

SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY 4th JUNE Olde Tyme Music Hall. 7.30 for 8.00pm Village Hall. Tickets £1.25  
 SUNDAY 5th JUNE Royal Jubilee Service 11.00am United Reformed Church. 6.30pm St. James.  
 TUESDAY 7th Parade and Fancy Dress 2.00pm from Harpers Estate 2.45pm Judging in Village Centre. 3.30pm Childrens Tea. 8.00-11.00pm Folk Dance Street Party.  
 Flower Festival in St. James Saturday 4th - Tuesday 7th  
 Conservation Society Exhibition in Village Hall  
 Childrens Exhibition in Village Hall **DON'T MISS THESE EVENTS**

If you would like to contribute towards Nayland and Wissingtons Celebration Fund please contact the treasurer Mr Ken Willingale or put your donation into one of the collecting boxes.







17 June 1977



Nayland Primary School children celebrated the Silver Jubilee on Thursday with a tea party, held in brilliant sunshine on the school field.

All 144 pupils proudly wore paper crowns they had made themselves and together with most of the guests had red, white or blue clothes to add to the

colour of the occasion. Before tea, conjuror Tony Green, of Clacton, held the children spellbound for an hour with his entertaining Punch and Judy Show and magic tricks.

Tea was prepared by members of the parent-teacher association committee and there was a special Jubilee cake decorated with a Union Jack piped in icing.

The party was attended by several former teachers, the management committee, parents and old friends of the school. Guests included two former headmasters, Mr C. Oliver and Mr Brighthouse, and Mrs Taylor of Nayland, whose late husband

was head of the school in the 1920s. Former teachers present included Mrs Gibbins, who was on the staff for 43 years, Mrs Keeble, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Street and Mrs Collingwood. Mrs Lankester, formerly caretaker, and Mrs Ensum, kitchen staff, also attended.



13 May 1977

## NAYLAND PARADE

Nayland Silver Jubilee Committee met last week to put the final touches to its celebration plans for Jubilee Day, June 7.

The committee was told that from 11 a.m. traffic will be diverted away from the village centre which will only be open for access. In the afternoon residents will parade down Bear Street to meet in the square for the fancy dress contest. This will be followed by the children's tea party and in the evening an adults' outdoor country dance party.

Nayland Conservation Society and the Primary School are arranging exhibitions in the village hall. Other events planned include an olde tyme music hall on June 4 and a church flower festival.

During the meeting the committee was presented with £85 by Mr. L. Fahey and Mr. T. Clark, the proceeds of a darts and disco evening and competitions they had organised for the Jubilee fund.

# EVERYONE TOOK PART IN NAYLAND EVENTS

DESPITE a blustery wind and threatening rain almost the entire population of Nayland and Wissington turned out to take part in the Jubilee celebrations on Tuesday afternoon.

Accompanied by a quarter-peal rung by the local Sunday band of bell-ringers, a colourful procession headed by the Nayland fire engine and village dignitaries wound its way down Bear Street to the gaily decorated square for the judging of the fancy dress contest.

The procession included the large number of contestants from under-fives to adults, Nayland Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts, a decorated Norfolk's bus driven by top-hatted Howard Norfolk and hundreds of residents who joined the rest thronging the square.

There were plenty of ingenious fancy dress ideas. Sheikhs marched with robots and there were scarecrows, yokels, a Jubilee baby, Britannia, a tiny white rabbit and a Gallic onion seller.

To start the proceedings prayers for the Queen, the nation and the village were said by the Vicar, the Rev. Tony Bickersteth, Father Brian Nightingale and Mr. D. Dewsbury. Parish council chairman, Mr. David Mitchell, read the following telegram which had been sent to the Queen on behalf of Nayland and Wissington residents: "The parishioners of Nayland and Wissington present loyal greetings to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her Silver Jubilee."

The reply from the Queen's secretary, thanking parishioners for their message, was read by Mr. Ken Willingale, chairman of the village

Jubilee committee.

The fancy dress parade was directed by Miss S. Bainbridge, the primary school headmistress, and the judges were Mrs. E. Rolfe, Mrs. A. Jones and Mr. Mitchell.

Prizewinners were: Pre-school children, 1, J. Tickner, 2 N. Gray, 3 J. Smith; schoolchildren up to seven years: 1 S. and E. Paston, 2 B. Padget, 3 C. Prince; 7-9 years, 1 N. Borwn, 2 R. Hatcliff, 3 E. Stonor; 9-11 years, 1 J. Fullbrook, 2 M. Sackett, 3 T. Offen; 11-15 years: 1 S. Le Besque, 2 A. Day and R. Keith, 3 J. Inchcombe; 15 and over: 1 Woodley Family, 2 O. Willingale, 3 M. Camp, M. Fisher and R. Snell.

**CHILDREN'S TEA**

After the contest about 250 children sat down to a Jubilee tea, organised by Mrs. Marie Clark, in the square. They all received a commemorative mug.

Both Nayland Conservation Society and the Primary School held exhibitions in the village hall. The society showed documents, books and pictures depicting Nayland's history. The children's exhibition included paintings, collages and scrapbooks with a Jubilee theme and a model golden coach made by the school's caretaker, Mr. Jenkins.

Although the expected rain fell briefly in the evening it failed to deter the many residents who returned to the square to have a final fling at a folk-dancing street party, led by Mrs. H. Chapman.

Tuesday's festivities were the

culmination of a long weekend of celebrations. The entire village seemed to burst into Jubilee mood on Saturday afternoon. Yards of bunting were strung across the square and everywhere shops, pubs and houses were decorated with flags, pictures and banners. Flying high from St. James' church tower was a new St. George's flag given by Mrs. A. Biggs in memory of her late husband. Throughout the weekend a flower festival organised by Mrs. J. Horlock was held in the church.

Saturday evening's old time music hall presented by Mr. Graham Smith was a complete sell-out. The audience in the packed village hall, mostly in Edwardian dress with patriotic colour theme, gave an enthusiastic response to the programme of old tyme songs, sketches and dancing. The event raised £150 for the village's Jubilee fund.

On Sunday there were special services at the United Reformed and parish churches. The preacher at the latter was the Rev. Norman Tollemache, of Ipswich. At the family service in the morning when the preacher was the Rev. Paul Lansley, Nayland Brownies, Cubs, Guides, and Scouts attended and prayers included some composed for the Jubilee by members of the Pathfinders and Sunday School.

On Monday evening the White Hart Hotel held a Jubilee Cockney night with disco dancing and typical Cockney food at which Mr. Cyril Holden proposed the loyal toast.

Hadleigh Weekly News  
3 May 1977

Nayland swings into Jubilee mood tomorrow with the first event in the village's celebration programme — an old time music hall presented by Mr. Graham Smith at the village hall.

On Sunday there will be special services at St. James's and the United Reformed Churches. From Saturday until Tuesday a flower festival is to be held in St. James's Church.

Tuesday is packed with events. After a parade down Bear Street starting at 2 p.m., the judging of the fancy dress contest, open to children and adults, takes place in the village centre. This will be followed by the children's tea party, to which all youngsters under 16 in Nayland and Wiston are invited. Each one will receive a commemorative mug.

In the evening the adults will have their turn to celebrate at a folk dancing party, also in the village centre. Both the primary school and the conservation society are holding exhibitions with a Jubilee theme in the village hall.

Nayland Primary schoolchildren celebrated the Jubilee on Thursday last week with a tea party held in brilliant sunshine on the school field. The children are pictured on Page Three.

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31 March 1977  
Suffolk Free Press

## NAYLAND 3/3

Nayland Community Council will hold a combined fete with St James's Church on August Bank Holiday, it was agreed at a council meeting on Monday last week.

Mr Ken Willingale, chairman, said the two organisations had traditionally held separate fetes on the two Bank Holidays but because of the Jubilee celebrations the church had welcomed the idea of co-operating with the council in a joint venture.

The council's fet committee members will be Messrs. B. Lees, J. Curtis, J. Davis, C. Tibbles and Mrs D. Whiting.

It was agreed to grant £50 to Nayland Scouts to buy materials for repairs to their equipment hut and £50 to help pay for reconditioning an upright piano which has been given to the village hall. A suggestion by Mr Blair Lees, chairman of Nayland Conservation Society, that the council should buy a projector and screen for use in the village hall was referred to the hall's management committee before any further action is taken.

SUFFOLK FREE PRESS, Thursday, May 12, 1977

## Nayland hopes for a better hall

Nayland Community Council is calling for a public meeting to thrash out the question of a proposed £17,000 extension to the village hall before any further move is made.

The plan includes a smaller hall and improved kitchen, storage and toilet facilities, plus a permanent bar area. It was given a cool reception when it had its first public showing recently at the annual meeting of the hall's management committee, though members were told hiring charges would rocket if something was not done to make the hall more used.

At the Community Council's annual meeting on Wednesday last week doubts were again expressed as to the justification for such an expensive project though it was felt there was a need for improvements such as a bigger kitchen better toilets and an adequate heating system.

Mr John Oakes, explaining the plan on the executive's behalf, said he wanted it put on show so that everyone could see it. The proposals would not only bring improvements and provide a home for the village men's club but it was hoped the hall would be a centre, open every night for villagers use.

Mr John Curtis said the hall was not a centre at the moment and the committee was faced with the question of making it pay or sitting back and allowing it to be permanently subsidized.

Mr D. Mitchell felt it was important villagers should view the plan and feel involved in the project.

