



NAYLAND^{WITH} WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

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NAYLAND FLOWER SHOW

The annual Flower Show is always a lovely event in the village calendar that brings villagers together in a social atmosphere. As well as looking at the exhibits visitors can enjoy refreshments and a chat with friends. This year it is on Saturday 1st August.

But why not have a go at entering something? ... too shy, think your produce isn't good enough or not confident your cake will rise? Don't worry; it is a fun show with all levels of growing and baking competence and there is even a class for home-grown disasters! Participating will also introduce you to other residents and new friends.

So go on give it a go.... see page 11 & 26 for more details.

Show schedules can be found in Mill Street Deli or Forget Me Not 2 Birch Street, or from Trevor Smy 262022 or at www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk/

Hope to see you there ☺



HEDGEHOG ACCESS - PUBLIC MEETING

The Conservation Society are investigating a hedgehog access scheme and hope to raise enthusiasm and provide guidance on steps to be taken to help their survival.

Do please come along on 26th September – we hope families with children of all ages will wish to attend. See page 12 for details

REV. WILLIAM JONES & JOHN CONSTABLE ANNIVERSARIES

William Jones was born at Lowick, Northamptonshire, on the 30th July 1726 - 300 years ago - to Morgan Jones and his wife, Sarah Lettin. After an education which included Charterhouse and University College, Oxford, where he was awarded his BA in 1749, Jones was ordained deacon in the same year by the Bishop of Peterborough. Two years later he became a priest. As well as being a Theologian and Latin scholar, Jones was an accomplished musician.

Authorities differ as to the date of Jones' appointment to the perpetual curacy of Nayland - 1776/77 but it is almost certain that he lived in Fen Street in a house on the site of what is now numbers 22-26.

While at Nayland he composed works for the organ in St James' Church which he had built by Samuel Green of Isleworth in 1787, to encourage the choir. The instrument became known as the Jones Organ and he became known as Jones of Nayland. WJ as he was also affectionately known to his friends, died on the 6th January 1800. He is buried in the vault he prepared for his family beneath the Vestry, close to that of Thomas and Martha (Patty) Smith, John Constable's aunt, which was constructed in 1783. Jones was an important churchman who became the inspiration of the High Church Movement of the early 19th century. He was also a prolific and entertaining writer and composer. His most famous hymn tune is probably St. Stephen.

So this year Nayland can celebrate associations with **Rev Jones** and the 250th anniversary of the birth of Suffolk-born landscape painter **John Constable** (1776-1837).

Constable 250 refers to the year-long, multi-venue celebration honouring John Constable including at Christchurch Mansion Ipswich. 'Evening Constable' is a concert being held in Nayland on 4th September, see page 19.

He is known for revolutionising the genre of landscape painting with his pictures of Dedham Vale near his home - now known as 'Constable Country'. #

John Constable was born in East Bergholt to Golding and Ann (Watts) Constable. His father was a wealthy corn merchant, owner of Flatford Mill, and later Dedham Mill. It is believed that his aunt Martha (Patty) Smith, who lived at Longwood House Stoke Road with her husband Thomas Smith a wine merchant, malster and feoffee, commissioned the painting 'Christ Blessing the Bread and Wine' in 1809. It is one of only three religious paintings by Constable and was installed in St James' Church a year later. His better known works include 'The Hay Wain', 'The Lock', 'The Cornfield' and 'The Leaping Horse'.

Interesting documents on the life and work of Rev Jones and John Constable can be found on the Conservation Society website <https://www.naylandconservation.org.uk/ArchiveIntro.html>

AUGUST 2026

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WHAT'S ON

Cinema: 'H is for Hawk',

Nayland Flower Show

Woodland Corner Inflatable Day

'Evening Constable' concert

Village Lunch

Talk: 'Witches & Witchfinders'

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Gardening tidy at Village Hall
& St James' Churchyard

Talk: 'Angels & Demons'

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the meeting: 10th June 2026

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

Owen Brown chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sally Dalton from Friends of Caley Green asked the PC to write to the school in relation to their summer picnic on Caley Green/Sports Day. The additional rubbish this generates cannot be accommodated in the waste bins and bags of rubbish are left causing work for the Friends of Caley Green to clear. Darius Laws, as a parent, offered to speak to the school regarding taking their litter away. This was agreed.

Lorraine Brooks was encouraged that the planning application is now in progress for the riverbank protection at Caley Green.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Isabelle Reece said some residents have not yet received new bins and caddies; crews are working to clear the backlog. Those without new bins should continue using their blue bin for paper/card and black bin for food waste. While the majority of bins have been delivered they are dealing with queries in the order they are received. Central Government has decided to implement three Unitary Councils in Suffolk.

Locally she has been seeking resolution to the clogged drains on Harpers Hill and is also chasing the Old Burial Ground wall restoration. She said Highways raised concerns in connection with the planning application by a rivercraft hire company to the rear of the Anchor. Planning Enforcement are dealing with issues at Down to Earth site.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Newly elected councillor Darius Laws reminded the PC that they can make recommendations for funding from his locality budget of £6,000 to spend on community projects. However, this amount spread across the Constable division doesn't go far. In Essex County Councillors can prioritise some pothole repairs even if they do not meet the intervention criteria – he has raised this with Suffolk Highways.

HIGHWAYS

Kevin Sheath said issues with trees on Horkesley Road had been reported to Matthew Lee, SCC Property, who has confirmed that work is being organised. David Finnigan raised the issue of a white Audi repeatedly being parked inconsiderately near the junction at Parkers Way – he will pass full details to the Clerk to enable her to report to local police.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh raised no objections at **16 Paddock Grove [DC/26/00857]** conversion of existing garage to be re purposed as a home office and gym and erecting a wooden apex shed and new fence.

Between meetings councillors had no objections at **13 Court Street [DC/26/02036]** for tree work to fell 1 Ash tree; at land at **Sewage Treatment Works, Stoke Road [DC/26/01985]** for a telecommunications application; at **Fen Cottage, 15 Newlands Lane [DC/26/02252]** for tree work to remove 2 lateral limbs of a Prunus growing over the lane back to the stem to create clearance over the road.

With regard to more plans at **Land To The Rear Of The Anchor Inn 26 Court Street [DC/25/05611]** for change of use from meadow/grassland to a small, seasonal watersports business (retention of) councillors continued to have no objections providing suitable safeguards/conditions can be put in place.

Discussing a recent listed building application at **5 Jane Walker Park [DC/26/02200]** for construction of raised decking and a new entry point with ramp under portico, demolition of existing porch and installation of new windows, construction of external ramp following removal of existing steps councillors had no objections subject to assurances that no essential historic asset is being lost and a re-assurance that stringent conditions be imposed in relation to the building work.

Kevin Sheath was pleased to report that the planning appli-

cation for erosion repairs at Caley Green riverbank was being progressed at Babergh Planning.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Owen Brown said he attended a Suffolk Preservation Society workshop on Neighbourhood Planning and asked about the differences between a Housing Survey and Housing Needs Survey. Housing Needs Surveys were popular until funding was withdrawn and are stand-alone Surveys. Housing Surveys are more general and often used as an evidence base for a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Brown offered to do some further research.

OPEN SPACES

The planning application has now been submitted for the installation of the revetment at the river at Caley Green. The Environment Agency consent has been submitted. The contract package is being assembled ready to tender. The PC has now received the Planning Consultation. Kevin Sheath took the opportunity to thank Sally Dalton from Friends of Caley Green for all her efforts and knowledge with this project.

Gerry Battye reported that work has commenced in relation to the memorial seat in memory of Eva Rolfe. He praised the appearance of Caley Green after mowing.

Kevin Sheath confirmed that restored signage is back on Caley Green, and the situation is to be monitored. He has investigated the cutting of the reeds near the riverbank. Concern had been raised that the vigorous reeds will encroach the Green again if not adequately controlled.

The Friends of Caley Green have been clearing excess rubbish left in and near the bins on the Green. Kevin Sheath felt this should be continued professionally and he will investigate and liaise with our contractor about quoting for this to be added to our yearly contract. However, it was pointed out that the need was mainly after high use of the green such as at weekends, after events or during holidays.

The Clerk will ask our contractors to cut Pop's Piece hedge when bird nesting allows and to quote to restore the burial ground turning circle parking where deterioration has been reported.

ALLOTMENTS

Owen Brown confirmed he has met a key representative of the potential Nayland Allotment Association. He summarised that the PC has agreed the principle of exploring an Allotment Association. This could range from a single representative at the Allotments to a Community Interest Company leasing the land from the PC. The representative Steve Hunter would chair the Association (if it proceeded) supported by Vice Chair/ Secretary Ruth Beverley. They have a list of points, and their top issue is a perimeter fence. They feel a focused Association could move more quickly on projects and seek grant funding. Owen Brown hopes to bring more information to the July meeting.

A judge is being sought for the Best Kept Allotment competition.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

Matters arising included: Some of the brickwork has been dislodged in the Burial Ground turning circle parking spaces. The question of a Village Sign was raised, and this was being investigated by David Finnigan. Gerry Battye agreed to investigate the request for a bench in the shade at the playpark. The bus timetable was raised, and Joan Border is investigating. Parking in the village and the VH Car Park had been raised.

IN BRIEF

Burial requests and memorial applications continue to be considered and sympathetically addressed according to our regulations between meetings.

Councillors were pleased the new warden was able to attend and introduce himself in the public forum.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the annual meeting: 8th July 2026

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Owen Brown chaired the meeting. Joan Border has resigned from the council. There are now three vacancies on the council.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jo Reed expressed concern regarding the timing of haymaking on the allotment field, pointing out that Skylarks and voles were still nesting. It was pointed out that June is a usual time for haymaking. Owen Brown agreed to liaise with the farmer and report back to the PC.

Sally Dalton asked the PC to write to the school thanking them for clearing rubbish and keeping the children occupied during their summer picnic; it's good to see Caley Green being enjoyed.

Lorraine Brooks asked whether councillors know of any changes to the bus timetable this autumn. David Finnigan is taking over the role of bus representative from Joan Border and will advise if/when there are any updates.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Darius Laws was pleased to report that his request to SCC Highways that repair of the road surface near the School in Bear Street was carried out prior to any repainting of the road. Tricia Fuller said resurfacing of the bottom section of Harpers Estate had been requested several times to no avail; Darius agreed to raise this with Highways.

HIGHWAYS

Kevin Sheath updated the meeting regarding necessary tree work along Horkesley Road; Matthew Lee of SCC Property had ordered the work to take place this autumn.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh raised no objections at **13 Court Street [DC/26/02036]** for works to trees to fell 1 Ash tree.

Discussing a recent application at **20 Fen Street [DC/26/02761]** for installation of an above ground spa within the rear courtyard garden councillors objected due to insufficient information in the application.

Owen Brown raised the issue that Government have approved use of AI in planning.

The first is a new AI prototype that aims to halve the time it takes to process householder planning applications. It is at pilot stage with three councils. The prototype triages applications, summarises key information and provides planning officers with an initial assessment they can consider when making their decision.

The second is another tool now available to all councils in England. It uses AI to help planning officers convert decades-old planning documents and maps, sometimes with handwritten notes, into readily useable data.

These would create a huge change within Planning with use of buzz words becoming more important.

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Owen Brown said he continues his fact finding investigations in connection with options for potentially conducting a Housing Needs Survey. He will be attending a Local Plan Workshop by Babergh to gather more information. The PC has ring-fenced CIL funds if/when they opt to proceed with a survey.

OPEN SPACES

The planning application for the riverbank repairs and reprofiling has been validated and responses received including:

- an objection from the Environment Agency to the Kedel ultra boards (Kedel recycled plastic synthetic timber replacement that looks and feels like wood but never rots). This could be changed to oak to overcome the objection, however the lifespan of oak is shorter.
- comments on Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements by an at Essex County Council Ecologist
- objections from the National Landscape Team regarding the materials.

Encouragingly the EA has not objected to anything other than the timber type.

The EA permit application is in hand with Matthew. The contract

documents are being created with a plan to tender around the middle of the month.

Kevin Sheath floated an idea to recruit a volunteer to take over the Caley Green refuse bin monitoring/emptying. It was felt larger bins were not the answer for this location. Options via the public realm and the PC contractors will be explored.

Gerry Battye said monitoring of the Green has been in safe hands in recent years but a different approach may be needed going forward.

Gerry Battye reported that installation of the memorial seat in memory of Eva Rolfe has been completed and her family are happy with it. He praised the appearance of Caley Green after mowing.

ALLOTMENTS

The Best Kept Allotment competition has been judged and winners will be presented with their prizes during HortSoc's Flower Show on 1st August.

Owen Brown said members of the potential Nayland Allotment Association are exploring their options for insurance.

BURIAL GROUND

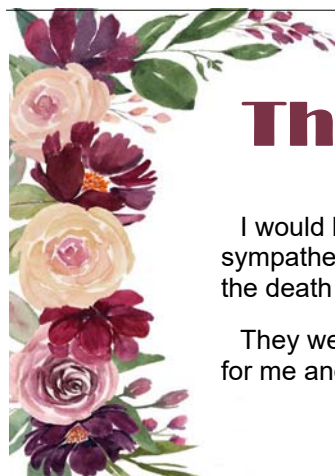
Regarding an overgrown tree in a grave which was felled; a member of the family has come forward requesting involvement with a replacement tree. Councillors were pleased that this would enable the choice of replacement tree to be more meaningful.

