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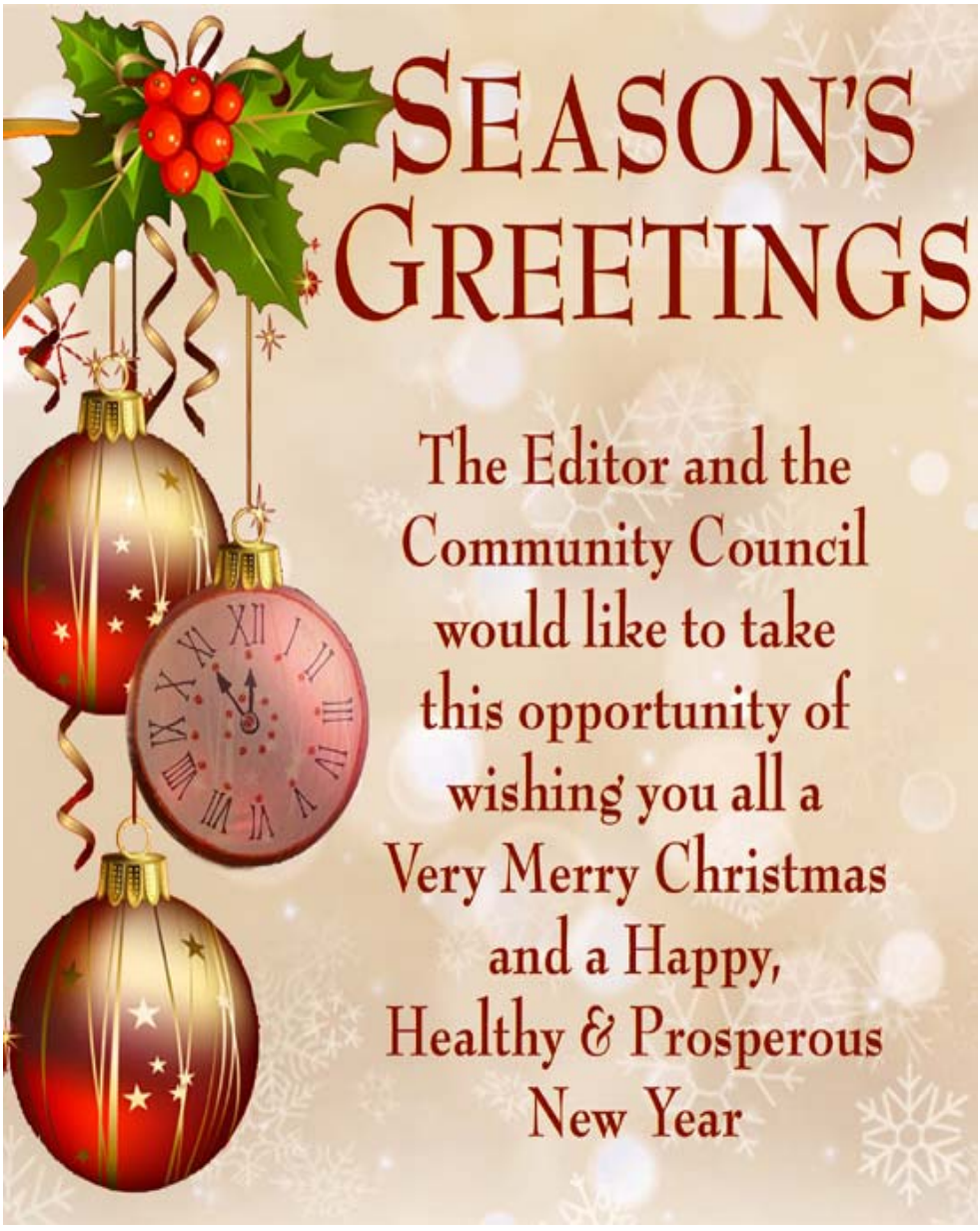

December 2026

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Bonfire Night

A truly magnificent firework display and bonfire was enjoyed by all.

We must applaud all who organised this spectacular event - even the weather was kind.

Wishing you all A Very Merry Christmas.

Bryan Smith,
President, Community Council

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Nayland with Wissington Parish Council

Notes by observer of the meeting: 14th October 2026

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

Dawn Harris chaired the meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nigel Beverley, the new Footpath Warden, reported that he is enjoying walking the paths and has had contact with the previous Warden and the SCC Right of Way Officer, Callum Leslie. He would like SCC to assess the railing requirement for the steps on Star Alley (path 21); the Clerk would action a request.

Robert Dossor, RBL Chairman, asked if the PC would support a sign being placed in the old Burial Ground to point towards the location of Commonwealth war graves; the Clerk would pass the request to Babergh who have responsibility of the old section of the burial ground.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Darius Laws report stated that the Government has withdrawn its previous plans for reorganising Suffolk's local government creating uncertainty for councils, staff, residents and businesses. Suffolk Highways has completed its 2026 surface dressing programme. .

HIGHWAYS

No update was available on the proposals and residents feedback regarding double yellow lines at Parkers Way.

It was agreed to postpone the discussion on potential village entry signs until the financial implications are understood. The Chair agreed to seek further information between meetings.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections at **Stream House 20 Fen Street** *[DC/26/02761]* for installation of an above ground spa within the rear courtyard garden; at **Stourfields, 42 Stoke Road** *[DC/26/03355]* for erection of oak-framed shelter for home entertainment space; and at **73 Bear Street** *[DC/26/00860]* for erection of two storey and first floor front/ side extension, new enclosed porch and shed to front of property.

Variation of conditions were approved at **Kingfishers 108 Bear Street** *[DC/26/02973]* regarding erection of single storey rear extension with attached brise soleil structure, alterations to rear fenestration and external engineering works to alter the raised terrace and garden steps and erection of garden shed; and revisions to photo voltaic panels were approved at **Nayland Village Hall** *[DC/26/03750]* and confirmation of compliance of conditions *[DC/22/01286].*

No objections were raised for works to trees at **Hillside 14 Stoke Road** *[DC/26/03841]* to fell a Pear tree; at **12 Bear Street** *[*DC/26/03951*] to* reduce crown of a Maple by approximately 2 metres; at **Lower Courtwood 13a Court Street** *[DC/26/03469]* for works to trees to reduce a Weeping Willow to a 4-5m pollard, to fell a group of Pyracantha, Cotoneaster, Crab Apple and thin crown a group of Salix viminalis.

Between meetings councillors had no objections for works to trees at **Hillside 14 Stoke Road** *[DC/26/03841];* at **12 Bear Street** *[*DC/26/03951*]* and at **Stourview 34 Stoke Road** *[DC/26/04110]* to reduce and raise canopy of a Cherry and an Ash tree; and they had no objections to a listed building application at **35 Bear Street** *[DC/26/03917]* for removal of cement render to front elevation of the property and replace with lambs wool insulation, new laths and chalk lime plaster.

The National Planning Policy Framework has recently updated (August 2026). The Clerk is attending training and will obtain slides to share with Councillors.

OPEN SPACES

The play park will be reviewed during the annual meeting with our grounds maintenance contractors. Gerry Battye raised concerns of some corrosion on the rings of one climbing frame; if necessary the Clerk will book the annual safety inspection earlier.

Dawn Harris will investigate reports of garden waste in the vicinity of the Anchor Pub.

Councillors continue to explore the idea of a village sign including design, installation and costs.

Kevin Sheath agreed to investigate ownership of a hedge on Harpers Hill/Bear Street that is causing pedestrians to walk round it on the verge.

CALEY GREEN

Kevin Sheath reported that there was no movement on the replacement revetment planning permission; he suggested that National Landscapes may also assist with signage etc for Caley Green; Matthew Lee, SCC Property, has asked to arrange the painting of the culvert fence by Caley Green/Bear Street.

ALLOTMENTS

Kevin Sheath said a meeting has been arranged with National Landscapes to seek ideas for the future of the Allotment field.

The rents have just been requested.

A representative of the Allotment Holders expressed some concerns in connection with the support in establishing an Allotment Association. Parish Councillors expressed the need for a proposal from the Allotment Holders on their aims and practicalities of how they would like to take the project forward. Dawn suggested liaising further to come up with a proposal to put to the full council.

BURIAL GROUND

Improvements to the cremation area were raised and will be considered further. The seasonal meeting with contractors will be scheduled. A quote to supply and plant the memorial tree to replace the Rowan tree that died was approved. Dawn Harris said there had been no further signs of vandalism.

IN BRIEF

With the evenings now darker Owen Brown will be able to assess potential dark spots in the Parish where new street lighting might be beneficial. One location suggested is by the Church Hall in Bear Street

In view of changes in relation to National Policy and the review of the Local Plan, the consideration of a Housing Needs Survey or Neighbourhood Plan will be postponed but remain on the agenda.

The Village Hall Management Committee are proposing to install EV charging points in the car park; the PC support this proposal.

Nayland with Wissington Community Council

Christmas Fayre Raffle

Donations of prizes for the Community Council's raffle at the Christmas Family Fayre on **Saturday 5th December** would be very much appreciated. They can be left at 107 Bear Street or brought along on the day.

Woodland Corner

Christmas Tombola

Donations of prizes for the Tombola at the Christmas Family Fayre on **Saturday 5th December** would be very welcome. Please bring them along on the day.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the meeting: 11th November 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

Dawn Harris chaired the meeting. Dawn laid a wreath on behalf of the Council on Remembrance Sunday.

HIGHWAYS

Councillors noted that yellow lines have been painted in Bear Street, including zig-zags by the School, but not white lines. Dawn Harris said they came and painted a small section in Birch Street but did not do so by Gravel Hill junction.

Councillors are waiting for further information and financial implications before they can consider the possibility of replacing village entry signs in the future.

FINANCE

The finance committee meeting will be open to the public, as suggested by the Council's auditors, but will not be available via Zoom. As there will not be a PC meeting in December the finance meeting will take that booking on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm. The recommendations made at that meeting will be decided upon by full PC at the January meeting.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections for works to trees: at **32 Bear Street [DC/26/04409]** to fell an Ash tree with a TPO; at **The Doll's House 4 Mill Street** *[DC/26/04394]* to prune a Sycamore and a Goat Willow Tree; at **Stourview 34 Stoke Road** *[DC/26/04110]* to reduce a Cherry tree with TPO and reduce an Ash tree.

Between meetings councillors had no objections for works to trees at **St James Wall Church Lane** *[DC/26/04459* to reduce the crown of an Falsa acacia to create a pollard; at **Hollies Stoke Road** *[DC/26/04461]* to reduce the crown of 2 x Gleditsia trees in the rear garden back to the old pruning points.

Councillors have viewed training slides on updates to the National Planning Policy Framework and a more detailed Babergh training video on the subject. Dawn Harris felt it may now be beneficial to reconsider establishing our own Neighbourhood Plan. This will be included on the next agenda.

The Clerk received a response from Babergh planning apologising for two recent omissions in notification of planning updates. They suggested the PC could create alerts themselves for applications.

OPEN SPACES

Debbie Hattrell said she has been in contact with the surveyor for the Diocese, who own Fairfield drive (but sharing financial responsibility with the PC and Nayland House), regarding the poor condition of the surface. They will obtain quotes for patching and resurfacing for consideration. Councillors are mindful that at some point the drive is likely to provide access for heavy construction traffic to build a dwelling near the old scout hut.

A recent regular inspection at the Play Park identified some corrosion on the rings on the monkey bars climbing frame; they have been removed, taken for repair and the frame will be back in use. The Clerk will order hedge work on Fairfield with contractors and obtain quotes for work and brick removal at the turning circle.

CALEY GREEN

Kevin Sheath reported that progress on the replacement revetment had stalled; the contractor is awaiting information from SCC.

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Christmas Dates To Remember

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

Doctors Surgery

Closed Friday 25th-28th, Open Tuesday 29th-31st December.
Closed Thursday 1st January. Return to normal on 2nd January.
Surgery hours: 8am-6pm Monday-Friday
Dispensary 9am-12.30 & 1.30-5pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. 9am-3pm Tuesday & Friday
Don't forget to your order prescriptions early for collection before Christmas & New Year.
Out of hours emergency NHS 111. Further details on page 27 & 47

Refuse Collection

Collections will take place as normal up to, and including, Wednesday 24 December.
Blue bins: collections due Friday 25th December will be Tuesday 29th December
Black bins: collections due Thursday 31st December will be Monday 4th January
collections due on Friday 1st January will be on Tuesday 5th January
Green bins: collections due Thursday 7th January will be Monday 4th January
collections due on Friday 8th January will be on Monday 11th January
Blue bins: collections due Thursday 14th January will be Saturday 15th January
collections due on Friday 15th January will be on Monday 16th January
Brown bins: 25th Dec will be 29th Dec. No collections 28th December - 10th January.
Leave bins out by 6am. *See page 39 for Babergh's full schedule*

Forget Me Not

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

Bus Services

At the time of going to print Christmas/New Year details were not obtainable.
They encourage use of their 'app'. However, you can track buses from:
https://www.central-connect.co.uk/services/HEDO/43?
See page 46 for bus timetables *or go to* www.central-connect.co.uk

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Parish Council Report continued from page 3

Matthew Lee, SCC Property, has been asked to arrange the painting of the railing over culvert by Caley Green/Bear Street.

Following investigations on refuse bin provision at Caley Green Kevin Sheath proposed installing a double bin by the bus stop and also by the A134 tunnel and keeping the single bin by the bench. During the colder months 1 bin in each location may be sufficient and in summer all bins could be utilised. This was an economical option.

Councillors continue to explore the idea of a village sign including design, installation and costs.

ALLOTMENTS

Kevin Sheath said he met with National Landscapes representatives to seek ideas for the future of the Allotment field. Since then he has supplied photos of the site and awaits their suggestions for making the area more bio-diverse.

Dawn Harris said she had spoken to some of the potential Allotment Association committee. She suggests meeting with them to support them towards creating a proposal to take the project forward.

VILLAGE HALL

Dawn Harris will ensure the VHMC provide details and costing of the kitchen refurbishment in time for it to be considered by the PC Finance Committee.

BURIAL GROUND

It was felt the cremation area would need extending in due course and this should be a consideration when discussing potential future improvements. Dawn Harris said there had been no further signs of vandalism but a bottle had been left on a grave.

The replacement memorial Rowan tree has been ordered and will be planted soon.

The seasonal meeting with contractors has taken place; cutting back of vegetation by the bend in the path and around the perimeter will be ordered and quotes will be obtained to replace some fence panels.

