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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Nayland Community Council chairman, Mrs Norah Owen, is to write to all village organisations to canvass their views on a fete this year and see if they are willing to help. Apart from two officers, six members attended a council meeting and it was pointed out that although people expected Nayland to hold a fete on the August Bank Holiday it was the same few stalwarts who organised it. Mrs Owen said the council's president, Dr Chris Gilbert, was unable to take on the organisation this year and a new committee and chairman would be needed. Mrs Owen thanked Mrs Marilyn Woodley and her committee for arranging the successful Valentine's dance which she said had not only made money but had got the village together.

A request for financial help to buy a new tent from the Nayland Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Guides Support Group was turned down because the council had given the group £200 last year. It was agreed to donate £10 to St John's Ambulance Brigade towards their new West Suffolk headquarters.

COFFEE MORNING — About 30 people attended a Gameo (come and meet each other) coffee morning at Nayland Church Hall. The mornings are a joint venture by St James' and the Sacred Heart Churches to enable villagers to get to know each other and will be held on the first Wednesday each month, when the hall is available.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Nayland Community Council will not be holding its traditional summer bank holiday fete in August this year, it was decided at the annual meeting when members agreed it was too late to start organising one. Instead the council will hold a smaller money-raising event during the summer and will start considering ideas put forward by president Dr Chris Gilbert for a more ambitious type of Nayland festival next year. Mrs Norah Owen, chairman, said the council needed enthusiasm and people willing to help. She urged representatives of various organisations to attend the next meeting on June 9. Explaining the council's role, Mrs Owen said it wanted to get people of all ages and social classes together to make Nayland a real community. It also needed to raise money to contribute to local organisations and the village hall.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Nayland's proposed three-day festival has been scheduled for July 22 to 24 next year.

The idea of a festival was suggested after Nayland community council decided to drop its annual bank holiday fete this year and concentrate on a bigger event in 1988.

Mr Alan Cropper, leader of the steering committee, told a community council meeting last week that the festival's basic objectives would be to bring people together from all parts of the village, to raise money for anyone and everyone who wished to take part and to be successful, without being too ambitious.

The proposed July weekend at the start of the school holidays seemed a suitable time to hold the event, he said. He agreed to make a presentation at the next council meeting to show members how the committee visualised the event.

Mr John Padgett reported that the bonfire for the November fireworks night would be in the bottom corner of the playing field where turfs would be lifted and put back afterwards. He agreed to make enquiries about bringing a small fair to the event.

Following a request from the village hall management committee for the annual £350 grant towards its electricity bill, the chairman, Mrs Norah Owen, said the council was unable to make a grant at present and would have to review its financial position.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Various ideas for a proposed Nayland festival next year were discussed when Nayland community council met at the village hall. The original suggestion for an ambitious three-day event came from president, Dr Chris Gilbert, who said it was necessary to discover how much practical support there was for such an idea, which would be catering for a slightly different consumer group than the old fete, with a wider appeal. It was agreed everyone would have to work together to organise an event of this size and chairman, Mrs Norah Owen, is to write to all village organisations, explaining the project and asking for views and volunteers for a committee.

As there is to be no summer fete this year the council is holding a smaller fund-raising event and Dr Gilbert is to obtain costings for a drive-in movie. Another fireworks display will be held in November but it was agreed this would need to be more carefully costed in order to make a profit. Members decided the council should take a stall at the Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies Parents Support Group rent-a-stall market on September 19. December 5 was provisionally booked for a Christmas bazaar in the village hall and another Valentine dance is to be held on February 13.

The council agreed to sponsor one trip by Nayland Swifts Athletic Club to their Wednesday training session at Ipswich.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — A sub-committee is to be formed to run a Nayland festival next year. When the community council met last week, Mr Alan Cropper volunteered to co-ordinate an organising committee. Although the chairman, Mrs Norah Owen, reported that only one reply, from Nayland Brownies, had been received to her circular letter outlining the proposed three-day event, several village organisation representatives at the meeting indicated their interest. It was reported that a venue for the November fireworks display was proving a problem and Mr Roger Mitcham, vice-chairman, agreed to discuss the matter with the village hall management committee. Mr Robert Marshall volunteered to head a committee for a Christmas bazaar on December 5 and also agreed to talk to a local farmer about the possibility of using a field for a car boot sale. A letter from Dr Chris Gilbert said he had been unable to guarantee a suitable film for his idea of a drive-in movie and neither he nor the council would be able to underwrite such an event. Mrs Owen told members how impressed she had been by the enthusiasm shown at a recent meeting of Nayland Swifts Athletic Club, which was doing a lot of good for the village's young people. She wondered whether to invite its secretary, Mr Dave Peters, to the next meeting to see how the community council could help.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — A good response to next year's proposed Nayland festival was reported to the community council. Mr Alan Cropper said everyone approached so far had agreed to help. The small steering committee had been enlarged to a dozen and various areas of operation had been allotted to small groups. He said it was hoped to spread the workload to involve as many people in the village as possible. Other community council members commented that Nayland appeared to be in rather a depressed state at present but Mr Cropper said he hoped the festival would help lift the depression and get people together. Any bookings or ideas for stalls should go to Mr Julian Baker (Nayland 262358). Mr Bob Marshall and his helpers were thanked for organising the recent Christmas fair though it was pointed out attendance was half what it should have been. Organisations who took part are to be sent letters of thanks. The next community council meeting is on January 26.



Mark wins poster prize

NAYLAND'S Bonfire Night celebrations, which take place tomorrow on the village playing field, have had some eye-catching publicity this year.

Seen here with his prizewinning poster design is eight-year-old Mark Rowe of Leavenheath, a pupil at Nayland Primary School.

The fireworks display is being organised by Nayland Community Council and Mark won a £5 gift token in a poster competition run by the council at the school. Runners-up were Maria Eldred, Esthor Taylor and Ben Mills, all from Leavenheath, who each received £1.

The fun starts at 7 pm and tickets are £1 for adults and 50p for children. Hot dogs and soup will be available.

MINUTES OF THE A.G.M. HELD ON 6 MAY 1987

24 members of the Parish attended.

1. **APOLOGIES** received from Jenny Row, Chrissy Cropper.

2. The **TREASURER'S REPORT** was read and approved unanimously. (Proposed Mrs Woodley, Seconded Mr Mitchum.)

3. The following **OFFICERS** were elected:

President:	Dr Gilbert	
Vice President:	Mrs Southall Mr Walsh	Proposed Mrs Woodley Seconded Mr Moore
Honorary Solicitor:	Mr Greenwood	
Honorary Auditor:	Mr Lockhart	
Chairman:	Mrs Owen	Proposed Mr J. Padgett Seconded Mr Moore
Vice-chairman:	Mr Mitchum	Proposed Mrs McCarthy Seconded Mr Moore
Treasurer:	Mr J. Baker	Proposed Mrs Collingwood Seconded Mr Moore
Secretary:	Mrs Ross	Proposed Mrs Woodley Seconded Mr Mitchum
Individual members:	Mrs Woodley Mrs Whiting Mr Mitchell	Proposed Mr Mitchum Seconded Mr Moore

All the preceding officers were voted unanimously.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mrs Owen spoke of a talk early last year by a representative from the Community Council for Suffolk on the purpose of the Council in Nayland.

The Fête, Firework Display and Valentine's Day Dance had all been successful and enjoyable. She asked people to think what might be done in the year ahead. The Vicar had suggested that there were people in the community alone or in need of support. Any project to help would need money and the Chairman suggested another Dance might be a good remunerative idea. A firework display could again be a pleasure, and make money if more were charged for admission.

FETE — The President said that the event needed to be bigger and more publicity-conscious. This would not be possible this summer but could be planned for 1988. Perhaps money could be raised in 1987 by a car boot sale or pyramid meals. Rattenshaw have given him a one-armed bandit which could be used to raise money. The President suggested a co-ordinated programme of events in the spring of 1988 with organisations taking charge of particular features — creating a Nayland Festival.

This was thought to be an excellent idea if planning were to begin now. The Chairman asked for enthusiasm — particularly from organisations.

Backing sought for village festival plan

AN ambitious three-day festival is being planned for Nayland next July, but the project will depend on whether support is forthcoming from villagers to organise it.

Detailed plans for the festival, which is proposed for the weekend of July 22 to 24, were given to Nayland Community Council last week.

The plans have been drawn up by a small steering committee who hope to motivate villagers to run the event.

The group's chairman, Mr Alan Cropper, told council members a full-blown festival would present all sorts of opportunities for the village.

He said it would not only enable villagers to raise funds for their organisations but, most important, would get everyone involved in a common cause.

Mr Cropper said the centre of Nayland would provide an ideal backdrop for a country fair with a carousel as its centrepiece. It

was hoped to use all parts of the village, including the river, in the festival.

Events planned for the weekend include an open-air barn dance, a full day's programme of activities and a 'Messiah from scratch' performance in the church.

Council members are to report back to their organisations and another meeting will be held on Wednesday to assess the support so far.

Festival carries on regardless of rain

MISERABLE weather kept the crowds away from the Nayland Festival on Saturday but the programme went ahead as planned with villagers making the best of the wet afternoon.

The festival is expected to raise just over £1,000 for Nayland Community Council funds. Co-organiser Mr. Alan Cropper said despite the weather the festival had achieved one of its major objectives in that local people had enjoyed themselves and turned out to support the event.

Several hundred villagers attended a successful barn dance in the village hall on Friday and Saturday's non-stop programme was opened by Mr Gerry Battye, chairman of the parish council, with interruptions from Scragtag, the BBC TV cat, and his 'minder' Marcus Kimber of Bures.

The opening was accompanied by a quarter-peal from St. James's Church bells.

Five It's a Knockout teams carried on with their races regardless of the downpour and the eventual winners were Nayland Rangers, with the Jane Walker Hospital team second and Leavenheath Lion third. The trophy for the event was donated by Susan and Terry Atkins of Hattons Stores.

Pledge auction items included a visit to Prime Minister's question time in the House of Commons, given by South Suffolk MP Tim Yeo.

A Victorian carousel complete with prancing horses, music and lights proved popular with children and there were also puppet shows and races.

The festival ended with a sell-out music hall variety show, *Those Good Old Nayland Days*, staged by the Village Players, who also laid on supper.

Winner of the top draw prize, a microwave oven, was Mrs Ibbey Brunson of Stradbroke.



Soaking wet but still cheerful, Julie Harris and Garry Thorogood helped Leavenheath Lion team to third place in the It's a Knockout races.



Nayland Handbell Ringers gave two demonstrations in St. James Church.



15 December 1988 Suffolk Free Press

Santa's truck ride

FATHER Christmas arrived on a balloon-trimmed Norfolk's pick-up truck for Nayland Community Council's bazaar on Saturday and was an immediate attraction with his young fans.

Ten village organisations took part and council funds will benefit by £180 from the event. Each organisation ran its own stall and gave 25 per cent of its takings to the council.

One of the organisers, Mrs Pauline Norfolk, said the bazaar had been a great success and the fine weather helped boost attendance.

10 March 1988 Suffolk Free Press

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COMMUNITY SPIRIT — Nayland's apparent lack of community spirit has been deplored by the chairman of the village community council. Mrs Norah Owen's comments came after a recent Valentine's Dance, intended to boost council funds, made a £51 loss because it was so poorly supported. She told council members it was terribly sad no-one seemed to want to get together as a village and she was worried the ambitious Nayland festival, proposed for July, would not get enough backing.

"Nayland is one community but it seems to be pulling in different directions," she said. "Young people need to be catered for and we must make the village a more exciting place for them to live in." Mrs Owen urged council members to discuss the problem with their organisations and try and come up with some ideas. She thanked the dance organisers for their valiant efforts despite the lack of interest. Concern was expressed that the festival arrangements were vague and behind schedule and the organisers were asked to give a firm progress report at the next council meeting on March 22.

7 April 1988

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — April 15 will be the date of a 'crunch' meeting when the Nayland festival committee decides whether or not the planned event in July is to go ahead. Mr Alan Cropper, the committee's joint chairman, told Nayland Community Council that volunteers were now needed for numerous small jobs and leaflets were being circulated, as it was important to involve as many people as possible right down the line. He said certain targets would need to be met by April 15 but whatever happened to the festival a barn dance would be held in the village hall on July 22. The Village Players would hold a Victorian evening on July 23 and the draw would go ahead. It was agreed to hold another community council meeting on April 20 so the festival committee could lay out its complete format for the event. Mrs Katie Walker, who was welcomed as the council's new secretary, said she found a site at Wiston for a car boot sale and a date was provisionally fixed for May 1.

4 May 1988 Suffolk Free Press

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — After hearing an outline plan of events, Nayland Community Council has decided to go ahead with the planned Nayland Festival.

At last week's council meeting, Dr Chris Gilbert, joint-chairman of the festival committee, said the festival would be on two days, July 22 and 23. The opening event would be a country dance on the Friday evening, either in the village hall or the square, and plans for the Saturday included a car boot sale, craft fair and an It's a Knockout session.

He said a carousel had been reserved for the village centre and in the afternoon there would be a puppet show and an entertainment by the Village Players in a marquee. The Village Players were staging an old time music hall in the evening.

Dr Gilbert said numerous other events were planned and grand draw tickets were already being distributed in the village. He stressed that a lot of people were needed to help, particularly with organising It's a Knockout.

Volunteers wishing to help in any way should contact Mr J. Baker (Nayland 262358).

19 May 1988

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At the annual meeting of Nayland Community Council which followed, the chairman, Mrs Norah Owen, said it had been a reasonable year but meetings could have been better attended.

Mr Julian Baker, treasurer, reported on the accounts and Mr Alan Cropper described plans for the Nayland festival in July. Officers elected were: chairman, Mrs Owen; president, Dr Chris Gilbert; vice-chairman, Mr Roger Mitcham; secretary, Mrs Katie Walker; treasurer, Mr Julian Baker.

26 May 1988

Nayland

FESTIVAL — Plans for allocating stall space at Nayland festival on July 23 are now being prepared. Stalls will be strategically placed throughout the village and will provide an ideal opportunity for fund-raising. Inquiries should go to Mr Julian Baker (Nayland 262358).

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Nayland Community Council heard last week that plans for a fireworks display on November 4 were well ahead and two people had offered to subsidise the cost of fireworks. It was reported the recent car boot sale made nearly £70 profit for council funds. A fashion show and sale with a raffle and refreshments is to be held in July.

