary Opening Hours**

To ensure we continue to provide a safe and high-quality service, our dispensary opening hours will be temporarily adjusted due to short term staffing pressures, while a member of our dispensary team undergoes an operation.

#### **Temporary Opening Hours**

	Wednesday 9am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 5pm
Monday 9am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 5pm	Thursday 9am - 12.30pm & 1pm - 5pm
<b>Tuesday 9am - 3pm</b>	Friday 9am - 3pm

These arrangement will apply from **3rd March 2026**. We are hoping this will just be a period of 12 weeks. We understand that the changes to opening times can be inconvenient and sincerely apologise for any disruption this may cause. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to maintain services and support our patients during this period. Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support.

#### **Long-Term Condition Review**

Reminder to any patient with a long-term condition & on repeat medications to attend their long-term condition reviews (MOT) when notified by our team. These are usually requested in your birthday month. This ensures your medications are reviewed and re-authorised by our Clinical Pharmacist without any delay.



**NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE**

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975  
 Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

Our speaker on 12th February was Irene Barnett who gave a very interesting talk on the subject of 'Soap made from Goats Milk'. Although she does not have goats she uses their milk to make lotions as well as soap and other products, which are particularly useful for those with allergies.

Our branch of the WI celebrated its birthday on 13th March by going 'out to lunch' at a local restaurant. We enjoyed a carvery at the Brewers Arms at Bower House Tye

At our meeting on 9th April James Finch will talk about, and answer questions about, Suffolk County Council. Our AGM will takes place on 14th May and on 11th June the subject of our talk will be 'Fabergé Eggs'.

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



**ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM**

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

**EASTER FLOWERS IN ST JAMES**

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

**CALLING FLOWER ARRANGERS**

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. Guidance would be given.



**SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY**

PC 1293 Niall Johnson, Hadleigh Community Police Officer [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk)  
 cpt.ipswichwest@suffolk.police.uk for the attention of PC 1293 Niall Johnson at Hadleigh

**Nayland with Wissington Crime Review**

- December:** 1x Theft on dwelling, 1x Anti-Social Behaviour
- January:** No reported crimes/incidents
- February:** 2x Criminal damage, 2x Non crime incidents

I would like to highlight a new service called **Suffolk Connected**. It is a free platform from Suffolk Police that brings local policing news, updates and advice directly to you. During the sign-up process, you can choose which topics matter most and how much information you want to receive, giving you complete flexibility. Suffolk Connected has now fully replaced the older *Police Connect* system.



The service is designed to keep you informed about what's happening where you live. It allows police to provide timely updates on a range of subjects, including:

- **Local incidents and suspicious activity:** Updates may include information about burglaries, thefts, missing persons, vehicle crime, public appeals, and other issues affecting your area.
- **Crime prevention advice:** Emails can contain home-security tips, seasonal safety reminders, and alerts about current scams.
- **Appeals for information**
- **Local Policing priorities**
- **Community meetings, events and engagement opportunities:** You may receive notifications about street meets, drop-ins, Q&A sessions and other local policing activity
- **Surveys about what matters most to the community:** Officers can ask residents for feedback on local concerns, helping shape neighbourhood priorities.
- **Join or create Neighbourhood Watch groups:** The platform links directly with Neighbourhood Watch schemes, making it easier to get involved, you can join or create a scheme.

The benefits to you are that you get direct communication from Suffolk Police and sometimes direct from your local community police team, it helps you stay safer and builds relationships between police and the community, it helps communities help each other (sharing info and support). Because Suffolk Connected can push alerts across the county, people fear quickly about things such as major incidents, collisions, appeals, and public safety notices. As I understand it, the main bulk of information would come to you via email, there are text message options when signing up, but that function would normally be used for the more serious incidents.

I would encourage everyone to visit this website: [www.suffolkconnected.org.uk](http://www.suffolkconnected.org.uk) to sign up.





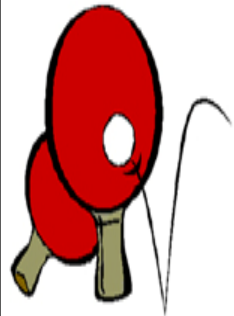
## THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

Sally Dalton johnansal@live.co.uk 262675

Spring has finally arrived. The daffodils are putting on a wonderful display this year, with the triangle looking particularly stunning.

People are starting to return for activities. The paddle boarders, canoeists have been setting off from the Green and walkers have been passing through. There has also been a wild swimmer braving the water at the Green.

If the weather improves and before Easter the grass should have its first cut, ready for what we expect will be a busy Easter weekend.



## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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Chris Buckley 07966 266255 chris@thebuckleyfamily.co.uk

Sadly, Tony Mann has moved away and is not able to run the Table Tennis every week. We hope we can still keep in touch with him and see him when he comes back to Nayland. Meanwhile Chris has agreed to get involved with running the group which is really good news.

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 Chris or Jane for more information or call in on a Monday afternoon for a chat. No previous experience necessary and all are welcome.



## NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Team Leader: Adam Lunn  
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The Springwood Sun Club, West Bergholt, picked our group as their charity of the year for 2025. During the year they raised over £400 for our charity. Adam and Corinne attended the club to officially receive the generous donation and gave a presentation on how donations are used. If you are still looking for a charity to support for 2026, please get in touch to find out how you can support a local lifesaving charity.

The start of the year means annual clinical assessments for your responders. This process ensures their skills are current and are following best practices. Most have now been signed off to continue responding for another 12 months.

We are currently recruiting for more responders. Applications need to be made via the East of England Ambulance Service website. Essential criteria are:

- be over 18
- be able to carry our 25kg bags
- pass a DBS check
- have a full driving licence and access to a road worthy car

For more information, please email [adam.lunn@eastamb.gov.uk](mailto:adam.lunn@eastamb.gov.uk)

January and February figures: 525 hours booked on duty. 16 calls attended.



## ST JAMES' CHURCH DONATIONS

St James Church aims to be funded for its principal maintenance from the proceeds of the Nayland Fete as well as the generous support of The Friends of St James.

We do however incur day-to-day expenses to maintain the Church, including utility costs, security, insurance, organ maintenance and the annual parish contribution. All donations to support us are therefore extremely welcome and very much appreciated!

In order to provide this support, either with a one-off donation or to set up a more regular payment, please scan the QR code below for a link to the payment process.

Alternatively you can donate through the St James page on A Church Near You at [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/1967/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/1967/) or via the Parish Giving Scheme at [www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/nayland-st-james-colchester/](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/nayland-st-james-colchester/)

Thanks in anticipation of your generous support!

**Kevin Walsh, St James' Church, PCC Treasurer**





## ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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

Our usual service pattern is continuing and includes a family service on the third Sunday of each month. The church also provides the local Community Pantry and this is well used.