IN BRIEF

It was agreed to request parish council lights remain on in line with Suffolk CC lights at Christmas and New Year.

No update was available to discuss consideration of a Housing Needs Survey.

Changes to the Neighbourhood Plan Framework for England are likely to affect consideration of a Housing Needs Survey.

Councillors felt the Community Council's Bonfire Night had been a great community event; the village became very busy for a short period.

The Footpath Warden has suggested an assessment is carried out on whether a safety handrail is needed for the steps on Star Alley, The hedge also needs cutting back.

Kevin Sheath has produced a colourful AI poster to help attract volunteers to join the PC.

NEXT MEETINGS

The finance committee meeting will be on Wednesday 9th December. The next PC meeting will be on Wednesday 13th January.



SCHEDULED ROADWORKS

Nayland Road, top Horkesley Hill
30 November– 4 December
Traffic control (multi-way signals)
Open Reach: Utility Repair and Maintenance

Fen Street
8-9 December
Road Closure 7pm-5am
Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

Harpers Hill A134
11-18 January
Road Closure 7pm-5am
SCC: Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing

A134 Leavenheath
15 Nov 2025 - 31 Dec 2029 all the time
30mph speed limit, Balfour Beatty / National Grid

Further details: https://one.network/
This was correct when Community Times went to print
(this can be subject to change/delays)

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING GROUPS

Further details on page 46

Chair: Dawn Harris
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Vice Chair: Owen Brown

WORKING GROUPS:

Allotments:	Dawn Harris, Owen Brown & Ruth Beverley
Burial Ground:	Owen Brown
Caley Green:	Kevin Sheath, Dawn Harris
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

Winter Solstice Celebration on Caley Green

Yes, it's that time of the year again - doesn't time fly, where's 2026 gone ? The ritual to celebrate the beginning of winter will take place on

Monday 21st December at 12.30pm

Bring a picnic and something to keep the cold out.

It's during school holidays so no excuse for parents not to bring youngsters, to enjoy the cold, wet and runny noses as we keep this great tradition alive. This year we may even be able to revive the '***River procession'*** along the banks of the Stour to the new pier to marvel at winter in the pond and possibly continue to the pub for a 'swift half' (start saving!). This event is a fun-filled half hour and really starts the Christmas Spirit *(believe that you'll believe anything!).*

All welcome… See you there.

Chris Hunt



What Three Words

I've been asked an number of times "what is what3words?". Unable in my maturity to keep up with rapidly advancing tech frustratingly I could not answer so off I went to Google. It appears it may be quite useful!....

Even the emergency services now ask "*What is your location in What3Words?"* So just what is it!

what3words is a system whereby the surface of the Earth is divided into 3 metre by 3 metre squares, each labelled with three unrelated words. It can be used to define where you are, both at home and while out and about.

The advantage of this system is its accuracy: it can bring people to your actual front door, or the precise place on your walk where you may have a sprained ankle. It is far more precise than your postcode or map reference.

For example: Nayland Meadow steps is: ///line.alike.seabirds

w3w could be particularly useful for locating rural properties and locations at night. It would be worth recording the what3words location of your home: in case of emergency for ambulance, police, or fire service because or for parcel deliveries.

All you have to do is go to *https://what3words.com/* and find your location on the map, click on the square and the what3words reference will be displayed.

I have so far managed this easily on my computer… next challenge is to master it on a mobile and work out how to send it should a rescue while out ever be needed.

Would you be interested in visiting the
Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden & Queen Mary Garden in Regents Park
in summer 2027?

Nayland HortSoc are proposing a visit to these Royal Gardens by comfortable coach **IF** there is sufficient interest.

There is some support but more is needed. Please let Trevor or Margaret Smy know if you would like more details.
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Please note the last coffee morning before Christmas will be on 9th December; they will resume in St James on 16th January.



Wednesday Coffee Morning

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A bumper array of over 20 prizes which will be on display in the church at the coffee mornings.

Drawn on 9th December

Tickets will be on sale at the coffee mornings or from Rachel at Forget Me Not shop in Birch Street.

Funds raised in aid of the St James' Church fabric fund

Community Council
Reg Charity No 304926

Community Council Report

Meeting: 28th October 2026 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309

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

Claire Buller 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.
Village Hall Gardening Morning: The autumn session took place on 17th October and was well attended. Jo attended for the CC.
Community Involvement: Ideas to help raise participation in village groups and events welcome. An item headed **Volunteer Vacancies** is included in the Community Times, listing the various volunteers needed by different groups; please let Lorraine Brooks know if you have vacancies to be included.
Resident Volunteer List: This is a list of residents prepared to assist other residents who at times are unable to get out for themselves and would benefit from having a prescription collected, an errand run or some shopping dropped off. If anyone requires assistance or could give assistance if needed please contact Lorraine Brooks.
TREASURER'S REPORT: .
Matt Cable gave his report on finances for the year to 30th September.
Breakdown of profits to date: Quiz £711, Community Times £1,1028.
Grants paid: £800 to Woodland Corner towards new acoustic rafts, £200 for maintenance of the Horse Watering.
Expenses year to date: £1,744 for defibrillator maintenance and the new Wiston device, £432 for permissive path maintenance, £444 for skips to clear the village hall store room, £113 for the village website, and £202 for hosting the AGM and other meetings. We have paid a £600 deposit for the firework display and have pre-paid transaction fees for Ticket Tailor to secure a discount.
Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £12,167 represented by Current a/c monies £11,476 and Cash on Hand £692. We hold £298 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: Horse Watering area £19.
Therefore unencumbered assets are £11,851.
Annual Return: (update) Rachel Hitchcock submitted the Annual Return to the Charity Commission by the deadline of 31st October 2026.
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. He carried out maintenance in March to ensure that these paths remained relatively accessible throughout the summer. Some local residents continue to do basic trimming/strimming/mowing. No further action required at this stage.
Nayland Primary School: A Grant application of £750 was agreed to purchase of a class set of glockenspiels. This will provide pupils with engaging, practical opportunities to develop their musical skills. A complete set of glockenspiels will be a lasting resource that will allow every child to learn and perform together, rather than having to share a limited number of instruments, giving them the opportunity to experience the enjoyment and confidence that comes from making music as part of a group.
Community Times & Websites: Thanks as always to all contributors.
Village Calendar: The Village Calendar is now on sale at local venues.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES:
Bonfire & Fireworks: ***Thursday 5th November.*** *Rachel Hitchcock, Claire Buller, Matt Cable & Jo Metson leading.* Update on latest arrangements: ticket sales are progressing in line with previous years and the new ticketing system seems to be working well. The usual publicity is in place incl. Caley Green banner and A134 roadside signs. Volunteers have been secured for refreshments, gate and marshalls and we have new parking arrangements to try and reduce the bottleneck down the High Street. First aiders are confirmed, as are fish and chips and ice cream, along with the children's rides. Fred and Danny have the bonfire in hand.
Remembrance Sunday: ***Sunday 8th November*** Claire Buller will lay a wreath on behalf of the Community Council.
Emergency First Aid Course: ***Saturday 21st November*** (nine booked onto the course including six from Youth Club – Rachel is seeking to fill the remaining three places.
Christmas Trail: ***from Tuesday 1st December.*** Windows are confirmed – volunteers to participate are still needed.
Christmas Fayre: ***Saturday 5th December.*** Societies are confirmed (stalls and children's activities), there is a full house of stalls booked, refreshments, school participation and FC. Bunting and tree will be put up on Friday pm prior to Village Players performance. Set up on Saturday from 8.45am.
Village Christmas Tree: ***Sunday 6th December.*** Claire Buller has confirmed that this is in hand and will be put up on Sunday 6th December at 9.30 and taken down on Sunday 3rd January. Volunteers welcome. Rachel has confirmed Will Hitchock's availability.
Father Christmas Tour of Nayland: ***Christmas Eve.*** *Claire Buller leading.* Father Christmas has confirmed his availability as has George Pratt. The new route will have two stops: starting at Caley Green at 2pm then on to the Village Christmas Tree in the High Street.
Fun Village Quiz: ***Friday 5th February 2027*** Rachel Hitchcock will be leading.
AOB: The VHMC have decided not to have InPost lockers installed in the village hall car park .
SOCIETY REPORTS
Nayland Baby and Toddler Group; They have been pleasantly surprised to see some new faces attending, have decorated pumpkin biscuits, enjoyed painting pumpkin cut outs and other crafts. The children have joined in with musical instruments and nursery rhyme time at the end of each session.
HortSoc: They will be having a table at the Christmas Fayre and are currently planning 2027 activities.
Art Group: They have had a good start to the Autumn term, joined by some new members who are most welcome. They had a session exploring the difference between hard and soft edges when painting and how these alter the visual effect of a piece. One of our group showed us the technique that she learned elsewhere for painting flowers by using a fluid wash of colours and, when dry, painting the negative space to define the petals and foliage which we all enjoyed. We have also, with a nod to Christmas, revisited lino printing and are going to continue with this later in the term.
Choir: They are halfway through the term and looking ahead to our winter concert *'Luminous Light'* on 6th December. They have some beautiful music to perform: some favourites plus many pieces new to us, and we will be joined by a string quartet who will be both accompanying us and performing themselves. In December, they will be singing carols in the Anchor to raise money for charity and some of the choir will be leading an evening of Christmas songs in the Hare and Hounds in Leavenheath; we will also be singing in St James' Carol Service.



St James' Church: A class from Nayland Primary School attended the coffee morning; it was really lovely to see them and enjoy the school involvement.

Nayland First Responder Group: To coincide with the British Heart Foundation's Restart a Heart Day in October, they delivered four Basic Life Support sessions, providing local residents with free CPR and defibrillator training from our trained volunteers. In total, 24 people received training. As a group we were on call in September and October for a total of 490 Hrs 26 mins and attended 7 calls and trained 24 residents in CPR.

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society: Their September talk on the Hedgehog Access Scheme was very well attended and we are currently inviting volunteers to come forward to participate in the creation of the Nayland Hedgehog Highway. The October meeting had in excess of 80 guests and members for Professor Alison Rowland's talk on 'Witches and Witchfinders in Essex and Suffolk'. The Autumn litter pick on 10th October attracted nine volunteers. Their next speaker meeting will be on 10th November when Sarah Doig will talk on the architecture of Suffolk churches. The Society will be participating at the Xmas Fayre.

Royal British Legion: They are collecting for the Poppy Appeal door-to-door and will have collectors at various village events. They will give a short presentation to the Primary School on 4th November when our Standard will be displayed and the meaning and relevance of Remembrance explained to the children.

On Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, the Nayland & District Standard will be paraded from the A134 junction to the War Memorial in High Street starting at 10am, the Service in St James starts at 10.50. On Armistice Day, Wednesday 11th November at 10.50am we will remember those who gave great sacrifice at Nayland War Memorial.

At our last meeting Paul White from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission gave a talk about the CWGC's work Worldwide. They maintain over 1.5 million war graves and Memorials, including two in the Nayland Burial Ground and one in the Stoke by Nayland Churchyard. The Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning will take place on 31st October and our AGM on Monday 7th December in the Church Hall.

Nayland Meadow: The area of silt around the pond has been sown by hand with an environmentally recommended grass seed mix. They plan to further reduce the reeds within the pond and would be grateful to hear from any volunteers who might be prepared to help with this task… waders helpful! Please contact our chairman Martin Wright. Unfortunately, the latch handle on the gate to the viewing platform broke but has since been replaced with a new fitting. Ambitious plans for planting of bluebells in Richards Wood involving the primary school are underway.

Parish Council: They are exploring the proposal to install a village sign and looking for a potential designer/supplier.

Village Hall: The hall floor has been resurfaced, some redecoration has taken place. They are looking at the possibility of changing the heating system to utilise the electricity generated from the solar panels.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be on Wednesday 6th January 2027 at 8pm *(Exec 7.30 pm)* in the Church Hall.

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What to know more?

- Contact the Parish Clerk, Debbie Hattrell on 01376 425744 or clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk
- Speak to one of the councillors
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Remembrance Services





In Nayland the RBL branch standard was paraded from Caley Green to the war memorial in the High Street.

Wreaths were laid by the RBL, Parish and Community Councils, First Responders, Fire Service, Primary School, Woodland Corner and the Boxted Airfield Historical Group.

A private knitted purple wreath was laid for 'animals in wartime'.

David Wiles was the standard bearer and the bugler sounded the Last Post. A service followed in St James' Church.

On 11th November for Armistice Day, â members of Nayland Royal British Legion, Revd Stéphane and other residents met at the village war memorial to take part in a two-minute silence to remember those who gave great sacrifice.



The Wiston community gathered around the war memorial for their annual Remembrance Service.

Twenty - eight adults and eight children attended. Unfortunately some attendees turned back due to the road closure for the mains water repair which had been repaired but not filled in. £227 was collected for the RBL.

Names of those who served and those who sadly gave their lives were read out including the following extract:

- ***Thomas Hollick*** *Thomas was born in 1885 and lived with his family at Fox Inn, Wiston and also at Hill Farm, Wiston. He enlisted with the Royal Fusiliers in Feb-1916, he was discharged later that year due to ill health. He died Sept 1917, aged 32.*
- ***Harry Palfrey*** *Harry was born at Little Livermere, Suffolk, in 1891 and was working as a farm labourer when he enlisted in the army in 1906 (aged 15). He joined the 2nd Battalion Bedfordshire Regiment and served in the West Indies and South Africa. He returned to England seven years later in 1913 and went straight to France. He served at Mons and was wounded at La Basse. He was sent back to England and later spent time in hospital in Dublin. After about two months in hospital he went on leave in January 1915 and was married here in Wiston church on 16 January 1916 by the Rector, Revd Rees, who also served in WW1. Harry was admitted to Colchester hospital later that month on 29 January with further convalescence at Whersted. He evidently recovered sufficiently as he was killed in Israel the following year in March 1917, aged around 25yrs, and is remembered on the Jerusalem Memorial.*
- *We also remember* ***Paul Taylor*** *whose well-used remembrance seat stands here in the churchyard. Paul who died in North Africa in 1943 was organist in this church.*

STOP PRESS… Village Players' Auditions: '*The Ghost Train*' by Arnold Ridley

Mandy Cook is enthusiastically looking ahead to directing this comedy-thriller in April 2027. Auditions will be held at 7.30 on Wednesday 6th January at the Village Hall and Sunday 10th January at 5pm at the Church Hall.
For further details contact: Emma Wallis on 07942 778536 or naylandvillageplayers@gmail.com.