Chairman Mr Ken Willingale agreed it was vital to involve everyone, not just the

dedicated few. "The village must be committed to this extension," he added. "The committee must make sure the people who are going to provide the funds want the thing."

It was decided unanimously to ask the executive committee to exhibit the plan for a month, then hold a public meeting to give everyone a chance to air their views.

In his report Mr Willingale said the new system of holding quarterly council meetings had worked well and he thanked members who had attended regularly. It was agreed to give £11.94 left over from the funds of the former Nayland Players, to the newly-formed Village Players.

Officers elected were: President, Maj-Gen. C. B. Fairbanks; vice-presidents, Dr L. Cook, Lord Camoys and Mr D. Walsh; chairman, Mr Willingale; vice-chairman, Mr J. Davis; treasurer, Mr C. Tibbles; secretary, Mrs J. Fenandez.

15 June 1977

## Village players get £125

The Village Players, the Nayland-based drama group, are to receive a £125 grant plus a £125 loan from Nayland Community Council to help build a permanent scenery flats for the village hall, it was agreed at a meeting last week.

Mrs Jo King, the Players' Chairman, told the Council a permanent set of scenery would provide the hall with good drama facilities which would encourage other groups to use it. The Players had asked for a £250 loan repayable over the next year but most council members agreed to Mr D. Mitchell's suggestion that they should give the group an initial boost making a grant for half the amount.

The council also agreed to

grant £150 to Nayland Playgroup to help buy a set of climbing frames for the village playing field.

The treasurer, Mr C. Tibbles, reported a balance in hand of £1,750, of which £1,000 was earmarked for the village hall. He said the summer fete, run jointly with St. James's Church, had made a net profit of £1,259 which had been divided between the two organisations.





## RUSTIC ROMPS AT NAYLAND

A fine afternoon had crowds flocking to Nayland's annual market fair on Monday.

Organised by Nayland Community Council on the village playing field, the event made a record profit of about £1,300 for council funds. A third is already earmarked for village hall maintenance.

Apart from numerous sideshows and stalls run by local organisations and individuals, a programme of "Rustic Romps" — crazy sports for cash prizes

(left) — proved a popular attraction for all ages.

Miss Nayland, Debbie Harris, and her two attendants, Bernice Quatermain and Jane Inchcombe, were escorted round the sideshows at the start by Mr Willingale.

Debbie donned running shoes to take part in the "Rustic Romps" and picked the winning ticket in the draw.

The fair's MCs were Roger Balls and disc jockey Charles Jackson on his Charles J. Roadshow.



## Nayland fair was a record

THE annual Nayland market fair on Monday turned out to be a record affair. Not only was there a record gate of more than 1,500 but a record sum of more than £1,300 was raised.

The fair, always held on Bank Holiday Monday, was the ninth

and as usual included a variety of country games, as well as the traditional stalls and sideshows.

The fair, held on Webb's Meadow — was organised by Nayland Community Fund. Proceeds will go into the fund's kitty for use in the village.



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**Two fetes.** — Nayland community council is going ahead with its plan to run a Summer Bank Holiday fete despite the fact that St James's Church is holding a similar event five weeks earlier on July 22. Chairman Mr Ken Willingale told a council meeting on Wednesday that there had been a singular lack of co-ordination and it was bad organisation on the church's part to have fixed its event so close to the other. In the past the church fete used to be held on a Spring Bank Holiday but this year the date clashes with an event at Stoke. One of the church fete organisers, Mr John Battam, said afterwards that he had no idea he was crossing swords with anyone when the date was fixed. "There is room for both events," he added. "Their objects are poles apart."

**Promise.** — The community council has agreed to give £50 to the newly-formed Nayland Eagles boys' football team once the club has raised a similar amount.

**Village Players.** — Standard drama critic Mr Jimmy James was guest speaker at a social evening held by the Village Players drama group at Little Horkesley village hall on Tuesday. Mr James described his involvement in amateur drama as actor, director and critic.

**Women's Legion.** — A jumble sale held by the British Legion Women's Section at the church hall on Monday raised nearly £30 for Legion funds. In the evening Mr Batty from Thompson and Morgan, Ipswich, gave members a talk on unusual vegetables.

**Whist.** — Prizewinners at a whist drive held by Nayland and district British Legion at the church hall on Tuesday were — Ladies: 1 Mrs A. Harvey, 2 Mrs Martin, 3 Mrs Page, 4 Mrs Pearl, half, Mrs F. Ellesley; low score, Mrs Matthews. Gents: 1 Mr D. W. Ellis, 2 Mr W. Pitts, 3 Mr J. Martin, 4 Mrs D. Page, half, Mr Padget; low score, Mr F. Hammond. Mr R. Padget was MC.

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**Chairman resigns.** — Nayland community council chairman Mr Ken Willingale has resigned after calling on younger residents to come forward and play their part in working for the good of the village. Mr Willingale, who has been chairman for five years, told the council's annual meeting on Wednesday last week that the older generation had done much for the community both with the council and the village hall management committee but it was time for them to stand back and make way for a new generation. There were plenty of people available, he said, but if volunteers did not come forward the council had helped several groups, prepared to raise funds themselves, with grants and loans. In order to continue this work of benefitting village organisations it was essential for the council to raise £750 to £1,000 a year by running an annual fete. In future Mr Willingale said he hoped other organisations like the Church would consult the council before fixing dates for their fund-raising events. This year they would both be holding fetes within five weeks of each other, which would help neither of them. The present vice-chairman, Mr John Davis, agreed to serve for a year as chairman in Mr Willingale's place. Other officers elected were: President, Gen C. B. Fairbanks; vice-presidents, Dr L. Cook, Mr D. Walsh and Mr Willingale; vice-chairman, Mrs J. Tibbles; secretary Mrs J. Fernandez; treasurer, Mr C. Tibbles. Following a letter from the Community Council for Suffolk it was agreed to ask Brig P. Litton to act as village representative to co-ordinate information and services in the event of an emergency of disaster.

**Village Hall.** — At the annual meeting of the village hall management committee the treasurer, Mr P. Moore, said the hall had shown a profit for the first time. Discounting donations of £650 there was a profit of £23, compared with previous annual deficits of more than £200. Charges had gone up, but bookings had also increased. Investigations were in hand to improve the hall's heating by installing portable calor gas equipment. Questioned by Mr John Oakes, chairman Mr John Kent said the matter of extending the hall, for which plans were put forward last year, was still under discussion. The committee was waiting to hear whether Babergh district council was prepared to contribute to the cost. Mr Moore pointed out that if organisations wished to continue to enjoy cheaper hiring rates they should consider running fund-raising events in aid of the hall and themselves. Although the community council helped pay the electricity charges it did not finance the hall. Mr John Curtis, chairman of the playing field sub-committee, said the field's development and maintenance had progressed steadily, most of the work being carried out voluntarily by the football club, whose members had also constructed two changing rooms in the hall's basement. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr Kent; vice-chairman, Mr Curtis; secretary, Mrs C. Mann. The post of treasurer was left vacant.

**Club closes.** — Nayland Men's Social Club is on the lookout for a new home after being told it must quit its present Fen Street premises tomorrow. The building where the club has always met has been sold and is being turned into a private house. Although members knew their time there was limited when selling negotiations began about 18 months ago they have been unable to find an alternative venue. Originally intended for tradesmen, the club was re-formed after the war under its present name. There are about a dozen regular members, who meet weekly to play cards and billiards. The billiard table is going temporarily into store. Chairman Mr Billy Pitts is not downhearted. He hopes to buy a prefabricated building and erect it on a suitable site in the village. "I'm sure we can raise the money for a hut," he said. "All we need is somewhere to put it."

# Two village fetes within five weeks

NAYLAND Community Council is to go ahead with its plan to run a summer Bank Holiday fete despite the fact that St. James's parish church is holding a similar event five weeks earlier on July 22.

Chairman Mr. Ken Willingale, told a council meeting on Wednesday, last week, he felt there had been a "singular lack of co-ordination." It was bad organisation for the church to have fixed its event so close to the other one, traditionally held on the late Bank Holiday.

Members agreed it was still necessary for the council to run a fete to raise funds for the benefit of village organisations.

In the past the church fete used to be held on the Spring Bank Holiday but this year the

date clashes with one at Stoke.

One of the organisers, Mr. John Battam, newly returned to live in the village, said later he had no idea he was crossing swords with anyone when the date was fixed and was guided by the committee.

"There is room for both events," he said. "Their objects are poles apart. One is to raise funds for the community and the other is for the church. The council has advantage of holding theirs on the Bank Holiday and I'm sure one event won't affect the success of the other."

14 July 1978

# Health unit site search

NAYLAND could have a new health centre within the next few years if a suitable site can be found.

Dr John Parker, who heads a group practice at Nayland, told the village's community council on Wednesday that he had Department of Health backing for new premises and he would like to see a centre similar to that at Bideston.

The practice at present operates from a small single-storey surgery, which cannot be extended.

Doctor Parker told the council that a Ministry inspector who had recently given an improvement grant for the present surgery had agreed the premises were sub-standard and had advised starting afresh rather than spending more money on the old building.

"With Ministry backing I think we can get this thing started," he said. "If Suffolk County Council agree to pay we would rent it from them. All we need is a suitable site." He asked council members for advice on where to find one.

Dr Parker said he envisaged two or three doctors working from the centre, with accom-

modation for ancillary services, such as a chiropodist and health visitor.