IN BRIEF

Kevin Sheath raised concern over a pile of 40-50 pallets stacked at the village hall which may be a fire hazard.

NEXT MEETING

There is no PC meeting in August unless very urgent matters arise, therefore the next meeting will be on 9th September.



Thank You

I would like to thank you all for the sympathetic cards you sent to me on the death of my son Matt.

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Bryan Smith



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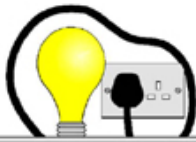
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Thursdays: 2pm to 3pm

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SUMMER CHURCH RAFFLE



Our second of three raffles this year takes place at our Wednesday Coffee Morning on 22nd July with a bumper table of 15 great prizes (see photo) - it has raised £380 so far. Proceeds go to St James' Church, Nayland; specifically towards the preservation of the fabric of this beautiful building.

Huge thanks to Rachel at Forget-Me-Not, Perrywoods and Harvester for donations as well as attendees at coffee mornings: Jen for our baking basket, Tina for her beautiful wrapping skills and Irene for raffle procurement and sales.

I'd like to thank all who support the cause - donating, selling and most importantly buying tickets. A big thank you to the Coffee Morning Team for their hard work every week supplying the coffee and delicious cakes - it's a fun morning so do come along.

Maggie Baker

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.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING GROUPS

Further details on page 46

Chair: Dawn Harris dawn.harris@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk

Vice Chair: Owen Brown

WORKING GROUPS:

Allotments: Dawn Harris, Owen Brown & Ruth Beverley

Burial Ground: Owen Brown

Caley Green: Kevin Sheath, Dawn Harris & Sally Dalton

Fairfield: Gerry Battye, Dawn Harris

Finance: Dawn Harris, Tricia Fuller, David Finnigan, Kevin Sheath, Clerk

Footpaths: Nigel Beverley (*Footpath Warden*)

Highways: All councillors with individual areas

Planning: All councillors

Trees: Kevin Sheath & Terry Bannister (*Tree Warden*)

Bus Rep: David Finnigan

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL: REFUSE & RECYCLING SCHEDULE FOR BANK HOLIDAY & NEW BINS

**Please make sure your bin is out by 6am
or the night before during the heatwave**

Check for further information and delays at:
www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services
or phone 0300 1234 000 (option 4)

August 2026

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September 2026

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Refuse (general rubbish) collection
Recycling (glass, plastic etc)
Paper & Card
Collection following a bank holiday
will be a day later than usual

FOOD WASTE will be collected weekly on the same day as other collections but by a separate vehicle

Garden waste collections for Nayland (Week 2) will be fortnightly on 30 July, 13 & 27 August, 10 & 24 September.

**Please put your bin out by 6am
or the night before during heatwave**

Check for delays at: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling>
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SCHEDULED ROADWORKS

Harpers Hill

25 July - 27 July

Traffic control (multi-way signals)

Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

Mill Street

31 July - 27 August

Scaffolding: Some carriageway incursion

Fen Street

7 Sept - 9 Sept

Road Closure

Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

Bear Street

3 August & 4 - 7 August

Traffic control (two-way signals)

Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

A134 Leavenheath

8 August - 31 August

Traffic control (two-way signals)

Bellmouth access and crossing construction

15 Nov 2025 - 31 Dec 2029 all the time

30mph speed limit, Balfour Beatty / National Grid

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

There appears to have been some confusion recently regarding local public access...

PERMISSIVE TO PUBLIC: KNOW YOUR PATHWAYS

From bridleways to public footpaths to restricted byways: what's the difference?

- **Footpaths** - for walking, running, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs. You can travel along these on foot or using your mobility aid, but you don't have a 'recorded right of access' for anything bigger.
- **Bridleways** - for walking, horse riding, bicycles, mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs. These are routes that started life as routes used by horse riders and they are usually stile-free.
- **Restricted byways** - for any transport without a motor and mobility scooters or powered wheelchairs open to the same groups as bridleways (walkers, mobility vehicle users, horse and bike riders) with just the addition of anyone travelling in a horse-drawn vehicle. These paths do not permit use by 'mechanically propelled vehicles' (cars, vans or motorbikes).
- **Byways Open to All Traffic (BOAT)** - for any kind of transport, including cars (but they're mainly used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders) they permit all the same users as the restricted byways but also allow motor vehicles.
- **Permissive paths** these are pathways that you're allowed to use because the person who privately owns that land has made the route available to the public. The signs will indicate if there are restrictions, so check what is allowed before making

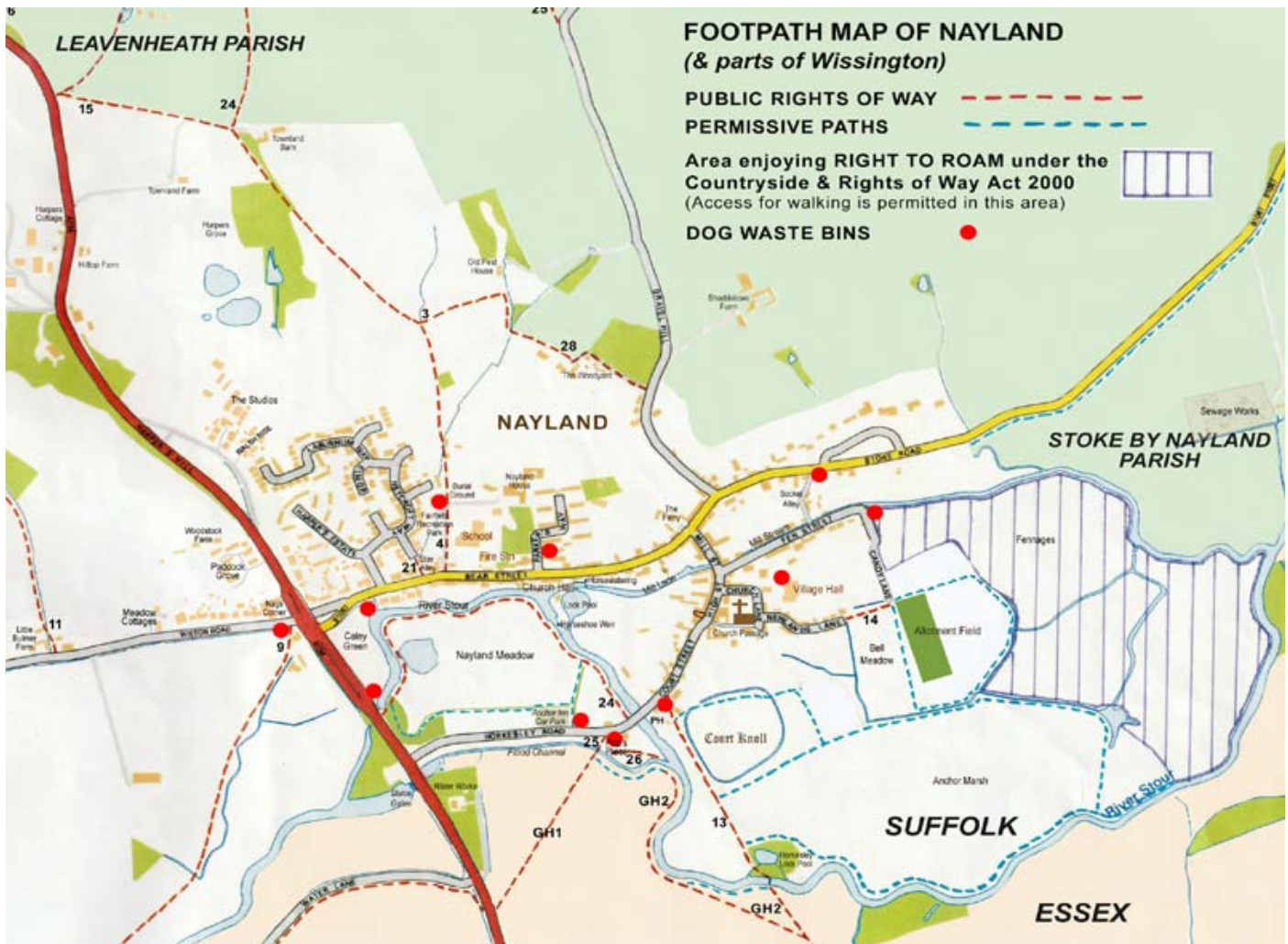
any assumptions. You'll sometimes see routes marked with signs indicating that you're using one of these, and it can feel confusing. Check those signs, if you see them, as they might include information that's specific to that path in particular. You're allowed to use these paths because the person who owns that land has made the route available to the public. The landowner is within their rights to withdraw the access to this land at any time and of course, are more likely to do that if the pathway is abused.

- **Right to Roam** - on open access land without paths for walking, running, watching wildlife and climbing. No horse-riding, cycling, camping, vehicles (except mobility scooters and powered wheelchairs).

Always adhere to the golden rules of the Countryside Code: to 'leave no trace' that you were ever there, respect everyone and stick to the permitted areas.

Please note: on the PROW and permissive paths on Nayland Meadow bicycles and horses are not permitted. There are no BOATs, bridleways or restricted byways in Nayland.

There is no right to roam on land near Court Knoll, Anchor Marsh or the allotments. Only the Fennages are right to roam.



There have once again been complaints...

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND USE THE DOG WASTE BINS

Do NOT bag it and leave it!!!

There is no excuse... there are ample dog waste bins near the footpaths as you can see from this map - locations are shown ●

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 1st July 2026

Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309

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

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members and residents to the meeting.

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

Fundraising Activities/Events: As always future ideas and support are welcome.

Community Defibrillators: Defibrillators are located at the Village Hall, Fire Station and on the verge outside The Houses, Bures Road, Wiston. CO6 4LZ. The defibrillators at the Village Hall and Bures Road are managed by the CC; they are regularly checked and are registered with The Circuit, the British Heart Foundation System linked to the Ambulance Service. The defibrillator at the Fire Station is also linked to the Circuit which means the Ambulance Service will refer 999 callers to the closest defibrillator.

Online Ticketing Facility: It was discussed that new ticketing arrangements are required with the winding up of *nayland events.org*. For CC events Matt Cable had made progress on this.

Village Hall Gardening Morning: The autumn session will be held on 17th October.

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

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

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

CC 60th Anniversary: Thanks were expressed for Lorraine Brooks efforts in producing a fantastic commemorative spread in Community Times.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Matt Cable gave his report on finances to 30th June.

Breakdown of profits to date: Quiz £711, Community Times £283, Calendar £276.

Grants paid: £800 to Woodland Corner towards new acoustic rafts, £200 for maintenance of the Horse Watering.

Expenses year to date: £1,546 for 2025 defibrillator maintenance and the new Wiston device, £432 for permissive path maintenance, £444 for skips to clear the village hall store room, and £122 for hosting the AGM.

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £13,135 represented by Current a/c monies £12,590 and Cash on Hand £545. We hold £298 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: Horse Watering area £94.

Therefore unencumbered assets are £12,744.

GRANTS & DONATIONS:

Permissive footpath maintenance: We will continue to monitor the two stretches of permissive footpath - Stoke Road and Court Knoll to Allotment field - and call Dan Bowman back when needed (obviously being mindful of restrictions due to nesting birds). He carried out maintenance in March that will hopefully ensure that these paths remain accessible throughout the summer. Some local residents will do basic strimming/mowing. No further action required at this stage.

Community Times & Websites: Thanks as always to all contributors. Minor amendments to the advertising structure were approved as per Lorraine's suggestions.

Village Calendar: A proof of the calendar was circulated and all agreed it looked great. This will now be printed and produced in time for the Summer Flower Show on 1st August.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Bookings for key events had been made in advance by Lorraine Brooks. Rachel Hitchcock will book future meeting dates from the end of the year

Community Council's 60th Anniversary: Commemorative spread in Community Times. Members were grateful to Lorraine Brooks for producing a fantastic 8 page commemorative spread for the Community Times celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Community Council.

Bonfire & Fireworks: Thursday 5th November. Rachel Hitchcock, Claire Buller, Matt Cable & Jo Metson leading. Matt has set up a provisional Ticket Tailor account which seems straightforward with similar costs. Matt to investigate need to set up an independent web domain for the purpose of this (Claire's son may be able to help with this). Catering: agreed to order 100 more sausages to be cooked in advance and look at alternatives to fish and chip van. Matt to investigate a small children's ride. Rachel to contact the local police officer regarding parking cones and possible arrangements to help with parking. Staff parking on the day should be on the field to increase disabled parking in the car park. Discussed options for ticket prices on the gate.

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 5th December. It was agreed that the Christmas Fayre should go ahead on Saturday 5th December as Father Christmas is available on this date, as are Claire, Vicki and family, Rachel, Becs and Matt.

SOCIETY REPORTS

HortSoc: They enjoyed a members visit to Richard Cave's garden on the 14th June. Next will be our annual members garden party at Peter and Mig Drew's home in Fen street on 10th July. They are looking forward to the Flower Show on 1st August.