Our Wednesday coffee mornings are still popular. We now have four tables; not so long ago we could all get round one table. At the coffee morning a raffle was held for Church funds; a really BIG thank you goes to Margaret and Tina who organised it and sold the tickets. It was drawn near Mothering Sunday and they dedicated it to their late mothers Pam Baker and Annie Cass; the amount raised was over £400.

The churchyard Spring working party was held on 14th March; thank you to all who came along to help. The churchyard is looking lovely.

The Mothering Day Service on 15th March was a family service with a Eucharist. The children held a fashion parade during the service. At the end of the service the children gave small bouquets of flowers to their mothers, grandmothers and others. After the Service refreshments were enjoyed.

We are now in Lent which began with Shrove Tuesday.

We are preparing for all the Holy Week Services beginning with Palm Sunday when a Procession from Nayland Care Home will join the congregation in the High Street for a service in St James followed by refreshments. A Service 'Elements of the Cross' will be held on Good Friday. On Holy Saturday Easter Eve at 7pm there will be an Easter Vigil and the first Communion of Easter will be held on Easter Day.

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

There remains a vacancy for another Church Warden to share the role with Kathy Hunt in maintaining the smooth running of church activities, if anyone fancies helping do please get in touch.

The Annual Village Fete is on 4th May; if you can spare an hour or so to help you will be most welcome: *see page 13*.

Unfortunately because of the very wet weather we didn't get the scaffolding put up to carry out work to the roof but hopefully work will start soon.



## NAYLAND MEADOW LTD

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

F: **Nayland Meadow**



Installation of the pond boardwalk and viewing platform commenced on 9th March and should be complete by the time you read this. The structure is being built using British grown oak to ensure stability and durability. The structure will have handrails, a toe board and an anti-slip surface in order to facilitate safe usage. NML will allow public permissive access once construction is complete and all safety checks have been carried out. This is likely to be some time in April. We will be providing guidance on acceptable usage of the platform and will expect all visitors to adhere strictly to this guidance. Safety first!



In February the hedges had their annual

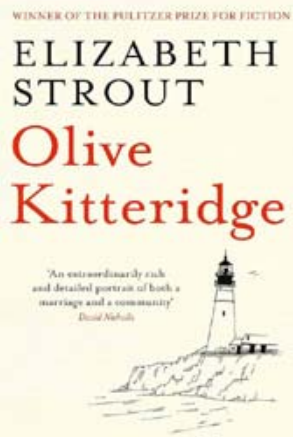
trim in advance of the growing season and the bird nesting season. We are delighted that local volunteer Phil Border helped with this task. Volunteers are always welcome for a variety of practical tasks. No great experience or knowledge is assumed or required (we can provide supervision), just some enthusiasm to put something back into the community asset that Nayland Meadow represents.

We have recently cleaned out our bird nesting boxes in preparation for the new breeding season. In 2025 nine of our 14 nest boxes were occupied, seven by blue tits/great tits and two by stock doves or pigeons. A further two boxes contained a small amount of nesting material but were unlikely to have been used for breeding. The total of nine used boxes in 2025 compares with seven in 2022, ten in 2023 and 9 in 2024. To date we have seen no signs of owls using our barn owl box, which has instead been used by stock doves or pigeons in three of the past four years. Our annual check revealed that a number of our nest boxes are showing signs of wear and tear and beginning to let in water and will need to be replaced at the end of this breeding season. We would welcome any donations towards the costs of their replacement. Please do get in touch to sponsor one or more.....

Notable bird sightings in January/February included water rail and little grebe, both were seen on multiple occasions in the marginal vegetation along our river frontage opposite Bear Street. Two lapwing were seen in early January, the only record of this species on site in the past few years. Other birds recently recorded include red-legged partridge, mistle thrush and little egret.



*Unhatched blue/great tit egg from last year found during nest box maintenance.*



### BOOK CLUB

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We recently finished reading 'A short history of the world according to sheep' by Sally Coulthard. This non-fiction book explores how humans and sheep have evolved together over 11,000 years from early domestication to modern farming around the world. It was a fun and informative tour demonstrating how pivotal these animals were and still are in so many aspects of human society and culture.

We then went on to read 'On the Calculation of Volume' by Solvej Balle. The main character of this book is Tara, who wakes up every morning to the same November 18th, while for everyone else around her, including her husband Thomas, this day is lived for the first and only time. They do not remember the other 18ths of November, and they do not believe her when she tries to explain.

We are currently reading 'Elizabeth Strout' by Olive Kitteridge.



### NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Chairman: Robert Dossor 07879 843319 robert@ovcottage.com  
Secretary: Kathy Hunt 262014

In February we enjoyed David Pryor relating stories from his days as a forensic scientist, and look forward to our meeting on 13th April when Capt. Richard Channon will tell stories from his adventures in Royal Navy submarines. Our Rector will be describing his time in the French Navy on 15th June, then Pat O'Malley with an amazing story of a relative's award of the VC in WW1 will speak on 17th August. We also hope to visit the museum at RAF Wattisham and the Anglo-Saxon Ship project in Woodbridge sometime in the Summer.

This year we are holding the St. George's Day traditional roast lunch at the Anchor, on Thursday 23rd April, 12.30 for 1pm for the very reasonable price of £38 per head - applications welcome. After-dinner entertainment will be a one-to-one interview with Air Commodore Bob Lightfoot AFC whose career with the RAF and the Air Force of the Sultan of Oman should be fascinating. Please contact Robert Dossor, details above, to book a place.



### VILLAGE PLAYERS

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



Chair: Emma Wallis 07942 778536 emmawallis369@gmail.com

Rehearsals are under way, the set under construction and costumes gathered for the Village Players' Spring production of Terence Rattigan's 'Flare Path' which will be directed by Mandy Cook.

Written in 1941 and first staged in 1942, 'Flare Path' is a deeply moving, funny and compelling portrait of bravery and stoicism. Set in a hotel near an RAF Bomber Command airbase during the Second World War, the story involves a love triangle between a pilot, his actress wife and a famous film star.



Performances will be on Thursday 16th April @ 6.30pm, Friday 17th and Saturday 18th April @ 7.30pm in the Village Hall; see page 13 for details. Tickets will be available from [www.villageplayers.co.uk](http://www.villageplayers.co.uk)

Our AGM is scheduled Monday 20th April although this is to be confirmed - 7.30 for 8pm start, at the Church Hall, Nayland with drinks and nibbles. We are always looking for more people to join in, especially on the stage production side where we have a talented but small team working tirelessly to bring us the high-quality productions we have become used to. We would love to see you there.

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





## Family@Nayland

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Family services are held in St James', Nayland on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 10am.

In February we talked about sharing God's light with others, and we were delighted to have a display from the Woodpeckers class at Nayland Primary showing how they share light with others. It was wonderful to welcome some of the Cygnets and Woodpeckers along with Mrs Betts, who had been practising our children's song: *'This Little Light of Mine'*.