"I don't think people realise that in north Essex and Suffolk there are only getting 60 per cent of the national average spent on health and they are entitled to more," he added.

The community council decided to support the plan.

# Village groups get grant cash

A VILLAGE community council has given £650 to local organisations — including £300 towards the doctors' surgery, which is to be altered and extended.

The other grants — made by Nayland community council — are £300 to Nayland Rangers football club and £50 to the local Ancient Order of Foresters' court.

Dr John Parker has told the council that the surgery conversion, including purchase of the land, was in hand and building work should begin soon. He hoped to use the grant for something tangible, such as special high-backed chairs for old people's use in the waiting-room.

Members heard that the parish council had already agreed to contribute 25 per cent, or up to £1,000 of the conversion cost.

The football club's £300 is to go towards the purchase of a multi-headed shower bath unit

for the village hall basement.

Mr John Curtis, club secretary and treasurer, said members did a great deal towards fund raising and maintenance of the playing field, which was now in first-class condition. They would erect the shower themselves and only needed to buy the materials.

The £50 given to the Ancient Order of Foresters, Stoke and Nayland Unity, is to help pay for a senior members' Christmas dinner.

The council agreed that a request from Nayland Playgroup for a contribution towards toddlers' play equipment on the recreation ground should first be referred to the parish council, which was responsible for the field.

The council decided to earmark £200 for this purpose in case it was needed later.

A diary is to be placed in the village post office so that club secretaries can enter dates and avoid events clashing.

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**Community council.** — Nayland's four doctors are to receive financial aid from the community council for a £3,000 improvement scheme to their surgery. It was decided at a meeting in the village hall last week. Dr J. Rogers told members there was no chance of having a purpose-built health centre, as suggested by Dr J. Parker in July, for at least five years so the partnership had decided to go ahead with improvements to the present surgery. The work would have been started before if there had not been difficulties in obtaining the lease. The surgery would be extended and the consulting room separated from the waiting room by the dispensary. It was hoped work would begin in two or three months' time. The council agreed to help but was undecided whether to buy the land, as suggested by Mr D. Mitchell or give something specific, such as chairs. Some members felt the council might set a precedent if it gave direct financial aid to a business. It was agreed to leave a final decision until the land had been valued. The council also decided to give £100 to the village hall management committee towards an extra sink for the hall kitchen. It was reported that the final net profit raised by the August Bank Holiday fete was £1,192.

**PTA meeting.** — The thriving parent-teacher association at the primary school was welcomed by Mr Geoffrey Kay, the new headmaster, when he attended his first annual meeting on Wednesday last week. He said

one of its important functions was to bridge the gap in communication between school and home. A good representation of parents attended the meeting, which was preceded by sherry to enable them to meet Mr Kay and another new staff member, Mr Jacob. It was decided that the new committee's immediate aims would be the provision of a scrambling net for the climbing frame and a cassette recorder for language work. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr Kay; vice-chairman, Mr White; secretary, Mrs V. Gladwin; treasurer, Mrs V. Ranger.

**Harvest service.** — The harvest thanksgiving at St Mary's, Wiston, on Sunday was conducted by the parish trainee lay elder, Mr R. Padget, and Mr C. Holden, trainee lay reader, gave the sermon. Lessons were read by Mr G. Knox and Lt Col I. McKechnie. The congregation included a coachload of worshippers from St James's, Nayland.



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**Community Council.** — In response to two requests for financial help Nayland community council last week agreed to donate a total of £400 to local organisations. The council is to give £200 to Nayland Scouts for repairs to their hut and £200 to the parish church restoration fund for repairs to the church roof. Chairman Mr Ken Willingale had previously asked for ideas to develop the annual summer fete and it was suggested that it could be combined with the horticultural or agricultural show. No decision will be taken until the next council meeting, in the new year.

**Market.** — The November monthly market held at Nayland Church hall on Saturday raised £69 for St James's Church restoration fund. It was organised by Mrs M. Knight and helpers.

**Craft show.** — An art and craft exhibition and Christmas fair held at the Jane Walker Hospital on Saturday raised £380. The money will be used to help provide holiday accommodation at St Osyth for patients and their families and for gymnastic equipment. The show, which attracted about 300 visitors, was opened by Michael Speake, of Anglia Television. It was organised by the hospital rehabilitation and activities department, led by Mrs I. Maguire.



**Rustic romps at Nayland**

Chairman Mr Ken Willingale said he was delighted with the result, particularly as the weather in the morning had looked so doubtful.

Apart from a wide variety of sideshows and stalls run by local organisations and individuals, a programme of rustic romps — crazy sports for cash prizes — proved a popular attraction for all ages.

Miss Nayland, Debbie Harris and her two attendants, Bernice Quartermain and Jane Inchcombe, were escorted round the sideshows at the start by Mr Willingale and had a free go on each one.

Debbie later donned running shoes to take part in the rustic romps and picked the winning tickets in the draw.

THERE was much puffing and panting from the young sports contestants at Nayland's annual market fair on Monday.

Organised by Nayland Community Council on the village playing field, the event made a record profit of about £1,300 for council funds. A third has already been earmarked for village hall maintenance.

Essex County Standard 4 May 1979

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**Community council.** — Nayland community council, which has raised several thousand pounds for the village hall and other local organisations, could be in danger of folding unless more people come forward to help run it. This warning was given at the annual meeting on Wednesday last week, when there were no volunteers for the post of chairman vacated by Mr John Davis. Parish council chairman Mr David Mitchell said it was pitiful that with more than 20 local organisations belonging to the council a committee could not be formed. He warned that the council would die if organisations did not take more interest. Since its formation in 1966 the community council has raised money annually to build and maintain the village hall, opened in 1972, and since 1976 has given donations to other village organisations as well. With no other volunteers for the post, Mr Ken Willingale, who resigned after five years as chairman last May in an attempt to foster interest among younger residents, finally agreed to resume the office. He said it would be catastrophic if the council collapsed after establishing itself as a self-help money raising organisation. The council should resolve to carry on its money raising activities and if a proposal to extend the village hall was agreed by the parish he felt the council should support it. It was reported that the council had made donations to the playgroup, Ancient Order of Foresters, Nayland Rangers, the local medical practice and the hall management committee during the year. The council agreed to run another fete on the late summer bank holiday. Officers elected were: President, Gen C. B. Fairbank; vice-presidents, Dr Cook and Mr D. Walsh; chairman, Mr K. Willingale; vice-chairman, Mr D. Mitchell; treasurer, Mr C. Tibbles; secretary, Mrs J. Fernandez. Individual members elected were Mrs O. Willingale, Mr J. Oakes, Mrs V. Gladwin, Mr J. Davis and Mr C. Warner.

**Village hall.** — The annual meeting of the village hall management committee, which preceded that of the community council, was told that a formal application had gone to Suffolk County Council for a grant towards a possible hall extension. Mr J. Kent, retiring chairman, said the committee had asked for £31,000 but he understood it would be another year or two before approval was likely to be given. Mr John Curtis, chairman, said no decision to go ahead with the extension would be made before a public meeting had been held to establish whether the parish was in favour of it. Mrs C. Mann, secretary, said extra heating had been installed in the hall and minor preliminary problems would soon be rectified. The outside of the building had been decorated and it was hoped to carry out interior work with self-help. Mrs D. Whiting, treasurer, said the largest expenditure had been the concreting of the driveway. Although the bank balance looked quite healthy, most of the money would have to be reserved for forthcoming expenditure. Mr Curtis said there had been a marked increase in the use of the playing field due to the formation of the Nayland Eagles junior football club. There were now sufficient youngsters locally who enjoyed the recreational facilities provided by the open space. To those residents who regarded the field as a noisy nuisance he pointed out that if it had not been acquired for a recreation field it would now be covered with houses. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr J. Curtis; secretary, Mrs C. Mann; treasurer, Mrs D. Whiting; the post of vice-chairman was left vacant. Individual elected members were Mr J. Kent, Mr J. Oakes, Mr C. Warner, Mr B. Lees and Mrs M. Randall.

Essex County Standard 20 July 1979

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**Community council.** — The council decided at a recent meeting to set aside a third of the proceeds from its summer fete next month for the use of the village hall management committee. Mr Ken Willingale, chairman, said it was better to have an objective for the council's fund-raising and agreed with Mr David Mitchell that the three priorities were the continued running of the village hall, helping other local organisations and — long-term — investing in a possible new hall extension. The council agreed to ask the parish council to support a request from Nayland playgroup to provide a climbing frame on the recreation ground. The community council has already earmarked £200 for this purpose.

Essex County Standard 30 March 1979

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**Community council.** — Nayland community council has agreed to donate £300 towards the village hall electricity bill, following a request from the management committee. Chairman Mr John Davis said the council had helped the committee in the past and the hall was still not paying its way. It was also agreed to keep £200 in hand to buy some equipment for the children's playground.



Suffolk Free Press 28 August 1980

# NAYLAND'S FETE

## NETS £1,400

Hundreds of people poured into Nayland's sun drenched playing field on Bank Holiday Monday for the annual summer fete.

Stalls, sideshows, refreshments and a five-a-side boys' football competition were among the attractions.

The event raised around £1,400 for Nayland Community Council funds.

The football event for under-12s was won by a team from Bures, who beat Cavendish 3-2 in the final.



Enjoying themselves at Nayland fete on Bank Holiday Monday were little Sarah Johnson and Patch.



