



All the Fun of the Fayre



Not even a heavy shower of rain could dampen the enjoyment of Nayland's third Street Fayre held on 4th July the anniversary of American Independence which was the theme of the event. It started at 11am with a fancy dress competition and ended at 4pm with a grand finale led by the Di-Vine Line Dancing Display Team. It was an action packed six hours!

And if that was not enough the Fayre was followed by a Country and Western evening in the Village Hall that was many times oversubscribed.

What a Day!

There were some fifteen commercial stalls offering crafts, games and plants and some twenty village society stalls offering food, drink, games and competitions and articles for sale. In addition the Community Council ran four stalls to raise money to cover costs of the event with any surplus going into its funds. The White Hart being in the centre of activity provided a barbecue in the street and reasonably priced buffet inside and made a contribution to cost of the event.



Planning had started way back in November 2003 with Community Council Executive and a number of other enthusiasts and went through five meetings and a planning party to recruit more volunteers to help out on the day. We were determined to stage an event that involved all age groups and exploited the talents that we had in the village.

It was a very enjoyable day and staging it brought together many members of the village and at the same time made a useful contribution to Village Society coffers and some £2000 to the Community Council Funds. This event was a fine example of a community working together and thanks is due to everybody involved. Well done.



We were serenaded by the Nayland Choir; charmed by Nayland School's Country dancing; entertained by the Nayland Hand Bell Ringers; amused by Nayland Village Players Bawdy Saloon Bar Scene; appreciative of Stoke by Nayland Middle School Jazz Band; entranced by the ferrets and watching them race and fired up by the Office Needs Tiddy Winks Races.

Top left: Visitors at the Fayre
 Second top; A queue at the very popular Pimms Stall
 Centre: The Bows 'n Belles Clog Dancers from Aldham
 Left: Pam Baker's Cookie Stall

Top left: Nayland School's Country dancing
 Second top; The Village Player's Bawdy Saloon Bar scene
 Centre: Village Society Stalls; the Horticultural Society
 Right: Nayland Village Choir



COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Youth Club: Claire Prescott said that although membership had risen to above 20, Suffolk County Council had decided to withdraw funding of permanent staff from 31 March and this applied to other youth clubs as well.

The club was keen to continue and recruit its own leader, and try to raise money locally.

It needed to recruit trustees urgently if it was to survive as a charity and volunteers were needed from the village.

The general view of the meeting was that they should do all they could to help maintain the youth club, but they could not do this on our own.

A resolution was passed unanimously, proposing: "That the Community Council provides match funding with the parish council of up to £1,000 for the year 2005/6 to cover staff costs and to review this every year."

"The allocation to pay for hire of the village hall should be in addition to this, which this year comes to £420."

A bid for help with staff costs would go to the parish council as soon as possible.

Bonfire Night: This was a

very successful evening, that made £720 profit.

Christmas Bazaar: Another very successful event, which made a £350 profit for Community Council funds, in addition to the profits made by the societies.

Village quiz: Preparations are now under way for the quiz to be held on March 4.

Community Times: Lorraine Brooks thanked members for their contributions.

It was agreed to raise the cost of full-page advertisements to £30.

Royal British Legion: The RBL had a successful and enjoyable joint Christmas party with the Women's Section.

They sent parcels and cards to 48 widows and widowers this Christmas.

Conservation Society: It is expected that the Meadow pond and reed bed project would be completed in April and details would be put on the website.

There had been 90 voluntary contributions made towards the project. The annual meeting is on March 8 and the subject will be "Finds in Old Houses", led by Sgt Ldr Bloomfield.

Horticultural Society: The

society reported that a contribution of £50 had been made to the Woodland Trust.

The annual meeting is on April 19 when Karen Kenny would be speaking on the subject of organic gardens.

The Morning Market is on May 21 and the flower show on August 6.

Nayland Choir: A successful concert was held in November.

There were plans for Handel's music at their next concert and Gilbert and Sullivan music in November.

Village Players: There was general agreement at the meeting of the great success of the pantomime.

Bryan Smith said that audi-

tions for the next production were now taking place and the players were keen to recruit more members not only for acting but also providing props and stage sets.

Women's Institute: It was reported that Shirley Scarlett had become president and Pauline Dossa secretary, and there had been other committee changes.

Three new members had been recruited last year and they were keen to recruit many more.

Over 60s: The club had an enjoyable Christmas party and programme of visits in the past year. Members were happy to offer seats to non-members on future trips.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Despite Nayland Youth Club's increased membership, Suffolk County Council has withdrawn its funding, the community council heard last week.

It was reported the parish council had agreed to provide £500 and the community council would match the sum to keep the club going for another year.

The club committee, which is currently advertising for more trustees and a treasurer, will meet on March 1 to discuss the way forward.

The annual village quiz will be on Friday, March 4 in the village hall.

Organisers have decided not to provide food but will invite contestants to bring their own, reducing the price of tickets to £3, or £12 for a table of four.

Community Times editor Lorraine Brooks thanked everyone for their contributions and said she welcomed information and ideas to keep the

Bowls club: The club's charity day will be held on June 5.

Two of the club's bowlers were in the Suffolk final, due to take place at Needham Market in April.

Village Hall: The village hall committee was grateful for the £1,000 grant for maintenance.

The chairman said this must be reviewed annually as it depended on the success of the Community Council in raising funds. A further grant of £500 for tables was authorised to match the £600 raised by the country and western group.

Parish council: The meeting was reminded there were public participation sessions at the start of parish council meetings, which allowed members of the village to raise issues.

Treasurer's report: Al Machin reported a healthy balance sheet, showing assets of almost £14,000.

He had received a letter of thanks from Paula Taylor on the grant to help her with expenses to participate in a fundraising project for the St Helena Hospice.

Grants were authorised to the youth club of £420 and village hall of £500.

magazine interesting. A distributor for Wiston is still needed.

Future events include the Village Players' spring production, *Happy Families*, from March 17 to 19 in the village hall and Nayland Choir's next performance, Handel's *Dixit Dominus* in St James's Church on April 10.

A £300 grant to the choir was agreed on the understanding it reviews the way future events are financed. Nayland Playgroup, which received an excellent Ofsted report, was also awarded £300 towards a replacement shed.

Chairman Andrew Gowen pointed out further fundraising ideas were needed to help fund the increased number of grants being distributed by the council.

It was agreed to organise a gardening day at the village hall on April 2 from 9am, with the hope that village societies would join the community council.

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QUIZ NIGHT: Competition at Nayland's annual quiz night was so keen that only half a point separated the winning team, Bricks and Mortar, from runners-up Three Celts and a Kiwi. Northern Grit were a close third, beating Desperate Housewives by half a point.

Twenty-six teams of four took part in the Community Council event, held at the village hall on Friday. Chairman Andrew Gowen said: "It was a fantastic community effort with all ages participating."

Organised by the Gowen and Smith families, the quiz raised £362 for council funds. Jenny Smith was question master.

CHOIR: Nayland Choir's annual meeting will be held at the primary school on Thursday, March 17, at 8pm. The meeting is not expected to take longer than 30 minutes and the normal rehearsal will start immediately afterwards.

VILLAGE PLAYERS: Rehearsals are now in full swing for the Village Players' Spring production, *Happy Families* by John Godber, a gritty comedy set in a northern town over a 15-year period.

The story centres on a young man on his graduation day, looking back over his teenage years and recalling the various embarrassments, tensions, joys and sorrows of his life.

Directed by Mike Poole, the play has warmth, pathos and humour, painting an affectionate portrait of an ordinary family coming to terms with change, bereavement and the generation gap.

It will be staged at Nayland village hall from March 17-19 and tickets are £5, available from the village post office (afternoons only).

Doors and bar open at 7.30pm and performances are at 8pm.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The *Community Times* was highlighted as one of Nayland Community Council's most successful ventures at the annual meeting.

Congratulating editor Lorraine Brooks, chairman Andrew Gowen said the village had a very good community newsletter, giving essential information on activities, allowing businesses to advertise and providing tips and interesting articles. He also thanked advertisement manager Anna Boon and distributor Roy Evans and his team for their efforts.

Over the year he said the village quiz, street fayre, bonfire night and Christmas fair had all been successful events.

With no street fayre this year, Mr Gowen said a hog roast on the playing field or Court Knoll, probably on the August bank holiday, had been suggested, together with society stalls and games.

He said the conservation society deserved a special mention for its meadow project and the horticultural society for arranging the visit of the BBC's *Gardeners' Question Time*. Other societies had done various things, all helping to foster a good community spirit.

Mr Gowen said the Nayland and Wiston website was going from strength to strength but could be used more and thanked webmaster Graham Griffiths for his work.

During the year the village had lost two outstanding characters - Ron Padget, who played an impor-

tant role over many years, particularly in the Royal British Legion, and recently Nick Hardinge, who was involved in various aspects of village life.

He thanked the "few stalwarts" who had helped on the community council plot in the village hall garden and said another session would be held on Saturday, April 2, from 9am.

Treasurer Al Machin reported a £2,831 surplus on the year after allocating grants totalling £4,220.

Officers elected were: President, Ken Willingale; vice-president, Roy Evans; chairman, Andrew Gowen; vice-chairman, Jenny Smith; secretary, vacancy; treasurer, Paul Watson. Individual members: Mandy Cook, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield, Al Machin, Alan Hodges, Iain Wright and Lorraine Brooks.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Members of Nayland Community Council agreed to hold another street fayre next year, probably on July 16, when they met last week.

Chairman Andrew Gowen said the theme had not yet been decided but one idea was Bastille Day. The event will be organised by the council's executive plus volunteers from village societies. Charges to outside organisations taking part may be increased.

Future events include bonfire night on November 5 and the Christmas bazaar on December 3. Mr Gowen said he was keen to "jazz up" the bazaar and asked for ideas for more children's activities including games.

Although Nayland's *Community Times* did not win the competition for best newsletter he said it received some good comments. Advertising revenue had done ex-

tremely well and helped council funds.

Among reports from village societies, members heard the Carpet Bowls Club and Village Players had both scored successes. The bowls club were Suffolk Summer League champions for the first time and the Players had won three trophies at the recent North East Essex Theatre Guild awards night.

It was reported rehearsals for the Players' production of *Jane Eyre*, to be staged from November 24 to 26 with a Saturday matinee, were in full swing. Rehearsals had also started for Nayland Choir's concert version of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe*, due to take place on December 4.

Nayland Youth Club chairman Graham White reported the club could survive financially until March, but attendances were down

FIREWORKS: Several hundred spectators enjoyed the annual bonfire and fireworks display arranged by Nayland Community Council.

Takings were up on last year and the event is expected to make about £850 profit for council funds.

The bonfire was built by the Bugg family and also featured nine colourful guys created by pupils from Nayland Primary School. Iain Wright led the firework firing team and refreshments and sales were organised by committee members and their families.

The next council meeting has been brought forward to November 14, to finalise arrangements for the Christmas bazaar.

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REMEMBER REMEMBER THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER



Led by the Community Council the village again celebrated the 400th anniversary of the capture of Guy Fawkes as he attempted to blow up King and Parliament. We had a magnificent bonfire built and lit by the Bugg Family and a fine display of fireworks. Refreshments were provided by members of the committee and their families.

We had an outstanding display of 9 Guys made by pupils at the school which were burnt on the bonfire.

It was a very enjoyable evening and our thanks go to all those helpers that made it go so well.

The event provides the one opportunity for members of the village to get rid of their combustible rubbish. But please do not dump rubbish on the bonfire site from now onwards as it becomes unsightly and has to wait until next November to be burnt. Please ensure the rubbish is combustible. This year we have found concrete posts, wire from mattresses, wheels from a bicycle and bricks left in the ashes!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



We had a most successful Christmas Bazaar on 3rd December and there seemed to be a good 'buzz' around the Village Hall throughout the afternoon. The village choir did us proud and the horse and trap rides provided by Karen Baalham were a great success. We were lucky with the weather. Roll on next Christmas !!!

The report from the next meeting is too late to be included in this newsletter but it gives me an opportunity to talk about a suggestion that the Village sets up an emergency First Response team that goes out to people needing help before an ambulance arrives. A First Response team is trained to give oxygen and operate a defibrillator and gives initial support to heart attack patients until help arrives. Training and support is provided by the East Anglian Ambulance Trust but we may have to finance the equipment needed ourselves.

Normally one member of the team would be on duty at any one time and would hold the equipment. He/she would be alerted by the ambulance trust and would go to the person and provide help and support until the ambulance arrives. To be successful we need to train at least 5 members of the village and preferably many more as this will reduce the load on individuals. Boxford has had a First Response Team for 3 years and have 19 people in the Team. Training takes two days and is arranged over a weekend and there may be the odd continuation training sessions arranged to keep people up to date. This is the sort of service a community can organise itself and I shall raise it at our next meeting. Meanwhile anybody interested should contact me.

Our next meeting is **Monday 30th January** at 8pm in the Church Hall. **Please note the changed date.** The executive will meet at 7.30pm I look forward to seeing you all then.

Andrew Gowen

Chairman's report:

The second year of my chairmanship has gone very quickly and it has been enjoyable. We have had a busy and successful year in what we have done and the funds we have raised. Of our activities:

- The Community Times stands out as a most successful venture under the editorship of Lorraine Brooks, Anna Boone the advertisement manager and Roy Evans and his team of distributors. The Community Times provides essential information of the village activities; allows our local businesses to advertise and provides us with tips and interest articles which is something Lorraine has been developing throughout the year.
- The quiz in 2004 and the Quiz we have just had is an important Village Event which brings us all together for a very convivial evening and provides an income of £3-400 as well.
- The Street Fayre in July was hard work and is something we only want to do every other year – so we do not have one this year. We made about £2000 for the Community Funds and the Societies all made something. In September we have got to start planning the next one in July 2006 and the first decision is do we want it? It is aimed at providing a fund raising opportunity for the village societies and not to provide a market for outsiders.
- Another successful bonfire night making £720 and a Christmas Bazaar making £350.
- So as we will hear from our Treasurer, we have had a very successful fund raising year and we have been pretty successful at giving it away as donations.

All these activities require to be set up and I am very grateful to the Committee and others for the work that has taken place.

Without a Street Fayre this year we could organise another event which hopefully does not involve too much work. It has been suggested we organise a 'Hog Roast' on the Playing Fields or Court Knoll during a balmy summer evening and include society stalls/fund raising in the form of games. This something to think about

We should be proud of the successes of our Societies. The Conservation Society meadow project needs a special mention and the Gardener's Question Time visit that was so successfully organised by the Horticultural Society. Each society in its own way has been providing entertainment or a service or social service to our village which enhances the community spirit. It is this spirit that is envied by outsiders and there is a steady stream of people trying to find their own property in the village to join us. We can only achieve this by working together and helping each other which I think we do and this is a major role of your Community Council.

The Nayland and Wiston website is going from strength to strength and is being used by the Parish Council and the Community Council and some of the Societies but it could be used much more. In the coming year we must ensure we exploit its full potential. Did you know for example that it provides a vast list of tradesmen that we could call upon in an emergency? I would like to thank Graham Griffiths for all the work he does on the Web site that he set up. It has become an important asset to the village and we are very fortunate. In January our telephone was converted to take broadband which for those interested will speed up our E Mails and web browsing.

During the year we have lost Ron Padget who played such an important role in our village over many years and in the Royal British Legion in particular. We miss him. Very recently we have lost Nick Hardinge in tragic circumstances. Nick was involved in everything: from gilding the Church Cock, raising the flags on the Church, painting our houses and participating in Village events. He was a village character that will be sadly missed.

I am grateful to the few stalwarts that have turned out to work on the Community Council plot in the Village Hall garden. There has been a great improvement over the year in all the plots and I hope that the Village Hall Management Committee appreciates our efforts. We are suggesting another Village Hall gardening session from 9am on Saturday 2 April and if other societies do it at the same time it could be a social event and we can help each other.

Should you wish me to continue as Chairman, I am happy to continue for a third year but this must be my last. It is essential to have a fresh face with new ideas to take over and we shall be working on this throughout the year. If there is anybody who would like to join the Executive to become more involved please let me know. More volunteers and helpers are always welcome. We are desperate for a secretary for example. The key to any successful organisation is strong Executive Committee and we are fortunate to have that.

Finally I want to thank everybody in the Community Council Team and Society representatives for the support they have given the Council over the past year; preparing and running our activities; the Quiz; the Street Fayre; the bonfire; Christmas bazaar; erecting the Christmas Tree; attending our meetings. Without this support we could not function and I think that Nayland would be a poorer place without its Community Council.

Ken Willingale thanked Andrew for all his hard work over the last year.

Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts.

Alan Machin, the treasurer, reported that the funds stood at £12,882 made up from £10,248 on deposit, £1711 in the bank, £13.09 in cash and £910 loan to the Parish Council. There had been a surplus of £2831 on the year after allocating £4220 in grants. This was a very satisfactory situation. The Chairman proposed that the accounts be adopted, this was seconded and passed unanimously.

