Nayland ready for TV filming

HISTORIC Nayland is being transformed by film crews into the wartime location of a BBC drama.

Many residents are also preparing to be transformed - into extras - including pupils of Stoke-by-Nayland Middle School.

Filming for Black Tuesday takes place today, Saturday and Sunday. The village centre will be closed to traffic for much of Sunday.

Road signs are being removed and yellow lines painted out in preparation for the filming. The front of a vegetarian shop is to become a 40s cinema

At the Anchor pub, where film crews have moved in to turn it into a 1940s hostelry, landlady Mrs Lyn Carter said: "There is a feeling of excitement in the village."

Black Tuesday is a love story set in Britain during the Second World War. It is one with tragic consequences.

Maggie embarks on a passionate affair with black GI Travis while her husband is away at the front.

It stars Ciaran Hinds, best known for his starring roles in Seaforth and Persuasion, and Kerry Fox of Joanna Trollope's A Village Affair TV fame, as the husband and wife. Courtney Vance, from the film The Hunt for Red October, plays Travis.

Colin Bray, a Nayland postman, said there was an air of anticipation about the filming.

He pointed out that previous films made in the village had transformed it out of all recognition.

" I'm not sure we'll be able to recognise the village in the film," he said.

Black Tuesday is a Screen One co-production with HBO Showcase. It will be shown on BBC1 in the autumn