



NAYLAND^{WITH}WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES

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CLOCKS FALL BACK

Don't forget to put your clocks back an hour when you go to bed on 26th October! Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

It's a good time to change batteries in smoke detectors and other home safety devices.

NAYLAND FLOWER SHOW

Nayland & District Horticultural Society's 44th annual Flower Show held on 1st August created a colourful display in the village hall.

Many thanks to all those involved in organising and supporting this traditional village event.

View the full results on page 38



NEW 42 & 43 BUS SERVICE

Central Connect Buses surprised local residents by introducing new services 42 and 43 which will now operate between Sudbury & Colchester. This replaces the services introduced last September. See pages 6 and 46 for details and timetables.



HELP YOUR HEDGEHOGS

Please come along to the Village Hall on **Saturday 26 September** at 10am and bring your families/neighbours/friends. We will learn more about these delightful but endangered creatures and how our neighbourhood can help them.

A little care makes a big difference!



CHRISTMAS TRAIL RETURNS

The Christmas Trail has been so well received since it began during Covid that it has become a regular feature; getting together as a community and bringing a little seasonal cheer to the local streets.

Please join in again this year by creating one of the 24 Advent windows opening each day that will make up the this year's trail.

The Trail has been enjoyed by those taking part and needless to say appreciated by the whole village.

Please get in touch before 23rd November if you would like to participate. Further details on page 13

NO WASTE ON VILLAGE BONFIRE

It is with regret that we must insist that no garden waste or any other material is put on the bonfire. **THERE ARE TO BE NO EXCEPTIONS.** This is due to non combustible and potentially dangerous items being put on in previous years. We are obliged, for safety purposes, to take appropriate action if anyone ignores this notice. Mr Bugg has again kindly offered to construct the bonfire for us and only materials supplied by him will be used.

Bonfire Night: Have you got your tickets?

Online sales only - please remember to get your tickets in advance - see page 10

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WHAT'S ON

Cinema: *'Is This Thing On?' & 'The Christophers'*

Lizzie's Fund Coffee Morning

Community Litterpick

Village Lunch

Garden tidy at Village Hall
& St James' Churchyard

Talk: *'Witches and Witchfinders'*

Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks

Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning

Talk: *'Angels and Demons'*

Players' Panto: *'Snow White'*

Choir *'Luminous Light'* Concert

Nayland Christmas Fayre

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NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes by observer of the meeting: 9th September 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

Councillors were reminded that the Autumn Litterpick would take place on 10th October.

HIGHWAYS

David Finnigan raised parking at the Parkers Way junction blocking visibility for drivers pulling out onto Bear Street. After discussion it was agreed to ask Darius Laws and SCC Highways to review parking restrictions.

Following a suggestion by Darius Laws for a 'nicer than standard' village entry sign it was agreed to ask him more specifically what he was suggesting to put forward as a detailed proposal.

PLANNING

Councillors heard that Babergh had no objections to discharge of condition applications at **14 Church Lane** [DC/26/02701] for DC/25/03976 - construction management plan, materials, fenestration, eaves and verges details and bat licence or at **16 Paddock Grove** [DC/26/02510] for DC/26/00857 - fencing and windows.

Between meetings councillors had no objections for works to trees at **Alston Court 2 Court Street** [DC/26/02914] to reduce height of a Holly to 5m, prune crown of a Pear by 1m, reduce low level limbs of a Yew by 1-2m, reduce the side a Yew by 1-2m, remove deadwood from the crown of 2 Prunus reduce lateral limbs of a Walnut remove broken limbs from a Willow and fell a Box Elder; at **Longwood House 31 Stoke Road** [DC/26/03195] to fell 2 Conifers and 1 Maple tree; or at **Lower Courtwood 13A Court Street** [DC/26/03469] to reduce 1 Weeping Willow to a 4-5m pollard, fell a group of Pyracantha, Cotoneaster, Crab Apple and thin crown of a group of Salix viminalis. They had no objections at **Stourfields 42 Stoke Road** [DC/26/03355] for erection of oak-framed shelter for home entertainment space; at **85 Bear Street Nayland** [DC/26/03126] for replacement of existing small hip end roof over rear ground floor lounge with new dual pitched roof incorporating 4 roof lights and gable end with glazing providing there are suitable conditions for compliance with para 6.4 of bat report and the surface of Star Alley (Right of Way) is not damaged during the construction.

They had no objections, subject to the Planning Officers views in relation to the planning condition, to variation of conditions at **Kingfishers 108 Bear Street** [DC/26/02973] regarding approved plans and documents relating to DC/24/02135 for 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.

Regarding **Land To The Rear Of The Anchor Inn 26 Court Street** [DC/25/05611] for change of use from unused meadow/grassland to a small, seasonal watersports business the council had reiterated their concerns. *(This application has since been withdrawn)*

OPEN SPACES

It was agreed that Mary George would organise the seasonal planting of the trough in the High Street and the pots by the War Memorial.

Councillors are exploring the idea of a village sign.

The poor condition of Fairfield driveway, which is used by hearses and visitors to the burial ground, ambulances to the care home and by Woodland Corner, was raised. The situation regarding the development adjacent the Old Scout Hut is not known. The drive belongs to the Diocese, with shared financial responsibility. The Clerk will contact the Diocese's survey with this regard.

Mathew Lee of Suffolk CC Property had arranged for the dead and damaged trees along Horkesley Road to be felled; councillors confirmed they would like the logs left where they are.

CALEY GREEN

Councillors heard that following an objection by the National Landscape Team (NLT) to the planning application for installation of revetment around the bay area on the river there had been a site meeting between them and Concertus who are engineers working on behalf of SCC in progressing this project. Initially the NLT wanted planting all along the rivedbank with just a portage or two for launching rivercraft. Following the meeting the NLT remain unsympathetic to the wishes of local residents although they appear to have compromised a little but still want some planting of riverside vegetation. Dawn Harris pointed out that the culvert needs to remain clear to allow unrestricted water flow. The position now is that Concertus will prepare revised options.

Discussing litter bins on the Green it has been confirmed that Babergh charge £180 to empty each bin. It was pointed out that bins of various shapes and sizes are available but aesthetics at this location need to be considered. Kevin Sheath will check practical options with public realm. He and Dawn Harris will put forward a proposal for consideration.

Gerry Battye thanked John and Sally Dalton for their stewardship and monitoring of the Green over the years which has been much appreciated.

ALLOTMENTS

The future management of the allotment field was discussed including a suggestion that it was used more as a nature area. Dawn Harris said she had spoken to the farmer who is willing to do as they wish. Kevin Sheath suggested that Emma Black of the Dedham Vale National Landscape Team would be happy to advise. The idea of having an 'allotment warden' was mooted as was seeking residents' views via the Community Times. It was agreed in the first instance that Kevin would speak further with Emma Black.

Following previous interest by allotment holders to form an Allotment Association Dawn Harris was concerned by lack of recent progress. Gerry Battye pointed out some management matters have been left in abeyance while this is being progressed. The PC needs to know the situation. Dawn suggested that a meeting with them is needed to see what the situation is and if required to assist them in moving forward.

BURIAL GROUND

A quote will be sought for a bare root Rowan tree to replace the tree that had to be removed from a grave.

It was noted that work on repairing the flint wall around the Old Burial Ground was progressing. The stone capping on one of the pillars was not fixed centrally – this will need to be raised with Babergh who are responsible for the work.

Incidents of vandalism at the interred ashes section of the burial ground had been reported. Having visited Dawn Harris said it appears only a small area has been affected. She would continue to monitor the situation. Gerry Battye suggested looking at the general appearance of the cremation area was included on the next agenda.

IN BRIEF

Owen Brown would be continuing the Street Lighting Survey on his own following Joan Border's resignation from the PC.

Owen Brown was not present to give any update on the possibility of conducting a Housing Needs Survey.

It was agreed to invite the Footpath Warden to the next meeting to catch up and see if there is anything he requires help with as we have not heard from him.

As the PC bus representative David would be attending the next Passenger Forum

It was noted there is a tenancy vacancy for an Almhouse at the Downs in Stoke by Nayland.

The next village hall gardening session will be on 17th October from 9.30am

NEXT MEETING The next meeting will be on 14th October.



AFFORDABLE LOCAL HOUSING VACANCY: the Downs, Stoke by Nayland

A single-occupancy almshouse residence is available at The Downs, Stoke by Nayland. Applicants need a local connection with the parishes of Stoke-by-Nayland, Nayland with Wissington and Leavenheath. We prioritise individuals of modest financial means who are in need of secure, stable housing. You must be able to live independently.

The Downs almshouses are owned by the Lady Anne Windsor Charity and have been providing homes for local people for more than 400 years. For some information about the charity, see <https://stokebynayland.onesuffolk.net/parish-organisations/lady-anne-windsor-charity/>

We have planning permission for an ambitious remodelling and extension project. Subject to financing, major building work in 2027 will create more spacious accommodation and bring the historic almshouses into the 21st century.

The current vacancy is initially offered for six months from October 2026, to fit around these plans. Once the building work is complete, existing residents will have first refusal on the refurbished properties.

Apply for details to the Clerk to the Trustees,
Rowena Engleheart, The Priory, Stoke by Nayland, CO6 4RL
lawccclerk@gmail.com; 07815 044017

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SPONSORED RIDE & STRIDE

At least one intrepid cyclist set out on the annual sponsored cycle ride in aid of Suffolk Historic Churches.

Braving gale force winds, (at least they seemed gale force!!), a circular route was planned heading out towards Kersey, on to Hitcham and Brettenham and back via Preston, Groton and Boxford - all achieved with only one (yes, one), pub stop - the glorious Cock at Brent Eleigh. (be a bit careful if you Google this one - I advise you to put "The Cock at Brent Eleigh").

A total of 15 churches were visited, many thanks to all who sponsored.

Chris Hunt

WISTON CHURCH PORCH BOOKS

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

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

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

HELP YOUR HEDGEHOGS

Please come along and bring your families/neighbours/friends

**SATURDAY
26th SEPTEMBER**

10am-12noon

Nayland Village Hall

Tea/squash & biscuits

Activities for children



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WILL YOU BE ENJOYING A FIREWORK DISPLAY AT HOME?

If you are having a display please let people living nearby know when the fireworks will be going off, especially those with animals or the elderly.

Technology now makes this much easier. A simple post on Neighbours Nextdoor and our local Facebook group helps spread the word so animal owners know when to put animals indoors or administer sedatives.

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- https://nextdoor.co.uk/news_feed/

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NEW 42 & 43 BUS SERVICE

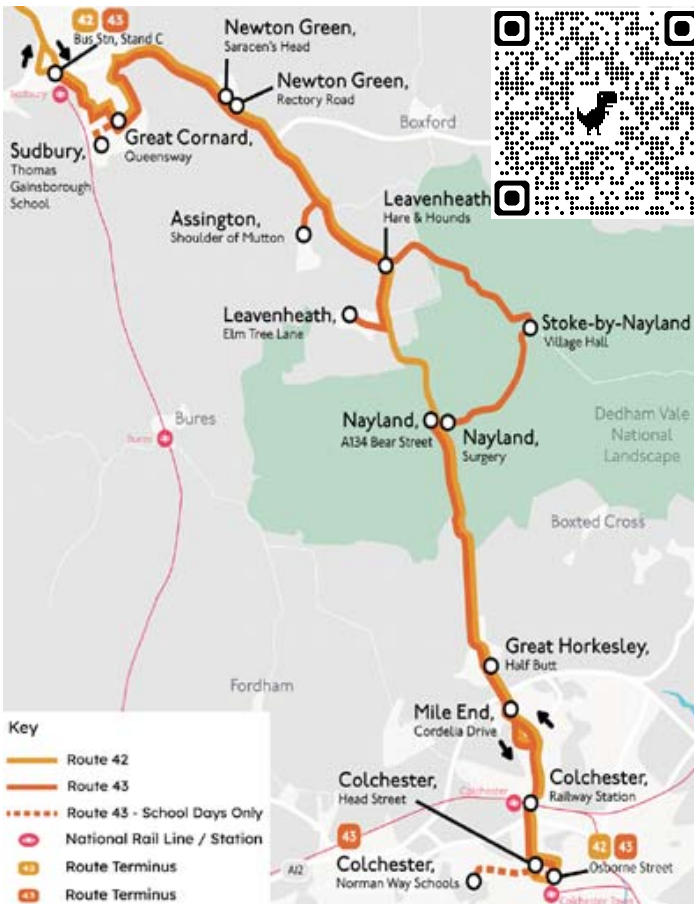
Central Connect Buses have introduced Services 42 and 43 which will now operate between Sudbury & Colchester.

All service 43 journeys will operate via the previous 43B route through both Assington and Stoke by Nayland at an hourly frequency through the day. In the early morning and late afternoon/evening, services will operate as service 42 which will follow the previous X43 fast route via the A134 main road.

On Saturdays, a revised two-hourly frequency will be introduced due to low demand through the day but the evening journeys will continue to operate.

Nayland timetables can be seen as usual on page 46.

Full timetables can be found at: https://images-centralconnect.passenger-website.com/sownloads/42_43_timetable_Combined_V2.pdf or use the QR Code



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP & WORKING GROUPS

Further details on page 46

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

Vice Chair: Owen Brown

WORKING GROUPS:

Allotments: Dawn Harris, Owen Brown & Ruth Beverley
Burial Ground: Owen Brown
Caley Green: Kevin Sheath, Dawn Harris & Sally Dalton
Fairfield: Gerry Battye, Dawn Harris
Finance: Dawn Harris, Tricia Fuller, David Finnigan, Kevin Sheath, Clerk
Footpaths: Nigel Beverley (Footpath Warden)
Highways: All councillors with individual areas
Planning: All councillors
Trees: Kevin Sheath & Terry Bannister (Tree Warden)
Bus Rep: David Finnigan

SCHEDULED ROADWORKS

Stoke Road

30 September - 2 October

Traffic control (two-way signals)

Anglian Water: Utility Repair and Maintenance

A134 Colchester to Leavenheath

14 September - end October

daily weekdays approx 9.45-10am

Extra large police escorted slow moving vehicles

National Grid

Water Lane

12 October - 14 October

Road Closure 7pm-5am

SCC: Carriageway patching

Harpers Hill A134

26 October - 31 October

Road Closure 7pm-5am

SCC: Carriageway patching prior to surface dressing

Horkesley Hill A134

26 October - 31 October

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)*

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

commemorations begin on Sunday 8th November
at the War Memorial in Wiston at 10am.
This will be followed by gathering at War Memorial
in Nayland at 10.45am to remember those who gave
great sacrifice including a two-minute silence.
At 11am there will be a service in St James' Church.