Andrew Gowen thanked Al Machin for the hard work and support he had given over the past 2 years.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected; **President** Ken Willingale, **Vice-President** Roy Evans, **Chairman** Andrew Gowen, **Vice-Chairman** Jenny Smith, **Secretary** to be decided at a later date but Andrew will stand in, **Treasurer** Paul Watson **Parish Council Representative.** Bryan Smith, **Legal Adviser** it was agreed to use the auspices of Suffolk Acre **Individual Members:** Claire Prescott, Al Machin, Mandy Cook, Mark Stephens-Row, Barry Wakefield and Iain Wright. **Executive Committee:** David George, Tricia Hall, Alan Hodges, Lorraine Brooks.

Minutes of the A.G.M. held on 13 March 2006

Chairman's report:

This is the end of the third and final year of my Chairmanship and again it seems to have gone very quickly. I have enjoyed being involved in the various activities that the Community Council has organised. We have given away grants of some £1500 during the year and still had a surplus of over £1200.

Of our activities:

- The Community Times continues to stand out as our most successful venture under the editorship of Lorraine Brooks, Anna Boone the advertisement manager and Roy Evans and his team of distributors. The Community Times provides essential information on village activities, allows our local businesses to advertise and provides us with tips and interest articles. We are particularly grateful to Lorraine for this. I have to admit that we have excluded some controversial articles which have disappointed some members of the village but we cannot get involved in arguments that could lead to legal proceedings for which we are not insured.
- The quiz in 2005 and the quiz we have just had is a fun village event and we could have many more teams. A number of people some of them single approached me afterwards saying they were unable to get a team together. Perhaps next year we should have a Clearing House of names of people who want to take part so we can organise them into teams. The use of different team names allows us to be anonymous should our ignorance be too embarrassing.
- We had another successful bonfire night making £740 and a Christmas Bazaar making £316.
- We shall hear more of this from our Treasurer, we have had another successful fund raising year and we have also provided some useful community activities

We did not have a Street Fayre during 2005 but we are already planning for the Street Fayre on 16th July this year. It has a 'Bastille Day/ French Revolution theme which gives us plenty of scope and all it needs is enthusiastic participation by all our Village Societies. The format will be similar to previous years and let us pray that we have good weather although the shower of rain did not dampen the enthusiasm at our 2004 Fayre. We are having a planning and recruiting party for the Fayre at Parkers on Saturday 20 May.

Our societies have also had a very good year with the Village Players and the Nayland Choir doing us proud with their productions. The Conservation Society's Meadow project is developing well and the good old British Legion has been planting trees to commemorate wars of old. I do feel that our village community is fortunate in the diversity of its different societies. The establishment of a monthly over 60's lunch under the auspices of the Church has been particularly successful with some 35-40 regular diners and the Village Lunch is another successful event. All these activities would not take place without the enthusiastic band of supporters who are prepared to give their time and energy to make them work.

Sadly during the last year we lost John Slater, Margaret Thompson, Rosemary Stone who have all played an important role in our village during their life time and very recently we have lost Fred Ridd who was the Stoke by Nayland policeman for many years.

I am grateful for the few stalwarts that turn out twice a year to renovate the Community Council garden plot at the Village Hall. It is beginning to look good as are the other plots being managed by the Societies. We shall need to develop them further if we are to enter the Anglia in Bloom competition which is the subject of a later agenda item. Anyway please note we are having a gardening morning from 9am on Saturday 8 April.

This is the end of my last year as Chairman and I am very grateful for all the support you all have given me over the last 3 years. We are very fortunate that Alan Hodges has agreed to take over from me and I wish him well. I am keen to stay on the executive committee as I enjoy being part of the Community Council team. I am delighted to announce that Hazel Gardner has agreed to act as secretary for a trial period. So everybody must be nice to her as we want her to take it on permanently.

Finally I want to thank everybody in the Community Council Team and Society representatives for the support they have given the Council and the work they have done in the village over the past year; preparing and running our activities; the Quiz; the Street Fayre; the bonfire; Christmas bazaar; erecting the Christmas Tree; attending our meetings. Without this support we could not function and Nayland would be a less enjoyable place to live in without them.

Ken Willingale, the Council President, thanked Andrew for the enthusiasm and hard work he had done over the last 3 years on behalf of the members.

Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts.

Paul Watson reported a surplus of **£1218.29** on the year after allocating grants of **£1250**. The Council Funds at the end of the year were **£14,091**. this was a very satisfactory position. The accounts were noted as they had not been checked. The AGM formally authorised a subsequent General meeting to adopt them on its behalf.



9 February 2006

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: This year's street fayre is on Sunday, July 16 and the theme will be the storming of the Bastille, Nayland Community Council members heard last week.

The event is being organised by the council's executive and volunteers.

Among the society reports, the Village Players are reviving *An Inspector Calls* by J B Priestley, their first production more than 25 years ago, on April 6, 7 and 8. Although casting is complete, more help is needed backstage.

Nayland Choir is rehearsing Beethoven's Mass in C to be performed in St James's Church on April 30.

The conservation society reported the path on the meadow project was being regraded to encourage walkers to stay on it and avoid the parts seeded with wild flowers.

The horticultural society has arranged A Place for Plants at East Bergholt on February 22 (£10 bus and £4.50 lunch).

Mary Fairhead will give a talk on a year in the life of the Mayor of Colchester at an open meeting of Nayland WI on February 20.

The council noted the Playgroup's plans for a new building and £2,000 was earmarked to help equip it in due course.

It was agreed to continue helping the youth club with the cost of hiring the village hall.

A secretary is still needed for the Community Council and any volunteers should contact Mr Gowen (01206) 262534.

2 March 2006

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Retiring chairman Andrew Gowen told the annual meeting the organisation did a worthwhile job and he was pleased to be part of it. Grants totalling £1,500 had been given away during the year and there was still a £1,200 surplus.

He said the *Community Times* continued to thrive and had just had its most successful period thanks to editor Lorraine Brooks, advertising manager Anna Boon and its team of distributors.

Mr Gowen pointed out it was not *Community Times* policy to publish controversial letters or articles but to provide information on village activities, tips, interest articles and advertising for local businesses. He said the council had held several successful events and plans were in hand for the street fayre on July 16. This year's theme was Bastille Day/the French Revolution and the event needed enthusiastic co-operation from all village organisations.

He agreed to write an article for the *Community Times* explaining the role of a first response emergency medical team and asking for volunteers. At least a dozen would be needed for it to go ahead.

President Ken Willingale thanked Mr Gowen for his exemplary work during his three years as chairman. Treasurer Paul Watson reported various council activities had contributed £1,200 to its reserves which now totalled £14,000.

Officers elected were: President, Ken Willingale; vice-president, Roy Evans; chairman, Alan Hodges; vice-chairman, Jenny Smith; secretary, Hazel Gardiner; treasurer, Paul Watson. Individual members: Mandy Cook, Joan Moore, Lorraine Brooks, Barry Wakefield, Mark Stephens-Row and Iain Wright.

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QUIZ: Twenty-three teams of four took part in Nayland Community Council's keenly contested village quiz on Friday. Winners were Angels of the North, who each received two bottles of wine.

Four Squares were second, the Fen Street Four third and the Barmy Army fourth. With questions set by last year's winners Nayland-with-Wissington Conservation Society, the quiz raised about £310 for council funds.

Chairman Andrew Gowen said: "It was a great success and a lively community event."

"Perhaps next year we might have a clearing house so we can help single people or couples who want to take part make up teams."

1 June 2006

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Plans for the Nayland street fayre on July 16 include jazz music from the Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School band, performances by the Village Players and Nayland Choir, a snail race and Punch and Judy show, community council members heard at their recent meeting.

Reporting on Anglia in Bloom, Joan Moore said judging would take place in the middle of July. The itinerary would be selective and ten minutes allowed for a presentation.

Among the society news it was reported fundraising was a priority for the playgroup which has to move to a new site next year. The group is holding a musical coffee morning on July 8 and later a sponsored fun run marathon. The carpet bowls club has been promoted to the first division and its charity tournament on June 4 will be in aid of the air ambulance and Childline.

Mrs Moore said horticultural society outings included East Bergholt rose gardens on June 6, Broom Hill, Polstead, on June 14 and an open evening at Philpots Nursery on June 20. The conservation society open gardens afternoon is on June 11 and this year's surplus income will go to the proposed historical buildings book.

Members approved grants of £200 to the 1st Nayland Cubs and Scouts and £500 to the conservation society to help fund their book. It was also agreed to continue to pay the youth club's village hall fees.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Details of two village events, the street fair on Sunday and Anglia in Bloom judging on Wednesday, were finalised at the community council meeting.

Andrew Gowen said the village centre would be closed to traffic from 8am for the fayre and asked for volunteers to help set it up, particularly the previous evening from 6pm. The fayre, with Bastille Day as its theme, will be opened by the Rev Brian Watling at 11am.

Nayland Horticultural Society secretary Joan Moore outlined the itinerary for the Anglia in Bloom judging and said the village had been promised lots of feedback. It was not a competition but if Nayland came up to standard it would receive a certificate. She stressed it was important to show a good social environment as well as a tidy village.

Mr Gowen said the appeal for First Response volunteers looked promising but someone was needed to co-ordinate the team. He hoped to set up a meeting, probably in September, and would invite a representative from the East Anglian Ambulance Service and from the Boxford group which started three years ago. The flower show is on August 5 and programmes are available at the post office.

Nayland Choir's future events included two autumn recitals and Handel's *Messiah* at Christmas. New members were always welcome.

Members approved grants of £300 to the conservation society towards a family history book being written by Wendy Sparrow and £500 to the Village Players towards the cost of replacing village hall stage curtains.



Street life... Visitors eye stalls. Below - Lucy Arditi, seven, enjoys her face paints 0607-117-821&828



Fair's French flavour

BRILLIANT sunshine plus attractions for all ages ensured a successful street fair for Nayland Community Council.

Decorated with red, white and blue bunting, the village centre buzzed on Sunday.

The fair had a French theme and apart from commercial stalls, 15 village organisations took part, raising money for themselves and the council.

Council chairman Alan Hodges said: "It was village life at its best. We had a marvellous day with good crowds and the weather was kind."

"There was something for everyone, in terms of food, drink, stalls and entertainment which was of a high standard."

The fair was opened by

Judge Brian Watling who thanked organiser Andrew Gowen on the village's behalf.

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Chef Carl Shillingford, of the Anchor Inn, ran a busy barbecue. Robert Dossor and daughter Jill added a Gallic touch with their popular creperie.



Nayland Street Fayre
Sun 16th July
Starts 11.00am

12 October 2006

NAYLAND

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland's previously ailing youth club is now back on a firm footing, community council members heard last week.

Club treasurer Lynn Mash said the loss of a key worker last year made an immediate impact and the club was in a desperate financial situation. But she had decided to fund-raise involving the young people and a lottery grant resulted in a successful fun day, attracting 200 to 300 visitors.

About 60 people took part in a consultation which revealed members were keen to have more drama, photography and art.

A grant from Suffolk Connexions meant the club was stable for the next two years and had two paid workers. It was hoped to buy a computer and get an internet connection though there was a location issue.

Mrs Mash asked the council to continue to support the club by paying the village hall rent on club nights.

Joan Moore reported Nayland had won an engraved glass plate for being best new entrant and a silver award certificate in the Anglia in Bloom event. Judges said the village was not over-floral but the enthusiasm of everyone involved more than made up for it.

They felt the water meadow was an excellent asset and highlighted several other features.

Council chairman Alan Hodges said the street fayre had raised £2,006 for council funds and was a superb, well-organised village event bringing the whole community together.

First Response co-ordinator Andrew Gowen outlined the inaugural meeting attended by Jonathan Needle of the Eastern Region NHS Ambulance Trust, Vic Rice of the Boxford group and His Honour Brian Watling who maintained the Boxford First Responders' swift response had saved his life when he suffered severe chest pains. Mr Gowen said the meeting's outcome would depend on the number of volunteers coming forward. Playgroup leader Tricia Hall said mem-

bers were continuing to fund-raise for a new building likely to be on the school site and MP Tim Yeo was visiting the group on November 3.

Following a suggestion by the Village Players, it was decided to look into the possibility of acquiring a new sound system for the village hall. Grants of £100 each are awarded to Stoke-by-Nayland Middle and Nayland Primary schools to thank them for their contributions to the street-fayre.

Future events include bonfire night on November 5 and the Christmas bazaar on December 2.

All the Fun of the Nayland Street Fayre 2006



Brilliant sunshine plus an array of attractions for all ages ensured a successful street fayre for Nayland Community Council.

Decorated with red, white and blue bunting, the village centre buzzed with activity all day as visitors browsed round the stalls and paused to watch entertainment by various groups.

This year's fayre had a French theme and apart from commercial stalls, 15 village organisations took part, raising money for themselves and the council.

Chairman Alan Hodges, who acted as MC with Chris Hunt, said afterwards: "It was village life at its best. We had a marvellous day with good crowds and the weather was kind. There was something for everyone, in terms of food, drink, stalls and entertainment which was of a high standard."

The fayre was opened by Judge Brian Watling who thanked organiser Andrew Gowen on the village's behalf for all his efforts.

Attractions ranged from face-painting and Punch and Judy to tiddly winks, L'Escargot races, horse and cart rides and rifle shooting.

The programme included music by Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School Jazz Band, country dancing by children from Nayland Primary School and clog dancing displays by the Aldham-based Bows 'n' Belles.

Following the French theme, the Village Players presented an extract from their last panto, The Three Musketeers, complete with baguette fight, and Nayland Choir sang a spirited *Marseillaise* plus a medley from the long-running musical *Les Miserables*.

Vincenzo Frenda and his team from the White Hart had people queueing for their Italian ice creams and chef Carl Shillingford of the Anchor Inn ran a busy barbecue. Robert Dossor and daughter Jill added a Gallic touch with their popular creperie.

William, a seven-year-old Suffolk Punch, brought along by Daniel Bunting of Bunting and Sons, attracted a lot of interest.

Local craftspeople taking part included woodworker Dylan Pym of Polstead, furniture maker Bryn Hurren of Kersey, upholsterer Wendy Prescott of Stoke-by-Nayland and Suzy Rudkin of Pure Preserves in Polstead.

The fayre was followed in the evening by a summer serenade in the village hall presented by singer Tinueke Olafimihan with her husband Paul McGrath at the piano.

Clockwise from above: Nayland Village Players, Nayland Primary School, Nayland & District Women's Institute, Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School Jazz Band, Nayland Choir, and the crowds gathering in the High Street

Alan Hodges adds, "Whether running a stall for one of our many societies, performing in one of the excellent entertainments, or just taking advantage of the marvellous food and drink on offer, the splendid weather brought people from far and wide to the Street Fayre.

Whilst the income is still being finalised, it looks as though the Community Council will have raised just over £1,800 for its funds. This is on top of all the extra income raised on the stalls of our societies who helped create such a great atmosphere.

But all this could not have happened without the often unsung contributions of all those who helped put together the event; from Andrew Gowen and the Street Fayre committee, including partners who were roped in, the exhibitors and all those who provided the quality entertainment throughout. A very big thank you to everyone – Village teamwork at its very best".





40 YEARS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Members of the Nayland with Wisington Community Council raised a glass to celebrate the fortieth birthday of this village organisation at the end of the Annual General Meeting.

NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 12 March 2007 chaired by Alan Hodges

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Community Council once again has had a successful year and grown with new initiatives.

April saw the Village Societies coming together to restore the Village Hall garden after the winter. On a warm July morning as we keenly set off on route to Anglia in Bloom which ended in a blooming Silver Award. We were also judged best new entry. Congratulations and thanks to Joan Moore for her hard work. Unfortunately the impetus will be lost as we are not participating this year.

In July, the weather was excellent for the Street Fayre which had once again been superbly planned by Andrew Gowen and was rewarded with real success.

September brought the second of our new initiatives. Again, led by Andrew and under the Chairmanship of his Honour Judge Watling, a First Response Group finally got underway. Training followed in the autumn and, although still short of the required number, but those participating can feel proud they are making a real contribution to the village.

As usual, November started ablaze as our Bonfire Night, again blessed with good weather. The fireworks were a superb standard and we are grateful to Iain Wright and Andrew for organising the fireworks, the Bugg family for managing the bonfire, and Bryan and Jenny Smith for providing the hot dogs.

No sooner had Bonfire Night lost its sparkle, than the Christmas Bazaar was upon us. We are grateful to Mark Stephens-Row and Trish Hall for organising the event and to Father Christmas and his elf who provided the entertainment.

Finally we have come full square to the Quiz, which this year was won by the 4 Square Team. Once again, a big thank you to all those who supported in organising the evening, marking the questions and putting away at the end.

The Community Council has continued to support the Youth Club and will continue to fund the Club's use of the Hall. We also made a major donation to the Playgroup. We also made donations to Nayland Primary School and Stoke by Nayland Middle School as a gesture of appreciation for their performance during the Street Fayre.

A growing success continues to be the Community Times. Thanks to Lorraine Brooks, the editions are as strong as ever and another new initiative has been to incorporate the magazine onto the Nayland and Wiston website. Our thanks go to Graham Griffiths for his help in achieving this. Thanks also to Anna Boon who has successfully developed the advertising revenue, Brenda Smith's team at the Sixth Form College and the distribution team led by Roy Evans who get the magazine onto our doorsteps so quickly.