Parish Council: Judging for the allotment competition is planned; a new bin for High Street has been donated by Conservation Society; Caley Green river bank erosion repairs are in planning and awaiting a decision; practical completion has been granted for the replacement village hall roof. Big thanks to the committee and all who contributed to this worthwhile project.

Baby and Toddler Group: They have been outside in the sunshine when the weather has been nice enjoying sand and water play. Some weeks are busier than others; they are considering options to cover running costs.

Nayland Meadow

21 May saw the formal opening of the Nayland Meadow boardwalk and platform. It currently costs £5,000-£6,000 annually to run Nayland Meadow excluding special projects. They will need to put in place long-term plans now so as not to deplete our reserves. Views and ideas all welcome. As a gentle reminder the paths are footpaths and it is not open for cyclists or horses.

Conservation Society: They enjoyed a talk by Beatrice Prosser Snelling on the history of Benton End the artistic home of Cedric Morris and the Suffolk School of Art on June; in October Professor Alison Rowlands will speak on the subject of Angels and Demons in Essex and Suffolk. They undertook some nettle clearance to the footpath on the south side of Anchor Marsh. They are also investigating a hedgehog access scheme with a view to encouraging an increase in the numbers of this delightful mammal in the village

Royal British Legion: In July we have a small party visiting RAF Wattisham and its Museum; in August we have a slot booked to look round the Anglo-Saxon ship project in Woodbridge. Also in August, Pat O'Malley will relate the amazing story of a relative's award of the VC in WW1. On 23rd October we will hear about the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Nayland Community First Responder Group: Adam, Corinne and Ryan had an evening teaching the Great Horkesley Cubs pack CPR and AED use; a skill to go towards a new badge for the Cubs. Adam and Corinne were chosen to represent the East of England Ambulance Service volunteers at a 250th anniversary celebration of the Essex Freemasons in June.

The group provided 2 sessions of CPR and AED use in Little Horkesley following installation of the new public AED there.

AOB: As discussed previously, Dawn Harris will investigate the possibility of installing In-Post lockers at the Village Hall.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be on Wednesday 2nd September, 8pm (Exec 7.30 pm) in the Church Hall.

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- 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
- Speak to one of the councillors or come along to a meeting to see how things work
- See more at: naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk

Come and make a difference – we'd love to have you in our friendly team helping keep our Parish a thriving community.



MEMORIES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S FIRST CARNIVAL AND DONKEY DERBY

Following the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Community Council featured last issue Sally Bartrum (nee Curtis) had shared her memories of the first Nayland carnival...

My memories of the events that took place in Nayland and Wiston in 1967 go a little further back than the Carnival and the Donkey Derby as my father, John Curtis, was very involved with raising the funds to buy Webb's Meadow and to build the village Hall.

After we moved to the Anchor in 1956 he became a mainstay of Nayland Rangers Football Club. At that time there was no suitable playing field in the village so the Rangers played their home games at the Mile End sports ground, many of the players having to catch the Norfolk's bus into Colchester on a match day! Obviously this wasn't ideal so my father quickly became determined that a pitch should be acquired in the village itself.

And so it was that he became a founder member of the Community Council (CC) where some rather 'ambitious' ideas for fundraising were greeted with enthusiasm by the committee, and subsequently embraced by the village itself. The Anchor became the hub of the organisation and the arrangements for the carnival and the Donkey Derby took over our family life!

After months in the planning by the CC there was mounting excitement especially amongst us youngsters as the day of the carnival drew near. The youth club, like several other village organisations, entered a float. Nayland Youth Club was a very democratic organisation and run by a committee of its members – all teenagers. I remember much deliberation took place before we decided we would just be ourselves and represent the diversity of our members: several mods, some rockers and quite a few of us 'flower children' all having the very best time as we sang and danced on our float as it passed through the village where so many familiar happy faces lined the streets. It was before the village acquired Webb's Meadow and a few years before the bypass and Caley Green came into existence so after the procession went over Anchor Bridge we all ended up in the field where the Donkey Derby took place. This field is now the Nayland Meadow but back then was over the county boundary and still in Essex.

My memories of the Donkey Derby itself are a bit hazy (well it was 1967!) I just know the sun shone and hundreds of spectators of all ages from Nayland, Wiston and Leavenheath turned out. There was much excitement and everyone enjoyed themselves. Peace and love abounded and it was just a wonderful day!



↑ Nayland Youth Club Float: Lionel (Fred) Crisell, Neville (Nelson) Crisell, Edward Nevard, Angela Norfolk, Kay Crick, Thelma ?, Sally Curtis, Mark Warom, Liz Warom, Veronica Murphy, Richard Wayland

↓ Winner of the first race in the Donkey Derby was Stephen Richardson.



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Show Schedule



Entry Form

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Saturday 12th September
9am-5pm

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- Sign up your sponsors (JustGiving is the easiest way); tell them which place of worship 50 per cent of your money should go to
- Enjoy your walk or cycle ride



Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Local Organiser from whom sponsorship forms are available:
Chris Hunt 01206 262014

www.shct.org.uk



WEDDING THANKS



We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our dear friends and neighbours who supported us at our recent wedding on June 6th at St Mary's, Wiston. It was a wonderful celebration of 26 years together, made even more memorable by the deeply moving service conducted by Reverend Stéphane Javelle, alongside readings from Suki Cohen and Suzanne Shaw.

We owe a special thank you to Penny Baker for her beautiful floral arrangements in the church, and to Nicola Thoroughgood and family for their invaluable help setting up for our garden reception. Nayland Choir, led by Emma Bishton, gave a truly breathtaking performance of John Rutter's *'This is the Day'*, accompanied by organist Catherine Johns. It was wonderful to see so many of you, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who supported us in making the occasion such a special day.

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10am-12noon Nayland Village Hall

All are most welcome, we hope families with children of all ages will wish to attend

The Society is investigating a hedgehog access scheme with a view to encouraging an increase in the numbers of this delightful mammal in the village. Please come along. We hope to raise enthusiasm and to provide guidance on steps to be taken to help their survival.

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NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

Saturday 10th October

**Meet at 1.30pm
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**All welcome to help collect litter from
the village and footpaths.**

Equipment provided but please wear gloves.

**Contact mikejphunter@gmail.com
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MID SUMMER SOLSTICE & SUFFOLK DAY PICNIC

What a brilliant day!! The sun was shining to herald the start of the next heatwave as the crowds gathered on Caley Green to celebrate the well established traditional midsummer picnic. What a great time it was, with blankets spread and baskets opened along with the fizz of bottles of pop; gosh! It was like a scene from an Enid Blyton story! (*are we allowed to mention her?*).

Anyway this event has become very popular, so much so in fact that a suggestion was made to keep the Solstice picnic on the nearest weekend to midsummer. This would allow more people to join in. In fact a good suggestion was to have the picnic on the third Sunday of June just after the Family Service in church.

What do you think - any ideas? Answers on a postcard please. Such fun!!



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ST JAMES' CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 24 October
from 9am – 12 noon



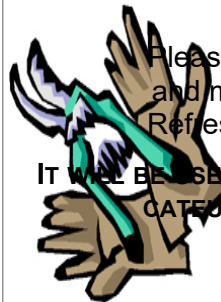
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VILLAGE HALL GARDEN WORKING PARTY

Saturday 17 October
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If you would like assistance that we can offer please let Lorraine Brooks know via email at lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com or 262807.

Or if you may be able to help by being included on a volunteer list to help someone local to you if the need arises please make contact. Please let her know your name, telephone number, email and the road that you live in. Only when approached by someone who requires an errand would details of nearby volunteers / those in need be exchanged.

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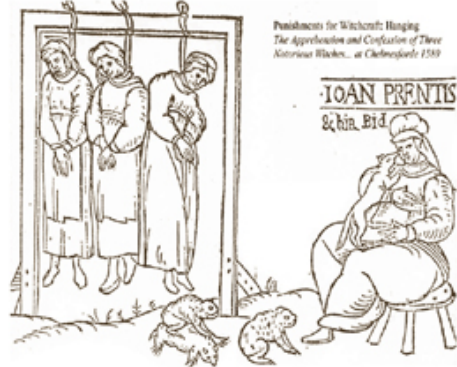
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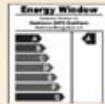


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We do however incur day-to-day expenses to maintain the Church, including utility costs, security, insurance, organ maintenance and the annual parish contribution. All donations to support us are therefore extremely welcome and very much appreciated!

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.

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Thanks in anticipation of your generous support!

Kevin Walsh, St James' Church, PCC Treasurer



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ANGELS & DEMONS:

Exploring Suffolk churches

Speaker: Sarah Doig



TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

7.15pm for 7.30pm

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Friday 4th September

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RIVER WATCH

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

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

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

NAVIGATION ADVISORY NOTICES

- Downstream Nayland Horseshoe Weir to Boxted Mill: Navigate with caution - levels lowered to make repairs to Boxted Mills.
- Upstream Wiston Mill: with caution - fallen tree.
- Near Wormingford Pumping Station - fallen tree restricting navigation.

Check www.visitanglianwaterways.org for updates

WATER QUALITY & SEWAGE

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

WATER LEVELS

There has been a long dry spell but there hasn't been a repeat of August 2019 when the river below the weir ran dry. It was necessary for the EA to come and rescue isolated fish. See photos below right.

Usually at this time of year the Ely Ouse to Essex Water Transfer Scheme is operating, and the River Stour acts as a pipeline. Water is abstracted at Wormingford, and pumped through to Aberton Reservoir. The river here benefits from the additional water, however the drought has affected the whole of Eastern England so it's unlikely the River Ouse has water to share.

RIVER VEGETATION

The situation with reeds around the Horseshoe weir (and other areas of the river through Nayland) remains disgraceful. The EA are the riparian owners around the weir. In recent years EA contractors have come along in Truxors to undertake an annual weed scoop to help maintain the river as navigable - a legal requirement. No sign of this as the CT goes to print.

WILDLIFE & SWANS

The very good news has been that on 20th May a pair of swans with four cygnets were spotted near Caley Green. It is believed the swans nested on the Lock Cottage 'island', which has long been used by swans for nesting. Surrounded by water is it no doubt the safest place away for foxes. Mallards too were seen protecting their young as best they can from predators and they were seen basking on the riverbank at Caley Green.

The lone swan that previously caused some concern because it has lost a number of large wing feathers, but is otherwise healthy, has been keeping out of the way of the breeding pair of swans. By July it has settled on the Meadow pond.

Mute swans do not like heatwaves. Like most waterfowl, they struggle in extreme summer temperatures, which put them at risk of heat stress and dehydration. Swans have a high average body temperature of 41°C (106°F) and their thick plumage is designed for insulation in the cold so they are not well-suited to extreme summer temperatures.

They use the large surface area of their bare feet to control body temperature and flap their wings or hold them out to catch breezes and release heat. Similar to panting, they will sometimes open their mouths and vibrate their moist throat membranes to promote cooling by evaporation - this is known as Gular Fluttering. Heatwaves often overlap with the swan's annual moult, a period which makes them highly vulnerable and more defensive than usual.

Most of our resident garden birds in the UK moult, usually after the end of their breeding season. Moulting is the natural, annual process where birds shed old, worn-out feathers and grow new ones. It primarily happens in late summer (usually August) so birds can secure warm, waterproof plumage before winter. During their moult birds may look scruffy, act reserved and are less active. Birdsong drastically decreases as they save their energy.

This may also be a reason why the ducks and waterfowl on the river have kept out of sight recently. The fact that the river has been extremely busy during the heatwave is likely to have had an impact too.



↑ Thanks to Sarah Moore who took this photo on 29th May of a mallard hen with her four surviving ducklings.

➔ And to Luke Speakman who captured a shot of these very young cygnets on 30th May.



THE RIVER AS AN AMENITY



Ministry of Agriculture Rabies signage with barbed wire from 1980s pulled from the river in June 2020

The long heatwave has certainly drawn visitors to the river and Caley Green. While it may be wonderful to see people enjoying these natural assets activities by the river do bring with them observances and regulations to be aware of....

HIDDEN DANGER

What better than a cool dip in recent sweltering heat. But beneath the waterline there could be hidden dangers.

Mainstream media has warned of the risk of drowning in waterways but nearer to home at Dedham a young girl was seriously injured after entering the river and becoming impaled on concealed metal-

work beneath the surface. In the past at Nayland magnet fisherfolk have pulled out metalwork - including a very old Ministry of Agriculture Rabies sign. Young children with bare feet have been known to have their feet or legs bitten - possibly by a pike. The chances of being bitten by an adder in the river may be very slim but happened in Suffolk this summer.

These incidents are a reminder to take care when enjoying the river - be aware of potential dangers, be vigilant, don't take risks and wear protective footwear.

RIVER CRAFT

On 29th June there was a report of 'some sort of jet bike' being used at considerable speed on the river above the sluice

gates. **Powered craft are not permitted.** (A 'powered craft' means a craft which is mechanically propelled by a combustion engine, steam engine or electric motor.)

In the River Stour powered craft are limited strictly to the 3-mile stretch between Ballingdon Bridge and Great Henny. There is a strict speed limit of 4 mph across the entire river.

All craft (including unpowered) 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.

CALEY GREEN

Please do NOT: park anywhere on the Green, light barbecues or fires, camp overnight..

