

# Nacton Parish Council

## Autumn newsletter



### Chairman's Update

Over the next few months there will be some changes on the parish council. Firstly, our excellent clerk, Clare Lucas, has decided that the time has come to resign from that role and to focus her attention on the successful business that she has set up. Brian Mansfield, our current Responsible Financial Officer, has agreed to take on the clerk role as of mid-March, alongside his RFO role. Clare has given plenty of notice to enable a smooth transfer. I am particularly grateful for all the work she has undertaken during her time as Nacton Parish Council's clerk.

With this news it therefore seemed a good time for me to stand down as chair. I will do so at the January meeting, thereby giving the new chair time to work with both Clare and Brian, before March and then take the parish council forward together. I will have been chair of the

parish council for almost 13 years and chaired more meetings than all but one of the previous incumbents. I felt that it was time for a change.

The parish council has created a new action plan, which will be presented at the next meeting on December 2nd. There are two actions which in principle have been agreed upon. Firstly, some work will be undertaken in Paupers' Wood, including planting new trees and adding a bench. The boundary markers will also be replaced with something more permanent. Also, we are looking to purchase a new speed sign. The current sign is run by battery and this needs to be replaced around twice a week. The new one will be solar powered and therefore will give a more reliable picture for us to use. We are also looking at refurbishing the war memorial as it is beginning to look rather worn.

A litter pick took place in October, Whilst the turnout was low, a great deal of rubbish was collected. Thanks to those who volunteered on the day.

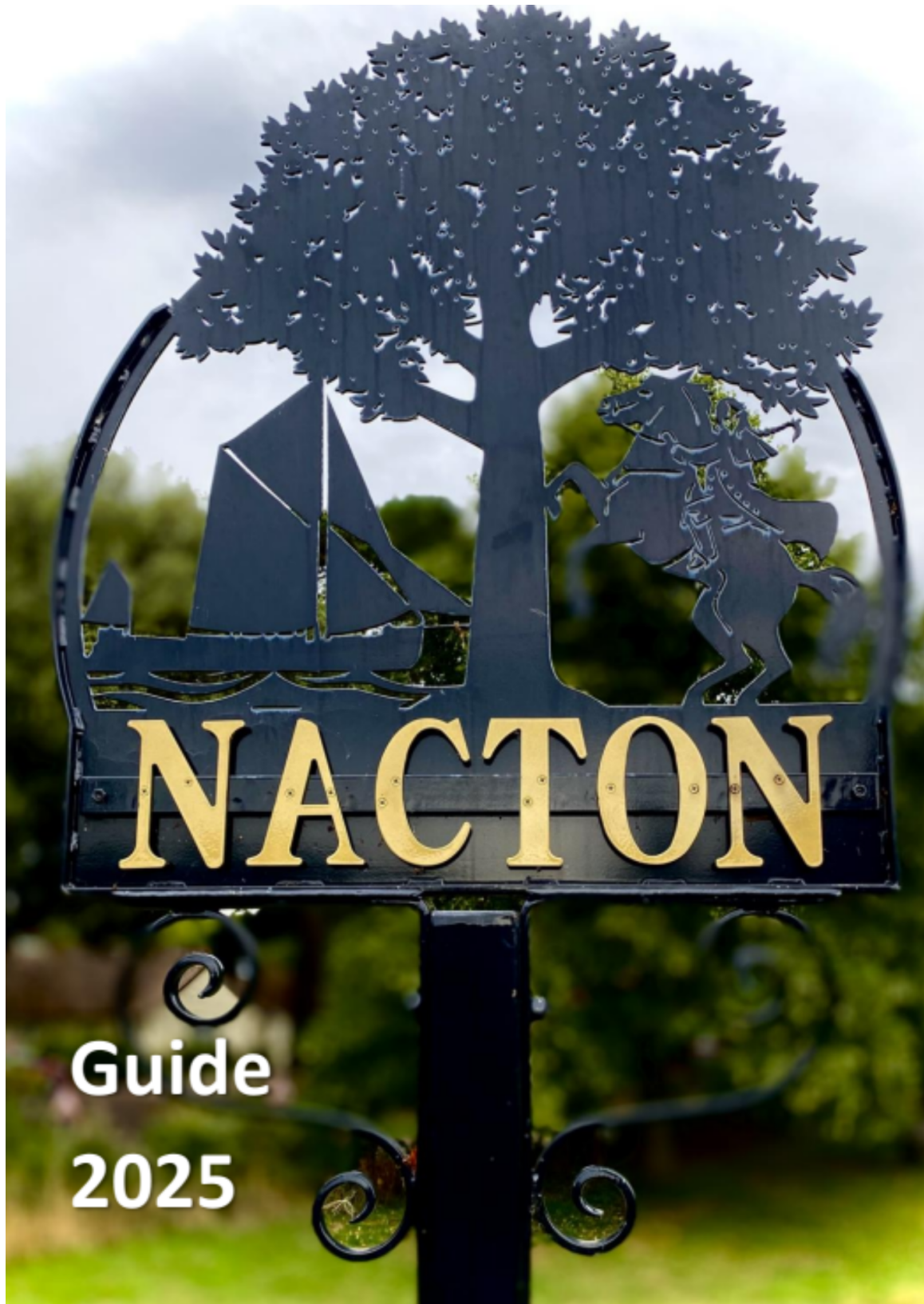
We are aware of the ongoing water leak at the top of School Hill. Nacton Parish Council has reported this issue to Anglian Water several times, and although they have advised that repairs have been completed, the problem unfortunately persists. Please be assured that we are continuing to raise this matter and are doing everything we can to ensure it is properly resolved as soon as possible.