Some of the entrants for the infants' race at Nayland Summer Fete on Bank Holiday Monday.

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With the sun blazing down on Nayland playing field the biggest queues were at the ice cream van!



Fun and games at Nayland on Monday included the chance to win a coconut . . . if you could throw straight!

9 October 1980

### NAYLAND

Nayland Community Council made two donations to local organisations at its meeting in the village hall last week.

The recently-formed horticultural society received a £50 grant to start its activities. Mr Fred Hammond, the membership secretary, said the society would be holding its first show next year and its first meeting on October 22 when the speaker, Mr P. Bunting would be giving a talk on tomatoes.

The society, which had asked for £100, was told to come back to the council if it should need funds in the future.

A second grant of £75 was made to Stoke and Nayland Unity, Ancient Order of Foresters, towards its old people's Christmas dinner. Reporting on the outstanding success of this year's summer fete, Mr Ken Willingale, chairman, said it was the best he could recall. Everyone involved had worked well together and were to be congratulated. Its success and that of the church fete on the Spring bank Holiday showed there was plenty of room for two fetes in the village.

Mr Willingale said the problem now was how best to use the profits which amounted to about £1,500. It was important to use the money wisely and he felt certain improvements could be made to the playing field and to the village hall complex.

Mrs M. George reported that the playgroup was now able to go ahead with the erection of a fence round the toddlers' play area on the playing field.



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# Nayland groups agree on a 'getting-together' dance

Nayland community council is to hold a further money-raising event next August and member organisations are to be asked for their views on the form it should take.

This was decided at a council meeting on Tuesday last week when representatives of various organisations gave their opinions on the council's future.

All local groups had previously been told by the council's chairman, Mr. Ken Willingale, that enthusiasm for

the council and its annual fete had waned in recent years and various alternatives would have to be discussed.

Most organisations agreed they would support the council's fund-raising but some felt two fetes a year was too much for the village and other events should be tried with participating organisations taking a share of the profits.

It was suggested that a certain alienation had developed between the church and the council because the church held its fete early in the year, creaming off ideas and

support, and instead of going separate ways more co-operation was needed with the church backing the council.

Mr. Willingale explained that the council's basic concept after the village hall was built was to hold one major fund-raising effort a year to help maintain the hall and distribute money to deserving groups.

There had been a significant shift towards an older population recently but facilities still had to be provided for the younger element.

Although much had been

achieved in the past Mr. Willingale said the council had grown stale. New ideas and people willing to take responsibility were needed and he hoped organisations would discuss the council's aims and come back with positive suggestions on how to keep it going.

In an attempt to bring organisations together it was decided to run a community council dance in the village hall on February 19 and an organising committee was formed.

It was also decided to re-

form an executive committee, to be elected at the next annual meeting.

Members agreed that a fund-raising venture should be held next August and all organisations are to be circulated with the meeting's minutes plus the council's charter and objectives in the hope that constructive ideas will be forthcoming.

A request by the scouts for financial help to repair the youth hut roof was turned down as it was felt the building had become too dilapidated to merit repair.

24 December 1981

## Farmer praised for snow efforts

Nayland Community Council is to consider paying a local farmer for his efforts in clearing snow from the A134 at the top of Harpers Hill and helping motorists who became stranded in drifts there during the recent blizzard.

Mr David Taylor-Balls of Brunnings Farm, who has done this work voluntarily for several years, said he did no more than anyone else and did not expect payment. He was only too pleased to help motorists who were stuck, particularly when they did not know the road.

Community Council chairman, Mr Ken Willingale, said he felt Nayland residents should be aware of the work Mr Taylor-Balls had put in to keep the main road open and the council would consider re-imbursing him for his diesel fuel at its February meeting.

In previous years farmers who used their machinery for snow clearance were able to claim for their time and fuel from the county council although Mr Taylor-Balls never bothered to do so.



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18 January 1982

**Nayland**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — Nayland community council is to help pay for a venetian blind for the consulting room at the doctors' surgery in order to preserve patients' modesty.

Dr Chris Gilbert told a council meeting last week that some patients had complained they could be seen from the road while being examined. Although his colleagues thought drawing the curtains was sufficient, Dr Gilbert said he felt a blind would both retain light and protect privacy.

It was pointed out that the council had already contributed to surgery improvements, but members agreed unanimously to pay half the cost of a blind.

Mr John Curtis, reporting on the fete committee meeting, said many village organisations had already expressed their willingness to take part in next year's summer Bank Holiday fete, which would again be combined with the Horticultural Society show.

Parachutists and an aerial stuntman had provisionally agreed to perform and rural sports would be an additional attraction. Mr Curtis said alternative parking arrangements would have to be made as the bottom half of the field was being levelled and seeded and would probably not be available by the end of August.

Pc Glyn Phillips suggested entry payments could be made per head instead of per car so that local visitors would have no advantage in coming by car. Extra parking would be available on one side of various village streets.

The council paid tribute to the late Mr Fred Hammond and it was agreed to donate £10 in his memory to the Essex County Hospital Cancer Fund.

Dr G. Cook was welcomed as the new president.

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**Nayland**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — Stalls at Nayland Community Council's summer fete on August Bank Holiday are to be run on the basis that each individual organisation in charge of a stall will keep 75 per cent of its profits and give the remainder to council funds.

This was decided at a meeting in the village hall last week when it was confirmed that the council would again run its fete in conjunction with the village horticultural society show.

Chairman Mr Ken Willingale said he felt the council should revert to its former policy of including rural sports as a field attraction and running a fancy dress contest to involve village youngsters. Having two major fetes a year in the village was difficult, he said, but he was determined to keep the Community Council going and to support the horticultural society.

Members agreed to his suggestions and also to run a grand draw.

A request from Nayland youth club for a £30 grant to help buy disco lights was approved.

**DANCE** — About 85 members and guests attended a Valentine dance held by Nayland Community Council at the village hall. Dancing was to Music Power and a raffle raised £32 for council funds. The event was organised by Mr Charlie Warner, Mr Paul Fullbrook and Mr John Davis.

Essex County Standard  
6 May 1982

**Nayland**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — At Nayland community council's annual meeting which followed that of the hall committee the chairman, Mr Ken Willingale, said the council had realised that change was needed in the running of its fund-raising annual fete. Although last year's event, with the addition of the horticultural show, had been successful it seemed to lack the verve and vigour of previous years.

The council felt it was necessary to return to the original idea of a rural day out for the family with plenty of field events. In addition local organisations had been invited to run their own stalls on the basis that they kept 75 per cent of the takings and this decision had met with a good response.

Mr Willingale stressed that there was still an urgent need for younger people to take a more active part in the community council, which continued to give money to help various local organisations.

He paid tribute to the late Gen. C. B. Fairbanks for all his work as the council's president and chairman.

Officers elected were: president, to be appointed: vice-presidents, Dr L. Cook, Mr D. Walsh and Mrs R. Southall; chairman, Mr Willingale; vice-chairman, Mr C. Warner; secretary, Mrs J. Fernandez; treasurer, Mr P. Moore; independent members: Mr Warner, Mrs G. Willingale, Mrs G. Row, Mr J. Davis, Mr J. Oakes and Mr N. Morrison; executive committee: Mrs D. Whiting, Mr G. Row, Mrs P. Baker, Mrs B. McCarthy and Mr J. Davis.

August 1982

**Nayland**

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** Final arrangements for the August Bank Holiday fete were discussed at a meeting of Nayland community council last week.

Chairman Mr Ken Willingale said the main attractions would be a fancy dress parade, the horticultural society's second show and rural games and sports, a popular feature in past years. Fancy dress competitors will parade down Bear Street to the village playing field when the fete opens.

Mr Willingale said stalls had been taken on the basis that organisations would keep 75 per cent of the profits, giving the rest to the community council. He regretted the decision of the Royal British Legion to withdraw from the fete. The legion had wanted to keep all its stall's proceeds for the South Atlantic Fund and Legion charities but Mr Willingale said it was felt that all organisations should be treated alike, contributing a share of their profits to council funds.

Referring to next year's fete, Mr John Curtis said main attractions should be booked after the next council meeting if attendance figures were to be maintained. Mr Willingale reiterated his plea to younger residents to come forward with fresh ideas for next year's event. He said certain people had been running the fete for too long and new blood was urgently needed.

**LEGION WHIST** — There were five tables in play when Nayland Royal British Legion held a whist drive at the church hall on Monday last week. Prizewinners were: Ladies, 1 Miss O. Warner, 2 Mrs McLaughlin, 3 Mrs J. Mills, half time, Mrs V. Padget, 4 Mrs V. Cousins, low score, Mrs S. Hewitt; gents, 1 Mr Gurnery, 2 Mr Hammond, 3 Mr M. Smyth, half time Mr T. Tidell, 4 Mr Wishart, low score, Mrs Smith. Competition winners were Mr Brunton, Miss Warner and Mrs Cousins. Mr R. Padget was MC.

Suffolk Free Press 2 October 1982

# More help is needed or 'fete will die'

A warning that Nayland Community Council could collapse without renewed support and co-operation from all its member organisations was given by the chairman, Mr. Ken Willingale, at a meeting in Nayland village hall.

Commenting on the council's bank holiday fete, which made more than £700

profit and was combined with the horticultural society's first show, Mr. Willingale said he was concerned that the fete's success depended year after year on the efforts of the same few people.

He was worried that no new people were coming forward with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to take over. The horticultural show had been a superb addition to the fete and should be maintained but he

warned that if the council's apathy continued it would die.