March was a special Family Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday. We thanked God for all who have cared for us, and prayed for those amongst us who find the day difficult. We talked about our families: our Bible reading reminded us to clothe ourselves in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, gratitude and love. So while Rev Stéphane was preaching to the adults we prepared a fashion show! The next services will be 19th April and 17th May.



## NAYLAND ART GROUP

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This term, we have continued to practise our drawing and watercolour skills and one watercolour session focused on simplifying a photograph and using the blank page when tackling a snowy landscape. Other taught sessions have recently encouraged us to think further about colour choices and to explore pastels and other media.

We meet on Wednesday afternoons in term time (2-4 pm) in the Church Hall on Bear Street. We are a small and very informal mixed ability group who just enjoy painting, drawing and being creative so do get in touch if you would like to try it. No experience necessary and you can try a session for free.



## 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 CHOIR

Reg Charity No 1216038



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Just after the Community Times goes to print, we will be performing our next concert in St James' Church on 29th March. The Pergolesi, Vivaldi and Haydn are challenging but very satisfying and lovely to sing and singing with professional musicians is always a wonderful experience.

Our summer concert, in the village hall on Friday 26th June, will be *'A Night at the Opera'* with music from Handel to Queen. This will include a light supper. Look out for posters and save the date; nearer the time, we will confirm information about ticket sales.

We are also planning a *'Come and Sing'* on Saturday 18th July which is an invitation to anyone to join us for a day of fun and singing, learning new songs from around the country/world on a theme of *'Musical Postcards'*. The idea is to practise during the day and then 'perform' the repertoire for our own enjoyment plus for any friends or family who would like to come along. This would be a great opportunity for anyone to try out singing with us or for anyone who is unable to commit to being a regular member but would like to enjoy a day of singing so do give it a try. Bring a friend! Look out for our posters and on our website and email us to express an interest. Tickets will be released nearer the time.

We are also going to be introducing a Friends of Nayland Choir with the idea that both existing members and people who are unable to sing with us but would like to support us can donate to the choir. The money raised would enable us to hire scores for more expensive music that we would otherwise be unable to perform and/ or to pay for musicians or soloists in our concerts. We will announce further details soon or contact us on our email.

Also, don't forget to look for us on Facebook and Instagram.



## NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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Facebook:  
 Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



We have some Spring time activities planned such as planting seeds and Spring flowers craft, and when the weather improves we will venture outside and enjoy sand and water play.

Always lots going on indoors too...tricycles, trampoline, slide, play dough table and a wide variety of toys.

Please come along with your little ones to the group for a 9.30am start in the Village Hall; it's just £4 per family which includes tea/coffee and biscuits for adults and healthy snacks and drinks for children. There is plenty of space for play and lots of toys and activities.

Our session dates for 2026 are: March 20th; then a break for Easter. In the summer term April 24th; then May 1st, 8th 15th; June 12th, 19th, 26th and July 3rd.



## NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Creativity Comes to Life at Nayland During World Book Day Celebrations

Pupils at Nayland Primary School recently enjoyed a vibrant and imaginative week celebrating **World Book Day**, bringing stories to life through creativity, art and a shared love of reading.

This year's celebrations centred around the whole-school text **The Tin Forest** by **Helen Ward**. The story tells of an old man who lives in a bleak yard filled with discarded metal but dreams of something greener and more beautiful. Through imagination and determination, he gradually transforms his grey surroundings into a vibrant forest full of life.

Inspired by this powerful story, pupils across the school took part in a creative project that could be seen by everyone visiting the school. At the front of the building, a "metal scrap yard" display was created using recycled materials. Throughout the week, children added their own imaginative scrap creations, slowly transforming the display just as the inventor in the story transforms his yard. What began as a simple collection of metal objects quickly grew into an ever-changing installation, fascinating pupils, staff and visitors alike.



The project sparked creativity across the school. Teachers used the story as a starting point for writing, poetry and artwork, encouraging pupils to think about themes such as hope, change and the beauty of the natural world. The results were impressive, with children producing thoughtful writing and striking artwork that showed just how inspiring a shared story can be.

Year 5 pupils, in particular, created some wonderful poetry based on the themes of the book. Their work captured the contrast between the grey metal world and the vibrant forest that eventually grows, reflecting the message of transformation at the heart of the story.

Alongside the creative projects, pupils also took part in a range of reading-focused activities throughout the week. The school's popular **Breakfast Books** session gave children the chance to start the day by enjoying stories together in a relaxed setting. Pupils also shared favourite books with friends and explored the school's Reading Café, where they learned more about how to choose books that match their interests and spark their curiosity.

The celebrations were a fantastic example of how reading can inspire creativity across an entire school community. By combining storytelling with art, writing and shared experiences, Nayland Primary created a memorable week that highlighted the joy of books and the imagination they unlock.

As the display at the front of the school gradually transformed, it served as a perfect reminder of the message within *The Tin Forest*. With imagination and hope, even the greyest places can become something magical.



## YOUTH CLUB

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It has been a real pleasure to start getting to know some of the young people in our village. We played indoor hockey during our February session: young people vs leaders! Needless to say,

the leaders didn't win!

And in March we had a game of indoor rounders - hard to say if the young people or leaders were more competitive!

The youth club is run by St James' church, for 11 (school year 6) to 14 year olds, on the second Friday of every month.

Each month we have an (optional) activity, foosball, board games, snack/drink and a short prayer/blessing at the end for those who wish to join in.

Sessions are £3 to cover the hire of the hall and snacks.

The next sessions will be held on: Friday 8th May and Friday 12th June, from 7:30pm-9pm, at Nayland Village Hall.

For more details contact Helen, as above.



## Woodland Corner

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Manager: Cheryl Leeks 263054  
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Registered Charity  
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behind Nayland Primary School, Bear Street,  
Nayland, Colchester, CO6 4HY

This term we have been looking at signs of Spring, despite all the rain, we have noticed snowdrops, primroses, crocus, daffodils, and tulips growing. Taking inspiration from the flowers we created collages and paintings which are now displayed in the classroom.

The pre-school children have made cards and planted a primrose for Mothering Sunday and we look forward to welcoming their mothers (or a special lady) on Monday the 16th March to stay and play.

Next week one of our parents is coming in to tell us how they celebrate EID and share some traditional food with us. We continue to work in partnership with our families; the children who start school reception in September have been invited to parent appointments and to agree their next steps for this transition.

Lots of Easter crafts and activities are planned for the last two weeks of the Spring term and we are looking forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt in the school woods.

We have limited spaces for the Summer term. Please get in touch to arrange a visit and discuss your requirements for sessions starting from September 2026 onwards.

We would be delighted if you could get a team together for our Pub Quiz at The Hare & Hounds on 23rd April at 7.30pm (see page 15 for details).