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

Festive Displays: Other delightful seasonal displays will brighten the village and give us all much cheer. They will also be shown on the Trail map.

Copies of the Christmas Trail map will be available in our village shops and on **www.naylandandwiston.net**.
We will promote the trail at the **Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5th December**.
In the meantime you will find the first 10 advent window locations on the map below.

Advent Windows:

1. Studio B, 3 High Street
2. Forget Me Not, 2 Birch St
3. Nayland Village Hall
4. Dacha, Harpers Hill
5. 26 Harpers Estate
6. 3 Gravel Hill
7. 9 Heycroft Way
8. Longwood House, Stoke Rd
9. 2 Bear Street
10 Nayland Primary School



Five film shorts on Ronnie Blythe's home and garden at Bottengoms, Wormingford

by Jules Pretty



During the course of this year, I have been making a series of 5 short films across the four seasons of 2026 on the developments at Ronnie Blythe's home and garden in Wormingford. Ronnie was a good friend to many in Nayland.

The house Bottengoms is perched on the Essex side of the valley, looking down to the River Stour. Ronnie died four years ago, having just celebrated his 100th birthday in November 2022. The house and garden was given to Essex Wildlife Trust. Previously, the artists John and Christine Nash lived there since 1944. It will be the 50th anniversary of John Nash's death in 2027.

The films document the re-development of the garden, as first laid out by the Nashes, and the making good of the 16th century house.

You can find the films (all freely available) on my YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/@JulesPretty58.

- The summer film was called *"The Noon-Halted Summer Time at Bottengoms":* see https://youtu.be/jI-pdCmL-Sc
- The Nov 2026 film is called *"Now is the Silence of the Year"*: see https://youtu.be/Yk-zbJT7axA

Guided walking tours of the landscape are now being offered by Essex Wildlife Trust for visitors to Bottengoms: please book at https://www.essexwt.org.uk/bottengoms

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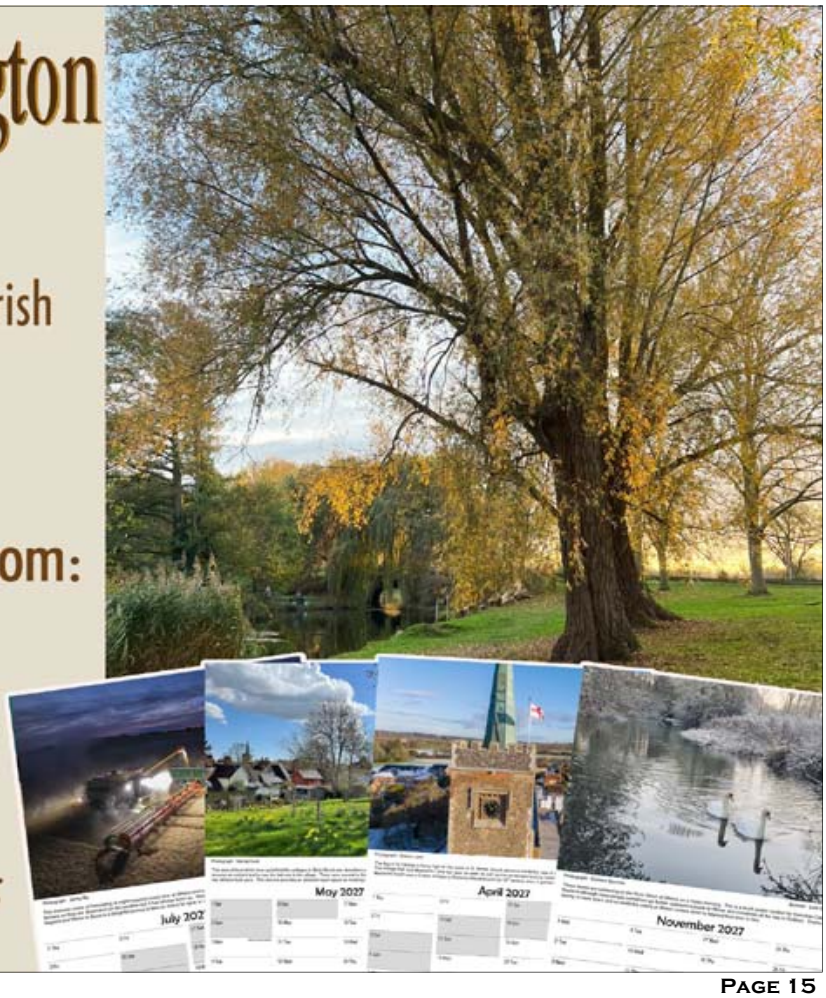

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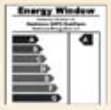

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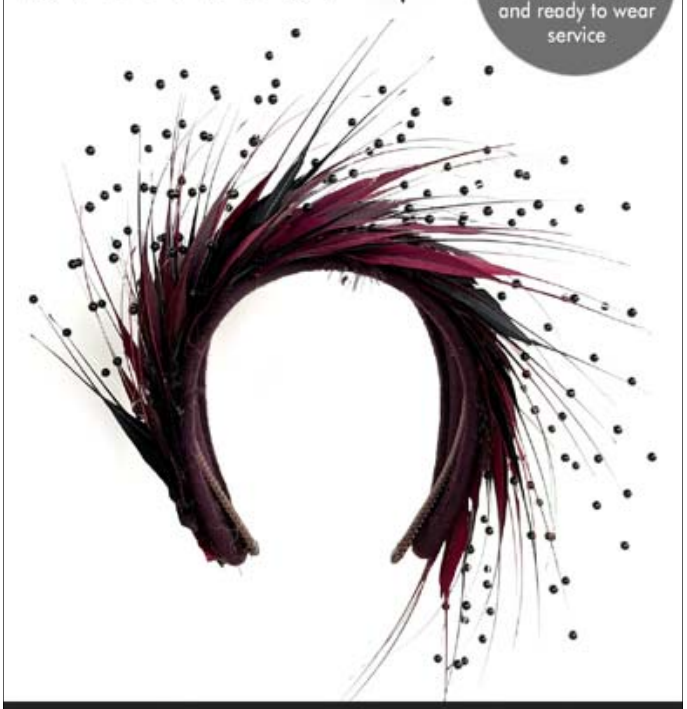

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A huge thank you to everybody who helped make Nayland's Bonfire and Fireworks such a fantastic success again this year!

Firework Crazy once again delivered an amazing display which was very well received by the gathered crowd. We had another great turnout of volunteers (without whom the event couldn't happen). From the Community Council committee (and their friends and families); Fred Bugg, Danny Thurlow and the bonfire team; everyone who supplies, produces and serves the food and drink; those on the gate who embraced the new system this year; Iain and his endless supply of 'kit'; Matt and Lewis for setting up the ticket sales and all those who help with setting up, tidying away and picking up litter the next day plus anyone we have failed to mention - a HUGE thank you to you all - we couldn't do it without you.





Lots of people descended on the village for a few hours on 5th November so thank you for being tolerant and for all your support and kind comments.

We raised a very commendable profit of over £5,600 which will all go back into supporting village activities and projects. A real community success.

Rachel Hitchcock, Chair, Community Council





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 still in place

- 27th March to further notice downstream Nayland Horseshoe Weir to Boxted Mill: Navigate with caution - levels lowered to make repairs to Boxted Mills.
- 9th July: Near Wormingford Pumping Station - fallen tree restricting navigation.
- 4th September: Wiston Mill/Weir – W3W//roughness.slimy.violinist – Trees down blocking 100% navigation of the Stour

Check www.visitanglianwaterways.org for updates

Water Levels

Thankfully we have seen rain since the summer drought to help the river and the landscape recover. If correct, the Colchester Gazette reported that Abberton Reservoir remains at only 37% capacity. It is not just local rain that matters when it comes to the river and reservoir levels. The River Ouse matters as the Ely Ouse to Essex Water Transfer Scheme operates bringing water from Norfolk to the River Stour which can be abstracted at Wormingford, and pumped through to Abberton Reservoir. However, water is not abstracted if the rivers are fast flowing and flooding as debris will block the system.

River Vegetation

The situation with overgrown reeds and vegetation along most stretches of the river through Nayland remains disgraceful but with winter die-down the river will at least be visible for a few months. Some riparian owners have undertaken some reed management which is good to see.

Bank Erosion at Caley Green

The planning application submitted to Babergh DC in early June for the riverside repair and reprofiling of the riverbank at Caley Green appear to be a stalemate following objections from the National Landscape Team - as reported last CT.

Now that the reeds at Caley Green have been reduced it is important that they are maintained annually to prevent their rampant growth becoming out of hand again. But there has been no news regarding this from Suffolk CC.

Wildlife & Swans

The swan family with three cygnets have over the past couple of months been spending more time on the river and at Caley Green - perhaps as river traffic has reduced. The cygnets are large now, have been exploring, feeding themselves and have been exercising their wings and practising flying ready to leave the family. If they dither the adults may chase them off so they can reclaim breeding territory and prepare for the next spring's clutch. The cygnets are likely to join non-breeding flocks of young swans to socialize, feed, and find mates. Having said that, recently one of the cygnets must have flown over to the pond to hang out with Flo the pen who has been living there and around Caley Green. He was soon back on the river so must be getting proficient at flying.

On 16th November there was a shocking incident when a Pen on the Fenages was attacked by a dog and horrifically injured. Wildlives Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre took her in, are treating her wounds and administering the recommended medications. She made it through the night and is now eating but has a long road to recovery. It really is shocking that the dog walker allowed this to happen and then just left the swan suffering and unable to move.



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Thanks to Antony Day who spotted that parts of Mill Steam are heavily vegetated (4th October)



Thanks to Mandy Cook who took this photo of one of the cygnets exercising its wings 12th November



Thanks to Tina Franklin who spotted a cygnet realising there was an obstacle in his path home (15th October)

To find out more about them: ***www.wildlives.org.uk*** *or visit their Facebook page.*

It was a surprise on 17th November to see the Cob swan with the bad wing had departed the river near the Fenages and reclaimed his territory at Caley Green. The cob swan's wing was checked a year ago and advice was that he was coping and not in pain so did not need any intervention but should be monitored. It's believed Flo was his original mate and she was back with him. These two swans are ringed but the pair that raised their family here this year are not.

Feeding Waterfowl Bread

Recently someone raised the question "***Should swans be fed bread?"*** *The Community Times looked at this some years ago and it seems the experts have not changed their opinions.*

Swans eat aquatic vegetation, small fish, frogs, worms, insects and graze on grassy banks. They can be fed grain, sweetcorn and vegetable matter, especially lettuce and potatoes but food should be thrown into the water for them so that they can swallow water with the food. Bread is no substitute for the natural diet that the birds themselves will seek out but feeding swans and other waterfowl is a great way to enjoy getting close to them, to introduce children to wild creatures, and for everyone to connect with nature.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust and the Swan Sanctuary all take this view.

The Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust state, *"Bread is fine for water birds as long as it only forms a small part of their diet. Moderation is especially important in the spring and summer when an unbalanced diet can cause developmental problems for growing young birds."*

The Queen's Swan Marker has stated**,** *"Swans have been fed bread for many hundreds of years without causing any ill effects. While bread may not be the best dietary option for swans compared to their natural food it has become a very important source of energy for them, supplementing their natural diet. Malnutrition will increases their vulnerability to fatal diseases like avian-flu which has caused the deaths of many mute swans and other waterfowl. There is no good reason not to feed bread to swans, provided it is not mouldy. Swans are not greedy creatures and cannot be overfed. I therefore encourage members of the public to continue feeding swans to help improve their chances of survival, especially through the winter."*



Residents of Nayland House enjoy interaction with the local swans and ducks (16th October)

Some residents in Nayland provide floating swan and duck food which are more nutritious for them so if you like to feed the water fowl regularly consider getting some of that; it's available at various pet foed shops and supermarkets or online.

Help Save Our Hedgehogs: Nayland Hedgehog Access Scheme

The Conservation Society is seeking to facilitate a hedgehog access scheme in Nayland to help this struggling species.

Emma from the Dedham Vale National Landscape kindly gave a presentation to Nayland Primary School in September. This was followed by a successful morning at Nayland Village Hall on Saturday, September 26th, where Emma and Cathy from the Suffolk Wildlife Trust gave presentations and shared valuable information, alongside a variety of fun activities for the children.

The Conservation Society aims to build on this momentum by setting up a village-wide scheme involving both residents and children.

How You Can Help Hedgehogs in Your Garden

Hedgehogs travel several kilometres a night in search of food, and keeping them off busy roads is vital to their survival. You can make a big difference in your own garden:

- **Create Access Points:** Simple, small holes in fences or walls allow hedgehogs to roam safely between gardens.
- **Leave a Wild Corner:** Leave an area with long grass, logs, and leaf litter to provide natural food and shelter.
- **Provide Nesting Space:** You can build or buy a dedicated hedgehog house.
- **Practise Safe Gardening:** Always check long grass and brush before mowing or strimming, and check piles before lighting bonfires.
- **Avoid Garden Chemicals:** Refrain from using pesticides and slug pellets.
- **Offer Food & Water:** Leave out fresh water and meat-based pet food (especially during spring and summer).
- **Pond Safety:** Ensure ponds have a sloping edge or ramp so fallen hedgehogs can climb out safely.



Free Hedgehog Boxes & Footprint Tunnels

Thanks to the Dedham Vale National Landscape, the Conservation Society has **22 hedgehog boxes** to give away to local residents. To be eligible, your garden must be accessible to hedgehogs and include a wild area. If your garden meets these criteria and you would like a box, please get in touch.

We also have **footprint tunnels available to loan**. These are a fantastic, hands-on activity for families to monitor whether hedgehogs - or other wildlife - are visiting their garden. Get Involved!

We are keen to get the scheme fully up and running with the support of Naylanders. Volunteer involvement will include helping create hedgehog holes in garden fences and tracking hedgehog sightings across the village. The commitment will not be onerous or time-consuming, and any help would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like a hedgehog box, wish to borrow a footprint tunnel, or want to volunteer with the scheme, please contact **Lucy Carpenter** at *lucycarpenter22@gmail.com*

SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...

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



Thank you to Jan Havard-Davies for capturing a tree surgeon working on an Ash tree at a Bear Street property which was dying and required felling.

It certainly is fascinating to watch these specialist tree surgeons at work. We had two trees hard pruned last autumn and it was interesting to watch them move high up around the tree with ease. They were kind enough to take a video of the view of the village while up there too. They did the job expertly and the trees were invigorated and grew in well this summer.