21 July 1988

Village in festival mood

NAYLAND will be in festive mood on Saturday with a non-stop programme of events starting at noon, heralded by St. James's Church bells.

The festival, which aims to raise funds for Nayland Community Council, is being opened by parish council chairman Mr Gerry Batty, aided and abetted by the TV cat Scrag Tag.

Six teams are competing in It's a Knockout on the playing field and there will also be children's races, a trampoline display and a pledge auction.

A Victorian roundabout will be sited on the village hall car park and other attractions include a puppet show and magician, craft fair, car boot sale, children's art exhibition, and numerous stalls run by village organisations.

In the evening the Village Players will round off the day with some home-grown entertainment, Those Good Olde Nayland Days.

Organiser Mr Alan Cropper says he hopes the festival will recapture the spirit of the old charter fairs which used to take place in the village before the war.

The fun kicks off with an open-air barn dance for villagers tomorrow evening.

18 August 1988 Suffolk Free Press

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Members agreed at their recent meeting to continue to assist the village hall management committee with its electricity bill until the end of the year. Mr David Mitchell pointed out that an annual £350 grant had previously been made when the hall committee applied for it and the council had spare money but there was no formal agreement for its payment. Mr John Padget said the council would not have to contribute money if the hall was run properly. He explained an entertainments committee had been formed to try and make the hall a viable proposition and said he would like to see the council and the management committee working hand in hand.

Mrs Katie Walker (secretary) reported a £117.53 profit from the recent fashion show and said October 7 had been provisionally booked for a second one. A monthly newsheet was suggested to keep villagers informed about events and Mr Mitchell said he would look into printing costs.

29 September 1988
Suffolk Free Press**Nayland**

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Members heard at their meeting last week that the Nayland Festival had made a total profit of £1,545. It was agreed to hold another festival next year and to put £700 aside to finance the event. The council is to thank the festival's joint-chairmen and their committee for all their hard work in organising it.

The rest of the festival profit went to community council funds from which £412.50 will go towards the village hall's electricity bill. It was also agreed to donate £75 to the recently formed carpet bowls club. Forthcoming community council events include a fashion show on October 7, fireworks display on November 4 and a Christmas bazaar on December 10.

3 November 1988

Nayland

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — The joint chairmen of the Nayland Festival committee have both resigned. Members of the community council were told at their recent meeting, chairman Mrs Norah Owen said Mr Alan Cropper had been upset by criticism at last month's meeting. In a letter to her he said he had ignored earlier complaints but remarks made at the meeting had proved the last straw. Mrs Owen said Dr Chris Gilbert had also indicated he would not be in a position to help organise next year's event. The council accepted their resignations with regret. It was agreed Mrs Pauline Norfolk should look into the possibility of forming a fresh committee for next year's festival and co-opt any new enthusiasts.

The resignation of the council's secretary, Mrs Katie Walker, was also announced and a vote of thanks was passed to her for all her hard work. Mrs Walker agreed to honour her commitments to the fireworks display on November 4 and the Christmas bazaar on December 10 and said she would need help to run the fireworks barbecue. Mrs Norfolk asked organisations to indicate which stalls they would run at the bazaar and appealed for raffle prizes. The council's next meeting is on November 22.

Village goes to battle in Knock Out contest



A lapse in concentration at the Nayland It's a Knockout as a member of the Nayland scouts team drops his egg during one of the races.

CRAZY It's a Knock Out races were the highlight of Nayland Community Council's fair held on the village playing field yesterday.

Four local teams battled through a series of hilarious games which culminated in a water filled wellies race.

Nayland Eagles team were the eventual winners of the Knockout Shield with Leavenheath Lion second, and the Jane Walker Hospital third.

The fair drew about 500 visitors and other attractions included children's competitions and pony rides.

Stalls were manned by village organisations who will give 25 per cent of their takings to Nayland community council funds.

31 August 1989 Suffolk Free Press

Knockout fun at village fair

CRAZY It's A Knockout races were the highlight of Nayland Community Council's fair held on the village playing field on Monday.

Four local teams battled through a series of hilarious games. Eventual winners of the Knockout Shield donated by Hattens Stores were Nayland Eagles with the Leavenheath Lion second and the Jane Walker Hospital third.

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village organisations who will give 25 per cent of their takings to community council funds.

Opened by parish council chairman Mr Gerry Battye, the fair attracted about 500 visitors and popular features included children's competitions, pony rides, a 'big dipper' and face painting.

Winner of the fancy dress competition was Sean Wilkinson, complete with

parrot, as Long John Silver. Other first prizewinners were James Ford (decorated bike), Scott Meekings (slow bicycle), Adam Noakes, Paul Cook, Jassy Luard, Fred Bugg and Kelly Moroney (running races). A Know Your Nayland competition devised by Nayland Conservation Society was won by Mr and Mrs M. Bond.

The fair was followed in the evening by a barn dance in the village hall.

8 February 1989
Suffolk Free Press

Knees-up at Nayland

SUFFOLK folk will have a chance to take part in a real Cockney knees-up tomorrow when the Cockney Pride Show presents an evening's entertainment at Nayland Village Hall.

This internationally-known act comprises a singing and piano duo, comedy cabaret and a genuine pearly King and Queen. The show ends with an hour's dancing led by the pearly pair and featuring traditional favourite, the Lambeth Walk.

The evening is being organised by Nayland Community Council and tickets, price £4.50, are available from the village post office, council members or on the door.

13 February 1989 Suffolk Free Press

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Officers elected at the annual meeting of Nayland Community Council were: president, Mr Bill Gray; chairman, Mr Bob Hawtin; vice-chairman, Mr Bob Marhsall; treasurer, Mr Julian Baker. The post of secretary was left open.

24 August 1989 Suffolk Free Press

NAYLAND

Our correspondent is Mrs Pat Bray, 6 Birch Fall, Nayland.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Members of Nayland Community Council have been urged to think of a new money-raising objective. Up to now the council has periodically helped village organisations who have asked for financial assistance but has never had a major project in view. Chairman Mr Bob Hawtin told a meeting the council needed something to aim for. He said any ideas from member organisations would be welcome and would be discussed at the next meeting. Representatives from 13 village organisations gave up-to-date reports on their various activities. These were handed to Mr Keith Worricker who is compiling a village newsletter on the community council's behalf. Reporting on preparations for the Bank Holiday Monday fair Mr Hawtin said plans were well in hand but stressed plenty of helpers would be needed on the day. Any volunteers should telephone him on Nayland 262825.

14 December 1989 Suffolk Free Press

NAYLAND

Our correspondent is Mrs Pat Bray, 6 Birch Fall, Nayland.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — The president of Nayland Community Council, Mr Bill Gray, appealed to member organisations to think of a major project that could be undertaken by the council. He explained that nothing could be done without money so ideas were also needed for an activity which would raise money exclusively for the council and a particular project. The council approved an executive committee decision to grant £50 to Matthew Underwood, a 19-year-old Nayland student, who is going out to India in January to teach for six months in a Tibetan refugee settlement. The £50 is for the hire of the village hall on December 29 when a rock concert is being held in aid of Matthew's trip. It was also agreed to grant £120 to the village playgroup to pay for the services of an extra supervisor next term. Mr Hawtin reported that the fireworks display had made a profit and thanked Messrs John Padget and Bob Marshall for organising the field and food. Mr Keigh Wooricker, who was congratulated on the second issue of the Nayland Community Times, said he was reasonably confident the next couple of issues would be sponsored but a more secure source of income was needed long-term.

28 December 1989 Suffolk Free Press

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Our correspondent is Mrs Pat Bray, 6 Birch Fall, Nayland.

BAZAAR — Nayland Community Council funds were boosted by £275 following a Christmas bazaar, raffle and social evening at the village hall. Ten village organisations took part in the sale and gave the council 25 per cent of their profits. Attendance at the evening party was disappointing but those who went enjoyed a bingo session, carol singing and dancing to Alan Taylor's electric organ music.

22 June 1989 Suffolk Free Press

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Plans for several forthcoming events were discussed when the Council held its first meeting under its new leadership. Members were also reminded of the council's objectives. Mr Julian Baker, treasurer, said the council representing village organisations, had originally been founded to raise funds, available to be used sensibly by any part of the community in Nayland and Wiston. Last year's festival had raised money and this year's event would continue to do so. He said it was important to get people involved to create a community spirit. New chairman Mr Bob Hawtin said the council needed total co-operation from all its members and asked for suggestions for new ventures between now and next May. The council would be willing to help local youth financially if they organised something themselves.

Reporting on plans for the Bank Holiday fair, Mrs Pauline Norfolk said main attractions would include It's a Knockout, several children's events, a raffle and a free barn dance in the evening for Nayland residents only. She said the council would charge £5 per stall and take 25 per cent of stall profits. Help would be needed on the day, she added, and asked volunteers to contact her or Mr John Padget. Other events discussed were a fireworks display on November 3 and Christmas bazaar on December 16. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of producing a newsletter to keep residents informed about village organisations. Members also decided to go ahead with the erection of a gate in the fernage fence to facilitate entry into the playing field in time for the fair. The council's new secretary is Mrs Ida Drake.

17 August 1989 Suffolk Free Press

Holiday fun in store

NAYLAND will be in festive mood over the Bank Holiday weekend with the village flower show on August 26, followed by a fair on August 28.

Organised by Nayland Horticultural Society, the flower show is being held a month later than usual this year but secretary Mrs Olive Willingale is still hoping for a bumper entry, particularly in the vegetable and cookery sections.

There are ten trophies to be won and entry forms for the show, available from the post office, should be returned to Mrs Willingale, 3 Church Mews or Mrs M. Benham, 52, Bear Street, by August 23.

Main feature of the Bank Holiday Monday fair, being organised by Nayland Community Council, will be a session of It's a Knockout, with half a dozen local teams taking part.

There will also be numerous children's competitions and chairman Bob Hawtin says he hopes plenty of youngsters will come forward to compete for prizes.

The fair, which opens at 2pm on the village playing field, is in aid of community council funds which help the needs of village organisations.

The first issue of the Community Times was produced

THE NAYLAND COMMUNITY TIMES
Number 1 October 1989

The objective of the Nayland Community Times, which is published by the Community Council, is to

- (i) keep members of the Nayland and Wissington community informed about the activities of the various clubs, associations and organisations in the Village;
- (ii) help promote the objectives of the Community Council, which are to foster and encourage recreational and leisure pursuits and offer support - financial and other - to the clubs engaged in these activities in the Village.

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It is hoped this publication will appear at least three or four times a year, and possibly more frequently, depending on how things go. Letters are welcome on any matters appropriate to the business of the Community Council, and should be addressed to the Editor:

Keith Worricker, 'Weavers', 14 Bear Street, Nayland (Tel 263172).

We hope to produce an informative and informal newsletter, of interest to all.

First, an introduction from the Community Council President, Mr William Gray ...

'The Community Council is conscious of the fact that communication between the various bodies making up the Council is not only desirable but essential.

To this end it has been decided to publish a newsletter, and I am delighted that Keith Worricker has agreed to edit this publication. May I commend this venture to you all and ask all organisations to support by supplying details of their activities to the Editor.

I would also hope that further material will be supplied to the Editor by individuals who have a point to communicate. It may be of interest, criticism, or suggestion.

I can assure you that, if nothing else, the Council will be good listeners.

A venture of this kind can only succeed with your support, which I hope you will give wholeheartedly.

WILLIAM GRAY
(President)

* THE NAYLAND BANK HOLIDAY FAIR *

December 1989

At the time of the first issue of the Community Times, the Chairman was able to give only an initial report on the Bank Holiday Fair. The final result is now available and although the Fair made a profit of £335 it was, to be honest, a modest if not disappointing result for all the hard work put in by the organisers; and not least by the Chairman himself.

The cause of the disappointing result was apparently due in the main to the poor sales of tickets for the Draw. There is no doubt that, if the Fair is to be financially successful, the Draw has got to be the main moneyspinner. This year, although the prizes were very good, sales via the Community clubs and associations were not. In future years much greater sales effort will be required from all if the Fair is to provide a source of finance to fund other activities in the Village.

Other lessons have also been learnt from the day's events. The Committee has been honestly self-critical about advertising and administration and, although let down by some sideshow operators who for all sorts of reasons did not turn up on the day, would in any future event make changes to the general programme. 'It's-a-Knockout' probably went on for too long, although no one could criticise the enthusiasm and commitment of the participants and organisers, and perhaps some live music or a band would add to the atmosphere. Generally, the idea of marquees for the side shows was a good one - particularly if the weather had turned nasty! - and refreshments and ice cream sales were very good. Perhaps a beer tent would be a good idea?

As the Chairman said, a lot of knowledge was gained on this occasion, and it would be a pity not to put it to work for a bigger and better Fair next year.

BONFIRE PARTY AND BARBECUE

The Bonfire Party and Barbecue on Friday 3 November was enjoyed by some 200 mums, dads, children and grandparents. On the evening, the weather turned out better than some had feared although rain gave the fire lighters problems in getting the bonfire firing on all cylinders. However, with a little help from some diesel and a few old tyres (kindly provided by Howard Norfolk), it blazed up in time for the finale!

Barbecue-master Bob Marshall and his worthy band of helpers were kept busy providing much needed sustenance by way of sausages, hotdogs and soup. Dolly Norfolk and Olive Hoakes ran a most successful raffle in the dark, with prizes donated by the various clubs and associations.

Congratulations and thanks are due to John Padget, Julian Baker and Fred Bugg for their work in laying out the field, organising the bonfire and letting off the fireworks.

A jolly good time was had by all.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Nayland Community Times, the village's free newsheet is to be the project for community council fund raising this year. President Mr Bill Gray told council members that the paper, introduced in October, had proved a tremendous success but could not go on relying on sponsorship to finance it. "It would also be totally wrong to consider asking individuals or organisations for contributions," he said. Mr Gray pointed out money raised at the August Bank Holiday fete would finance the paper for a year. The paper's editor Mr Keith Worricker, who was congratulated on the third issue, thanked contributors and said he wanted to include matters of general interest to the village to encourage a dialogue with readers.

Reporting on the August fair, chairman Mr Bob Hawtin said the committee hoped to have the format with more arena events finalised by the end of the month. The council agreed to run a raffle in conjunction with the fair and it was decided to include two books of tickets, with no obligation to buy, with the June issue of the Community Times. Other planned events include a fireworks night on November 5 and a Christmas bazaar on November 24. The possibility of a car boot sale will be investigated.