Cllr. Brian Hunt

Ps Clare congratulations on your achievement with your business Ducks In A Row!

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## **New Nacton Guide**



Nacton Parish Councillors have created a comprehensive guide to the parish, providing valuable local information, especially useful for anyone moving to the area.

# **Nacton Village Community Council**

A summer picnic was held on the sports field in July when visitors were able to view a number of resident-owned classic vehicles. The picnic also included a display of miniature gardens created by residents and a plant stall from Katie's Garden.

Coffee mornings and book exchange take place on the first Saturday of each month between 10.00am and 12 noon. These mornings provide everyone with an opportunity to meet and socialise.

Our latest quiz night was held in October. Quiz nights are held four times during the year and everyone who enters seems to enjoy trawling through their memory banks and getting frustrated at their lack of recall. The next quiz will be held on Saturday 10th January 2026.

'Craft and chat' takes place in the sports field pavilion between 10.00am and 12 noon on Wednesday mornings twice a month. Come along for a chat, a coffee and maybe create something special.

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## **Priory Court**

The dry spring continued into the summer with record temperatures and the normal green sward of Priory Park quickly turned into something more like the Sahara Desert! That said, its nature at its best and with the first rains of late summer, the green grass returned and as we approach late autumn and with winter ahead, Priory Park is once more looking at its best and the golf course is reported as playing well.

During the summer, the Priory Court Residents' Association's social team has delivered a full social calendar with something for everyone. Yet to come is the Halloween Party, the annual PCRA Christmas Lunch, Carols in the Club and the final coffee mornings with guest speakers. When the clubhouse closes for January and February, the social team will have earned a well-deserved rest!

Suffolk Coastal's new MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter, wanted to meet Priory Court residents, so a coffee morning took place in September when Jenny explained her enthusiasm for local issues and took away some casework on behalf of residents. Jenny's enthusiasm for local issues was clear, so we look forward to seeing the results soon.

In the Clubhouse we welcomed a new chef, Emma, who has brought some exciting new menu choices and is supported by Steve and Fiona. The summer has been a busy time for new residents to Priory Court with 20 newcomers to the Court, all of whom are settling in

well to its unique setting. Finally, it is with sadness that the Court has seen some of its residents pass on. They were our friends and will be missed.

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## **News from St. Martin's Church**

Many thanks to everyone who donated tools, materials etc to St Martin's for the Benefice collection for TWAM. Tools with a Mission is an Ipswich-based Charity which many people will be aware of already! They renovate basic equipment which is exported to African countries for those who need help in becoming self-sufficient in providing food for their families, earning a living, helping to build communities.

Looking ahead, there will be several services of extra interest at St Martin's in November and December. On Remembrance Sunday, November 9th, there will be a Service of Remembrance, starting at 10.50am. On Sunday November 30th, there will be a Benefice Communion service, where members of the eight Benefice churches meet together, and everyone is welcome to join us. In December, as well as the usual monthly services, we shall be having the Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 21st at 6.30pm, and a celebratory service on Christmas morning. All full-service details, including times, are always displayed on the Church noticeboards, by the gate and in the porch.

There are also 2 Church events coming up, not within the church, but in Nacton Village Hall. On Saturday November 8th we will have our Autumn Coffee Morning, from 10am to 12 noon!! Come and join us for hot drinks and mince pies, with a Preloved Stall, a Bakes and Preserves stall, and a great Raffle as well. Everyone welcomed.

We welcome the New Year in January with the return of The Soup and Sweet lunch, another chance to get together, meet up with friends, and enjoy homemade Soups and Sweets. Watch out for the posters!!

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## Events

Join us at the War Memorial at 11 am on 11th November for Remembrance Day.

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**St. Martin's Coffee Morning** at  
The Village Hall (10am - 12  
midday)

- 8th November

£3 for a drink and mince pie,  
£1.50 for children.

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### Parish Council Meetings:

2nd December

14th January 2026

Members of the public are most welcome. Meetings are held in the village hall and start at 7 pm.

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## **Goodbye from the clerk**

I joined Nacton Parish Council during the turbulent times of Covid. Meetings were extraordinarily online, something never seen before in the world of parish councils. Over the past five years it has been a privilege to be the clerk for such a conscientious collective of councillors who always want to get things done. One of the biggest achievements during my time of service is the trim trail which has been a valued addition to the community. It has been a difficult decision to make to resign, but life is taking me in a different direction and I'm needed elsewhere. In March I will be leaving you in the fantastic hands of Brian Mansfield who is not only the responsible financial officer at Nacton Parish Council but who also has solid clerk experience from his role as clerk to Debenham parish council.

Clare Lucas.

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