I recall with much sadness watching the demise of the beautiful 50ft Jubilee Copper Beech tree in Bear Street. A number of residents spent some time there watching in amazement at the skill but also in horror of the loss of the tree and lovely streetscape.

The Community Times at the time recorded:

"*A LANDMARK copper beech tree which has stood in Bear Street, Nayland, for 75 years was felled on 28th September 2010.*

Known as the Jubilee tree, it was planted on the old village cattle pound in 1935 to commemorate the silver jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary and was a familiar part of the street scene.

Signs of decay were first found several years ago and a recent electronic test revealed a large cavity in one part of the trunk with serious deterioration."



⬇ There may have been some temporary inconvenience to drivers on 29th September when Bear Street was closed for pot hole repair but it resulted in a smoother drive; one down, many still to go! Our County Councillor, Darius Laws, says *"It's frustrating that the team are on site but cannot fix other nearby unless they are marked having met the criteria. So keep reporting highways defects; report, report!"* The link to the reporting tool is shown on page 46.

⬇➔ There was further inconvenience during September and October with extra large police escorted slow moving vehicles travelling along the A134 every morning transporting equipment to the Balfour Beatty's National Grid construction compound site at Leavenheath.





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SWANS CATCHING THE 43 BUS?

🡐 This photo, captured by Antony Day when he caught the 2pm bus on 7th November, may bring back memories to some of Gordon the Goose. Gordon the greylag goose (called Gary by some school children) was a much loved village character who lived at Caley Green from 2015-2021. He spent much time during spring at the bus stop, possibly admiring his own reflection but was never lucky in securing a mate, perhaps on purpose! Although he reached BBC fame when he received an anonymous valentine card!



What attracted the swans to the bus stop is a mystery and not to be encouraged with the amount of parked cars and traffic. Please drive carefully in the area - these swans a rather unpredictable, as are the ducks.

🡓 The residents of Nayland House were missed during the summer when is was too hot and too busy for them to come down to Caley Green. They look happy to be back despite the chilly autumn weather. It seems the swans and ducks were happy to see them too.





VILLAGE HALL GARDEN MORNING

Many thanks to the volunteers who attended the Village Hall Autumn Garden Working Party on 17th October. It was a very sociable and satisfying morning with much achieved.



NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

The autumn Community Litter Pick took place on 10th October, organised by the Conservation Society and Parish Council. The team did an excellent job collecting litter from around the village and footpaths. Their efforts are much appreciated.



Thank you to Phil Border for sharing this photo of his family and other revellers enjoying this year's Nayland Bonfire and Fireworks. Well done to the Community Council for organizing the popular spectacle.

NAYLAND MOBILE LIBRARY

Route 20 : High Street: Saturdays at 10.35am-11.20am, every four weeks

28 November - 23 January - 20 February - 20 March

Route 9 : Parkers Way: Saturdays at 1.45pm-2.15pm, every four weeks

12 December - 9 January - 6 February - 6 March

Tel: 01473 263838 www.suffolklibraries.co.uk

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LIZZIE'S FUND COFFEE MORNING

What a fantastic Coffee Morning to honour Childhood Cancer Awareness Day with a Big Bake! Forty lovely locals joined us to soak up the sun… and we raised £946.40!

The event was Connie's idea - she baked and served, ably assisted by gran Hilary (Lizzie's godmum). And thanks too to all in Team Lizzie on the day.

LIQUIDAMBAR STYRACIFLUA

The incredible autumn colour of this stately Liquidambar styraciflua tree (American Sweetgum or Redgum) in St James' Churchyard was captured by Phil Border *(5th November).*





QUEENS GUIDES: 1ST NAYLAND

Suffolk Guiding hosted an event recognising Queen Guides in Suffolk as this is the 80th year of the awards existence. It is the highest award in Guiding. It was held at The Hold in Ipswich. Three of us went from 1st Nayland: Queens Guides (L-R) Sarah Fogarty (Jones), Jane Macbeth and Margaret Baker.

Position in County	Year gained	
21	1952	Kathleen MacBeth
281	1971	Margaret Baker
282	1971	Sandra MacBeth
352	1973	Julia Dryden
386	1974	Wendy Buxton
401	1974	Susan MacBeth
439	1975	Jane MacBeth
458#	1976#	Sarah Jones#

The Village Hall Management Committee would much appreciate new members

We meet once a month in the meeting room of the hall for a couple of hours on the first Monday of the month.

If you feel you can give a little of your time to keep this community facility prospering for the mutual benefit of the whole village, please contact any member of the VHMC or the Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825.

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

CLASSES & GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

- Mondays: 2pm Table Tennis, 5pm Soccer School
- Tuesdays: 9.15 Pilates, 6pm Fitness Class
- Thursdays: 6pm Zumba Class
- Fridays: 9.30am Baby & Toddler Group *(term time)*

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



Nayland 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. 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:

- **Parish Council** have 3 vacancies for councillors
- **Community Council** would welcome committee members
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member
- **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 seasonal events
- **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.*

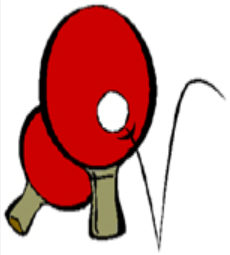

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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.



Friends of Wiston Church

Chairman: Laura Erith 07852145730 Email: wistonfriends@gmail.com
Treasurer: Jamie Warner *Registered Charity No 1158565*

We have a new committee: Chairman Laura Erith; Treasurer Jamie Warner; Committee Pippa Nicholls and Robin Thorogood.

On behalf of all of us I would like to thank the outgoing committee for all their hard work over the years. The Friends is for people who are fond of Wiston St Mary's, who would like to see it kept in good repair. We aim to do at least one fund raising event per year to help pay for the upkeep. The most recent project is the path from the steps to the front door to make the church more accessible to all. The committee will be in The Anchor 7.30pm Thursday 3rd December - please feel free to come and say hello to us.

NAYLAND CHOIR

Reg Charity No 1216038

Chair: Kathryn Niven 07867 878443
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www.naylandchoir.org

Tickets for our upcoming concert, *'Luminous Night'*, on 6th December are now available via our website. Please note that there is a change of time from the previous edition of the Community Times as the start time has been delayed by half an hour to allow us more time to practise and prepare. Doors will now open at 4pm and the concert will start at 4.30pm. Look out for our beautiful posters, designed by Lorraine Brooks. We hope that you will join us as we take you on a musical journey through advent into the cold and starry skies of winter, with the title taken from Ola Gjeilo's 'Luminous Night of the Soul'. The programme will also include advent pieces by Elgar, Liszt and Rheinberger, Elgar's setting of his wife's 'The Snow', Lauridsen's 'Sure on this Shining Light', and Rameau's La Nuit.

Thanks to generous funding from our Friends of Nayland Choir, we will be accompanied by a string quartet as well as the keyboard. And, as if that's not enough, we'll be offering mulled wine and mince pies at the end of the concert!

We will be carol singing in the Anchor here in Nayland on the evening of Wednesday 9th December and singing Christmas songs in The Hare and Hounds (Leavenheath) on Friday 18th - do feel free to join us. We will also be taking part in the carol service at St. James' Church on Sunday 20th December.

Please make a note of future diary dates for our next concerts: Sunday 21st March in St. James' Church and Friday 2nd July in the village hall. If you wish to come and join us/ try us out (you will be very welcome), do get in touch via our email before we re-start our Thursday evening rehearsals for the next concert on 7th January.



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Terry Bannister 262454 Gale Scott 262061

Emma Boyd who is the Keeper of Art and Place at Gainsborough House gave a very good talk about the paintings and history of ***'The Artist Thomas Gainsborough'.***

Thomas Gainsborough (1727–1788), one of Britain's greatest artists, was 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.

It was a most enjoyable lunch and as usual the puddings were very popular. We made £675 for our village hall.

Many thanks to all who supported us and to the team who are so able and willing.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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





The Society enjoyed two excellent talks in October and November. The first presentation was given by Professor Alison Rowlands on the subject of witchcraft in Suffolk. We had almost 100 members and visitors in attendance to hear the rather sad story of the significant number of women (and some men) who lost their lives during the 1600's for alleged offences of witchcraft. Our second autumn talk was delivered by author Sarah Doig who gave a detailed talk on church architecture in Suffolk. Her choice of churches included St. Stephens Chapel in Bures. Again, this meeting was very well attended.



I am pleased to advise you that the Society have recently received a piece of Nayland's history, namely a large bible bearing the inscription "Nayland Chapel Sunday School 1885".

A few weeks ago, an email was received from Paul White who volunteers for a charity "Tools with A Mission" (TWAM) based in Ipswich. TWAM receives donated tools and gives communities those tools to build a future for themselves. In addition, if the charity receives an unusual item, it researches its history with a view to reuniting the item with family or interested parties. Paul, who lives near Smallbridge Hall identified the Society as an appropriate recipient and kindly passed the Bible over to us. The Society's committee will be meeting to decide the best way that the Bible can be displayed and there will be a further report in due course.

Looking ahead to next year, we already have a full list of speakers. In March at our AGM Lucy Gallard of the Essex Wildlife Trust will give a talk on the history and future of Bottengoms, the home of the artist John Nash and subsequently the home of Ronnie Blyth. In June we have a return visit from Frances Christie of BBC Antiques Road show fame and on 13th June next year Open Gardens will be returning.

The Village Hedgehog protection scheme is progressing and the Society recently distributed a number of hedgehog boxes to volunteer village residents.

Finally, we shall be at the Xmas Fayre on 5th December, organised by the Community Council, when we hope readers can be persuaded to acquire one of our many interesting publications, cards or tea towels featuring superb designs by famous artist Richard Bawden.

NAYLAND CINEMA

Mary Knapp mary.eva.knapp@gmail.com Mob: 07775 478971

Our next film ***'The Christophers'*** is on **Friday 27th November** - just after the Community Times goes to print. It is a drama/dark comedy, with Ian McKellen as a (now broke) artist from the 60s & 70s pop art era. His two estranged adult children hire an art restorer and former forger to forge his valuable unfinished canvasses to secure a massive financial inheritance. Various twists in the plot then follow. Film run time approx 100 minutes, classification 15.

We are taking a break in December and then on **Friday 29th January** we have something a little different. ***'Once Upon a Time in Suffolk'***, part of the Made in East Anglia Festival, is a collaborative, independently crowdfunded project between local writers and filmmakers. With involvement by Nayland's own Darius Laws, who hopes to be able to introduce the film and take a Q & A session. The film is an anthology of nine short stories inspired by many of Suffolk's mysterious folklore legends, sometimes funny, sometimes dark, always heartfelt. Film run time approx 100 minutes, classification 12A.

Our home cooked **pre- film suppers**, provided by Ross and Jade from the deli, continue to be delicious - last time I had venison stew. A good meal, with maybe a glass of wine - and then a good film to enjoy – a great evening out.

For websites search *'Nayland Cinema'* and, for suppers, '*Mill Street Store and Deli'*

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

- There is no film screening in December.
- **Friday 29th January:** ***'Once Upon a Time in Suffolk'*** is an anthology of new short films, made by the region's emerging creative talents, inspired by classic fairy tales, mysterious folklore and Suffolk legends.

  The stories are the beating heart of Suffolk. They live in the echo of footsteps through old churches, in the salt wind that rattles the windows of seaside cottages. Tales of kindness and folly, of love and loss, of courage and consequence.

  From Red Riding Hood in Lowestoft to Rapunzel in Dedham Vale, these magical yarns are sometimes funny, sometimes dark, always heartfelt and all with a sprinkle of magic!

  The tales introduced by celebrated storyteller and local legend John Row include: *Crossing the Earth; The Painters; Mawhini; Briar and Daughter; A Mid-Suffolk Night's Dream; Red; Widdershins; and Ethel.*

  This is the third anthology feature film from FILM Suffolk (producers Matthew McGuchan, Julien Mery and Nick Woolgar). The previous two films, *'With Love From Suffolk'* and *'The Haunted Hotel'*, have both enjoyed success.
- Forthcoming dates: 19th February and 19th March – film titles have yet to be confirmed.



NAYLAND MEADOW LTD

Chair: Martin Wright 07768 006546 martincewright2@hotmail.com

www.naylandconservation.org.uk/Meadow **F: Nayland Meadow**

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(if you see a sheep in distress)

Recent Nayland Meadow activity includes:

Pond vegetation management

We have been busy pulling/digging vegetation from the pond by hand. One of the unforeseen consequences of last winter's pond restoration was that some of the rhizomes (underground root systems) of the marginal vegetation (principally branched bur-reed) were spread to other parts of the pond, resulting in rapid regrowth of vegetation this summer. Our management work has concentrated on selectively reducing the growth of the branched bur-reed, removing the roots where possible to minimize the amount of future regrowth. Thanks are due to our hardy volunteers who got stuck into this task.

Our long-term plan is to manage the encroachment of vegetation so that we maintain a good area of open water in the centre of the pond, and provide a clear channel connecting the river and pond via the culverts, whilst at the same time providing plenty of marginal vegetation for wildlife. This marginal vegetation provides secure breeding habitat for birds such as moorhen, coot, mallard and reed warbler, and a feeding area for legally protected species such as water vole. On that note we are pleased to report that water voles have successfully recolonised the pond, with plenty of signs (feeding remains and droppings) noted in recent weeks. Retention of marginal vegetation around the pond was an integral part of the Government licence (a Strategic Water Vole Licence from Natural England) that we needed to obtain prior to the pond restoration, and without which we would have been committing a criminal offence (i.e. destruction of water vole habitat) under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. A Cetti's warbler has also been heard calling from the pond margins this October and November, and there is a possibility that this species may breed on site in future years. Thanks are due to our volunteers who got stuck into this task.

Reseeding of pond spoil

Over the summer the spoil removed during the pond restoration, and spread on the adjacent field, has gradually dried out allowing cultivation and rolling to prepare a suitable seedbed. In October we sowed this area with an Emorsgate Seeds general purpose meadow mix. Emorsgate are a long-established specialist supplier of native grasses and wildflowers. The mixture that we've planted contains five grass species, including crested dog's-tail, red fescue and common bent, as well as ten wild flower species including yellow rattle, salad burnet, wild carrot and common knapweed. The sown spoil should gradually green up over the next few months. We are excluding the sheep from this area, using an electric fence, until the vegetation becomes established.