18 August 1990

Fete is flying

A LEISURELY ride round the local countryside in an open-top Norfolk's bus will be one of the more unusual attractions on offer at Nayland Community Council's summer fete on Bank Holiday Monday.

Two microlight aircraft will form a static display on the village playing field and the winner of a raffle connected with the craft will have a free flight in a microlight from Clacton airstrip.

Other attractions lined up include displays by Colchester Model Aircraft Club and Glemsford Majorettes, children's obstacle races and numerous stalls and sideshows.

The fete is in aid of community council funds, mainly to finance the village's free newsheet, the Community Times. It opens at 2 pm and entry is 50p for adults, 25p OAPs and 10p children.

NAYLAND

Our correspondent is Mrs Pat Bray, 6 Birch Fall, Nayland.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Mr Bob Hawtin, the chairman, told the recent annual meeting of how this year's Community Council had taken over a council on the point of collapse and had produced a set of standing orders, an executive committee to run day-to-day affairs and the promotion of the Nayland Community Times. The Council has also promoted a bank holiday fair, a firework display and a Christmas bazaar and has made grants to a Nayland student teaching in India and the village playgroup. Mr Hawtin thanked all the officials and committee for their hardwork and Mr Keith Worricker for his editorship of the newsletter. After some discussion it was agreed that 50% of the individual stall profits at the August bank holiday fair should go to the Council instead of 25% as previously. The committee felt that by raising the percentage in the long term the council would be able to help more

NAYLAND

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL — A decision taken at Nayland community council's annual meeting that village organisations running stalls at the August Bank Holiday should give half their profits to council funds provoked lengthy discussion. Several representatives expressed their concern that the proportion had been increased from 25%. Chairman Mr Bob Hawtin explained that the proposal, for this year only, had been passed at the annual meeting and the money would, in any case, go to council funds to be used for the benefit of the village. An up-to-date report on fete plans was given by Mrs Pauline Norfolk. Raffle tickets will be collected with the next delivery of the Community Times in August. Mr Hawtin said the response to an appeal for suggestions for future projects had been disappointing with only one reply. It was agreed that he should investigate the contents of a shed used by the disbanded youth club before its use reverted to the school. Future plans include a car boot sale in early October, a fireworks display on November 5 and a Christmas bazaar on November 24.

Popular fete proves its worth

● Ben Cropper tries out the pilot's seat in Tony Tillman's microlight. (0664).

AN ingenious obstacle course designed for all ages had children and adults queuing to beat the clock at Nayland Community Council's summer fete on Monday.

The course was one of many popular features, including a static microlight and model aircraft display, which drew hundreds of visitors to the village playing field.

The fete made a profit of about £1,400 for council funds and chairman Mr. Bob Hawtin said he was delighted with the "excellent result".

"It will ensure the village's free newspaper continues and we will have some over for other things," he said.

Thirteen local organisations took part and donated half their profits.

Fete attractions included

displays by Colchester Model Aero Club and Glemsford Emeralds Majorettes, a dogs' agility course and a ride round the countryside in an open-top Norfolk's bus.

Tony Tillman's microlight aircraft created a lot of interest and the raffle prize, a free flight in the machine from Clacton airstrip, was won by Mr. Hawtin, an ex-Spitfire pilot.

There were nearly 50 entries for the children's flower painting competition, judged by Nayland sculptress Bette Curtis. Winners were:

Under 5 — 1 Sean Wilkinson, 2 Jennifer Norfolk, 3 Susannah Richards; 6-9 — 1 Katie Bannister, 2 Violet Bugg, 3 Rebecca Downing; 10-14 — 1 Rosie Townshend, 2 Neil Sebba, 3 Vanessa Thomason.

NAYLAND

Our correspondent is Mrs Pat Bray, 6 Birch Fall, Nayland.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Profits from Nayland Community Council's August Bank Holiday fete could have been much greater if members had made more effort to sell raffle tickets, the council was told. Chairman Mr Bob Hawtin said the raffle had only raised about half last year's total. He said a net profit of £335 had gone to the council but £157 of that was needed to finance the barn dance. The council agreed to hold another fete next year and it was suggested more attractions were needed. Mr Keith Worricker was congratulated on the first issue of the Nayland Community Times, the council's new free newsletter. He said he hoped to publish the second in December and would welcome contributions and news of diary events. Mr Hawtin said he was trying to obtain local sponsorship for the newsletter. Reports were given on the current activities of 16 village organisations. Mr Hawtin said he regretted there was no representative from the Scouts' group and urged parents to support their children's activities. Future events being organised by the council include a fireworks night on November 3 and a Christmas bazaar on December 16. It was agreed to hold a party following the bazaar. Various suggestions put forward for a major fund-raising project will be discussed by organisations and the council's executive committee before the next meeting in December.

NAYLAND

Our correspondent is Mrs Pat Bray, 6 Birch Fall, Nayland.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Following the success of the August Bank Holiday fete, Nayland Community Council now has sufficient funds to consider allocating grants to local organisations.

Treasurer Mr Julian Baker told a meeting last Monday that he wanted individuals and organisations to submit requests for assistance by the end of the year so that applications could be considered in a batch.

It was agreed to allow £450 to the Nayland Community Times so that it has a year's money in hand and to put £750 aside for next year's fete.

Chairman Mr Bob Hawtin said it had been a successful day which raised money for the council to give away and "that was the object of the exercise." Mr Keith Worricker, reporting on the Community Times, said the December issue would be printed on an offset litho machine by Mr Howard Norfolk, and asked for contributions to be in by November 17.

The council also agreed to grant £100 to Nayland Primary School for its latest fund-raising venture.

W.I. — Leon Petulengro, who lived in a Romany caravan in Nayland as a young boy, gave a talk on You and Your Stars at a recent open meeting in the village hall and also gave out some Romany herbal medicinal remedies. Next month the annual meeting will be on Monday, November 19, and members will be invited to Sing Along-a-Heather. Everyone is welcome.

A message from the Community Council President

This contribution appears in the fourth edition of the Nayland Community Times. I am delighted that this publication has been so well received by the community as a means of all organisations becoming aware of the activities and meetings of others. It is my hope that this will bring about a greater interest by all in the various clubs and associations, and hopefully lead to an increase in their membership.

I wish to congratulate our editor, Keith Worricker, on his excellent presentation of the 'Times', and add grateful thanks and appreciation to Bob Marshall and his merry band of helpers who undertake the task of distribution. The 'Times' has now become so very well received as to be regarded an essential part of our life together within our community.

Whilst we have received and indeed appreciate the kind offers of sponsorship of the 'Times', we believe the future of our publication should not rely totally on the goodwill and kindness of individuals and organisations. The Council has therefore adopted the 'Times' as its special project for the 1990 Fair to be held on Monday 27 August.

I therefore commend to you all this project and ask everyone to support the Fair with enthusiasm in order to achieve our objective.

William Gray - President

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The Annual Fair, and particularly the raffle, is the major fund raising event organised by the Community Council and, as Editor of the 'Times', I am proud and delighted that the Council has decided to make the production of the paper the beneficiary of this year's Fair. As the President has said, whilst we are always grateful for sponsorship - private or commercial (see again Editor's Jottings) - it is clearly more satisfactory to have a dedicated source of income so we can plan a few copies ahead. Cost of production, covering just paper and printing, runs to about £70 per issue.

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND PARTY

February 1990

The annual Christmas Bazaar, organised by the Community Council, was held on Saturday 16 December in the village hall. Stalls were set up by a number of the village societies, selling a wide range of items including toys, knitted goods, antiques, onions, plants, pheasants, cakes, toiletry, etc. There was also a treasure hunt, and many of the stalls held their own raffle. Father Christmas was in attendance, and about 150 people passed through the hall during the afternoon.

By the evening, the hall had been transformed for the Christmas Party and, although attendance was disappointing, those present had a most enjoyable evening, not least of all due to the hard work of Bob Marshall, organiser and MC, and Alan Taylor on the organ. The evening started with Bingo and went on with children's games for the younger group. After refreshments (mince pies and coffee, supplied by the societies) there was dancing to music from Alan, which still enabled conversation to be conducted, and carol singing. To close the proceedings the Community Council Raffle was drawn - and first prize, a large turkey donated by the Community Council's President, William Gray, was won by Angela Amery. Other prizes, including whisky, sherry, chocolates, etc, donated by the societies, were drawn and distributed, and the evening was rounded off by a mini auction for a brace of beautiful pheasants, which were knocked down to the MC, Bob Marshall.

It had been a long day for the organisers and, overall, the efforts were well rewarded. All societies made some money from the Bazaar stalls for their funds; visitors enjoyed browsing and sampling tea and refreshments provided by the Over 60s, and those attending the party certainly had a jolly time.

Financially, the day raised £275 to add to the Community Council's funds.

WHAT NEXT? - COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIESFIREWORK DISPLAY AND BARBECUE - MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER

An exciting family evening on the Village Playing Field, with bonfire, firework display, hotdogs, maybe soup, soft drinks, and coffee. Starting at 8.30pm. Entrance (by the Village Hall only, please) - £2.50 adults; £1 OAPs; 50p children.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Earlier this year, in the hope that you won't have done all your Christmas shopping before you have an opportunity to buy from the Bazaar! Come and see what bargains you can pick up from the Village Hall.

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ASPECTS OF FAIR

There were over thirty stalls, sideshows and activities on the ground on the day, in addition to the model aeroplane display and the majorettes in the display ring; so it would be impossible, in this paper, to cover all that went on. But here are a few salient points, with apologies to those stallholders who are not specifically mentioned. No slight is intended. Everybody contributed to the fun and enjoyment on the day, for which again, very many thanks.

The Raffle

Sales of raffle tickets were considerably greater than last year - a combination of sales drive and public generosity. It is a great pleasure to find so many of the prizewinners are villagers although, of course, we do also like to encourage ticket sales to visitors. First prize of £100 was won, this year, by Mrs Arnold of 'Loratto' in Church Walk; second prize of £75 went to Mrs Carter of The Anchor; and third prize, the Tesco voucher worth £50, was won by Mrs Mattock of Stoke.

Our grateful thanks to all buyers of tickets, and those who kindly donated other prizes. The object of the raffle was primarily to underwrite next year's production of the Nayland Community Times, which I am pleased to say it did handsomely.

Congratulations are due to Bob Marshall, the promoter of the raffle, and his band of helpers, ticket sellers and money collectors, for an important and worrying job well done.

Children's Painting Competition

Thanks mainly to help and cooperation from the Nayland Primary School (Elizabeth Collingwood in particular), and Pauline Norfolk, a large entry of paintings, from children of all ages, was received. These were much appreciated and enjoyed by the visitors to the exhibition. As always, judging winners was a difficult and unenviable task. All really deserved prizes. But the winners were finally selected as follows:

Under 5s	1 Sean Wilkinson	2 Jennifer Norfolk	3 Susanna Richards
6 to 9 years	1 Katie Bannister	2 Violet Eugg	3 Rebecca Downing
10 to 14 years	1 Rosie Townsend	2 Neil Sebba	3 Vanessa Thomason

Balloons

Many will have seen your Editor (and Mrs W!) operating the Balloon Race stall. The metallic balloons proved very popular. Although they were not supposed to fly away, some did, causing much junior dismay and usually repeat expenditure for mum or dad! The balloon race went quite well, and we have had five returned tickets up to the closing date. None actually got as far as Poland, but several made it to Lowestoft! The winner of the £15 prize is Julie Wilkinson of 27 Fen Street, whose balloon was found in a field at Lound, near Lowestoft. Others returned were sent aloft by Amy Linscott of Heycroft Way (found at Spexhall, near Halesworth - 'in field, whilst ploughing'), E Plummer, Rookery Lodge, Great Herkesley (found at Hoxne), Alice -?-(name illegible), c/o Grootenhuis, Stour House (found at Wilby, Eye). We sent £1 to all those who had kindly returned the found balloon tickets.

The Obstacle Race

This was run individually against the clock and, in order to encompass a wide range of visitors, was open only to those aged between 0 and 100! In the event, the prize for the 70 to 100-year olds remains unclaimed.

A total of nineteen prizes was given for different age groups, and a special prize awarded to Gamma Cropper for her sheer energy. She completed the course ten times!

Having crawled under a large tarpaulin, contestants had to swing across a crocodile infested river by means of a rope suspended from a goal post straddling two scaffolding towers. Then they had to crawl through a nice, prickly, strawbale tunnel, back through a car tyre, under the tarpaulin again, and - phew! - home.

Many thanks to the team of six hard workers involved in getting 145 'goers' through safely.

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NAYLAND

Our correspondent is Mrs Pat Bray, 6 Birch Fall, Nayland.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL — Village organisations are being urged to apply to Nayland Community Council if they need financial help. Chairman Mr Bob Hawtin told a council meeting last Tuesday that funds were now plentiful and it was up to organisations to ask for assistance. Mr. David Mitchell suggested some money could be given to the Scouts to renovate their storage hut but Mr Hawtin said it was up to the Scouts to make a request which would be considered on its merits. An offer by Windyridge hostel to repair the chain link fencing round the children's play area on the playing field was accepted. A letter from Nayland Royal British Legion branch complained about the various charges made by the Council to organisations taking part in the Christmas bazaar but Mr Hawtin said the legion appeared to have made reasonable profits at both the bazaar and the bank holiday fair. He pointed out that the community council only had two opportunities a year to raise money in order to carry out its work unlike village organisations who had many. Reports on recent activities were given by representatives of several organisations. Future events include a car boot sale planned for the Spring. A vote of thanks for his work as chairman was passed to Mr Hawtin who is leaving Nayland.

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NAYLAND

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland Community Council are looking for tug-of-war teams to take part in a knock-out competition at the August Bank Holiday fair. Teams of eight are being invited to enter and the first prize will be £80. Entries should go to Mr John Spooner, 99 Bear Street (Nayland 262691). Chairman Mr Keith Worricker told last Tuesday's meeting that at least eight teams were needed to make it a good competition and entries would be welcome.

He said the fair committee had been reformed following two resignations and preparations for the event were going well. Volunteers to man sideshows on the day were still needed. Mr Worricker said the raffle was a major money spinner and teams would be going on August 7 and 8 collecting money and ticket stubs.

Reports of organisations' activities for the next edition of the Community Times were requested by July 10.

Reviewing various requests to the council Mr Worricker said the executive committee wanted more details of a blackout system for the village hall suggested by the Village Players. A payphone had also been suggested and costs were being looked into. The committee felt that the parish council, rather than the community council, should deal with another idea — a dog loo bin.