Please remember to drop off any used inkjet cartridges to Woodland Corner for recycling.





# VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Registered Charity No 304 928

www.naylandandwiston.net > Village Hall

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646  
naylandvillagehall@gmail.com

Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825

## FEBRUARY MEETING

### MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for February was read out.
- The inventory will be checked & updated.
- The quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- The VHMC approved the Treasurer's report and thanked him.

### ROOF REPLACEMENT

- Evers must complete remedial work on the roof, the external lighting. The painting of the barge and eaves detail boards has been suspended until the spring due to the weather. Evers are seeking further information on the outstanding issues.
- The new guttering will be installed after the painting to the above has been completed.
- Replacement of the main entrance flooring has been completed.
- Work is underway on the programming of the lighting and heating in the hall.

### MAINTENANCE

- A financial contribution was requested from Babergh DC towards the refurbishment of the kitchen. £500 was granted from the locality fund.
- CCTV will be installed around the hall.

## MARCH MEETING

### MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for March was read out.
- The inventory has been checked & updated.
- The quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The annual Health & Safety Inspection of the hall has been carried out. This was discussed and issues found will be remedied.
- The February fire checks were completed. Firepower have completed their annual checks of the fire extinguishers.
- The lights in the bar area still need to be fixed.
- The Performing Rights Society Licence is due.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

- The lack of electricity bills and meter readings has been raised with the energy ombudsman and the case accepted. The case will be adjudicated in a month's time.
- The Village Hall Insurance will be negotiated with Community

## CLASSES & GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Mondays: 9.30 Acrylic Painting, 2pm Table Tennis, 5pm Soccer School
- Tuesdays: 9.15 Pilates, 6pm Fitness Class
- Wednesdays: 9.15 Baby Massage & Yoga
- Thursdays: 10am Botanical Drawing, 6pm Zumba Class
- Fridays: 9.30am Baby & Toddler Group (*term time*)
- Saturday: 8am Yoga

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

## 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.

Action Suffolk.

- Gift Aid for Village hall donations has been applied for.

### BOOKINGS

- The numbers of bookings are increasing, early booking is advised.

### ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The painting of the barge and eaves detail boards will be carried out soon. Evers will be asked for a date for this work.
- The new guttering will be installed after the painting to the above has been completed.
- Work is underway on the programming of the lighting and heating in the hall.

### FUNDRAISING

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

### MAINTENANCE

- The kitchen will be refurbished. The ovens will be professionally cleaned.
- The car park will be resurfaced; a quotation from Evers and another contractor for this is awaited.
- A budget for a land drain to be dug to prevent the flooding of the car park will be sent to the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council will be given an estimate of the cost of the refurbishment of the kitchen.
- Electric hand dryers, new toilet roll holders and paper towel holders have been installed in the toilets.
- Peter the Painter has been asked to quote for repainting the main hall.
- The windows to the basement will be bricked up.
- The defective chairs will be removed from the hall.

### AOB

- A letter was received from the adjacent property advising that they will be removing asbestos from their property.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:** will be Monday 11th May at 7.30pm in the hall committee room.

The Spring Garden Working Party will take place on Saturday 21st March from 9am.

## 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.

## 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.

## NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: January & February 2026 by David Lowe

January was a very wet month but with near average mean temperature and sunshine. It was so wet (a record 104.9 mm) because the jet stream was just to the south of the UK most of the time, bringing depressions and the most active areas of fronts over us, and frequently stopping here, rather than the normal position to the north, when we are much less affected. Had the jet stream been a little further south, we should likely have had the much colder conditions that covered North Germany northwards, potentially with significant snowfall. As it was, there was only one day with a light splattering, on the 5th (see photo). However, temperatures rarely exceeded 10°C.

Mean temperature was 4.9°C (4.47) with a high of 10.77°C and low of -5.8°C. There was one day with a minimum of less than -5°C (0.76). There were 13 days with grass frosts 11, with ground (14.18) and 8 (9.53) with air frosts. On no day was 0°C not exceeded, on 6 days 5°C not exceeded (9.06) and on 25 days, 10°C (22.35).

Bright sun hours were 64.3(65.98) solar energy 1780 Ly (1830.58) and evapotranspiration 11.8 mm (15.57).

Monthly rain was 104.9 mm (54.28) almost double the normal amount. Highest rainfall in a day was 26mm (12.69) the highest daily total for January over the 18 year record period.

Average wind speed was 5.3 mph (4.56) with highest gust 42 mph (38.77). There were 2 days with over 30 mph (4.71). Predominant direction was South.

A similar jet stream pattern persisted through much of February, that is, south of the UK, though occasionally shifting to the north/west for a short period, sweeping warm air northwards.

So this meant it continued to be rather cloudy, wet and with averagish temperatures. Rainfall, at 86.3 mm was the second highest over the 18 year record period.

Mean temperature was 7.9°C (5.56) with a high of 17.7°C (second highest over the record period). The lowest temperature was -0.4°C (-2.98) the third highest low over the record period.

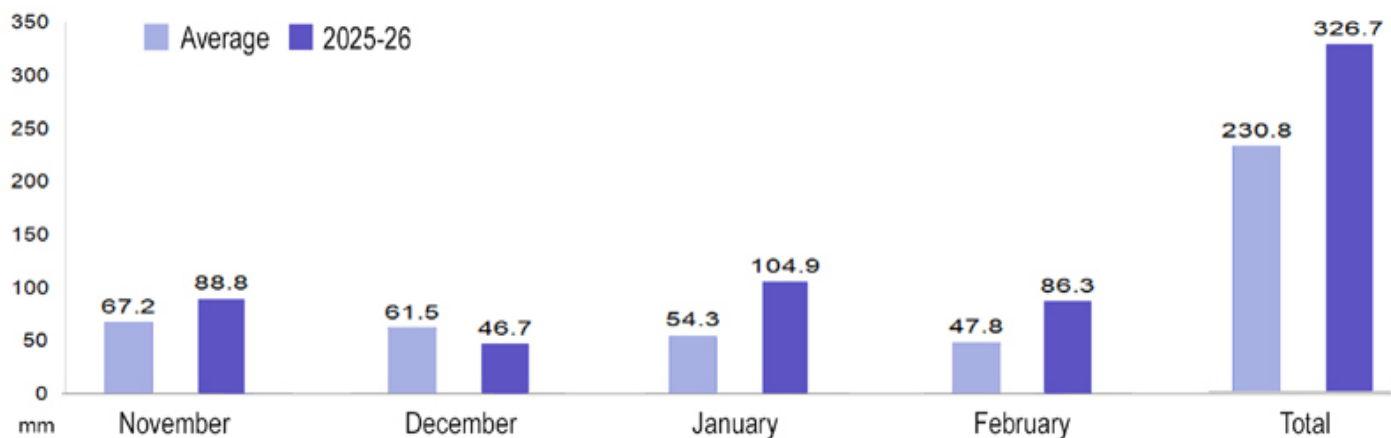
On no day was there a mean temp below 0°C - there were 3 grass and ground frosts and only 1 air frost. Also, on no day was 5°C not exceeded (4.94) and 16, 10°C (16.94). 15°C was exceeded on 3 days – the average is less than 1.