Meet for ARMISTICE DAY on Wednesday 11th November
at 11am at Nayland War Memorial in the High Street.

POPPY APPEAL

The annual Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning will be
held on 31st October at 10am in the Church Hall.

LEST WE FORGET

PAVEMENT OBSTRUCTION PARKING

Unfortunately a few drivers still haven't become aware of the consequences of their actions when they park blocking pavements in the village.... consequences for themselves and others.

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

During late August cars parked persistently obstructing the pavement in Stoke raised concerns; while some complainants left notes on windscreens hoping to get the message across to the drivers, others reported the offences officially. The reports were sufficient to warrant the police attending.

The stretch of carriageway opposite numbers 2-6 Stoke Road where this anti-social behaviour once again occurred is particularly dangerous for pedestrians attempting to navigate round parked vehicles. It is a busy road and visibility is impaired by the bend by the Gravel Hill junction. It is a known bottleneck as it narrows approaching the bend.

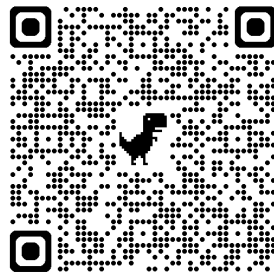
Obstruction is an offence

Parking on pavements and any parking that is an obstruction is a police matter. Whereas general bad parking (i.e. on double yellow lines) is a matter for the Parking Enforcement Team.

To report illegal parking, which the police class as antisocial behaviour go to: <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/driving-vehicles-traffic/report-illegal-parking/> or use the QR Code.

Parking Enforcement in Babergh District is managed by Ipswich Borough Council so you should go to: <https://www.ipswich.gov.uk/report-parking-problem>

Please consider ALL pedestrians



BE VIGILANT FOR SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR

Recently while on holiday a resident was alerted by their CCTV of some very worrying footage. It captured a less than friendly looking chap approaching the front door with a face mask on and then cover his hand (fingerprint) before pushing the doorbell. Prior to that he had driven up to the house and away from it again a few minutes before (without leaving the vehicle).

The police are involved and have confirmed that they have 'interest in' the car and individual. They are looking for the vehicle as part of other investigations which hasn't been reported stolen and is taxed.

A similar incident took place in Leavenheath on the same day as this incident.



HEAVY VEHICLES

On 10th September this low-loader lorry laden with plant was not the only such vehicle to precariously navigate its way through the streets of Nayland that day. It's thought it was making its way to a local site, rather than being incorrectly guided by SatNav.

Thank you to Phil Border for capturing the scene.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting: 2nd September 2026 Chair: Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309
Full minutes available at: www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk

Rachel Hitchcock welcomed members and residents to the meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Matt Cable gave his report on finances to 31st August.

Breakdown of profits to date: Quiz £711, Community Times £1,118, Calendar £423.

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

Expenses year to date: £1,546 for 2025 defibrillator maintenance and the new Wiston device, £432 for permissive path maintenance, £444 for skips to clear the village hall store room, £113 for the village website and £202 for hosting the AGM and other meetings.

Current Position: The accounts show reserves of £13,324 represented by Current a/c monies £12,633 and Cash on Hand £692. We hold £298 for the RBL Services Fund and grants are pending for: Horse Watering area £94.

Therefore unencumbered assets are £12,933.

GRANTS & DONATIONS:

Permissive footpath maintenance: We will continue to monitor the two stretches of permissive footpath - Stoke Road and Court Knoll to Allotment field - and call Dan Bowman back when needed (obviously being mindful of restrictions due to nesting birds). He carried out maintenance in March 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.

Woodland Corner acoustic panels: Their response from Cheryl Looks: "I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the Community Council for providing us with the funding for our new acoustic panels at Woodland Corner. Over the summer holidays, we had a company come in and fit the panels, and we can already hear a significant improvement in the reverberation within the room. We're really pleased with the result and are looking forward to having all the children back this week so we can experience the difference with the setting at full capacity! Please pass on our thanks to everyone at the Community Council for their support. It is very much appreciated."

Community Times & Websites: Thanks as always to all contributors.

Village Calendar: The Village Calendar is now on sale and already Wendy Sparrow had a successful time at the Flower Show, selling a good number of copies.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Bonfire & Fireworks: Thursday 5th November. Rachel Hitchcock, Claire Buller, Matt Cable & Jo Metson leading. Matt has set up a Ticket Tailor account to manage ticket sales and secured the domain name naylandfireworks.co.uk to allow for easy access when purchasing tickets. Thanks to Claire's son Lewis for his help with this. This will be tested and updated details passed to Lorraine to allow her to produce the publicity (thanks to Lorraine for this). It was agreed that refreshments will be card only on the night. Iain confirmed that he will once again lend his kit for which we are very grateful. He will help set up earlier in the day but will not be at the event due to a prior engagement. A children's ride has been secured which we will try for this year. Additional parking marshalls have been sought – Julie confirmed her availability to help Karen and Rachel on the High Street and Claire has another volunteer to help Wayne on Court Street. Rachel to contact the Anchor to ask if car park can be used as usual.

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 5th December. It was agreed that the Christmas Fayre should go ahead on Saturday 5th December as Father Christmas is available on this date, as are Claire, Vicki and family, Rachel, Becs and Matt. Rachel currently seeking stallholders and confirming availability of the primary school and other groups and societies.

Father Christmas Tour of Nayland: Christmas Eve. Claire Buller leading. Father Christmas has confirmed his availability

Fun Village Quiz: Friday 5th February 2027 It was agreed that, as this event is still popular and a good fundraiser, Rachel would do again next year but she would seek assistance. Becs to do scoring again.

AOB: The possibility of CC funding a general first aid course, open to local residents, was discussed. It was agreed that this was a good idea in principle and the meeting approved that Rachel should investigate possible costs and providers. There was no update on the possibility of InPost lockers at the Village Hall.

SOCIETY REPORTS

Nayland Baby and Toddler Group; Sessions resume on 25th September and they need to attract new families as many of our regulars children have now moved on to school.

HortSoc: They were pleased at the great success of the flower show which had more entries than last year; a real achievement considering what a difficult growing season it was. They will be having a table at the Christmas Fayre

Art Group: They will be restarting after the summer break on Wednesday 16th September. They are always happy for new people to come along and try us out/ join us and we have spare materials available for anyone who would like to have a go before committing to the expense of buying them.

Choir: They were pleased with attendance for their June concert 'A Night at the Opera' in St James which provided a comfortable environment on one of the hottest days of the heatwave. In June they had a day of singing a whole range of songs on a travel theme for their 'Come and Sing'. Rehearsals begin on 10th September for their winter concert 'Luminous Light' which will be held on 6th December accompanied by a string quartet. They have received some very generous donations enabling us to pay for more musicians and for a wider range of musical scores.

St James' Church: Normal services continue along with the regular coffee morning on a Wednesday morning. There will be an 'Evening Constable' celebration on 4th September.

Community Council report continued.....

Nayland Community First Responder Group: They spent four enjoyable days at the Bures Music Festival with an engagement stall to connect with the local community and teach CPR and defibrillator use. We are pleased to welcome Kevin and Rachel to our group. We are constantly recruiting, so please get in touch if you are interested in volunteering for us as a CFR. This October we will be holding a number of FREE Basic Life Support (BLS) sessions to coincide with Restart a Heart Day. See further details on pages 18 & 30

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society: a public meeting is arranged on Saturday 26th September at 10am to learn about the Hedgehog Access Scheme aimed at increasing the number of hedgehogs in the village. Everyone is welcome. They have a new noticeboard in the High Street dedicated to the memory of John and Clare Partridge. They undertook another nettle clearance to the footpath on the south side of Anchor Marsh a few weeks ago and will continue to ensure this path remains negotiable. At their next meeting On 13th October Professor Alison Rowlands will speak on the subject of 'Witches and Witchfinders in Essex and Suffolk'. The Autumn litter pick will be on Saturday 10th of October when volunteers will receive litter pickers and refuse bags and will be allocated an area.

Royal British Legion: They enjoyed a visit to Woodbridge guided by David Pryor. We were shown the astonishing work in progress on the interpretation of the archaeology from Sutton Hoo into a real ship using the technology and tools of the period has produced a superb vessel. In August Pat O'Malley related the amazing story of his Great Uncle Thomas Kenny's award of the VC in WW1. On Monday 12th October we will hear about the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's maintenance and education, and we welcome back Michael Callaghan to chat about his experiences as the son of a Prime Minister at

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our AGM on Monday 23rd November. The Remembrance Day Coffee Morning will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 31st October.

Nayland Meadow: The new platform has now settled into the landscape more comfortably with the rapid reed growth around it. Considerable efforts are being made to remove the unwanted reeds that have sprung up in the middle of the pond. The ducks may become a bit of an issue with their inclination to enjoy and then poo on the viewing platform. Fish stocks are increasing finding their way into the pond via the culverts from the river. The wildflower Meadow area will shortly be cut leaving two small areas as winter refuges for insects. The sheep are now getting supplementary hay. The silt removed from the pond has been prepared for reseeded when weather is suitable.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: This will be on Wednesday 26th October, 8pm (Exec 7.30 pm) in the Church Hall.

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.

ST JAMES' FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM



We would welcome others with an interest in helping decorate the church; guidance would be given. If you would like to know more please contact Jeannette Finch on 01206 262993

COFFEE, CAKE & CONVERSATION Wednesday Coffee Mornings

10am to noon
St James' Church, Nayland

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



NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bonfire & Fireworks Night on Thursday 5th November

Can You Help?

We would be grateful for a few more volunteers to help with setting up in the afternoon, on the gate from 5.45pm-7pm, and selling drinks, etc. This doesn't mean you will miss any of the fun and the dazzling display!

Please contact Claire Buller 07971 065856 clairejbuller@gmail.com (sales)
Rachel Hitchcock 07788 954309 rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com (gate)

Any help with the field litter-pick the following morning from 9am would be much appreciated.



Nayland with Wissington Community Council's

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Nayland Village Hall CO6 4JH * 6pm for 7pm * GUY & BONFIRE after Fireworks

Limited parking in the village. Please walk if you can. ONLY pre-booked blue badge parking at the hall.

TICKETS IN ADVANCE from www.naylandfireworks.co.uk

Adults £8 - Children £3 - Family £18

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NAYLAND & WISTON CHRISTMAS TRAIL

A festive appeal from the Community Council

This year the trail will consist of 24 beautifully festive Advent Windows which will be revealed each day in the lead up to Christmas. Could you participate?

Thank you to all who set their festive creativity free and volunteer to create a Christmassy trail bringing a little seasonal cheer to the streets around the village which can be enjoyed by us all.



Advent Windows

From 1st to 24th December windows around the village will be decorated and 'opened' each day. Please consider joining in the fun - creating a decorative window can be a great family affair. You just need to incorporate the number you are given and have a window that can clearly be seen from the street which will be illuminated each evening from when it is opened until after Christmas. Advent windows must be ready to be revealed on the date allocated. Just look online for a wealth of ideas and inspiration and see details of how to apply below.

Other Festive Displays

If you are not able to do an Advent Window but are planning a fabulously festive display or stunning tree that is visible from the street and that people may enjoy, please do let us know and we can include your address as a point of interest on the trail map.

Please let us know if you would like to participate before 26th November so you can be included on the map: contact rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com - 07788 954309

We just need your name, address, email address, phone number.

In agreeing to participate you are also agreeing to have your address identified on a map so that people can see where the participating houses are situated. No names or email addresses will be shared without your permission.

As last year, we will produce a map so that you know where to look for these festive delights and this will be available at the Christmas Fayre on 5th December, in the village shops and on the village website.



APPEAL FOR BELLRINGERS

Quintessentially a very special English tradition; the delightful sound of bells chiming in a country village... but the art of bellringing is in decline and once gone is unlikely to be revived.

So, if you are looking for a new hobby in which you can make a valuable contribution in keeping the art of bellringing alive.....

Chris Hunt, the Nayland Church Tower Captain would be delighted to hear from you.

A certain amount of training is required, which Chris can arrange.
You do not have to be strong, have musical ability or be a churchgoer.
You just need physical co-ordination and a willingness to learn.

Contact Chris Hunt on 01206 262014

NAYLAND COMMUNITY LITTERPICK

Saturday 10th October

Meet at 1.30pm
at the Village Hall Car Park

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

Equipment provided but please wear gloves.

Contact mikejphunter@gmail.com
or 01206 264100 for more information

Nayland with Wissington Community Council's

CHRISTMAS FAMILY FAYRE

Saturday 5th December

10am until 12.30pm in Nayland Village Hall

Fun for all the Family

Visit Father Christmas

Launch of the Christmas Trail

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Traditional Stalls & Goodies, Raffle & Tombola

Festive Food & Refreshments

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To book a table at the Nayland Christmas Family Fayre

The charge per set of tables is £10 or for village societies £5

We are always pleased to welcome a wide variety of stalls to this festive, community event. To request a table/check availability, please contact: Rachel Hitchcock (Tel: 07788 954309) or email rachel_hitchcock@hotmail.com

By 1st November at the latest. Limited space so book early to avoid disappointment.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

COFFEE MORNING

to be held on

Saturday 31st October

10am – 12 noon

Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland

Refreshments, Cakes, Books, Raffle

Kathy Hunt 262014



GARDEN WASTE & BONFIRES



There are various options for disposal of garden waste; but if you do have a bonfire please adhere to the guidelines:

- Speak to your neighbours, to agree the best time for the fire.
 - Do not light it when your neighbours' washing is out or their windows are open.
 - Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions – smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days. If it is windy, smoke blows into neighbours' gardens and windows and across roads. In the evenings atmospheric pressure keeps the smoke down.
 - Avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when your neighbours have a right to enjoy their gardens
 - Never use petrol or oil to light a fire
 - Ensure that only dry material is burnt. This will produce the minimum of smoke.
 - Do not burn plastic, rubber, household rubbish, or other materials which cause dark smoke and noxious fumes
 - Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder - put it out
- There are no specific controls, such as permitted times, over the lighting of domestic bonfires to burn waste. However, smoke and emissions from a bonfire (or any other process of burning) can be considered a Statutory Nuisance. Environmental Health is responsible for investigating complaints.