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NAYLAND 1991

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: After having a practically bare cupboard two years ago, Nayland Community Council now have funds totalling nearly £3,400, the annual meeting heard last Tuesday. Chairman Bob Hartin said the council had progressed and continued to develop, with last year's successful fair ensuring the financial stability of the Community Times. He hoped member organisations would continue to support council events as fundraising was essential for the benefit of the village.

President William Grey urged village organisations to approach the council with projects so that they could be considered for financial help. Chairman of the fair committee Bob Marshall said things were well underway for the August Bank Holiday event but helpers would be urgently needed on the day.

Mr Hawtin, who was chairing his last meeting, was thanked by Mr Gray for being a "superb chairman who got us up and going" and was presented with a book on the Red Arrows flying team. His wife Doris received a bouquet of flowers.

Officers elected were: president, Mr Gray; chairman, Keith Worricker; vice chairman, to be co-opted; secretary, Ida Drake; treasurer, Julian Baker.

29 August 1991

NAYLAND

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Following a request from the headteacher of Nayland primary school, Mr Geoff Kay, Nayland Community Council agreed at their meeting last Tuesday to sponsor part or all of a set of encyclopaedias for the school library. The committee heard the library had been completely refurbished at a cost of £800, thanks to fundraising by the Home School Association, but was still short of an encyclopaedia for six to nine-year-olds. Members were in favour of supporting the school and agreed to donate £50 or more to the total cost of £159.90 for 16 hardback volumes.

Chairman Mr Keith Worricker pointed out that the council were now in a position to give financial help to organisations with ideas for projects of benefit to the village. Referring to recent suggestions, he said the idea of a payphone for the village hall had been dropped because it did not warrant the expense.

The council had lodged an interest in a public address system at the Jane Walker Hospital, if it was being disposed of when the hospital closed, as it would be of use to the village hall. He said the council were waiting to hear from the Village Players on the sort of blackout curtains they wanted for the hall.

The next issue of Nayland Community Times is due out in October and Mr Worricker asked for contributions during the first half of September — no later than September 20.

29 August 1991

Tug of war pulls the crowds at Nayland

A HEFTY eight-man team from the Queen's Head, Tolleshunt d'Arcy, heaved their way to a 2-0 victory over Mistletoe Quay in the tug-of-war final at Nayland Community Council's bank holiday fair on Monday.

Six teams, including two from Nayland, took part in the event which was the highspot of the afternoon's entertainment. The winners received a shield and £80.

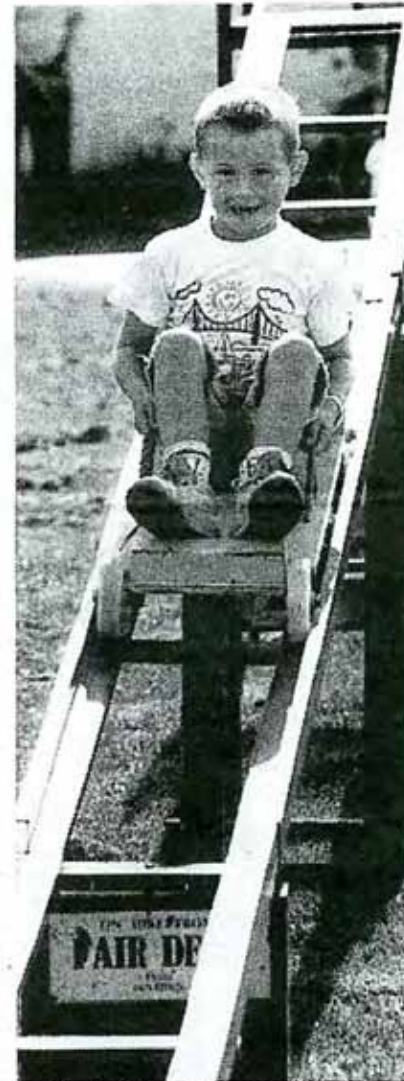
The sunny weather brought hundreds of visitors to the fair on the village playing field and the 15 local organisations running stalls have donated 25 per cent of their profits to council funds.

Chairman Keith Worricker said: "It was a very enjoyable day with something going on all the time and we expect to receive a substantial sum when expenses have been deducted."

The event was opened by former village policeman Tom Honeyball, who arrived with his wife Flo, Mr Worricker and secretary Ida Drake in a stylish horse-drawn carriage.

Carriage rides round the village, run by Derrick and Petrina Murphy from Colchester, were a popular attraction. Others included displays by Glemsford Emeralds majorettes and Rowhedge morris dancers and an obstacle race course arranged by Penny and Julian Baker.

A children's painting contest with a fairground theme, judged by local sculptress Bette Curtis, was won by: — Under 5: 1 Peter Shilton, 2 Kate Mann, 3 Daniel (of Leavenheath); 6-8: 1 Iain Addis, 2 Alex Bakir, 3 Thomas Galvin; 9-12: 1 Thomas Carpenter, 2 Christopher Goodchild, 3 Violet Bugg.



The mini roller coaster was a popular attraction for children.

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Santa's date

FATHER Christmas will be calling in at Nayland Community Council's annual bazaar, due to be held at the village hall on Saturday, November 16, from 2pm to 5pm. Entrance is 20p, children free.

Most local organisations will have stalls and are giving 25 per cent of their profits to community council funds.

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NAYLAND

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BONFIRE NIGHT: A crisp, clear night on November 5 drew a crowd of about 200 parents and children to Nayland Community Council's annual bonfire, firework display and barbecue on the village playing field. About £400 worth of fireworks were let off in 20 minutes but the party round the bonfire and barbecue continued for two hours.

Sandra and Roy Norfolk did a brisk trade in hot dogs while soup and drinks were provided in the village hall. Howard Norfolk, Julian Baker, Clive Everett and Colin Ford were in charge of the bonfire and fireworks.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Three grants were made to village organisations by Nayland Community Council at a meeting on Thursday. It was agreed to grant up to £150 to the village hall management committee to provide an access gate at the Candy Lane corner of the playing field. Chairman Mr Keith Worricker said he hoped the parochial church council and the management committee might make some contribution but if not, the community council would foot the bill.

Nayland Primary School was given £160 to buy a set of encyclopaedias for its refurbished library. It was also agreed to give the pre-school nursery group £100 for additional equipment. The group operate independently within the school, introducing their young members to the school environment with an emphasis on play and social activities. It was also suggested that the council should use some of their funds on further equipment and apparatus for the summer fair.

The council have now been split into small sub-committees to spread their work among different members.

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NAYLAND

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BAZAAR: Bargain hunters galore packed Nayland village hall for Nayland Community Council's annual Christmas bazaar. Stalls piled high with toys, books, toiletries, produce, gifts and novelties did a brisk trade and Father Christmas was also there, giving out sweets to his young fans.

The dozen local organisations taking part gave 25 per cent of their profits to community council funds which are expected to be boosted by nearly £300. Chairman Keith Worricker said he was very pleased with the result and everyone had worked hard to make the event a success.

October 1991

REPORT ON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING - AUGUST 20TH

The Chairman reported that vacancies on the Executive Committee had now been filled by co-option and welcomed the new members, Mr. Richard Cave and Mr. Clive Everett to the meeting. It was hoped the post of vice-chairman would be formally filled at the next meeting of the full Executive.

There was a report on progress with the arrangements for the Fair which were in the main satisfactory. The Fair Committee this year lacked some experience of earlier years but were optimistic given good weather and some help on the day that a good result and enjoyable day would be obtained.

The Chairman reported that a number of applications for funding of projects had been considered by the Executive Committee with the following outcome:-

Blackout for the Village Hall. The Village Players had requested funding to blackout the Village hall so that summer evening and winter matinee shows could be considered. In principle, subject to a final costing this was agreed and the Players would contact the CC when final details had been worked out.

Telephone for the Village Hall. This was not a new suggestion but unfortunately circumstances regarding costs had not changed and at some £300 p.a. rent for a modest installation it could not be recommended and the meeting agreed.

Microphone for the Village Hall. Enthusiasm for this proposal had waned over the weeks and it was agreed to await the results of a letter the Chairman had written to the Jane Walker Hospital regarding their disposal of some broadcasting equipment.

Gate for Playing Field. Discussions were in hand with the VHMC with a view to the construction of a proper gate at the Candy Lane corner of the Playing Field. This would be a vehicle gate - not for pedestrians as technically there was no right of way across the Playing field for pedestrians.

Encyclopedia for School Library. An appeal from the Headteacher for a set of encyclopedias for 6 - 9 year olds costing £160 was discussed. Although the CC had made a £100 donation towards refurbishment of the library earlier in the year, the majority view was that this request should be met if funds allowed. The Executive Committee would note the view when considering all the applications together.

The next meeting of the Community Council was set for Thursday November 7th. Societies were asked to ensure they were represented at the CC meetings; substitute delegates could attend if necessary.

FUTURE COMMUNITY COUNCIL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FIREWORKS, BONFIRE and BARBECUE -November 5th. Village Playing Field. Starting at 7.00pm prompt. Entrance £2.0 adults, £1.00 DAPs, 50p children.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - November 16th. Village Hall 2.00pm. A wide variety of village society stalls offering stocking fillers and seasonal goodies. Father Christmas will be there, teas and refreshments available

December 1991



It seems that no sooner has the Community Council put away its Summer Fair posters and equipment and got its breath back than November 5th is upon us.... and followed shortly afterwards by the Christmas Bazaar. Its been all GO.! Hopefully, we shall be allowed to hibernate for a few of the winter months !

The Bonfire Night celebrations were very enjoyable this year. The weather, after threatening all sorts of nasties, turned out to be ideal on the night and although £400sworth of fireworks did not last very long, the bonfire itself burnt on and the hot dogs from the barbecue re-inforced with hot soup and coffee from the kitchen kept the party going until after 9.00pm. We were lucky to have a good team of helpers : Julian Baker, Howard Norfolk, Clive Everett and Colin Ford lit the fireworks and stoked the fire; Roy and Sandra Norfolk (and young Craig) did an excellent job keeping pace with the demand for the ever popular hot dogs (sausages very kindly donated by Ivan Kerridge); Ron Padget and Diane Whiting were kept busy in the kitchen with soup, coffee, tea and soft drinks. The gate keepers - Roy Evans and your Editor estimated that nearly 200 people attended - including a good many children.

The CC does not expect to make a profit from this event - it is a "show" for the Village really and costs will have exceeded revenue by about £100. I hope you will agree however it provides good traditional village entertainment on an appropriate scale and on the whole is a worthwhile activity.

The Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 16th was also blessed with fine weather by the afternoon and was a well attended affair. Pauline Norfolk masterminded the arrangements for the Bazaar - and didn't she do a good job ! The hall looked very festive with bunting, balloons and Christmas decorations and Father Christmas (in what I swear was a new suit!) passed amongst the younger shoppers distributing sweets etc, with seasonal charm and good will.

There were about a dozen Society stalls represented offering a

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* A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS *

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NAYLAND

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The history of the purchase of two redundant storage units for Nayland village hall was outlined by the chairman of the community council, Keith Worricker, when members met last Wednesday.

He said Nayland parish council had now applied for planning permission to site the two units beside the hall and the committee was waiting for the outcome of the application.

The village hall management committee have said they want to restrict the units to one but there was a general feeling at the meeting that there was a need for two. Mr Worricker said there was no point in pursuing the matter at present until the plan had been considered.

Council members approved the new format of the Community Times with its coloured letterheads and increased advertising.

It was reported that summer fair plans for Sunday, August 30, were going well and attractions would include a tug of war and a band. There had been a good response to the appeal for bunting and Mrs Worricker would shortly be holding a sewing session to attach triangles to tapes. Future events include a bonfire night on November 5 and Christmas bazaar on November 28.

CHURCH HALL: All village organisations are to be invited to a meeting to discuss the use of the new church hall. Nayland community council were told last Wednesday. Closed four years ago because of its dilapidated state, the hall is now nearing completion after being rebuilt.

President William Gray, who is also a churchwarden, said representatives would be asked to go back to their organisations to consider how much regular use they would make of the hall. Under the terms of the Rowley Trust he said the new hall would be controlled by the church but in order to widen its use from the community's point of view several members of the management committee would come from outside the church.

Mr Gray said afterwards that the church wanted to gauge how regularly the hall would be used by local organisations and hoped to increase its viability by encouraging bookings from non-church people. He said the building, with its kitchen, plentiful power points and a piano, would be able to cater for a variety of functions, including children's parties, wedding receptions and slide lectures.

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Fair wins after
wind takes toll

GUSTING winds played havoc with preparations for Nayland Community Council's summer fair on Sunday and meant several side-shows, including a bouncy castle, had to be abandoned before the event started on the village playing field.

Despite the conditions, local people came along to support the fair and about 15 organisations took part, giving 25 per cent of their profits to council funds.

Chairman Keith Worricker said he hoped the council's share would not be far short of last year's £800 total.

Highlight of the afternoon was a tug-of-war contest organised by John Spooner with four eight-man teams battling it out on a "round robin" basis. Win-

ners of the £80 first prize and shield were Totham Bull, who beat last year's winners, the Queen's Head, Tolleshunt d'Arcy, into second place in a close final.

Other attractions included a recital by Colchester Silver Band, who took refuge in the village hall, children's sports arranged by primary school teacher Terry Bannister and her husband Keith, and a children's portrait competition with nearly 100 entries.

The winners, who will all receive drawing materials, were: Four to five: 1 Nicholas Galvin, 2 Nicola Taplin, 3 Lucy Gardiner; six to seven: 1 Alex Hotchkiss, 2 Philip Young, 3 Amy Spencer; eight to nine: 1 Rachel Ranger, 2 Ruth Kirkman, 3 Thomas Kirkpatrick; ten to eleven: 1 Michael Block, 2 Miss Block.

NAYLAND

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A compromise has been reached over the siting of two storage units beside the village hall, Nayland Community Council heard last Tuesday. Chairman Keith Worricker said the village hall's executive committee had met members of the parish and community councils and it had been agreed to site one unit by the hall initially, in order to decide if there was room for two.

Part of the planning agreement had been to provide screening, he said, and this would shortly be formalised in a letter to Babergh Council. Mr Worricker conceded the aluminium unit would not "look beautiful" but he hoped its practical value would outweigh objections. As planning permission was only for five years it would give the authorities the opportunity of devising a long-term solution to the hall's storage problem.

Mr Worricker said the two units, which had cost £470, were currently being stored on BT property and he hoped to have one in place in September or October. It was agreed that not be reached over the second one it could be sold off without financial loss.

