

Nacton Parish Council

Spring newsletter



Chairman's Update

Sadly, Iain Hatfield has had to resign as a parish councillor for health reasons. Iain was particularly helpful when discussions took place about Victoria Field and how to enhance it and I wish to thank him for his time and efforts over several years whilst on the council. This means that there is now a vacancy on the parish council. Please contact any parish councillor or [our clerk](#) if you would like to find out more about this challenging and interesting position.

Our Tree Warden, Andrew Williams, has been working in Victoria Field, replacing plants and he has erected a more substantial fence on both sides of these plants. The aim is to have a hedge around the field,

which will be maintained at about one and a half metres in height and therefore allow pedestrians to look over the hedge.

Our bus shelter on Felixstowe Road is in need of repair and a repaint. We have budgeted for this and aim to have the work completed this spring. Similarly the war memorial is in need of attention as mortar has fallen out and the blacking of the names is eroding. Again, we aim to get this work completed later this year.

Our finances remain strong and therefore we only sought an increase in our precept of less than 2%, the smallest increase for many years.

The Parish AGM and APM is being held on Thursday May 15, at 7.00 pm. This is an occasion when written and spoken reports are given on what has happened and what will happen in the parish, including from schools and clubs. Attendance at this occasion has fallen recently and therefore our hope is that more parishioners will be aware of the meeting and therefore will consider attending.

Brian Hunt, Chairman, Nacton Parish Council

St. Martins Church, Nacton

Looking back to 2024 , a very big thank-you to every one who supported our Annual Coffee Morning at the Village Hall in early November. Lots of stalls and a constant buzz of happy chatter, and some very welcome funds raised for the basic needs of our building and churchyard.

In December the Christmas Tree Festival filled the Church with trees sponsored from all around the village and community.



Then, January 2025 brought another glorious event in the Village Hall, the Annual Soup and Sweet. Once the chatter almost raised the roof. Again, very many thanks to all who worked hard all day, and to everyone who came and made all the efforts so worthwhile.

We have now entered Lent, a quiet, thoughtful time in the Church, lightened by Mothering Sunday with posies for mothers attending the morning service on Sunday March 30th.

Soon it will be Holy Week running up to Easter Sunday itself, April 20th.

Details of services at St Martin's are posted monthly on the main noticeboard by the gate, and in the porch. More information can also be found online at the site "A Church near You".

The Big Event to look forward to in Nacton is on Saturday 31st May and Sunday 1st June!

"Nacton Heritage Weekend" This will be based at St Martin's and include talks about our church's history, the Admirals Vernon and Broke, and displays about the Nacton Workhouse and more on Margaret Catchpole. And, of course, plenty of refreshments!

Watch out for the posters, there will be other things happening!

All good wishes for the next few months.

Judith Wyndham, Churchwarden.

Nacton Primary School

We are a small school of 93 children located in the village. Our small numbers mean every member of staff gets to know every individual child extremely well. The quality of relationships then becomes a real strength of our school.

We also enjoy ensuring our children benefit from a whole range of enrichment activities. This includes a range of clubs, visits and visitors. Each is designed to support and enhance our carefully planned and ambitious curriculum recently renewed and revised.

This term all the children benefited from a drama workshop. Each was planned around one of the curriculum areas being taught this term. Stoats class (year 3 and 4) imagined they were aboard the Titanic on that fatal night while children in Foxes class (year 5 and 6) were evacuated and faced being sent all over the country. Hedgehogs class theme was 'traditional tales.' The children loved the experience.

Our school continues to grow from strength to strength. If you would like to consider our school for your child do come and visit.

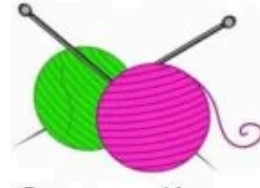
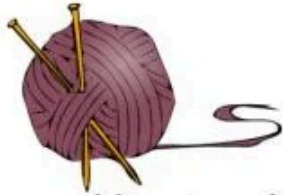
Kind regards,

Gemma Taylor

Headteacher



Events



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:

5th March

19th March

2nd April

16th April

30th April

14th May

28th May



For further information contact:

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Coffee Morning with Book & Jigsaw Exchange



Nacton Village Hall
Saturday 5th April 2025
10.00 - 12.00
(Free Entry)

NACTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Sports Field

Friday 18th April

10.00am.

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

Donations welcome

**Tea and hot cross
buns for everyone!**

Parish Council Meetings:

- 26th March
- 15th May (APM and AGM) - Thursday
- 30th July
- 24th September
- 26th November

Priory Court

Last spring the Priory Court report featured the arrival of what was then thought to be a Peahen-we were all wrong!

"Percy", as he has been named, is definitely a Peacock and during 2024 he has developed his plumage so there can be no doubt!

Percy shows no sign of wanting to leave us and is now a regular visitor to our gardens and can be seen strutting happily around the Park on most days-will he attract a peahen-we will have to wait and see!



We were pleased to enter a Christmas tree for the church's 2024 festival and thanks go to all on the Court who worked hard to dress the tree-it received many positive comments from the visitors.

Spring came early this year (well for at least a week) so it's good to look forward to 2025 and what it holds for residents at Priory Court. The early spring sunshine has seen the groundsmen hard at work and with the emergence of snowdrops, crocuses and then the daffodils, the park is looking magnificent.

The social programme will commence this month and already is looking to be a very busy 2025. Guest speakers at each month's Coffee Morning will talk on a wide variety of subjects ranging from Hedgehogs (yes, we do have a good number of hogs on the Court) to Margaret Catchpole, the National Coastwatch Institution from Felixstowe and many more. Should anyone from the Parish wish to

attend, they will be very welcome, just drop an email to the Social Secretary jansugg2016@outlook.com for details of dates and subjects.

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE day in May, Priory Court will be holding a street party complete with bunting and music from the time and a VE disco-photos to follow!

Finally, it is with sadness that the Court has seen some of its residents pass on, but new residents have arrived and just as their predecessors did, the new residents are enjoying the unique lifestyle of living at Priory Court.

Allan Sugg
Chairman

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