

Nacton Parish Council

Winter newsletter



Chairman's Update

Despite the day being somewhat wet and miserable, around 18 people turned up for the litter pick in October where over 20 black bin bags were filled and left for East Suffolk District Council (ESDC) to collect.

Sadly, ESDC no longer give the parish council £25 for undertaking this task, nor do they provide gloves or hi-viz jackets. In addition, delivery and collection by them is no longer offered. As a result the parish council has purchased the equipment necessary for us to do future litter picks in the village, as Priory Court has already done.

The path in Paupers Wood has had some attention, with branches being used to clearly mark the semi-circular path and along part of the way, wood chippings have been used to make the walk easier.

Having largely completed the last parish council action plan, a new 5 year action plan is being prepared. Any suggestion from parishioners would be welcome [please email the clerk](#). We are aiming to publish the completed plan following January's meeting.

Over the next few weeks, the aim is to complete work in Victoria Field, which will include tidying the growing hedge and repairing the fence, again.

Three members of the parish council have painted the railings under the railway bridge white, as they were in a poor state. They now can be seen clearly.

At the end of the month the Christmas Tree outside the village hall will go up, together with the lights.

On November 11th, the usual act of Remembrance took place at the parish war memorial, with poppy wreaths being laid on the memorial. As is fitting, both village schools were represented on this very solemn occasion.

It might interest readers to know that the date on the war memorial is incorrect. It was not unveiled in September 1919, but October 1920. It would be interesting to know why this happened.

Cllr. Brian Hunt



Upcoming Events



St Martin's Church Nacton

Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December 10.00am – 3.00pm

Saturday 14th 10.00am – 3.00pm

Sunday 15th December 11.00am – 3.00pm



Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice

St Martin's Church Nacton

Christmas Tree and Crib Festival. December 7th – December 15th

Sunday December 8th 7.00pm

A Sprinkle of Sparkle

A very special Christmas evening of live music and poetry

Free admission and refreshments
Donations to St Martin's Church & St Elizabeth Hospice



'**Craft and chat**' takes place in the sports field pavilion on Wednesday mornings every fortnight starting at 10.00am.

11th December

8th and 22nd January

5th and 19th February

Bring along anything you would like to craft and have a lovely chat. Look out for more details coming soon.



Church Events

A Celebration of Christmas will take place on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30 pm. This will be by Orwell Connection Choir and feature festive music by John Rutter and Holst, with Christmas songs and carols. Refreshments available, and a retiring collection in support of St Martin's. Everyone welcome.

Christmas services include 9 Lessons and Carols in St Martin's at 6 pm on Sunday December 22nd, and, a Family Service at 10 am on Christmas Day itself.

St Martin's Church will be holding its Annual Soup and Sweet event at 12 noon, in the Village Hall, on Saturday 25th January. Lovely food, lovely company, lovely Raffle!

Also, many many thanks to everyone who generously supported the recent St Martin's November Coffee Morning in the Village Hall, another happy,

noisy, chatty time.



Priory Court and Priory Park will be holding the well established "Carols in the Club" on 24 December between 12.00-15.00

This annual event raises money for local charities and this year the selected charity is **BRAVE FUTURES**, the specialist support service for children and young people who have experienced sexual abuse across Suffolk and Norfolk. <https://bravefutures.org/>

COFFEE MORNING



Coffee Mornings at The Village Hall (10am - 12 midday)

- 4th January
- 1st February
- 1st March

Freshly brewed coffee and tea, cakes and a chance to select or swap a book or jigsaw.

If you haven't been before then do come along and sample our delicious bacon rolls, sausage baps - with an egg if you like.



Join us at the village hall at 7.00 pm on the below dates. Come along for a chat, a coffee and just socialise!

21st January

11th February

18th March



Enter a team of up to six, feast on fish and chips and try to remember obscure facts. Great fun! 7. 30 pm in the village hall.

11th January

8th March

2nd August

11th October

Parish Council Meetings 2025:

Wednesday 22nd January

Wednesday 26th March

Thursday 15th May (AGM and APM)

Wednesday 30th July

Wednesday 24th September

Wednesday 26th November

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



The Lighthouse Christmas Gift Appeal 2024 in Nacton.

There are several Collection points around Nacton for gifts for women and children who have taken refuge from domestic abuse and harm.

The women are always in need of toiletries, hair products, nightwear, sweets, Christmas foods and soft drinks and craft kits. The children, from babies upwards, too need clothing and Christmas treats and toys and games.

All donations must be unwrapped, but wrapping paper and labels etc are very welcome.

Absolutely no weapons, of any sort , no chemistry sets, no alcohol, no ignitable items such as fireworks or candles.

Gift Cards are very welcome, both as presents, but also for basic items for those who arrive with nothing.

£10 -£15 denominations, from Tesco, Asda, Aldi, Sainsbury's, Lidl, Co-op, Primark, Matalan, B&M

(Please put gift cards in an envelope and through the letterbox of a Collection Point)

The Nacton Collection runs from Sunday 24th November to Friday 13th December. Thank you.

Collection Points:

- **1 Home Farm Cottage**
- **The Street Chestnuts, Broke Hall**
- **Sawmill Lane The Pines, Ipswich Road**
- **Shorwood, Levington Road**

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