BANK EROSION AT CALEY GREEN

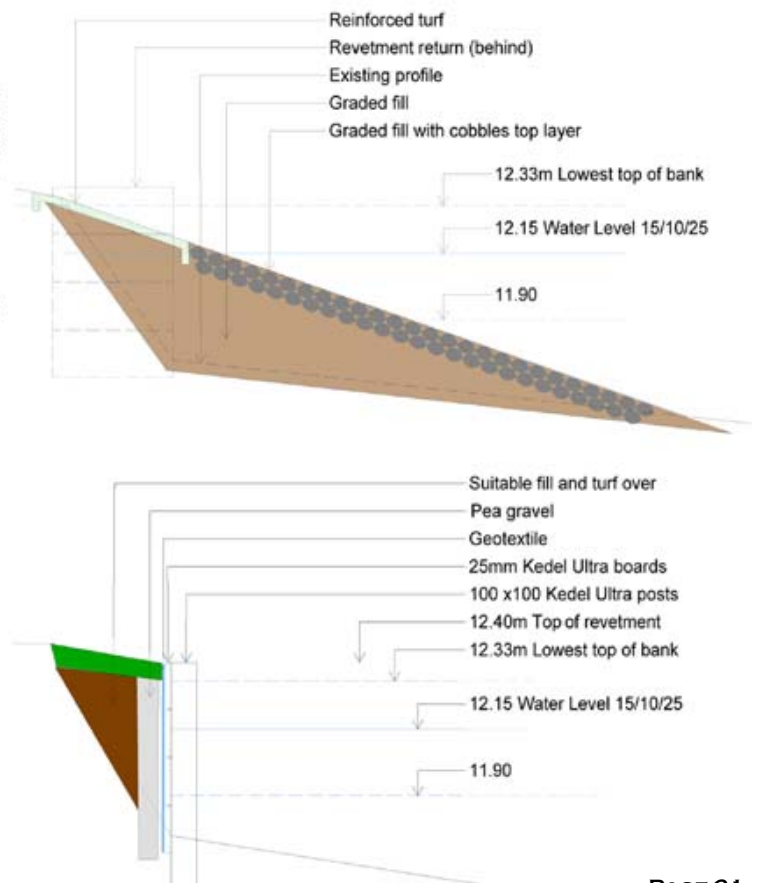
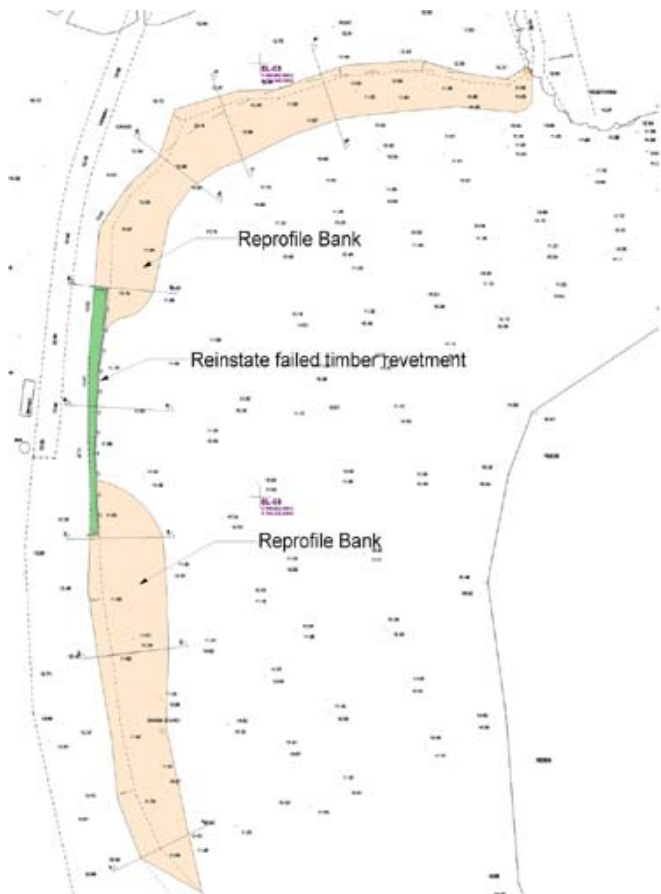
In early June Suffolk CC's engineering contractor, Concertus, submitted the planning application (see plan below) to Babergh DC for the riverside repair and reprofiling of the riverbank at Caley Green. Babergh's decision is awaited. The application has received some support but also the following responses:

- an objection from the Environment Agency to the Kedel ultra boards (Kedel recycled plastic synthetic timber replacement that looks and feels like wood but never rots). This could be changed to oak to overcome the objection, however the lifespan of oak is less.
- comments on the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) requirements by an Essex County Council Ecologist.
- objections from the National Landscape Team regarding the materials.

Encouragingly the EA has not objected to anything other than the timber type.

Many residents recall how the EA claimed from the outset that green oak revetment would not be accepted by them; so this is somewhat of a U-turn. Whilst a biodiversity assessment concluded no habitat is lost and the application meets criteria for the de minimis exemption an Essex based ecologist differed in opinion. Reading comments by a volunteer at the National Landscape Team - did they even read the application!

So the decision is eagerly awaited.



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View the colour version of the Community Times at:
www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk/CommunityTimes.html
Do keep your photos coming to: lorraine.nayland@btinternet.com



Thanks to Kevin Sheath who was in the right place, right time, to photograph this double rainbow from Webb's Meadow on 10th June. June saw several electrical storms; some, following spells of heatwave and drought, were very welcome to refresh the air. Of course since June we have experienced prolonged and record breaking temperatures - Webb's Meadow and the whole countryside is in desperate need of rainfall.

OBSTRUCTION PARKING

Further incidents of illegal parking causing obstruction have been raised - these dreadful examples at Anchor Bridge. Three drivers of three SUVs and one of a diesel VW have no consideration for pedestrians or the law!

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.

Parking on pavements and any parking that is an obstruction is a police matter. Whereas general bad parking is a matter for Babergh's Parking Enforcement Team.

If you spot problems with obstruction parking they can be reported at: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour/>



WHITE DOVES AT ST JAMES' CHURCH

The mystery surrounding the flock of white doves featured last issue has been partially solved. It appears some made themselves comfortable under the solar panels on a nearby property and as beautiful as they are, their early morning cooing was not altogether welcome. They bred successfully but left behind rather a mess which the homeowner will clean up in due course. While it is all very idyllic to see them fluttering around the church tower, like many aspects of nature, there is often a downside!

Thank you to Lynn Sampson, of *Spirit Of Nature Photography*, for this impressive photo of storm clouds over St James' church tower on 13th June. The storm did not amount to much. White doves can once again be seen 'hanging around'.

SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

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Thank you to Antony Day for capturing the Horsewatering looking colourful

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The Village Players are getting ready for Panto 2026

SNOW WHITE and the Seven Dwarfs



Performance dates:
Thursday 3rd - Saturday 5th December

For more information email naylandvillageplayers@gmail.com
or call Emma Wallis 07942 778536

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

HIGH FIRE RISK AREA

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WILDFIRE FREE SUFFOLK

Wildlife Wise is working with the **Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)** to raise awareness of the dangers of wildfires with their campaign **Wildfire Free Suffolk**.

A warning has been issued in our area of the danger of wildfires and is expected to be in place for some time with no sign of rain forecast. In this area surrounded by agricultural land any wildfire would spread quickly; property, people, animals and wildlife would be at risk. #

Wildfires are mostly started by human activity - either deliberate or accidental. #

Most are started by human actions such as: campfires, barbecues, bonfires, discarded cigarettes, fires spreading from vehicles or farm machinery, sunlight magnified by glass bottles sparking a fire, planned and controlled burning that gets out of control, arson.

During hot weather, the public is urged to:

- Take your litter home.
- Discard cigarettes carefully. Never throw cigarette ends on the ground or out of car windows.
- Glass in direct sunlight can cause fires - ensure there is none lying around.
- Don't have campfires or barbecues in the countryside.
- Avoid having bonfires in very dry weather.
- Talk to your children about the dangers of playing with fire and matches. Keep matches and lighters stored well away from children and teenagers.



Nayland with Wissington Society News

VOLUNTEERS ENABLE OUR PARISH TO THRIVE

Our wonderful 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 or it could just involve occasional assistance. 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.

Currently volunteers would be welcome:

- **Community Council** would welcome committee members
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member
- **Parish Council** have 2 vacancies for councillors
- **St James' Flower Arranging Team** would welcome others to help them; guidance given if required
- **St James' Parochial Church Council** require another **Church Warden** to share the tasks
- **Horticultural Society** require committee members and helpers at some of their events
- **Conservation Society** require committee members
- **Church Bellringers** would welcome new ringers
- **Village Players** would welcome volunteers to help backstage

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.

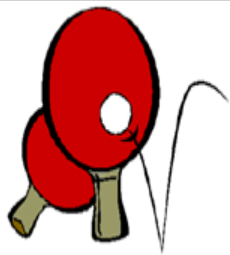


TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Jane Barbrook 07980 306689 janebarbrook@hotmail.com
Chris Buckley 07966 266255 chris@thebuckleyfamily.co.uk

The Table Tennis Group meet every Monday in the Village Hall, between 2pm and 4pm and we have a good number of regular members playing. Please contact Chris or Jane for more information or call in on a Monday afternoon for a chat. No previous experience necessary and all are welcome.



BOOK CLUB

Jane Barbrook 263619 janebarbrook@hotmail.com

We have just finished reading 'Just One Damned Thing After Another' by Jodi Taylor. This novel is a fast paced sci fi comedy that follows Madeleine 'Max' Maxwell, a historian recruited by St Mary's Institute of Historical Research. The St Mary's team investigate major historical events using time pods, frequently causing chaos wherever they go.

Our latest book is 'Away with the Penguins' by Hazel Prior.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL'S

BEST KEPT ALLOTMENT COMPETITION 2026

Congratulations to the winners:

1st: Inga Hurren (No 11b),

2nd: Tom Gardiner (No 6) & 3rd: Tom le Her (No 12a)

Prizes will be presented to the winners at the Nayland Flower Show on 1st August



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Chairman: Mike Hunter 264100
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www.naylandconservation.org.uk



On the 17th of June the Society enjoyed an excellent speaker meeting when Beatrice Prosser Snelling gave a superb talk on the history of Benton End the artistic home of Cedric Morris and the Suffolk School of Art. The talk was supported by a memorable range of photographs featuring a wide range of famous participants. *Photo of the evening below.*

As mentioned in the last edition we are currently in conversation with the Parish Council regarding the replacement of the small litter bin by the notice boards in the High Street. We have chosen a new model and the Parish Council are seeking approval from Babergh District Council.

We are also investigating a hedgehog access scheme with a view to encouraging an increase in the numbers of this delightful mammal in the village. We are planning to hold a public meeting on Saturday the 26th of September at 10 am to raise enthusiasm and to provide guidance on steps to be taken to increase numbers. *See page 15 for details.*

We undertook some nettle clearance to the footpath on the south side of Anchor Marsh a few weeks ago and will continue to ensure this path remains negotiable.

The autumn litter pick held in conjunction with the Parish Council will take place on Saturday the 10th of October starting at 1.30 pm from the village hall car park. *See page 13 for details.*

Our next speaker meeting will be held in October when Professor Alison Rowlands will speak on the subject of Angels and Demons in Essex and Suffolk, a bewitching subject matter! *See page 15 for details.*



NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Kevin Walsh 07342 235001
naylandchurchhall@gmail.com

www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

Nayland Church Hall is refreshed and ready to Welcome You

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

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

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

REGULAR CLASSES & GROUPS HELD HERE:

Tuesday: 1.30pm Handbell Ringing (*term time*)
Wednesday: 2pm Art Group (*term time*)
Thursday: 2pm Pilates.





NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

On 14th June Richard and Patricia Cave invited HortSoc members to visit their beautiful garden in Stoke Road. Thank you both for your welcome and for sharing your garden with us. It was a delightful evening and very much enjoyed by all.

Thanks to the hospitality of Mig and Peter Drew, we were able to hold our annual **Summer Garden Party** on 10th July. The weather was perfect for our gathering in their beautiful garden, and it was a well-attended and very successful evening. Thank you once again Mig and Peter, and thanks also to the committee for organising such an enjoyable evening.

Our annual **Flower Show** is fast approaching! The event starts at 2pm on **Saturday 1st August** in the Village Hall, with prize giving at 4.30pm. Entry forms for the Flower Show must be returned no later than 6pm on **Wednesday 29th July** to Star Cottage, 81 Bear Street, Nayland CO6 4LA or to the box in Mill Street Deli. Please note that any late entries on the day of the show makes judging very difficult.

Schedules and entry forms are available on our website or from Mill Street Deli and Forget Me Not 2 Birch Street, or can be collected from committee members. There are 85 classes for vegetables, fruit, flowers, flower arranging, cookery, art and crafts, and country drinks. Also included is a section for home grown disasters - exhibits that went horribly wrong! There are also three children's sections (under 5 years; 5 – 9 years and 10 – 14 years) as well as a family section (at least one adult and one child). The subject for the adult photography section is '*Reflections*' and for children (aged 10 – 14) it is '*My Favourite Animal*'. The Village Hall is open for staging entries on the show day between 8.15-9.30am, after which the hall is closed and judging will commence.