Mr. Willingale said he felt there was no longer room for two big fetes in the village. The church's event on the spring bank holiday was a gigantic affair which took a lot of money and there seemed to be more support for that than for the community council one.

Although the fete result was good, he said all village organisations including the church should have taken part. The community council gave money to local organisations and depended on them to cooperate in fund-raising.

Mr. R. Jones, chairman of the horticultural society, said its show had been a great success and there was tremendous enthusiasm to hold another next year, whether or not the council held another fete.

He felt fund-raising enthusiasm was engendered by a defined aim. The church had its restoration appeal, whereas the council had an ongoing need to raise cash for the village hall and local organisations.

Mr. John Curtis suggested regular events such as bingo or whist drives could be held in the village hall with participating organisations sharing the profits. Family functions were also suggested.

Following a proposal from Mr. Jones it was agreed that Mr. Willingale should write to all members setting out the council's objectives and asking for positive fund-raising ideas.

In addition, the village hall was booked for a family Valentine dance on February 13 and council members are being asked to form an organising committee.

It was decided to grant £350 to the village hall management committee towards its electricity bill but to withhold further grants until the council's commitments were known.





That's one way of keeping cool . . . the Rev David Stranack, of Nayland, had no excuse for getting hot under the clerical collar on Monday during his spell of duty in the stocks at the village fete.

## Country fair's £1,400 boost for village

Hundreds of people visited Nayland Community Council's Country Fair on Monday and helped village organisations boost their funds by about £900.

An additional £500 goes to the Community Council to be used for the benefit of the village.

All the village organisations took part and stalls on the playing field were gaily decorated with many stallholders in costume.

One way of keeping cool was in the stocks — where local GP Dr Chris Gilbert, Nayland Vicar the Rev David Stranack, and local footballer David Hall took turns at being pelted with wet sponges or drenched with buckets of water.

Other attractions included displays by Nayland White Hart Karate Club and the Mount Bures Morris Dancers and two "shoot outs" staged by the Night Riders Country and Western Club.

Sports for all ages were arranged by the Guides and Brownies.

Top raffle prize, a return trip to Holland, was won by Mrs J. Turner of Colchester. Nayland Youth Club won the prize for the best decorated stall.

A steam organ brought by Mr Arthur Clarke from Felsted was unable to negotiate the entrance to the field and had to return home!

Suffolk Free Press  
31 March 1983

### Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — Nayland Community Council agreed at a meeting in the village hall to allocate £350 to the village hall management committee for the hall's electricity bill. The next fete committee meeting was fixed for April 13.

Suffolk Free Press 2 June 1983

### Nayland

**NEW CHAIRMEN** — Nayland Village Hall Management Committee and Community Council both have new chairmen following the resignations of the two previous officers.

As there were no other nominations at the annual meeting last week Mr Peter Moore agreed to chair the management committee for six months, after which Mr Nigel Morrison, vice-chairman, will take over. Mr Charles Warner was elected chairman of the community council and Mr Allun Walters vice-chairman.

Although he was unable to attend, the retiring management committee chairman, Mr John Curtis, sent a report to the meeting saying the hall was now booked daily except for Sundays. The kitchen extension had greatly improved the organisation of events and the hall was now better equipped than ever before.

With the recent capital outlay and increased running costs Mr Curtis recommended that the new committee should consider increasing hiring charges without delay. He said he was concerned that the parish

council would not be contributing to the hall's costs this year.

Planned alterations to the playing field had been delayed owing to the wet weather but the work could continue as soon as possible.

In a tribute to Mr Curtis, Mr Moore said he had been a mainstay of the hall and the village for many years and his departure would leave a gap which would be difficult to fill.

Mrs Diana Whiting, treasurer, reported an income surplus of £387.

Other officers elected included: Secretary, Mrs C. Mann; treasurer, Mrs Whiting; executive members: Mr A. Walters, Mr G. Warner, Mr B. Lees, Mr G. Row and Mr B. McCarthy.

The community council's secretary, Mrs Jane Fernandez, said last year's fete had been a great success. The fete committee had already met and plans were now under way for this year's event on August 29.

Mr Moore, treasurer, reported an income surplus of £171.

It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to the retiring chairman, Mr Ken Willingale, for his services over many years.

Officers elected included: president, Dr L. Cook; vice-presidents: Mrs R. Southall and Mr David Walsh; secretary, Mrs Fernandez; treasurer, Mr Moore; individual members: Mr N. Morrison, Mr G. Row, Mrs M. Woodley, Dr C. Gilbert, Mr J. Oakes, Mrs P. Baker and Mrs D. Whiting.

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23 August 1983

### Summer fair

Nayland Community Council's Summer Fair, to be held on the village playing field on Bank Holiday Monday afternoon is to have an old-fashioned country theme this year.

Three local personalities — Dr Chris Gilbert, P.C. Glyn Phillips and the vicar, the Rev David Stranack — have volunteered to spend the afternoon in the stocks.

Mr Arthur Clarke is bringing his steam organ from Felsted and there will be displays by the Mount Bures Morris Men, Nayland Karate Club and the Nightriders

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1 December 1983

### Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — Nayland Community Council has decided to hold a community event again next August Bank Holiday but it may take a different form with the fetes it has traditionally held.

At a council meeting last week the secretary, Mrs J. Fernandez, complained that she had written to all village organisations and individual council members asking for their views on holding another fete next year and had received no replies. Representatives of three organisations present at the meeting — the primary school parent-teacher association, the Women's Institute, and the Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cub — all said they were keen to support a fete.

Mr A. Walters, vice-chairman, said it would be a shame to lose the fete and it was agreed that if the event was dropped it would be difficult to restart. He felt that money raised could be ploughed back into the council by purchasing capital equipment which could be hired out and used each year.

Mrs P. Baker, Women's Institute, suggested a country market might be preferable to a full-scale fete.

It was generally agreed that the council should hold an event of some kind and a small sub-committee was formed to make preliminary arrangements.

Dr C. Gilbert suggested the council could provide a landing stage by the river, possibly at the end of Bear Street, to enable disabled people to fish. It was decided to ask the parish council's views on the matter.

Mr Walters reported that Suffolk County Council's architect had indicated that there seemed no reason why the cost of a new primary school swimming pool should not be included in the next financial

Suffolk Free Press  
29 September 1983

### Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — All Nayland organisations are to be asked whether they want to take part in another community council fete before a decision to hold one next year is made.

This was agreed at a council meeting following a discussion on this year's Bank Holiday event. It was felt generally that more people were needed to actually run the fete on the day instead of individuals only looking after their own organisation's stall. The main part of the work fell on too few shoulders and should be properly delegated.

Mr Charles Warner, chairman, said he was pleased with the result — more than £555 for council funds — considering that stallholders kept 75 per cent of their takings for their own organisations.

Car parking had not been satisfactory but there had been no alternative. Mr A. Walters felt the event needed much more advertising. In a discussion on future plans Mrs J. McCarthy suggested the primary school swimming pool could be a vulnerable village amenity.

P.C. Phillips said the education committee was at present considering whether a new pool could be included in the estimates and some people felt the local community could raise money to provide a better pool which would then be available as a village amenity. Mrs McCarthy agreed to raise the matter at the school's parent-teacher association annual meeting.



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22 March 1984

### Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — The country fair which Nayland community council is planning for the summer bank holiday on August 27 promises to be a colourful occasion.

Mrs J. Fernandez, secretary, told members at a meeting last week that there would be a particular emphasis on decorating the field and stalls. A steam organ was being hired and stallholders would probably be in costume.

Attractions already planned include a display by Bures Morris Men, an auction, a balloon race and stocks with local personalities as victims.

Mr A. Walters, vice-chairman, said he had been promised many raffle prizes with a return trip for two from Harwich to the Hook of Holland as the main one.

The council agreed to grant £100 to the Village Players to help towards the cost of their production of Pygmalion providing they informed the chairman what the money was for. The Players had told the council the production would cost about £600 to stage, more than their previous shows. In return they would be staging a concert for the council's benefit in July.

It was agreed to grant £350 to the village hall management committee for the hall's electricity bill.

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# PLEA TO HELP VILLAGE'S TEENAGERS

A heartfelt plea on behalf of Nayland's teenagers was made by a member of the community council at a meeting in the village hall last week.

Mr John Spooner, who helps run a village youth club for younger teenagers, claimed there was nothing in the village for the older ones and it was time some money was spent on providing an amenity for them such as a meeting place where they could get together and entertain themselves without people complaining.

His plea followed the loss of an appeal by the landlord of the White Hart Hotel, Mr Allun Walters, against a noise abatement notice served by Babergh district council and the immediate curtailment of fortnightly discos and weekly country and western evenings at the pub.

Mr Spooner said he was disgusted with the village where he had lived all his life. Some residents did not want youngsters there and the functions at the pub were the only amenity they had.

He contrasted village life now with his own youth when, he said, there were regular dances at two pubs and nobody complained.

### Sympathetic

Council members were sympathetic to the problem but the chairman, Mr Charles Warner, said it was not primarily the council's concern.

6 December 1984

### Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — Nayland Community Council has decided that it will hold some sort of event next August Bank Holiday. Only five council members, representing three organisations, attended a meeting in the village hall last week but they agreed that the council should run an event with stalls.

All village organisations are to be informed and asked what form they want the event to take and how much they are prepared to do to help run it.