Hedgehogs

As our initial contribution to making Nayland a hedgehog-friendly village we are initially undertaking some surveys to try and establish whether there is any current hedgehog presence on the site. We will then consider what practical measures we could take to improve the overall attractiveness of Nayland Meadow for hedgehogs.

Bluebells

This winter/spring we will be carrying out some trial native bluebell planting on our area of woodland close to the A134. This is to see whether we can establish a sustainable population of this much-loved woodland flower.

Tree management

Over the winter we will be replacing a few of our existing trees that have unfortunately succumbed to this year's drought. We will also be thinning a few of the trees growing between the laid hedge and coppiced hedge to allow a bit more light to reach the hedge, as well as pollarding one of the willows in the woodland. Two trees planted around the pond will be given extra protection by constructing wooden "exclosures" to keep the sheep at bay.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with practical management tasks on the meadow. If you would like to help please do get in touch.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Chair: Trevor Smy 262022 or 07957 848961 trevor.smy24@gmail.com
www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk

We will be having a stall at the Community Council's **Christmas Fayre** on Saturday 5th December, 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Village Hall. As usual, donations for our raffle would be very much appreciated and can be brought along on the day or left with a committee member. The committee are planning the calendar of events for next year, starting with the date for the **Spring Show** which will be on Saturday the 27th March, so please bear this in mind when you are planting your bulbs this autumn/winter.

Dates for your diaries:		
	27th March	Spring Flower Show
	13th April	AGM and Fun Quiz
	8th May	Morning Market
	tbc	Coach Outing - see below
	tbc	Garden Party
	7th August	Summer Flower Show

All details will be in the Community Times nearer the time and our website will be updated as plans progress.

The Committee are considering whether a coach trip to the **Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden and Queen Mary Garden in Regents Park** next year will be able to go ahead. A final decision will be made shortly, dependent upon the number of people interested in joining us. Please can you let Trevor or Margaret (details above) know if you would like more details.

NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

A new member has recently joined our group and we are very pleased to welcome Corin to our fraternity of handbell ringers. Corin's sister plays with the Colchester group and Corin thought she might like to have a go too …. and so far her new hobby has a big thumbs up.

We are currently practising various seasonal pieces (mostly familiar Christmas carols), in readiness for performances at a number of Care Homes in the area and for our own Woman's Institute. Bells and Christmas make a good partnership and send a message of goodwill to all.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

The group will be breaking for a short period of rest and recuperation in the New Year.

Now, the 'big' bells in the tower…….

It's a bit chilly at the moment to continue practice with the tower bells so bell ringing will be held in abeyance for a few weeks. We start again in the spring

If you would like to know more about the bellringers contact Chris Hunt 262014.



ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

The church has looked splendid during 2026 with the beautiful flowers arranged by the flower arranging volunteers.

This year St James has hosted a number of weddings so there have been additional displays and themed colour combinations to admire.



Recently, for Remembrance the displays were stunning, as can be seen in this pedestal arrangement by the altar. The blue irises, red roses and carnation and white gypsophila looked dramatic.

We look forward now to the Christmas displays which will include the six delightful advent candle arrangements which Hazel Gardiner has expertly prepared every year for many years.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN ST JAMES

If you would like to give donations towards flowers for Christmas, and throughout the year, they can be given to Jeannette Finch at Rose Cottage, 5 Fen Street.

CALLING THOSE INTERESTED IN FLOWER ARRANGING

If anyone with an interest in flower arranging - whether used to arranging or a novice - would like to join our little team or like to know more, please contact Jeannette on 262993. Guidance would be given and we are a friendly bunch.

NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

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



There was a friendly bustling atmosphere in the Church Hall for the Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning on 31st October which was well supported.

Representatives of the RBL gave a short presentation to the Primary School on 4th November. Our Standard was displayed and the meaning and relevance of Remembrance explained to the children.

Our branch Chair was honoured to have been invited to attend the Tabor Academy Remembrance service by Mr Wiles; this was an astonishingly produced event featuring all the students, who performed short theatrical and musical vignettes, accompanied by a piper, 12 Standard Bearers, the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and other dignitaries.

For the Remembrance commemorations the Tommy was installed on Caley Green. On Sunday 8th November the Nayland and District Standard was paraded from Caley Green along Bear Street to the War Memorial starting off at 10am. The service at the War Memorial started at 10.50am with laying of wreaths, Last Post and 2-minutes silence followed by a service in St James' Church.

Armistice Day on 11th November was a short service of commemoration and 2-minutes silence to remember those who gave great sacrifice.

Our Branch Remembrance Services were well attended and the Poppy Appeal well supported, for which many thanks to the Community.

We had our last general meeting for the year when Paul White from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission gave an illustrated talk about the CWGC's work Worldwide. They maintain over 1.5 million war graves and Memorials, including two in the Nayland Burial Ground and one in the Stoke by Nayland Church graveyard. The Branch has begun the process of seeking approval for CWGC notices to be placed on the burial ground and graveyard walls advising of the presence of these monuments, with the support of Nayland PC abd Babergh DC.

Our next meeting (AGM) will be Monday 7th December at 7.30 for 8pm in the Church Hall; no speaker but bring a mince pie and we'll have a glass of wine.

2027 events yet to be announced, we have feelers out for trips to the Great War Huts near Bury St Edmunds and RAF Woodbridge.

NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Team Leader: Adam Lunn
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Nayland Community First Responder group's report for the Nayland with Wiston Community Times.

We welcomed 24 local residents across four CPR and defibrillator training sessions in October. The sessions were held in Nayland and Bures, and we now have more residents who would feel confident starting the chain of survival during a medical emergency.

One of our volunteers spent two days acting as a simulated casualty for the East of England Ambulance Service's annual major incident exercise programme in Cambridgeshire. After being made up with realistic injuries, Corinne put her acting skills to good use and helped test the capabilities of the ambulance service's specialist clinicians, police firearms officers, and fire and rescue personnel taking part in the exercise.



Adam and Ryan represented the East of England Ambulance Service and the Nayland Community First Responders at the annual Remembrance Sunday service, where a wreath was laid in honour of all those who have served and made the ultimate sacrifice. September and October figures: 534 hours booked on duty, 7 calls attended, 24 people trained in Basic Life Support.

NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975
Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

In October Jim Bond gave an interesting and enjoyable talk on the subject *'My Later Army Career'* and at our November meeting children from Nayland Primary School came along to entertain us; telling us of their plans ahead an about their varied activities at school. The stayed to mingle with us and have refreshments.

On 10th December we look forward to the Nayland Handbell Group playing for us; on 14th January members will look back and recall *"Remember when..."* and share their recollections; on 11th February Chris Hunt, St James Tower Captain, will be entertaining us about the '*Church Bells'*; in March we will celebrate the anniversary of the WI branch by going out to lunch. At meeting on 8th April Paul Gallifant will be giving a talk on *'Glimpses of the Past in the Stour Valley'* illustrated with his beautiful photographs. This is to be our last meeting as the branch will be closing in the Spring.

We welcome guests 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.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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

Our regular pattern of services continues at St James and there is also a midweek Eucharist service on Wednesdays before the popular weekly coffee mornings. The Harvest Festival this year was held during the Family Service on 18th October when donations to the food bank were made. The previous Wednesday children from Nayland School visited the coffee morning and also donated harvest gifts from the whole school.

The churchyard working party volunteers were due to gather for an autumn tidy on 24th October but unfortunately the bad weather stopped play and it was postponed. We are thankful for the volunteers who regularly attend to the mowing and weeding to keep the churchyard a valuable open asset in the centre of the village.

On Halloween night the church held a 'Light Stop' which provided a quiet space to visit the church lit only by candles. This was appreciated by over 40 children and parents who could relax, in contrast to the toil and trouble of Trick or Treat!

Remembrance Sunday was well supported at the War Memorial in the High Street followed by a service in St James, as was a short service of commemoration for Armistice Day on 11th November. (shame about the oil delivery tanker driving past during the 2 minutes silence).

It's only a month to Christmas, (already!), and details of services in our local churches are available on the notice board in the church porch, or can be found within these pages. The Nine Lessons and Carol Service will take place on Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm; as usual followed by a glass of wine and mince pie.

On 24th December Christingle will be held at 4pm for the children to enjoy. Woollen nativity figures will be placed in the stable nativity scene. Their decorated oranges will be lit (symbolizing Christ as the light of the world) and they will sing carols. The Christmas Day service (Family Eucharist) will be held at 11.15am.

Wednesday Coffee Mornings continue to be popular but we will take a break over the festive period. At the last meeting on 9th December the Christmas Raffle, with over 20 prizes, will be drawn, and we are delighted that children from Woodland Corner will be coming to sing to us. The Coffee Mornings will resume on 13th January, weather permitting.

Finally, the Parochial Church Council is still in need of another churchwarden to share the role at St James so if anyone fancies helping do please get in touch.





NAYLAND ART GROUP

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We had a good start to the Autumn term and were very pleased to welcome some new members. If any of you would like to join us on Wednesday afternoons (2-4 pm) in the church hall, please get in touch as we are always happy to meet new people. It's very informal with a mix of tutoring and free sessions and we have some spare resources to share for anyone wanting to try it out before committing to any expense. We find it helpful to have a piece of dedicated time set aside in the week and it can be very helpful to share ideas.

Amongst other things this term, we had a session during which we explored the difference between hard and soft edges when painting and how these alter the visual effect of a piece. Later on, one of our group showed us a technique that she learned elsewhere for painting watercolour floral wreaths, using a fluid wash of colours and, when dry, painting the negative space to define the petals and foliage. This was something new that we all enjoyed and spent some time exploring. For those of us who like to produce our own cards, Christmas preparation starts early and, as part of this, we have departed temporarily from our usual drawing and watercolour painting to revisit lino printing which lends itself to producing multiple cards and labels. We also looked again at cutting and folding craft paper for the same purpose and simple ideas can be very effective.



COLOURED PENCIL ART GROUP

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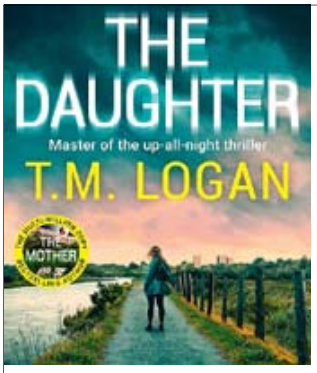
We are a small, informal art group, using coloured pencils, which are very versatile and can produce wonderful painterly effects. We meet once a month, on a Monday evening, when we each work on our own projects. There is no formal tuition, but we will gladly provide help, tips and guidance and we all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

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

Please contact Mary - details above - for more information.



BOOK CLUB

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' *The Daughter'* by T.M. Logan is a thriller about a mother's frantic search when her daughter Evie vanishes. Lauren drove to Evie's university to bring her back home for the holidays. But she had vanished and her mother soon realises that she hasn't been there for weeks and cannot be traced. Lauren and her young son then undergo a dangerous search across London to find out what has happened to Evie.

Our next book was *'Coffin Road'* by Peter May. Set in the Outer Hebrides, this novel weaves together three separate mysteries. A man washes ashore in the Isle of Harris with complete amnesia. Meanwhile a detective investigates a murder on a remote island, and a teenager questions the supposed suicide of her scientist father. The three storylines eventually converge on Harris, with the man gradually piecing together his identity, uncovering a corporate cover up tied to dying honeybees.

We are currently reading *'The Botanist's Daughter'* by Kayte Nunn.



NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Kevin Walsh 07342 235001
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Nayland Church Hall is 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)*

Woodland Corner

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

Administrator: Nicola Peachey 263054 Manager: Cheryl Leeks 263054
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Registered Charity No. 1168815



What a busy autumn we've had at Woodland Corner! From cooking and gardening to singing, dancing and fundraising. And we're already looking forward to celebrating Christmas with our local community.

Our Nature Treasure Hunt encouraged families to explore outdoors and collect six special finds in a little treasure box. Back indoors, the children could share their discoveries, talk about the changing seasons and practise their communication skills.

We've been cooking up a storm! The children made apple puffs, Halloween cupcakes and decorated Halloween biscuits. After Harvest Week, we used leftover vegetables to make a delicious soup, exploring different vegetables and learning how food can be used rather than wasted. Cooking is a brilliant way to build confidence, independence and new skills.

We got our hands dirty planting a 'bulb lasagne' for spring. The children layered tulip bulbs, dwarf daffodils and crocuses. As the flowers bloom at different times, we're hoping for a lovely succession of colour: crocuses first, then daffodils and finally tulips.

Our little yogis practised tree pose before trying Firework Yoga, dancing with colourful scarves and inventing their own moves to create imaginary fireworks shooting into the sky. We've also celebrated Nursery Rhyme Week with plenty of singing, music and actions. Familiar rhymes help children develop language, listening, memory and confidence - and they're great fun!

For Remembrance Day, the children watched a short CBeebies film during the two-minute silence and talked about why we remember those who have served and sacrificed for others. They painted poppies using mini cupcake cases and lolly sticks, and worked together on a giant red tissue-paper poppy for the window. At circle time, we talked about peace, empathy, kindness and caring for others. Thanks to the wonderful support of our community, we raised over £500 selling hot chocolate and toffee apples at the Nayland Fireworks, plus £300 selling Halloween sweets at Nayland School. That's more than £800 from two events! A huge thank you to everyone who prepared, helped on the stalls and supported us. The money will help provide more experiences and resources for the children.

We'll be running a Christmas tombola at the Nayland Community Christmas Fayre on Saturday 5 December. Donations of tombola prizes would be very welcome and can be dropped off at Woodland Corner. We hope to see you there!

In December, the children are looking forward to walking to St James' Church to admire the Christmas trees and sing festive songs for those attending the Wednesday coffee morning. We'll end the term with our Christmas party, when parents will return to hear the children's Christmas singing and see each child receive a gift from Father Christmas.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

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Nayland Surgery is open: 8am-6pm Monday-Friday
Dispensary is open: 9am-12.30 & 1.30-5pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9am-3pm Tuesday & Friday
Please be aware that the Dispensary require 5 working days to process prescriptions.

Please ensure that repeat prescriptions have been requested by Friday 18th December so they are ready in time for Christmas.

GP Education Events: The Surgery will be **CLOSED** from 12noon onwards on Thursday 12th November and Wednesday 9th December for staff training purposes.