If You are Troubled by Bonfire Smoke...

- Try talking to those responsible for the bonfire. They may not be aware that they are causing a problem. If this fails, environmental health at your local council should be notified.

ST JAMES' CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

Saturday 24 October
from 9am – 12 noon



All welcome, no skill necessary.
Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

**PLEASE BRING GLOVES,
SECATEURS, RAKES, ETC**

For further details contact
Chris Hunt: 01206 262014

VILLAGE HALL GARDEN WORKING PARTY

Saturday 17 October
from 9am



Please come along and join us
and make it a social occasion.
Refreshments will be provided.

**IT WILL BE USEFUL TO BRING
TOOLS, GLOVES, SECATEURS,
WHEELBARROWS, ETC.**

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL are looking for two new councillors to join the team

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

What does being a Parish Councillor involve?

- Getting involved in local decisions
- Helping make the community a better place to live
- Representing the community and getting things done
- Having your say on things that matter (like planning, open spaces and local services)
You don't need any special qualifications – just a bit of time, a positive attitude, and a genuine interest in our community.

It might suit you if:

- You like helping to make things happen and care about where you live
- You want to positively influence how things are done in the Parish
- You're up for a bit of teamwork
- You're happy to speak up and listen to others
- You are over 18, live / work in the parish or within 3 miles of the parish boundary
Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month (not August) at 7.30pm.

Want to know more?

- Contact the Parish Clerk on 01376 425744 or clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk
- Speak to one of the councillors or come along to a meeting to see how things work
- See more at: naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk

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

NAYLAND & WISTON:
Local volunteers
to help neighbours

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If you think you can
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NEIGHBOURS IN NEED APPEAL

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

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

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

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Contact: Helen at benefice.families@lspnw.org.uk

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Wednesday 7th October

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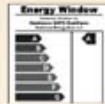


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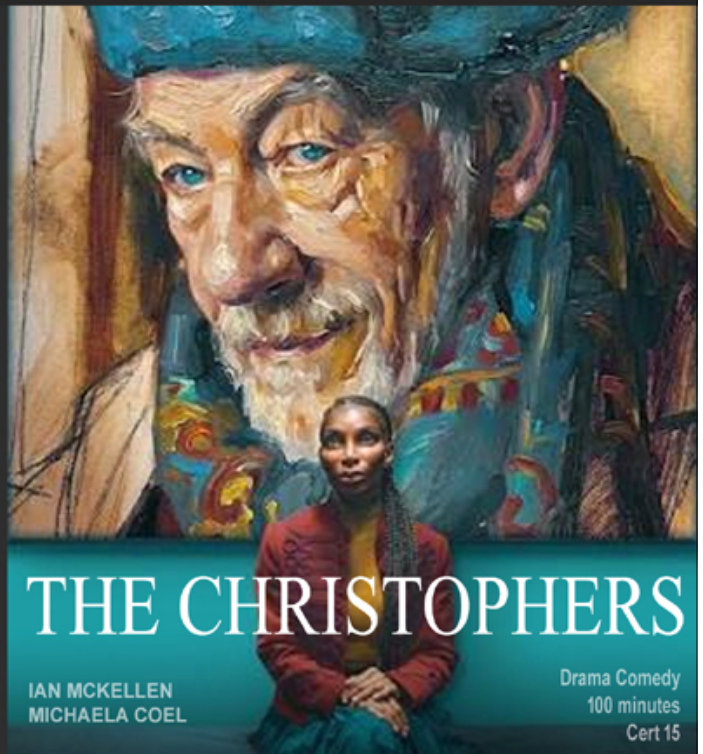
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October 2026



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- **Tuesday 6th October:** Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland 6:30pm
 - **Wednesday 21st October:** Nayland Village Hall 6:30pm
 - **Saturday 24th October:** Bures Community Centre 10:30 and 1:30pm
- Book by scanning the QR code or emailing adam.lunn@eastamb.nhs.uk

Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society

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ANGELS & DEMONS:

Exploring Suffolk churches

Speaker: Sarah Doig



TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER

7.15pm for 7.30pm

Nayland Village Hall

All are most welcome

Entry for non-members £3

www.naylandconservation.org.uk

Nayland
Choir
presents...

Luminous Night

Music for Advent and Winter,
accompanied by a string quartet

Sunday 6th December

Nayland Village Hall
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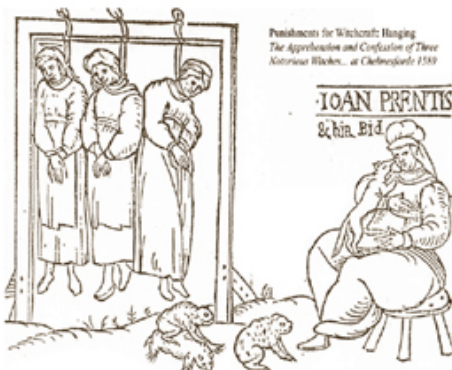
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WITCHES & WITCHFINDERS

in Essex and Suffolk

Speaker: Professor Alison Rowlands



TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER

7.15pm for 7.30pm

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RIVER WATCH

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

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

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

NAVIGATION ADVISORY NOTICES

- 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.
- 30th July: River Stour. Low water levels – Navigate with caution, risk of grounding or contact with the riverbed in some areas
- 17th August: River Stour and other waterways. Until further notice, temporary reduction/suspension of weed cutting operations due to prolonged dry weather and low water levels
- 24th August: Stratford St Mary to Flatford – 1st-4th September Navigate with caution, as weed cutting will be taking place
- 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

The drought took it toll on the river water level, however, not as badly as 2019 when it was necessary for the EA to come and rescue fish that had become isolated and at risk of lack of oxygen; they did put their siphon hoses in at the weir to maintain a trickle of flow.

Thankfully we have seen some rain to help the river and the landscape recover. It is not just local rain that matters when it comes to the river levels. Excepting for the summer months, and when there is sufficient water in the River Ouse, the Ely Ouse to Essex Water Transfer Scheme operates (EOEWS) bringing water to the River Stour which can be abstracted at Wormingford, and pumped through to Aberton Reservoir. Our reservoirs need replenishing.

RIVER VEGETATION

The situation with reeds around the Horseshoe weir (and other areas of the river through Nayland) remains disgraceful and bar a miracle seems unlikely to change.

The EA contractors with Truxors did undertake an annual weed scoop in some areas of the Stour to help maintain the river as navigable - a legal requirement. However, they haven't made it to Nayland this year.

As anticipated the work early this year by Suffolk CC to manage the Norfolk reeds (*Phragmites australis*) has made a difference. A healthy fringe remains along the riverbank. Bring the most robust species of reed it will thicken up if some regular maintenance is not given. This summer it has advanced along the riverbank several meters and has swallowed up the water level gauge... as can be seen in the photograph (right).



↑ Thanks to Antony Day who took these photos on 1st August & 19th September showing the siphon hoses at the weir maintaining a trickle of flow.



WILDLIFE & SWANS

This year's clutch of cygnets, who it's believed were hatched on the Lock Cottage 'island', have not remained on the river here all summer as swan families have in the past. They have been here intermittently and are back here at the time of writing. Some wonder whether the increased amount of river traffic has had any bearing.

As the photo above shows they are back and nibbling at the riverbank. They do this for several reasons: they eat grass, weeds, roots, tubers, seed and will swallow insects, snails, worms, tiny crustaceans and algae to supplement their diet with protein. They also consume grit, sand and small stones to aid their digestive system.

There have been two lone swans, one on the Meadow pond that some call 'Flo' and one down river, as well as the swan family. Recently 'Flo' has been venturing onto the river at Caley Green which has resulted in some, unpleasant to witness, fighting with the swans ending up on the A134.

Believing 'Flo' to be the original mate of the swan downriver she was scooped up and taken by car to be reunited with the male. Indeed they were pleased to see each other (see photo left with Flo on the left) but within hours she had returned to Caley Green. ('Wildlife' cannot be persuaded what's best for them!)

Someone who has been keeping an eye on their behaviour has noticed that Flo seems to be attracted to the male on Caley Green and when his pen (female) is out of sight he plays up to Flo. So it seems the pen is the main aggressor to Flo to protect 'her cob'.

While many of us have always warmly believed that swans mate for life and are faithful partners it turns out this is not necessarily true. Apparently science shows this idea is only partly true as DNA tests have found cygnets can be product of an illicit encounter, smashing the monogamous image of the birds. Unlike the complexities of human adultery, this practice is fuelled by a desire to reproduce and protect the species. While cobs sometimes mate with females from other nests, scientists expect females seek out a stronger specimen for their future offspring - perhaps this is what Flo is doing?!

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 has still not been decided.

The main issue has been objections from the National Landscape Team (NLT) who suggested planting vegetation all round the bay with perhaps a couple of portages for river craft access. (They appear not to give any value to the wishes of Nayland residents). Following a site meeting with Suffolk CC's engineering contractor to try to find a way forward NLT seemed to compromise a little but still suggest considerable areas of planting.

It's been pointed out that the culvert must be kept clear of vegetation to allow clear flow of water into the river. At the other end of the application area reeds are already encroaching and have swamped the water level gauge,

The result of all this is... the engineer is in discussion with SCC on the best way forward. It's all extremely frustrating!!!

One point that has been emphasised by all this is the need for ongoing maintenance of the reeds along Caley Green. Some have been saying this for years... it's recommended in the EA's own booklet as follows... ➔

WISTON FOOTBRIDGE

Some may recall the previous news about extensive graffiti painted on the footbridge at Wiston. This was very kindly painted over by volunteers and the bridge was looking very smart. So it is very sad and annoying that someone had written graffiti in the bridge again.



The EA booklet 'Aquatic & riparian plant management: controls for vegetation in watercourses' (funded by DEFRA) states:

Excessive growth of aquatic and riparian vegetation can have adverse impacts on both the ecosystem and the human uses of the watercourse. This can result in the need for management. If management is well planned and executed correctly, it can be cost-effective and environmentally beneficial. If poorly executed, it can be expensive and environmentally damaging.

The tall emergent species Phragmites australis (Common or Norfolk reed) is the tallest native grass species in the UK, and can grow up to 3m in height. This perennial species spreads through creeping rhizomes, which can grow up to 1m below ground level and can cover large areas forming dense stands within watercourses.

Management should aim to keep a fringe of this species along the toe of the banks to help protect and stabilise them.

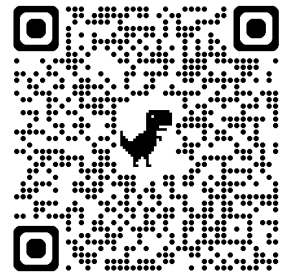
Key problems caused:

- Dense networks of rhizomes can form large stands which impede flows.
- Once established, the roots and rhizomes trap silt and extend the area that they can colonise, which further impedes water flow.
- Dense stands can also impair fishing and other recreational activities.
- Following die-back during the winter months, the robust stems can remain standing and continue to cause problems.

Control methods:

- Physical techniques are effective instant short-term control; however, do not remove rhizomes and repeat management is necessary.
- Manipulating water levels to more than 1m helps control stands. Creating a deeper central channel should help in preventing encroachment across a watercourse, allowing just a fringe to develop along the bank toe.
- Chemical treatment with a glyphosate-based herbicide is effective and provides longer term control for several growing seasons (usually three) by being translocated to the rhizomes.

The booklet is available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6034e181d3bf7f26576beefa/SC120008-R2_Technical_guide.pdf or use the QR code.



BOTTLES IN THE RIVER

It's far from the first time the issue of debris, litter and bottles in Mill Lade has been raised. This time the photographer, even among all the vegetation, spotted at least 11 bottles in the river. Very disappointing to see!



SEE IT, SNAP IT, SEND IT...

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



NAYLAND ALLOTMENTS: Thank you to Matt Allen for this drone scene of Nayland allotments looking across Bell Meadow to Newlands Lane and St James' Church. Some allotments look to be faring better than others - it has been a difficult summer for growers with extreme heat and drought. Surprising perhaps that entries at Nayland Flower Show were fairly good. Flower entries, particularly dahlias; the high temperatures saw flowers go to seed earlier. Vegetable classes were well represented although some growers said

runner bean crops were very poor, lettuces bolted and raspberries shriveled on the canes.

Anyone interested in taking on an allotment in Nayland should contact the Parish Clerk, Debbie Hattrell via clerk@naylandwithwissington-pc.gov.uk or 01376 425744.

THE OLD SCHOOL

Thanks to Darius Laws for this drone footage of the Old School house in Church Lane which is being lovingly restored by Andrew Capper, founder of Schoolhouse Workshops.

Although not a listed building, the Old School is included in the Local List buildings of significant interest in the Parish which constitutes it as a non-designated Heritage Asset. The document describes the property as: "Soft red brick, slate roof with original fenestration, attractive stone lintel and red brick boundary walls, with curved coping stones in the gothic style."

Built in 1848 by the Nayland Charities (Feoffees) and in use until 1957. It was first a National School and later the British School; in 1865, it was amalgamated with the Bear Street National School (later the Mission Room and Church Hall) with boys and girls attending in Church Lane and the infants going to Bear Street."

The plans approved by Babergh last year with consultation of the Heritage Office will be respectful of the host dwelling, preserving or enhancing its character.