We should also express our appreciation to Bryan Smith who took over the role of Treasurer at short notice.

Finally I would like to thank all the Committee members, members of the Village Societies, and also an often forgotten team which are the partners who are also 'persuaded' to help out. Although there are some indications to the contrary, I hope that this level of commitment and support can be carried through to the coming year. I would like to thank our President, Ken Willingale, whose quiet word I have often taken and followed.

The Community Council continues to grow in terms of its scope and its fundraising.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported a healthy balance of £15,759 in the account.

Grants totalling £3,250 had been allocated during the year. He thanked Richard Cave who had signed off the accounts.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Andrew Gowen and seconded by Joan Moore.

The meeting closed with a glass of wine and photograph to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Nayland with Wisington Community Council.

NAYLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

NOVEMBER 5TH

ON THE NAYLAND VILLAGE HALL PLAYING FIELD

6.45pm for 7.00pm

**HOT DOGS * SOFT DRINKS * ADULTS DRINKS
SPARKLERS * LUMINOUS NECKLACES**

ADULTS £3 • CHILDREN £1

BONFIRE NIGHT

A bumper crowd turned out for Nayland Community Council's annual bonfire night celebration on November 5.

Built by Fred Bugg and his son, the huge bonfire and spectacular firework display were reckoned to be the best yet. Spectators consumed 200 hot dogs and 145 cups of mulled wine.

Treasurer Bryan Smith said people had enjoyed the evening and there was much praise for the display. Gate receipts totalled a record £1,056 and the event made £572 profit for council funds.

The fireworks were let off by hall chairman Iain Wright, Tony Price and Fred Bugg.

15 March 2007

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A successful year with two new initiatives was reported by Nayland Community Council chairman Alan Hodges at its annual meeting on Monday. The village's first Anglia in Bloom entry had resulted in a silver award and a First Response team was finally underway. Bonfire night, the Christmas bazaar and recent village quiz were all successful and he thanked everyone involved with events over the year.

Mr Hodges said the council would continue to fund the youth club's use of the village hall and a major donation had been made to the playgroup. He thanked *Community Times* editor Lorraine Brooks, advertising manager Anna Boon and distributors led by Roy Evans for the growing success of the magazine which was also on the Nayland website.

Treasurer Bryan Smith reported a £1,577 year-end income surplus with £3,250 being given away in grants. The council's assets totalled £15,989.

The general meeting which followed agreed to spend £1,000 on a new PA system in the village hall to include speakers round the hall, a link to the hearing loop and two microphones. Mr Hodges said the first digital cinema performance would be on April 13 when it was hoped to show *The Queen*.

Co-ordinator Andrew Gowen said the First Response team should be operative by April 1. Four more training places were available in April so more volunteers would be welcome.

Joan Moore reported no-one had come forward to take over the Anglia in Bloom project so Nayland would not enter this year.

Following a presentation by Teresa Moriarty on Nayland Playgroup's fundraising efforts for its new building and its proposed extended use for additional child care, the council agreed to pledge £2,000. Mrs Moriarty said the playgroup had already raised £6,500 with huge support from the community.

8 February 2007

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The annual village quiz will be on Friday, March 2. Chairman Alan Hodges said he hoped all organisations would take part and the entry fee was £12 per team of four. Single people or pairs should not be deterred from entering as there will be a matching process to make up fours.

Reporting on the First Response team, co-ordinator Andrew Gowen said 13 volunteers had completed the training course but the number was not enough to provide a 24-hour, seven day a week service. Another training session would be held in April and more members were welcome. He said he was keen the team should remain part of the community council which agreed to grant £400 for basic equipment. A defibrillator is being provided by the ambulance trust.

Chris Hunt said he was unable to take on the leadership of the Anglia in Bloom project. Mr Hodges said the application had to be in by March 30 and there was benefit in continuing. Any volunteer who came forward would have the council's full support.

Future events reported by societies included the WPs 50th birthday party on March 19 and a playgroup spring fair in aid of its new building on March 17. Joan Moore said the horticultural society would not be running any more outings as support was minimal.

Anyone with strong feelings about the proposed change from a three-tier to a two-tier school system was urged to write to the education authority.

Mr Hodges reported the council had joined the Suffolk Digital Cinema network and members were waiting to be trained to use the equipment. It was hoped to show the first film in March.

CHOIR: Rehearsals have started for Nayland Choir's spring concert on Sunday, April 29 when the main work will be Dvorak's Requiem Mass in D. New singers are always welcome, particularly tenors, and anyone interested should contact secretary Peter Roberts on 01206 323206.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We changed it this year - minimal charge for the tables, free entry for all who came, different decorations - but the same mulled wine, tea, biscuits, cake, jam and raffles galore. The weather was also the same!

Different stall holders came offering a variety of clothing, Christmas candles and jewellery – the Nayland Hand Bell Ringers gave us a selection of Christmas music, and Father Christmas and his elfin assistant ensured Christmas came a little bit early for some of our children.

It was a great success – all said it was friendly, people would come back next year, the atmosphere had a tangible warmth, and the raffles all did well. As with everything the Community Council does, it did not happen by itself – big thank yous have to go to Trish Hall for the for the overall organisation, Claire Prescott for the decorations, the Over 60's Club for the tea and biscuits, Pam and John Baker for decorating Santa's Grotto, Santa himself, and his elf, the Nayland Hand Bell Ringers, and President Ken Willingale and Roy Evans for the raffle; other members of the executive played supporting roles. And a major thank you to everyone in the village who came to support the event; we made a small profit of £76, but that was secondary to a real community afternoon for all.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Village spectacular: The weekend of July 12/13 has been set for Nayland's summer village spectacular, it was confirmed at a recent meeting of the community council. First meeting of the organising group, made up of the council's executive committee and representatives of village societies, has already been held.

Bazaar success: Chairman Alan Hodges reported a successful Christmas bazaar but said it was a shame the primary school had not taken part. Thanks were expressed to Father Christmas and his helper and to Tricia Hall for organising his gifts.

Claire Prescott was also thanked for arranging the village Christmas tree with its new decorations and Chapman and Sons for the electricity supply.

Reports: Among the society reports, members heard the Royal British Legion had delivered 44 Christmas gifts to villagers with military connections living on their own.

Teresa Moriarty reported delays on starting work on the new playgroup building but hoped work would start soon. The group was looking into extending the numbers of sessions provided.

Andrew Gowen reported a successful first year for First Response, with 81 callouts. The team currently has 16 responders and more would be welcomed.

Reporting on the village hall, Mr Gowen said finances had much improved thanks to support from the Royal British Legion, plant sales, the Country Music Club, Village Players and film evenings. The endowment fund for the hall's future maintenance now totals £4,000.

Mr Hodges said the last cinema show, *Atonement*, was successful but support for the children's Christmas film was disappointing.

He felt a review of the year was needed, in order to progress.

FUTURE EVENTS: Future events include a coffee morning organised by the Nayland Fundraising Committee on February 2, in aid of the NSPCC, and the village quiz on February 29.

Last year's winners Four Squares, who are compiling it, have promised something a little different.

Anyone wishing to take part should contact Jenny Smith (262430) or Alan Hodges (263982). Entry will be £12 a team of four and individuals can be paired up.

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QUIZ: Nayland Community Council's annual quiz attracted 29 teams of four to the village hall. Competition was keen and the winning team, Special Cuddles from Boxford, scored 118 points out of a possible 160. Second were Three Celts and a Kiwi with 106 and Wiston Barn Owls with 105. Council chairman Alan Hodges said it was a very good community event enjoyed by everyone who took part. Questions were set by last year's winners, Four Square, and included one unusual round on tasting jelly beans. The evening made about £250 profit for council funds.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland's friendliness and vibrancy were highlighted by Community Council chairman Alan Hodges at its annual meeting. Mr Hodges said everyone who came to the village was made welcome and visitors were surprised at the number of societies and events.

Last year's quiz, fireworks night and Christmas bazaar were all successful, adding up to another very good year. All the events made money to supplement grants requested by village societies. He said the council had supported the playgroup, youth club and village hall. He was disappointed the parish council would still not commit itself and the money set aside for the hall to the joint management of the endowment fund with the community council and hall management committee.

Nayland had a superb publication, the *Community Times* edited by Lorraine Brooks, who did a brilliant job, particularly with no advertisement manager. Villagers were also encouraged to make more use of the website.

Mr Hodges urged all societies to send a representative to the next garden meeting at the village hall on March 29. Two or three more volunteers were needed for the council's executive committee.

3 April 2008

He reported two planning meetings had been held for the Nayland Festival weekend from July 11 to 13 and a programme was beginning to take shape.

The council agreed to grant £400 to Daisy Warren, 15, who is going on a four-week World Challenge Expedition trip to South Africa. Mr Hodges said she had already raised a considerable amount of money herself towards the £3,000 needed and the council's contribution would help cover the extra cost of equipment and inoculations.

Treasurer Bryan Smith said the year had ended with a £900 loss due to grants totalling £5,384 being awarded. The council's total assets were £14,245. The executive committee was re-elected en bloc.

22 May 2008

NAYLAND

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Plans for Nayland's first summer festival are going well, community council members heard last week. Chairman Alan Hodges said instead of the traditional street fair the council was holding a three-day celebration involving village societies and residents. The festival will last from July 11-13 and the programme so far includes a village hall cinema showing of *Akenfield*, preceded by a talk by the book's author Ronald Blythe, choir recitals, a footpath walk, treasure hunts, an antiques valuation event, duck race and barn dance. Other planned features are an art group exhibition, flower decorations in the church, a family picnic on the playing field, sports, music by Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School jazz band and an old time music hall staged by the Village Players.

Mr Hodges said most village societies were taking part in the festival though there was still work to be done. He would like to see the youth club, which benefited from a £700 council grant, getting involved in running the sports.

Reporting on the new playgroup building, Tricia Hall said it was beginning to take shape and she hoped it would be open in time for the September term. A new brochure for the playgroup which will also provide child-care before and after school is being distributed to local primary schools and other outlets.

Among the society reports Jenny Smith said the Village Players' latest production *Murder on the Nile* was very successful with the best audiences the group had had. Auditions for the November pantomime would be in July. Joan Moore said a secretary was still urgently needed for the horticultural society as she was retiring in August. Future events include the bowls club charity fours tournament, on June 1, and the conservation society open gardens afternoon, on June 8.



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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

It was different again this year – we started in the morning! Organised by Trish Hall, we made an early start to get the Hall ready. Thankfully all the usual stalls were there – although we worried about mulled wine at 11.00 am, but for some it was never too early.

But the atmosphere was different – we missed the children – maybe because they were at competing events or on their normal Saturday morning activities, but Santa was not mobbed as in previous years.

However many stall holders reported a good event with "business" almost as strong as last year. And of course it doesn't happen by itself; we need to thank Trish Hall for getting everything ready and on the day; Claire Prescott and team for decorations; Pam and John Baker for decorating Santa's grotto, and for the under used Santa and his pretty young elf; the over 60's club for doing the teas, and Roy Evans and Ken Willingale for once again squeezing all sorts of prizes for a great raffle. And the mulled went down well for lunch!

Next year, we are back to normal – an afternoon event and hopefully the only Christmas Bazaar in Nayland.

**NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

held on 10th March 2008 in the Church Hall

Chairman's Report

When you set questions for a quiz, you hope you ask questions for which there is only one answer; so when setting the Quiz last year we asked for the unit of pressure, we were not prepared for the storm that arose. However, it was the only hitch in the first event of the Community Council year.

A Summer passed and it was soon Firework Night – the weather was kind, the sausages for the hot dogs delicious, and the bangers in the fireworks spectacular, so much so that people were left wanting more of everything.

Along came the Christmas Bazaar with new decorations, some new exhibitors and we lost some of our traditional participants. Yet there was a different atmosphere, and all the stalls appeared to do well, including a lady from SESAW who said she would be coming back because we were so friendly.

Thanks to Claire Prescott, we also erected our Christmas Tree, but with a new modern feel – blue lights that gave the sitting a quite different look. The carols around the tree were as warm as ever just before Christmas.

All the events made money to supplement the grants requested from the Village Societies. We were delighted to continue our support for the new Playgroup building and the Youth Club. The Community Council was happy to give a grant to help the endowment fund of the Village Hall, but were disappointed that the Parish Council could still not commit itself and the monies set aside for the Hall to the joint management of that fund with the Community Council and the Village Hall Management Committee.

The Community Council prides itself not only in running events itself, but supporting either through participation of financial the endeavours of individual Societies in the Village. With so much going on, it would be easy to become confused or miss out on events. Fortunately the

Community Times in 2007 got even better and, under the editorship of Lorraine Brooks and the team involved, has been an absolute credit in bringing to life the life of the Village. It would be marvellous if, in between publications, we could all make use of the exceptional Village website provided by Graham Griffiths – your Chairman is guilty as charged, but promises to do better in 2008.

A couple of years ago, we started to care for the Village Hall gardens by meeting once a quarter, or, when it was right in the season, to smarten up our own patches and it as a good time to get messy. The gardens still look good, but they are done when we can and not as a community team; we will try to do better this year.

The council said goodbye to Mark Stephens-Row who had to resign and is looking for at least two further members. Please come forward; it will help us do a lot more.

At the end of last year, the Council took two important decisions:

The first was to organise a Village Festival instead of a Street Fayre for 2008 and you will see progress on this elsewhere in the Community Times.

The second was to change the charges for advertisements in the Community Times to allow for greater editorial space, and this will be implemented in mid 2008.

Nayland has a justifiable place in many minds as a good place to live. A key part of this is the diversity of activities that many of our Societies develop. The Council applauds all those Societies who are members for their efforts in creating programmes and events throughout the year. These are supported by the executing of the Community Council whom I warmly thank and appreciate for their comments, advice and always being there on the day.

The Treasurer and members thanked Alan for his excellent enthusiasm and dedication during the past year.

Treasurer's Report

The Community Council accounts were adopted at the meeting. Bryan Smith expressed thanks to Richard Cave for examining the accounts. David George congratulated Bryan and members thanked him for his efficiency and keeping them very well informed.

Nayland Village Festival

2008



The crowd of punters who came along to the Duck Race were jostling for a birds eye view of the action. Shown here at the start with marshalls, Steve McGuire and Bryan Smith. Many thanks are due to Fen Street residents for allowing the crowd to utilise every available space.



Parish Councillor, Chris Hunt led a guided walk round the local footpaths and walkways revealing interesting facts of past and present village life.



At the 'What It's Worth' session organised by the Conservation Society two experts from Reeman Dansie identified and valued over 70 items.

The film, Akenfield had arrived two weeks before; the cinema equipment reserved two months earlier and the new electric screen went into place that morning. The ice-creams were in the freezer; the bar was open and the Village Hall car park was flooded! The Art Group had set up their fine contribution in the Village Hall bar and St James' Church was decorated by the Hortsoc's stunning flower exhibition.

All was ready for the Junior Choir to open the first Nayland Village Festival. They filled the Hall, and sang angelically for twenty minutes, much to everyone's delight. We were then treated to half an hour of Dr Ronald Blythe, talking about his novel upon which Akenfield is based. The film Akenfield was then shown, miraculously without a hitch! We were off!

Having monitored the weather forecast closely for the previous five days, all kept fingers crossed that the possibility of at least a dry day on Saturday would be fulfilled. So it proved, more or less! In fact, we were blessed with much better weather all weekend than the dire predictions of earlier in the week

An enthusiastic and numerous group of walkers congregated at Fairfield Playing Field at 11am. Chris Hunt then lead them around the local footpaths for two hours, describing along the way the important role played by the Parish Council in maintaining and preserving such important features of village life. At the end, some people decided a pub lunch was just the ticket, whilst others felt that a leisurely stroll around Nayland, trying to solve the fiendish clues in the Treasure Hunt, was more their cup of tea!

In the meantime, we were busy practising for the Playgroup's Duck Race, coordinated very ably by Steve Mc Guire. How would we start? Who would be in the river? Who forgot to hire Peter O'Sullivan to do the commentary? Would anyone turn up? But, turn up they did. Soon, Fen Street was buzzing in anticipation: crowds across the bridge, pressed against the railings; ducks behind the starting net. In five minutes, it was all over: the winning duck crossed the finishing line and no-one had fallen in! Only one thing for it: up to Carvers' Barn for tea, cakes and ice-cream plus an opportunity to browse



Members of the Nayland Royal British Legion were kept busy providing hot dogs and burgers during the Barn Dance.



Villagers gathered for a Sunday afternoon family picnic, listening to the melodies of the Stoke by Nayland Middle School Jazz Band

through an exhibition of old Nayland documents and artefacts. Almost eighty people took the opportunity to have their own treasures valued by experts from Reeman Dansie. My own Hornby train, though very valuable to me, will not unfortunately finance my retirement!