It's a fun and friendly village occasion and we look forward to seeing you at the show, whether you're participating or simply admiring the exhibits.





NAYLAND CINEMA

Karen Freeman karenfreeman@suffolkonline.net Mob: 07773 402765

After eight years my term with Nayland cinema is coming to an end. Richard and I restarted the cinema eight years ago and with the help and support of many people, including the introduction of delicious food, the cinema has become a focal point on the calendar. It's not just about the film, it's a night out with friends with everything you could want for a good night out.

We have had ups and downs over the years with audiences ranging between 12 and 123! and have built on our strengths to achieve what we have today.

Our last screening was *'Hamnet'* a complex, thought provoking and emotional watch. The child actor Jacobi Jupe who played Hamnet was amazing, a rising star who we will see much more of in the future.

Our next film is *'H is for Hawk'* a film starring Claire Foy which is the true story of Helen MacDonald who tends a goshawk after the death of her father. I have heard that it's a beautiful film but one I fear will require that handkerchief again!

Mary and Chris will now take over the running of the cinema and Mary will in future be writing the missive for the Community Times.

So as the Two Ronnies said: *"Well it's goodnight from me"* but it's not goodnight from them!

Future cinema dates to pop in your diaries are: as follows: *further details on page 18.*

- **Friday 28th August: 'H is Hawk' (2025)** H is for Hawk follows Helen (Claire Foy), who, after the sudden death of her father (Brendan Gleeson), loses herself in the memories of their time birding and exploring the natural world together and turns the ancient art of falconry training with a wild goshawk named Mabel to navigate her profound loss. But as she teaches Mabel to hunt and fly free, Helen discovers how deeply she has neglected her own emotions and life.
- Forthcoming dates: 25th September, 16th October & 27th November.



NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

The handbell group are now enjoying the summer break. It has been a good and productive term getting to grips with more difficult pieces of music, listening to each other and being more expressive. Our engagement at the Memory Cafe in Hadleigh had to be postponed due to extreme heat.

We resume practices for the Autumn term on Tuesday 8th September in the Church Hall, 1:30pm to 3pm.

On the 29th September the Colchester Group and ourselves will join forces in the church for an afternoon of bell music - should be good! Watch for more information.

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

It's been a bit warm in the tower so a regular practice has been put on hold. As winter approaches (we'll soon have frosts!) we will start up again. The bells have not been idle. There have been some weddings and ringers have been imported from other corners of the Empire (can you say that?), well, Bures and Polstead to name but a few. The sound of the church bells has been appreciated. We will try and keep up the good work.

If you would like to know more about the bellringers or join the team please contact Chris Hunt 262014.



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 and Dispensary will be closed on Monday 31st August. Please be aware that the Dispensary require 5 working days to process prescriptions.

AUTUMN AT THE SURGERY

This is always a busy time at the Surgery with our **Flu Clinics**. All patients (including house bound patients) will be invited to attend, however, if you haven't heard by mid September and believe you are eligible please contact us.

The Flu vaccinations are purchased by the Surgery for all eligible patients, therefore we would ask you to support your practice by attending the clinics. Thank you.

Adult Flu Clinics

Nayland - Thursday 1st October
W/Bergholt - Wednesday 7th October
Creffield - Thursday 8th October

Children's Flu clinics:

Nayland - Monday 28th September PM
W/Bergholt - Wednesday 23rd September AM
Creffield - Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 15th September

Vaccinations

All our practices also provide vaccinations for **Pneumococcal**, **Shingles** and **RSV**, if you think you are eligible please contact us and we can book these into our normal practice clinics (not flu clinics).

Please note: as per previous years the **COVID** vaccination is provided by local pharmacies.



THE FRIENDS OF CALEY GREEN

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The Green has been enjoyed by many during the summer heatwave. We have continued to empty the bins when necessary and the area has remained free of litter.

The pair of swans with three cygnets have not been spending as much time here recently although it seems they come at night/early morning and use the gap in the reeds to access the Green.

There is some weed in the centre of the river but no sign yet of EA contractors coming to scoop it away as they have done for the past couple of years.

Suffolk CC contractors have trimmed some of the trees and cut waya growth at the base of one of the riverside trees.

Photo: No sign on 18th July of the weed growth in the centre of the river being removed, Antony Day.



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

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

Nayland with Wissington Crime Review

May: 2x Assaults

June: 3x Non-Crime Incidents

Last issue I covered some information on online scams, so this month I will focus on in person scams/thefts.

Put yourself in the shoes of someone experiencing these things, absorb the advice and think about how you would deal with it, this should mean you are better prepared to handle these situations if you encounter them...

ROGUE TRADERS

These will be people turning up at your home, claiming something on or around your home needs repair, such as tiles or gutters. They may offer new tarmac driveway. They quote a price which seems cheap and affordable, but then after the job is done (often poorly), they demand more money, for example their £100 for a tarmac driveway was £100 per square metre! They then pressure and sometimes threaten the victim for the money. Never agree to any work from a doorstep caller, get multiple written quotes, do your research on the company, check credentials, ask to see past work references and avoid paying up front. These people will typically want payment in cash and can sometimes claim there is a discount for that day only.

THE CAR FOR SALE SABOTAGE

When selling a car privately, fraudsters may attend in a group. While one distracts you, another sabotages the car (e.g. squirting oil into the exhaust or engine) so it produces smoke or appears faulty. They then accuse you of selling a defective vehicle and pressure you to lower the price. Meet in a public place with cameras, watch the rear and engine area, and don't allow multiple people near the car at once. If more than one person turns up, get help or insist only one inspects the vehicle.

FAKE UTILITY OR COUNCIL WORKER

Criminals may pose as utility or council workers, wearing high-vis clothing and carrying fake ID to appear legitimate. They often arrive unannounced and may work in pairs – one distracting you at the door while another attempts entry elsewhere or steals from inside. Common excuses include checking meters or TV licences. Don't let anyone in without verification. Keep doors and windows secure, use a door chain, and speak without fully opening the door. Shut the door while you independently verify their identity – genuine workers will wait and won't pressure you.

CHARITY SCAM

Doorstep scammers may pose as charity collectors, sometimes wearing tabards and showing fake badges or donation buckets. They often have limited knowledge of the charity and use pressure or emotional manipulation to get money. Avoid donating at the door. To stay safe, give directly through the charity's official website or contact details.

EMERGENCY STORY

Someone may knock claiming an urgent problem (e.g. broken-down car or dead phone) to gain access to your home. Don't let them inside and never hand over your phone. Offer to make a call on their behalf from behind a closed door if needed.

A RESPONSE TO YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA WORK REQUEST

A person responds to your DIY or repair request on social media, offering help. They may ask for payment upfront or take your property away to "fix," then disappear and become uncontactable, leaving you out of pocket and without your belongings. Don't give money or property to strangers from social media. Use reputable, verified tradespeople found through trusted recommendations or established platforms.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL TIPS

To reduce the risk of doorstep crime: keep doors locked at all times, even when at home, use a door chain, and consider a video doorbell or CCTV as offenders dislike being recorded. Never let strangers into your home or hand over money or valuables. Always independently verify who they are, don't trust ID or documents they show you. If unsure, firmly but politely refuse, close the door, and walk away. Keep your home and garden well maintained, as neglected properties can attract unwanted attention. Be mindful of what your front windows display, as homes appearing vulnerable may be targeted. Use a "No Cold Callers" sign, it can deter some offenders. Never give out cards, PINs, passwords, jewellery, personal documents, or personal details such as your date of birth or signature. If you feel uncomfortable, say you're calling the police and close the door, call 101 for advice or 999 if you feel at immediate risk.



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Terry Bannister 262454 Gale Scott 262061

On next lunch will be held on Wednesday 7th October at the village hall. The speaker will be Emma Boyd - Keeper of Art at Gainsborough's House on the subject '**The Artist Thomas Gainsborough**'.

We hope you will wish to join us for her interesting illustrated talk exploring the life and work of Thomas Gainsborough (1727–1788), one of Britain's greatest artists. Best known for his elegant portraits and atmospheric landscapes, Gainsborough helped shape the development of British art in the 18th century and was a founding member of the Royal Academy. Discover more about the man behind the paintings, his artistic achievements, and the legacy that continues to inspire audiences today.

The format as usual; 11.45am for the talk 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 September until 4th October at Mill Street Store & Deli (cash only) or from Terry Bannister 01206 262454 or Gale Scott 01206 262061.

We look forward to seeing many of you once again as you support our village hall.



ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

Many compliments have been expressed about the beautiful flowers in the church, particularly so during the weddings held during the summer in St James.

This year unusually the church is hosting six weddings, four have already taken place. Not all couples require us to provide flowers or additional displays but ahead of a wedding we always decorate the church with suitable colour combinations. After one of the recent weddings we repurposed the end of pew corsages for the benefit of residents at Nayland House.

The village is most grateful to the team of dedicated and talented flower arrangers who keep the church decorated throughout the year. Donations towards flowers throughout the year, and for Christmas, can be given to Jeannette Finch, Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street.

CALLING THOSE WITH AN INTEREST IN FLOWER ARRANGING

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.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975

Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

At our **June** meeting the subject of the talk was '*Fabergé Eggs*'. The speaker was very good and passionate about the subject; he brought along a wonderful collection of Victorian musical boxes as well as some beautiful reproduction Fabergé Eggs. We cancelled the July meeting as it was just too hot in the heatwave.

We look forward to our annual Garden Party on 2nd August at one of our member's gardens.

On 10th September Mr Shepherd will come along to our meeting to talk about the '*Fire Service*' and on 8th October the subject of a talk by Jim Bond will be '*My Later Army Life*'. In 12th November we will learn about 'St Helena Hospice'.

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 at the Church Hall in Bear Street.



NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Team Leader: Adam Lunn

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The Great Horkesley Cub Pack and villagers in Little Horkesley both benefited from separate sessions of CPR and defibrillator training recently. These sessions are delivered by our volunteers to teach local residents how to provide critical lifesaving assistance in a cardiac arrest. Although the sessions are free, the group would like to thank attendees and organisers for their very generous donations, which help us maintain our training equipment.

The group will be at the Bures Music Festival with our engagement stand between 9th and 12th July.

Adam and Corinne were chosen to represent the East of England Ambulance Service volunteers at a 250th anniversary celebration of the Essex Freemasons in June. The Essex Freemasons donated £100,000 to fund three CFR vehicles across the county. The Colchester based car is used by members of the Nayland group to keep their clinical skills current and to mentor new starters.

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

May and June numbers; 439 hours booked on duty. 3 calls attended. 20 people trained in basic life support



ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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

We continue with a regular pattern of services at St James. The family service which is celebrating its fifth year, is held on the third Sunday of each month and is particularly well attended.

The Wednesday Coffee Morning is as ever a popular gathering. As well as the regular cake and pastry bakers mention should also be made of Brendon who provides background music during the morning.

With the weather being like it has been we have been able to have a table outside which has been much enjoyed; all are very welcome to join us from 10am to 12 noon.

St James provides a peaceful spot in the centre of the village; while some areas are left fairly wild to encourage birds, insects and wild flowers we are grateful to Steve and Stuart who keep some order and mow the grass.

There have been weddings this year which have seen nearly a 'full house' in church. The wonderful team of flower arrangers have been busy and the church has looked glorious. Additional volunteers to join the team would be very welcome.

Incredibly a startling phenomenon has occurred. People have been going to church to cool down! This is surely a once in every 150 year occurrence! Never mind - we'll soon be freezing.

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 good news is that all the roof work required following the inspection has been completed, but the bad news is that some of the crenellations - repeating solid blocks (*merlons*) and gaps (*crenels*) - were found to be leaning slightly inwards. This will necessitate some fundraising to cover the cost of that work.

The friends of St James, who raise funds for the fabric or the church, are planning 'Evening Constable' on Friday 4th September, an event to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Constable featuring the Marenzio Singers. This will be a concert of 18th and 19th century music and readings, including the story of 'our' Constable altarpiece painting 'Christ Blessing the Bread and Wine'. See further details on page 19.

The Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride takes place this year on Saturday 12th September; why not get out and about, exploring other churches while raising some much needed funds for our church. See page 15 for more details.

The working party for an autumn tidy of the churchyard will be held on Saturday 24th October 9am to noon. Helpers are welcome. It's a sociable morning and refreshments are served.



NAYLAND MEADOW LTD

Chair: Martin Wright 07768 006546 martincewright2@hotmail.com
www.naylandconservation.org.uk/Meadow

F: Nayland Meadow



21st May saw the formal opening of the Nayland Meadow boardwalk and platform. Prior to those works being implemented we had the pond desilted for the first time since it was constructed. All of the comments we have received to-date have been very positive.

Recently a boy cycling around the meadow was hit by one of the branches as it blew in the wind knocking him off his bike. We have taken steps to cut these branches back. We do rely on locals to be our eyes in terms of the Meadow. We also look to volunteers generally to help. The incident was unfortunate and we wish him well.

As a gentle reminder the riverside path is a public footpath (PRoW) - it is not a "by-way open to all traffic" - or BOAT - and it is not open for cyclists or horses." The other paths on the Meadow are permissive footpaths.