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS:

24th December open as usual	29th December – 31st December open as usual
25th December closed	1st January – Closed
28th December closed	Return to normal on 2nd January

Your health in Winter - Tis the season to catch a cold!. As the weather is now turning from the scorching summer to a wild and windy autumn/winter please check your cupboards and make sure you have a supply of cough medicines, soluble paracetamols, etc for any future coughs and colds. The West Bergholt pharmacy have a wide range of services that can be accessed in the first instance for Sinusitis (over 12yrs old), Sore Throats (over 5 years old), Ear infections (ages 1-17 years), Shingles (over 18 years old), UTI's (Women only ages 16-64 years).

Joint & Muscle Pain - did you know that the surgery has an in-house physiotherapist? Ansar is based at West Bergholt Surgery on a Tuesday and subsequent days at our Creffield Medical Centre. He can provide physio exercises, referral to MSK teams in the hospital, Ultrasounds and X-rays if necessary. He can also converse with prescribing clinicians for pain relief.

**** All the Staff at the Nayland & West Bergholt surgery wish you a happy, healthy Christmas and New Year ****

Please note: Creffield Medical Group, and a number of other surgeries, have been experiencing problems with their website provider. The https://www.creffieldmedicalcentre.nhs.uk/ website has our essential information while the full website is rebuilt. Patients can still complete the form via the NHS app, or they can call the surgery.



NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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Facebook:
Nayland Baby & Toddler Group

The Nayland Baby and Toddler Group will break up for Christmas on 4th December.

We have been pleased to welcome some new faces attending our sessions. We have decorated pumpkin biscuits, enjoyed painting pumpkin cut outs and other crafts. The children have joined in with musical instruments and nursery rhyme time at the end of each session.

We would love to welcome you along with your little ones to the group at the Village Hall for a 9.30am start; 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 spring term: 29th January, 5th February, 5th and 12th March.





YOUTH CLUB

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Youth club is thriving - it's wonderful to see our local youngsters coming together on the second Friday of every month in the village hall. A new pool table is proving to be very popular - thank you to Clare and David Thomas for so generously donating it to us.

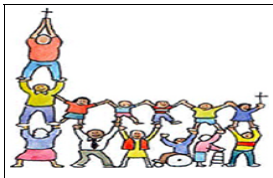
Amazing to see how much energy everyone has at the end of the week (young people and leaders!) - we had lots of fun playing dodgeball in our last session. Barney is doing a great job organising tournaments, and we've invested in a whistle for Karen, our fantastic referee.

A reminder that places, at £3, now need to be pre-booked. The bookings go live at 7am on the Friday before each session at www.ticketsource.com/nayland-youth-club

A huge thank you to our leaders who give up their time to make the club happen! We are always happy to hear from anyone who would like to join our team.

The next dates will be 11th December and 8th January.





Family@Nayland

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

In October we held our Harvest Festival to thank God for all we have, and we had a treasure hunt to remind ourselves to share with others and build up treasure in Heaven.

Alongside the gifts brought by our congregation, we were delighted to welcome contributions for the Community Pantry from Nayland school children - their donations were delivered by the school house captains during our Wednesday coffee morning.





In November we read the 'parable of the talents' and held our own 'St James' has Talent' show. We were so excited to have demonstrations of guitar playing, javelin throwing and baritone playing and to hear about rugby medals, golf medals, a cricket trophy, horse-riding rosettes, and gymnastics and football skills - what talented young people we have in our congregation!

All are welcome to join our short, informal services which are followed by tea, coffee and home-baked cakes.

NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL: EAGLES CLASS

Mrs Sturgeon, Year 6 Teacher eagles@nayland.suffolk.sch.uk

As part of our narrative unit, the Eagle class took inspiration from Caley Green and the new viewing platform by the meadow to help them write a sharp setting description. We hope you enjoy these extracts from the start of our stories; you will have to imagine what accompanied the dreadful clang and the monstrous sound of the revving engines and develop the plot yourselves!



The river meandered gracefully while schools of fish swam in sync, creating ripples that glided along the surface. Maroon mallards skimmed the surface like a plane landing; they glided around the water and couldn't help bumping into some nonchalant swans. Patchy grass, which had nature's debris dappled across its verdant down, was littered with lucky clovers, russet leaves and maroon acorns. Standing by the river, waiting to be occupied before it decayed, was a bench. Would it collapse? Might it be sat on by a family or a couple? Nobody knows! Towering trees stood like statues as swaying leaves moved with the wind preparing to be let go. Caressed by the wind, the tree trunks stood as though a soldier peering over the wildlife.

Patchy grass, which had been trampled for many months, was covered in crunchy russet leaves that littered the emerald grass. Brittle dead branches had snapped off and rested on the damp dirt. Oak trees scattered acorns on the shaded ground while spindly branches reached out overhead leaving slight gaps to let the hazy light shine through. They looked down and laughed at the fighting ducks while ants and mini beasts crawled in a rush around the trunk. Engraved in their dark brown bark, were patterns from lines and crosses of snaky towers. Sat, tired, by the river was a wooden bench, watching, waiting for a child or an adult. 'Anyone, please anyone,' thought the bench. Reeds whispered untold love stories to each other ducks issued warnings as they nipped each other's tails and birds sang sonnets sweetly. Cutting through nature's song without warning, the clang and the monstrous sound of the revving engines suddenly interrupted the wonderful idyllic landscape.

What might have happened to this idyllic paradise?

NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY AT NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have loved being part of the Nayland community this half term and have enjoyed so many opportunities to connect with local residents and organisations. Building strong relationships with our village is something we really value, and it has been wonderful to see our children embracing these opportunities.

There have been some lovely highlights. Our Eco-Team visited the Women's Institute, where the children proudly shared their learning, explained their roles and responsibilities within school and talked about their work around Remembrance. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to share their ideas and learning with members of the community.

Our House Captains also attended the Nayland Coffee Morning, spending time chatting with residents of all ages. They thoroughly enjoyed hearing people's stories and experiences and were particularly excited to have the opportunity to ring the church bells!





Meanwhile, our School Council have been taking their responsibilities beyond the school gates! They have been out patrolling the streets before school, keeping an eye out for 'super parkers' and encouraging everyone to play their part in keeping Nayland safe during the busy school drop-off period. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to making a positive difference.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be hosting a Community Christmas Coffee Morning in December. We can't wait to welcome invited guests from the village into school to share in the children's festive learning and celebrations.

At Nayland Primary, we believe being part of a village school means being part of something special, and we look forward to many more opportunities to bring our community together.



Village Hall Management Committee

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

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646 Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825
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October Meeting

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for October was read out. The alcohol licence fee is due.
- The boiler service has been carried out.
- The October fire checks have been carried out; Following the recommendations of a fire safety report: more signage will be placed in the hall; an evacuation chair will be placed in the meeting room; a new fire door will be placed in the sub -basement area; more fire protection will be placed in the area where the batteries are located.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The booking pages of the website have been updated.
- A consultant has produced a report into the heating options for the hall. The VHMC agreed that the oil boiler should be replaced with an electric one. An application for funding for this has made to UK Power Networks.
- The hall should break even by the end of the year but there will not be funds available for any large-scale improvements.

MAINTENANCE

- The ovens and hot cupboard have been professionally cleaned.
- The hall floor was resurfaced.
- A skip was ordered and unwanted items from the basement and the field store were disposed of
- The main hall skirting boards and the concrete pillars have been repainted.
- Locks will be asked to check the timer on the boiler and in the main hall to ensure that the hall heating functions adequately as the winter nears. A notice about the heating controls will be placed in the main hall.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- A new planning application has been granted by Babergh as the arrangement of the solar cells differed from the original drawings.

Donations: Future Maintenance

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

The Village Hall bank account is:

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

Please mark your donations for the roof replacement.

Collection of Keys

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

Village Hall Car Park

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

FUNDRAISING

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

AOB

- The website will be updated.
- The driveway to the hall needs to be cleared of foliage and the area around the hall bins.
- The VHMC decided not to have parcel boxes installed in the car park.

November Meeting

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for November was read out.
- The inventory will be checked.
- The quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The annual Health & Safety Inspection of the hall will be carried out in February 2027.
- The November fire checks will be carried out. Following the recommendations of a fire safety report: more signage will be placed in the hall; an evacuation chair will be placed in the meeting room. More fire protection has been placed in the area where the batteries are located.
- The Garden Working Party took place on 17th October.
- **MAINTENANCE**
- The kitchen will be refurbished next year. The Parish Council will be given an estimate of the cost of the refurbishment.
- The windows to the basement will be bricked up.
- The internal window in the meeting room will be replaced with one which will allow sound on the stage to be heard. Consent from Babergh for this alteration is awaited.
- The door to the basement will be replaced.
- The heating control timings have been extended. A thermostat replacement with Wi-Fi will be considered.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The hall has received a payment from Scottish Power for solar export of £2000.
- Thanks to the Village Lunch for the donation of £675.
- The hall should have a small surplus by the end of the year
- The Parish Council's financial contribution to the cost of grass cutting will be investigated.
- We are waiting for final payments from National Lottery and Babergh Council for the roof project.
- We have had two quotes to install heat pumps to replace the boiler and waiting for a third. A grant application towards the cost of this from the National Grid has been made.
- The hall alcohol licence has been paid.
- The hire rates will be reviewed in June.
- A donation of £7,000 for the new window in the meeting room has been received and Gift Aid claimed on this.

AOB

- The VHMC agreed to a survey by Suffolk County Council for EV charging points to be installed in the car park.
- The website has been updated.
- The side path will be paved.
- The area around the hall bins will be cleared of foliage.
- A sign warning drivers that parking at the Village Hall car park is at owners' risk will be placed outside the hall.

BOOKINGS

- The numbers of regular hall bookings are steady.

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- TJ Evers will fix the drain pipes so that they drain without overflowing.

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

Nayland Weather Summary: September & October 2026 *by David Lowe*

September has been hailed nationally as the fourth warmest recorded. I am not sure over what period this is, but over the past 19 years in Nayland, it was the warmest. Several other related statistical records were broken, too.

The mean temperature was 17.6°C (15.08) 0.1°C ahead of 2023 and 0.4°C ahead of 2016. The maximum temperature was an unremarkable 27.9°C (26.25) but the lowest max was 19.6°C (15.3) way ahead of its nearest rival 2016 at 17.9°C. Lowest temperature was 7.4°C (5.06) with only 2023 higher at 8.3°C.

There were 27 days over 20°C (13.42) with the nearest to this 20 in 2023. There were 4 days over 25°C (2.26).

Bright sun hours were 246.3 (244.24) and solar energy was 7600 Ly (7688.16). Both these statistics are unremarkable, stressing that the high temperature statistics were down to warm air arriving from elsewhere.

Monthly rain was 38mm (42.09) not helping to redress the balance of previous months' shortfalls. The total was almost entirely down to significant falls of close to15mm on the 8th and 13th. Approx half of the second fall was down to an elongated shower that developed pretty much exclusively over the Stour valley.

Highest rainfall rate was 82.2 mm/hr (88.46) and evapotranspiration was 71 mm (63.28) well in excess of rainfall.

Average wind speed was 3.8 mph (3.2) and highest daily average was 8.2 (8.03). 30 mph was reached on 1 day (1.21). The predominant direction was West.

Monthly rainfall returned to average in **October** 79.9 mm (67.55) and exceeded evapotranspiration as is normal at 41. 4 mm (36.66). The rainfall came predominantly in lumpy amounts, with 11.6 mm on the 9th and 19.6 mm and 13.4 mm on the 23rd and 24th consecutively. Highest rainfall rate was 128 mm/hr (82.38).

Mean temperature was 12.8°C (11.87) and high 23.9°C (21.24). Lowest temperature was 4.2°C (2.15) and lowest max 13.2°C (10.89). There were no days of less than 10°C max (0.95) and 9 of less than 15°C (12.47) and 23 of less than 20°C. The last day over 20°C was the 15th.

There were no frosts of any type recorded.

Bright sun hours were 171.5 (165.57) and solar energy was 4990 Ly (4615.26). Evapotranspiration was 41.4 mm (36.46).

Wind speed average was 4.3 mph (3.54) and highest gust 38 mph. Highest daily average was 11.5 mph (7.84). There were 4 days over 30 mph (1.53) and 1 over 35 mph (0.26). Mean wind direction was West.

I helped Rix Farms produce the table below of 2009 – 2026 Rainfall and Evapotranspiration data which I suspect will be of interest to readers. Ian Haigh, of Rix Farms, instigated it and compiled it, using his and my figures.

Growing Season - Totals & Averages - May, June, July & August

	Rainfall	Av. Temp	ET Total	Rain Shortfall
2009	161.3mm	15.90°C	444.00mm	-282.70mm
2010	185.0mm	15.48°C	380.00mm	-195.00mm
2011	248.9mm	15.23°C	377.50mm	-128.60mm
2012	299.5mm	15.18°C	345.00mm	-45.50mm
2013	181.6mm	15.25°C	379.50mm	-197.90mm
2014	245.9mm	15.65°C	353.00mm	-107.10mm
2015	185.6mm	15.25°C	343.50mm	-157.90mm
2016	248.4mm	16.00°C	375.00mm	-126.60mm
2017	286.3mm	16.13°C	373.00mm	-86.70mm
2018	161.8mm	16.98°C	467.00mm	-305.20mm
2019	205.6mm	16.25°C	440.50mm	-234.90mm
2020	188.2mm	16.43°C	502.50mm	-314.30mm
2021	275.6mm	15.23°C	348.00mm	-72.40mm
2022	98.4mm	17.16°C	453.50mm	-355.10mm
2023	271.0mm	15.95°C	395.35mm	-124.35mm
2024	247.8mm	16.73°C	403.00mm	-155.20mm
2025	107.1mm	17.83°C	492.00mm	-384.90mm
2026	99.2mm	18.55°C	511.50mm	-412.30mm
Averages	**205.4mm**	**16.18°C**	**410.21mm**	**-204.81mm**

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.







SOME PRESSCUTTINGS FROM THE 19th CENTURY



Ploughing matches on Stoke Road

One of the duties of a Parish Recorder is collecting old photographs, documents, artefacts etc relating to their village, but most importantly collecting and recording information about current events. After all, what is happening today will be tomorrow's history and will be of interest in the years to come.

For over 50 years I have amassed a lot of memorabilia of all kinds which is always available for anyone to view. The following are just a few of the earliest presscuttings in my collection from the 19th century.

The Spectator, 30th November 1851

HONESTY, AND MUNIFICENT REWARD

While Mr Stannard of Nayland Mill was driving his chaise to Hadleigh, he lost a bag containing eleven hundred sovereigns. After his return to Nayland he was delighted by a small farmer bringing him the treasure which he had found on the road. Mr Stannard presented the farmer with one hundred of the sovereigns.