Some of its former pupils, a few who are still local, and current residents will no doubt be pleased to see its restoration.





EVA'S BENCH

Residents and visitors have been enjoying the new bench on Caley Green which was installed in memory of Eva Rolfe (nee Briggs). Eva was born in Boxted but lived her most of her life in Nayland.

She married Dick Rolfe in 1951 at St James' Church and moved into the farmhouse at Nags Farm, where Dick worked and Eva nurtured their family and a houseful of animals.

Throughout the years, Eva was an active member of the Nayland community being involved in the Women's Institute, the Walsh Trust, the Village Players, Carpet Bowls Club, the Over 60s club and helped at numerous events.

Eva's community spirit was recognised in 1993 when she received a Babergh Community Achievement Award.

Eva passed away peacefully last year at the age of 97.



OLD CEMETERY WALL REPAIRS

Thanks to Darius Laws and Antony Day for these photos of works underway to repairs the historic wall around the old Cemetery.

District Councillor Isabelle Reece has been chasing the Parish Council's request for this work to be carried out by Babergh, who are responsible for the old cemetery, for some time so it's good to see it being done. The PC will however, be raising the matter of one of the large capping stones not being fixed back centrally on its pillar.

The Lych Gate & Cemetery walls are on the Local List adopted by Babergh in 2004 of buildings of significant interest in the Parish – details below. (The complete list is available to view on the Conservation Society's 'Planning Background' page):

Lych Gate & Cemetery off Bear Street

Timber lychgate with the inscription: "I am the Resurrection and the Life". Red-brick walls and flint infill, with stone cappings to piers. The Nayland Cemetery was consecrated in April 1887. Half an acre of land was given by Sir Charles Rowley Bt. when the graveyard at St. James Church became full. A tomb of interest is that of Samuel Alston 1809-87 who, with his sister Margaret, paid for the walls and lych gate, all of which survive intact. He was the first person to be interred in the new cemetery and his funeral took place an hour after the consecration of the ground.



NEW MEMORIAL BENCH ON NAYLAND MEADOW

A new bench has been placed on Nayland Meadow in memory of Kristian Clark, who loved running and walking in this beautiful area. It provides a lasting place to remember Kristian.

Family and friends came together to watch the official 'opening' as granddaughter Juniper cut the ribbon. The bench will also be a welcome and useful resting place for walkers, runners and others enjoying a stroll around the Meadow. A massive thank you to Peter Cotton who installed the bench.



Nayland with Wissington Society News

VOLUNTEERS ENABLE OUR PARISH TO THRIVE

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

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

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

For anyone considering getting involved, help doesn't have to mean long-term or specialist commitment. Many roles involve only a few hours a month, and responsibilities are usually shared across a committee or small team or it could just involve occasional assistance. Our organisations would benefit from: occasional help at events, behind-the-scenes admin or publicity, fresh faces with new ideas

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

Currently volunteers would be welcome:

- **Community Council** would welcome committee members
- **Village Hall Management** would like another committee member
- **Parish Council** have 3 vacancies for councillors
- **St James' Flower Arranging Team** would welcome others to help them; guidance given if required
- **St James' Parochial Church Council** require another **Church Warden** to share the tasks
- **Horticultural Society** require committee members and helpers at some of their events
- **Conservation Society** require committee members
- **Church Bellringers** would welcome new ringers
- **Village Players** would welcome volunteers to help backstage

If you would like to know more or wish to offer your participation please get in touch with the organisation contact person listed on page 47, or throughout the following pages.

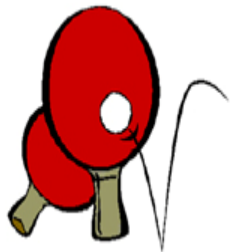


TABLE TENNIS CLUB

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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.



NAYLAND CHURCH HALL

Treasurer Kevin Walsh 07342 235001
naylandchurchhall@gmail.com

www.naylandandwiston.net > Church Hall

Nayland Church Hall is refreshed and ready to Welcome You

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

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

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

REGULAR CLASSES & GROUPS HELD HERE:

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

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

Thursday: 2pm Pilates.





NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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www.naylandconservation.org.uk



Residents may already have noticed the Society's new notice board in the High Street constructed by local resident Mike Roffe. It bears a plaque in memory of John and Clare Partridge. John was a loyal and longstanding committee member and very kindly left a bequest to the Society from his estate.

On 11th September the Society arranged a talk regarding the Hedgehog Access programme with the local school, followed by a public speaker meeting at Nayland Village Hall on 26th September. More news regarding the progress of the scheme will follow in due course.

The autumn litter pick held in conjunction with the Parish Council will take place on Saturday 10th October starting at 1.30pm from the village hall car park. We look forward to seeing as many volunteers as possible. Remember we shall supply litter pickers and refuse bags and each volunteer will be allocated an area of the village for collecting litter.

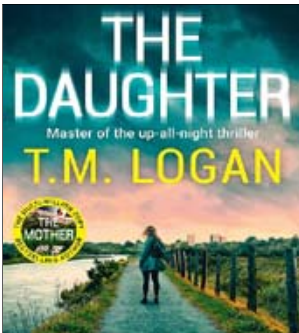
Our next speaker meeting will be held on 13th October starting at 7.30 pm when Professor Alison Rowlands will speak on the subject of 'Witches and Witchfinders in Essex and Suffolk'.

Our November speaker meeting on the 10th features a talk on the exploration of Suffolk Churches by Sarah Doig.

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



The new notice board 'In memory of John and Clare Partridge'



BOOK CLUB

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We recently finished reading 'Away with the Penguins' by Hazel Prior. Veronica McGreedy, an 85-year-old woman, lives very comfortably by herself in a large mansion by the sea. After watching a TV documentary about Adelie penguins she decided to travel to Antarctica to the research facility to see if she might leave her vast wealth to their project - ignoring all of the advice that it would be too dangerous.

Our latest book is 'The Daughter' by T.M. Logan.



NAYLAND MEADOW LTD

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www.naylandconservation.org.uk/Meadow

F: Nayland Meadow



During late summer we have been carrying out a number of habitat management tasks on Nayland Meadow. These include removal of some of the bur-reed which has colonised the centre of the pond since we completed the desilting work last winter. The aim is to maintain the area of open water in the centre of the pond and reduce the amount of encroachment of vegetation from the margins of the pond. We have also cleared an open channel around the culverts to ensure unrestricted movement of fish and other wildlife between the river and pond. The good news is that water voles have already recolonised the pond. Evidence of their return includes feeding signs (vegetation fragments cut off at a distinctive 45 degree angle) and one visual sighting.

Now that the flowering season is over the wild flower strip between the meadow and river has been cut. The cut material will be removed in order to remove nutrients from the site which should benefit the wild flower species by reducing competition from the more vigorous grasses. As usual a couple of small sections of the wild flower strip have been left uncut to provide undisturbed over-wintering habitat for insects and other wildlife.

The summer drought conditions have been very challenging for our shepherd, and some supplementary feeding of the sheep with hay and straw has been required due to the lack of grass. The recent rain in September has been welcome and the grass is at last putting on some late season growth.

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



Reed removal to improve access to the water for the sheep.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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

Our annual **Flower Show** on **2nd August** was a very successful event. Further details and the results can be found on page 38. Thank you to all who contributed and attended.

We will be having a stall at the Community Council's **Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday 5th December**, 10.30am to 1pm 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 27th March, so bear this in mind when you are planting your bulbs this autumn. There will be more news on activities for 2027 in the next issue of the Community Times and our website will be updated as plans progress.

HortSoc has not arranged a coach outing for a while as insufficient people were booked on the trips, meaning we were not able to cover the cost of hiring a coach. However, next year we are proposing a visit to the **Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden** in Regents Park if enough people would like to join us. Please can you let Trevor or Margaret know if you would like more details.

Dates for your diaries:

27th March	Spring Flower Show
13th April	AGM and Fun Quiz
8th May	Morning Market
tba	Coach Outing
10th July	Garden Party
7th August	Summer Flower Show



↑ Children's classes: animals made from fruit & vegetables

← Visitors chatting and enjoying refreshments



NAYLAND HANDBELL & CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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

Back after the summer break we are looking forward to welcoming the Colchester Handbell Ringing Group in St James Church (this to be held on Tuesday 29th September, 1:30pm-3pm). Some music we will play together will be old favourites, and some will be new to us so we will listen and learn! We are really looking forward to this get together.

Otherwise, and this sounds all too familiar, we will be dusting down our Christmas folders for the forthcoming season of joy. The group practise on Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3pm in the Church Hall, Bear Street. Anyone interested in joining the Group will receive a warm welcome.

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

The heat, appointments and a sticking clapper have caused a slight pause in tower bell ringing, but all is now back to normal, (well, Nayland normal !!), and we hope to get practising again. Keep listening as we have been ringing for weddings and on those occasions people have remarked how much they enjoyed the sound of the church bells - very English !!

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



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT WOMENS INSTITUTE

President: Lorna Rumsey 01787 211975
 Secretary: Jeannette Finch 262993

Members decided, due to the very comfortable hot weather in early August, to cancel our planned annual Garden Party and instead organise a tea party during the winter months. In September, due to crossed wires, the talk by Mr Shepherd about the 'Fire Service' did not go ahead but we hope to have him back at a later date.

On 8th October the subject of a talk by Jim Bond will be 'My Later Army Career', on 12th November we will learn about 'St Helena Hospice', on 10th December the Nayland Handbell Group will play for us and in January members will look back and recall "Remember when..." and share their recollections.

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

However, very sadly the Nayland branch of the WI is thinking of closing in May 2027.



NAYLAND CINEMA

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Firstly, a huge 'Thank You' to Karen Freeman, who together with Richard, resurrected our cinema and then continued to run it for the next eight years, despite moving away from the village two years ago.

Chris Thompson and I will now endeavour to follow in Karen's footsteps and we hope our cinema and supper evenings will continue to thrive.

If you haven't already come along to our pre-film suppers – then you must! Ross and Jade, from Nayland's 'Deli', provide delicious, home cooked meals, served in the village hall between 6pm and 7pm on cinema evenings. (On recent occasions I've had Moroccan Lamb Tagine and Roasted Pepper & Pancetta Gnocci – both wonderful!)

Our August film was **'H is for Hawk'** a thoughtful film, based on a true story, with a stellar performance from Claire Foy as Helen, who struggling to come to terms with the sudden death of her beloved father, finds solace in the training of a wild goshawk.

Our next film **'The Devil Wears Prada 2'** will be screened on Friday 25 September - just after the Community Times goes to print. Meryl Streep and Ann Hathaway both reprise their roles in this comedy drama – 20 years on from the first film.

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

- **Friday 30th October: 'Is This Thing On?' (2025)** is a film described as a comedy of remarriage directed and co-written by Bradley Cooper and loosely based on the life of English comedian John Bishop. After 20 years together, Alex (Will Arnett) and Tess (Laura Dern) have reached an amicable end to their marriage. Alex falls into stand up comedy using impending divorce as subject matter in the New York comedy scene, Tess who was once a professional volleyball player considers returning to her passion by coaching. They are forced to navigate co-parenting and identity but it also brings their mutual love for each other back into question.
- **Friday 27th November: 'The Christophers' (2025)** is a witty comedy film. The adult children - Barnaby (James Corden) and Sallie (Jessica Gunning) of aging, eccentric artist Julian Sklar (Ian McKellen) hire struggling artist and art restorer Lori Butler (Michaela Coel) to forge his valuable, unfinished canvases to secure massive financial inheritance. It comes to light that Julian had completed the final Christopher series but locked them away. The scheme twists further when Julian and Lori form an unexpected dynamic. Who will ultimately benefit from Julian's legacy or will artistic reclamation over capitalist greed prevail?
- **Forthcoming dates:** there is no film in December, 29th January and 19th February.



NAYLAND AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Chairman: Robert Dossor 07879 843319 robert@ovcottage.com

Secretary: Kathy Hunt 262014

Since our last report members of the Branch visited the Anglo-Saxon ship project in Woodbridge; this visit ended our Summer programme and we now look forward to the Autumn and Remembrance events.

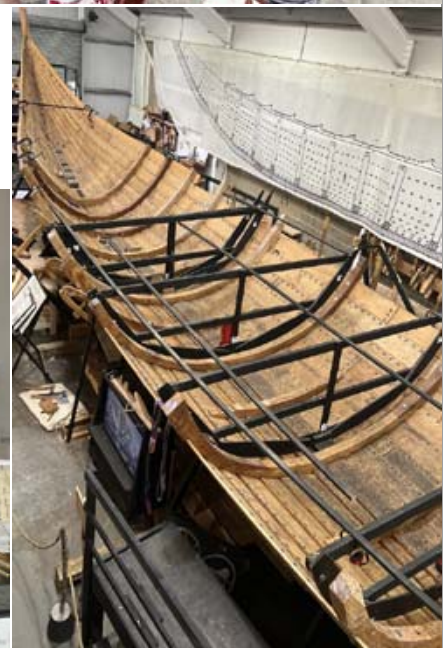
The visit to Woodbridge was supported by eleven members and guests on a hot day. Guided by member and volunteer David Pryor, we were shown the astonishing work in progress. The interpretation of the archaeology from Sutton Hoo into a real ship using the technology and tools of the period has produced a superb vessel, whose launch in 2027 will be eagerly awaited, along with the various voyages planned for her and her volunteers.

Also in August, Pat O'Malley related the amazing story of his great uncle Thomas Kenny's award of the VC in WW1. Astonishingly he survived and became an Australian folk hero at home, along with other VC recipients in Australia.

Our meeting on Monday 12th October will hear from Paul White about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's work in maintenance of war memorials and war cemeteries around the world, the war casualty database and its public engagement programme. At our AGM on Monday 23rd November we welcome back Michael Callaghan to chat about his experiences as the son of a Prime Minister.

The Remembrance Day Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 31st October at 9am-12 noon - see pages 12.