Family@Nayland

Helen Schalin helen.deex@gmail.com 07717 766683

Our family services are held on the third Sunday of every month in St James' Church, Nayland at 10am. All are welcome - the age range in our congregation spans more than 80 years!

In June we celebrated Edward's baptism and welcomed him into our church family. Our reading for the day told us how much God cares about each one of us - if God cares about every sparrow, how much more does he care for us? We made colourful birds to remind us how valuable we are to God.

In July we heard the parable of the wheat and weeds and saw some Oscar winning performances in our impromptu play!

Our children's song really summed up what the family service is all about: *Everybody's welcome, Anyone can come, Together in the house of God. Family together, The old and the young, We'll join to worship as one.*

Our next family service is 16th August, followed by 20th September - we'd love to see you!



VILLAGE PLAYERS

www.villageplayers.co.uk



Chair: Emma Wallis 07942 778536 emmawallis369@gmail.com

The Village Players had a bumper turnout of children attending the recent auditions of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' and are looking forward to starting rehearsals in September. There are still a few adult male roles to fill so if you missed the auditions but would like to get involved please do get in touch, email naylandvillageplayers@gmail.com. Please also get in touch if you would like to get involved backstage as we are always on the lookout for new volunteers!



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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

At our meeting on 15th June we heard from our Rector Stéphane Javelle about the history and development of the French Navy, with whom he served his National Service. One might be forgiven for thinking that France has little overseas territory to protect, but in fact it has Dependencies in the Far East, South Atlantic and Pacific to look after and has interests in French-speaking Canada, so its Navy is a significant force. Rev Stéphane had some fascinating statistics and photographs and surprised his audience by saying that the French Navy was only slightly smaller than that of the UK, when most of us thought the opposite!

In early July twelve members visited RAF Wattisham and its Museum which was fascinating. Their museum covers the period from its construction in 1938 to the present day. For nearly all the War it had a grass runway and was a base for Tornado aircraft. It now houses many of the Army's Apache helicopters.

In August, on 17th, Pat O'Malley will relate the amazing story of a relative's award of the VC in WW1.

A visit to the Anglo-Saxon ship has been coordinated by David Pryor and will take place at 1pm on Wednesday 19th August at a cost of £6 per head by way of a donation. We shall car-share to get there and anyone wishing to be included should contact me so we can arrange final numbers with the Project leaders.

On 12th October we will hold our AGM at which Paul White will talk about the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in maintenance and education.





NAYLAND ART GROUP

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We have been looking at flowers, drawing and/ or painting delicate clematis, sweet peas and wild flowers to try to get the right shades and shapes. On a hot day, it was surprisingly therapeutic to sit quietly (or not!) and focus on a single bloom. Previously, we had a pen and watercolour tutorial based on a travel photo; as ever, the really interesting thing is that everyone has their own distinctive style from the same starting point and it has been good to compare notes about our techniques and then explore these through our own work. Some of the group are good at fine detail whilst others prefer something 'looser' and more impressionistic.

We've had the opportunity to try some different materials recently and that has also encouraged us to think about our preferences and ways of working. We will not be meeting in the hall over the summer break but will try to 'keep at it' and maybe try to use our sketchbooks when out and about.

Sessions will recommence in September 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 so do get in touch if you would like to try it.



COLOURED PENCIL ART GROUP

Mary Knapp 01206 345499 or 07775 478971 mary.eva.knapp@gmail.com

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



Chair: Kathryn Niven 07867 878443
Sec: Deborah Board naylandchoir@gmail.com

www.naylandchoir.org

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our concert, '*A Night at the Opera*', on 26th June, braving the fierce heat and our evolving plans to cope with it. We really appreciate having such a loyal and enthusiastic audience and we hope that you enjoyed our tour of operatic history! Emma is incredible and she put together another outstanding programme and encouraged us at every turn through a huge variety of music. Mary did an amazing job as our accompanist, of course, with some wonderful dramatic flourishes! Our guest musicians were such a wonderful addition – the violin and piano pieces were beautiful and the violin and percussion added real drama to our singing. As for the singing, thanks go to all of the choir but especially to the soloists: we are really lucky to have so many talented – and brave – choir members. Thank you to Nayland church for providing us with an alternative and slightly cooler venue and for everyone who helped with the food, the bar, the chairs and tables and all the other behind the scenes roles which were more important than ever given the challenging workaround with the weather.

Future concert dates for your diaries: Winter concert Sunday 6th December 2026, Spring concert Sunday 21st March 2027, Summer concert Friday 2nd July 2027.

Information about the choir and upcoming events is available on our website and tickets will be available via a link on the website a month or so before each performance.

The '*Come and Sing*' will be over by the time this is published but do get in touch if you would like to try out or join our choir. We restart on September 10th after a break for the summer.





NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Leader: Gillian Manser 01206 751094
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Facebook:
 Nayland Baby & Toddler Group



The Nayland Baby and Toddler Group is closed now for the summer. We've had some enjoyable sessions this term. We had some tadpoles for the children to observe and we were able to see the tadpoles tiny legs just starting to grow as they began to change into frogs. We made paper plate frogs and sang frog songs at music time. Last week we set up a slalom for the tricycles and the children enjoyed cycling around the course. We also enjoyed water play outside.

We will reopen in the autumn on the 25th September. 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.

Forthcoming dates for the autumn term are: October 2nd 9th & 16th.



NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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As another academic year draws to a close, everyone at Nayland Primary School has been reflecting on what has been a truly wonderful year. It has been filled with friendship, community spirit and, above all, Powerful Learning. Our children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, kindness and determination, making us incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

One of the highlights of the year has been the outstanding work of our House Captains. Through a variety of creative fundraising events, they have shown fantastic leadership and teamwork, raising over £500 for their chosen charities. It has been inspiring to see our pupils making such a positive difference to others while developing valuable life skills.

We were also delighted to come together for our annual Celebration of Learning at St James' Church. This special event brings



together all of our children, families and staff to reflect on the year's achievements and celebrate the many successes across our school community. It was a wonderful way to end another memorable year.

This summer also gave us the opportunity to celebrate someone very special to Nayland Primary School. We were thrilled to congratulate Miss Delaney, our previous Headteacher of 26 years, who was honoured with an MBE for her outstanding contribution to education. It was a fitting recognition of her years of dedication and service to children, families and the wider community.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited for the adventures that await. We are looking forward to making even greater use of our beautiful local area, taking part in an exciting hedgehog conservation project with the Nayland Conservation Society, and starring in a Christmas music video to raise money for Save the Children.

Watch this space for our first update in the new academic year - we can't wait to share another exciting chapter in the life of Nayland Primary School!



YOUTH CLUB

Helen Schalin benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk 07717 766683

Youth Club has got off to a flying start in Nayland! We've met almost 40 young people since our first session in February - thank you to all who have come and made such a fun, friendly atmosphere.

An energetic crowd where sporting activities are always popular, but also lego, foosball (can anyone beat Rev Stéphane?!) and other games. A massive thank you to all the leaders who volunteer their time and make it possible to run the group!

With numbers rising it would be great to have more volunteers on the team so please get in touch if you would like to join us, or if you feel you could run a special activity as a one-off.

We break for summer but we will continue to meet from September on the second Friday of every month at Nayland Village Hall - the next dates will be 11th September and 9th October.

For more information, or if you would be interested in joining our rota of leaders, please contact Helen at benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk.



Woodland Corner

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

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No. 1168815

We are incredibly fortunate that during our 'People who help us' topic Rix farm visited us with a tractor and showed us some crops for us to talk about how they grow and what can be made with them; we also had visits from a doctor; builder; nurse; midwife; cardiac nurse; paramedic; and police officers with their car - we all enjoyed pressing the button to make the lights and siren work! Thank you all.

During 'pet week' we learnt lots of facts about looking after pets and enjoyed stroking the visiting dogs. We celebrated Father's Day with the children's special gentlemen enjoying stay and play session. The England flags are out and we are supporting the Football Teams playing in the World Cup with the older children completing the score wallchart each morning.

Our transition activities for the children moving on to reception are well underway with them practising getting changed for PE, trying on school uniform and Learner Gang. We take the children going to Nayland to the Cygnet class for story time. The Kingfisher class at Nayland continue to visit reading to the children and build relationships with their potential buddies!

We were pleased to welcome Forest School sessions back to Woodland Corner. Anna is our new teacher and she is completing her Forest School training by delivering weekly sessions this term.

To show our appreciation to our staff for their dedication and loyalty we held a special wellbeing morning for our staff, giving everyone the opportunity to relax, recharge, and focus on their own wellbeing. We have several members of staff that have been with Woodland Corner for more than 10 years, and Emma has now joined this group!

During the week of the 15th June, we walked/ran lots of laps of the school's running track for our Toddle Waddle Sponsored walk. We are raising funds for acoustic rafts to help with the sound reverberation in the main classroom, thank you for all the donations received.

On the 26th June we had a great time at the beach with all our friends and parent/carers and staff all enjoyed a picnic on the beach.

During the last week of term we will hold our annual sports day, we are looking forward to seeing all the supporters and can't



wait to see which of them turn up in trainers for their races!

Last but not least, we say goodbye to our 2026 leavers by holding a pre-school graduation ceremony celebrating their time at Woodland Corner. We wish the year six children every success as they move onto secondary school.

We have a holiday club this year with eight dates over the Summer, please see our poster for details and book your space via email.

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new families to Woodland Corner in September and currently have space in all pre-school sessions, please get in touch if you have not yet booked your child aged 2-4 a place, we accept Government funding to help with childcare costs. The extended schools continue to be exceptionally busy, let us know if you would like to join the waiting list.

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

Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- ## MAINTENANCE

- ## TREASURER'S REPORT

- ## BOOKINGS

- ## ROOF REPLACEMENT

- AOB**

- ## COLLECTION OF KEYS

**The Village Hall Management Committee
would very much appreciate new members**

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

CLASSES & GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

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- ## FUNDRAISING

- The hall will need continual maintenance and will need continued fundraising efforts.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next VHMC meeting **Monday 7th September** at 7.30pm.

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: May & June 2026 *by David Lowe*

The most notable thing about this **May** were the record temperatures of the 25th and 26th – and the ongoing lack of rain.

Up to 2026, the record May temperature (over the past 18 years) was 27.2°C in 2020, followed by 27°C in 2025. To go from those levels to 30.9°C on the 25th and then 32.8°C on the 26th is truly extraordinary. Some years, these levels are not reached at all – and here we are, 2 months from July/August, which normally give the peak levels.

These record levels at the end of the month tend to influence our recollection of the month as a whole, but, after a warmish patch early on, it was actually pretty chilly from 4-7 and 10-18.

Nonetheless, the high temps on the 25th and 26th were sufficient to push May 2026 to the highest mean of 14.7°C (12.71) but only just ahead of 2024 & 2025. Lowest temp was 0.3°C (1.67) and lowest max 12.5°C (11.27). There were 3 ground frosts (1.11) and the same for grass. There were 7 days when the temperature failed to reach 15°C (7.78) and 15 less than 20°C (22.72) equal least. There were 8 days over 25°C (1.11) previous highest 4 and 2 over 30°C (0.11) none before. On 16 nights the temperature was 10°C or higher.

Bright sun hours were 358.3 (339.2) a record and solar energy was 13500 Ly (12836) well out of record territory. Evapotranspiration was 121 mm (96.59) the high being 2020 with 147.5 mm.

Monthly rain was a light 13.6 mm (50.24). Highest rain rate was 23.2 mm/hr (42.77). There were no days of 10 mm or more.

Average windspeed was 4.4 mph, and highest gust, 30 mph. Highest daily average was 9 mph (8.79). The predominant direction was ESE.

June was a warm month – the standout feature being the exceptionally warm run of days between the 23rd and 27th, including 37.5°C on the 26th, which broke not only the June record, but the overall record for the last 18 years (36.3°C in July 2022). It was also accompanied by record humidity, with a dewpoint of 24.5°C – 1.3°C higher than anything experienced before. The night of 25/26 additionally had a record high minimum of 21.3°C.

However, June 2026 was not the 'warmest June on record' here. It was pipped by June 2025 by 0.1°C – 18.9/18.8 °C. And some other statistics do not point to a particularly warm month. Also, 8-11th June was particularly cool.