[Note: Jeremiah Stannard owned Nayland and Wiston mills during the 19th century.]

Suffolk & Essex Free Press, 10th June 1869

SUFFOLK AND ESSEX AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

This excellent society has issued its usual capital bill of fare for its annual meeting in Nayland in October next. There will be ploughing matches and a show of roots and vegetables. A number of special prizes are offered by gentlemen for cottagers' produce.

[Note: These ploughing matches, also called Furrow Drawing Competitions, regularly occurred until WW2 and in the early 20th century were organised by the Nayland and District British Legion on a field in Stoke Road owned by Tendring Hall Estate. As well as classes for Ploughman and ex-Ploughman it is interesting to note that there was also a class for Ladies.]

Essex County Standard, 25th November 1882

GAS EXPLOSION

A Gas explosion was reported at the premises of Mr Last, a Baker in Mill Street, Nayland, who was knocked down but not seriously hurt. A recently laid gas pipe was found to be shattered. The explosion was caused by gas leaking from a drain and being ignited when Mr Last lit his lamp on returning to the premises late at night.

[Note: There had been several bakers at 7 Mill Street, the last one being Herbert Taylor. This bakery closed in the 1950s along with Butlers in Birch Street and Roberts at the Guildhall, sadly leaving the village with no more bakers.]

Essex County Standard, 31st May 1890

FOR SALE: THE NAYLAND GAS WORKS

Submitted to public competition at the Fleece Hotel, Colchester, by direction of the Proprietor, the freehold property known as the Nayland Gas Works (a going concern), situate in Church Lane, Nayland. The buildings are brick-and-tiled and comprise gas and purifying houses, fitted with three retorts, coal stores, sheds, gasometer 14ft in diameter and the whole of the plant, machinery and fixtures were included in the sale. Bought by Mr Arthur Cutmore of Sudbury, for £200.

[Note: The gas works opened for business in 1866 and closed in 1920 about the same time as Cuddons Brewery situated close by in Church Lane.]

Essex County Standard, 13th May 1899

PROPOSED CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL FOR NAYLAND

An estate has been purchased for the establishment of a sanatorium for the new treatment of consumption at Nayland. It is to be called the East Anglian Sanatorium. The property consists of what is known as the Sandpits and Malting Farm, containing about 94 acres of arable and pasture land. The Sanatorium will be built on the summit of a hill near the Sandpits house and premises. This is one of the range of hills on the Suffolk side of the River Stour. A better site could not have been selected. The soil is sandy. There are springs of pure water gushing from the hills and a stream which never fails runs through the valley.

[Note: The East Anglian Sanatorium was founded in 1901 by Dr Jane Walker. She died in 1938 and the sanatorium was then owned by the British Legion. It was later taken over by the NHS in 1948 and in 1959 was renamed the Jane Walker Hospital, becoming a hospital for people with learning difficulties. It finally closed in 1991.]

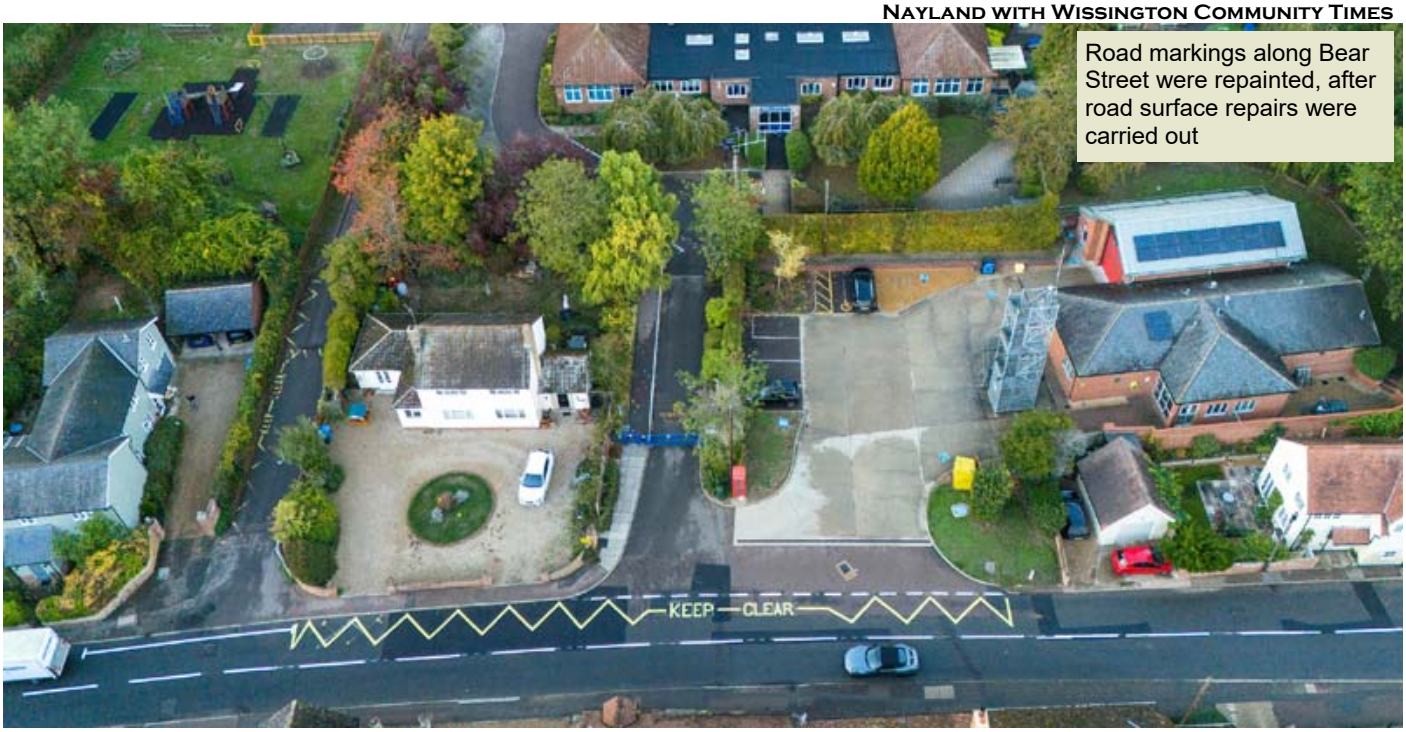
Essex County Standard 23rd June 1887

QUEEN VICTORIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Jubilee was celebrated in fine style in Nayland. The Rev C Bacon, an Independent Minister conducted a United Service in the Parish Church. Afterwards parishioners proceeded to a large meadow (provided by Mr Cuddon) in which Mr Nevard had erected a covered platform from which children sang Jubilee songs. Other vocal and instrumental offerings were made by the Misses Alger, Mr Mills, Rev C Bacon (harmonium). In the afternoon races and old English games were played under the management of Mr W Norfolk. At 4.30 pm tea was provided on the meadow for all the children, the National Anthem was heartily sung and each was presented with a Jubilee medal. At 6.30 sports were resumed, resulting in some exciting contests. Prizes were presented by Mrs Cuddon. A display of fireworks and a bun given to each child on leaving the meadow concluded a most enjoyable day. The old folks were made happy at home with joints of meat. The principal streets were gay with bunting and the bells chimed merrily.

[Note: The event took place on what is now Webbs Meadow which was formerly owned by the Cuddon family who owned the nearby brewery at this time.]

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder



Road markings along Bear Street were repainted, after road surface repairs were carried out



Suffolk County Councillor Report

from Darius Laws

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you can email me on
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if urgent I'm best with
WhatsApp: 07786 007 560
Also see: https://www.facebook.com/CllrDariusGLaws

LOCAL ISSUES

You will have noted recent new road markings in Bear Street Nayland, I impressed upon Suffolk Highways the urgency of the yellow lines outside the school and I'm told that further line markings will happen soon. I also note one of the Nayland 'entry' signs to the west of the village has fallen over and I'm told a replacement will be here soon. Speeding in the village remains an occasional problem and I know some people want 20 MPH whilst others just want enforcement of the existing rules, our volunteer speed watch do their best but it is impossible to police every idiotic driver. I continue to welcome views on the speed limits in Nayland.

The Government decision to withdraw its previous plans for Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk has resulted in uncertainty surrounding the future structure of local government in the county. The decision means that the previous proposal for three new unitary councils in Suffolk is now being reviewed, following months of work by local councils and their staff to prepare for reorganisation.

ACCESS TO SWIMMING FACILITIES

It is incredibly disappointing that Kingfisher Swimming Pool has had to close due to safety concerns. I am worried about overall swimming capacity in South Suffolk and have asked Suffolk County Council's Cabinet to take an interest in this because our children must have access to swimming lessons and the opportunity to learn this vital life skill.

SUFFOLK ROADS SURFACE DRESSING PROGRAMME

Suffolk Highways has completed its 2026 surface dressing programme, helping to protect and extend the life of the county's road network. A total of 141 kilometres of road were treated across 86 sites.

Surface dressing is a cost-effective and sustainable way of maintaining roads. By sealing the surface, restoring skid resistance and preventing water damage, it extends road life and reduces the need for more expensive repairs.

As ever to report a road defect please report via: https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/en-gb

If there is an emergency such as a tree blocking a road call: 0345 606 6171

ENERGY EFFICIENCY LOANS AVAILABLE

The Warm Homes Suffolk Loan scheme offers eligible home-owners loans of between £2,000 and £15,000 at a fixed rate of 2.2% APR, subject to terms and conditions. The scheme is designed to help residents improve their home's energy efficiency while spreading the cost of installation over affordable monthly repayments. Funding, through a partnership between SCC and Lendology, can be used for a range of measures, including: Solar panels and battery storage, Solar thermal systems, Air and ground source heat pumps, Double and triple glazing, Loft, wall and floor insulation etc.

Energy efficiency improvements can help reduce energy bills, create warmer and more comfortable homes, and support residents' health and wellbeing, particularly during the winter months. For more information or to apply, visit: lendology.org.uk/partner/suffolk-council/

SUFFOLK CREATES 648 NEW SCHOOL & SEND PLACES

At least 648 new school and SEND places have been created for Suffolk children and young people this academic year, including 405 mainstream school and 243 specialist SEND places.

NEW FAMILY HELP SERVICE

Since 1 September, families contacting the service, either directly or through referrals from professionals such as teachers, GPs or health visitors, have experienced a much simpler approach to accessing support.

Instead of navigating multiple services and repeating the same information, families now receive a single assessment, one family plan, and a dedicated practitioner to coordinate support. This means families should only need to tell their story once.

Family Help supports families facing a range of challenges, including school attendance, emotional wellbeing, parenting, SEND needs, and wider issues affecting family life.

Alongside Family Help, Suffolk is testing a new Multi-Agency Child Protection Team, bringing together professionals from children's social care, police, health and education. The trial will run for 12 weeks and, if successful, will be rolled out across the county from March 2027.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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Waste and Recycling

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Christmas & New Year Bin Collection Schedule 2026-27

Please ensure your bins are presented by 6am on the day of collection

	Usual collection date	Amended collection date	Change
BLUE & CADDY	Monday 21 December 2026	No Change	None
	Tuesday 22 December 2026	No Change	None
	Wednesday 23 December 2026	No Change	None
	Thursday 24 December 2026	No Change	None
	Friday 25 December 2026	Tuesday 29 December 2026	4 days later
BLACK & CADDY	Monday 28 December 2026	Wednesday 30 December 2026	2 days later
	Tuesday 29 December 2026	Thursday 31 December 2026	2 days later
	Wednesday 30 December 2026	Saturday 2 January 2027	3 days later
	Thursday 31 December 2026	Monday 4 January 2027	4 days later
	Friday 1 January 2027	Tuesday 5 January 2027	4 days later
GREEN & CADDY	Monday 4 January 2027	Wednesday 6 January 2027	2 days later
	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Thursday 7 January 2027	2 days later
	Wednesday 6 January 2027	Friday 8 January 2027	2 days later
	Thursday 7 January 2027	Saturday 9 January 2027	2 days later
	Friday 8 January 2027	Monday 11 January 2027	3 days later
BLUE & CADDY	Monday 11 January 2027	Tuesday 12 January 2027	1 day later
	Tuesday 12 January 2027	Wednesday 13 January 2027	1 day later
	Wednesday 13 January 2027	Thursday 14 January 2027	1 day later
	Thursday 14 January 2027	Friday 15 January 2027	1 day later
	Friday 15 January 2027	Saturday 16 January 2027	1 day later

Refuse and recycling collections continue as normal up to and including Thurssday 24 December; they return to normal on Monday 18 January 2027

Garden waste collections take place as normal until Thursday 24 December. No garden waste collections 28 December to 10 January 2027. They return to the normal schedule from Monday 11 January 2027.

Further information at: www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services

Waste Services: 0300 1234 000 (option 4)

REAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Babergh DC will recycle your real Christmas tree for free!

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

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



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

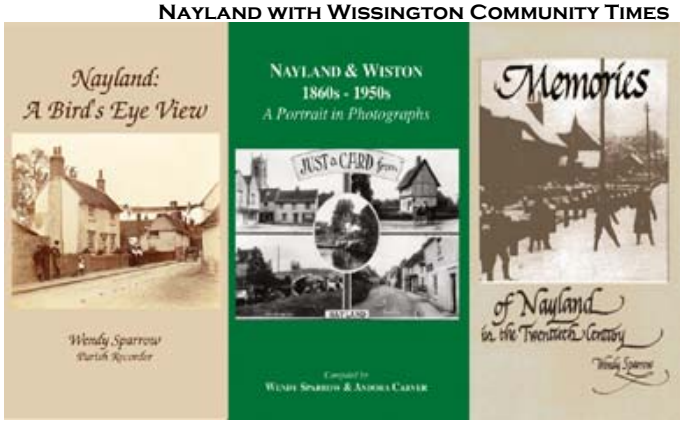
Although not yet confirmed, the usual collection points nearest to Nayland are likely to be as follows BUT please check the dates they will be collecting.

- **Leavenheath:** Village Hall

The household recycling centres are:

- **Sudbury:** Sandy Lane, Sudbury, CO10 7HG (off Bulmer Road, Ballingdon Hill - A131)
- **Hadleigh:** Crockett Road, Hadleigh, IP7 6RD (off Lady Lane Industrial Estate)

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



NAYLAND PUBLICATIONS & GIFTS

Stuck for a small gift idea or Christmas stocking filler?