Amidst bunting and the delicious smell of a barbeque, Kegs (the band for the Barn Dance) arrived. Numbers were a little disappointing, but as soon as enough people arrived, they bumped into each other with lively enthusiasm! The caller struggled to get the adults into some semblance of order, but the children showed us how it should be done. This was certainly not gentle exercise, and we were glad to see that some First Responders were among the dancers. After a gruelling workout on the floor, we headed for a welcome burger and/or hotdog from the Royal British Legion's barbeque or a relaxing few minutes at the Art Group's exhibition in the bar. The band was excellent and the evening was great fun.

The Met Office didn't let us down: Sunday dawned fair, no danger of soggy sandwiches at the Picnic on the Field. Families arrived and set out their chairs, rugs and delicious-looking victuals. Brian Kennedy and the Youth Club got going with the five-a-side football – competitive with the youngsters, ultra competitive with the adults. The Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School Jazz Band performed for over forty five minutes giving us all great entertainment. There was no need to put dessert in the picnic hampers, because the W.I. provided us with cakes, ice-creams and cups of tea. Then for a last look at the Art exhibition and the floral displays in the church.

Sunday evening was a musical feast. There were queues outside the Village Hall at 6.45pm, such was the enthusiasm for Nayland



The ladies of the WI were once again queens of hospitality, providing their refreshing drinks, delicious cakes, and cooling ices.



Community Council Chairman, Alan Hodges presents the Treasure Hunt prize to Lizzie, Jessica and Rosie Huggins. The fourth member of their team was Amy Spencer.



Holding his champion duck is Harrison Austin, while his dad Adam takes care of the winnings!

Choir's 'Songs from the Shows' and The Village Players' 'Old Tyme Music Hall'. It was a rousing, nostalgic evening, and the performances of both the Choir and the Village Players were enhanced by the lively participation of the audience.

Thanks to the efforts of so many people in the planning, organization and helping on the day, the first Nayland Village Festival was a success. Almost all the Village's societies took part and delivered such enjoyment for a whole weekend. The feedback so far has been extremely positive, and we should do it again!

Alan Hodges, Chairman, Nayland Community Council

If you take a peek at the Nayland & Wiston website (www.naylandandwiston.net) you will find this issue of the CT has been included with colour photos and there is also a more comprehensive colour photo album of the Festival.



A spectacular exhibition of flower arrangements by the Horticultural Society was on display in St James' Church throughout the weekend.

The Barn Dance went with a swing as music by 'Kegs' enticed the crowd onto the dance floor.



The Sunday evening performances, Songs from the Shows by Nayland Choir (below) and the Village Players' Olde Tyme Music Hall (above) ended the festival in style with appreciative cheers from the audience.



The work of the highly talented Nayland Art Group was on display throughout the weekend in the Village Hall.

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Village festivities entertain all ages

THREE days of festivities culminated in a sell-out concert and old-time music hall at Nayland village hall on Sunday.

Led by Nayland Community Council, the village's first festival included features for all ages.

Council chairman Alan Hodges, who masterminded the weekend, said: "For a first venture it went very successfully. Every society that took part provided a range of interests so there was something for everyone. It provided a real lift to the village bringing everyone together and we'll probably do it again in two years' time."

The programme began on

Friday with Nayland Primary School choir singing in the village hall followed by Dr Ronald Blythe giving a talk on his book *Akenfield* and a screening of the film based on the book.

On Saturday parish councillor Chris Hunt led a guided walk along Nayland footpaths and there was a day-long treasure hunt round the village.

Winners were Jessica, Rosie and Lizzie Huggins and Amy Spencer.

The conservation society held an exhibition of Nayland by-gones in Carvers' Barn where two experts from auctioneers Reeman Dansie valued numerous objects in a



Treasured heirloom ... the antiques valuations got under way at Nayland. Picture 6hw1207020 by Helen Whitcombe available at www.photostoday.co.uk

What's It Worth session.

Round the corner in Fen Street, dozens of children cheered on their ducks in a race down the millstream and

the winner was two-year-old Harrison Austin.

The community council ran a successful barn dance and on Sunday families enjoyed a



They're off ... the duck races in Nayland's mill stream at Fen Street

Picture by Pat Bray

picnic lunch on the playing field with music from Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School Jazz Band and sports laid on by the youth club.

The evening performances, songs from the shows by Nayland Choir and the Village Players' music hall ended the festival in style.

July 2008

Three-day village showcase

THREE days of activities are being lined up in Nayland for its first village festival.

The event on July 11, 12 and 13 involves almost all the village organisations, each devising its own contribution to the celebrations.

A packed programme opens with folk songs from the junior choir and a village hall cinema showing of *Akenfield*, preceded by a talk by Ronald Blythe, who wrote the original book on which the film was based.

The following day there will be a guided walk around Nayland footpaths, a treasure hunt, antiques valuation and a duck race on the River Stour, plus a barn dance in the evening.

The final day of the festival includes a family picnic on the playing field and sports day, and ends with songs from the shows by the Nayland Choir and a mini old-time music hall by the Village Players.

Throughout the weekend an art exhibition will be held in the village hall and a display of flower arrangements in St James' Church.

Community council chairman Alan Hodges said: "It's the first time we've had a festival like this and we hope everyone will enjoy taking part in the various activities. We're not doing it for commercial gain, but as a celebration of all that goes on here."

25 July 2008

NAYLAND

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland's first three-day festival turned out to be a great success, community council chairman Alan Hodges told members last week. There was something for everyone and the festival continued through the weekend thanks to the efforts of people on the committee and other parts of the village.

Members agreed the festival should take place every two years with one or two of its more popular features being held annually. Treasurer Bryan Smith reported a profit of more than £500.

A front-page editorial in the next *Community Times* would promote the Nayland publication to ensure people were aware profits from it helped local organisations.

Andrew Gowen pointed out grants were available from Babergh District Council for various projects and initiatives involving disabled adults, vulnerable and elderly people and he wondered whether the senior citizens' luncheon club might be eligible.

Reporting on the new playgroup building, Woodland Corner, Teresa Moriarty said she hoped it would be completed within the next three weeks. A couple of issues were still outstanding - an access ramp and the removal of a small amount of white asbestos in the existing building before it could be demolished. Once complete, she was confident it would be a beautiful building and a pleasure for children to use.

Mr Gowen, reporting on the First Response team, said it was having about ten call-outs a month. Two more members had been recruited and the group was looking to raise about £1,000 for more equipment.

He said the new village hall lottery was bringing in a little money for the hall and he hoped it would increase.

The roof had been mended and the floor would be repaired within two or three weeks.

Future events include the horticultural society's flower show on August 2, a demonstration of flower arranging by Joy Jones on September 18, a First Response coffee morning on September 20 and Nayland Choir's *Come and Sing Mozart's Requiem*, open to everyone, on September 27.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Woodland Corner, the new extended premises incorporating Nayland Playgroup in the primary school grounds, is open for business and thriving, Nayland Community Council heard on Monday.

Thanking the council for its continued support, project manager Teresa Moriarty said it was fantastic on the first day of term to see children running up the path to attend the new breakfast club. The playgroup had settled in well and the extended school element was developing day on day. "We've got there and our grand opening with entertainment and refreshments will be on September 20 from 11am to 1pm," she added.

With the breakfast club, playgroup and after-school care, she said the new venue was providing child care from 8am to 6pm and was developing in a very positive way. The council has granted Woodland Corner a £3,000 interest-free loan.

Chairman Alan Hodges said the Nayland Festival had gone well and would be repeated. Although it made a £530 profit it was not intended to be commercial and would remain an event purely for the village. The council had received information about the Babergh Community Achievement Awards. There were four categories and nominations had to be in by November 30.

Secretary Hazel Gardiner, who has suggested producing a

30 October 2008

Nayland Community Council's annual bonfire and fireworks night is on Wednesday on the village playing field, 6.45pm for 7pm. Hot dogs, drinks, sparklers and luminous necklaces will be available.

Entry is £3 adults, £1 children.

25 September 2008

Nayland calendar in 2010, said the idea was to hold a competition so people could take photographs throughout the year suitable for a calendar. More information will be given at the next council meeting.

Among the reports by organisations Dave George said the 15-strong First Response team urgently needed new members as only five had been available for the past three weeks.

Bowls Club chairman Sylvia Bond said the club had won the three-club championship, won its division in the summer league and finished runners-up in the county. Its charity tournament had raised more than £500, to be given to the village hall endowment fund.

Will Hitchcock, secretary of the Nayland Flying Group, said it was keen to have a voice in the village as part of the community council and members agreed to his request. He said anyone interested in the group and its activities was welcome to visit the Wiston airfield.

A further appeal for a new horticultural society secretary was made by Joan Moore who warned its activities might be curtailed if no-one came forward.

Future events include: Nayland Horticultural Society's hands-on flower arranging demonstration by Joy Jones on September 16 at the church hall, 8pm; First Response's coffee morning to raise funds for new equipment at Parkers, Bear Street, on September 20 from 9.30am; Nayland Choir's *Come and Sing Mozart's Requiem* at the village hall on September 27 from 10.30am.

PLAYERS' SUCCESS: The Village Players scored two successes in the North East Essex Theatre Guild awards evening held at the Priaces Theatre, Clacton, on Friday. Kes Hucklesby won the Norman Harris Adjudicators' award for her promising acting debut in *Murder on the Nile* and the Jean Jones award for set design and construction went to Nick Moriarty and his team for *The Railway Children*.

THE FIRST NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON CALENDAR

The photographic competition, open to anyone living or working in the parish, to generate images for the first Nayland with Wissington Calendar held on 4th May was a great success. The event, organised by a sub-committee of the Community Council, attracted an entry of 89 images from which thirteen photographs, twelve to represent the months plus one for the cover, were selected. The judge, Geoff Meadowcroft, felt the quality of entries had been impressive and a good variety of village views had been represented.

The selected photographs were submitted by Mary Battye, Kathy Hunt, Antony Day, Leigh Sebba, Jac Hayman, Mike Almond, Pat Bray, Pam Baker, Angela Frearson, Patsie Ford, Hazel Gardiner, Pauline Horrell and Janet Grimes.

As hoped the delightful images represented the different seasons with our range of weather conditions, from glorious sunshine to snow and even flood. Locations ranged from parish landmarks, such as St James and St Mary's Churches, Wiston Mill, St James Church passage and a variety of street scenes to the meandering river Stour and countryside views of Nayland. Villagers and village activities were also included; local businesses, Village Players' production, Nayland Choir, and events like the Duck Race and Street Fayre.

For each month the modern photograph will be accompanied by an older view of the parish and historical information. The calendars will be available to purchase, priced £5, from August.



Nayland with Wissington Calendar

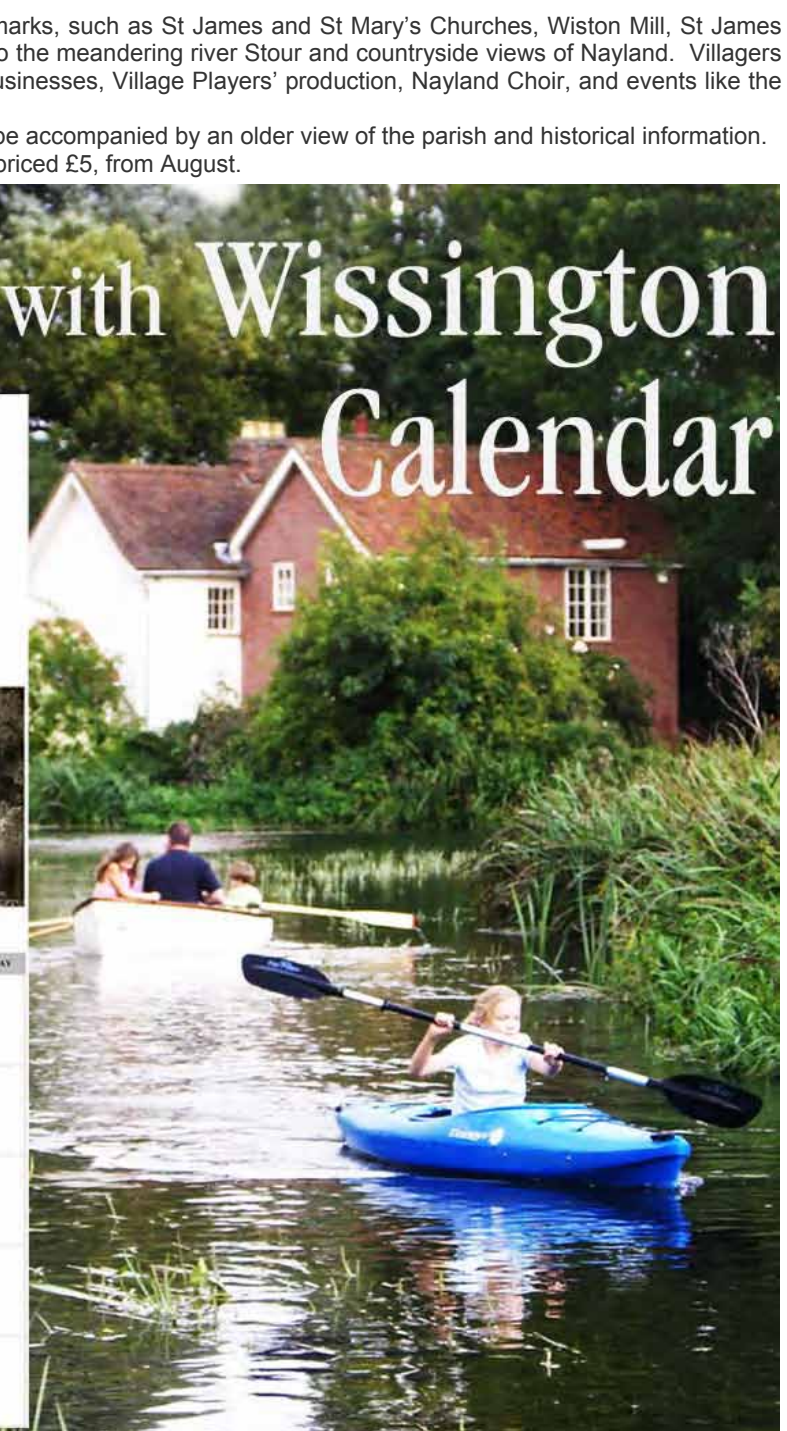
Photograph by Ken Willingale

The associated area of cattle grazing on the meadow across the river in a strip running south towards the bridge is a highly successful farming enterprise in 2010 to purchase the meadow, where donations were made by many residents and friends. It will be maintained in perpetuity for the people of Nayland and Wiston.

The old Rectory Lark was built nearby on the edge of the meadow where the old Rectory was built in 1817. In the days of the navigation horses pulling barges would have used the bridge to cross the river. The bridge which at that time was in Great Northcote parish in 1818. When the county boundary was changed in 1889 the meadow and the lark with including Lark Cottage officially came into Nayland.

September 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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26 March 2009

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A successful year was reported by the chairman of Nayland Community Council at its annual meeting.

Alan Hodges said the village festival, a weekend event for the enjoyment of the whole community, had lived up to expectations thanks to the efforts of the organising committee and everyone who took part. Members had also attended the opening of Nayland's childcare facility Woodland Corner, a marvellous achievement the village should be proud of.

A new publication, *LSPN*, had arrived in direct competition to the *Community Times* and it was a tribute to the *Times* and its editor that it had weathered the storm, continuing to do so. The council was grateful to contributors and advertisers for their support.

Mr Hodges said stallholders at the Christmas bazaar had reported reasonable business but it was felt the format needed a re-think. The Nayland calendar was being progressed and he was sure the 500 copies would sell out.

He added the council continued to support many societies with grants and did a great deal of work on the village's behalf. Praising the attainment of *Community Times* editor Lorraine Brooks, Mr Hodges said she continued to produce "this tremendous publication" as well as sharing the job of advertising manager with Bryan Smith.

This year the council would face some challenges in terms of change but he hoped it would be just as successful. Mr Hodges was thanked for his three years' service as chairman by president Ken Willingale.

Reviewing the year's accounts, treasurer Mr Smith said the council continued to have a healthy balance. The executive committee was re-elected en bloc.

It was agreed a team should look at the Christmas bazaar format and return it to the afternoon. The village quiz was also discussed and the possibility of holding one in October will be considered.

Will Hitchcock, who initiated the idea of a village transition movement, said the current focus was on raising awareness. A website was being put together and a film night with Professor Jules Pretty as speaker would be held in May.

Chris Hunt said more entrants were needed for the village calendar project. Entries can be left in the *Community Times* box in the post office and the closing date is April 25.

26 April 2009

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VILLAGE QUIZ: Although there were fewer teams than usual taking part, competition was still keen at Nayland Community Council's annual village quiz. Chairman Alan Hodges said last year's winners, Special Cuddles, had devised a superb set of questions with a particularly challenging final music round. Winners were Four Square from Great Horkesley, with the Fen Street Four second and Angels of the North third. The event raised about £250 for council funds.

28 May 2009

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland's 2010 village calendar was highly praised by community council chairman Alan Hodges at the latest meeting. As mock-ups of the calendar were passed round, Mr Hodges said it was a tremendous piece of work and congratulated Lorraine Brooks and Hazel Gardiner who put it together.