Remembrance activities will be along the usual format: on Sunday 9th November **Remembrance Sunday** at the War Memorial Wiston (10am), then at Nayland War Memorial (10.45am) followed at 11am by service in St James' Church. On Wednesday 11th November we meet for **Armistice Day** at 11am at Nayland War Memorial in the High Street.



FRIENDS OF ST JAMES CHURCH: 'EVENING CONSTABLE' CONCERT

This year there are significant anniversaries of two people from the past who have had a close connection with St James church. The first of these is the Revd William Jones. Born 300 years ago Revd Jones was one of the leading churchmen of the late 18th century. He was a chaplain to the Bishop of Norwich, and in 1775 was elected Fellow of the Royal Society. In 1777 he obtained the Perpetual Curacy of Nayland, (no, I don't know either!!). Revd Jones wrote over 40 books on theology as well as poems and hymns. He is buried in the church.



Our other VIP is of course John Constable who was born 250 years ago. There have been a number of events both nationally and locally to celebrate this and a concert of music and readings was held as part of our church's unique position in having a John Constable painting displayed where it was commissioned to be - as the altarpiece. The picture, 'Christ Blessing the Bread and Wine' was painted by Constable at the request of his aunt who lived in the village, and was installed in the church in 1810.

A large 'congregation' enjoyed a performance by the Marenzio Singers, which included a hymn by William Jones, the first time perhaps that the piece had been heard in Nayland church for over 250 years. John Constable's early life and the story of the altar painting was narrated by Peter Drew and Barbara Rowe, and pre-show drinks and interval refreshment was provided by the famous 'Friends Bar'!

A great many thanks to all who made this event a success and raised £470 for the 'Friends'. A further £300 was raised for the Singsobear Parkinson's Group charity.



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

PC 1293 Niall Johnson, Hadleigh Community Police Officer

www.suffolk.police.uk

cpt.ipswichwest@suffolk.police.uk for the attention of PC 1293 Niall Johnson at Hadleigh

It is with regret that I will not be able to provide future police updates for the NwW Community Times. Crime figures can always be found on the Suffolk Police website here – www.suffolk.police.uk, search your area then look at the "Crime map" section, but they can be a couple of months behind.

Recent changes mean that officers within the Ipswich West Community Policing Team (which I am part of), are now responsible for investigating shop theft offences. This has led to a significant increase in investigative work and court file preparation for the team, mostly for Ipswich theft from shop offences, reducing the time I have available for some community policing activities.

While I remain committed to supporting Nayland and the wider community, these additional responsibilities mean I am currently unable to continue contributing to the newsletter. I will continue with social media posts when there are significant local things to post about, so look out for news on the 'Hadleigh and East Babergh Police' Facebook page. Also, please sign up for Suffolk Connected here - www.suffolkconnected.org.uk – as you will get important police related news, advice, and alerts from that as well.

CLASSES & GROUPS HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL

MONDAYS:

2pm Table Tennis, 5pm Soccer School (*term time*)
6.30pm Clubbercise

TUESDAYS:

9.15 Pilates, 3pm Pickleball, 6pm Fitness Class

WEDNESDAYS:

9.15 Baby Massage & Yoga

THURSDAYS:

3pm Pickleball, 6pm Zumba Class

FRIDAYS:

9.30am Baby & Toddler Group (*term time*)

SATURDAYS: 8am Yoga

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



GoStart provides vital, low-cost transport services to those who, for reasons of age, poor health, disability or isolation find they are restricted from leading a normal life in Sudbury and surrounding villages. We also travel further afield including to hospitals and other medical facilities in Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich and Colchester.

GoStart vehicles provide access to doctors' surgeries, clinics, friends, opticians, shopping and other local journeys in and around Sudbury, between 9.15am and 4.45pm.

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

Call us on 01787 242116
between 9am–4pm on weekdays



THE VILLAGE LUNCH

Terry Bannister 262454 Gale Scott 262061

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

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

The format as usual; 11.45am for the talk at 12 followed by lunch at 1pm. A two course lunch will be served and please bring your own drinks. Tickets are £15 and will be available from 6th September until 4th October at Mill Street Store & Deli (cash only) or from Terry Bannister 01206 262454 or Gale Scott 01206 262061.

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



ST JAMES' CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGING TEAM

Jeannette Finch 262993 Rose Cottage, Fen Street

Many compliments have been expressed about the beautiful flowers in the church. This has particularly been the case this year as St James has hosted a number of weddings with one more to come this autumn. While not all couples require us to provide flowers or additional displays ahead of a wedding we always decorate the church with suitable colour combinations.

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

CALLING THOSE WITH AN INTEREST IN FLOWER ARRANGING

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



ST JAMES' CHURCH NAYLAND

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

Our regular pattern of services continues at St James including the well supported Family Service held every third Sunday. This year is seeing a number of weddings and baptisms.

The Wednesday Coffee Morning is a popular social gathering; all are very welcome to join us from 10am to 12 noon. During the summer heatwave sitting inside where it was cooler has been more popular than enjoying the tranquility of the churchyard because it was so very hot outside!

The Rector's *Thank You Party* on the afternoon of 15th August was an enjoyable social gathering. Likewise, the '*Evening Constable*' concert of 18th and 19th century music and readings featuring the Marenzio Singers on 4th September was successful. The event celebrated to 250th anniversary of the birth of John Constable and told the story of 'our' painting in St James. The Suffolk Churches sponsored Ride and Stride was held on Saturday 12th September; Chris Hunt who was one of those participating and visited 15 of Suffolk's churches.

As we move into autumn we think about the Harvest Festival service which will be held during our Family Service on 18th October at 10am.

The working party for an **autumn tidy of the churchyard** will be held on Saturday 24th October 9am to noon. Helpers are welcome. It's a sociable morning and refreshments are served. The regular mowing team do a grand job, but the group of churchyard volunteers do need some extra help. If you feel you could help with a bit of churchyard maintenance please do come along.

Looking further ahead, on 31st October the annual **Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning** will be held at 10am in the Church Hall. That afternoon **from 5pm** come along to see **St James in candlelight** and relax after the excitement of trick or treat. Refreshments will be available.

On Sunday 8th November the **Remembrance Sunday** commemorations begin at the War Memorial Wiston (10am), then at the War Memorial Nayland (10.45am) with a two-minute silence followed at 11am by a service in St James' Church. David Wiles is our standard bearer, following Kathy Hunt's retirement from the role. Kathy will be leading the Remembrance Service following the retirement of David Pryor as Lay Reader.

On Wednesday 11th November we meet for **Armistice Day** at 11am at Nayland War Memorial in the High Street.

The Parochial Church Council is still in need of another churchwarden to share the role with Kathy, so, if anyone fancies helping do please get in touch.

Finally, the churchyard is well used as a shortcut, resting place and dog walk, but please clear up after your dog.

St James' Church requires a volunteer

CHURCH WARDEN

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

Contact Kathy Hunt on 262014 or kath12hunt@gmail.com



NAYLAND ART GROUP

Kathryn Niven 07867 878443 nivenkathryn@gmail.com

By the time you are reading this, we should be back in the swing of the Autumn term. Primarily (though not exclusively) a watercolour and drawing group, we are always happy for new people to come along and try us out/ join us and we have spare materials available for anyone who would like to have a go before committing to the expense of buying them.

In July, we were given a very kind donation of lots of art materials by the family of a Nayland resident who had passed away for which we are very grateful. We have a couple of tutors who work with us some weeks but, much of the time, we follow our own ideas and projects. We find it very helpful to have a dedicated time once a week when life doesn't 'get in the way' and everyone is very helpful and encouraging.

We meet on Wednesday afternoon's (2-4 pm) in the church hall; please email for more information.



COLOURED PENCIL ART GROUP

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

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

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

Please contact Mary - details above - for more information.



NAYLAND CHOIR

Reg Charity No 1216038



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

www.naylandchoir.org

It seems a long time ago now but, in mid July, the choir held a Come and Sing 'Musical Postcards' event in the village hall where we had a day of singing a whole range of songs on a travel theme, from English folk songs all the way to the moon! Our musical director, Emma Bishton, led the day with our regular accompanist, Mary Blanchard, playing for us. We had a really good turnout of existing choir members along with people from other choirs and none and it was lovely to be able to sing together.

We even made a few new recruits and we are now rehearsing for our next concert, 'Luminous Night', which will be held in the village hall on Sunday 6th December at 4pm. 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 piano. We'll be offering mulled wine and mince pies to all and tickets will be available via a link on our website.

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 and, 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 start rehearsals in January for the next concert.



NAYLAND COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Team Leader: Adam Lunn
Adam.Lunn@eastamb.nhs.uk 0345 601 3733 (non emergency switchboard)



The group spent four enjoyable days at the Bures Music Festival with the engagement stall. We wish to thank the organisers for being such great hosts and for having us back for our second year. The not-for-profit event has been incredibly generous to us in recent years, providing funding as well as giving us a platform to connect with our local community and teach CPR and defibrillator use.

We are pleased to welcome Kevin and Rachel to our group. Kevin is an experienced CFR who will increase our coverage towards the west of our area and has already completed some shifts since starting with us, while Rachel joins us as a new beginner following our ongoing recruitment campaign and is based in Bures.

We are constantly recruiting, so please get in touch if you are interested in volunteering for us as a CFR.

CPR TRAINING COURSES IN OCTOBER

This October we will be holding several FREE Basic Life Support (BLS) sessions in our community to coincide with Restart a Heart Day.

Book by scanning the QR code or emailing adam.lunn@eastamb.nhs.uk

- **Tuesday 6th October:** Church Hall, Bear Street, Nayland, 6:30pm
- **Wednesday 21st October:** Nayland Village Hall, 6:30pm
- **Saturday 24th October:** Bures Community Centre, 10:30 and 1:30pm.

July and August numbers; 591 hours booked on duty. 9 calls attended. 4 days at an event.





NAYLAND SURGERY NEWS

Maxine Roberts, Reception Team Leader / HCA
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Facebook: Creffield Medical Group



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

AUTUMN AT THE SURGERY

This is always a busy time at the Surgery with our **Flu Clinics**. All patients (including house bound patients) will be invited to attend.

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

ADULT FLU CLINICS:

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

VACCINATIONS

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

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

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS:

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



VILLAGE PLAYERS

www.villageplayers.co.uk



Chair: Emma Wallis 07942 778536 emmawallis369@gmail.com

The Village Players have had a busy September!

On Sunday 11th September, members attended the North Essex Theatre Guild Annual Awards Night. We were delighted to receive six nominations for our productions of *Flare Path* and *The Village Hall*, including a Best Actor nomination for Charlie Erith.

With more than 350 productions taking place across North Essex, the competition was incredibly strong, so we were thrilled to come away with the **Technical Achievement Award for *Flare Path***. Congratulations to all our nominees - in our eyes, you're all winners!

On Sunday 13th September, it was time for our annual summer BBQ. The weather may have been a little damp, but it certainly didn't dampen our spirits and a lovely time was had by all.

At the time of writing, rehearsals have just begun for our autumn production of '*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*'. It's still early days, but we already think it's going to be a good 'un!

Performances will be on Thursday 3rd December, Friday 4th December and Saturday 5th December. Tickets will go on sale in October. For more details and to buy tickets see www.villageplayers.co.uk

If you'd like to get involved with The Village Players, either on stage or backstage, we'd love to hear from you, email naylandvillageplayers@gmail.com.





Woodland Corner

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Manager: Cheryl Leeks 263054
www.woodlandcorner.co.uk

Registered Charity
No. 1168815



Our Summer Holiday clubs were well attended, and we were pleased that some of our pre-school children came with older siblings that had not been to Woodland Corner before. The children interacted and collaborated building towers and assault courses, and enjoyed the "dance off" and creative activities.

Our team have been busy preparing the setting for the new academic year and we are looking forward to another exciting term ahead. We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new children and families, as well as welcoming back all of our returning families. We are really pleased with how well everyone has settled in.

Our preschool children have been busy getting to know their new surroundings, making new friends and becoming familiar with our daily routines. For some of our children, this is their very first experience of being away from their parents and carers, and we are incredibly proud of how confidently they are beginning their Woodland Corner journey.

Forest School sessions have started on Tuesday mornings with Anna, our Forest School teacher. The children have been really enjoying spending time outdoors, exploring the natural environment and taking part in a range of Forest School activities. These sessions provide wonderful opportunities for the children to build confidence, independence, curiosity and teamwork while learning through hands-on experiences in the outdoors.

This term we are looking forward to lots of opportunities for learning through play, both indoors and outside. Our children will be exploring the changing season, enjoying creative activities, stories, songs and physical play, as well as developing their independence, communication and friendships.

Our breakfast and after-school clubs continue to provide wraparound care for children attending Nayland Primary School.

This term, Deborah has taken on the new role of Activity Coordinator for our school-aged children. Deborah will be planning lots of new and exciting activities for the children to enjoy, both inside and outside. We are looking forward to offering an even wider variety of activities and opportunities for the children to explore their interests, be creative, keep active and, most importantly, have fun with their friends.

We are very pleased to announce that, over the summer, new acoustic panels/rafts were installed and suspended from the ceiling at Woodland Corner. They have already made a noticeable difference to the noise levels within the setting, helping to create a calmer and more comfortable environment for our children and staff.

We would like to say a huge thank you to NwW Community and Parish councils for grants and everyone who supported our fundraising to help make this possible. We are extremely grateful for the support we continue to receive from our local community.

As Woodland Corner is a committee-run setting, our families play an important part in supporting the continued success of our provision. Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30pm at Woodland Corner. All Woodland Corner families are warmly invited and very welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to hear more about Woodland Corner, what we have achieved over the past year and our plans for the year ahead.

OPEN DAY ON FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

If you're interested in the facilities we provide, do come and see us for yourself. We're holding an **Open Morning on Friday 23rd October**, 9.30-midday, - see page 15.



FRIENDS OF WISTON CHURCH

Chairman: Simon Empson 01206 460250
Treasurer: Julian Baker 01206 262653

Email: wistonfriends@gmail.com
Registered Charity No 1158565

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.



NAYLAND BABY & TODDLER GROUP

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



The Nayland Baby and Toddler Group resumed sessions for the autumn term on 25th September.

