

Nacton Parish Council

Spring newsletter



Chairman's Update

As from the January Parish Council meeting, Paula Warner has taken over as chair and I , after almost 13 years, I have stepped down from that position. Angus Eaton has agreed to become the deputy. Paula wishes to remain as chair only until the elections in May 2027. It is likely that there will be vacancies on the parish council next May. Anyone interested in becoming a parish councillor, a position that can be rewarding and fulfilling should either speak to a current parish councillor or the clerk to discover more.

Work has been undertaken in Paupers' Wood. Two dead trees have been cut down and the horseshoe pathway repaired. Further work is

likely to happen following discussions at the next parish council meeting.

Our war memorial needs some maintenance work completed on it. The names need re-highlighting and some repointing work, especially near the base, is required. We are struggling to find someone to undertake this. Should anyone be aware of someone, could they please contact the clerk: clerk@nactonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Councillor Brian Hunt.

Parish council survey

Have you ever wondered how Nacton parish might be improved? Have you some ideas that you might like to be considered? If so, then please let us know.

Nacton Parish Council is consulting with you, our parishioners, to identify areas for improvement of the parish. There are some funds available, but not huge amounts, so please make your ideas modest but important.

Please submit your ideas by email to the clerk
clerk@nactonparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you are unable to access email, then please print your suggestions and deliver them to the parish council chair, Paula Warner at Orwell Stores - side entrance.

Introducing the new clerk



By way of introduction, my name is Brian Mansfield and I have lived in Nacton Village for almost 14 years.

I retired a few years ago after 36 years in the Financial Services industry, mainly based in London.

In late 2022, I was appointed to the role of Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) for Nacton Parish Council.

Along side this, I recently helped Debenham Parish Council through a transition period by stepping in as Parish Clerk and RFO. I also became the Treasurer for Nacton Village Hall in late 2022. After some changes to the Village Hall Elected Members in November 2025, I agreed to step up to be Chair. Away from these responsibilities I enjoy playing golf (took this up again last year), gardening and holidays/travelling with my fiancée Charlotte. I look forward to starting my Parish Clerk duties for Nacton soon. Finally, I wish Clare Lucas all the best for the future and have personally enjoyed working with her over the past 3.5 years.

Nacton Community Council

Nacton has a new Community Police officer and her name is Arlene Ell. Arlene visited our monthly coffee morning in February and she said, "So pleased we got to meet and join you on Saturday and we hope to be able to come along again on the 7th of March – it would be good to be a regular face and get to speak with residents. I must say – the Nacton Coffee was one of the most vibrant we have been to... it was fantastic to see!"

Arlene 569035. Email: can be contacted on 01473 613501 – ext. 87199, or 07870. Arlene.Ell@suffolk.police.uk

If you are reading this before Saturday 7th March, our next coffee morning will be a chance to meet Arlene, as well as indulge in a breakfast roll and other delicious treats.

As Easter fast approaches, why not bring your children and your grandchildren to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the sports field (see poster for details). Please note that this is a free event but, as you know, chocolate is increasingly expensive so your donations to help defray costs will be most welcome.

Despite some early confusion about the date, our next quiz will be held on 21 st March at 7.30pm in the village hall. Do come along and try to recall obscure facts that you know you know and you know you knew when you are told the answer!

Every fortnight, Craft and Chat is held on Wednesdays in the pavilion on the sports field from 10.00am to 12 noon. It's an opportunity to socialise, partake of refreshments and you can even make something if you feel inclined.

The hugely anticipated Nacton Open Gardens will be taking place on Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 May from 11.00am to 4.30pm. Owners of gardens around the village will be welcoming visitors and the village hall will be open for the purchase of tickets and delicious refreshments.

All proceeds will be shared between St Elizabeth Hospice and St Martins church. As part of the open gardens weekend there will be an exhibition in the church. "My Island Discs" is a celebration of residents' music choices and their creativity. Please get involved in this community event. (See poster for further details.)