Ms Brooks said there were 89 entries for the photographic competition from 37 entrants and 13 images were chosen. Wendy Sparrow was choosing old photographs to match the new ones and adding some copy. She urged societies to send in details of next year's events so dates could be inserted each month. The calendar will be priced at around £5 and the initial print-run will probably be 200. Mr Hodges thanked everyone involved and a letter of thanks will be sent to the sponsors.

Concern was expressed over poor attendances by village societies at recent council meetings, except when grants were being requested, and Mr Hodges said he would insert a piece in the *Community Times*. A new secretary for the community council was still needed as well as a new chairman because he was moving away.

Among the society reports Tricia Hall said the playground was still trying to sort out the outside play area and money was available from the county. The area needed skimming and relaying and she hoped work would start as soon as possible. Andrew Gowen reported two more recruits for First Response and said there were now five or six call-outs a month. The team did not achieve 24-hour cover and new people were always welcome.

Forthcoming events include Woodland Corner's fine wine and food evening on June 5, the bowls club's charity fours tournament on June 7, the conservation society's open gardens event on June 14 and the village hall's Class Acts review on July 18. An additional fun quiz will be held on October 2 and the next village festival weekend was fixed for July 10/11, 2010.

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29 July 2009

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Among the reports by village societies given to Nayland Community Council's recent meeting, Will Hitchcock of Transition Nayland said its film night had been a great success and 15 people were now involved.

They meet bi-monthly and are to adopt a constitution enabling them to generate revenue in their own right; Daphne Berry of the Over 60s said they were going on a mystery trip on September 10 and non-members were welcome; Dave George said the Royal British Legion was organising an outing to Duxford Aircraft Museum on September 16 and anyone interested should contact Andrew Gowen on 01206 262534; Nayland Conservation Society's open gardens event was its most successful ever, raising about £2,700; Nayland Choir's concert performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Mikado* was enthusiastically received by a larger-than-usual audience and its recent quiz night had boosted funds by about £300.

It was pointed out Nayland youth club received a substantial annual grant from the community council yet did not attend meetings or take part in events.

The council agreed the club should be approached to see if members could contribute something back.

Transition Nayland's request for a grant to help fund a village hall event in September was supported. A £250 grant was agreed to enable the primary school to buy a composter as part of the transition movement.

26 November 2009

Lots of festive fun at new family fair

NAYLAND Community Council's all new Christmas family fair on Saturday, December 5, will feature fun for the whole family with children's games, food prepared by Anchor chef Carl Shillingford, traditional stalls, festive goodies and a visit from Father Christmas. The event is from noon until 3pm in the village hall.

10 December 2009

New-look festive fair a big success

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The youth club had made decorations for the village hall which was lined with colourful stalls selling all kinds of festive goods.

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BONFIRE & FIREWORK NIGHT

The biggest bonfire and best firework display so far ensured Nayland Community Council's annual event on November 5 was a success.

The bonfire was built by Fred Bugg with family members and fireworks were let off by Mr Bugg, Iain Wright and Andrew Gowen.

Treasurer Bryan Smith said: "Although spectator numbers seemed marginally down on previous years we sold 300 hot dogs and ran out yet again!" The evening made £736 profit for council funds.

After the spectacular display the event ended on a negative note when the organisers found someone had dumped builder's rubble on the bonfire.

Mr Smith explained: "As the fire burnt down we found some builder used the opportunity to dump rubble and re-inforcing steel. Obviously this sort of material doesn't burn and we shall have to pay for its disposal.

"We trust the individual responsible is suitably ashamed of his thoughtlessness and invite him to remove it."

NAYLAND FUN QUIZ

A fun quiz with plenty of light-hearted questions held at Nayland village hall on October 2 raised about £400 for Community Council funds.

Twenty tables of four and five contestants took part and the winning table was a team from Great Horkelesley.

Questions which included 'noises off' and a game of charades were set by the Smith and Gowen households. MC was Alan Hodges.

Feedback has been very positive indeed and this fun event will be repeated next October, replacing the Community Council's annual quiz held in March.



Top: Crowds taking advantage of the refreshments available before the fireworks began, Above: A hot moment for Bryan Smith and Alan Hodges on the barbecue



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NAYLAND-with-WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held on 9th March 2009 in the Church Hall

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT by ALAN HODGES

The first event was the Nayland Quiz with questions set by the previous year's winners. Again a full house enjoyed an excellent evening and the winning team was called "special cuddles".

Although not the first event, planning had already started on the Village Festival. The Community Council made the right decision to postpone the Street Fayre and to have a weekend event made up of the Village Societies for the enjoyment of the whole village. Started off by Dr Ronald Blythe with the showing of Akenfield and ending with a Music Hall, it lived up to expectations thanks to the efforts of all the organising committee. Who could forget a full Fen Street for a duck race that lasted less than five minutes, but created such excitement.

At the same time, many members of the Community Council attended the opening of Woodland Corner, a marvellous achievement by the committee that took a vision to reality. The Village should be really proud of the success of that facility, and the Community Council is also proud in the part it played in facilitating financially how the Woodland Corner was funded.

July was a busy month for another reason – a rather unwelcome guest arrived. On our doorsteps was slapped the LSPN in direct competition to the Community Times. It is a tribute to the Community Times that it was able to withstand the challenge of the paper and the Council is grateful to the contributors and advertisers who kept pace with the Times.

November saw for the fifth time a lovely evening for a bonfire. The fireworks were better than ever, the hotdogs just lasted and everyone went home safe.

The Christmas Bazaar was different this year – held in the morning, it lacked the noise and verve of previous years, although stallholders, apart from Father Christmas, reported reasonable business. The Council has reverted to the afternoon, but we need to rethink the format and entertainment. Firstly, we need to know that the village would like the event, and would be interested to hear from members here.

In no time at all one Sunday morning, Court Street was transformed by the usual Christmas tree, but with white lights on account of the blue ones were confusing Police cars. Carols round the tree once again discovered previous unheard voices that needed to be unheard again. But fortunately the Silver Band and our choir built the Christmas spirit in the run up to the special day.

During the year, we gave birth to three initiatives – the Village Festival already discussed; the Nayland Calendar has had to put up with the usual jokes of naked postman, but is being progressed and the 500 copies will sell out quickly; the Transition movement is also coming to Nayland – discussed in the Autumn, the organising committee has really moved forward with a meeting planned in the Village Hall to launch and inform.

The Community Council was delighted in the past year to support many Societies and an individual with grants to the Over 60's Club, the Village Hall, and the Youth Club, in addition to Woodland Corner.

Throughout the year, the Executive of the Community Council has always been in place to support the activities of the Council. Too numerous and weighty to mention individually, I would like to thank them all for their unstinting contribution and support in delivering brilliant events for the village. However a couple of individuals need special mention:- Lorraine Brooks has again this year produced a quality Community Times that has repelled other marauding publications, not only being editor, but doing half the Advertising Manager's job. Bryan Smith does the other half, but as Treasurer, he has produced accounts so much on time, he can tell the profit almost before he's counted the money! I thank him for his attention to detail and timeliness. Hazel Gardiner retires as Secretary after three years of trying to work with her computer and a Chairman who takes last minute to an art form! We thank her for her contribution and patience. If anyone would like to become Secretary, please get in contact; it really is fun. Finally, I again would like to thank our President, Ken Willingale, whose words of friendly advice have always been so to the mark.

And so the Council looks forward to a new programme of activity, calendarised and with new thinking; it could be an interesting year of transition.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Community Council accounts, shown on page 8 (of the CT), were adopted at the meeting. Bryan Smith expressed thanks for Richard Cave's diligence in examining the accounts.

The President, Ken Willingale, on behalf of all members, expressed gratitude to Alan Hodges for his enthusiastic chairmanship.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Alan Hodges thanked Hazel Gardiner, who was standing down as Secretary, for her immense enthusiasm and support. Alan said he would be unable to continue as Chairman for a full term but if required was willing to continue until the autumn.

The following Officers were re-elected: **President** Ken Willingale; **Vice-President** Roy Evans; **Chairman** Alan Hodges; **Vice-Chairman** Jenny Smith; **Treasurer** Bryan Smith; **Executive:** David George, Tricia Hall, Claire Prescott, Barry Wakefield, Hazel Gardiner, Lorraine Brooks, Andrew Gowen; **Steve Mcguire, Will Hitchcock** **Individual:** Iain Wright

NAYLAND VILLAGE FESTIVAL

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Organised by Nayland Community Council, the Fun, Food and Music festival with a non-stop programme of entertainment involved numerous village societies who all contributed to its success.

Chairman Barry Wakefield said afterwards: "There were high and not-so-high points as might be expected when mounting a village festival but the number of high points far exceeded the low and consequently there was much enjoyment and pleasure.

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The festival kicked off on Friday with the Village Players presenting *A Voyage Through the Musicals* to a sell-out audience in the village hall. The musical journey travelling across the years from *HMS Pinafore* to *Mamma Mia* featured popular favourites from shows past and present. A three-course supper was also served.

The show's director Chris Hawley, musical director Emma Bishton and head chef Gale Scott were thanked and presented with flowers by Players' chairman John McCarroll.

Saturday's first event was a duck race in the Fen Street mill stream organised by Woodland Corner. All 92 tickets were sold and excited children lined the rails as their ducks were ferried downstream by Bryan Smith and Steve Maguire. Winner was nine-year-old Alex Lee Smith who received cinema vouchers.

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Evening entertainment featured dancers, singers, folk, pop and blues music plus gigs by Housework and Salt Dog bands.

A scarecrow competition was won by Millie Tasker and the best sunflower was grown by Dylan Thompson from Robin class at Nayland Primary School.

Meanwhile, St James's Church - already decorated for its harvest festival - was the venue for a spectacular weekend flower festival arranged by Nayland Horticultural Society. Thirty organisations and businesses created highly original floral displays filling the church with warm autumn colours.

The church was also celebrating the bicentenary of John Constable's painting *Christ Blessing the Bread and Wine* and a display showed the picture's history and the artist's links with Nayland.

On Sunday evening the artist's great great great grandson Dr John Constable joined the celebration, speaking about Constable's unique quality of painting seemingly unimportant scenes of everyday rural life. Dr Ronald Blythe described Constable's Suffolk and the importance of the local countryside in his pictures and organist James Finch played pieces by the Rev William Jones, who came to the parish in 1776, the year of Constable's birth.

Photos first column from top: *Voyage Through the Musicals* 'South Pacific', the Duck Race, Primary School Choir, Simon Ward 'Foraging Team'.

Second column: *Voyage Through the Musicals*, an appreciative audience, Nayland Choir, WI Teas stall

Third column: the Scouts exhibit in the Flower Festival, the scarecrow competition, Nayland's famous ducks



2010

30 September 2010



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Left: On song ... Nayland Primary School choir performs on stage at the village playing field. MSFP 18-09-10 RPF012
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Supporting local produce ... Miriam Burns surveys one of the food stalls organised by Transition Nayland. MSFP 18-09-10 RPF013
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Christmas fayre a big success

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Ten village organisations which took part in the fayre,

together with stallholders from further afield, made about £200 profit for community council funds.

Organiser Steve Maguire said: "It went really well, even better than last year, and we're so grateful to the school choir who gave another outstanding performance."

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Ten village organisations who took part in the fayre with stallholders from further afield made about £200 profit for community council funds.

Organiser Steve Maguire commented: "It went really well, even better than last year, and we're so grateful to the school choir who gave another outstanding performance. Thanks are also due to village societies for their help and everyone who braved the weather and made our fayre such an enjoyable event."

A Christmas cracker competition was won by James Maguire.

Clockwise from top: Father Christmas and his Elf, the hustle and bustle of the crowd, Nayland School Choir entertaining the crowd.



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

This year's village festival on July 1 and 2 will follow the same "food, fun and music" theme as last September's event, but with extra features. Festival committee chairman Iain Wright told a meeting of Nayland Community Council an additional games area was planned for children and adults, which should be an added attraction.

The committee was also considering having an all-inclusive ticket price with no extra charge for activities. Stage events featuring schoolchildren and local groups would take place in the afternoon, followed by musical entertainment in the evening.

Acting chairman Jenny

Smith said the Christmas family fayre had been a huge success with the right format. The village hall kitchen now had a dishwasher and organisations would receive instructions on how to use it.

She stressed a new chairman for the community council was urgently needed and asked for a volunteer.

Treasurer Bryan Smith reported the council's end-of-year assets totalled £14,365.

Lorraine Brooks said a photographic competition was again being held for the 2012 village calendar and judging would take place on May 2. Photographs should be street scenes, landscapes, people and also architectural and natural features, recognisable as being in Nayland or Wiston.

Among reports by societies, Jill Badman said the Nayland Fundraising Committee was starting a new year and would welcome suggestions for local charities that needed support.

Teresa Moriarty said Nayland youth club now had a new committee with youth leader Adam White and she hoped the new team would move the club forward. Will Hitchcock said Transition Nayland was working with Suffolk County Council on a project to install solar panels at the primary school and an opportunity for people to invest in solar paneling was being launched on February 1.

Hazel Gardiner asked members for ideas on how residents at Nayland House care home could be involved in village activities.

23 June 2011

Nayland set for festival

NAYLAND is set to stage its second village festival with a range of features focusing on local food, music and community talent.

The festival begins on Friday, July 1, when the Village Players present *Go West!*, a celebration of western musicals and country songs in the village hall.

On Saturday, the programme begins with a duck race in the Fen Street mill stream at 1pm before the action switches to Webb's Meadow for the afternoon and evening events.

Local producers will be there with a wide range of food stalls and three chefs are taking part in a *Ready, Steady, Cook*-style competition to prepare the best meal reflecting the region.

During the afternoon young people and groups from schools will perform while music continues into the evening with six bands playing jazz, blues, progressive, rock, soul and funk.

24 March 2011

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A most successful year was reported at Nayland Community Council's annual meeting.

As chairman Barry Wakefield was unable to attend, acting chairman Jenny Smith read his report congratulating all the village societies that formed the backbone of the council.

Thanking everyone who had worked so hard on various projects, she said the *Community Times* continued to be the council's main outreach and source of revenue, and paid tribute to editor Lorraine Brooks for her dedication in producing each edition.

The village festival had been a huge success, providing a weekend of entertainment for everyone. Mrs Smith thanked Mr Wakefield for stepping in last year and said the council was still looking for a new chairman.

Treasurer Bryan Smith said assets totalling £16,527 were taken into 2011 but, following grants of £700 to the youth club for hire of the village hall, a request from the hall committee for £1,000 and £3,800 already committed to the village festival, the council's current assets were £9,545.

Iain Wright gave an update on the festival planned for July 2, saying it would have the same "fun, food and music" theme as last year, with various extras including more sports and children's contributions throughout the day.

Schools were taking part and a full musical programme was planned for the afternoon and evening. The Village Players were also organising an evening concert on July 1.

Reports were given by society representatives detailing forthcoming events.

Andrew Gowen said the First Response team urgently needed more volunteers so as to provide a 24-hour service.

Will Hitchcock, of Transition Nayland, said Green Energy Nayland had successfully raised £32,000 from 36 investors to provide the primary school with solar heating and was pushing ahead to obtain planning permission for the project.

Teresa Moriarty said the youth club was recruiting again for a youth worker and any volunteers should contact her. Adult volunteers were also needed to help run the club.

Twelve executive committee members were re-elected en bloc with the addition of Karen Elliott and Alex Badman.

9 June 2011

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The council agreed at its recent meeting to pay for a photograph album to display all the entries in this year's calendar competition.

Hazel Gardiner reported the competition had attracted 103 entries from 22 entrants, making an impressive exhibition and it had not been easy for the judge to select just 13 scenes.

The album will act as a record of this period in Nayland's history and will be on show at various village events.

Lorraine Brooks added a digital version would also be available to view at www.naylandandwiston.net. A print run of 400 copies of the new format calendar was agreed.

Concerns were expressed over the lack of communication on plans for the village festival in July.

Treasurer Bryan Smith had said the council's current commitment to the festival was £3,889 and, following an informal request for between £500 and £750 for publicity, it was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting on May 25 so progress on the festival could be clarified.

Community Times editor Ms Brooks reported advertising was on the up again with six new annual advertisers, this year.

Acting chairman Jenny Smith stressed a new chairman for the council was urgently needed as she was only willing to chair for a short while.

Among the society reports, Teresa Moriarty said the youth club regularly had more than 20 youngsters attending from Nayland and surrounding villages and more volunteer helpers were needed.

She said the choir's quiz night had been a success with 15 teams taking part and £450 raised for choir funds.

Trevor Smy, of Nayland and District Horticultural Society, said daffodils planted in October on Caley Green and Parkers Way to mark the society's 30th anniversary had grown well and the spring show was successful.

Tricia Hall said Woodland Corner's last cake stall made £270 and the children were looking forward to the festival duck race.

Karen Elliott, from Nayland Fire Service, said the new station had been officially opened and they had one new recruit but more were needed.

Vicky Sargent said changes were taking place at Nayland Surgery and she would report regularly.

Forthcoming events include the conservation society's open gardens afternoon on June 12 and a coffee morning with stalls on June 18 in aid of Suffolk Accident Rescue Service organised by Nayland Fundraising Committee.

