



Happy Easter

Chairman's Update

Parish news

Councillor Cook

I begin my report with the sad news that William Cook passed away, suddenly, earlier this year. He was a great supporter of the parish and had been an active parish councillor for the past three years. For many years he had been Tree Warden, giving his sage advice at parish council meetings, as well as planting trees, and removing dead ones. He is largely responsible for the new hedge growing around Victoria Field and for many of the trees within it. His common sense approach will be hugely missed, not only on the parish council but in many other areas of parish life.

Daffodils

Happily many of the 500 daffodils planted last autumn have grown and flowered. They make a great display on Victoria Field.

Dogs in Victoria Field

Should anyone see a dog in the field, they should report the matter, either to the parish clerk or to ESDC.

Projects

Following the questionnaire sent out earlier this year, a small committee has produced a paper, which proposes that the parish council consider 5 proposals. These will be finalised at the APM in May.

Clear-up

A clearing of the pavements towards the main road was arranged in February. Many residents turned up to complete a task which made pedestrian routes easier to access. Thanks to all.

Jayne Mumford

Having attended one parish council meeting as a visitor, Jayne expressed a wish to join the council and was co-opted at our January meeting.

Brian Hunt (Chairman)

Tree Warden

At our March meeting, the parish council were delighted to appoint Andrew Williams, the former Estate Farm Manager, as our new Tree Warden, with immediate effect. He will be in action quickly as there is a need to remove the dead cob tree in Victoria Field and to replace it.

Defibrillators

None of us wishes to think of medical emergencies. But what should you do if someone you are with is having a cardiac arrest? The first thing to do is call an ambulance, then start to carry out CPR and, if possible, use a defibrillator.

The good news is that there are now **four defibrillators** in the parish. They are located at the following places:

- Outside the village hall
- On the wall behind the office at Home Farm
- At the entrance to Priory Court
- A new one that has recently been installed on the wall of the pavilion on the sports field.

This latest defibrillator was purchased in partnership with the Parish Council, Nacton Cricket Club, and Nacton Village Community Council. At night time it is illuminated so everything is very clearly visible.

Each of these machines 'talks you through' what to do and so don't worry about not having used a defibrillator before.

If you think it might be helpful for you to undergo some training in the operation of a defibrillator then please let us know and we will set up a

training session. However, if the need arises, do not hesitate to access one of these potentially life-saving machines.



Footpath Clearing

Thank you to everyone who helped to clear the footpaths recently - it was not easy but well worthwhile. Thanks also to Morgan and Jack from Home Farm Nacton who joined in with their tractors.



Village Sign

The results of the parish questionnaire showed that the majority of responders to the questionnaire were in favour of a village sign. The parish council will be obtaining quotes and looking at the design over the coming months. If you

have any suggestions regarding the sign such as where it should be situated,
[please email the clerk.](#)

Nacton Village Community Council

When you were at school, did you like answering questions? Seemingly, many of you like answering them now. Our last two quizzes have been extraordinarily popular. We ran out of tables and space but managed to squeeze everyone in – just! In future, to prevent over-crowding and possible hyperventilation of players, we might have to limit the number of teams that can take part. So when you know that booking for the quiz is open, don't hesitate to enter your team.

Social drinking has a part to play in some of our lives and it's even better if you don't have to go too far to enjoy it. This is why we open the 'Nacton Arms' pop-up pub in the village hall. The pre-Christmas pub saw the hall transformed into a winter wonderland with fairy lights, a gingerbread street, mulled wine, and festive music blaring out. Expectations are already high for the next pop-up pub.

If you have been walking through the sports field on weekdays during the past year you might have seen an unusual sight – croquet players. For the past year, the Ipswich Croquet Club has been playing games on the sports field. The club was made homeless last year and is waiting for a new croquet lawn to be established at Trinity Park. In the interim, we have been delighted to host the club and they have been perfect tenants. We wish them lots of luck with their new and permanent home.





EVENTS

NACTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

EASTER EGG HUNT



Sports Field

Friday 7th 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



The Coronation of King Charles 111

On Saturday 6th May there will be a coffee morning in the village hall with a live streaming of the event.

Join us for a shared cultural and historic experience.
(Times to be confirmed once the official timetable has been released.)



NACTON OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May 11.00am – 5.00pm

Start at the village hall. Exhibition in St Martin's church.

Refreshments available at the village hall and the church.

Proceeds shared between St Elizabeth Hospice and St Martin's church.



Exhibition at St Martin's church

Tales from The Commonwealth and Beyond

Saturday 13th May 11.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday 14th May 11.00am – 7.00pm

Not only have you an opportunity to view a range of cases created by the imaginative residents of Nacton, but you can also watch a short performance of folk tales from the Commonwealth.

You are warmly invited to this free performance which will take place on

**Saturday May 6th 6.00pm – 7.00pm
in St Martin's church.**

Wine and refreshments available.

This event is supported by St Martin's church and St Martin's church flower ladies, Nacton Village Community Council and Nacton Parish Council.

Parish Council Meetings are as follows:

24th May Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting. All parishioners are invited to this meeting, where you will have an opportunity to see the new parish council in action and to hear about all the various activities that happen in the parish, as well as news from the two schools.

19th July

20th September

29th November

Parishioners are welcome. All meetings start at 7 pm in the village hall



Are you on Facebook? Nacton Parish Council is.

If you are on Facebook, why not follow Nacton Parish Council to find out about local news and events?

If you have anything that you would like to be added to the Facebook Page, Website or the noticeboards please contact the clerk

nactonpc@gmail.com

Facebook Page



Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

[Walking in Suffolk](#) has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and

much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Suffolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris



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