Reporting on the Community Times, Mr Worricker said he would welcome additional contributions and asked for reports to be delivered by the middle of the month before publication. The paper cost about £80 a time to produce and profits from the summer fair raffle would help fund it.

The post of secretary to the council was still vacant, he added, and appealed for a volunteer to take it over.

In a progress report on the church hall, William Gray told the council a management committee of seven members from village organisations and three from the church had been elected to run it. He said the ceiling, floor, plaster work and wiring were finished and Sir Joshua Rowley had been invited to open the new building some time in October.

11 October 1992

Power cut
saw point
in village

THERE were a few red faces around Nayland village hall when a machine being used to move a commemorative tree sliced through an underground power cable, cutting off supplies to the hall and part of the village for the best part of a day.

"Unfortunately the tree had been sited right on top of the cable and no one knew it was there," said community council chairman Keith Worricker.

"Six inches either way and it would have missed. We apologise to everyone who suffered the power cut."

The community council, who were moving the tree to make room for extra storage units, have now received a £500 repair bill from Eastern Electricity which they have handed to their insurers.

Meanwhile, the tree, a hornbeam planted by Nayland Women's Institute a few years ago, is doing well in its new position across the field!

The Community Council AGM was held on Tuesday March 31st. About 25 representatives and members of the public attended. The Chairman gave a full report covering the year's activities which, he felt, had been socially and financially successful, and thanked members of the committee for their hard work and support during the year. A number of modifications to the Fair programme would be made this year based on experience and comments. In particular, in order to try and avoid competition from other events on the day, it had been decided this year to hold the Fair on the Bank Holiday SUNDAY as an experiment.

The meeting also heard of the purchase of two ex-B.T mobile telephone exchanges which would provide excellent additional storage space at the Village Hall particularly for the Village Players and the Community Council's Fair and Bonfire equipment. The Executive Committee had had to commit themselves to the purchase (about £1000) before final decisions on planning permission and siting had been reached but discussions were under way. The favoured site was alongside the present store shed which would involve moving a commemorative tree planted by the WI some time ago. The WI had however kindly agreed in principle to it being moved.

The meeting passed a number amendments to the CC constitution; setting the AGM each year in March, fixing the financial year to end on Dec 31st, requiring 4 weeks notice of nomination for committee or Individual Membership, and requiring agreement from the full Council for financial grants except in urgent or emergency cases. None affected the basic principles of the Council; they were aimed to sharpen up the administration. All were passed unanimously.

The Treasurer reported on the year's accounts which showed a healthy state. Grants totalling £540 had been made, firework night cost a net £150, the Nayland Community Times cost a net £320. We also no longer received free auditing services (cost £59). Nevertheless with income from the Fair, the Christmas Bazaar and interest on deposited funds, we finished the year with a surplus of £220 and an accumulated fund of some £4000.

The elections to office which followed resulted in the following appointments: President, William Gray; Chairman, Keith Worricker; Vice-Chairman, Howard Norfolk; Secretary, Ida Drake; Treasurer, Julian Baker. Individual Members elected were Richard Cave and Clive Everett.

The Executive Committee comprised "ex officio" members, the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer plus 7 other members. Those elected were: - Wm. Gray, H. Norfolk, R. Cave, R. Evans, C. Everett, Mrs. M. Thompson and Mrs. O. Willingale.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A further joint meeting to decide on the siting of a second storage unit at the village hall was called for by Nayland Community Council chairman Keith Worricker last Tuesday.

The two redundant telephone exchanges to be used by the council and the Village Players for storing equipment already have planning permission from Babergh Council to stand beside the hall for five years. Mr Worricker said it had been agreed at a meeting with the parish council and hall management committee that one unit should be put in place and the situation reviewed.

The community council felt there was room for the second smaller one alongside the first, now on site, and wanted the committee's approval so a start could be made on screening. The hall committee, meanwhile, have voted unanimously to have one unit beside the hall and the other at the far end of the playing field.

"I think we should reconvene the meeting which decided to site one unit and then reconsider the situation," said Mr Worricker. "The object of the exercise is to try and provide temporary storage facilities but unfortunately it's not proceeding as amicably as we would have liked."

Reporting on the bank holiday fair, he said the final profit including the raffle had been £792, a reasonable result considering the windy weather. The Community Times was still flourishing, he said, and asked for contributions for the December issue by November 18. The council's bonfire, barbecue and fireworks night takes place this evening from 6.45 pm on the village playing field and the Christmas bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 28.

The post of secretary to the council is still vacant and a volunteer would be welcomed.

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VILLAGE HALL: The siting of two former mobile telephone exchanges, bought by Nayland Community Council for storage, was causing concern, the village hall management committee heard last Monday. Retiring chairman Roland Whiting said a site meeting had been held and the executive committee were unhappy about two 30ft caravans being placed together beside the village hall. Alternative sites had been suggested but, he said, the community council had been told planning permission was unlikely as householders round the field would object.

Mr Whiting said the committee had agreed to one being sited beside the car park but the other would have to stand on the playing field near the fenced off playgroup area. He felt the vehicles would spoil the appearance of the site and lead to objections. Community council chairman Keith Worricker said he would discuss siting with the new management committee and pointed out that, although quite large, the caravans could be screened.

Members were told an exploratory meeting had taken place with representatives of a local masonic lodge over a long-term hall booking but there had been storage problems and no more had been heard. It was agreed to relax the dog ban on the playing field for fete displays providing any mess was cleared up and the general public were not allowed to bring dogs on to the field.

Officers elected were: chairman, Bob Marshall; vice-chairman, Roy Norfolk; treasurer, Adrian Amos; bookings secretary, Diana Whiting. The post of secretary was left open and it was agreed the parish council should write to village organisations asking for a volunteer.

At the annual meeting held earlier, Mr Amos reported a surplus of £217 for the year compared with £1,191 last year. He said expenditure was up with higher electricity charges and more spent on repairs and maintenance.

In his report Mr Whiting said several projects had been carried out to enhance or maintain the hall's facilities. Letting income was down considerably on the previous year because no replacement had been found for the monthly antiques fairs. Costs were steadily increasing and the hall was likely to lose custom when the church hall reopened, he added. With greater electricity, water and maintenance costs, he said the committee had reluctantly put up charges on February 1. Individuals elected to serve on the management committee were: Mr Amos, Elizabeth Collingwood, John Spooner and Bob Jones.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: This year's Community Council fair will take place on the Sunday of the August Bank Holiday instead of the traditional Monday. Chairman Mr Keith Worricker told members attending the annual meeting last week the change of day was being tried as an experiment as last year there had been a great deal of competition from other events.

A lot of hard work had gone into planning the fair which had made a satisfactory profit although the attendance was down. Mr Worricker said the tug-of-war competition would be repeated and there would be more children's events. He pointed out that the fair and grand raffle associated with it were the council's main money-spinners and needed a lot of support.

Mr Worricker said production standards of the Community Times had improved and distribution was excellent. As editor he was already ready to listen to criticism and would welcome articles of interest. He said the council had made several grants to village organisations over the year. To satisfy the need for extra storage facilities, he said the executive committee had bought two ex-British Telecom units for £1,000 before obtaining planning permission. Siting of the aluminium units was proving a problem but progress was being made and he hoped to reach a satisfactory conclusion as they would be a great help to the Village Players and the Community Council.

Treasurer Mr Julian Baker reported a £220 surplus for the year and said grants totalling £540 had been made. He said the accumulated fund had reached £5,311, a great improvement on two years ago, and the council could now use their money to be a useful village group.

Officers elected were: president, Mr William Gray; chairman, Mr Worricker; vice-chairman, Mr H. Norfolk; secretary, Mrs Ida Parker; treasurer, Mr Baker. Individual members were Mr Richard Cave and Mr Colin Everett.

New day brings a bonus

CHANGING the traditional day for their summer fair from bank holiday Monday to Sunday proved a good move for Nayland Community Council.

Sunday's event, held in perfect weather on the village playing field, made an estimated net profit of about £2,000, half of which will go to council funds.

Twelve village organisations ran stalls and gave 25 per cent of their profits to the council.

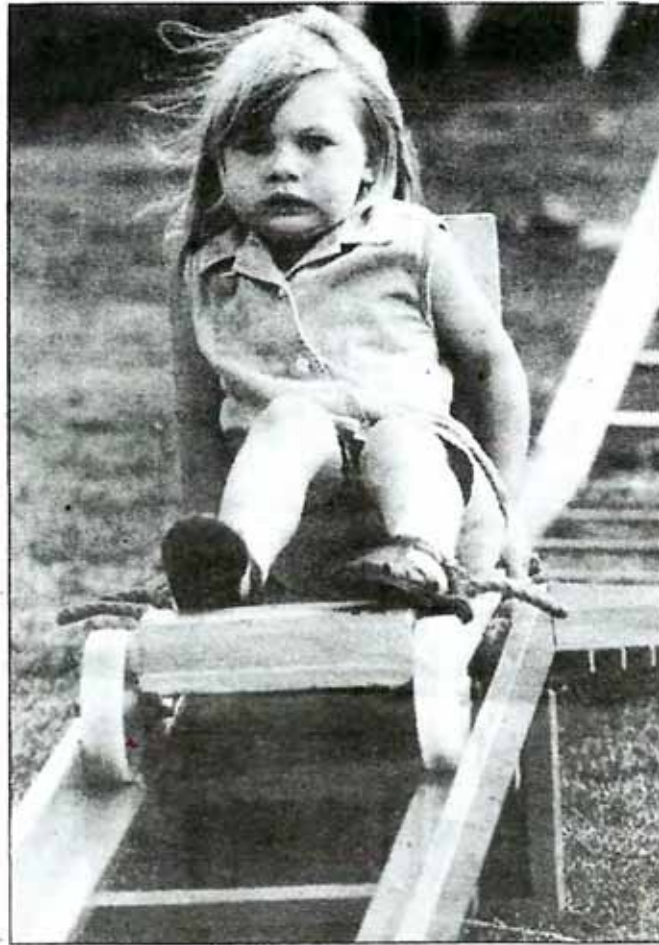
Chairman Keith Worricker said the day had been changed to avoid clashing with other local events and it had been successful on the whole.

"The weather was kind to us and it was a pleasant family day," he said.

"Thanks to fair committee chairman Howard Norfolk who put the whole thing together it all worked well."

Colchester Silver Band, paying a return visit to the fair, entertained spectators all afternoon with popular light music and the main arena attraction was a display by Colchester Gymnastics team.

Children's sports, sideshows and



Maybe I shouldn't have tried this - three-year-old Leigh Farthing heads downhill on the kart run.

light-hearted adult races added to the fun and intrepid villager Peter Day had sponges hurled at him in the stocks.

Pupils from four

classes at Nayland Primary School showed examples from their recent national curriculum art work with a display in the village hall.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland Community Council have decided to write to the parish council and the village hall management committee expressing their concern over future storage arrangements at the hall. It was agreed at last Tuesday's meeting that time was running out and members felt it was important to draw up plans for a permanent replacement for the temporary units or there would be problems when they were removed.

Chairman Keith Worricker said the

Chairman Keith Worricker said the August fair had been a success, raising about £2,000 on the day. Village organisations had made about £1,140 and council funds had benefited by £800 including the raffle. Members agreed a bigger main attraction was needed to widen the fair's appeal.

The council are going ahead with plans for a village quiz to be held in the spring and details will be discussed later.

This year's Christmas bazaar will be held on November 27 in the village hall from 2 pm to 4 pm.

BONFIRE NIGHT: The annual bonfire and fireworks night organised by Nayland Community Council is being held on the village playing field tomorrow and spectators should arrive by 6.45 pm. Hot dogs and other refreshments will be available. Entry is £2 adults, £1 OAPs and 50p children.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The importance of maintaining pressure on the village hall management committee and parish council to provide permanent storage facilities at the hall was stressed by the chairman of Nayland Community Council, Keith Worricker, at a meeting last Wednesday.

Mr Worricker said one year of the temporary permission for the two storage units had already gone and they were being well used by the Village Players and the Community Council. He urged organisations with representatives on the management committee to press for a long-term solution.

Three marquees bought for £500 from Windyridge probation hostel were a useful acquisition which could be hired out.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Grants totalling £600 were approved by Nayland Community Council at a meeting on Thursday. Great Cornard Upper School sixth form student Paul Carrington, who has won a place on a three-months Raleigh International trip to Guyana, is to receive £200 towards the cost. Nayland Primary School, will also get £200 to help pay for a colour printer for their computer system. Further grants of £150 were made to Nayland playgroup and £50 to women's singing group Tapestry to buy music and stands.

Chairman Keith Worricker reported nothing further had been heard from the village hall management committee over the siting of the second storage unit beside the hall. He said he was not clear why the committee found it so difficult to accept a second unit beside the first, now in position, and was awaiting the result of a meeting on Monday.

He said lack of storage facilities at the hall was an ongoing problem and urged council members attending Monday's meeting in agreement with siting the second unit there to support it. "Nobody says the units are pretty but they are practical and with proper screening could be merged into the background," he added.

Members heard the council's fireworks night and Christmas bazaar had been successful.

Mr Worricker said Sunday, August 29, had been chosen for the Community Council fair and the Colchester Silver Band booked again. The band would also be giving a concert in the village hall on Saturday, May 15. He stressed that copy for the Community Times should be in by the 20th of the previous month. The council's annual meeting will be on March 23. A secretary is still urgently needed.

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VILLAGE HALL: Long-running differences between Nayland Community Council and the village hall management committee over the siting of two storage units beside Nayland village hall were resolved last Monday when the committee agreed the second unit should stand next to the first.

Community council chairman Keith Worricker told the committee the initial request for extra storage facilities at the hall had come from the Village Players a year ago. The council had been able to buy two redundant mobile telephone exchanges very cheaply and temporary planning permission for them both beside the hall had been granted by Babergh Council. They would need no maintenance and with screening would be absorbed into the background, he added.

After lengthy discussion to clear up apparent misunderstandings, members voted nine to one, with four abstentions, in favour of the two units standing together. It was also agreed to arrange a meeting between the community council, management committee, parish council and a solicitor to iron out details of how the units should be managed.

Following a request from Village Players chairman Jean Jones, the committee agreed in principle to consider a project to build a new set of flats designed to fit the village hall stage.

Treasurer Adrian Amos reported that hall turnover was a little higher than last year and expenses slightly down. The committee's annual meeting will be on March 29.