Bright sun hours were 94 (116.94) the 3rd lowest over the record period, with solar energy at 2475 (3087.44) the lowest over the period. Evapotranspiration was 20.3 mm (25.03) 3rd lowest.

Monthly rain was 86.3 mm (44.77) almost double the February average. Highest daily rainfall was 22.8 mm, the first time 20 mm or more has fallen in February. There was 1 day over 20 mm (0.05) and 2 over 10 mm (0.83). Highest rainfall rate was 51 mm/hr (30.82).

Average wind speed was 6 mph (5.24) with highest daily average 11.8 mph (11.74). Highest gust was 33 mph (38.22) with just the one day over 30 mph (3.89). The predominant direction was West.

### NAYLAND RAINFALL 2025-26 COMPARED TO 18 YEAR AVERAGE



## 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 emergency services to arrive and can dramatically improve a person's chances of survival when administered in minutes.



## WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO SPORT IN NAYLAND?

This year the Community Council is celebrating its 60th anniversary. Since 1966 it has been organising all the major village events such as Christmas celebrations and Fireworks Nights, and one of its most important roles is providing a link with all the many societies and organisations within the village. Some of these have been in existence for a very long time, thanks to the enthusiasm of their members and dedicated committees. However, in living memory there have been many other groups which have fallen by the wayside for various reasons.

A hundred years ago there was very little transport available and residents spent most of their leisure time in the village which meant that community and social events were well supported. There were annual fairs and celebrations of all kinds but it seems that sporting activities were the most popular pastimes.

Many photographs and press reports exist of annual sports days. In 1899 one newspaper reported that an athletics meeting had first started in Nayland for Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887 and was so successful that it became an annual event, until it was abandoned in 1914 because of the First World War.

A Sports Club was formed to organise the annual sports which included Athletic and Aquatic Sports. The water sports took place sometimes at Horkesley Lock Pool or Nayland Lock Pool and on the river at Anchor Bridge. This was when barges were still passing through Nayland and the river was much wider and deeper, although in the early 1900s the navigation was gradually coming to an end. Athletics usually took place on Mr Cuddon's meadow [now Webb's Meadow] or Mr Goldsmith's meadow near the Anchor.

There were Swimming races for children and adults, Diving off Anchor Bridge, a Barrel and Shovel race and Walking the Bowsprit, for which the first prize was a pig and the second a pair of ducks! There were Horse, Cob, Pony and Donkey Races. Land Sports included Hurdle Races, Flat Races up to 2 miles, Long Jump, High Jump, Tug of War, Obstacle Race and a Half mile Labourers' Race (?). Throwing a Cricket Ball was a contest for members of the Cricket Club only. Apart from the pig, prizes were mostly items such as cutlery, nutcrackers, fishing rods, walking sticks, cash, etc.



*Walking the Bowsprit in the river circa 1900*

**Football.** Nayland's Football clubs have come and gone for nearly 150 years. Football became an organized sport in England in the 1880s and the earliest photograph I have of a Nayland team is circa 1895. After bringing a lot of pleasure to school boys and men, the clubs successfully winning several trophies over the years, the Nayland Rangers Football Club finally folded up in 2019 through lack of players and management. One day Nayland might have another club, and perhaps even one for girls as well.

**Cricket.** Another sport lost to Nayland was Cricket. An even older sport than football, by the 18th century organised cricket



*Sports Day on Mr Cuddon's Meadow circa 1920*

was spreading rapidly in England. About 70 clubs were formed in Essex and Suffolk and records show that Nayland was one of the first to form its own club in 1778. Few records exist of its progress and where they played until at the end of the 19th century they combined with Great Horkesley and played at Horkesley Park [now Littlegarth School]. However, in the early 1900s the Nayland Chapel had a ladies team who played on Webb's Meadow.

**Tennis.** The first known club was formed in the 1920s but petered out for lack of a court. In May 1932 a new club formed and played on a court in Candy Lane near the allotments. Tennis tournaments were played and I have 2 cups presented to winners of ladies' and men's singles tournaments and also a medal, all won in the 1930s. After the war there was a lapse until the club reformed in July 1952 for a short time. Despite attempts by the Parish Council in later years to find a site for a public tennis court, there has not been a club since.

Other sports such as Archery, Bowling and Quoits went on before World War II. In more recent times quoits teams played at the Anchor and at the rear of the White Hart. Carpet bowls and Badminton were very popular in the Village Hall after it was built in 1970. The Men's Club which met in Fen Street had a Billiard table which later went to the White Hart. Unfortunately the club folded because the table was sold when the pub became a restaurant and there was nowhere else to keep it.

How sad that all these sporting activities gradually faded away. Inevitably the intervention of two world wars had their effect and after 1950 life was changing dramatically for everyone living here. Perhaps one day some of these long lost sports will return.

*Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder*

### Nayland with Wissington REMEMBERS 1945

A few copies of this local history book are still available at Forget Me Not, 2 Birch Street, priced £8.

This is a new collection of photographs, documents, personal letters 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



# VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 4TH MARCH CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Wow! We have a new roof that should last at least 50 years to the first maintenance. The Photovoltaic panels are now generating electricity. We have incorporated a dark sky policy for external lighting.

This has been a tremendous year for your Village Hall with stalwart contributions from all your Village Hall Management Committee members. I am pleased to report that there has been a notable increase in the number of bookings for the main hall. Our cleaners have provided excellent service, ensuring that our Village Hall is ready for hire. The Village Hall Management Committee is responsible for the day-to-day running of your Village Hall and its maintenance.

Since the original Village Hall was officially opened on the 5th August 1972 the Hall has had two major refurbishments at 25-year intervals, there will be future requirements at 25-year intervals that will require careful planning and financing to suit the needs at that time. The Village Hall maintenance and future developments must be carefully planned as both 25-year projects took a substantial time, from initial conception to the completion of the works. This responsibility will fall on to the shoulders of future Village Hall management committee members.

Thanks are required for the work that generates income from the Village Lunches run by Terry Bannister and Gale Scott, thanks are also due to Karen Freeman for the excellent film choices. Additional thanks are due to Gale Scott for putting up with me during all of the re-roofing works.

Finally, there has to be thanks to all of the helpers for the four events on Webb's Meadow for the additional events that proved community involvement to the satisfaction of the National Lottery.