We will be enjoying tricycle obstacle courses, mini football practice, autumn crafts and sensory play. Safe mum and baby area for tiny babies as well as a wide variety of activities always available for toddlers. The session ends with a brief musical instrument and rhyme time

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 autumn term are: October 2nd, 9th & 16th; November 13th, 20th & 27th; December 4th.



YOUTH CLUB

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

It's great to see so many young people enjoying youth club!

Numbers have risen dramatically so we are looking for some new leaders to join our friendly team.

The club runs on the second Friday of every month in the village hall at 7:30-9pm. Please get in touch with Helen (details above) if you would like to help.

From next month we will operate a pre-booking system to ensure we have the correct ratio of leaders to young people - details will be emailed to parents. We're looking forward to some fun Autumn activities!

We meet on the second Friday of every month at Nayland village hall - the next dates will be 9th October and 13th November.



Family@Nayland

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It's wonderful to welcome people of all ages to our family service! We hold the family service on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 10am in St James'.

In August we were joined by the Thompson family to celebrate their baptisms and we made a jigsaw of our church to remember we are all need to 'live together in unity' as God's church. In September we learnt about the labourers in the vineyard and had a fun quiz to help us learn that 'those who are last will be first and those who are first will be last'.

Our next services will be Harvest Festival on 18th October and family service on 15th November.



ST JAMES' CHURCH DONATIONS

Kevin Walsh, St James' Church, PCC

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!





NAYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OUR YEAR OF POSSIBILITY

As September settles into autumn, Nayland Primary School has begun the new year with real energy and a theme to match. We've chosen "Our Year of Possibility" to guide the months ahead, and it's already showing in our classrooms, corridors, and increasingly, beyond our gates.

Our youngest pupils have made a wonderful start.

Watching them arrive nervous and unsure in the first week, then settle into confident, curious members of our school family by the third, is one of the great joys of this job. Huge credit goes to their teachers and TAs, whose patience and warmth make that transition feel effortless from the outside, even though we know how much care goes into it.

"Possibility" is already taking shape beyond our own walls, too. We were delighted to welcome the Nayland Conservation Society for an early visit this term, and our staff have since taken a walk across Nayland Meadow, gathering ideas for how we might use this beautiful space to inspire outdoor learning across the curriculum. Last year, our house captains visited the Nayland coffee morning, and we're already looking forward to going along again this year.

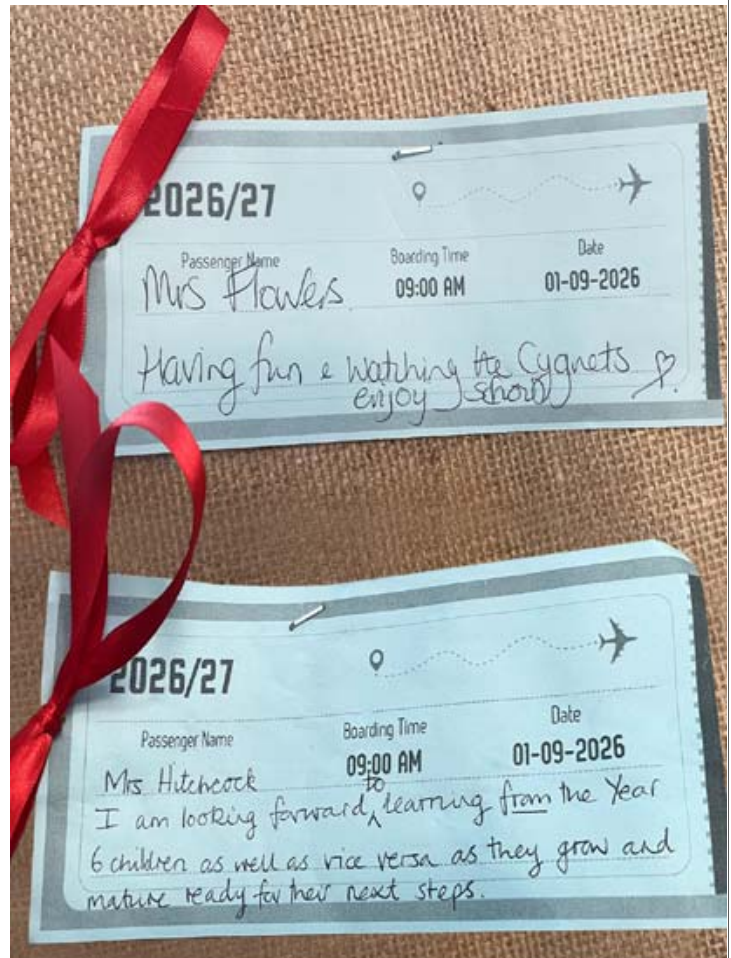
This is all part of a wider push to get out into the heart of the village. More visits, more shared projects, more chances for Nayland to see what our children are capable of, and for us to learn from the community around us.

What could this year hold? New partnerships, fresh events, unexpected collaborations, we genuinely don't know yet, and that's exactly what makes it exciting. You can see from some of the photos in this article the possibilities our staff were already hoping for at the start of the academic year.

OPEN DAY ON FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

If you're a prospective parent curious about life at Nayland Primary, do come and see us for yourself. We're holding an **Open Day on Friday 23rd October**, 9.30–11.30am, - see *page 15* - which is a chance to look around, meet the staff and children, and get a real feel for our school.

If you have ideas, connections, or would simply like to get involved with the school this year, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch, let's make some possibilities happen together.



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.





VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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

Chairman: Iain Wright 263646 Secretary: Christine Thompson 262825
naylandvillagehall@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER MEETING

MATTERS ARISING & HOUSEKEEPING BOOK

- The calendar for September was emailed to the VHMC.
- The quarterly inspection of the hall will be carried out.
- The boiler will be serviced.
- The annual Health & Safety Report will be carried out.
- The September fire checks have been carried out.
- Following the recommendations of a fire safety report, more signage will be placed in the hall and an evacuation chair will be placed in the meeting room.

MAINTENANCE

- The hall floor will be resurfaced in September. The hall will be closed for this from 14th -20th September.
- A skip has been ordered for 13th September to remove unwanted items from the basement and the field store.
- The kitchen will be refurbished next year.
- The Parish Council will be given an estimate of the cost of the refurbishment of the kitchen.
- The ovens will be professionally cleaned on 19th September.
- The internal window in the meeting room will be replaced with one which will allow sound on the stage to be heard.
- The windows to the basement will be bricked up.
- The main hall will be repainted.
- A tree has fallen down in the hall gardens. The Parish Council will be asked to deal with this.
- The driveway to the hall needs to be cleared of foliage and the area around the hall bins.
- The side path will be paved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- The Village Hall accounts have been audited.
- 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 will be made to UK Power Networks.
- The hall should have a modest surplus by the end of the year.

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.

COLLECTION OF KEYS

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

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.

BOOKINGS

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

ROOF REPLACEMENT

- The National Lottery requested final information and photos of the completed works. A plaque thanking the National Lottery will be placed in the hall.
- The building regulations will be signed off and a new planning application has been made as the arrangement of the solar cells differed from the original drawings.

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.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next VHMC meeting **Monday 5th October** at 7.30pm.

The Autumn Garden Working Party will take place on Saturday 17th October at 9am

The Village Hall Management Committee would very much appreciate new members

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

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

The Village Players present
SNOW WHITE and the Seven Dwarfs
 Directed by Emma Wallis & Jim Bond
 TICKETS ON SALE 1ST OCTOBER
 Thursday 3rd December
 Friday 4 December
 Saturday 5th December
 at
 Nayland Village Hall
 For more info: villageplayers.co.uk

NAYLAND WEATHER SUMMARY: July & August 2026 by David Lowe

July was a record month for warmth, rain (lack of it) and, perhaps surprisingly, wind.

Mean temperature was 20.9 (1.07) next highest 20 in 2018 while highest was 34.4 (30.53) next highest 34.2 in 2025.

There were no days when 15 wasn't reached. (Over 19 years there never have been in July). There was only 1 day when 20 wasn't reached (4.89). 25 days were over 25 (9.37) a record with 4 over 30 (0.95) beaten by 2018 with 6.

Bright sun hours were 372 (242.44) again a record with solar energy at 14500 Ly (12941) behind 2018 with 16500 and 2013. This is a bit of a surprise.

Evapotranspiration was 147.5 mm, just behind 150 in 2018.

Rainfall was 0.2 mm (52.49) the lowest for any month over the 19 year record period.

Average wind speed was 5 mph (3.23) a record for July, but with no days over 30 mph (0.53). Highest daily average was 9.5 mph (6.83). This probably has something to do with the fact the wind direction was predominantly ENE, which gives us less shelter than a westerly.

.....and **August** rolled in as July rolled out – with lots of days of bright sunshine and high temperatures. However, a cooler spell came in mid-month, with rain (in small amounts)

recorded on 9 days from 18th. The 2.2 mm on the 18th was the first rain for 51 days, excepting 0.2 mm on July 26th.

However, this did not stop August breaking some heat records or stats related to heat.

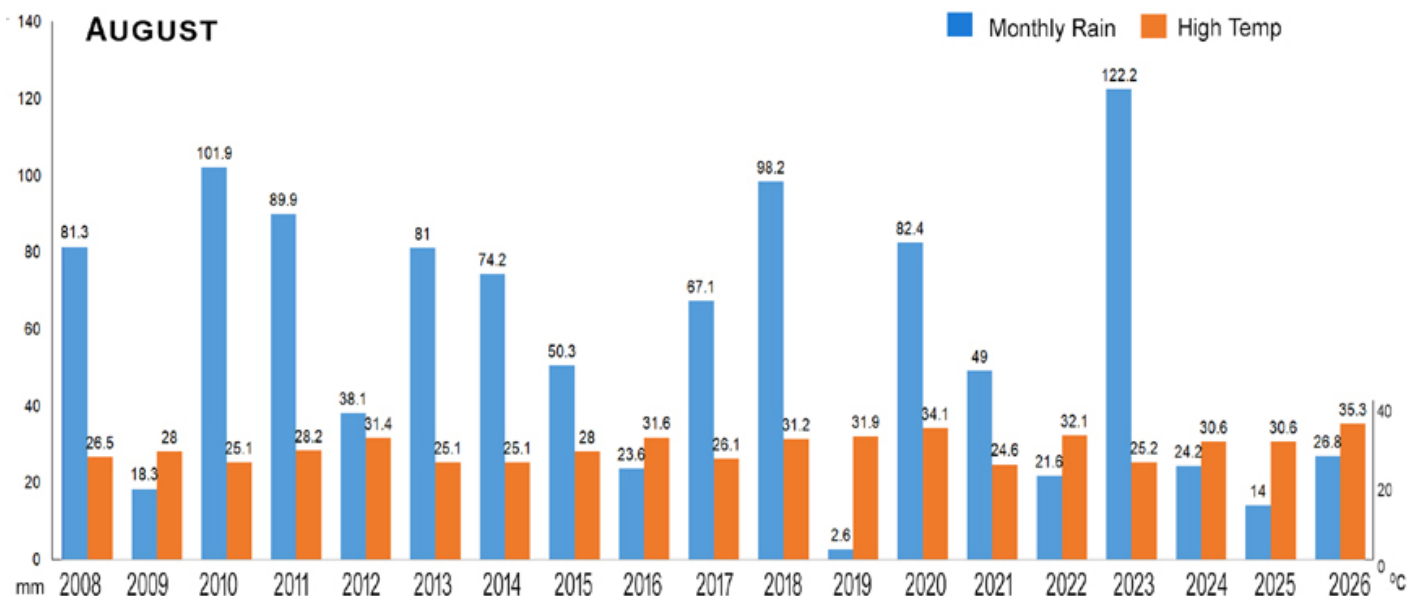
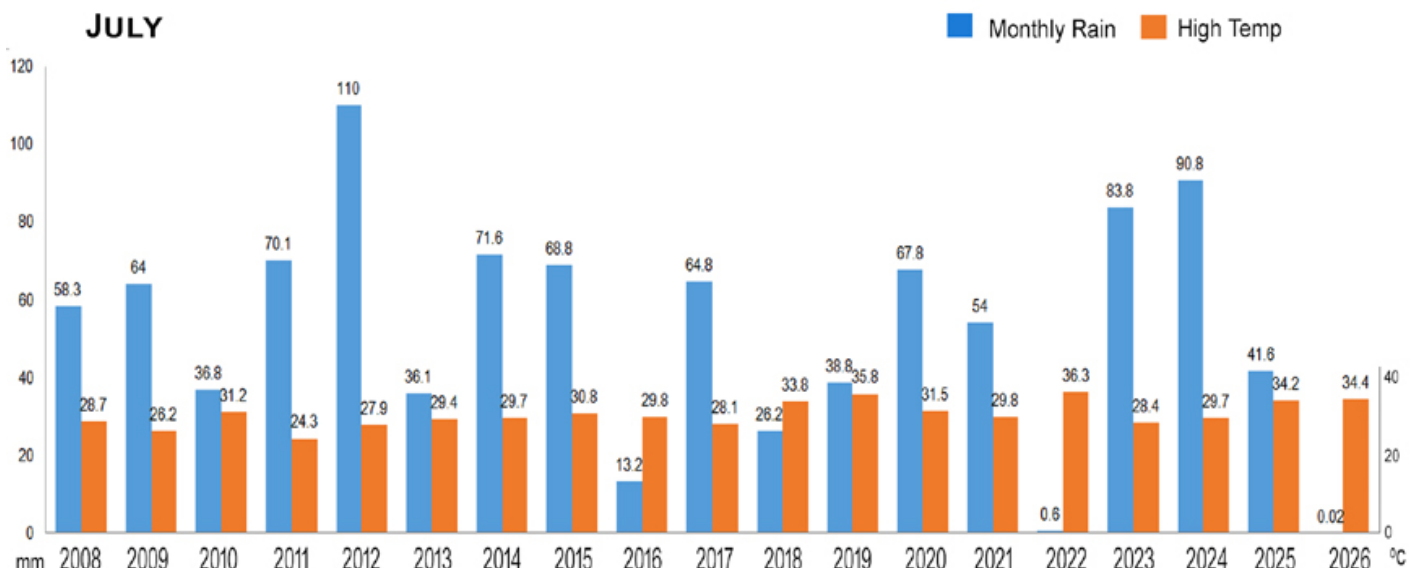
Mean temperature was 19.8°C – equal highest with 2022 (17.77°C). The highest temperature was 35.3°C – an August record – previous highest 34.1°C in 2020 (28.98). There were 5 days over 30°C (beaten only by 2020 at 6 (1.32) 15 over 25°C (beaten by 2022 with 16 – 2019 also had 15. There were no days when 20°C wasn't reached – equalled only by 2022 (5.32).