10 June 1993

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A legal agreement making Nayland Community Council licensees and owners of the village hall storage units has been drawn up the hall's management committee, the council were told last Wednesday.

Chairman Keith Worricker said a letter of agreement had also been drawn up with the Village Players for the operation of their unit, which was already proving useful. Screening and planting had been completed with the Players paying £100 towards the £330 cost. Long term plans for the hall, including storage, were to be discussed by the parish council and the management committee.

Mr Worricker said response to the recent Colchester Silver Band concert had been disappointing and the council's bid to bring live entertainment to the village did not seem to have been widely appreciated. Those who attended had enjoyed it and the £70 proceeds had been donated to the band.

Fete chairman Howard Norfolk said he wanted to introduce bungee jumping as a main attraction at the August fete but the executive committee had felt this would alter the fete's whole character. It was decided bungee jumping could be staged as a separate event and the fete would probably be run on the same lines as last year. Mr Worricker said books of fete raffle tickets would be distributed with the August issue of the Community Times but stressed there was no obligation to buy.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland village hall's storage problems will still be there in four years' time when temporary permission for the two storage units runs out, Nayland Community Council were warned last Tuesday. Chairman Keith Worricker told the annual meeting no time should be lost in planning a more permanent solution for storage, involving the village hall committee, parish council, community council and the Village Players. He said the redundant BT units had cost £850, less than budgeted for, and with screening to be completed soon he hoped they would prove a practical short-term solution for the Village Players and the community council.

Mr Worricker said the council's three events - the bank holiday fair, fireworks display and Christmas bazaar - had all been successful and a further attraction this year was to be a band concert in the village hall. This year's fair would again be held on a Sunday - August 29 - as last year's poor weather had not provided a true test for the change of day.

The grand draw was an important money-spinner for the council and also supported the continued publication of the Community Times. As editor, he said the newsletter was the voice of the village and the council and he was grateful to receive news, suggestions and criticism. Mr Worricker said the council played an important role supporting village societies financially and were always prepared to look at requests for help.

Retiring president William Gray, who congratulated Mr Worricker on the Community Times, said it had become important to the parish and community, keeping them informed of what was going on and giving individuals and organisations the opportunity to put forward some pressing need.

Richard Cave, standing in for treasurer Julian Baker, said the council's income had increased by more than £500 over the 1991 figure, leaving £1,351 to provide for donations and ending with a surplus. Donations totalling £600 were made last year and it was agreed to grant a further request - £150 to Nayland Toddlers' group for playmats and more activity-based toys.

Officers elected were: President, Ken Willingale; vice-president, William Gray; chairman, Keith Worricker; vice-chairman, Howard Norfolk; secretary, Ian Carrington; treasurer, Julian Baker.



THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUMMER FAIR

There was a modestly attended General meeting of the Community Council in the Committee Room of the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st January when copies of the modified Constitution were distributed to delegates. Societies not represented would receive a copy through the mail. Anyone else wanting a copy should contact the Chairman, Keith Worricker.

The meeting heard that preliminary arrangements were in hand for next year's Summer Fair, which would take place on Sunday August 29th. (The experiment last year to try Sunday as a change from Bank Holiday Monday to see if we could attract more people by avoiding competition, was invalidated because of the extreme weather. We hope this year it will be a fairer test!)

Both the Bonfire Night celebrations and the Christmas Bazaar were regarded as highly successful. It was the first time many members could recall the Bonfire celebrations actually making a profit - even only £37! - and the Christmas Bazaar made over £350 for the Community Council and some £1200 profit for the participating Societies. Thanks were passed on to the organisers, prize donors and all who participated.

The Chairman had, regretably, no progress to report on the situation regarding the storage units (at the time of this meeting) as no reply had been received from the VHMC to our letter of October 23rd seeking their co-operation in siting the second unit. However a Village Hall Management meeting was to take place on Monday Jan 25th when, no doubt, the matter would be discussed.

STOP PRESS

At the full meeting of Village Hall Management Committee on 25th Jan. there was a 9 to 1 vote (with 4 abstentions) in favour of siting the second storage unit alongside the first one. As Chairman of the Community Council, may I say that I am aware that some people are not 100% in favour of the siting of these units, mainly on the grounds of their unsightliness, but we will try to meet as many of their reasonable concerns by sympathetic screening as possible. In that way, hopefully, we shall have the best of both worlds - good storage facilities and a not unattractive complex. Like so many other public issues there are always those for, and those against, and in the end the only solution, if progress is to be made, is by the democratic process of a majority vote.

The Fair this year was blessed with some of the best weather we've seen this summer and villagers and visitors who attended enjoyed a relaxing and fun afternoon. The Colchester Silver Band played beautifully - perhaps somewhat muffled in the marquee but infinitely more listenable than last year when they were confined in the Village Hall! ; the Colchester Gymnastic Display Team did their stuff admirably, and childrens' races plus races for mums and dads, helped to entertain the audience during the afternoon.

Refreshments provided by the Over 60s in the Village Hall, with the room beautifully decorated by an exhibition of childrens' paintings; plus a beer tent, soft drinks, candyfloss, ice-cream, and a barbecue all helped to keep the inner man sustained and refreshed during the afternoon!

In addition to the races, children and youngsters had a wide range of things to amuse them - roundabouts, pony rides, Thomas the Tank Engine, and a bouncy castle not to mention innumerable stalls offering chances to win footballs, teddy bears, and tombola prizes; to display skills at darts, catching flying ping-pong balls, knocking over coconuts, bowling, rifle shooting and riding the Zippy Dipper.

There were also stalls selling cakes, bric-a-brac, books, vegetables etc., and for those for whom it was just all too much, there was also an Indian head-massaging service!

The draw for the Grand Raffle provided the culmination of the afternoon's activities, most of the prizes going to local residents in Fen St, Wiston, Harpers Estate and The Heights.

Needless to say a Fair offering such a diversity of activities, entertainment and refreshments takes a lot of work and organising and a very big vote of thanks is due to Howard Norfolk, Chairman of the Fair Committee, who gave so much of his time, energy and diplomatic skills both in weeks of planning before the day and over an extremely busy Bank Holiday weekend in setting it up. He was very ably assisted by the hard working Fair Committee - John Spooner, Julian Baker, Ian Carrington, Keith Worricker, Dolly Norfolk, and Clive Everett, plus, on the day Ian Wright and Roy Evans.

The range of things to be organised is quite daunting - from hiring bands, gymnasts, first aid, dust bins, straw bales, games and equipment, setting up the marquees, advertising, arranging the refreshments, transporting tables and setting them up, floats, loudspeaker systems, bunting, car parking, licences and permissions etc...

We must also thank all those (too numerous to mention individually) who helped on the day by manning stalls and the carpark, taking money at the entrance gates, manning the broadcasting system, designing our posters and not least all those who generously donated prizes for the Raffle.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A study group comprising two members each from Nayland Parish Council, community council and village hall management committee has been set up to examine the longer term development of the hall.

Community council chairman Keith Worricker told a meeting last Wednesday it was not just the storage units that needed replacing but a question of getting a sensible scheme for the hall drawn up by an architect to see what the village could afford.

He said the parish, district and county councils would be approached for grants but authorities would only come up with money if the village was seen to be raising money itself. It was early days but if the hall was to be modernised a number of things needed to be done and some finance would have to come from local fund-raising.

Reviewing recent council events, Mr Worricker said although the fireworks night bonfire was lit prematurely by vandals and burned out, it was rebuilt in 24 hours by Fred Bugg and the display was a great success.

The Christmas bazaar was also well attended, raising funds for the council and the village organisations that took part. Mr Worricker said the annual late summer fete needed a major attraction and any ideas would be welcomed.

The council are planning a village quiz night on March 18 in the village hall. Teams of four are invited to take part and can either be individuals or from village organisations. Tickets will be £3 a head including refreshments.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: An editorial policy of publishing all types of letters in the Community Times was defended by editor Keith Worricker last Wednesday. Mr Worricker, who is also chairman of Nayland Community Council, told the annual meeting there was bound to be a diversity of views on matters affecting the village and he felt it was good policy to let people have their say. Former president Bill Gray agreed, saying letters should be encouraged, providing they were signed, so grievances could be aired.

Mr Worricker admitted a throw-away comment he had made in the last issue about the closure of Windyridge had been insensitive and he would be restoring the balance in the next issue.

He said the council had had a busy and successful year with three major events - the summer fair, fireworks display and the Christmas bazaar. The last event, a village quiz evening, had been a terrific success and would be repeated.

During the year the council had bought marquees from Windyridge and the two storage units which were being well used. Worthwhile village causes had been given £1,000 in grants. He added the council were always prepared to consider requests for financial help from organisations or individuals.

Treasurer Julian Baker, reporting a £587 loss, said finances were healthy considering last year's expenses.

Officers elected were: president, Ken Willingale; vice-president, Bill Gray; chairman, Keith Worricker; vice-chairman, Howard Norfolk; secretary, Ian Carrington; treasurer, Andrew Gowen; individual members, John Baker, Julian Baker, Richard Cave, Clive Everett, Jock Luard and David Machell.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The cost of proposals for extending and refurbishing the village hall could total £120,000. Nayland Community Council members were told at a recent meeting when the plans were on display.

Chairman Keith Worricker considered about half the amount could be obtained through grants but said the village would have to find the rest. His biggest concern was whether villagers had the will or experience needed to raise £60,000. Various views were put forward and the general feeling was improvements were desirable but costly. The proposals will be discussed further by the village hall management committee and the parish council who own the building. Plans will be illustrated in the next issue of the Community Times.

Celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of VE Day on May 8 next year were discussed and a small group was formed to look into possibilities.

Reporting on the summer fair, Mr Worricker said profits were slightly up on last year with £1,200 going to community council funds and £1,000 to village organisations. Members felt Sunday was the best day to hold the event, rather than bank holiday Monday.

Grants awarded since the last meeting were: village hall management committee for new stage curtains, £150; Nayland Scouts for refurbishing their hut, £280; Nayland pre-school nursery for repairs to windows and doors of their new premises, £293.

Future events include bonfire night on November 5 and a Christmas bazaar on November 26.

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JAZZ AT THE FAIR: Traditional jazz fans are in for a treat on Sunday when the popular Tom Collins jazz band visit Nayland to take star billing at the village community council's summer fair.

And with the band setting the pace, fair-goers of all ages will be able to try bungee running, gladiator jousting, funky boxing with outsize gloves and clay pigeon shooting.

Plans also include a classic car and bike display, a paint splat, children's sports and art display, entertainments, barbecue and various stalls.

The fun starts at 2 pm on Nayland playing field. Entrance is 50p adults and 20p children and OAPS.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Modified plans for alterations to Nayland village hall have been submitted to Babergh planners, members of Nayland Community Council heard at a meeting in the church hall on Thursday.

Chairman Keith Worricker said since the last meeting the architect, Des Gilbrook, and steering group had discussed alterations to the original plan, made to meet points raised by villagers and to reduce costs. Concern had been expressed over the car parking requirements and the parish council had formally applied for planning permission subject to negotiation on the number of parking spaces allowed.

It was hoped the number of spaces at the back of the hall would be reduced following changes to the plan at the front. The modified scheme was illustrated in the current issue of the Community Times.

If the application were successful, he said, the next stage would be to seek funds from Babergh Council and other sources.

Reporting on preparations to mark the 50th anniversary of VE Day next year, Mr Worricker said the committee had decided to organise two events on May 8 - an evening entertainment of music, verse and stories, with plenty of audience participation, and an exhibition of memorabilia in the church hall. He added the committee were anxious to stress the events would not be celebratory, bearing in mind some villagers were still Japanese prisoners-of-war when peace was declared in western Europe.

The council agreed to grant £225 to Nayland pre-school nursery to help with its "home corner" and to buy library books.

Mr Worricker congratulated the organisers of the bonfire night and the Christmas bazaar on two successful events. Treasurer Andrew Gowen reported a £120 loss on the bonfire night celebrations but pointed out more fireworks than usual were used. Final bazaar profit for council funds was £403 and societies benefited by £720.

The next community council event is to be a village quiz on March 3.

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BAZAAR: Christmas bargain-hunters poured through the doors of Nayland village hall on Saturday for Nayland Community Council's annual bazaar. Thirteen village organisations took part, selling toys, gifts, cakes, novelties and other Christmas fare.

The event raised about £1,500 with societies making £700 between them and community council funds benefiting by £350. Father Christmas was also there, handing out gifts.

"Everyone was pleased with the way it went," said the organiser, Roy Evans. "Societies made some money for themselves and everyone seemed to enjoy it."

*** COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS ***

The **Christmas Bazaar** on November 27th, organised by Roy Evans and Pauline Norfolk was a great success with an excellent turn-out from village societies and indeed from villagers and friends visiting the stalls during the afternoon. There was a wide range of Christmassy goods on offer plus raffles and entertainments, tea and Father Christmas. Not only did it provide an entertaining afternoon for all who came, the hard work of the organisers was well rewarded too in the form of a very satisfactory financial outcome to boost the funds of the participating societies and the Community Council.

The **"steering group"** comprising representatives from the Parish Council, the Village Hall Management Committee and the Community Council set up to look into the future requirements and role of the Village Hall has had its first meeting. There was a wide-ranging initial discussion embracing not only the long term storage problems at the Hall, but also taking in a number of other possible developments aimed at improving the appeal of the Hall to current and potential users. An architect would be appointed to help the group formulate specific ideas and costings, and possible sources and methods of fund raising would be explored. Further meetings would take place and in due course any conclusions and proposals would be reported back to the representatives' respective organisations and to the village community at large for further views and opinions.

The proposal to hold a **Village Quiz** tournament is going ahead and details and entry form are set out overpage. We hope you will all give this your full support... it should be a fun evening. But please note that the date has had to be changed from that mentioned at the last Community Council meeting and as reported in the press. It will now take place on **FRIDAY MARCH 4TH IN THE VILLAGE HALL** starting at 7.30pm. This should still give everyone plenty of time to formulate their teams of four and to swot up their general knowledge!

Later in March - 23rd to be precise, is the date of the Community Council Annual General Meeting which will take place in the Church Hall starting at 8.00pm. All societies are asked to make sure their representatives attend, briefed as necessary to raise any points and vote if necessary on the appointment of officers and individual members. Our constitution requires that nomination for election of officers and individual members should be notified to the secretary (Ian Carrington - Tel 262780 - 18, Heycroft Way) four weeks before the AGM i.e. by Feb 23rd. If you or anyone you know would like to be nominated as a potential "individual member" - anyone with experience, talent or

The VILLAGE QUIZ held on March 4th was an overwhelming success with far more entries than we had ever expected. 28 teams participated and the last two had to bring their own tables to sit at!