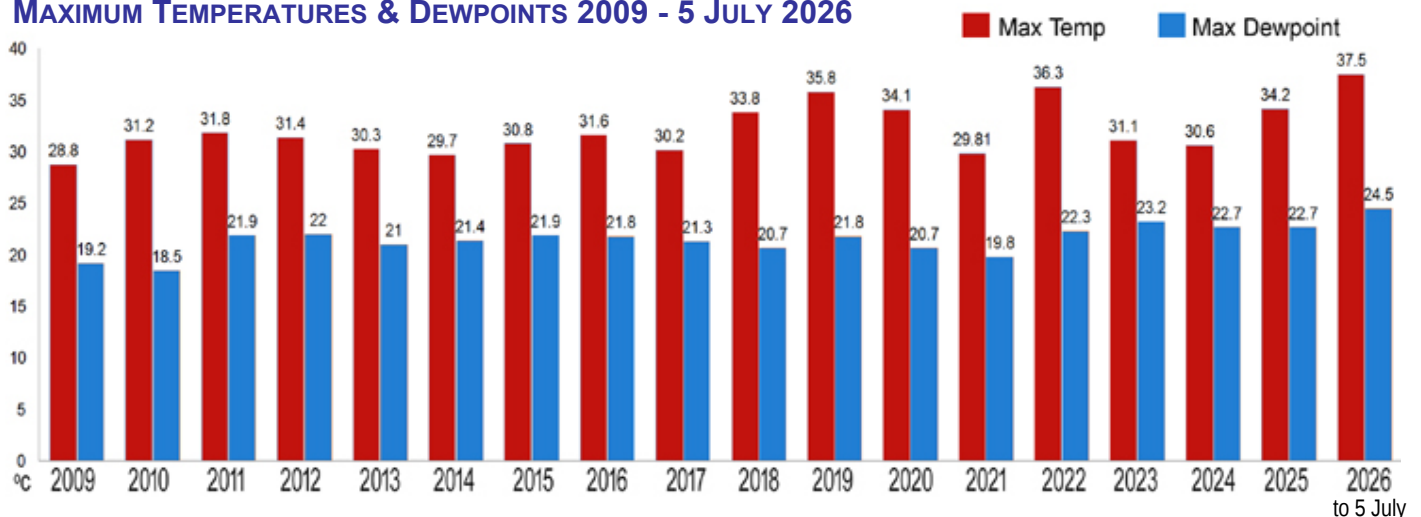
Moving on to other temperature related statistics, the minimum temp. was 7.4°C (5.97) and the lowest max was 16.1°C (14.27). There were only 7 days with a max of less than 20°C (11.89) with 14 days over 25°C (5.11) and 4 over 30°C (0.5). On only 3 nights did the temperature fall to less than 10°C.

Bright sun hours were 351 (345.35) and solar energy was 13500 Ly (13513).

Monthly rainfall was 58.6 mm (48.18) with 3 days over 10 mm (1.28). Highest rainfall rate was 80 mm/hr (29.23). Evapotranspiration was 124 mm (107.53).

Average wind speed was 4.8 mph (3.52 with a highest daily average of 7.8 mph (7.66). There was one day when 30 mph was exceeded (0.83). the prevailing wind direction was WSW.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES & DEWPOINTS 2009 - 5 JULY 2026



PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS IN NAYLAND & WISTON

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.

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.



THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY IN NAYLAND

It is good to know that once again a Youth Club is thriving for the young people of the village. Over the years in Nayland's history there have been several youth clubs which have come and gone and during the Second World War years in particular, a club was flourishing here.

At that time alongside the youth club there was a branch of the Girls Friendly Society (GFS). This was a club exclusively for girls but here in Nayland several members of the GFS also belonged to the youth club.

The GFS has a long history. It is a national Christian organisation, established in 1875 by an Irish clergyman's daughter and still exists today, recently having had its 150th anniversary. It is one of the oldest registered charities working to support girls and young women in England and Wales. Nowadays there are no branches in East Anglia but back in the 1940s Nayland had its own branch. The membership card shows that the Branch President was Miss Alice Corry who lived on Gravel Hill and she was helped by her friend Miss Edgeley who was school secretary. The reverse side of the card states that the GFS is a Society of girls and women who accept the Christian Faith and seek in the fellowship of worship, study, work and play to serve God and extend his Kingdom.

The GFS members usually met in the Church Hall in Bear Street (at that time known as the Mission Room). However, they were very keen on producing drama productions which sometimes took place at the Queen's Head. At that time the pub had a room at the rear which was well used for village concerts and community events, long before the village hall was built.

In 1948 Miss Corry and Miss Edgeley produced a play described as a 'comic opera' based on a story from the One Thousand and One Arabian Nights called Abu Hassan which took place at the Queen's Head. The leading part of Abu Hassan was played by Shirley McMichael, daughter of the village doctor, Dr McMichael (known as Dr Mac). Shirley will be remembered by many as Shirley Scarlett. A handwritten programme described the event as "An Evening of Drama" and it seems that as well as the GFS's production there were plays by Nayland School, the Nayland Branch of the Young Conservatives and the Youth Club.

Later that year there was a Sudbury District Drama Festival when 8 youth clubs took part. A press cutting said there was a fine contribution by Nayland Youth Club who performed The Long Christmas Dinner, "the young people giving a first rate rendering with beautiful timing, clear emphatic elocution and good poise". There was also a "meritorious performance" of Abu Hassan by Nayland Girls Friendly Society, a repeat of their earlier performance.

Within a few years of its foundation the GFS nationally had nearly 150,000 members and Queen Victoria became its Patron. Girls could join

COUNTERSIGNED (See Rule 3 for Associates)

WORKING ASSOCIATE'S CARD.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." GAL. vi. 2.

St. Edmundsbury, Ipswich Diocese
Nayland Branch

Branch President Miss Corry

Name of Associate Miss Edith Petrick

Date May 13th 1947

(Signed) *Rafael Petrick*
President of the Incorporated Central Council.

Diocesan President: Dorothy A. Lilliat.

The Girls Friendly Society Membership Card

"Blessed are the pure in heart."—St. Matt. v. 8.

PRAYER.

O GOD our Father, we beseech Thee to bless us, and all who belong to the Girls' Friendly Society. Help us to bear one another's burdens, to live not for ourselves, but for others, as members of one family in Jesus Christ. Cleanse us from our sins through His precious blood, make us pure and holy by the indwelling of Thy Spirit, and bring us all to the joy of Thy Heavenly Kingdom: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Girls' Friendly Society is a Society of girls and women who accept the Christian Faith, and seek in the fellowship of worship, study, work and play to serve God and extend His Kingdom.

OBJECT.

To unite Girls and Women in a Fellowship of Prayer, Service and Purity of life, for the Glory of God

CENTRAL RULES.

1. All who join the Society pledge themselves, God helping them, to uphold the Christian standard of purity in heart and life.
2. Women and girls join the Society as Associates or Members. Associates must be members of the Church of England, the organisation of the Society following that of the Church. Associates and Members must subscribe annually to the Society. Not less than 6d. of each Member's subscription to go to the Central Fund.

Associate's Signature *Edith Petrick*

No. 276. 1500. October, 1944.

from the age of 12. They had many facilities for young women under its protection including provision of cheap, good quality accommodation for young women working in domestic service and as mill and factory workers. Over the years the society has moved with the times and in the 21st century is very different from its beginnings.

Today there are 33 branches of the GFS in existence across the country. They still encourage friendship and understanding between females of different generations and cultural ethnicities and through its community projects continues to support the most vulnerable young women.

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder



GFS Production of Cinderella



SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT from Darius Laws

I must thank those of you who put their faith in me. I realise some of you lent me your support and for those of you who didn't support me rest assured I live here and I want the best for this area and will work on behalf of us all.

The results of the County Council election for Constable division were as follows:

Candidate	Party	Votes
Darius Laws	Conservative	1,459 (elected)
Marc Peter Rowland	Reform UK	1,346
John Whyman	Lib Dems	1,059
Zunaid Saiyed	Green Party	743
Lindsay Francis	Labour Party	235

Turnout (high for local elections) 53%

Constable division: Bentley, Capel St Mary, East Bergholt, Higham, Holton St Mary, Polstead, Nayland, Shelley, Stoke-by-Nayland, Stratford St Mary and the Wenhams.

There is likely to be another set of local elections in twelve months (with the reorganisation of Local Government planned) so I have to move quickly to get to know the people and processes at Suffolk County Council, as well as the hardworking volunteers in our communities and Parish Councils.

COUNCILLORS' LOCALITY BUDGET

In 2026/2027, Suffolk's county councillors have been given a locality budget of £6,000 to spend on community projects. Councillors are able to make recommendations about funding from this budget for local projects in their division, which should benefit the community. Last year groups and projects that benefitted included: village halls, sports and social clubs, and toddler groups. If you have a project that needs funding please get in touch. In the case of Constable £6,000 spread across all the Parishes doesn't go far but I'm open minded on project ideas, and am particularly keen on community initiatives where additional monies can be leveraged.

LOCAL HIGHWAYS BUDGET

Local Highway Budgets (LHB) are normally allocated on a four-year cycle. With Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) confirmed, and the creation of three unitary authorities from the 1st April 2028, a two-year allocation has been agreed for the period to 31st March 2028. The LHB is £15,000 for each County Councillor. LHBs are primarily intended for use on minor transport improvement schemes that are supported and/or promoted by the relevant County Councillor to address local needs and quality of life issues. It can only be used to fund capital work to Suffolk's highway and transport infrastructure and may be used in combination with the County Councillor's locality funding or other sources including contributions from: parish, town or district councils, local businesses or community groups.##

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The Government has confirmed that Suffolk will move to a new structure of three unitary councils.

Although I continue to believe this is not the right solution for Suffolk, the Government has made its decision and my priority remains ensuring that residents continue receiving good services throughout the transition.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

One piece of genuinely positive news is that Suffolk's Adult Social Care service has once again been rated 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission.

SPEEDING

Speeding continues to be one of the issues residents raise alongside concerns about increasing traffic volumes and larger

vehicles. If there are roads where you believe speed limits should be reviewed, or where Quiet Lane designation may be appropriate, I would encourage you to discuss this with your parish council and let me know your views.

Quiet Lanes are intended to encourage greater respect for those walking, cycling and horse riding on our rural roads. Suffolk Highways have confirmed that Quiet Lane designation is considered when official diversion routes are planned. This helps reduce the likelihood of unsuitable rural lanes being used as diversion routes during roadworks.

WATER SAFETY

The arrival of warmer weather brings many more people to our waterways. While it is wonderful to see people enjoying these natural assets, it also serves as an important reminder that the River Stour, despite often appearing calm, can be extremely dangerous. Sadly, a recent incident at Dedham highlighted those risks once again when a young woman was seriously injured by concealed metalwork beneath the surface. I have asked officers to investigate what remains in the river and whether it can be removed. Water safety is something we can never take for granted, and I will continue supporting efforts to raise awareness and reduce preventable accidents.



HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE

Potholes remain one of the biggest concerns raised by residents. Highway defects should continue to be reported via the Suffolk Highways website so they can be inspected and prioritised for repair. *(Details of this and other reporting tools on page 46)*

I have raised with Highways whether Suffolk could adopt a more flexible approach, similar to Essex County Council, allowing county councillors some discretion to recommend repairs where defects may not meet intervention criteria.

NAYLAND & LOCALLY

The yellow zig-zag lines outside the school in Bear Street have faded, but rather than simply asking for them to be repainted, I asked Highways to look at the condition of the road surface as well. Although the budgets are limited and repairs have to meet strict criteria I'm pleased that Highways agreed preventative work would be sensible. The road surface around the school and fire station are being improved before the yellow lines are repainted.

I have also lent my support to additional yellow lines for the approach road to Dedham because we simply cannot have a situation in which the road is blocked and emergency services can't get through.

I'm encouraging the Parish to consider our Nayland 'Entry' signage and how we might improve it.

If you wish to get in touch you can email me on darius.laws@suffolk.gov.uk and if urgent I'm best with WhatsApp: 07786 007 560

Also see: <https://www.facebook.com/CllrDariusGLaws>

LEARNING & NATURE AT NAYLAND MEADOW

The children of Nayland Primary School have thoroughly enjoyed their recent visits to Nayland Meadow and feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a wonderful community project.

Nayland Meadow provides a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to extend their learning beyond the classroom and become actively involved with the nature right on their doorstep. The space has strengthened links between the school and the wider community, giving children meaningful experiences that help them develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of the natural world.

As part of their science learning, the children visited the meadow to explore and identify a variety of wildflowers. They compared the wildflowers growing naturally in the meadow with flowers commonly found in gardens and were excited to discover the differences between them. Armed with identification guides and keen observation skills, the children successfully recognised and named many of the flowers they could see, bringing their classroom learning to life in a real-world setting.

One of the highlights of our visits has been spending time on the new viewing platform. We were particularly excited to take part in our very first pond-dipping session, which gave children the chance to discover the fascinating creatures living beneath the water's surface. Their enthusiasm and curiosity were wonderful to see as they closely examined and identified the wildlife they found.

Beyond the scientific learning, Nayland Meadow has offered something equally valuable: a chance to slow down and appreciate the natural environment. Sitting and lying on the platform, the children listened to birdsong, watched insects moving through the reeds and water, enjoying moments of calm and mindfulness. In today's busy world, these opportunities to pause, observe and simply be present in nature are incredibly important. They also help to foster important values such as respect, responsibility, curiosity and care for the world around us. Through these experiences, the pupils are developing a deeper appreciation of the beautiful area in which we live, encouraging a sense of pride in their local community and an understanding of the importance of protecting and preserving our natural environment for future generations.

The platform has quickly become a favourite place for many of our pupils, and on one visit we even took our story time outdoors. Surrounded by the sights and sounds of nature, the children listened attentively as stories were brought to life in a truly special setting.