I must thank everybody that has contributed to the success of the re-roofing project, this includes the funding sources of the National Lottery, Babergh District Council, our Parish Council, Community Council and Transition Nayland. I also thank everybody who has provided funding and many other donations .

I must thank the Parish Council for providing a member to help with dealing with Babergh District Council. Our initial application was rejected but due to the persistence of Patricia Fuller we did obtain a substantial grant from their CIL fund.

I must thank the VHMC for their support during the applications for grants and support for the new roof.

Finally, I am sure that we all should thank the drone flyers for providing excellent views of the roof works.

For the record, the work for the re-roofing of your village hall started in February 2018 for fund raising and the construction started last year, will be completed later this year.

I have tried not to single out any single person that has helped with the Village Hall re-roofing project but it would be remiss not to mention other members of the professional team that assisted with the project, Chris Exley was the Architect for the project, he provided a comprehensive set of drawings and details for the project, Andrew Jones of Tillyard the Quantity Surveyor, Andrew was also the Quantity Surveyor for the Millennium project, which included the new toilets, kitchen, changing room and the extension to the field side of the village. Denis Murphy was engaged as the Principal Designer for Health and Safety requirements. We are all grateful for their contributions to the Village Hall Project. Thanks are also due to T J Evers for their co-operation in keeping our Village Hall open with minimum disruption during the works. Finally, I must thank Graham Walker for volunteering to be our treasurer, this removed a great burden from me as acting treasurer due to the demise of Peter Mann.

Please forgive me if I have not mentioned the many other individuals and societies that have all contributed to the events and funding for the project.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Graham Walker reported that the hall is in a sound financial position. Separate accounts will be issued later in the year for the hall and the works on the roof.

### ELECTION OF THE VHMC

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

### AOB

Rachel Hitchcock, Community Council Chair, thanked the VHMC for their hard work. David Finnigan, Parish Councillor, thanked the VHMC for their work on the roof project.



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For further details: <https://www.gostart.org.uk/>  
 Call us on 01787 242116  
 between 9am-4om on weekdays



## DO YOU ENJOY WALKING OUR LOCAL FOOTPATHS?

The Parish Council is looking  
 for a new Footpath Warden

No specialist knowledge or experience needed, just a keen eye while you are out enjoying our wonderful countryside.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Debbie Hattrell, for more information on [clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk) or 01376 425744.

Residents are encouraged to report any issues with the network of footpaths to the Parish Council and on Suffolk County Council's online reporting tool: [highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk](http://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk)

## BARBARA BUNGEY MILLER

My wife Barbara was nearly 97 when she died last Christmas after a long and difficult illness. She lived for over half her life in Nayland, first for 12 years in the Butts beside the church and then for 40 years in Bear Street. I shall write about the 37 years I spent with her in Bear Street, but I will start with what I know of her earlier years.

The family home was in Chelmsford, where Barbara was born in 1929. Her brother Pat, now 95, has recorded his memories of their childhood. Barbara and Pat were both musical, singing and playing instruments, Barbara starting the violin and Pat the cello and organ. Together with friends they formed a small choir and occasionally performed in public, on one occasion to an appreciative audience of US servicemen awaiting D-day. Their house was severely damaged in 1944 by a landmine. The family had to move and Barbara became an evacuee for a short spell.

In her teenage years Barbara went to Chelmsford County High School and her music flourished. She played in the orchestra, where she met David Bungey, later becoming engaged to him. She showed early talent on the violin and at 17 won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. On graduation, she passed an audition to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. With some reluctance she declined the offer and decided to get married, devoting herself to starting what became a remarkable family. She had five children, four girls and a boy. There followed 12 grandchildren, and to date, 15 great grand-children. Including partners, more than 40 family members attended her funeral, with nearly 30 direct descendants.

Bringing up five children left Barbara little time for her recreations, the violin and her garden. She kept her violin going by playing at home with her husband David, an excellent flautist, and in concerts at New Hall school, where she taught the violin. David was Chief Education Officer for Essex and he served on the panel charged with the task of deciding where the newly established University of Essex should be sited, Chelmsford or Colchester. Chelmsford was thought to be too near London and so Wivenhoe Park was chosen. This decision affected Barbara's future, for when David retired, they moved out of Essex, and in order to remain near the University, chose to live in Nayland.



Barbara was widowed aged 50. Apart from her youngest, her children had left home so she formed a string quartet, went to summer schools and was invited to join a select gathering of skilled chamber musicians for their annual Easter weekend of intensive quartet playing. There she got to know a



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violinist/cellist couple and the three needed a viola player to complete their quartet and to go together to a US workshop for musicians in Austria. I was competent on the viola and I too had been invited to join the same group of good players. Barbara asked me to go with them and I was happy to agree. Barbara and I barely knew one other, but the long drive to Eisenstadt near Vienna remedied that. Playing quartets together for a fortnight cemented our partnership and changed both our lives. I owe my good fortune to long practice on the viola.

Going to Eisenstadt was the first of our many musical journeys together. It was an appropriate place to play string quartets, for Haydn had a house there and it was he who had invented the form. We met an American couple at the workshop, David a cellist and Sandra a pianist, formed a quartet together and became close friends. We were invited to stay with them several times at their home near Stanford University, where David was head of the medical faculty. We made music together and Barbara and I explored San Francisco and the Californian coastline and were taken up to gold-rush country high in the Sierra Nevada, where there are some of the tallest redwoods in the world.

In the following years we went to other US workshops in European cities and to one in Hawaii, making musical friends en route. A violinist we befriended stayed with us when she came to England and she then invited us to her home in New York, where we spent a week making music and sight seeing. A cellist from Boise, capital of Idaho, asked us to his home near the Rockies and took us to a mighty gorge and dam on the Snake river. Together we travelled many thousand miles, which neither of us would have done alone. Barbara's violin and my viola made us an effective combination.

Besides our foreign journeys, we did much playing in the UK, for over 30 years at summer schools and 12 years with the Nonesuch Orchestra, a London chamber ensemble bringing live music into schools. We gave regular concerts at home to audiences of 30 packed into our drawing-room, including a Mozart concerto to inaugurate the new piano. In the final years before arthritis and deafness intervened, we played solos with our pianist Peter, Barbara sonatas by Bach, Mozart and Beethoven, myself transcriptions of Schubert songs. I keep on the mantelpiece Nietzsche's edict: Without Music, Life Would Be A Mistake.

*Harold Miller*

### FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH

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

If you're not already part of our small community, we'd love you to join in with our future Social and Cultural events! We're always looking for new supporters - so if you might be able to give something, we'd be so pleased to hear from you!