Ian Carrington, Community Council Secretary, put the questions and he and his wife, Barbara, did well to keep the momentum going by some very slick work on the marking. Winners were "The Losers" - a team of teachers, I understand, from Cornard School entered by Mrs Prescott. A raffle and excellent refreshments completed a very enjoyable evening and already we have had requests for a repeat!

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Council took place on March 23rd in the Church Hall. This was not a long meeting. The Chairman reported on the activities of the Council during 1993, both fund raising (the Fair and Christmas Bazaar) and social (Bonfire night and the Colchester Silver Band Concert). Apart from £1000 of grants made during the year, the Council had also purchased marquees from Windyridge at £500 and completed the screening of the storage units at a cost of £230. These once-off factors were reflected in the Treasurer's Report which showed a loss on the year of £587 although the balance to date was a very respectable £3556 credit..

The Chairman, wearing his NCT Editor's hat said the February issue of the paper had drawn some critical comments regarding readers letters. However there was general acceptance that it was healthy to accept readers views provided they were not anonymous. He also apologised for his "insensitive" throw-away hoorah over the closure of Windyridge, a remark which had also drawn some criticism.

Before dealing with the next item, the formal business of the election of officers, the Chairman thanked Julian Baker who had asked to be relieved of the Treasurer's job, for many years of painstaking service in that role. He was pleased however to welcome Andrew Gowen who had agreed to take over the role. Two other members of the Executive Committee had decided to stand down, Margaret Thompson and Clive Everett, and they too were thanked for their work on the committee. The officers then elected for next year were :-

President:	Ken Willingale
Vice Pres.	William Gray
Chairman:	Keith Worricker
Vice Ch.	Howard Norfolk
Secretary:	Ian Carrington
Treasurer:	Andrew Gowen

The Constitution allows for Individual Members to be elected. (These are individuals who, by dint of their experience and character, can contribute to the aims of the Community Council). Up to half as many Individual Members are allowed as Society Representatives.

Six were proposed and duly elected :- John Baker, Julian Baker, Richard Cave, Clive Everett, Jock Luard, and David Machell.

The Executive Committee comprises Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and seven other members. Those elected were John Baker, R.Cave, R.Evans, D.Machell, H.Norfolk, K.Willingale, and Mrs O.Willingale.

The next General Meeting of the Community Council was fixed for June 1st in the Church Hall. The next major event is the Summer Fair on Sunday August 28th. It seems only yesterday we were taking down last years!.

Village Hall Redevelopment

The next General Meeting of the Community Council is set for THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST and delegates and members are particularly asked to attend as it is expected by then we shall have a firm plan for redevelopment of the Village Hall to talk about. The Steering Group, which comprises members of the Community Council, the Village Hall Management and the Parish Council, have been working hard with the architect to produce a scheme which incorporates essential up-dating of fabric and facilities (the Hall is nearly 30 years old) as well as some desirable features which will hopefully make the marketing of the Hall more attractive and provide the Village with facility they can be proud of into the next century.

I can tell you now that the scheme will not be an easy one to implement. Apart from a trying to incorporate the many and often diverse wishes of different users of the Hall, with one eye on the letting potential, another on the potential building costs, and a third on planning requirements (toilets, fire regulations, health and safety, car parking, drainage etc. etc.) the ultimate overriding question will arise - Does the Village want this enhanced facility? Is it prepared to back the scheme with practical and moral support? Is it prepared to face the financial implications?

These are some of the questions which must be faced and indeed answered before the scheme can go very much further. All societies and representatives are encouraged to raise these issues in their own committees and organisations and be prepared to put their views forward in public at such meetings as our own - the Community Council - on September 1st. The Village Hall Management Committee are also having a meeting in early September and the matter will be raised there too so please do not miss the opportunity to express your considered opinions.

This is a real scheme. Its implementation will mean a lot of work and heartache for those most closely involved and there will be no point in undertaking it unless it has the full support of the community.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The future of Nayland village hall and the looming crisis facing Nayland parish church were highlighted at the community council's annual meeting last Tuesday.

Chairman Keith Worricker said the proposed renovation of the village hall was a major factor this year. The community council were responsible for buying and siting the two storage units but permission for these would run out in 1997.

Alternative storage arrangements for the Village Players and the council were essential so this part of the scheme was vital. The rest of the plans were not so urgent but eventually the kitchen and toilets would have to be updated to meet health and fire regulations.

Mr Worricker said if the community wanted to show their commitment to the hall scheme a tangible form of fund-raising would be needed for it to benefit from grant aid. He hoped a large part of funding would come from grants but said the scheme would stand a better chance if the village was seen to be helping itself.

Referring to the church's financial crisis Mr Worricker said the problem appeared double-sided - the basic religious aspect, which was a matter primarily for church members, and the maintenance of a historic building, part of the essential village scene and used by many non-churchgoers in various ways. Members agreed in principle to separate the two functions and support the latter aim.

Mr Worricker reported a busy year for the council with the village quiz, summer fair, fireworks and Christmas bazaar. Events had raised about £400 more than the previous year and £950 was given away in grants.

He said Nayland's VE Day commemorations would be low key because many villagers were either still serving in the Far East or were prisoners of war at the time. The Village Players and Tapestry are staging an evening of nostalgia and the committee are hoping to arrange an exhibition of memorabilia though the response so far has been poor.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A further appeal was made last week for volunteers to form a committee to take over the proposed Nayland village hall extension project.

Chairman Keith Worricker told a community council meeting on Wednesday a committee was needed representing a wider range of interests than the former feasibility group.

He said the project would affect a wide range of people and it seemed right that as many organisations as possible were represented to see the project through to completion. It would be tragic if the plans were to fall down at this stage, he added.

Reporting on the VE commemoration, he said the entertainment programme and supper had been one of the best village evenings he could remember and thanked everyone involved in the organisation.

Looking forward to the anniversary of VJ Day, Dave Machell suggested a children's street party, a re-enactment of the party held at this time.

Royal British Legion secretary Andrew Gowen said a joint service was being held at Stoke on August 13 and most of the branch would be going to the Lord Lieutenant's service in Bury St Edmunds on August 20.

Ken Willingale felt a different stance from VE Day was needed and it was agreed the committee should decide on an appropriate event.

The £141 profit from the VE nostalgia evening was divided between the Star and Garter Home at Richmond, the Sue Ryder Home at Cavendish and the Services Mental Health Society.

Mr Worricker reported plans were well advanced for the summer fair on August 27 and attractions would include the Tom Collins jazz band, bungee running and a possible clay pigeon shoot and mini car boot sale.

Members heard no requests had been received for financial help and it was pointed out any villagers or organisation in difficulty could apply to the council for a grant.

Mr Machell suggested a minibus could be laid on one evening a week to provide transport to town for village teenagers.

Members agreed it was a good idea in principle and youngsters were asked to come back to the council with more details.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Reporting on the village hall, Mr Worricker said a public meeting was to be held at the end of the month when the extension plans would be on show with details of cost, funding proposals and their implications. It would be the village's last chance to decide whether or not to go ahead with the project.

He said the storage units only had permission until June 1997 so there would be a problem if the scheme did not go ahead. Major renovation work was needed for the hall involving a lot of expense.

Dave Machell said interest had been shown by adults and children in the idea of running late buses to and from Colchester on Fridays and Saturdays and he felt it might be worth a try-out.

Council members were told the Friends of St James were to be re-launched, with the idea of recruiting people interested in maintaining the historic building, and explanatory leaflets would be circulated.

Mr Worricker reported the summer fair had gone well with a £1,100 profit, slightly down on last year. He pointed out most of the work had fallen on a relatively small group of people and the fair committee felt a different approach would be needed next year.

A £250 grant was agreed in principle for Nayland Playgroup to build a storage shed, pending a more detailed estimate. It was agreed to grant £200 to William Finch, who plans to teach in Tanzania and has to raise £2,500.

Future council events include the fireworks display on November 4 and Christmas bazaar on November 25.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland Community Council's annual summer fair could fold unless new people come forward to run it, chairman Keith Worricker warned members last Wednesday. He said this year a lot of work had fallen on relatively few people and more help was needed from village societies to put the event on and manage it.

Members felt two fairs in one year, with the church fete taking place on the spring bank holiday, were possibly too much and various suggestions were put forward for other fund-raising activities.

Mr Worricker said a new committee with young people on it was needed and asked how societies' finances would be affected if the fair ended. Members were urged to discuss the issue and come back with "new blood and ideas" if they wanted the event to continue.

The parish council's decision not to fund the village hall development scheme had been disappointing, said Mr Worricker. It was an imaginative plan which would have significantly improved facilities, making it a "very nice hall to use into the next century".

Event of the 21st century too glitzy

A PLAN to run a high-class dance to celebrate the Millennium with tickets at £50 each was given a lukewarm reception by Nayland Community Council at a meeting on Thursday.

Chairman Keith Worricker said two villagers, Lee Robins and Bryan Smith, had already booked the village hall for December 31, 1999.

They intended hiring a top band for £3,000 and providing a first class buffet with champagne at midnight. Tickets, payable in instalments, would be available to the first 150 applicants.

Members felt it was a good idea in principle but did not want to put the council's name to the project which, they felt, was "too glitzy and over-the-top" for the village. Details of the plan are to be circulated by the organisers to gauge support.

He said the hall's problems had not been solved and expensive repairs would be needed over the next four or five years. The community council had done their best to raise interest and support for the project but "apathy had prevailed".

"The parish council were faced with a dilemma," he added. "There was a strong feeling something needed to be done but faced with lack of support and apathy they did not feel they could ask the community to fund the development through council tax."

Members were told the planning permission included a storage unit for the Village Players, community council and football club and it was necessary to find out whether that part of the plan could go ahead with funds from one source or another. It was decided to get together with the Players and the football club to discuss the way forward.

A request from Nayland Primary School for a grant to help buy new computers had a mixed response. Some members felt the council should not be financing equipment required by the national curriculum which should be government-funded. However, it was agreed to give the school £250 and £150 was approved for Nayland Pre-school Nursery to buy a tape recorder. A £150 subscription to the Friends of St James was also agreed.



Blindfolded Ross Charleston (9) tries to pin the tail on Dick Whittington's cat, watched by Maude and Chloe Anderson at Nayland village hall.

Early festive spirit for Nayland

FOURTEEN Nayland organisations brought some early festive spirit to the village hall and boosted their funds at the community council's Christmas bazaar on Saturday.

Well-stocked stalls were piled with all kinds of attractive gifts, including toys - many of them handmade - cakes and novelties.

The youth club, taking part for the first time, set up computer games for young customers to try and had excelled themselves by making cakes,

candles and earrings for their stall.

Father Christmas was also on hand chatting to youngsters and almost ran out of gifts by the end of the day.

Taking a quarter share of the profits, the community council benefited by about £280 and the organisations made £650 between them.

Treasurer Roy Evans said: "Although takings were slightly down on last year the bazaar was a great success. People kept coming in and we were busy throughout."

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The **Village Quiz** on March 3rd staged by Ian Carrington and family was again a great success. The Hall was filled with 28 tables. Many of the questions were heard with dismay, but all were tackled with diligence and enthusiasm! Just as some spirits were flagging, delicious refreshments appeared, prepared and distributed by Ginny Day and Claire Prescott and their team of helpers. A great evening, enjoyed by all. The winners were, for the second year, a team of teachers from Great Cornard Upper School. The event raised some £150 for the Community Council funds. Congratulations to the winners and our thanks to the question-master and his team and to the refreshment providers.

The **Annual General Meeting** took place on March 21st in the Church Hall. The Chairman thanked the officers and committee for their work during the year and reviewed events organised by the Council i.e the Quiz in March, the Fair in August the Bonfire and Fireworks on Nov. 5th and the Christmas Bazaar at the end of November. He touched on the need for practical support for the Village Hall project in order to persuade Babergh and Charity fund providers of commitment by the village to the project. He also drew attention again to the particular urgency for plans to replace the storage units whose temporary planning permission ran out in June 1997.

The financial problems facing **St. James** as outlined in the letter from the Church Wardens in the Feb. edition of the Community Times were also touched on. The Chairman said he had been invited to join a small group of lay and church people to study the problem with a view to resurrecting the "Friends of Church" organisation who would attempt fund raising from the local community. The Chairman made the point that whilst the Community Council in principle would be sympathetic towards fund raising schemes aimed at maintaining the church as a building of historic and social value in the village, finances required for the spiritual activities of the Church were more a matter for individuals, particularly members of the Church. This principle was accepted by the meeting.

Plans were in hand for a commemorative event in the Village Hall to mark the **50th anniversary of VE Day** and details would be published soon. There was also to be an exhibition of suitable memorabilia which David Machell was putting together. He was concerned that response to his appeal for items for the exhibition had not been overwhelming and asked again for help in this connection - photographs (which he would copy) or any other items associated with wartime life in the village. (Contact him on 262775).

The Treasurer spoke to the **accounts** which showed a healthy position. Income was some £400 up on last year and despite making grants of some £1000, the balance carried forward was over £5400. Rather more had been spent this year on the fire works (but it showed in an excellent display) and he drew attention to income now from hiring out the marquee (£120) and to the net cost of the Community Times which, largely due to receipts from advertising was lower at £143.

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THE SUMMER FAIR

The Summer Fair at August Bank Holiday just about enjoyed the last of the long hot summer this year before the rains set in! It seemed to go very well again with a goodly crowd attracted by some innovative activities - particularly the car boot sale and the go-carts - as well as the ever popular array of bouncy castles, swings and roundabouts, Punch and Judy and children's Magic Show, darts, coconut shy, hoopla, bungee running, children's races etc. etc.. Societies also provided an interesting range of activities for their own fund-raising from target golf, bric-brac, books, home produce not to mention raffles and tombolas! Refreshments were provided by the Over 60s in the Village Hall; there was a beer tent, a barbecue, ice creams, soft drinks, candyfloss and last but certainly not least the very listenable music from Tom Collins and his Jazz Band.

Financially the afternoon was a success for the Community Council, raising some £1100 for the day, including over £500 (net) from the Grand Raffle. This was about the same as last year although the attendance appeared to be higher this year.

Much hard work goes into mounting the Fair and thanks are due to all who helped and supported the event - car park attendant(s), stallholders, those who helped erecting (and taking down) marquees, stalls, bunting, public address system, straw bales, signs and notices, gate minders, money collectors and counters, announcers, and not forgetting either those involved in distributing and collecting Grand Draw tickets from around the village.

