

Nayland with Wissington Conservation Society

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Report on the Annual General Meeting held on
Monday 9th March 2015 in Nayland Village Hall

AGM: The current Committee and Officers of the Society were re-elected at our AGM on 9th March - Chairman: John Alexander, Vice Chairman: Martin Wright, Hon. Treasurer: David Heigham, Hon. Secretary: Andora Carver, Committee members: Jennie Jenkins, Mike Hunter, Jill Slater, John Partridge. The accounts for both the Conservation Society and the Land Company were presented by the Hon. Treasurer, approved and signed.

The Chairman gave an update on recent events since the annual report for 2014 which included the issue of a further licence by English Heritage to **Survey Court Knoll**. This runs from mid-March to the end of June and should enable an extensive radar survey to be undertaken by Dr. Tim Dennis and volunteers.

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

A **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 for the model to be on display in the Post Office for the time being. The Society has undertaken to ensure it is then displayed in a prominent position in the village.

Open Gardens is on 14th June and the Chairman thanked garden owners for opening in the past and would welcome new gardens being open. Potential openers please contact the Hon. Secretary.

Dr. Carenza Lewis has confirmed she will report on the final results of the September 2014 **Follow-Up Test Pit Dig** Tuesday June 23rd in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Our next open meeting is 30th June when Professor Jules Pretty will tell us about his latest book: *The Edge of Extinction*.

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 works painted in and around the Dedham Vale and Stour valley which are not normally seen by the public. The large audience were thoroughly entertained and informed by the splendid talk. A private group visit to Castle House has been arranged for Tuesday 5th (2.30pm – 4pm), cost £10 per head. To reserve a place, please contact Andora.

The **May 4th footpathwalk** will be from Arger Fen to the Chapel Barn at Bures and then on to Great Bevills garden which is open in aid of the National Garden Scheme (Entrance £4). Further details from Mike Hunter at mikejphunter@gmail.com.

Andora Carver