

# Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

Registered charity no.268104

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015 in Nayland Village Hall

1. **Present:** The Chairman, Committee members and about 60 members and friends.
2. **Apologies,** Prof. & Mrs. P. Grootenhuis, Jeremy Cohen, Rosemary & Gerald Knox, Jennie Jenkins, Pat Bray, Jill and John Parsonson, Richard Cave, James Finch, Adrienne Strover.
3. **Minutes of the Previous AGM** on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
5. **Chairman's Report:** Circulated in advance. Taken as read.

### Chairman's Update and Programme for 2015:

The **Annual May bank holiday Footpath Walk** on 4<sup>th</sup> May will be to the Chapel Barn from Arger Fen and on to Great Bevills, Bures returning to Arger Fen via a circular walk. Thanks to Nella & Geoff Probert who have arranged to open the Chapel Barn for us to view the de Vere memorials. Car sharing advised.

The Society's 2015 programme includes **Open Gardens on 14<sup>th</sup> June**, new gardens welcome.

**Carenza Lewis** is provisionally booked to give a Report on the Follow-Up dig on 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
30<sup>th</sup> June **Prof. Jules Pretty** on his latest book "The Edge of Distinction"

19<sup>th</sup> September The Society is hosting Suffolk Local History Council Society Day visit to Nayland  
incl. visiting Alston Court

16<sup>th</sup> October Rosemary Knox, "Wiston"

9<sup>th</sup> November: Barry Kaufman-Wright "The Role of a Police Wildlife Officer" (Joint Meeting with Hortsoc)

We have been approached by a project group connected to the **American Air Museum in Britain** based at Duxford. They are seeking help with identifying over 15,000 photographs connected with American airmen stationed in Britain during WWII. These can be viewed via their website [www.americanairmuseum.com](http://www.americanairmuseum.com). They are keen to meet people with experiences of meeting Americans during the war.

**A framed model of the west side of Nayland High Street** was very generously presented to the Society by Christopher & James Warren at the AGM. They wish the residents of Nayland to be able to see and cherish it because it was specially commissioned by their late parents who owned Tandem shop in the 1970s and 80s. Christopher also ran Martha's Vineyard restaurant where the dental surgery is now located, so their village interest goes back a long way. Patsy Ford has kindly agreed to the model being displayed in the Post Office for the time being. The Society has formally undertaken to ensure it is then displayed in a prominent position in the village should the Post Office no longer be able to house it.

6. **Hon. Treasurer's Report:** The accounts were presented by David Heigham, Hon Treasurer.  
The Land Company and the Conservation Society's accounts were jointly proposed by John Partridge  
Seconded: Barry Wakefield and carried unanimously.

7. **Election of Chairman, Officers and the Committee for 2015/16.** All candidates had been proposed and seconded and the meeting unanimously approved their appointments as follows.

Chairman: John Alexander Proposed by Barry Wakefield, Life President.

Vice-Chairman Martin Wright

Hon. Treasurer: David Heigham

Hon. Secretary: Andora Carver

Committee Members: Jennie Jenkins Jill Slater  
Mike Hunter John Partridge

8. **Any Other Business:** There none

The Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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### The Life of Sir Alfred Munnings with special local interest

After the formal AGM business, Marcia Whiting, from Castle House, Dedham gave a fascinating and informative account of the life of Sir Alfred Munnings illustrated with some of the 600 works held at Castle House. She kindly showed us some specially selected examples painted in and around the Dedham Vale and Stour Valley which are not normally seen by the public, including *Floods at Nayland*. The large audience were thoroughly entertained and informed by the splendid talk. A Private Group visit to Castle House has been arranged for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.