Mr Peter Moore, the treasurer, complained that at this year's fete stallholders had stood watching while he struggled putting out tables for them. Organisations running stalls should be prepared to give physical help on the day, erecting them and clearing up afterwards he said.

Mr Allun Walters, landlord of the White Hart Hotel, asked the council to consider loaning him £550 to help reconstruct a snooker table belonging to the defunct village men's club for the new games room at the back of the pub.

In a letter to the council Mr Walters said the functions room, which could no longer be used for musical events, had been divided into two sections, the larger of which would eventually hold two snooker tables and a smaller one for pool. He had been offered the men's club table which was at present in pieces and would have to be recovered at a cost of about £400.

The council agreed in principle that money should be spent on the table subject to research into its ownership by a council sub-committee and men's club representatives.



### Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — No nominations for the post of chairman were received when Nayland community council held its annual meeting in the village hall last week and the post was left open.

The meeting was sparsely attended and the retiring chairman, Mr Charles Warner, expressed his disappointment at the poor attendances at council meetings. It did not seem too much to expect village organisations to send a representative to only four meetings a year, he declared.

In the absence of the vice-chairman, Mr Allun Walters, Mr Peter Moore, treasurer, took the chair. The response at the last council meeting to running another summer bank holiday fete had been pathetic, he said, although ten village organisations had agreed to run stalls.

Several council members said they wanted the fete to continue so a committee was formed.

Mr Moore said it would meet as soon as possible to get things moving. He reported an income surplus of £356 for the year.

Officers elected were: President, Dr C. Gilbert; vice-presidents, Mrs R. Southall and Mr D. Walsh; chairman, no nomination; vice-chairman, Mrs P. Baker; secretary, Mrs J. Fernandez; treasurer, Mr Moore.

### NAYLAND

Mrs P. Bray,  
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Nayland 262479

**Community council.** — The running of this year's summer Bank Holiday fete, previously organised by Nayland Community Council, has been taken over by a committee of members of Nayland Eagles football club led by Mr Bill Doig. Owing to lack of support and enthusiasm, the council had reluctantly decided not to go ahead with the event this year, but Mr Doig and his committee have stepped into the breach. At a community council meeting on Tuesday last week the acting chairman, Mrs Pam Baker, said village organisations had been quite willing to run stalls but there had been little response to requests for help with car parking and providing manpower on the day. At a fete meeting in June only one person had voted to continue with the event so it had been decided to have a rest this year when it could be planned earlier and with added enthusiasm. She stressed that extra help would be needed and preferably from new people. Following the council's decision Mrs Baker said Mr Doig had circulated a letter to the village organisations saying his committee was prepared to keep the fete alive and asking them to participate. Mr Doig told the meeting the Eagles committee would sponsor the fete and provide the manpower but it would be run as before for the benefit of the village. Stallholders would keep 75 per cent of their takings and the remaining 25 per cent would go towards costs. If there was a surplus, a donation would be made to the community council. He said he was prepared to mount a rescue operation for this year rather than let the fete die. All the stalls were available and he hoped organisations would lend their support. Mrs Baker told members who wanted to support the new fete committee to attend a subsequent discussion meeting. A request from Nayland Parish Council for financial help to repair the Scouts' storage hut was referred back to the Scouts as owners, though Mr D. Mitchell commented that the hut was not worth repairing. It was agreed that the community council should donate a gift not exceeding £10 to the Nayland ward of the new district hospital. Grants of £100 each were made to Nayland Youth Association towards a proposed new storage shed and to the Ancient Order of Foresters Stoke and Nayland Unity for their senior members' Christmas lunch. It was also agreed to donate £10 to Suffolk Association of Youth.

**School camp.** — More than 30 of the older children at Nayland Primary School, together with members of staff and their families and a few close friends of the school took part in a school camp held in the grounds recently. A barbecue was held on the Saturday evening and proved a great success with the children.

### Nayland

**FETE** — The emphasis at this year's Nayland fete on Bank Holiday Monday will be on country sports, with plenty of opportunity for all the family to join in.

When the village community council decided not to run its traditional fete the organising was taken over by a committee of Nayland Eagles members, led by Mr Bill Doig, in order to keep the event alive.

As they had only seven weeks to arrange the fete it was too late to book main ring attractions, so they decided to revert to old-style rural sports.

These will include welly-throwing, egg-catching with real eggs and shoving the sheaf. There will be about 25 stalls and sideshows with plenty for parents and children to do including several free competitions. One prize is a ride in a Porsche supplied by Lancaster Garages.

Local organisations taking part include the Eagles, Nayland Rangers, St James' Church, the Over 60s, Mother and Toddler Club, Stoke-by-Nayland Steel Quoits League and Leavenheath Cricket Club. It is also hoped to raise money for the Nayland ward of the new District Hospital.

19 September 1985

### Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — A suggestion that Nayland community council could do something for the youth of the village was put forward by its newly-elected chairman, Mrs Norah Owen, at a meeting in the village hall last week.

Mrs Owen said part of the council's function was to improve conditions of life in the village and she felt the council should be improving the lives of the younger people. Some village youngsters had problems and gaps in their lives and the council should be aware of them and be thinking of solutions.

Mr John Spooner said anyone was welcome to attend the Tuesday night youth club and talk to the children. The biggest problem was the cost of transporting them to different places.

It was agreed to invite four young people, two boys and two girls, to the next community council meeting in order to hear their views.

Mrs Owen told members there had been many complaints about untidiness in Nayland and people were not taking advantage of the new litter bins. She felt the problem was caused mainly by children carelessly discarding wrappings and urged the various village groups to impress on members and their children and need to keep the village tidy.

The retiring chairman, Mrs Pam Baker, said the Bank Holiday fete, taken over this year by Mr Bill Doig and his committee, had been a success, but there had not been any money over after expenses to make a donation to the community council.

Members agreed that they wanted to run a fete this year and that it was necessary to start planning early. Dr Chris Gilbert is to head the steering committee and will report back to the next council meeting on November 26.

### Nayland

**FETE** — Nayland Fete, with a programme of country sports as its main attraction, drew hundreds of people to the village.

Local organisations who ran stalls and sideshows boosted their funds by about £1,300 and an additional £70 was raised for the Nayland ward of Colchester General Hospital.

Mr Bill Doig, who with a committee of Nayland Eagles football club members took over the organising seven weeks ago, said he was delighted with the fete's success. "The weather was kind to us, all the stallholders turned up as promised and the people who came in their numbers showed they wanted the fete to continue," he added.

Mr Doig stepped into the breach to keep the event alive when Nayland community council decided to forego its traditional bank holiday fete this year through lack of support.

There were plenty of volunteers, both children and adults, for the country sports and such old-style rural pursuits as welly-throwing, shoving the sheaf and egg-catching with real eggs provided onlookers

11 December 1985

### Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — In spite of its undoubted success, the recent fireworks display promoted by Nayland Community Council made a £200 loss, members were told by the treasurer Mr Peter Moore, at a meeting last week.

It was felt the tickets had been too cheap and Mr Moore pointed out that no-one should commit the council financially to anything without first consulting the committee. Allowances for various other commitments he said the council would have £43 left in the kitty. It was agreed that the fireworks evening had been a great success and a vote of thanks was passed to the organisers.

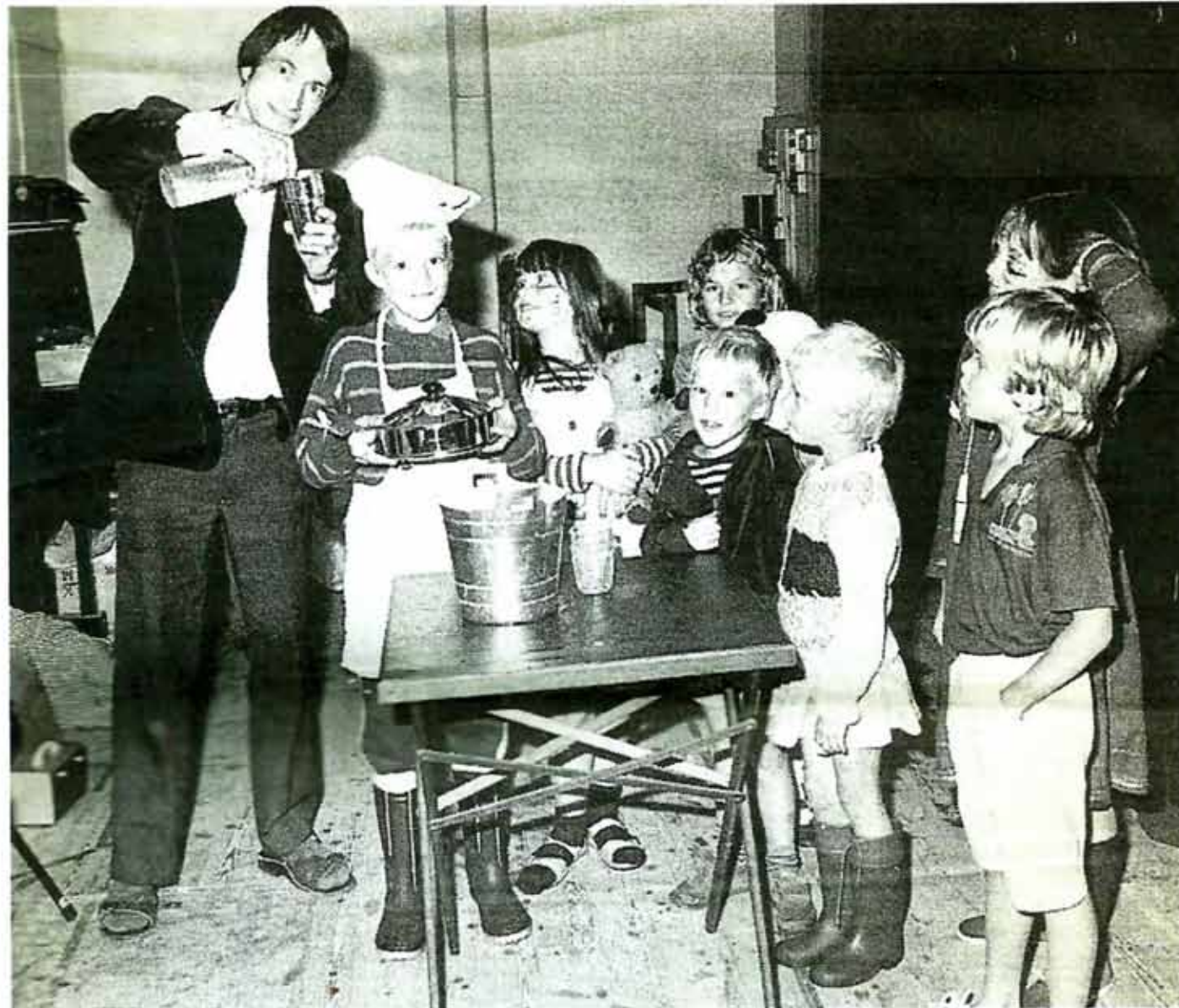
Reporting on the church he said the vicar, the Rev Dav Stranack, said the church council had asked the diocesan architect to draw up a specification for the major structural repairs. Estimates would then be obtained and the council would have a clear idea of the situation.