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

Chairman: Simon Empson 01206 460250  
wistonfriends@gmail.com

Treasurer: Julian Baker 01206 262653



# 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](http://www.lspnw.org.uk) - [www.facebook.com/naylandchurches](http://www.facebook.com/naylandchurches)

## CHURCH SERVICES: *March/April*

Sunday 29th March 9.45am Procession from Nayland Care Home who will join the congregation in the High Street  
Palm Sunday 10.00am Service in St James's Church. Refreshments served afterwards

### Holy Week:

M 30th March 7.00pm Introduction to Easter Polstead  
T 31st March 7.00pm Stations of the Cross Leavenheath  
W 1st April 7.00pm Compline Wiston  
T 2nd April 7.00pm Institution of Last Supper Nayland

Friday 3rd April 10.00am Elements of the Cross Nayland  
Good Friday 2pm-5pm Sacred music afternoon Stoke

Sat 4th April 7.00pm Easter Vigil Nayland

Sunday 5th April 8.00am Holy Communion BCP Nayland  
9.30am Morning Prayer Wiston  
Easter Sunday 9.30am First Sunday Leavenheath VH  
9.30am Holy Communion Polstead  
11.15am Holy Communion Stoke

Sunday 12th April 9.30am Morning Prayer Leavenheath  
9.30am Holy Communion Nayland  
11.00am Holy Communion Stoke  
6.30pm Evening Prayer Wiston


Sunday 19th April 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

Sunday 26th February 8.00am Holy Communion BCP Wiston  
9.30am Morning Prayer Stoke  
11.15am Holy Communion Leavenheath  
6.30pm Evensong Nayland

## 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](mailto:admin@lspnw.org.uk)

**FROM THE REGISTERS**



**DEATHS**  
Mary Hussey

**CHURCH CONTACT**  
**ALL DETAILS ON PAGE 47**

If you require information about a baptism, marriage, funeral or anything pastoral please contact:  
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**Benefice Administrator:** Sam Bridgeman on 07770 884682 or [admin@lspnw.org.uk](mailto:admin@lspnw.org.uk)  
**Retired Clergy:** Revd Val Armstrong on 01206 262814 [mrsvarmstrong@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

## CHURCH SERVICES: *May/June*

Sunday 3rd May 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

Sunday 10th May 9.30am Morning Prayer Leavenheath  
9.30am Holy Communion Nayland  
Rogation 11.00am Holy Communion Stoke  
Sunday 3.00pm Rogation Wiston  
6.30pm *Cancelled*

Sunday 17th May 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

Sunday 24th May 8.00am Holy Communion BCP Wiston  
9.30am Morning Prayer Stoke  
11.15am Holy Communion Leavenheath  
6.30pm Evensong Nayland

Sunday 31st May 8.00am Holy Communion BCP Polstead  
10.00am Benefice Service tbc

Sunday 7th June 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

*Please note: 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*

## ROGATION SUNDAY

The usual trailer ride will take place on Sunday 10th May starting at 3pm from Newtons Farm. We will 'beat the bounds' from Wiston, up to Shaddelows Farm, Nayland and back blessing the crops, farm animals and river en route, returning for tea and refreshments at St Mary's Wiston.

## 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.

Dear all,

In these times of Lent and Easter, I wanted to share some quick thoughts about what a Messiah is. We know that the Jews at the time of Jesus had been waiting for a Messiah, a liberator that would bring back glory to the people of Israel. Christians claim Jesus was this long awaited Messiah, who liberated us from old ways and proclaimed a Gospel of love and justice.

We could argue that there was a difference between expectations and reality. This is a debate of theology and history. But maybe this is also a very contemporary debate. We have a tendency, in these troubling times, to wait for a providential character, a Messiah who would solve all of our problems.

So let's make some comparisons.

The Jews, thinking about the Messiah, had been waiting for a liberator, a king. He would be ruling an ideal state. He would be from the house of David and gather all Jews. He would be building the 3rd Temple. He would restore the authority of the Sanhedrin (the political and religious parliament composed of scribes and rabbis). He would have a male heir. He would open an age of justice and peace. All nations would recognise one God. And there would be the resurrection of the dead.

What kind of Messiah was the historical Jesus? He was a healer, feeder, forgiver, not a warrior king. His only conquest was ruling in our hearts with love. He was from the house of David by adoption through Joseph. He was unappealing for some Jews and attractive to gentiles. His ministry preceded the destruction of the Temple. Instead of restoring the authority of the Sanhedrin, he was questioning the authority of the scribes and pharisees. He had no heir. Instead, John the beloved became the son of Mary and Peter his friend the foundation of the Church. Justice and peace have to be built by the believers. The whole world will have knowledge of the one God but will still be free to accept God as Lord or not. And most importantly He is risen and has promised we shall be as well.

We can see all the similarities and differences. Shall we say it's a different perspective on what bringing salvation means? So now if we consider those across history or in our contemporary

lives, who have claimed to be or acted as saviours/leaders/messiahs; we realise that there are some great differences. It all falls on the difference of model that is followed.

On the model of a warrior king: the Kingdom is built by a Saviour who does it all for us. The Leader is seen as omnipotent, omniscient, expected to solve all the problems. People are ready to give him/her absolute powers. The Saviour cannot be wrong. Any critic becomes blasphemous. The powers are concentrated, unquestionable, personal.

Does it ring a bell to you?

On the model of Jesus Christ: the Kingdom of God is built as a synarchy (ie the leader rules together with the people). The Leader empowers people, teaches and lead by example. Dialogue is the foundation of the construction. Persuasion is through love, not coercion. The Nazareth Manifesto is the political agenda (feed the poor, heal the sick, liberate the captives, give sight to the blind, proclaim the Good News).

I'm sure you can find plenty of historical characters who fit this model.

So I let you reflect on this question. What kind of Messiah am I waiting for?

In the meantime, I wish you all the blessings.