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



- **Nayland & Wiston 2027 Calendar**
- **Tea Towels:** *design showing features of Nayland £5*
- **Postcards & Notelets:** *with historic Nayland scenes £5 per pack*

HISTORY BOOKS: including:

- ***Nayland and Wiston: A Portrait in Photographs:*** fascinating old photographs from Nayland and Wiston which show the history and character of people and places and reveals what life was like as early as 1860. The pictures are delightful. £5
- ***Memories of Nayland:*** provides an interesting picture of Nayland in the twentieth century through the memories of some of its residents. £5
- ***Nayland: A Bird's Eye View:*** a collection of articles about people and events from Nayland's past, historic buildings and much more.
- ***Is it Wiston or Wissington?*** The history of Nayland's 'other parish' from the Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century.
- ***Nayland: Suffolk Town and Village:*** this is a short history of Nayland and Wiston including the following chapters: Nayland's industries and trades, schools, churches, medical and other services, river, road, and railways, social pursuits, personal and family reminiscences. There is a walk around guide and map at the back.
- ***A Walk Around Historic Nayland:*** a small booklet with photographs and drawings. £2.50
- **Nayland with Wissington Remembers 1945:** a collection of photographs, documents and family stories to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World.

SCHOOL HISTORY BOOKS:

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

FIVE PARISHES CHURCH SERVICES:

Nayland, Wiston, Leavenheath, Stoke by Nayland & Polstead

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

CHURCH SERVICES: *November/December*

Sunday 29th November	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Polstead
	10.00am	Benefice / Christingle	Polstead
Sunday 6th December	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion / Bapt	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
Sunday 13th December	9.30am	*CANCELLED*	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	2.00pm	Crib Fest & Blessing	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Leavenheath
Wednesday 16th	7.00pm	Carols around the Tree,	Nayland High St
Saturday 19th	.30pm	Carol Service	Polstead
Sunday 20th December	8.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Leavenheath
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons Carols	Nayland
	6.30pm	Community Carol Singing	Leavenheath VH
Monday 21st	6pm	Carols on the Green	Stoke
Thursday 24th December	3.00pm	Crib Service	Stoke
	4.00pm	Christingle	Leavenheath
	4.00pm	Christingle	Nayland
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight	Stoke
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Stoke
Friday 25th December	9.30am	Family Eucharist	Polstead
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	10.00am	Family Morning Prayer	Wiston
	11.15am	Family Eucharist	Nayland
Sunday 28th	8.00am	Holy Communion	Hadleigh

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

Weekday & Saturday Services

*The following services will be held in our churches **every** week unless indicated in the weekly pew sheet. Do join us in our weekday worship.*

Mondays:	8.30am	MP	Stoke
Tuesdays:	8.30am	MP	Leavenheath
Wednesdays:	9.15am	HC	Nayland
Thursdays:	8.30am	MP	Wiston
Fridays:	6.00pm	EP	Stoke
Saturdays:	6.00pm	C	Polstead

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES: *January/February*

Sunday 3rd January	8.00am	Matins	Nayland
	9.30am	Epiphany Carol Service	Wiston
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Epiphany Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
Sunday 10th January	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	4.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
Sunday 17th January	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	6.30pm	Evening Praise	Leavenheath VH
Sunday 24th January	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Evensong	Nayland
Sunday 31st January	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Polstead
	10.00am	Benefice Service	Nayland
Sunday 7th February	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

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

FROM THE REGISTERS



DEATHS
Geoffrey Harris
Frank Smith

BURIAL OF ASHES
Eileen Wiles

BAPTISM
Vincent Pimlott

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.

Pastoral Letter

The time of Christmas and New Year's Eve comes always with reflection on "what on earth happened this year?" and "what catastrophe is going to hit us this coming year?" for the pessimist ones and "well in the end, that wasn't that bad" and "that can only go better this year" for the optimistic ones. But it doesn't need to be perceived in this either/or way.

It should be more a time to reflect during Advent on how the year went for oneself, the people around us, our nation, the world. What could have been done better? It should be a time to prepare for the celebrations of Christmas with all the hope it brings and embrace all the joy on the day. And it should be a time to think, how can we act so that our personal life and the lives of our neighbours could improve.

But there is a caveat with that. It's what the story of the Incarnation tells us. It rarely goes the way we expect. The vast majority of the Jews contemporary to Jesus were waiting for a certain kind of Messiah. They were hoping for a great king that would kick out the Romans from Palestine, restore the purity of the Temple and bring glory to Israel through great conquests and prosperity. They indeed got a Messiah, the Christ of God. However, not a conqueror waving his sword, leading an army, but a prince of peace who was going to change hearts instead of piercing them, empower the humble instead of being an autocrat, feed the poor instead of purchasing wealth, heal the sick instead of looking for his own comfort, liberate the captive instead of making slaves, all the things we've discovered through the narrative of the Gospel.

This is the profound meaning of Christmas. The love of God is so vast that God will deliver the Son, the Word made flesh, who will show us for good how love can transform this world. The Grace of God happens, but not necessarily the way we were expecting. The Grace of God takes us by surprise. This Grace is in constant interaction through centuries with the Will of Humankind. Each time we work with the Grace of God, we can achieve extraordinary things (peace, scientific progress, education, enlightenment, care for creation, social justice etc…), each time we work either against it or pretend to work with it but following our own selfish agenda, we fail (wars, evil use of science, obscurantism, global warming, obscene greed for money etc…).

The good news is that God offers Grace to us freely, consistently. All we have to do is to embrace it and use it for the good of all. We don't need to make extraordinary things on the scale of the planet but just making the life of our neighbour a better life.

Rejoice, unto us a child is born, the Emmanuel, the Word made flesh, the Christ of God, our Saviour!

Blessings,
Reverend Stéphane

Community Pantry appeal

We all know about the rising cost of living, but combine that with the advent of colder weather and the pressures that Christmas bring, and you have a difficult time for many in our community. Our benefice Community Pantries users include the widest range of people - including working families trying to make ends meet, people with disabilities, single parents, retired people with only the state pension or a small additional one, young people looking for employment - a very long list, in fact.

What our pantries cannot do is provide a week's worth of food for everyone, but by offering a range of food, cleaning and personal items we can unlock a little extra cash for other essentials. We do this on the basis of trust that people will take only what they most need, leaving enough for others.

What we put out every day is partly provided by Suffolk CC in an allocation we receive every few weeks, plus a generous weekly gift of onions from Rix farms: the rest has to be bought with donated funds from Parish Councils and some occasional village events, but mostly through regular donations to the Community Pantry & Hardship Fund.

We would not survive without this generosity, and it is the most efficient way of ensuring that the most needed items are supplied. Bearing in mind the difficulties many people are facing, if you do not already support the Fund, would you consider doing so now? A few pounds monthly from a number of people would make a great contribution. The details are:
Community Pantry & Hardship Fund;
sort code 30-99-50; a/c 24195560.

Some people may prefer to give goods instead, especially with Christmas coming. Tins, jars and packets of food (though we cannot accept home-made products, unfortunately, nor any alcohol), household and hygiene products and fresh fruit and vegetables are all most welcome. Please ensure everything is fit to be used and, with regret, might we ask that you do not leave clothing, bric-a-brac, books etc.

Thank you so much for all the support the Community Pantry receives, not least from its loyal group of volunteers who keep it supplied daily.

Best wishes for Christmas and 2027 to you all.

St James' Church Donations

Kevin Walsh, St James' Church, PCC Treasurer

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

We do however incur day-to-day expenses to maintain the Church. All donations to support us are therefore extremely welcome and very much appreciated!

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

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

Thanks in anticipation of your generous support!

Frank Smith

Frank Smith, who has been resident in Stoke and Nayland since 2022, passed away suddenly and peacefully in his sleep on 9th November. He was well known in the area as he liked a walk (especially with his dear dog Rudy, when she was about) and loved a coffee in the Mill.

We will be holding a celebration of his life in Nayland sometime in December - please keep an eye out for notices in the Mill or on noticeboards - we would love those who knew him to come along. Thank you for welcoming him into the community and being part of the last chapter of his

Friends of Wiston Church Donations

Chairman: Laura Erith 07852145730
Treasurer: Jamie Warner wistonfriends@gmail.com

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

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

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

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Sudbury Bus Station	0620	0650	0710	.....	0910	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1515	1615	1750	1935	1945	2152	2152	0900	1100	1400	1630
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Nayland Surgery	.....	**0740**	**0802**	.....	**1002**	**1102**	**1202**	**1302**	**1402**	**1502**	**1619**	**1719**	**1802**	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Cordelia Drive Myland	0653	0753	0812	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1630	1730	1812	1830	2012	2022	2224	0930	1130	1430	1700
Colchester Hospital Path	0655	0756	0815	0915	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1633	1733	1815	1833	2015	2025	2226	0933	1133	1433	1703
Colchester North Station	0659	0803	0819	0919	1019	1119	1219	1319	1419	1519	1638	1738	1819	1838	2019	2029	2230	0941	1141	1441	1711
Colchester High Street	0703	0807	0828	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1643	1743	1823	1842	2023	2033	2234	0940	1140	1445	1710
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Cordelia Drive Myland	0737	0846	0946	1046	1146	1246	1346	1446	1446	1612	1646	1712	1812	1846	2046	1909	2059	2256	1006	1206	1506	1736
Nayland Surgery	**0747**	**0856**	**0956**	**1056**	**1156**	**1256**	**1356**	.....	**1456**	**1622**	**1656**	.....	.....	**1856**	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Residents and village societies	£ 8.00
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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 2026/7

Autumn Term ends: 18 December
Spring Term begins: 5 January 2027
Spring Half Term: 15 – 19 February

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- **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*
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  - **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://www.anglianwater.co.uk/your-local-area/report-an-issue*
- **Track Rain/Lightening:** *https://www.radar-live.com/2018/04/rain-map.html*

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

LOCAL INFORMATION

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Forget Me Not	2 Birch Street Tel: 265965 Opening hours are Tues-Fri 9-4 & Sat 9am-1pm
Doctors Surgery	93 Bear Street CO6 4LA Tel: 01206 570371 *(out of hours NHS 111)*
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& Nayland Playgroup	e-mail: woodlandcorner@outllook.com www.woodlandcorner.co.uk
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Village Hall	Bookings: see page 46 Key holder: Amy Christie 07368 803850
Church Hall	Bookings: see page 46 07342 235001 naylandchurchhall@gmail.com *see page 46*
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Village Cinema	Mary Knapp 07775 478971 mary.eva.knapp@gmail.com
Table Tennis Club	Jane Barbrook 263619 Chris Buckley 07966 266255 Mondays 2pm-3.30 Village Hall
Coloured Pencil Art Group	Mary Knapp 07775 478971 mary.eva.knapp@gmail.com
Nayland Art Club	Kathryn Niven 07867 878443 nivenkathryn@gmail.com Wednesdays 2-4pm *(term times*)
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No meeting in August
7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room

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Village Diary

Weekly on	Mondays:	Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall *page 25*
	Tuesday:	Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall *(term time) page 28*
	Wednesdays:	Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James *(9th Dec last for 2026, resume 13th Jan) page 7 & 30*
		Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall *(term time) page 31*
	Fridays:	Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall *(term time) page 15 & 33*

November	
27th	Village Cinema: *'The Christophers'* open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall *page 18 & 27*
December	
1st	Community Council: Christmas Trail Advent Windows open each day *page 8 &15*
3rd	Friends of Wiston Church: will meet in the Anchor Inn at 7.30pm *page 25*
3rd-4th	Village Players: *'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs'* 3rd@ 6.30pm, 4th @ 7.30pm Village Hall *page 14*
5th	Village Players: *'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs'* @ 2.30 & 7.30pm Village Hall *page 14*
5th	Community Council: Christmas Fayre 10am-12.30pm Village Hall *page 8 & 15*
6th	Community Council: Christmas tree going up in High Street 9.30am. Volunteers welcome *page 8*
6th	Nayland Choir winter concert *'Luminous Light'* 4pm for 4.30pm Village Hall *page 11 & 25*
7th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall *page 35 & 47*
7th	Royal British Legion: AGM 7.30 for 8pm Church Hall *page 30*
9th	Parish Council: Finance Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall *(no Zoom facility) page 2 , 6 & 47*
10th	Women's Institute: *'Nayland Handbell Group'* 10am Church Hall *page 30*
11th	Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall *page 14 & 33*
16th	Carols Around the Christmas Tree with the Boxted Silver Band at 7pm High Street *page 18 & 40*
21st	Winter Solstice Picnic on Caley Green 12.30pm All welcome *page 7*
20th	Nine Lessons & Carol Service at St James' Church at 6.30pm *page 18, 30 & 40*
24th	Community Council: Father Christmas will be touring Nayland at 2pm from Caley Green *page 8 & 9*
24th	St James Church: Christingle at 4pm *page 30 & 40*
January	
3rd	Community Council: taking down the village Christmas tree High Street 9am *page 8*
4th	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall *page 35 & 47*
6th	Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm *(Exec 7.30pm) page 9 & 47*
6th	Village Players: Auditions *'Play tbc'* 5pm-7pm Church Hall
8th	Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall *page 14 & 33*
10th	Village Players: Auditions *'Play tbc'* 5pm-7pm Church Hall
13th	Wednesday Coffee Morning: weekly meetings resume 10am St James *page 7 & 30*
13th	Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall or by Zoom *page 2, 6 & 47*
14th	Women's Institute: *'Remember when...' & Quiz* 10am Church Hall *page 30*
29th	Village Cinema: *'Once Upon at Time in Suffolk'* open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall *page 18 & 27*
February	
1st	Village Hall Management Committee meeting 7.30pm Village Hall *page 35 & 47*
5th	Community Council: Fun Village Quiz 7.30pm sharp Village Hall *page 8 & 10*
11th	Women's Institute: 'Nayland *Church Bells'* Chris Hunt 10am Church Hall *page 30*
12th	Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall *page 14 & 33*
19th	Village Cinema: *'Film tbc'* open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall *page 18 & 27*

Forward Planner	21st March	Nayland Choir: Spring concert in St James; Church *page 25*
	27th March	HortSoc: Spring Show Church Hall *page 28*
	13th April	HortSoc: AGM & Fun Quiz *page 28*
	14th-17th April	Village Players: Spring play
	21st April	Nayland Meadow: Presentation on the Meadow, Village Hall *page 27*
	3rd May	Nayland Church Fete 1pm Village Hall

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