Bright sun hours were 325 (beaten only by 2009 with 330.7 and 2022 with 326) (307.58). Solar energy was 11750 Ly, beaten only by 2025 with 12500, 2022 with 11875 and 2019 with 122500 (10760). ET at 119 mm was a record (92.84).

Monthly rainfall was 26.8 mm (6 months lower) (56.14). There were no August storms – indeed, it is a while since we had one. Highest rainfall rate was 66.2mm/hr (106.41) and there were no days with 10mm of rain (1.74).

Average wind strength was 4 mph (3.18) and highest daily average was 7.3 mph (6.61). there were no gusts exceeding 10 mph (0.79). The dominant wind direction was ESE.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES & MONTHLY RAIN: JULY & AUGUST 2008 - 2026



NAYLAND SLOWER SHOWS IN THE PAST

The recent Flower Show was once again a very colourful and sociable event much enjoyed by gardeners and non-gardeners alike. It continues to be one of the highlights of the year.

The earliest record I have seen of flower shows in Nayland is in an old Sports Committee minute book of 1898 which used to be in the Parish Council's archives until it was deposited in the Suffolk Record Office. The minutes state that the committee met at the White Hart in May 1898 and arrangements were made for the 4th Annual Flower Show, Sports and Fair to be held in Nayland on Webb's Meadow, at that time owned by Mr Cuddon, the Nayland brewer. The flower show was to be housed in a tent (the village hall was never even dreamt of in those days).

Some years ago I was pleased to be given two schedules for the shows in 1912 and 1913 by which time the event was organised by the Nayland with Wissington Horticultural Society. The day still included sports and a fair and old photographs show hundreds of spectators. It looked as though the whole village had turned out to enjoy themselves. In 1912 the event took place on Wednesday 21st August. Before statutory Bank Holiday Mondays were introduced in 1871 community holidays were decided locally through the church, employers, schools etc. By 1971 the August Bank Holiday on the last Monday of the month was recognised nationwide.

The minute book records that the annual sports and show were abandoned in 1914 and 1915, because of the start of the war. No further meetings were recorded until 1919. However, on the 19th July 1919 the Peace Day celebrations took place with processions, fireworks and bonfire, sports and much rejoicing, but it seems no flower show on this occasion. After the war life gradually got back to normal, the annual sports day, flower show and fair resumed.

Comparing the old schedules with those of recent years it is interesting to see that in many ways the format is very similar but reading them gives a glimpse into a different life style in the early part of the 20th century before the war.

Division A was open to "Gentlemen's Gardeners and other Residents (Not Nurserymen) in Suffolk and Essex" while Division B was open to "Gardeners and all Residents in Nayland and Wiston employing not more than two Gardeners". Division C was open to "Artisans and Labourers". At some point these class distinctions were obviously dropped.

In 1913 the most intriguing item was in Division D, open to Nayland School children. This division included classes for Nosegays of wild flowers and grasses but Class 58 was for the "Largest number of dead Queen Wasps, to be destroyed by the Committee after the Show". The first prize was 5/-. This was a new class introduced in 1913 and I wonder how the committee could possibly have agreed this was a good idea!

Classes for all the usual vegetable and flowers were listed although our HortSoc these days doesn't include Mangolds (mangoldwurzels) in their schedule or even Kohl Rabi. The princely sum of 7/6 could be won for 6 of these or 10/6 for the best 6 specimens if grown from the seed of King & Sons of Coggeshall. More generous prizes were also sponsored by other seed companies with the condition that the entrants had to display the empty seed packets to prove they had used their seeds.

There was a class for "Dinner Table Decorations" open to Ladies Only when plants, flowers, glass or drapery were allowed on a Plain Table 5 ft x 3 ft

1912 Schedule for Flower Show

1912 Show ticket

(provided) but not dessert silver, electro plate or cutlery. There was an Open class for "One pound of Dairy Butter", classes for a "Two Pound Jar of Run Honey" and a "One Pound Section of Honey".

Classes for Needlework, included a White Petticoat, Specimen Buttonhole and Darning for the older children; a White Pinafore, Specimen Herringbone Darning for younger children and a Hemmed Handkerchief for the youngest. Another class open to Women and Girls over 14 ("not Dressmakers") was a Pair of Men's Knitted Socks and the "Best Garment made from old material".

In 1913 as part of the Show there was an Allotment Competition

when 8 prizes ranging from 1/- to 7/- were presented by the Rev W T Farmiloe for the neatest and best cultivated Allotment. At that time the Allotment Field was still owned by the Church.

The current Horticultural Society have been successfully running their Flower Show since the 1980s. These days classes for cookery, crafts and photography have been added to the schedule and there is now a wonderful array of cups to be won. Thankfully there is no longer a class for collecting dead wasps.

Wendy Sparrow, Parish Recorder

NAYLAND FLOWER SHOW 2026



Our 44th Annual Flower Show on 1st August was a very successful event, attracting a large number of residents and visitors. On the day, the village hall looked stunning, so thank you to all those who participated.

We received 331 entries this year with 64 people entering the Show (more than last year), which was a brilliant result. There were only a few sections out of the possible 85 classes that did not receive any entries.

It was great to see our loyal regular exhibitors once again, as well as a number of new exhibitors.

Despite difficult growing conditions this year, the vegetable sections were well supported. We had a pleasing number of children entering the Show, (over 30 entries) all of a very high standard.

It was good to see so many visitors in the afternoon who came along to view the entries, to enjoy the refreshments

Section 1 (Open) Vegetables – (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

Five potatoes, white	Heather Sears, Trevor Smy, Mo Elnaggar
Five potatoes, colour	Trevor Smy, Douglas Pike, Sally Bartrum
Three carrots	Heather Sears, Sally Bartrum, Trevor Smy
Three beetroot	Trevor Smy, Sally Bartrum, Tina Stevens
Six runner beans	Sally Bartrum, Mo Elnaggar, Tina Stevens
Six French beans	Sally Bartrum, Douglas Pike, Trevor Smy
Three onions, seed	<i>No entries</i>
Three onions, sets	Sally Bartrum, Trevor Smy, Douglas Pike
Nine shallots	Douglas Pike, - -
Two lettuce	, Tina Stevens, -
Three chilli peppers	Robert Freeth, Trevor Smy, -
One pepper	Jane Barbrook, Robert Freeth, Alan Bennett
One marrow	Tina Stevens, Trevor Smy, Mo Elnaggar
Two cabbages	<i>No entries</i>
Three courgettes	Sally Bartrum, Tina Stevens, Mo Elnaggar
Five tomatoes	Trevor Smy, Mark Bakewell, Robert Freeth
Truss tomatoes	Trevor Smy, Andrew Gowen, Mark Bakewell
One cucumbers	Jane Barbrook, Tom Gardiner, Mark Bakewell
Any other vegetable	Darius Laws, Douglas Pike, Alan Bennett
Longest runner bean	Tina Stevens, Mark Bakewell, Trevor Smy
Vegetable collection	Sally Bartrum, Trevor Smy, Douglas Pike

Section 2 (Open) Fruit

Dish of soft fruit	Robert Feeth, Harold Miller, -
Dish of stone fruit	Andrew Gowen, Richard Cave, Liz Bennett
Dish of four apples	Lucy Carpenter, Mark Bakewell, Robert Freeth
Any other fruit	Harold Miller, Douglas Pike, Robert Freeth
Fruit collection	Harold Miller, - -

Flowers

Rose, 1 specimen	Sally Bramall, Chris Jacobs, Jo Edridge
Roses, 3 stems	Harold Miller, Chris Jacobs, Anne Spencer
Single rose, for scent	Pauline Margrett, Sally Bramall, Alan Bennett
Perennials	Pauline Margrett, Heather Sears, Alan Bennett
Annuals, 3 varieties	<i>No entries</i>
Annuals, 1 variety	Chris Jacobs, Liz Bennett, Alan Bennett
Pot plant, non-flowering	Jasper Bennett, Alan Bennett, Liz Bennett
Pot plant, flowering	Hazel Gardiner, - -
Orchid, flowering	Jane Barbrook, Liz Bennett, -
Fuchsia, bush	- , Liz Bennett, Alan Bennett
Asters	<i>No entries</i>
Cactus or succulent	Denise Hajduga, - , Jasper Bennett

Dahlias

Specimen, 1 bloom	Chris Jacobs, Pauline Margrett, Liz Bennett
Decorative, 3 blooms	Jo Eldridge, Chris Jacobs, Alan Bennett

Collection veg, fruit & flowers Sally Bartrum, Trevor Smy, Douglas Pike

CUP WINNERS

BERT HALLS MEMORIAL CUP - Trevor Smy

Highest points in Section 1 Vegetables (resident)

KENT BLAXILL CUP - Heather Sears

Highest points in Section 1 Vegetables (non-resident)

GEORGE GARDINER CUP - Sally Bartrum

Best collection of vegetables

RIX ONION CUP - Sally Bartrum

Best onion exhibit

OLIVE WILLINGALE CUP - Chris Jacobs

Highest points in Section 3 Flowers

WILLIAMS & GRIFFIN ROSE BOWL - TERRY BANNISTER & Chris Jacobs

Highest points in Section 5 Flower arranging

NORAH OWEN CUP - Chris Jacobs

Best Dahlia in show

JOHN OAKES CUP - Harriet Rix

Highest points in Section 6 Cookery

PETER SINGLETON TROPHY - Sally Bramall

Best rose in show

HUSSEY CUP - Pauline Margrett

Best Scented Rose in show

ELLEN DAWE CUP - Liz Bennett

Best photograph in Section 10 Photography

JOHN DYBLE MEMORIAL CUP - Liz Bennett

KERRIDGE CUP - Alan Bennett

Biggest home-grown disaster in the show

CREEMS CUP - Trevor Smy

Highest number of points in the show

SPENCER FAMILY CUP - Ward family

Highest number of points in the family section

SMY CUP - Julia Hammerscott

Highest number of points for children under 5 years

GENT CUP - Cara Rix

Highest number of points for children 5-9 years

SAWYER CUP - Paige Rix

Highest number of points for children 10-14 years

and to participate in the Raffle. Thank you for supporting us.

Our thanks to the judges, who did not have an easy job as the standard in some classes was very high. The vegetables, roses and cookery had a high number of entries, as did the photography section 'Reflections' which made judging difficult.

Dawn Harris presented prizes to the winners of the Parish Council's best kept allotment competition: 1st Inga Hurren; 2nd Tom Gardiner, 3rd Tom Le Her. Our thanks to Bryan Smith who very kindly came along to present our trophies.

Many thanks to the committee for all their hard work, to Sheila, Shirley and team for their efforts in the kitchen providing refreshments, and to

Floral Arrangements

Small arrangement	Terry Bannister, Chris Jacobs, Lucy Carpenter
Candlestick	- , Terry Bannister, -
Unusual container	Penny Allen, Darius Laws, Patricia Cave
Herbs	Chris Jacobs, - -
Foliage	Heather Sears, Kathryn Niven, -

Cookery

Marmalade	Jackie Grant, - , Mig Drew-Knight
Jam	Heather Sears, Angela Colclough, Harriet Rix
Fruit jelly	Jackie Grant, Sally Bartrum, Hazel Gardiner
Chutney	Harold Miller, Tina Stevens, Pauline Heigham
Other Preserve	<i>No entries</i>
Boiled fruit cake	Wendy Sparrow, Margaret Baker, Sally Bramall
Lemon Drizzle cake	Harriet Rix, Wendy Sparrow, Issy Smy
Chocolate sponge	Mig Drew-Knight, Mark Bakewell, Harriet Rix
Biscuits	Penny Allen, Sally Bramall, Simon Ward
Muffins	Harriet Rix, Issy Smy, Sally Bramall
Home-made sweets	Ezra Ward, Harriet Rix, Daisy Ward
Cheese scones	Wendy Sparrow, Liz Bennett, Paige Rix
White loaf	<i>No entries</i>
Naughty but nice	Tina Stevens, Simon Ward, Mark Bakewell

Crafts

Hand-knitting	Irene Turner, Sally Bartrum, Margaret Smy
Stitchcraft	Heather Sears, Harold Miller, Angela Colclough/Sally Bramall
Greeting card	Dianne Dent, Sally Bramall, Kathryn Niven
Drawing / painting	Heather Sears, Penny Allen, Pauline Margrett
Any other craft	Angela Colclough, Heather Sears, Jo Eldridge

Photography

Liz Bennett, Harold Miller, Alan Bennett

Fruit Liqueur

Rose Green, Sally Bramall, Harold Miller

Non Alcoholic

Jackie Grant, - , -

Home Grown Disasters

Alan Bennett, Mark Bakewell, Chris Jacobs

Family & Children's Section

Animal/person made from veg/fruit:

Ward Family, Harriet Rix, Alicia Hammerscott

Children under 5

'I grew this myself': Julia Hammerscott, - -

Drawing or Painting: Julia Hammerscott, - -

Decorated Fairy Cakes: *No entries*

Children under 5-9

'I grew this myself': Ezra Ward, Alicia Hammerscott, -

Drawing or Painting: Maximus Laws, Cara Rix, Alicia Hammerscott

Jar named wild flowers: Rosie Rix, - -

Fondant Creation: *No entries*

Decorated pebbles: Cara Rix, Rosie Rix, Arthur Laws

Decorated Fairy Cakes: Cara Rix, Rosie Rix, Maximus Laws

9 – 14 years

'I grew this myself': Daisy Ward, - -

Drawing or Painting: Daisy Ward/Paige Rix (joint), - -

Jar named wild flowers: Paige Rix, - -

Decorated Cup Cakes: Daisy Ward, Paige Rix, -

Decorated pebbles: Daisy Ward, Paige Rix, -

Photo: 'Favourite Animal' Paige Rix, Daisy Ward, -

Colin and Tina for manning the entry and produce tables. We must not forget our gallant band of helpers either who set up on Friday and dismantled after the Show.