Mr Roger Mitcham, who was organising an inter-organisations village quiz, said he hoped it would take place around the end of February.

**LEGION** — The annual meeting of Nayland and district branch of the Royal British Legion is on Friday, December 12, at the church hall (8 pm). The secretary, Mr Ronnie Padget, is anxious that as many ex-servicemen as possible should attend as the future of the branch depends on the support received.

**LEGION WHIST** — There were eight and a half tables in place when Nayland Royal British Legion held a whist drive in aid of the local benevolent fund of the church hall last week. Winners were: 1 Mrs Smith, 2 Mr Norris, 3 Mr Smith, 1st half lady, Mrs Padget; gent, A. N. Other, 2nd half lady, Mrs Woodley; gent, Mr Worskitt, Miss Warner, 5 Mrs Farthing, 6 Mrs Greengrass, 7 Mrs Crisell; low score, lady, Mrs Smith; gent, Mr Marshall. Mr R. Padget was MC.





● Magician Michael Dodd couldn't make the rain go away on Monday but he did entertain children in the dry of Nayland village hall as the downpour soaked the stalls and sideshows outside.

# Rain hits 'Hi-de-Hi' fete

ALTHOUGH Monday afternoon's steady downpour affected attendance at Nayland Community Council fete the event went ahead as planned, with some stalls taking refuge in the village hall or a marquee.

Mr Peter Moore, treasurer, said the fete, whose theme was 'Hi-de-Hi', had been a success and would make a profit of about £1,100 of which the Community Council would get £500. The rest is retained by the local organisations who ran the stalls.

The dismal conditions did not stop the main attraction — a parachute jump by four members of the

Phoenix Free Fall Team from Ipswich. Three men landed on target in the centre of the arena but a fourth drifted off course and came down in a nearby field.

Colchester Rosettes Majorettes also braved the rain, as did Michael Cook and his Dog Obedience Team from Hadleigh. A magic show and a display by a troupe of Red Indian dancers from Harwick had to be curtailed and children's sports were abandoned.

One of Roger Clarke's shire horses from Stoke-by-Nayland gave rides in a cart and David Winnard brought his show herd of goats from West Bergholt. Other popular features

included a collection of classic cars, a fortune teller, face-painting and crockery smashing.

Winner of the top draw prize, a colour television, was David Wheat, of Colchester, a member of Nayland Rangers. Master of Ceremonies — often coping gamely with a waterlogged microphone — was Roger Balls.

Mrs Norah Owen, Community Council Chairman said afterwards that although the conditions could not have been worse everyone had pulled together showing tremendous community spirit and it was a happy occasion despite the weather.

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## Nayland

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** — St James's Church, Nayland, was crowded for the traditional Mothering Sunday service conducted by the vicar, the Rev David Stranack. During the service Nayland Handbell Ringers played "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" while children in the congregation went forward to collect posies, prepared by Mrs Linda Wood, to present to their mothers. The Ringers also played as the congregation left the church.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — Various ideas on the role a community council can play in a village were put forward by Mr Don Hargreaves, chairman of the Community Council for Suffolk, at a meeting in Nayland village hall last week.

Nayland had been one of the first villages in Suffolk to have a community council in the mid-sixties, he said, and at that time the reason for its formation was the village hall and playing field project. After these were achieved there was still a need for a forum within the community to co-ordinate village organisations.

A community council was the ideal vehicle to enable organisations to work together and was designed to be an independent organiser, arranging social events, running a tote and hopefully raising money for a general fund that organisations could draw on.

Mr Hargreaves said that various groups would only support a council if they liked what it was doing and it was important to discover what organisations wanted. Regular meetings should be held to assess community needs. He said the young and the elderly in rural areas were often deprived and it was worth finding out their problems to see if the council could help.

When Nayland community council started a lot of newcomers were involved with its projects but as people moved away, he said, it was necessary to interest new residents and

integrate them into village life. One idea for welcoming newcomers was a special pack giving essential information about the area. Other ideas the council could consider were a village newsletter and a quiz amongst village clubs.

Mr Hargreaves told members that a community council had to have community support, had to discover what it wanted, had to be seen to be active and had to have the means of continuing contact with village people.

Describing his own organisation, the Community Council for Suffolk, he said it was a voluntary body, grant-aided by the Development Commission and Suffolk County Council. It supported special projects and advised voluntary organisations of all kinds.

It also set up the Suffolk Association of Local Councils and helped support the Suffolk Local History Council. In 1979 it had produced a report on the future of Suffolk villages and was responsible for campaigns to retain village shops and post offices.

The council distributed a circular, Suffolk Scene, three times a year to parish and community councils, village hall and playing field committees, and Mr Hargreaves felt it should be discussed at their meetings. The information supplied was free and the council was there to give advice on anything of interest to local groups, he added.

Following the talk, Mrs Norah Owen, chairman of Nayland community council, said Colchester Organ Society's recent concert had regrettably been poorly attended and the council had received the £26.25 profit for its funds.

She thanked Nayland Youth Association for distributing the library newspaper which had resulted in a few new members joining Nayland Library. It was agreed to donate £10 to Robert Evans's proposed channel swim. The council's annual meeting is to be on May 6, following that of the village hall management committee.

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## NAYLAND

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**Village hall meeting.** — A £340 deficit in the running of Nayland village hall last year was reported by Mr Nigel Morrison, chairman of the hall's management committee, at the annual meeting last week. He said there were fewer lettings than the previous year, when there had been a £350 profit, partly due to other halls opening in the area and partly to fewer bookings for weddings and private parties. Maintenance expenditure, which had gone up, had included the resealing of the floor and a concrete area outside the kitchen. A number of tables had been repaired by Mr Colin Tibbles, which had meant a considerable saving. This year, Mr Morrison said, the hall's main heater would have to be renewed and guttering round the hall replaced. Faced with a rise in maintenance costs, the committee would be looking into the hall's price structure to see whether it was necessary to raise charges. Mr Morrison thanked committee members who had contributed to the running of the hall and playing field, particularly Mrs D. Whiting, who was giving up the post of treasurer after many years. Members elected to the management committee were: Mr W. Gray, Mr J. Padgett, Mr N. Morrison, Mrs C. Mann and Mr B. McCarthy.

**Community council.** — Mrs Norah Owen, chairman of Nayland Community Council, whose annual meeting followed, said a fete committee had been formed and work had started on organising the council's annual treat on August 25. Following a visit by the director of the Community Council for Suffolk, Mr Don Hargreaves, a leaflet had been circulated in the village explaining the purpose of Nayland community council. Mrs Owen said she hoped that during the coming year the council would do something for the community but it needed to know what was wanted. She felt sure the Community Council for Suffolk

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5 December 1996

## Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — Nayland community council is to look into the possibility of providing a regular meeting place for young people in the village. Five teenagers from the local youth club attended a council meeting and put forward a request for a meeting place where they could play records, drink coffee and chat.

Welcoming them, the chairman, Mrs Norah Owen, said the council wanted their ideas. The village was inclined to be rather geriatric and it was important to make it a positive place where people could grow up and be happy. The youngsters agreed that they wanted somewhere other than a pub where they could get together. The council will investigate the possibility of a meeting place where they could play records, drink coffee and chat.

The vicar, the Rev David Stranack, agreed to talk to the parochial church council about using the church hall but pointed out that someone would have to be responsible for it. A rota of adults to keep an eye on the hall was suggested. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of using the United Reformed Church hall and Mrs Owen added that any positive ideas for a meeting place would be welcomed.

Council members were warned that the proposed new village library in the primary school might be in jeopardy if readership figures continued to fall. Mrs Owen said numbers had decreased a lot, particularly among children. If everyone in the village took books out more regularly the flow of books coming in would increase and make the library more attractive.