GENERAL MEETING - 7.9.95.

The Chairman drew attention to the forthcoming public meeting at which villagers will be able to comment and question the proposals for renovating the Village Hall. A report of the meeting will be included in the paper, which is why it may be a few days late in coming out this month.

He also referred to the proposed "relaunch" of the Friends of St James, a group of people interested and concerned about the preservation of the fabric of the Church.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland Community Council's annual fair, traditionally held on the summer bank holiday weekend, will not take place this year.

Chairman Keith Worricker told last Wednesday's annual meeting it had been decided to drop the event because in recent years all the work had tended to fall on a few people. For the amount of work involved, he said the return had hardly been worthwhile and most of the profit had come from the grand raffle.

Alternative activities planned were a market, possibly in the village centre, on July 20 and a barn dance at Wiston on September 7. The raffle would continue as it contributed to the cost of the Community Times.

Mr Worricker said the community council had been concerned about the future of the village hall whose problems had started with the need to replace storage facilities. Ambitious plans to refurbish the whole hall had been put forward but nothing had been decided. He said the parish council were concerned with the need to define responsibilities and revise the constitution before considering putting public money into the building and urged members to attend the committee's annual meeting to discuss the issue. He added it was essential positive lessons came from the meeting so the committee and parish council could get together and apply for assistance from the Millennium Fund.

Reporting on the year's activities, Mr Worricker said the council had held four successful events as well as the VE commemorations and thanked everyone involved. He said the council had helped several local causes giving away grants totalling £800.

Treasurer Andrew Gowen reported an income surplus of £888 for last year and said funds were in good shape. The Community Times was coming close to being self-supporting.

Officers elected were: president, Ken Willingale; vice-president, William Gray; chairman, Keith Worricker; secretary, Ian Carrington; treasurer, Andrew Gowen; individual members: Julian Baker, John Baker, Clive Everett, Jock Luard, Dave Machell, Claire Prescott, Ray Spencer and Ian Wright.

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BAZAAR: Santa Claus will be making an early appearance at Nayland Community Council's Christmas bazaar to be held at the village hall on Saturday from 2pm to 4pm. Most local organisations will have stalls and entry is 20p adults and 10p children.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Plans to hold a village street fair this month have been shelved by Nayland Community Council but a barn dance will go ahead in September.

Chairman Keith Worricker told a council meeting last Wednesday it was thought the original idea of holding the event on a Saturday morning would create parking difficulties and adversely affect village businesses. Changing it to a Sunday afternoon also had drawbacks and the number of stalls was unlikely to attract enough visitors to make it worthwhile.

"The last thing we wanted was to have the fair go off like a damp squib," he said. "More thought and planning were needed and we'll look at it for next summer, probably on a larger scale."

He said a fair combined with a wider range of activities could form the basis for a millennium celebration and a small committee could be set up to get things moving.

Arrangements for the barn dance at Wiston on September 7 were in hand and the council hope to make it a family occasion. Tickets, including food, will be £6 adults, £3 children and £15 for a family ticket.

Reporting on the village hall Mr Worricker said the new committee were forging ahead with their plans to refurbish the hall with various improved facilities including a sports pavilion.

He added a big scheme was needed to approach the millennium commission for a grant and a lot of work needed to be done in a short time. Applications carried more weight if the local community were seen to be behind the scheme in terms of practical support.

"With a bit of commitment and enthusiasm from as wide a range of people as possible I'm sure it can be done," he said.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Formulation of final plans for Nayland village hall improvements has been slightly delayed, the community council heard last Wednesday. Chairman Keith Worricker said the cost of the scheme had not yet been determined but the architect's final drawings were likely to cost £5,000.

Grant applications did not have to be lodged until January and hopefully they could cover 75 per cent of the cost, leaving 25 per cent to be found locally. Mr Worricker added the community council had in general support the plan and had agreed to donate £500 towards the feasibility scheme.

Various ideas were put forward for millennium celebrations and a co-ordinating group are to talk them through, reporting back to the next meeting.

It was reported the recent barn dance made £964 and was so successful that another venue was being sought for a similar event next year.

Members agreed to donate £200 to Nayland Eagles to help buy a replacement strip. The Christmas bazaar will be held on November 30 in the village hall from 2pm to 4pm. Copy for the Community Times is needed by November 30.

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BARN DANCE: A family barn dance is being held by Nayland Community Council at Wiston Hall barn on Saturday evening with live music by folk band Last Resort. Tickets, including supper, cost £6 adults, £3 children or £15 family, from Nayland post office.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Widespread support from the local community will be vital for the success of the village hall improvement plans, community council chairman Keith Worricker told a meeting last Wednesday.

Drawing attention to this week's exhibition of the new plans, Mr Worricker said cost would be the major factor in the final outcome, but it was essential to find out what people wanted. Once that was established, grant application could be made but local backing was vital.

He said hall committee chairman Jean Jones had received an offer of materials, the parish council had given £800 towards a feasibility study, the carpet bowls club £400 and the community council £500. The idea was to put together a package to meet as many needs as possible then look at the costing.

Treasurer Andrew Gowen said the opportunity to improve the hall should not be missed or the building would be out-of-date in ten years time.

Although the millennium is still four years away, Mr Worricker said it was felt the village could organise a celebratory weekend with a varied programme encompassing a flower show, art exhibition, open gardens and a musical event. It was important for the village to act in a co-ordinated way and a committee and chairman would be needed to explore possibilities.

Mr Worricker added he would not be standing as community council chairman next year and a new secretary would also be needed.

Future plans include bonfire night on November 4 and the Christmas bazaar on November 30.

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BAZAAR: THIRTEEN village organisations took part in Nayland Community Council's annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday and raised £600 to £700 for their own funds. Stallholders also gave 25 per cent of their profits to the council which will benefit by about £300.

The event in Nayland village hall drew customers from a wide area and stalls sold all kinds of seasonal fare, including chocolates, cakes, jams, chutneys, toys and craft items as well as bric a brac. Father Christmas was a popular attraction and was kept busy all afternoon dealing with youngsters' requests.

Organiser Roy Evans said: "It was very successful and everyone was pleased. We had a good variety of stalls and people came from far and wide, not just the village."

Top raffle prize, a turkey donated by William Gray, was won by Bob and Joy Jones.

Since going to press for the April edition the Community Council held its AGM at which it was confirmed that there would be no August Summer Fair this year but plans were in hand to hold a Village Fayre (market) and Barn Dance instead, during the summer. Since then difficulties have arisen about the Village Fayre which was planned to take place in the village centre. Firstly, the proposed date (Saturday morning 20th July) unfortunately clashed with a big Fair and Market to be put on at Leavenheath and then the Parish Council (and the Executive Committee) had reservations about the wisdom of closing off the village centre from the point of view of the effect on the villager traders and the complications of parking on a busy Saturday morning. The Executive Committee have decided therefore to change the date and time to Sunday afternoon, July 21st, 2 - 4.30pm. Village organisations are invited to take a table (£5 plus 25% of profit to the Community Council) to raise funds for their own organisations. The Community Council will provide the tables, bunting, carparking, advertising and administration and it is hoped we shall see a wide variety of goods and activities from the stall holders. This is a fresh idea to bring interest and activity into the village and we hope it will receive good support. We would like to thank in advance those residents in the centre of the village who may possibly find the Fayre a disruption and nuisance - particularly as we shall have to ask some of them to park their cars off the centre for the 3 or 4 hours while the Fayre is being put up and running.... But is only for one afternoon!

The Barn Dance at the Great Barn at Wiston Hall Farm is still going ahead and will take place on September 7th as originally proposed. We hope this will prove also an attractive event for villagers. It is aimed to be family affair; we have a very good band and caller lined up; there will be soft drinks and snacks available (but bring your own if you prefer!); car parking is available and it will run from 7.30pm till midnight. See this space for more details nearer the time, but please mark the date in your diaries and ..don't forget to GIVE IT YOUR SUPPORT on the night!!!

The Chairman in his report to the AGM, having reviewed what he felt had been a very successful year, made reference to these events and also commented optimistically on the proposed changes to the Village Hall Committee's Constitution and prospects for taking up again the question of the Hall's redevelopment and in particular to finding alternative storage accommodation for the Village Players and the Community Council.

The Treasurer reported a healthy position on the financial front with a surplus on the year of nearly £900 having made grants totalling £800 to various causes during the year. It was agreed in principle that the CC would financially support developments to the Village Hall should an acceptable scheme be put forward.

The more formal activity at the AGM was the election of officers and Individual Members and after thanking the retiring members, elections for 1996/97 resulted in the following:-

President: Ken Willingale. Vice President: William Gray.

Chairman: Keith Worricker. Secretary: Ian Carrington

Treasurer: Andrew Gowen; Legal Adviser: John Greenwood.

Executive Committee: Ex Officio Officers - Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer plus

John Baker, Mandy Cook, Roy Evans, David Machell, Claire Prescott, Ray Spencer and Ken Willingale

Individual Members elected were: John Baker, Julian Baker, Clive Everett, Jock Luard, David Machell, Claire Prescott, Ray Spencer, Iain Wright.

The next General Meeting of the Community Council is on Wednesday July 3rd. (An Executive Meeting for the committee at "Weavers" is scheduled for the previous Wednesday, June 26th)

Successful Village Barn Dance.

Everyone I have spoken to who came to the Village Barn Dance at Wiston Hall Barn on Saturday September 7th says what a marvelous and successful evening it was. Certainly everyone seemed to be having tremendous fun and the Last Resort Band with their caller really played their hearts out and provided wonderful entertainment. Energy-building refreshments at half time organised and served by Claire Prescott, Mandy Cook, Jenny Napper and other helpers sent the second half of the evening off with renewed vigour and in no time it was 11.30 and time to go home!

There are as usual with these activities many thank-yous to make, not least to Mr. & Mrs Storey who not only so generously allowed us the use of their barn but who also wholeheartedly joined with the Community Council committee members in the preparation and the clearing up of the site. (incidently , the site clearing was made more difficult through having to clear up the contents of some 8 or 9 straw bales which had been loaned for the evening for seating just outside the Barn which had been wantonly destroyed by youngsters "having fun").

Community Council Grand Draw

Prizes in the Grand Draw were drawn at the Village Barn Dance and a list of winners is displayed in the Community Council Notice Board in the Village. It was nice to see so many prizes went to local people, including three from Parkers Way and three from Harpers Hill and Wiston Road. Thankyou all for buying (and selling) tickets. Thanks, too, to all those who so kindly donated prizes - including (in no particular order) Ivan Kerridge, Gladwins Farm, Martha's Vineyard, Brit.Telecom, the White Hart, Stoke-by-Nayland Golf Club, the Angel at Stoke, Ken Willingale, Tony Børam, Ian Carrington.

Financially the Draw and the Barn Dance between them produced a profit for the Community Council of over £900, which is much appreciated and will be used to ensure the continued production of the Nayland Community Times for another year as well as providing funds to support good causes and social activities in the Village.

Community Council General Meeting - August 28th

There were three main topics on the agenda at this meeting - the Village Barn Dance at Wiston Hall and other future events being organised by the CC, the Village Hall plans and what to do about the Millenium.

In the meantime the Community Council programme for the rest of this year includes BONFIRE NIGHT celebrations as usual on November 5th on the Village Hall Playing Field with barbecue, fireworks (bigger and better than ever!), and the Bonfire. (Please DO NOT dump your rubbish, old armchairs, and garden clippings on the bonfire site. Nearer the time - a week before - we are happy to accept burnable material - BUT PLEASE NO ITEMS THAT CONTAIN GLASS, METAL OR PRODUCE POTENTIALLY POISONOUS SMOKE).

We round off the year with the CHRISTMAS BAZAAR in the Village Hall on Saturday November 30th. Societies who were disappointed not to have a Bank Holiday Fair this year have an opportunity here to raise funds for their cause by booking a table or two with Roy Evans at this function. Hurry, hurry... the spaces are limited!

Developments - or at least plans and discussions - have been going on apace regarding the Village Hall. The Community Council is generally in favour of modernising the premises and indeed has voted £500 towards the costs of the Feasibility Study by the Alan Wilkinson Partnership who were commissioned by the VHMC to produce plans based on a

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welter of information, suggestions and ideas garnered from all quarters.. Apart from a general desire to see an improved facility for the Village, the Community Council have a particular interest in the provision of storage facilities as the temporary planning permission for the present storage units used by the CC and the Village Players runs out next year. The VHMC report elsewhere on the success of the "hands on" exhibition set up by the architect which was certainly a novel way to try to find out what people thought about the project and establish priorities. It must be fair to say that the proposals have had the benefit of a very full public airing and everyone has been given the chance to put forward their views and ideas. Whether or not the necessary funds to bring the plans to fruition will be forthcoming or not remains to be seen... but we wish the Committee every success in their endeavours.

As to the Millenium - well - ideas for a special Village Celebration have been mooted - to include a village fair, a flower show, music and drama, dance, an art exhibition, some Open Gardens etc etc... The trouble, as usual however is to find someone who is willing and able to take on the Chairmanship of the necessary working party to bring the parts together. He or she really needs to be young enough to be reasonably sure of seeing in the year 2000! and sufficiently "au fait" with the Village organisations as to be able to encourage their co-operation and support. I have had only one response to my appeal in the last issue of the NCT for suggestions for such a programme and, surprise, surprise, no volunteers to take on the role of co-ordinator. Perhaps the Parish Council can stir the village vitals!

The next General Meeting of the Community Council is on Wednesday October 30th in the Church Hall at 8.00pm. Committee members, please note an Executive Meeting is scheduled for the previous Wednesday, October 23rd, 8.00pm at "Weavers".

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BAZAAR: THIRTEEN village organisations took part in Nayland Community Council's annual Christmas bazaar on Saturday and raised £600 to £700 for their own funds. Stallholders also gave 25 per cent of their profits to the council which will benefit by about £300.

The event in Nayland village hall drew customers from a wide area and stalls sold all kinds of

seasonal fare, including chocolates, cakes, jams, chutneys, toys and craft items as well as bric a brac. Father Christmas was a popular attraction and was kept busy all afternoon dealing with youngsters' requests.

Organiser Roy Evans said: "It was very successful and everyone was pleased. We had a good variety of stalls and people came from far and wide, not just the village."

Top raffle prize, a turkey donated by William Gray, was won by Bob and Joy Jones.