21 July 2011

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Members of Nayland with Wiston Community Council heard this year's village festival had been a success.

Various features including the duck race, performances by the Village Players, Nayland Choir and afternoon activities on the field had all gone well. It was felt the afternoon formula had been right but the evening programme, although popular and well received, did not attract the hoped-for numbers.

The festival is expected to make a profit of about £800.

A request for a £250 grant towards the cost of a portable PA system for Nayland Primary School choir was agreed and the system will be available for the wider community to use.

Lorraine Brooks reported the 2012 Nayland calendar would be on sale at the summer flower show on August 6. An album containing all the entries in the calendar photographic competition will also be on show.

Discussing next year's Jubilee celebrations, a street fair or larger weekend event on the playing field was suggested. Acting chairman Jenny Smith said plans and ideas were needed from village societies.

It was noted Nayland church fete would be on June 4 and open gardens a week later than usual on June 17.

Society reports - Jill Badman of Nayland Fundraising Committee, said Ian Gallagher would be returning as Michael Buble on September 10 in aid of Colchester Samaritans.

Steve Maguire said Transition Nayland was holding a foraging stall in the High Street on September 17.

Thanks were expressed to the Learmonth brothers who gave their total profit to the festival and are holding an open day at Stocks Farm, Wiston, in August.

Trevor Smy, of Nayland Horticultural Society, said the 30th annual flower show would have new classes for best scarecrow and best hanging basket. Schedules are available in local shops or at www.naylandhortsoc.org.uk.

There will be a minibus outing to Helmingham Hall gardens and plant fair on September 18.

Sylvia Bond said the annual charity bowls tournament raised about £400, which will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Karen Elliott, of Nayland Fire Service, reported the open afternoon at the new fire station had led to several inquiries from women about joining the service.

The posts of council chairman and secretary remain vacant so volunteers are still needed.

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Village festive fair is a big hit

HUNDREDS of villagers celebrated the start of the festive season on Sunday when Nayland with Wissington Community Council held its annual Christmas family fair in the village hall.

Numerous organisations took part, running a variety of stalls selling mulled wine, mince pies, cakes, calendars, decorations and other tempting seasonal fare.

A highlight of the event was Nayland Primary School choir singing carols and music by the school's ukulele orchestra.

Transition Nayland organised a popular soup kitchen using locally-sourced ingredients, while Nayland Art Group arranged a display of paintings and Christmas cards by members.

Imaginative entries for a hanging decoration competition were praised by children's author Mick Inkpen, who presented prizes to winners Honey Reagan, five, and Yasmin Gradwick-Light, nine.

Father Christmas was also there with his Elf and was kept busy as youngsters queued up to meet him.



JINGLE ALL THE WAY: Shoppers packed into Nayland Village Hall at the weekend for the annual Christmas fair. MSFP-27-11-11 BC 010

Organiser Alex Badman said: "The fair was the first we've held on a Sunday and was a major success. It was brilliant to have the children singing and ending with a rousing chorus of *Jingle Bells*."

"We were so pleased to have Mick judging our

competition, which was very well supported, and I must say a huge thank you to community council members who helped decorate the hall."

Organisations running stalls raised funds for themselves and £200 will go to the council.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

A special committee was formed at Nayland Community Council's November meeting to organise a village Jubilee celebration on June 3, 2012. Villagers had been encouraged to attend the meeting to show support for an event.

Jill Badman, who agreed to chair the committee, said she felt the school could be approached again for support as only three replies to a previous email had been received from parents.

Jenny Smith suggested making it a family day with everyone bringing food to share, then watching the London pageant on a big screen in the afternoon.

Parish council chairman Gerry Battye said the council supported the idea of commemorative mugs and its finance committee would see how much money could be made available.

Members supported a suggestion by Andrew Gowen to install outdoor fitness equipment on the village playing field. Mr Gowen said the equipment would cost £11,600 and he needed support from organisations before applying for grants.

Treasurer Bryan Smith reported the council's total assets were £16,795. Bonfire night, attended by about 700 people, had made £1,258 profit. The *Community Times* was showing £1,610 profit and 192 calendars had been sold.

Among the society reports, Dave George, of the Royal British Legion, said any elderly people who needed bottles taking to a bottle bank should contact him. Mr Gowen said

the new-style Remembrance service appeared to go well and he was open to suggestions to improve it.

Trevor Smy reported the horticultural society with about 120 members had its best-ever summer show.

Julie Mansfield said the Brownies' panto had been cancelled because Guide numbers were too low.

Mrs Badman reported the conservation society had adopted the BT kiosk from Wiston and it would go back to the fire station forecourt.

Emma Hughes said the choir's recent concert had a reasonable audience and suggestions for increasing audience numbers would be welcome. The choir was taking part in the annual church carol service on December 18 and would rehearse for four weeks from November 24 at 8pm in the school hall.

Tricia Hall reported a successful wine tasting evening had raised £1,000 for Woodland Corner.

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Right from top: Cheering on the ducks in Fen Street; John McCarroll and Sharon Pentney in the Village Players' *Go West*; the cake stall; Ed Halls, chef at the Rose and Crown, in the Ready Steady Cook competition.

Opposite left: Elegant shapes from Nayland School; country dancing by Nayland Primary School; Nayland Primary School Choir; *Midlife Crisis*.

Opposite right: Crowds look on as Sudbury Gymnastic Club perform; ever popular Punch and Judy; Nayland Choir concert in the Village Hall; *The Shrinks*.

Thank You

The festival planning committee would like to express their thanks for everyone involved in making the village festival a spectacular event. Special thanks to Carl Shillingford for all his help with the food, also special thanks to Simon Gilhooly for building our website.



DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

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Spot prizes were awarded to Penny Allen (best dressed table), James Carver (best Jubilee shirt), Patricia Fitzgerald (lucky ticket draw), Peter Drew and the Elston family (quiz), Brian and Noelle Watling (best window display). A prize was awarded for the most ineligible entry into the Shield Competition by Dugald Barr (Aged 68 ¾ !)

After lunch villagers stayed to watch the Thames Pageant screened in the hall.

Nayland and District Horticultural Society had arranged a fascinating collection of 1950s memorabilia in the church. Hundreds of items ranging from radios, typewriters and telephones to books, games, toys and clothes were on show from Saturday to Tuesday.

Parish recorder Wendy Sparrow also created a royal table with souvenirs and press cuttings featuring bygone coronations and jubilee celebrations.

by Pat Bray

JUBILEE THANKS

I would like to say a very big personal thank you to everyone who helped to make our Jubilee lunch party such a success – despite the weather! We are very lucky that we were able to borrow the tents at very short notice from Iain Wright and Paul & Clemency Doxey; without their generosity the party would never have happened. I should also like to say thank you to all the members of the sub-committee who helped to plan the day; their help and support was invaluable.

We were very grateful to the Parish Council for their financial support which meant that children in the parish were able to be presented with our own 'Nayland with Wissington' Jubilee mug. Also to Matthew Douglas Ltd for kindly sponsoring the prizes for the Duck Olympics, The Hare & Hounds, Leavenheath who kindly sponsored the lucky ticket draw and to Sounds & Vision who generously donated the dish and Sky box to watch the Thames Pageant.



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Lastly, but very much not least, the members of the Community Council and other volunteers for their help and support over the whole weekend; getting it ready and clearing away. We hope that you all had a good time – it was certainly lovely to see so many people; over 450 which was absolutely wonderful.

If I have forgotten to thank anybody in the above, please forgive me. I am sure that we all look forward to the next occasion when Nayland with Wissington can get together to celebrate a special occasion.

Thank you again to everyone who helped in any way to make this happen.

Jill Badman

A photo album can be viewed on www.naylandandwiston.net

Photos, from top, from left: unveiling a Jubilee tree plaque, spectators at the duck olympics, the best dressed table, marquee table, the Elm Grove table, the heraldic shield winner, toasting HM Queen Elizabeth, First Responders receiving their medals, watching the Thames Pageant, HorSoc's 1950s exhibition

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Details of Nayland's plans to celebrate the 'Queen's Diamond Jubilee' were outlined at Nayland Community Council's January meeting.

Jill Badman, from the Jubilee committee, said there would be a lunchtime street party in the village centre on June 3 with a red, white and blue theme. Children's entertainment will be laid on and Nayland firefighters presented with official medals. During the afternoon, the Thames pageant will be screened in the village hall.

A sample of the proposed commemorative mug, to be part-funded by the parish council, was passed round and the plan is that all children living in the parish aged 16 and under on December 31, 2012, will receive one. Mugs will also be available to buy and application forms will be in the February *Community Times*.

An application for a £50 grant as a Christmas gift for Nayland House residents was approved retrospectively.

Members heard 293 village calendars had been sold and were still available to buy. The calendar team met recently to organise this year's photographic competition, which will be held on May 7.

Among the society reports, Karen Elliott, from Nayland Fire Service, said the last car wash made £209 for the firefighters' charity and another would be held in March.

Jill Badman said the Wiston telephone kiosk acquired by the conservation society would soon be moved to the original Bear Street site and ideas for its use would be welcome.

It was reported that the council had successfully nominated Kathy Hunt for a Babergh achievement award.

A questionnaire in the *Community Times* will evaluate villagers' interest in having adult fitness equipment installed on the playing field.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A member of the Freemasons' Court Knoll Lodge presented Nayland with Wisington Community Council with a £1,000 cheque at its annual meeting on March 7.

Kirit Bedia said the lodge, who met in Nayland, wanted to support local charities and asked for the money to be divided between Woodland Corner, the village youth club, Nayland Over-60s and the mother and toddler group.

Treasurer Bryan Smith reported a good year with a £2,500 surplus and income up by £2,000. The main contributors were the *Community Times* showing a profit of nearly £2,000, bonfire night (£1,200), village festival (£900) and Nayland calendar (just over £1,000).

Grants totalling £2,001 had been awarded and the council's total assets were £17,670. The most significant commitment this year would be the Jubilee street party.

Questioned about grants, Mr Smith said none had been requested recently although he was sure people knew they were readily available. There were no strict criteria as long as grants requested were for a good cause and they were approved by the executive before being recommended to members.

In his report, chairman David George thanked numerous members for their contributions to successful events held during the year. He said the council had successfully nominated Kathy Hunt to receive a Babergh Achievement Award and three serving committee members had already received them.

Community Times editor Lorraine Brooks thanked everyone for their support and Graham Griffiths for hosting the Nayland website. Hazel Gardiner said preparations were in hand for the 2013 Nayland calendar and the photographic competition would close on April 28.

Jill Badman reported plans for the Jubilee street party on June 3 were going well. Tables and chairs were organised and volunteers would be needed to help on the day. Three hundred Jubilee mugs had been ordered.

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CALENDAR: Twelve photographs for Nayland's 2013 calendar were chosen from 116 competition entries displayed at the church hall on Bank Holiday Monday.

Judge Geoff Meadowcroft said the standard improved every year and admired a lot of the colouring.

Winning entries were taken by Nicola Thorogood, Mike Hunter, Graham Wiles, Mary Battye, Lorraine Brooks, Leigh Sebba, Jenny Napper, Margaret Smy, Hazel Gardiner, Antony Day, Trevor Smy and Pat Bray.

The new calendar will be on sale at Nayland Horticultural Society's flower show on August 4.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Plans for the village's jubilee celebrations on June 3 are coming together, Nayland Community Council heard at its May meeting.

Jill Badman said the shield competition had been judged by Professor Picton, of Suffolk Heraldic Society, and the mugs were expected shortly. Families

should bring their own food to the street party though pizza, drinks and ice lollies will be free for children.

The programme includes a duck Olympics down the mill stream, Punch and Judy, magic tricks and face painting.

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Attendance slips received so far total 100 people and villagers are asked to let Mrs Badman know if they are coming. Volunteers will be needed on the day, particularly for setting up and putting away.

Chairman Alex Badman thanked everyone who entered the Nayland calendar photographic competition and the team for organising it and the display. Hazel Gardiner suggested using one of the photographs for a village Christmas card but it was decided not to go ahead with the idea.

Grants of £318 for extending external lighting along the village hall's south wall and £1,000 towards fitting hard flooring to replace the existing carpet at Woodland Corner were agreed. Woodland Corner has already raised £1,151 to cover the £2,000 cost. Treasurer Bryan Smith reported estimated jubilee expenses were about £2,208.

13 December 2012

NAYLAND

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Court Knoll Masonic Lodge has donated £500 to Nayland with Wisington Community Council to be used for a "worthwhile purpose within the parish". It would finance an outing for the over-60s and pay for their lunch club's Christmas meal.

Chairman Alex Badman said apart from some minor hiccups, bonfire night had gone well and next year he hoped to have someone overseeing the whole evening to ensure everything was covered.

An application for a £1,000 grant had been received from the village hall management committee but a decision was deferred until a representative was present.

A new noticeboard is to be provided next to Forget Me Not and it was agreed to contact Bryn Hurren to replace it. The youth club had received its grant but no representative was able to attend the meeting.

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Treasurer Bryan Smith reported bonfire night had made a profit of £1,295 and the fun quiz £191. To date, the *Community Times* profit was £1,733 and the calendar £363 with 145 copies sold.

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The village Christmas tree would be put up on December 9 and Buxted Silver Band would accompany carols in the village centre on December 19.

Ideas for fundraising next year included a car boot sale on the playing field and any new ideas would be welcomed by the executive committee. Among reports from organisations, horticultural society chairman Trevor Smy said bulbs should be planted now in preparation for next year's spring show.

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Medals also went to five founder members of Nayland's first response team - Andrew Gowen, Karen Elliott, Sheena McMahon, Tony Price and Laura Thurlow.

Spot prizes were awarded to Penny Allen (best dressed table), James Carver (best jubilee shirt), Patricia Fitzgerald (lucky ticket draw), Peter Drew and the Elston family (quiz), Brian and Noelle Watling (best window display).

After lunch, villagers stayed to watch the Thames Pageant screened in the hall.

Nayland and District Horticultural Society had arranged a fascinating collection of 1950s memorabilia in the church. Hundreds of items ranging from radios, typewriters and telephones to books, games, toys and clothes were on show from Saturday to Tuesday.

Parish recorder Wendy Sparrow also created a royal table with souvenirs and press cuttings featuring bygone coronations and jubilee celebrations.

20 December 2012

NAYLAND

CHRISTMAS: Celebrations began in Nayland when the community council held its annual family fair.

The village hall was packed as visitors shopped from a dazzling range of festive goodies. Twelve Nayland organisations had their own stalls, together with several people from outside the village.

Highlights included musical entertainment from the primary school choir and ukelele band while youngsters queued to meet Father Christmas and his elf.

Transition Nayland ran

its popular soup kitchen preparing four varieties from locally-sourced ingredients. Nayland Choir produced jars of homemade mincemeat and the WI stall sold out of cakes. Council chairman Alex Badman said: "The fair was very well supported both by villagers and societies. It's not just about raising money but ensures local people get to know the organisations we have here and organisations get to know them."

Winners of a competition to design a Christmas tree decoration were Honey Regan (six and under) and Eliza Robinson (seven to 14).

NAYLANDMrs P Bray
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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Everyone involved in organising Nayland's diamond jubilee celebrations was thanked on the community council's behalf by chairman Alex Badman at its July meeting.

Jill Badman, who chaired the sub-committee, expressed her thanks to members and all those who helped on the day, having to rearrange the lunch in the village hall because of the weather, especially Lorraine Brooks and Claire Buller. More than 450 people attended and she said everyone had a great day.

As a memento of the occasion, treasurer Bryan Smith presented Mrs Badman and Ms Brooks with framed photographs of villagers toasting the Queen at the jubilee lunch.

Reporting on grants, Mr Badman said there was an on-going application for work on improving external lighting at the village hall which was in progress.

The council had also been approached with a view to installing a wooden blind to go over the bar area and the kitchen entrance to replace the current shutters. With contributions from the country and western club and the Village Players, the council's grant would be about £250.

Outlining the accounts, Mr Smith said the jubilee party had cost £1,815. With £500 received from the parish council, income and expenditure on the mugs just about balanced. The council's unencumbered assets totalled £14,306.

Mr Smith said local company Sound and Vision had generously donated a TV dish

15 November 2012

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FIREWORKS: Nayland Community Council's bonfire and fireworks display attracted several hundred spectators to the village playing field on November 5.

Hot dogs and mulled wine sold out and the event raised £1,331 for council funds, a £150 increase on last year. Praising the new organising team led by Alex Badman, treasurer Bryan Smith said:

"They should be congratulated on a job well done together with Fred Bugg who built the bonfire."

and Sky box enabling villagers to enjoy the screening of the Thames Pageant and, as a small way of thanks, a free advertisement would be included in the *Community Times*.

Mr Badman said 350 copies of Nayland's 2013 calendar had been ordered costing £652 and they would be on sale at the summer flower show on August 4 and in village shops.

Among the society reports, Trevor Smy thanked everyone who supported the horticultural society's morning market in May and said the hanging basket competition deadline was July 21. Flower show schedules were available in village shops.