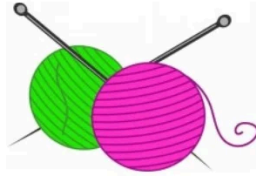
Events

Nacton Village Community Council

**Coffee Morning with Book &
Jigsaw Exchange**



**Nacton Village Hall
Saturday 7th March 2026
10.00 - 12.00
(Free Entry)**



Nacton Village Community Council

Craft & Chat

Every other Wednesday

10am - midday in the sports pavilion.

Everyone welcome

Bring your work in progress and enjoy a morning of socialising with fellow crafters, tea, coffee & biscuits available.



Dates:

4th March

18th March

1st April

15th April

29th April



For further information contact:

nactonvillagecommunitycouncil@gmail.com

NACTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATE



Saturday 21st March 7.30pm

Village Hall

**Teams of up to six can be entered
by email to paula-warner@sky.com**

£10 per person to include fish and chips

'Spring Flowers' Demonstration

Saturday March 21st 10.00am -12.30pm. Nacton Village Hall
Following the highly successful 'Christmas Wreath' demonstration we invite you to join us for the 'Spring Flowers' demonstration. Enjoy taking part in creating your own flower arrangement with a seasonal theme.

We would be grateful if you can bring foliage with you but everything else will be provided, including refreshments. £20 per person.

This event is organised by St Martin's church Flower Group.

Please mail Jane Eaton or Helen Leeder if you wish to take part.

ajpj.eaton@yahoo.com helenleeder1@yahoo.co.uk

**Nacton Women's Institute Annual Village Lunch Saturday 28th
March 2026**

12 Midday – 2:00pm at Nacton Village Hall

A 3 Course Lunch will be served Including a glass of wine or fruit
juice

Tea and Coffee included

£10.00 Adults

£7.00 Children

Raffle

Preloved goods for sale

All Welcome - We look forward to seeing everyone

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EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sports Field
Friday 3rd April
10.00am.**

**Free to all children and
grandchildren of village
residents**

**Donations welcome
Tea and hot cross buns
for any adults without
children who wish to
attend**



Nacton Open Gardens 16-17th May 2026

Get Involved!

Open your garden - all gardens welcome large or small

Create a vision of a Desert Island in whatever medium you choose
and enter the exhibition in the church

Bake some cakes for refreshments in the Village Hall

Volunteer to help out over the weekend

Most importantly spread the word and come and have fun
all in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice and St Martins Church

If you would like to open your garden or volunteer please
email ajpj.eaton@yahoo.com



St. Martin's Church invites you to join them for the Summer Cream Tea with a performance from the brilliant shanty singers, The Alnesbourne Smugglers.

Sunday 16th August 2 - 5pm.

Parish Council Meetings:

- 11th March
- 27th May (APM and AGM)

- 29th July
- 30th September
- 25th November

Priory Court

As I write the Spring 2026 update on life at Priory Court, the sun is shining and for once it seems we are in for a dry spell for the next week-fingers crossed!

In the autumn update, we were all suffering from a prolonged period of dry, hot weather and as ever, nature balances things out and 2026 has been dominated by rain, rain and more rain!

Having just opened, the golf course had to close for a few days to allow the waterlogged course to dry out and make it playable. I do wonder if we are in for another dry and hot summer this year.

The social team have been hard at work already and have a full diary of social events planned for 2026 including a range of interesting speakers and party nights.



Our resident peacock "Percy" is doing just fine and has come into full plumage over the winter and is truly a magnificent sight when he displays.

He thinks he is a goose as he spends a lot of his time walking around the pond with the geese who don't particularly see him as a new best friend!

He has become almost "tame" and is a regular caller on many on Priory Court for his food.

David Armes, a new resident, has launched a bi-monthly magazine called "Priory Post" for Priory Court and Priory Park. It has received positive feedback.

It contains lots of good local information and interesting articles provided by residents, the next issue is due in April.



Priory Lane has always been a bone of contention for many in terms of potholes and general upkeep. Ipswich Borough Council has plans to develop more residential sites to the south and north of Priory Lane, if and when they do, a permanent solution to Priory Lane is proposed by

Ipswich Borough Council that will see the Lane built to adoptable standards and adopted by Suffolk County Council - we shall see.

Allan Sugg

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clerk@nactonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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