She warned that if the present library was not seen to be used by the county authority there was a possibility that the planned new library room in the school would not go ahead and the village would be left with a mobile service.

Mrs Owen said she had attended the annual meeting of the Community Council for Suffolk and it was agreed to invite a representative to speak at a future meeting. It was also decided to obtain more details of a Domesday village survey being done by the county. Mrs Owen said this was different from the BBC one and other surrounding villages were taking part.

Dr Chris Gilbert, who chaired a sub-committee for next year's fete, outlined its plans. He said the proposed theme was Hi-de-Hi, as in the television series, and the afternoon would be a series of main ring attractions with sports in between structured sideshows and village organisation stalls. Members decided to circulate information and hold a meeting in January to form a committee and get things moving.

The council agreed to grant £200 to the Guides, Scouts, Cubs and Brownies towards the restoration of their storage hut. A letter of thanks for her work is to go to Mrs Pam Baker, who has resigned as vice-chairman.

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## Nayland

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL** — A final total of £475 went to Nayland Community Council funds from the Bank Holiday fete, members heard at a recent meeting. It was agreed that the fete had been highly successful despite the atrocious weather and Dr Chris Gilbert and his committee were thanked for their efforts.

Because the weather affected attendance, various stalls were left with goods unsold and the council is to hold an autumn market at Nayland village hall on Saturday, October 25. There will also be cakes and coffee.

Other events discussed were an inter-organisation village quiz and a fireworks display. The council agreed to hold a village quiz and a fireworks display. The council agreed to hold a village dance on St Valentine's Day and an organising committee was formed. It was agreed to hold another fete next year.





## Winning poster

Nayland Community Council's Bank Holiday fete on August 25 is being advertised in a novel and eye-catching way this year.

Chairman Mrs Norah Owen thought it would be a good idea to involve local schoolchildren in fete preparations and two classes from Nayland Primary School took part in a poster design competition at the end of last term.

They were given the fete's theme, Hi-de-hi, plus a list of attractions which include parachutists and heavy horses, and although time was short, Mrs Owen said the designs produced showed considerable talent.

The winner is nine-year-old Scott Meekings, of Wiston Road, Nayland (pictured here with his entry) and the runner-up Glen Taylor, aged seven.

Scott's poster has been photographed by council treasurer, Peter Moore, whose grandchildren have coloured the copies, and they have been going up round the district this week. The rest of the designs will be put up in the village hall and prizes will be presented at the school next term.

# All the fun of a country fair

Nayland Fete is an annual event which grows in popularity each year. Traditionally held on Bank Holiday Monday, it reflects something of the country fairs that were held there for centuries.

Organised by Nayland Community Council and held on the playing fields behind the village hall, the fete stages many unusual events which this year include Red Indian dancing by a troupe based at Harwich and a parachuting display by the Phoenix Free Fall team of Ipswich.

## Musical

There will be musical marching from the newly formed Sudbury Sapphire Majorettes, a dog obedience show and an exhibition of classic cars.

More than 30 stalls will surround the grounds, representing many local clubs and organisations.

The Women's Institute is running a cake stand, the Scouts a coconut shy, and Nayland Youth Club will invite visitors to win-a-teddy, pick-a-straw or have a smashing time on the Aunty Sally stall.

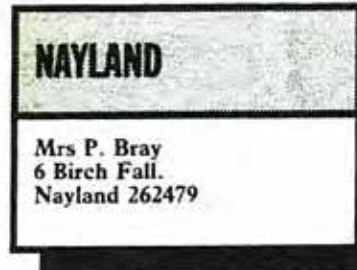
Numerous raffles will be held with this year's top prize being a colour television.

Among other stalls will be those of the Nayland Eagles Football Club, the Guides and the parish church of St James.

Five major charities —

Arthritis Research, Marriage Guidance Council, Leukaemia Research, the Haemophiliac Society and Save the Children Fund — will also be represented with stalls aimed at providing a spot of fun while raising funds for their various causes.

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**Community council.** — Nayland village hall hiring charges are not expensive, members of Nayland community council were told at a meeting last week. Following discussion on the church hall, whose future is currently being assessed by a working committee, Mrs Diana Whiting, village hall booking secretary, said organisations seemed to assume the hall was expensive to hire but in the eight years she had handled bookings no village organisation had bothered to ask about rates. Charges were comparable with those of the church hall. Mr Peter Moore, treasurer, said the village hall was the cheapest in the area to hire but it was pointed out that it was a long way for many elderly people to walk, especially at night. Mrs Norah Owen, chairman, said she was sure the community council would want to help the committee in any way possible. Reporting on arrangements for the community council fete on August 25, Dr Chris Gilbert said attractions would include parachute jumping, heavy horses, dog obedience and majorette displays, classic cars, children's sports, 20 sideshows and many other features. Mr John Spooner urged members to study the new bus timetable which comes into operation on October 26, note any changes and pass on comments to Mr Gerry Battye, the parish council's transport officer.

**Church hall.** — Jumble sales, whist drives and other fund-raising events involving the general public cannot be held at Nayland church hall for the time being. This was decided by Nayland parochial church council last week following visits to the hall by a fire security officer and a district council building inspector. Mr Ken Willingale, chairman of the

committee which is assessing the hall's future, said this week that the fire officer had told the council the hall might need a licence to hold this type of event and if so certain improvements to the fire precautions would be mandatory. The officer felt extra precautions were desirable even if a licence were not needed. Mr Willingale said the building inspector did not consider the hall was dangerous to use at present but the roof would need renewing in six months to a year as it was causing stress to the outer walls. The inspector would monitor the hall every six months but meanwhile the church council decided that meetings of organisations such as the Mothers' Union and the Royal British Legion could still be held there. Mr Willingale said after clarifying the situation regarding a licence for the hall with the district council he would be presenting all the facts to his committee of organisation representatives and individuals interested in saving the hall, then report back to the church council.

**Cycle ride.** — Mr Glen Broome of Lexden recently completed a 75-mile sponsored cycle ride from Great Yarmouth to Colchester, raising more than £200 for arthritis research. The ride was organised by Mr Charles Warner, of Nayland, an Ancient Order of Foresters charity steward.

Mr Ken Willingale, chairman of the



## NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We have found that many people in Nayland seem not to know what exactly the COMMUNITY COUNCIL is and what it should be doing for the local community. There seems to be a misconception that it exists solely to collect and contribute funds to the village hall. It does help to do this but it is there to do far more than that for the village.

Community Councils were set up 50 years ago, to maintain the best of community life in rural areas. There is one in every county in the country, except Norfolk, and the Suffolk Community Council is there to advise the village voluntary organisations on such things as village halls, playing fields, drama groups, old people's clubs, young people's groups, records of local history and, in general, to draw the village community together, through its various organisations. In some cases it has the ability to offer grants.

Nayland's Community Council was started when the village decided that it needed a village hall and funds were required. It is not the business of the community Council to be involved in property, so the Village hall Committee was formed to run the hall when it had been built.

The community Council is made up of a representative from every voluntary organisation in the parish - Parish Council, British Legion (women's and men's branches), the W.I., the Church Council, the various sports clubs, Youth Club, Conservation Society, Horticultural Society, Village Players, Village Hall Committee, Foresters, Mothers & Toddlers, Bell Ringers, Scouts & Cubs, the Playgroup and Over 60s and so forth, plus any individuals who can offer something to the community.

This means that everyone in the village is represented by more than one organisation. The President is Dr. C Gilbert, the Chairman is Norah Owen, the Hon. Treasurer is Peter Moore and the Hon. Secretary is Jane Fernandez. We are at the moment looking for a Vice-Chairman and, if possible, this, we think, should be someone who has been brought up in Nayland, is young and enthusiastic and is bringing up a family in the village. The council meets four times a year, with the AGM on 6th May.

We want to know what you want the Community Council to do for you in Nayland, and what assets in the village you want preserved. Other Suffolk villages have asked for a regular News Letter about village activities, more social events bringing the community together, such as a quiz between local organisations, which can be developed to include other village tams, inter-village sports and contests, an organised welcome to newcomers, and old people's lunch club, etc. We do know that the young people in Nayland feel they would like somewhere to meet for music and coffee (under supervision) other than their weekly Youth Club meetings. There is also concern about the future of the Church Hall.

What are your views? Can we have your support?

*Norah Owen, Chairman*

*April 1986*

## Nayland with Wissington Community Council

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Dear

As you probably know, it was announced at the recent A.G.M. that this year the Community Council would not be holding its Annual August Fete. It is intended that we should have a Nayland Festival in the Summer of 1988.

It is hoped that all Groups and Associations in the Village should take part, with a view to gaining financially themselves, helping the Community Council to make a profit and also raising the prestige of Nayland both locally and among tourists.

For such a Festival to be a success, it will be necessary to start to make plans immediately. I would, therefore, be grateful if you could discuss the project with the Group you represent on the Community Council, so that you can put forward ideas at the next meeting, on the 9th June.

We shall also need Volunteers for a Committee to organise the Firework Evning in November, to make it an even bigger and better Show than we had last year. May we have any suggestions you may have on the 9th.

As we are not holding a Fete this year, perhaps you and your association could consider alternative for fund-raising. Dr. Gilbert has suggested "pyramid lunches", which are fun as well as money-makers. You may have some original sponsorship suggestions which we shall welcome at the Meeting on the 9th June.

Yours sincerely,

Norah Owen,  
Chairman.