Members heard the youth club was holding its two final sessions this term and parents were being invited to a barbecue to try to attract volunteer helpers.

Sue Clark said plenty of places would be available for new children at Woodland Corner in September. The holiday club would not run this year due to building works in the school grounds.

20 September 2012

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Two grant applications were discussed at Nayland Community Council's September meeting.

The first suggested by Hazel Gardiner was to replace the large noticeboard next to Forget Me Not and she agreed to make further inquiries.

The second was an application by Nayland Youth Club to assist with renting the village hall for 2012/13.

It was agreed that treasurer Bryan Smith should meet the club treasurer to discuss queries and the accounts.

Village hall chairman Iain Wright outlined the hall's finances and added an application for a grant for the management committee's endowment fund would be made.

Lorraine Brooks said she had obtained quotes from half-a-dozen printers for the *Community Times* and Ed Oakes was cheapest at £180. The council felt it should pursue that quote as the quality was better.

Mrs Gardiner reported 52 copies of the 2013 calendar had already been sold with sponsors receiving their complimentary copies. She added people had commented favourably on the calendar's style, quality and price.

Future events include the council's fun quiz on October 5. Each group taking part has to submit 10 questions and it was pointed out several had not yet done so.

NAYLAND

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Council chairman Alex Badman reminded village groups to promote the village hall as it was a valuable resource.

A grant request by the village hall management committee for £1,000 for its endowment fund was agreed.

Mr Badman said he was in touch with Bryn Hurren regarding the quote for a new noticeboard at Forget Me Not.

A letter of thanks had been received on behalf of the Over 60s Luncheon Club and Over 60s group for the Freemasons' donation.

The club had enjoyed a special Christmas lunch and the group would use its share for a coach outing.

It was agreed the Christmas fair was one of the best yet. Mr Badman said the Christmas tree had looked very attractive with new lights and fittings. The council was grateful to the dental surgery for supplying power for the lights. Thanks were also due to Fred Smith for a discounted tree, to Claire Buller and helpers for putting it up and taking it down and Sean Norfolk for trimming the trunk.

Treasurer Bryan Smith reported the council's unencumbered assets totalled £16,917.

NAYLAND

FAMILY FAIR: The festive spirit arrived early in Nayland when the community council held its annual Christmas family fair.

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Transition Nayland

Hazel Gardiner said the photographic competition for next year's calendar would be held on May 6 and deadline for entries was April 28.

It was hoped more images of village and society activities would be submitted.

Among the society reports, Jenny Smith said the Village Playets' fantasy production *Fire and Ice* was very successful and auditions were being held for the spring play, Noel Coward's *Hay Fever*. Lorraine Brooks said schedules were available for the horticultural society's spring show on March 23.

Jill Badman reported the fundraising committee's race night had gone very well and a cheque for £3,000 was presented to the Icen Centre at Colchester General Hospital as part of the Movember appeal.

Maria Mason said the youth club had a new volunteer leader, Emma Elkin, replacing Adam White, and one more committee member.

Mr Badman told the meeting he had received numerous complaints about dog fouling and it was felt this was a problem all round the village.

Due to retirements over the last couple of years, the council's executive committee had decreased and he asked members to encourage people to come forward and join.

12 December 2013

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Acting chairman Jenny Smith said: "It was very successful and having the event on a Sunday certainly seemed to work. The schoolchildren's entertainment is always popular and brings in a lot of parents."

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The council made a £133 profit for its funds.

21 March 2013

NAYLAND

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A packed year was reported at the annual meeting of Nayland with Wissington Community Council.

Chairman Alex Badman said apart from the usual successful events, the jubilee party had enabled more than 400 residents to sit down and celebrate together.

He added a personal thanks to Iain Wright who produced a marquee which seated more than 150 people and the team who put it up and took it down.

Mr Badman said a constant within the parish was the regular arrival of the *Community Times* and he praised its editor Lorraine Brooks for all her hard work.

Regular events were planned for the coming year but, he said, new ideas were needed to raise funds.

The council helped parish groups with grants and regular donations were made to the village hall. This was one of the village's biggest assets and he urged members to support it.

14 November 2013

NAYLAND

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Despite notices banning anyone from putting anything on the village bonfire, members of Nayland with Wissington Community Council heard rubbish had been dumped, including a dangerous canister, at their recent meeting. Bryan Smith said as a result, this year's could be the last bonfire.

It was reported that a new fixing had been installed for the Christmas tree, which will be put up on Sunday, December 8, at 8.30am. More helpers are needed.

John Parsonsen was welcomed to the meeting and voted on to the executive committee. Further volunteers would be welcome and there is a vacancy for a chairman, temporarily being filled by Jenny Smith.

The meeting heard that selling raffle tickets at the monthly farmers' market had been successful and the first prize will be £50.

After listing the year's highlights, treasurer Bryan Smith reported the council's unencumbered assets totalled £17,731.

Officers re-elected en bloc were: President Ken Willingale, vice-president Bryan Smith, chairman Alex Badman, vice-chairman Jenny Smith, treasurer Bryan Smith and secretary Lorraine Brooks.

Ms Brooks thanked everyone who supported the *Community Times* in various ways and Graham Griffiths for hosting the village website.

Members heard plans were in hand for the next village calendar competition to be held on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6, and the deadline for entries is April 27. It was hoped society members would enter photos of their activities and Wiston pictures would also be welcomed. The calendar team was grateful to the 12 sponsors for their support.

Representatives of 12 village organisations gave up-to-date reports on their activities.

Thanks were expressed to Rachel Hitchcock and the Woodland Corner team for leading the successful village quiz. A grant request on behalf of Parkers Way residents for a dart board for their community room was approved.

Community Times editor Lorraine Brooks said the magazine would be 25 years old in 2014 and asked for suggestions to celebrate the occasion. She added 2014 calendars were now on sale locally and, so far, had raised £190 in profit.

Future events include the Christmas fair on Sunday, December 1, which will feature Santa's grotto and musical entertainment by primary school pupils.

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11 July 2013

NAYLAND

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Decisions on two grant requests were deferred at last week's meeting of Nayland with Wissington Community Council.

The conservation society had applied for £1,500 towards the cost of holding a two-day test pit dig and Rosemary Knox asked for a grant towards replacing an oak entrance gate at St Mary's Church.

In both cases, it was agreed to defer a decision until the treasurer was present at the next meeting. Members heard that the Freemasons' Court Knoll Lodge had donated £500 to worthwhile causes in the parish and a £30 donation had been received from a raffle held at the Dental and Cosmetic Surgery open day.

Mark Burbidge was welcomed as the parish council representative on the executive committee together with Neil Barbrook. It was felt a stronger executive was needed and word of mouth was a good way to recruit new members.

Lorraine Brooks said response to the website celebration quiz was disappointing. The winner was Anne Spencer and the Hitchcock family were runners-up.

She passed round a proof of the 2014 Nayland calendar which will be on sale at the flower show on August 3 and afterwards in local shops and at village events.

Future activities include a bank holiday picnic on Webb's Meadow on Sunday, August 25, with a duck race, barbecue and music.

15 August 2013

NAYLAND

PICNIC: Nayland Community Council is organising a Picnic in the Park on Sunday, August 25, to be held on Webb's Meadow from 1pm to 5pm.

Villagers are invited to bring their own picnics and drinks and enjoy lunch together. An open mic and piano will be provided and keen musicians are invited to take part. Local band Electra will entertain for the last half-hour. The picnic will be preceded by a duck race in Fen Street at 1pm.



Picnic in the Park, August 2013



Picnic in the Park, August 2013

NAYLAND

5 September 2013

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Nayland Community Council's recent Picnic in the Park, which included a duck race, barbecue and music, proved an enjoyable and relaxing afternoon, members heard at their August meeting.

Although it was reported the event had made a £200 loss, stock to this value has been held over for Bonfire Night so it virtually broke even. The format worked well and thanks were expressed to organiser Iain Wright and duck race commentator Chris Hunt.

Grants agreed were the £500 Court Knoll Lodge donation to go towards a replacement oak entrance gate for St Mary's, Wiston, and £500 towards the next Nayland test pit dig.

It was also agreed to buy a £239 set of heavy duty display boards for the calendar's photographic competition and for use by other village groups.

Members heard the

2014 Nayland calendar was now on sale throughout the village and ideas for increasing sales would be welcome.

Iain Wright had obtained permission from the organiser to run a community council raffle at the monthly farmers' market in the village hall.

Rachel Hitchcock will lead the quiz on October 4 and reminders will shortly go to village groups asking them to submit 10 questions.

As it was his last meeting as chairman, Alex Badman was presented with a gift by Mrs Smith who wished him and his wife Jill well in their new home.

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Claire Buller, Community Council

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES



COMMUNITY TIMES SUCCESS: SALC NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

The Parish Council recently entered the Community Times into the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) Newsletter of the Year Competition. Gerry Battye wrote a glowing citation in which he included: 'The Parish Council commends this publication to the judges. It represents the heart-beat of our community. It informs, encourages and inspires us all to participate and involve ourselves in the Community.'

With a population of 1200 Nayland with Wissington falls into the larger village category so the CT was up against some newsletters of note. Therefore, I was rather surprised and delighted to hear that we had received a placing. Attending the SALC AGM on 12th November, Gerry collected our runner up certificate (shown right). The CT was beaten by Elmswell who have won the completion four times in the last five years.

So well done everyone for all your assistance in making the CT the publication it is. Without all your contributions; village news, features, society reports, promotion of events, notes of interest, and the list goes on... the CT would have no appeal. Without the advertisers the Community Council could not afford to produce the publication and without our valuable distribution team it would not find its way to your doormat. Thanks to our proofreaders for spotting the deliberate mistakes! Thank you all.

25 YEARS OF COMMUNITY NEWS

News of this fantastic award is all the more poignant as the Community Times will be 25 years old in 2014. This community achievement must be celebrated in some way so please let me know if you have any ideas how the occasion can be marked.

Lorraine Brooks, Editor
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NAYLAND BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

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Other attractions included hot dogs, sparklers and luminous necklaces.

Pictured: the barbecue team braving the November chill, in the warmth of the kitchen preparing the barbecue and mulled wine, Bryan and Colin awaiting the rush on the gate.

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LARGER COUNCIL AWARD

RUNNER UP

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON
COMMUNITY TIMES

John Williams
Cllr John Williams, SALC Chairman

FIREWORK NIGHT THANKS

Having attended this year's Nayland firework display with friends and family I would like to thank everyone involved for a fantastic evening for our community and the visitors it attracted from further afield.

I witnessed the effort by so many setting up the field, the bonfire and the fireworks in the afternoon - the unsung heroes! Then another band of helpers arrived in the evening.

I hope they were all able to enjoy the display which was spectacular; the fireworks seemed even prettier than previous years.

A great team effort - thank you all.

Pat Bradford



NAYLAND with WISSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL : RECIPIENT OF A BABERGH 2014 COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nayland-with-Wissington is a rural parish of only 1200 residents yet it has a vibrant spirit. Twenty five different societies and voluntary groups with a wide programme of activities involving young and old alike are testament to that. The Community Council, innovative at the time, was constituted in 1966 as a voluntary umbrella organisation for those groups whose representatives, together with a few co-opted individuals, make up its membership and elect an executive committee each year. It has encouraged the whole community to get involved and has enriched village life for residents of all ages. Nayland with Wissington would be a less vibrant place without this wide diversity of societies, churches and schools continuing to co-operate today in the spirit of mutual support. Over the years hundreds of residents have worked with the Community Council and have never failed to pull the parish together in a wide variety of community events.

Since 1966, these hardworking volunteers have raised money for a central community fund while enabling all groups and organisations to improve their own fundraising potential and reach a wider audience for their activities. In the first few years money was raised to acquire land to build Nayland Village Hall which has become a focal point for community life and continues to receive support from the Community Council for refurbishment and equipment.

The Community Council also makes grants from its own fundraising to a wide variety of local organisations or individuals as needed. Over the years these have included Mother and Toddler Group, Nayland Playgroup and Woodland Corner, Scouts and Youth Club, the Over 60s Club and the British Legion. Nayland Primary School has received grants towards such diverse purposes as a community renewable energy project and the publication of three local history books. The Nayland Players drama group and the Emergency First Response Team have received grants for equipment. Individual students from our parish working as volunteers on projects in Tibet and South America have been sponsored.

As well as co-ordinating fundraising for the benefit of all parish organisations, the Community Council also provides a social focus for the community through regular events such as the annual Fireworks Bonfire Night, Village Quiz, Christmas Family Fayre and the Millstream Duck Race. It provides the Christmas tree in the centre of the village where residents gather for carol singing accompanied by a silver band. Street Fairs, Summer Music and Food Festivals and this year's Picnic in the Park provided performance opportunities for local musicians, including many youngsters from local schools, and for local artists to exhibit their work. The superhuman effort put into special events such as the Jubilee celebrations in 2012, or the events staged throughout 2000 to celebrate the Millennium, brought the whole community together.

However, the Community Council is not just about fundraising and social events. Their excellent free newsletter "Community Times" has been published and distributed every two months for the past 25 years and this year was awarded Runner Up status in the Suffolk Newsletter of the Year Awards. This lively publication gives clubs and groups an opportunity to advertise or report on their own activities while informing newcomers about village life and inspiring voluntary involvement. Another Community Council initiative is the popular calendar of local views produced for sale every year using the winning photographs from the Annual Photographic Competition alongside old photographs, historical facts and anecdotes. The newsletter, previous calendars and photo albums, as well as Community Council information and minutes, can be seen on the community website www.naylandandwiston.net

None of this could have been achieved without the commitment, effort and time given freely by executive officers of committees and their teams of volunteers who have ensured the Community Council's success. The Parish Council believes that this long-



term achievement is worthy of a nomination under the Community Achievement Scheme and therefore commends Nayland with Wissington Community Council to you for an award in the Voluntary Group Category 3.

**Mary George, Chairman,
Nayland with Wissington Parish Council**

Photos from top: the CC AGM 2007, Street Fayre planning meeting 2006, erecting the Christmas tree 2012, Firework Night preparations 2013

AGM held on 5th March 2014

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Jenny Smith gave her report. I am only able to report on meetings held from October onwards due to the fact our Chairman, Alex Badman, moved away from the area. Alex was thanked for his time as Chairman and we gave him and Jill our best wishes for their new venture.

Alex completed the Christmas tree fixture before he moved and this means we have a permanent, secure, fixture for the future.

Roy Norfolk was also thanked for replacing the community notice board outside the Old Forge.

In October the annual Quiz Night was organised by Rachel Hitchcock and the Woodland Corner team and was very successful. We thank them for their efforts. We understand Rachel has volunteered for this year.

Bonfire night was a resounding success again. It stayed dry and we had record crowds attending. Our thanks to all who helped- particularly Anna and Tony Boon for running the barbecue.

The Christmas Fayre continues to be successful and I would like to thank the school for their entertainment.

Earlier this year the question of the future of the Village Post Office was raised, with the possibility of relocation. The Community Council sent a letter to the Parish Council pledging their full support in making sure this vital amenity remains in the village.

The CC Executive Committee has gained 3 new members. We welcome Neil Barbrook and John Parsonson last year and Julie Wooding this year.

This brings me to the point of thanking all the committee for their support over the past year. I would like to point out that in particular thanks go to Lorraine who now handles the roles of Secretary, Editor of the Community Times and publicity and has been an enormous help to me as Chairman over the last few months.

As from tonight, I am resigning as Vice Chairman. I am delighted that Neil Barbrook and Colin Ramsell are willing to stand as Chairman and Vice Chairman. They will receive tremendous support from fellow members.

A final word. We are delighted to have received a Babergh Community Achievement Award for 2014. Congratulations go to all the Committee Members and thanks to the Parish Council for nominating us.

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES 2014
25th Anniversary & Calendar
Photographic Competition
Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May
Church Hall, Bear Street
1pm to 4pm
Come along to browse all back copies of the Community Times and reminisce on community activities during the last 25 years
This year's entries in the Calendar Competition on display
Past village calendars and photo albums on display
Enlargements of photographs available
Refreshments & Scones - Raffle

NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON COMMUNITY TIMES
YOUR LOCAL MAGAZINE FOR NEWS AND VIEWS
SALC Newsletter of the Year runner up 2013

25th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE
The Times strikes 25 years with a splash of colour and shares the celebration with other village groups for which 2014 has been special. See centre pages.
Remember October 1989... when the first issue of the Community Times dropped on your doormat? I can, and no doubt many others can too.
The Community Times was established to "keep the residents of the Nayland and Wissington community informed about the activities of the local clubs, associations and organisations in the village" and to "help promote the objectives of the Community Council". In the early days it was not expected to generate any income, in fact proceeds from a grand draw at the annual fete were dedicated each year to funding the Community Times. Advertising was later introduced and the CT gradually became self-financing; it now generates a profit for the Community Council.
The Community Times has had three editors in its 25 year history. The first editor, Keith Worricker, established the newsletter which became a successful publication. Upon his retirement in October 2002 Sarah Fogarty took the reins until February 2004 when they were passed on to the present editor, Lorraine Brooks. Since this time the magazine has been produced digitally.
Of course, the Community Times has a team of other volunteers behind it. The regular contributors of articles, reports and copy and advertisers are vital to make the magazine of interest to readers and the team of proof-readers ensure copy has no errors. The CT would not reach residents' doors without the loyal team of distributors, currently led by Colin Ramsell, but for many years led by Roy and Jean Evans. The Community Council is grateful to everyone involved over the years.
It is completely coincidental, but perhaps quite timely, to announce in this issue that the Community Council have just taken a leap into the world wide web by publishing their own website still with the aim to "help promote the objectives of the Community Council". The address is www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk - do take a peek and see the news, events, archives and other information about the CC.
The first issue of the Community Times can be viewed, which may bring back some fond memories and it is hoped the archives included will grow as the CC approaches its diamond anniversary!