BigDaySmallCountry Festival Returns to Dedham Vale

The Festival returns and this year it is set in the beautiful Suffolk village of Nayland with a distinctive boutique music experience celebrating connection, Americana, blues, roots and soul in the heart of Dedham Vale. We are also incredibly proud to be supporting two amazing charities The Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding (RDA) and SANE (in memory of Robin Windsor) helping us to make a difference whilst celebrating a beautiful day together.

Set against one of the Nayland's picturesque countryside backdrops, BDSC Festival brings together outstanding music, food and drink, falconry, line-dancing celebrating community spirit in a relaxed family-friendly atmosphere. Designed as an intimate alternative to large commercial events, the festival offers audiences the chance to enjoy high-quality emerging artists, to celebrate rural village life whilst raising funds for two incredible charities.

Following a successful inaugural festival featuring a multiple UK Americana Music Association Award winner Hannah White - recognised for Best UK Artist, Best Album and Best Single - and recently seen performing at the Albert Hall with Jools Holland, this year's event builds on that strong musical reputation with an exciting line-up of rising stars and extraordinary local talent.

This year's line up features **Eddy Smith & the 507, Mim Grey, The Joe Keeley Band, BearFootSoul, Harry Lawrence and one surprise guest.**

More than a music festival, BDSC Festival is a celebration of place and community. Alongside its live programme, the event

will shine a light on line-dancing, local food trucks and bars and charities, helping to support regional creative talent and strengthen ties across Suffolk, Essex and the wider East Anglian community.

Festival organisers say the event is rooted in a simple idea: creating a high-quality, community-driven festival that feels personal, distinctive and deeply connected to its setting.

Sasha Lawrence, festival creator said: *"BDSC Festival is about bringing people together through great music in a countryside setting. We wanted to create something that feels intimate, uplifting and genuinely rooted in the local community - a festival where audiences can discover brilliant, authentic up and coming artists, whilst enjoying the beauty of Dedham Vale and experiencing the warmth and character of Nayland."*

With its blend of acclaimed musicians, emerging acts, countryside charm and local flavour, BDSC Festival is set to attract music lovers, families, food audiences and visitors seeking a memorable summer cultural experience.

30th August 2026

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FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES: NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland & Polstead

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www.lspnw.org.uk - www.facebook.com/naylandchurches

CHURCH SERVICES: July/August

<u>Sunday 26th</u> <u>July</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	6.30pm Evensong	Nayland
<u>Sunday 2nd</u> <u>August</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am <u>Cancelled</u>	Wiston
	9.30am First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am Gospel Oak Service	Polstead
	6.30pm <u>Cancelled</u>	Stoke
<u>Sunday 9th</u> <u>August</u>	9.30am Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am Holy Communion	Stoke
	6.30pm Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 16th</u> <u>August</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP	Stoke
	9.30am Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am Family Service	Nayland
	6.30pm Evening Praise	Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 23rd</u> <u>August</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	6.30pm Evensong	Nayland
<u>Sunday 30th</u> <u>August</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP	Polstead
	10.00am Benefice Service	Leavenheath

Weekly Pew Sheets & Reading

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

Weekday & Saturday Services

NO WEEKDAY SERVICES DURING JULY & AUGUST

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	Stoke
Tuesdays:	8.30am MP	Leavenheath
Wednesdays:	9.30am 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.

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requires a volunteer

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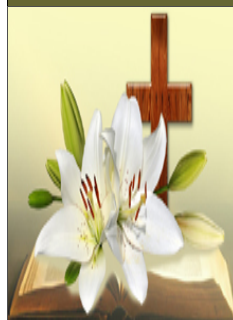
to share the role with Kathy Hunt in maintaining the smooth running of church activities. This is not an onerous role. Contact Kathy Hunt on 262014 or kath12hunt@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES: September/October

<u>Sunday 6th</u> <u>September</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 13th</u> <u>September</u>	9.30am Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am Holy Communion	Stoke
	6.30pm Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 20th</u> <u>September</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP	Stoke
	9.30am Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am <u>Cancelled</u>	Wiston
	10.00am Family Service	Nayland
	11.15am Harvest Festival	Stoke
	5.30pm Harvest Festival	Wiston
	6.30pm Evening Praise	Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 27th</u> <u>September</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.00pm Pet Service	Polstead
	6.30pm Evensong	Nayland
<u>Sunday 4th</u> <u>October</u>	8.00am Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am First Sunday Harvest F.	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

FROM THE REGISTERS



DEATHS

Peter Moore

BAPTISM

Edward Ward

MARRIAGES

Eija Miller & Nico Smith
 Karen Elliot & Tony Jordon
 Joanna Lowe & Edward Ward

CHURCH CONTACT ALL DETAILS ON PAGE 47

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

Rector: Revd Stéphane Javelle on 01206 263589 or rector@lspnw.org.uk (Friday is his usual day off)

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

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

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

Dear all,

As holiday thoughts turn towards the beginning of a new term for many children and young people (and those who teach and support them in their learning) we pray that they will be supported in their endeavours, enthused by their discoveries and equipped for their future. Learning takes time to nurture and mature; but rest and holidays are equally important to allow knowledge to become embedded, and learners and their support networks to be refreshed. As a benefice we have five beautiful, peaceful church buildings that are always open for quiet reflection and a break from the rigors of study, and indeed any aspect of life that presents challenge, stress or the need for prayer.

We have a regular calendar of weekday and Sunday services, where we offer quiet, reflection, prayer and fellowship to anyone and everyone who chooses to walk through the door. We welcome everyone - young, old or in between - to join us

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

at services and events. If you join us regularly - thank you. If you haven't joined us for a while - you are welcome back any time. If you have never joined us - why not give it a try? You can find details of all of our services and events at the A Church Near You website: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com> or at the LSPNW website: <https://lspnw.org.uk>

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to come forward to help support their parish community through many and varied roles. We have vacancies for church wardens, Parochial Church Council members, flower arrangers, bell ringers, church yard tidiers, tea and coffee makers and drinkers!

Wishing you all a peaceful and sunny - but not too humid - start to the new academic year, and hope to see you in a church near you soon.

With every blessing,
Derek Johns, Reader

ST MARY'S POLSTEAD GOSPEL OAK SERVICE SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 11.15am



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

RECTOR'S THANK YOU PARTY

Saturday 15th August at 3pm-5pm

An annual tradition for the Rector to host a thank you party at Nayland Village Hall.

Tea, cakes and other delicious nibbles will be on offer along with great company and conversation.

Everyone is welcome, it would help us regarding numbers, if you could email us at admin@lspnw.org.uk

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PET SERVICE

**Sunday 27th September
at 4pm**

A service to thank God for our pets and the joy they bring to our lives.

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

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Colchester North Station	0739	0744	0746	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1432	1444	1544	1620	1652	1658	1758	1758	1758	1844	2037	2237		0959	1159	1459	1724
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Central Connect Buses	https://www.central-connect.co.uk/										Tel: 0115 777 3187				Email: contact@central-connect.co.uk											

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH HALL

HIRE CHARGES (from 1 September 2022)

Hourly Rates

Residents and village societies	£ 8.00
Non-residents	£12.00

Minimum hall hire 2 hours
Heating Vouchers @ £1.50 each
Non-resident bookings will only be accepted up to 3 months in advance

Bookings: online at www.naylandandwiston.net
or Booking Sec 07342 235001 naylandchurchhall@gmail.com

NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL

HIRE CHARGES (from 1 May 2025)

Includes: Main Hall, Stage, Kitchen, Bar Area and Toilets.
Licence to provide Alcohol: £30 additional fee.

MINIMUM HALL HIRE:
2 HOURS FOR VILLAGE SOCIETIES, 3 HOURS FOR OTHERS

Sunday – Friday Hourly Rates	Residents	Non Residents
9am – midnight	£17.00	£25.00
Meeting Room (minimum 3 hours)	£8.00	£10.00
Playing Field only (all day)	£100.00	£150.00
Changing Rooms (all day)	£30.00	£45.00

Saturday

Daytime until 6pm	Hourly Rates as above	
Evening 6pm-midnight	£175.00	£270.00
Playing Field, Changing Rooms & Meeting Room	Hourly Rates as above	

Bookings: online at www.naylandandwiston.net > Village Hall
Booking Sec: naylandvillagehall@gmail.com
c/o Nayland Village Hall, Church Lane, Nayland, Colchester CO6 4JH

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026

Summer Term ends: 19 July
Autumn Term begins: 1 September
Autumn Half Term: 26– 30 October

USEFUL WEBSITES

- **Babergh Planning:** www.babergh.gov.uk/planning/
- **Refuse Collections:** <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services/collection-days/>
- **Fly-tipping:** <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/report-fly-tipping>
- **Highways Reporting** (including PRoW footpaths):
 - **Suffolk:** <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/en-gb>
 - **Essex:** <https://www.essexhighways.org/tell-us>
- **To check on roadworks:** <https://one.network/>
- **To check water issues:** <https://inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/>
- **Track Rain/Lightening:** <https://www.radar-live.com/2018/04/rain-map.html>

Useful local social media group sites:

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

LOCAL INFORMATION

COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Website manager
Mobile Library
Forget Me Not
Doctors Surgery

Primary School
Home School Association
Woodland Corner
& Nayland Playgroup
Baby & Toddler Group
Littlegarth School
Youth Club
Village Hall
Church Hall
Royal British Legion
Womens Institute
Village Cinema
Table Tennis Club
Coloured Pencil Art Group
Nayland Art Club
Horticultural Society
Conservation Society
Nayland Meadow Ltd
Village Players
Nayland Choir
First Responders
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Friends of Wiston Church
Friends of Caley Green
Chambers Buses
Roman Catholic Church
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VILLAGE DIARY

Weekly on	Mondays:	Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 24</i>
	Tuesday:	Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall (<i>term time, back 8th September</i>) <i>page 27</i>
	Wednesdays:	Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James <i>page 3 & 30</i>
		Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 32</i>
	Fridays:	Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 14 & 33</i>
August		
1st		HortSoc: Summer Flower Show 2pm-5pm Village Hall <i>page 11 & 26</i>
2nd		Women's Institute: Afternoon Garden Party <i>page 29</i>
12th		Parish Council: summer meeting only held if needed for urgent matters <i>page 3 & 47</i>
15th		Rector's Thank You Party 3-5pm Village Hall <i>page 41</i>
17th		Royal British Legion: meeting <i>speaker</i> Pat O'Malley 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall <i>page 31</i>
19th		Royal British Legion: visit to Anglo Saxon Ship <i>page 31</i>
28th		Village Cinema: ' <i>H is for Hawk</i> ' open 6pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 27</i>
30th		Big Day Small Country Music Festival Village Hall <i>page 19</i>
September		
2nd		Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm (<i>Exec 7.30pm</i>) <i>page 8 & 47</i>
4th		Friends St James: 'Evening Constable' concert Marenzio Singers 7pm for 7.30 St James' Church <i>page 19 & 30</i>
7th		Village Hall Management Committee: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room <i>page 35 & 47</i>
9th		Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room & by Zoom <i>page 3 & 47</i>
10th		Women's Institute: <i>Shelley Centre for Therapeutic Riding</i> Jan Derbyshire 2.30pm Village
11th		Women's Institute: Bob Shepherd ' <i>Fire Service</i> ' 10am Church Hall <i>page 29</i>
12th		Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall <i>page 14 & 34</i>
18th		Suffolk Churches Ride & Stride <i>page 11 & 30</i>
18th		Woodland Corner: Inflatable Fun Day 1-4pm Village Hall <i>page 14 & 34</i>
26th		Village Cinema: ' <i>film tbc</i> ' open 6pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 27</i>
29th		Conservation Society: Hedghog Access Public Meeting 10am Village Hall <i>page 1, 12 & 25</i>
30th		Nayland Handbells: an afternoon of bell music with Colchester Bellringers <i>page 28</i>
		Woodland Corner: AGM 7.30pm at Woodland Corner <i>Page 15 & 34</i>
October		
1st		Nayland Surgery: Flu Clinic <i>page 27</i>
5th		Village Hall Management Committee: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room <i>page 35 & 47</i>
7th		Village Lunch: ' <i>Gainsborough House</i> ' 11.45 for 12 Village Hall <i>page 15 & 29</i>
8th		Women's Institute: Jim Bond ' <i>My Later Army Life</i> ' 10am Church Hall <i>page 29</i>
9th		Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall <i>page 14 & 34</i>
10th		Community Litterpick: meet 1.30pm at Village Hall <i>page 12</i>
12th		Royal British Legion: meeting Paul White <i>Commonwealth War Graves Commission</i> <i>page 31</i>
13th		Conservation Society: ' <i>Witches and Witchfinders</i> ' Prof Alison Rowlands 7.15pm Village Hall <i>page 15 & 25</i>
16th		Village Cinema: ' <i>film tbc</i> ' open 6pm, screening 7.45pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 27</i>
17th		Village Hall: Autumn Garden Working Party from 9am <i>page 13 & 35</i>
24th		St James' Churchyard: Autumn Working Party from 9am <i>page 13 & 30</i>
November		
5th		Community Council: Bonfire & Fireworks 6.30 for 7pm Village Hall Playing Field
10th		Conservation Society: ' <i>Angels and Demons</i> ' Sarah Doig 7.15pm Village Hall <i>page 19 & 25</i>
12th		Women's Institute: ' <i>St Helena Hospice</i> ' 10am Church Hall <i>page 29</i>
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