Finally, a big thank you to all our entrants and we look forward to seeing you all next year on 7th August.





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CHURCH SERVICES: *September/October*

<u>Sunday 27th</u> <u>September</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.00pm	Pet Service	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evensong	Nayland
<u>Sunday 4th</u> <u>October</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	First Sunday Harvest F.	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke
<u>Sunday 11th</u> <u>October</u>	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Leavenheath
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nayland
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Stoke
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 18th</u> <u>October</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
	10.00am	Family Serv. Harvest F.	Nayland
	6.30pm	Evening Praise	Leavenheath VH
<u>Sunday 25th</u> <u>October</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
	4.30pm	Evensong	Nayland

CHURCH SERVICES: *November/December*

<u>Sunday 1st</u> <u>November</u>	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	4.00pm	Remembrance All Souls	Stoke
<u>Sunday 8th</u> <u>November</u>	6.30pm	<i>Ev. Prayer <u>Cancelled</u></i>	Stoke
	9.30am	Remembrance	Leavenheath
	10.00am	Remembrance	Wiston
	10.45am	Wreath Laying War Mem	Nayland
	 then	Remembrance	Nayland
<u>Sunday 15th</u> <u>November</u>	10.45am	Remembrance	Polstead
	 then	Wreath Laying	Stoke
	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Stoke
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Polstead
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Wiston
<u>Sunday 22nd</u> <u>November</u>	10.00am	Family Service	Nayland
	6.30pm	Evening Praise	Leavenheath VH
	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Wiston
	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Stoke
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Leavenheath
<u>Sunday 29th</u> <u>November</u>	4.30pm	Evensong	Nayland
	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Polstead
	10.00am	Benefice Service	Polstead
	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Nayland
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Wiston
<u>Sunday 6th</u> <u>December</u>	9.30am	First Sunday	Leavenheath VH
	11.15am	Holy Communion	Polstead
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Stoke

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

Weekly Pew Sheets & Reading

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

Weekday & Saturday Services

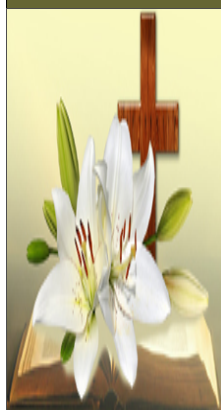
*The following services will be held in our churches **every** week unless indicated in the weekly pew sheet. Do join us in our weekday worship.*

Mondays:	8.30am	MP	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

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FROM THE REGISTERS



DEATHS

Susan Elkin
 Anthony 'Tony' Jordan

BURIAL OF ASHES

Maurice Harvey

BAPTISM

Charles, Vera & Heidi Thompson

MARRIAGES

Beth Pander & Toby Fox-Hammond
 Rebecca Elliott & William Carver

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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.

LEST WE FORGET

I have applied to the television show The Repair Shop for them to attend to my father's WWII bravery certificate. Father tried to save a man who had fallen overboard. He was awarded a certificate from the Royal Humane Society for his actions in 1942. The certificate has faded and I am hoping that The Repair Shop will attend to it.

World War II had ended only a few years before I was born and I well recall seeing legions of men marching with their medals to the local church for the Remembrance Day Services and of course the Royal British Legion was paramount amongst those former Servicemen and women.

My auntie for example would carry the banner for the women's section of the Royal British Legion on Remembrance Day.

Today very few of those fighting men from World War II are still with us but conflict seems never ending.

The fighting in Ukraine has been going on now nearly 5 years and shows no end in sight. The United States against Iran and Israel fighting Iran and Lebanon. I fail to understand why there should be such conflict. Why we seem unable to live in Peace with each other. The Lord calls for us to Love Our Neighbour but we seem unable to obey that command.

However the fallen still deserve our respect which is why every year we hold Remembrance Services to remember those who died in conflict past. We also pray for those who are still involved in conflict throughout the world and pray that such

conflicts will come to an end. So join us at our Services of Remembrance at your local church where you can truly say **We Will Remember Them.**

Lt Col (Retd) Jim Bond, Church Elder

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A heatwave, poor crop yields (with grapes perhaps being the exception), a hosepipe ban and dangerous field fires mean that the summer of 2026 is unlikely to be forgotten in a hurry. As a backbench councillor, I am part of a group that continues to support practical measures to protect Suffolk's environment. Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service deserves particular praise for its hard work in tackling the recent field fires.

Our group is also keeping a close eye on the council administration's claims of savings. Unfortunately, our efforts to ensure that supporting evidence is published alongside headline-grabbing savings figures were rejected at a recent Full Council meeting.

In Nayland and the surrounding villages, road defects continue to be inspected and repaired. Clearly the state of our roads isn't a Suffolk-only problem, and I do despair at the UK's inability to 'manage the basics'. I have impressed upon officers the importance of maintaining road markings, including ensuring that yellow lines remain visible rather than gradually fading away. I continue to receive correspondence from residents about how best to tackle speeding in the village. It seems that a blanket

20mph policy is neither universally popular nor particularly easy to enforce. Nevertheless, I remain open to hearing residents' views.

SUFFOLK AWARDED OVER £½ MILLION FOR BUS STUDY

Suffolk County Council has secured £564,000 from the Department for Transport (DfT) to carry out a full feasibility study into bus franchising across the county.

Suffolk is among the first rural councils to explore whether greater public control over routes, fares and service standards could improve outcomes for passengers.

Franchising would allow the council to determine where services operate, how frequently they run and what fares are charged.

The study will include consultation with residents, bus operators, local councils, businesses and other stakeholders.

SCC PLANS £18.9 MILLION INVESTMENT TO EXPAND SEND

A report to Cabinet in July recommended allocating £18.9 million of government High Needs Capital Funding to expand specialist SEND (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) provision across Suffolk between 2026 and 2030.

Alongside dealing with day-to-day casework and helping residents find the right support I remain concerned about both the damage being caused to our ancient country lanes and the safety of residents, cyclists, and pedestrians. That is why I did not hesitate to support the introduction of 7.5-tonne weight restrictions on some of our lanes.

I wish I had £1 for every time I have been contacted about wheele bins. In truth, until local government is reorganised, waste collection remains the responsibility of your District Council. I must admit I miss the simpler days when we had one bin collected every week. Any feedback on the new collection system should be directed to your District Councillor, although I would also be very interested to hear your views.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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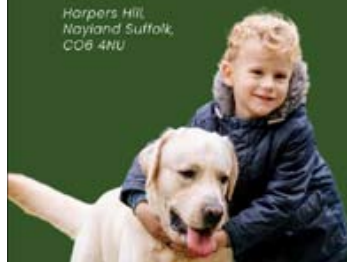
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Great Cornard School																	
Nayland Surgery	0644	0753	0812	0815	0819	0828	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0921	0930	0940	0940
Nayland A134	0653	0756	0815	0819	0828	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0921	0930	0940	0940
Cordelia Drive Myland	0655	0756	0815	0819	0828	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0921	0930	0940	0940
Colchester Hospital Path	0659	0803	0819	0828	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0921	0930	0940	0940
Colchester North Station	0703	0807	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0921	0930	0940	0940
Colchester High Street	0703	0807	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0921	0930	0940	0940
Norman Way Schools	0703	0807	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0825	0921	0930	0940	0940
Monday to Saturday	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	43 M-F	42 M-F	42 M-F	42 M-F	42 M-F
Norman Way Schools	0725	0835	0935	0940	0943	0946	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0955	1000	1004	1006
Colchester Head Street	0730	0840	0940	0943	0946	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0955	1000	1004	1006
Colchester North Station	0734	0843	0943	0946	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0955	1000	1004	1006
Colchester Hospital Path	0737	0846	0946	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0955	1000	1004	1006
Cordelia Drive Myland	0747	0856	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0955	1000	1004	1006
Nayland Surgery	0747	0856	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0956	0955	1000	1004	1006
Nayland A134	0830	0940	1040	1043	1046	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1015	1025	1030	1036
Great Cornard School	0830	0940	1040	1043	1046	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1056	1015	1025	1030	1036
Sudbury Bus Station	0842	0948	1048	1048	1048	1048	1048	1048	1048	1048	1048	1048	1048	1015	1025	1030	1036

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ST. JAMES' CHURCH HALL HIRE CHARGES (from 1 September 2022)

Hourly Rates	£ 8.00
Residents and village societies	£12.00
Non-residents	

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

Bookings: online at www.naylandandwiston.net
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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	
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SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026

Autumn Term begins: 1 September
Autumn Half Term: 26– 30 October
Autumn Term ends: 18 December

USEFUL WEBSITES

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

Useful local social media group sites:

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

LOCAL INFORMATION

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Doctors Surgery

Primary School
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Woodland Corner

& Nayland Playgroup
Baby & Toddler Group
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Church Hall
Royal British Legion
Womens Institute
Village Cinema
Table Tennis Club
Coloured Pencil Art Group

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VILLAGE DIARY

Weekly on	Mondays: Table Tennis 2pm-4pm Village Hall <i>page 24</i> Tuesday: Handbell Ringing: 1.30pm Church Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 28</i> Wednesdays: Coffee, Cake & Conversation 10am St James <i>page 9 & 29</i> Fridays: Art Group 2pm-4pm Church Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 30</i> Baby & Toddler Group 9.30pm Village Hall (<i>term time</i>) <i>page 14 & 33</i>
September	
25th	Village Cinema: <i>'The Devil Wears Prada 2'</i> open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 27</i>
26th	Conservation Society: Hedghog Access Public Meeting 10am Village Hall <i>page 1, 3 & 25</i>
29th	Nayland Handbells: an afternoon of bell music with Colchester Bellringers in St James 1.30-3pm <i>page 28</i>
30th	Woodland Corner: AGM 7.30pm at Woodland Corner <i>page 32</i>
October	
1st	Nayland Surgery: Flu Clinic <i>page 31</i>
2nd	Lizzie's Fund: Coffee & Cake Morning 10am-12 noon 82 Bear Street <i>page 15</i>
5th	Village Hall Management Committee: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room <i>page 35 & 47</i>
6th	First Responders: CPR Training 6.30pm Church Hall <i>page 18 & 30</i>
7th	Village Lunch: <i>'Gainsborough House'</i> 11.45 for 12 Village Hall <i>page 15 & 29</i>
8th	Women's Institute: Jim Bond <i>'My Later Army Life'</i> 10am Church Hall <i>page 26</i>
9th	Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall <i>page 14 & 33</i>
10th	Community Litterpick: meet 1.30pm at Village Hall <i>page 11</i>
12th	Royal British Legion: meeting Paul White <i>Commonwealth War Graves Commission'</i> <i>page 27</i>
13th	Conservation Society: <i>'Witches and Witchfinders'</i> Prof Alison Rowlands 7.15pm Village Hall <i>page 15 & 25</i>
14th	Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room & by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>
18th	Nayland Harvest Festival with Family Service 10am St James Church <i>page 20 & 41</i>
17th	Village Hall: Autumn Garden Working Party from 9am <i>page 13 & 35</i>
21st	First Responders: CPR Training 6.30pm Church Hall <i>page 18 & 30</i>
23rd	Nayland School & Woodland Corner Open Morning 9.30am-11.30 <i>pages 15, 32 & 34</i>
24th	St James' Churchyard: Autumn Working Party from 9am <i>page 13 & 29</i>
25th	CLOCKS FALL BACK
28th	Community Council: meeting Church Hall 8pm (<i>Exec 7.30pm</i>) <i>page 8 & 47</i>
30th	Village Cinema: <i>'Is This Thing On?'</i> open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 27</i>
31st	Royal British Legion: Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning 10am-noon Church Hall <i>page 12 & 27</i>
31st	St James' Church: Light Stop (<i>quiet time by candlelight with refreshments</i>) from 5pm <i>page 29</i>
November	
2nd	Village Hall Management Committee: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room <i>page 35 & 47</i>
5th	Community Council: Bonfire & Fireworks 6.30 for 7pm Village Hall Playing Field <i>page 8 & 10</i>
8th	Remembrance Sunday: War Memorial Wiston (10am), Nayland (10.45am) followed by service in St James' <i>page 27 & 29</i>
10th	Conservation Society: <i>'Angels and Demons'</i> Sarah Doig 7.15pm Village Hall <i>page 16 & 25</i>
11th	Royal British Legion: Armistice Day 11am War Memorial High Street <i>page 27 & 29</i>
11th	Parish Council: meeting 7.30pm Village Hall committee room & by Zoom <i>page 2 & 47</i>
12th	Women's Institute: <i>'St Helena Hospice'</i> 10am Church Hall <i>page 26</i>
13th	Nayland Youth Club: 7.30pm-9pm Village Hall <i>page 14 & 33</i>
23rd	Royal British Legion: AGM <i>'Experiences as the son of a Prime Minister'</i> Michael Callaghan <i>page 27</i>
27th	Village Cinema: <i>'The Christophers'</i> open 6pm, screening 7.30pm Village Hall <i>page 18 & 27</i>
December	
1st	Community Council: Christmas Trail Advent Windows open each day <i>page 1, 8 & 11</i>
3rd-5th	Village Players: Panto Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs <i>page 31 & 35</i>
5th	Community Council: Christmas Fayre 10am-12.30pm Village Hall <i>page 8 & 12</i>
6th	Nayland Choir winter concert 3.30 for 4pm Village Hall <i>page 16 & 30</i>
24th	Community Council: Father Christmas will be touring Nayland at 2pm <i>page 8</i>

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