BABERGH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Community Achievement Awards 2014
presented by
The Chairman of Babergh District Council
and
The Chairman of Prolog
on Thursday 3rd April 2014 at
Stoke by Nayland Club
to
Nayland with Wissington Community Council
in recognition of a voluntary or community group that improves the quality of life for residents in our district

Robert Audley
Chairman of Prolog

Nick Ridley
Chairman of the Council

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BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Bryan and Jenny Smith, Tricia Hall and Claire Buller, on behalf of the Nayland with Wissington Community Council, are pictured receiving the Babergh Achievement Award from BDC chairman Nick Ridley and Robert Audley, chairman of sponsor Prolog.



Nayland Christmas Tree, December 2014



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Claire Buller, Community Council

2014



Twenty-two teams took part in Nayland with Wissington Community Council's annual fun quiz at the village hall on October 3.

Competition was keen and the winners were The Wonderers - Jerry and Helen Walder, Kerry Shoosmith -Dean and Jules Worningford. Second were The Elks and Rock Bottom came third.

The successful evening made a record £458 profit for council funds.

Rachel Hitchcock said a big thank you to everyone who came along and helped to make it a fun evening.

The Community Council are very grateful to Rachel and the Woodland Corner team for leading on the organisation of the quiz evening.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Local organisations and visiting stallholders displayed a dazzling range of festive goods at Nayland with Wissington Community Council's Christmas family fayre.

Shoppers crowded into the village hall on December 7 and found a wide variety of tempting fare including jewellery, toys, chocolates, cards and decorations. Mulled wine was popular and Transition Nayland made two delicious soups which went down well. Father Christmas was also there with his elf handing out gifts to youngsters.

A highlight of the event was the contribution by Nayland Primary School with music by the brass ensemble with a solo by Kayleigh Bishop, the ukelele band with a duet by Evie Hughes and Charlie Walder, and the school choir. This was followed by an assorted dance programme presented by members of the Fandango School of Music, Drama and Dance.

The fayre raised just over £200 for council funds.

Treasurer Bryan Smith said: "We were very pleased with the attendance and delighted with the children's performances. A big thank you to everyone who came and supported us."

Photos clockwise from right: Children visiting Father Christmas, Nayland Primary School Choir entertaining the crowd, four young members of the Fandango School of Music, Drama and Dance charming the audience.



NAYLAND BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

The annual bonfire and fireworks display organised by Nayland with Wissington Community Council was a huge success attracting about 650 spectators to the village playing field on November 5.

Takings on the gate totalled £2,086 and the evening made £1,672 profit.

Treasurer Bryan Smith said: "The weather cleared up just in time so we were very fortunate and feel people enjoyed the event. Fred Bugg again did us proud with the bonfire and enormous thanks to all who helped make it such a success."



Nayland Christmas Fayre, December 2014

Numerous families gathered on Webb's Meadow for the second Picnic in the Park organised by Nayland with Wissington Community Council.

The event was preceded by a duck race along the Fen Street millstream with 74 ducks taking part. First and second prizewinners were Edward Carbutt, 5, and Jessica Huggins, 10. Chris Hunt was MC.

Whilst enjoying their picnics around 150 villagers were entertained by members of Nayland Choir, the Village Players, two Nayland Primary School choirs, the school drama group and several young musicians.

Organiser Iain Wright said: "The aim was to provide a lazy Sunday afternoon with simple entertainment. Mandy Cook and Christine Hawley put together a scintillating programme, showcasing Nayland's younger talent, together with the Village Players doing an excellent rendition of *Albert and the Lion*.

"Although slightly blustery the weather was kind and a good time was had by all, especially the young."



Picnic in the Park

From clearing reeds from the mill stream in Fen Street for the Duck Race to piano and guitar practice, choir rehearsals to lion-roaring sessions, plans were well in hand to make sure the Nayland's second PIP went with a swing.

Under the leadership of Iain Wright and other members of the Community Council, the PIP is a free family event and a chance to run about in Webb's Meadow - a bigger 'garden' than most of us have - while being entertained by local talent. The only thing no-one could plan was the weather and luckily, the day turned out to be gorgeous.

The famous Duck Race was hard fought with 74 hopeful owners cheering their ducks along a fairly fast flowing Mill Stream in Fen Street; the happy winners came away a little richer! Then onto the field where families and friends had set up their tables and chairs, rugs and hampers. Around 150 people enjoyed listening to music and watching live theatre that focussed around our children and young people.

Nayland Choir members opened the entertainment with the great Cole Porter, three young soloists sang songs about cuckoos, pirates, engine drivers and even a spiritual until we were tapping our toes to *American Pie*.

Members of the Village Players performed a dramatised version of *Albert and the Lion* to the amusement of young and old. Four young pianists played Vivaldi, 'Boogie Time', a graceful Arietta and *Restful Study* until children from the two Nayland School Choirs charmed everyone with songs from Mary Poppins. This was the point at which the picnic-goers joined in with *Doh a Deer* - and had to sing again to come up to standard!

Nayland School Drama Group brought the circus onto the field with magicians, a strongman and all sorts of tricks and surprises. We then listened to some stylish piano playing of music by CPE Bach followed by *Skyfall*, a beautifully sung number from *Matilda* and a terrific blues guitar medley from a very young guitarist indeed. The entertainment was rounded off with the Village Players enacting part two of 'Albert' with all its drollery and general daftness!

Thanks are due to everyone who planned the day, those who set up the stage and to Nick Moriarty for arranging the sound. Big thanks too to the Pimms and children's punch teams, the ladies of the WI who provided refreshing teas and the ice cream van (must have done very well!). More thanks to MC Christine Hawley who deftly steered the audience through the afternoon and everyone who worked with the children to produce such a splendid time.

The most enormous thank you though, goes to the children who stepped up and performed in front of a big public audience, many of them for the very first time. They did so well and we hope they'll want to come back and do it again.

Photos, clockwise from top: the Duck Race, James Collins, Nayland Choir, happy picnic-goers, fabulous picnic cake
We hope more photos will be included on the CC's website, www.naylandcommunitycouncil.org.uk



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COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

AGM: 4th March 2015 Chairman: Neil Barbrook
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

My first year as Chairman seems to have gone very quickly and during that time we've organised some good traditional village events and been able to help some of the village organisations and societies with grants.

At the Community Council we're lucky to have a dedicated group of people who make things work, and I would like to thank all those who have helped during the year and especially Lorraine and Bryan who have been on hand to provide me with useful advice and who do so much for the CC.

As Alex Murrison said at a recent meeting, Nayland is very fortunate to have so many thriving societies and organisations and I believe having an umbrella group like the CC enhances the sense of community and provides mutual support.

This year we have organised most of our usual events. The Village Quiz in October. A big thanks to Rachel Hitchcock for organising this again. There were 22 teams enjoying the popular evening and it was also a good fundraiser. The Bonfire Night was a great village event with about 650 attending. We had a team of 26 helpers on the day so thanks to all of them, especially to Claire Buller and her team who ran the barbeque and drinks. The 300 sausages went before the end and thanks to Kerridges for supplying them. Fred Bugg and his team once again came up trumps with the bonfire as did Iain Wright and team with the fireworks but special thanks to Tony Boon and Tom Gardiner for a very well structured display. The Christmas Fayre was another good community event and the Christmas Tree with its new baubles was another success. Big thanks to Claire Buller and the team for arranging the tree and Nayland Dental Surgery for use of their electricity.

The community Times continues to be a must read for the parish with its bi-monthly update on Nayland and Wiston news. Once again a massive thank you to Lorraine for producing this award winning publication. A big thank you also to the Calendar Team who organised the community photographic competition and produced another successful Village Calendar.

We were pleased to provide grants this year to help several village organisations and societies. We would like to see a few

more groups coming along to our meetings so we can support each other.

Finally, returning to Lorraine, Bryan and Jenny. Firstly Lorraine who we all know does so much for the village, not only as secretary of the CC, editor of the Community Times, producer of the Village Calendar, but also her role with the Horticultural Society and her help with websites and publicity for other groups. It is only fitting that this year she has won a Babergh Achievement Award. Thanks should go to Rachel Hitchcock for putting together the nomination with letters of support from others. Lorraine was presented with a bouquet of flowers. On to Bryan and Jenny. Jenny is stepping down from the CC, which over the years has seen her as Chairperson twice. Although Bryan is stepping down as Treasurer we are delighted he will be continuing on the Executive. Apart from maintaining our accounts, Bryan has supported our events which needed a good deal of planning. I understand Bryan has held many other positions in the village including on the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee.

Ken Willingale thanked Bryan and Jenny for their commitment over the years to the CC and presented them with a garden centre voucher and wine.

CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION



Many thanks to all who entered this year's calendar competition and helped provide an very colourful and interesting display for visitors on 4th May.

VILLAGE QUIZ

Competition was keen when 12 teams took part in Nayland with Wisington Community Council's annual fun quiz at the village hall on October 2.

Winners were Where is Jayne with The Triers and Bricks and Mortar joint second and Three Point Five third.

The event was hosted by Rachel Hitchcock, on behalf of the council and Woodland Corner, who said: "It was a great evening with some closely fought competition and several high scoring rounds.

"The animal noises round was fun as well as one guessing what was in the pot by smell. We expect to have raised about £200 for council funds but it was also about getting people together to have a bit of fun."



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Rachel Hitchcock with winners 'Where is Jayne', from left, Gill Boardman, William Kennedy, Emma Bishton and Jayne Kennedy

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

On Sunday 13th December 2015 the tree was mounted into its underground fixings. However, things did not go quite to plan this year as the owner of a car parked in front of the site could not be located to move the vehicle. The team worked round this, dressing the tree on the ground before it went up, so well done to them for their determination.

The tree was once more greatly enjoyed by many in the village especially for the Carols round the tree with the Boxted Silver Band on Wednesday 16th December

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped put it up and take it down this year and to say an extra big thank you to those people without whom we would not have a village Christmas tree. Thanks to our dental surgery for servicing the tree with its electricity and allowing the tree to be positioned outside their premises, Fred Smith of Straight Road Boxted for delivering and supplying the tree at a very competitive rate and Sean Norfolk with his chain saw who expertly shaped the tree stump to fit its holder.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The festive season got off to a flying start when Nayland with Wisington Community Council held its annual Christmas Family Fayre on December 6.

Stalls piled high with seasonal goods did a brisk trade and popular features included mulled wine and Father Christmas with his Elf. Musical entertainment was provided by Nayland Primary School.

Chairman Neil Barbrook said: "The fayre proved to be another enjoyable and successful event. Twenty stalls selling everything from jam to jewellery filled the village hall with many Nayland organisations taking part. A highlight was a performance by Nayland Primary School choir and other young musicians."

Photos clockwise from right: Children visiting Father Christmas, Stallholders preparing for opening, visitors at the Fayre.



BONFIRE NIGHT

The annual fireworks display this year suffered because of bad weather; that did not stop many members of the Community Council assisting in this very important event in their calendar.

Every year they give their time in helping to make this event memorable for all those who attend. We thank them all for their time and expertise.

*Ken Willingale,
President, Community Council*

Nayland Bonfire & Fireworks

The Nayland Bonfire Night went ahead on 5th November despite the predicted wet weather, which meant numbers were down on previous years, and some temperamental fireworks made it a very difficult night for the firework team with a significant number not lighting in the rain.

The decision was made to have food and drink inside the hall

which was the right decision in view of the weather but maybe impacted on the atmosphere outside.

The firework team have promised a bigger better display next year regardless of the weather so we hope to see as many people as possible coming.

Finally a big thanks to the team of volunteers who helped both beforehand in the planning and organising of the event, setting it up and running things on the day, and clearing up the next morning. Thanks also to everyone who came to watch on a rainy evening.

See you next year !!



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Neil Barbrook gave his report.

First of all I would like to thank all the members of the Community Council for all their efforts over the last year in organizing and helping with the running of various events and attending meetings. These events make a significant contribution to our finances which enable us to provide grants to various village organizations and groups.

Once again thanks to Lorraine for all her work in producing agendas and minutes, but especially for putting together and publishing the Community Times, which miraculously drops on people's mats bi-monthly. The CT also makes a huge financial contribution as you will see from our accounts.

The Calendar team also deserve special thanks for producing this 'must have' part of Nayland life.

On the subject of accounts, I would like to thank Iain Wright for stepping forward at last year's AGM to fill the Treasurer's role.

Last year we organized our usual events – the Quiz, Bonfire night and Christmas Fayre and in addition the Picnic in the Park in July complete with duck race. Thanks to everyone who helped with those; Rachel Hitchcock and helpers for the Quiz, Iain Wright and Mandy Cook for the PIP with some good performances from local groups and individuals. I must also mention the Duck Race team who eventually overcame the fact that the ducks were travelling faster than the waders in the stream but a last ditch interception by someone jumping in at the finish line and catching the winning duck saved the day.

The rain that started during the afternoon of 5th November and continued throughout our Bonfire night had considerable impact on our evening. It not only caused problems for the firework team but also meant our food and drink stalls were set up inside the hall rather than outside. Numbers were down as was the profit made but we still had a good evening. Thanks to everyone involved in our Bonfire Night and to Fred Bugg for organizing the bonfire.

The final event was the Christmas Fayre when we eventually attracted a few more stalls than normal, and had a good musical performance from Nayland Primary School. Further thanks are due to the CT distributors and those who put up notices.

The Christmas tree once again took pride of place in the Village centre and looked good, despite a car being in the way when we arrived to put it up.

The following grants were awarded: £1000 Village Hall Endowment Fund, £250 Table Tennis Group for a new table, £250 Amy Napper for a charity trip to Malawi, £400 First Response for a new defibrillator, £150 towards holding a local history exhibition. In January, we agreed to give £3,500 to the VHMC towards the cost of their kitchen upgrade works.

We will continue to work with the Parish Council and others towards having a community defibrillator installed at the Fire Station.

Moving forward into 2016 it is an important year for the Community Council and we're all looking forward to the Street Fayre on 17th July. I want to thank Claire and the team for their ongoing efforts and very much hope that everyone supports this big village event marking 50 years of the Community Council.

My final comment is to request that members make an effort to reply to emails which request/invite a reply regarding issues we are considering.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Officers were re-elected en bloc: **President** Ken Willingdale, **Vice President** Bryan Smith, **Chairman** Neil Barbrook, **Vice Chairman** Colin Ramsell, **Secretary** Lorraine Brooks, **Parish Council Rep** Martyn Booth, **Legal Advisor** Katie Wright. Committee members were re-elected en bloc: **Executive** Tricia Hall, Julie Clark, Iain Wright, **Individual** Claire Buller, Vicki Sargent, Rachel Hitchcock, John Parsonson, Colin Moule. Maggie Ryan was elected as Treasurer and welcomed to the CC.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES: Street Fayre - Sunday 17th July 2016

Other Dates: Calendar Competition Monday 2nd May, Fun Quiz Friday 7th October, Fireworks Saturday 5th November, Christmas Fayre Saturday 4th December.

CALENDAR PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The photographic competition to generate images for the 2017 Nayland with Wissington Calendar took place on 2nd May. There were 138 beautiful scenes submitted, making selection of just twelve scenes and a cover very difficult indeed.

The judge, Geoff Meadowcroft, was impressed by the marvellous variety of village activities and picturesque views that had been represented and the interesting compositions captured.

The photographs selected were submitted by Graham Wiles, Anna Boon, Anne Spencer, Hazel Gardiner, Mike Hunter, Sybil Wade, Lorraine Brooks, Sandra Gibbons, Wendy Sparrow, Julian Baker and Mandy Cook.

As hoped entries represented the different seasons with our range of weather conditions, from glorious sunshine to mist and flood. Locations ranged from village activities and events such as the Church Fete, Open Gardens, Flower Show and Remembrance services, to parish landmarks, such as St James' and St Mary's churches and the Pound House. There were a variety of street scenes, views of the meandering river Stour, the countryside and farming views and some interesting architectural and natural features including the horseshoe weir and Anchor bridge. Several people managed to capture spur of the moment scenes, such as a helicopter visiting the Anchor Inn, harvesting the crops and scenes of traffic negotiating floods on the by-pass. The goose who has taken up residence by Bear Street bus stop was also a popular subject.



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NAYLAND STREET FAYRE

Sunday 17 July

11am-4pm

Free Entry

Fancy Dress Parade/Competition

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Stalls

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