

Annual Report for Stoke By Nayland Parish Council
from Stoke by Nayland Village Lunch 2019-2020

During 2019 the Lunches continued to be provided on a monthly basis to anyone from the Village who wished to attend. The average monthly attendance was down to around 25-28 throughout the year, except the Advent meal in December when 55 people attended. We were grateful to the We'll Help organisation for a donation of £50 towards the cost of this meal and we were also delighted that Emma and her Monday Singing Group joined us on that occasion to entertain us with Carols at the end of our meal. It was a lovely way to welcome the Christmas season, after a delicious feast provided by the whole volunteer team of 9 cooks and 7 helpers. Our November meal was also enlivened by the presence of 10 youngsters from Stoke by Nayland Primary School, who came to help serve the food and joined the diners to chat and enjoy the meal. Many thanks to them for their cheerful and willing help. The January 2020 lunch was another special occasion when 30 regular diners were invited to share a traditional Christmas meal provided by the Management and Staff at The Angel Inn. It was a delicious meal and the goodwill gesture to the Village was greatly appreciated by us all.

We were to have enjoyed the company of another 10 Primary School children at our March Lunch but sadly the Coronavirus pandemic put paid to that, as it did to all the summer gatherings. We will reassess the situation in September and, if it is safe to do so, we will hopefully be able to resume our gatherings.

Very grateful thanks to all those involved with providing this much valued social amenity.

Margaret Fowler
Chairman, Stoke by Nayland Village Lunch