*Reverend Stéphane*

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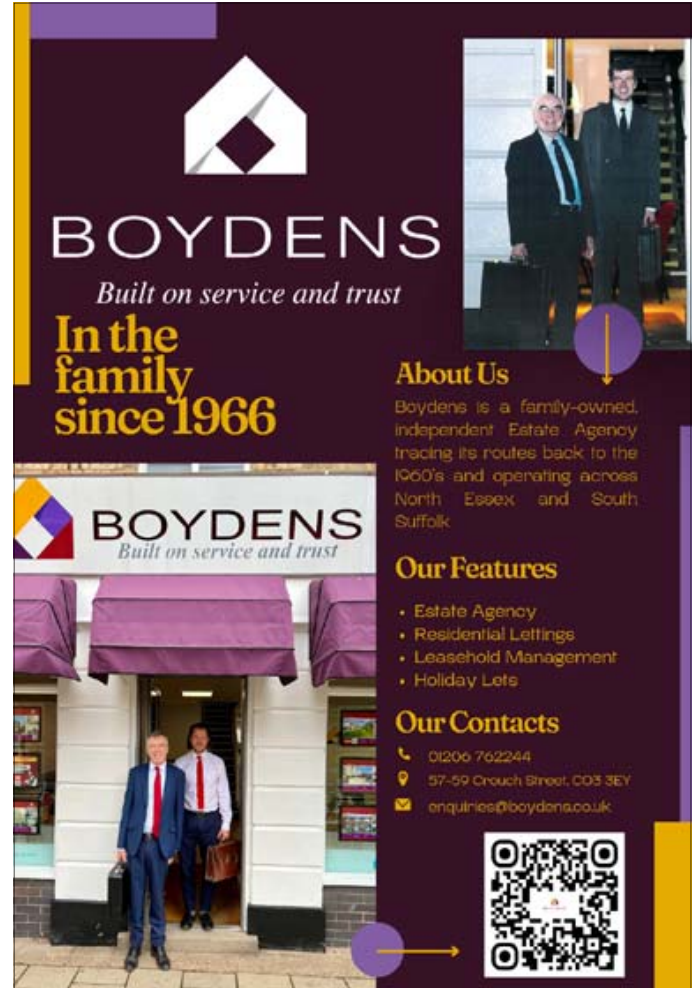
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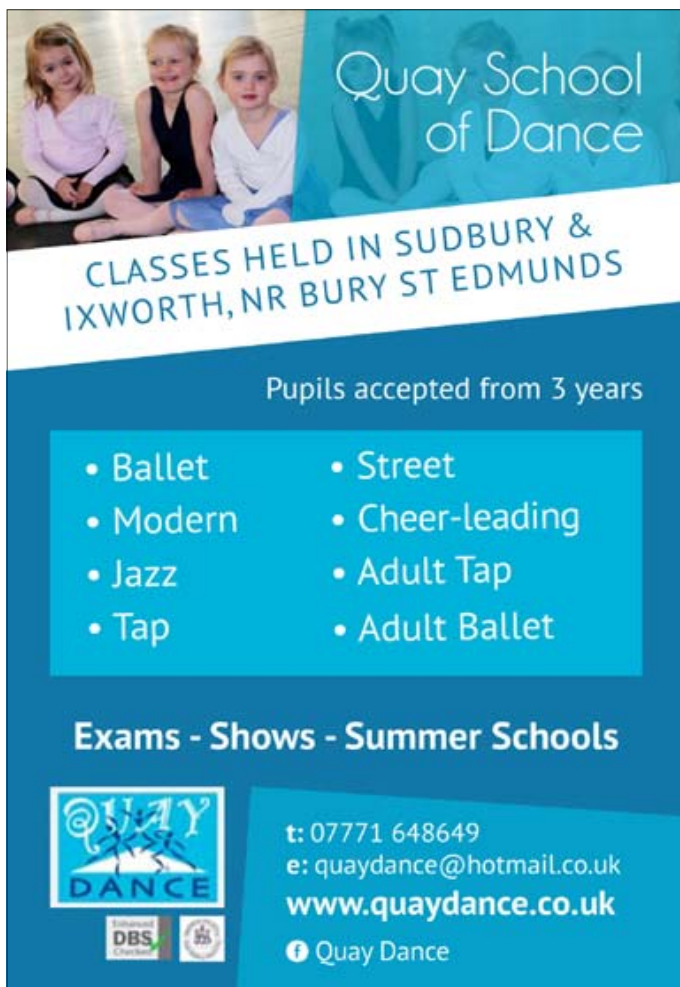
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Weekly on	Mondays: Tuesdays: Wednesdays: Fridays:	Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 29</i> Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall ( <i>term time</i> ) <i>page 25</i> Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James <i>page 2</i> Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall ( <i>term time</i> ) <i>page 32</i> Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall ( <i>term time</i> ) <i>page 10 &amp; 33</i>
<b>March</b>		
28th		HortSoc: Spring Show exhibits 8.15-9am, display & refreshments 10am Church Hall <i>page 24 &amp; 26</i>
29th		Nayland Choir: 'Sabat Mater' concert 4.30 for 5pm St James Church <i>page 32</i>
29th		Clocks spring forward
<b>April</b>		
3rd		Lizzie's Fund: Easter Egg Hunt 10.30am-12.30 Anchor Inn <i>page 14</i>
3rd-6th		Easter weekend
8th		Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room or by Zoom <i>page 2 &amp; 47</i>
9th		Women's Institute: 'Suffolk County Council' James Finch 10am Church Hall <i>page 28</i>
9th		Parish Council: Allotment Holders Meeting 7pm Village Hall committee room <i>page 3</i>
13th		Royal British Legion: Capt Richard Channon 'his time as a RN submarine Captain' 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 31</i>
14th		HortSoc: AGM & Fun Quiz 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 13 &amp; 26</i>
15th		Village Lunch: 'My Adventures / Helicopters' Duncan Bickley 11.45am for 12 Village Hall <i>page 13 &amp; 27</i>
16th		Village Players'; 'Flare Path' 6.30pm Village Hall <i>page 13 &amp; 31</i>
18th		Nayland Community Litterpick: meet 1.30pm Village Hall Car Park <i>page 15 &amp; 26</i>
17th-18th		Village Players'; 'Flare Path' 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 13 &amp; 31</i>
20th		Nayland Calendar Photographic Competition: deadline for entries <i>page 11</i>
20th [tbc]		Village Players: AGM 7.30pm Church Hall <i>page 31</i>
23rd		Royal British Legion: St George's Day Lunch Anchor Inn <i>pages 19 &amp; 31</i>
24th		Village Cinema: 'The Choral' open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 18 &amp; 27</i>
24th-26th		Nayland Calendar Photographic Competition: online voting - closes midnight on 28th April <i>page 11</i>
<b>May</b>		
4th		Nayland Church Fete 1pm-4pm Village Hall playing field <i>page 10</i>
6th		Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm ( <i>Exec 7.30pm</i> ) <i>page 9 &amp; 47</i>
7th		Conservation Society: Visit to Smallbridge Hall <i>page 26</i>
8th		Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall <i>page 14 &amp; 34</i>
9th		HortSoc: Morning Market & Refreshments 9.30am-noon Church Hall <i>page 13 &amp; 26</i>
10th		Conservation Society: Spring Footpath walk meet 1.45pm at Leavenheath Village Hall <i>page 19 &amp; 26</i>
10th		Rogation Sunday: Trailer ride from 3pm St Mary's Wiston followed by picnic <i>page 3 &amp; 40</i>
11th		Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room <i>pages 35 &amp; 47</i>
13th		Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room or by Zoom <i>page 3 &amp; 47</i>
14th		Women's Institute: AGM 10am Church Hall <i>page 28</i>
15th		Village Cinema: 'film tbc' open 6pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 &amp; 27</i>
20th		Annual Parish Assembly 7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall <i>page 1</i>
<b>June</b>		
11th		Women's Institute: 'Fabergé Eggs' 10am Church Hall <i>page 28</i>
15th		Royal British Legion: meeting 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 31</i>
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