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Naseby Natters

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EXPANDING ISSUE :) REDUCING TEAM :(

Well we may be a little later than planned (*ahem! - ed*) but we got there in the end!

Yet another issue hits the mat - hopefully with a bit more of a thud as we have had to expand up to 28 pages just to cram it all in! So hopefully there will be something for everyone - if not let us know.

FEEDBACK: We had a fantastic response from the feedback forms we sent out last issue. The results are in and can be seen, along with our responses, on page 12.

GOODBYE: We very sadly have to say goodbye to two of our newsletter team. Thank you to Shirley and Katie for their help and support. They are welcome back anytime.

HELLO: But on a positive note we are joined by Anne Guilmore, who is a keen photographer. Welcome Anne to the team!

GOOD LUCK: We would like to wish Sally (our deputy editor) and her husband Colin, the best of luck for

their pending pregnancy in the middle of October. Inconveniently (*according to Colin who is an avid sports fan!*) Sally is due on the same day as the Rugby World Cup Semi Final! Lets hope it is a good result all round!

MESSAGE FROM THE ED: I would like to say a personal thanks to Sally Field, Becky Pope and Pauline Vann for valiantly stepping in to look after my kids while I got on with Natters! Without them this issue would simply never have been completed! Fact!

Also a big thank you to those who responded to my plea for help with deliveries this issue as some of the regular team decided to go on holiday, the cheek of it! :) Many hands made light work!

Happy reading to one and all!
THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

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The deadline for next issue:
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Village Update

Naseby Parish Council (PC)

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to those of you who took the time to give your responses. These have been collated and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on the 4th October. All are very welcome to attend to share your views or just to see what is going on. A full summary of the results and the PC action plan will be available for the next edition of Naseby Natters.

BATTLE HOUSE ON THE CORNER OF SCHOOL LANE

As previously reported this application was opposed by the Parish Council and after permission was refused by the District Council this matter went to Appeal. The Planning Inspector granted planning permission for a new house on the corner. This will involve the construction of a new footpath going round the corner at the top of School Lane. The new footpath is very much welcomed by the Parish Council and we are pressing the County Council to continue this footpath all the way down School Lane so that the children no longer have to share the road with cars.

NEW CLLR & VILLAGE CLEAN UP

We welcomed **Stephen Clark** who lives on Newlands onto the Council, and he was co-opted at our July meeting. He got straight to work by joining the rest of the

Councillors on the annual village clean up which involved cleaning street, road signs and cutting back vegetation where signs were obscured and other general tidying up. Not much litter needed to be picked up due to the school children had clearly done a fantastic job on their recent litter pick!

THERE IS A NEW RUBBISH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY WHICH IS TO BE ON TUESDAY AS FROM 7TH AUGUST 2007

BATTLEFIELD PLANNING PERMISSIONS

Planning permission has been obtained by the Battlefield Project for some improvement works to the Battle Site on Sibbertoft Road and the Monument on the Clipston Road. The Parish Council supported the applications and look forward to seeing the improved access and better signage.

SPORTS ROADSHOW

Daventry District Council provided the coach and the parish Council hired the village hall for a multisports event for village children. 19 children enjoyed cricket, hockey and other sports and their behaviour was a credit to the village. The children enjoyed the 2 hours of free activities and it is hoped to be repeated next year.

ROADS

Please join in and complain about the state of our roads. Telephone Street Doctor on 0845 601 1113 or fill in an online form at: streetdoctor@northamptonshire.gov.uk. If there are enough reports of problems maybe Naseby will move higher up the priority list - simple as that!

Members of the Parish Council 2007

Mrs Bridget Baker
Carvels Home Farm,
Carvels lane
Welford Quarry liaison rep

Mr Stephen Clark
Newlands

Mr Melfyn Hoyle
14, Nutcote
Playground Warden

Mrs Becky Pope
'Aysgarth', High Street
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Committee representative: Grants
Officer*

Mr Greg Pritchett
Oakwell, Church St
*Neighbourhood Watch & Police
Liaison Forum*

Mr Paul Reedman
Hall Close
Highways & Road safety officer

Mr Scott Westaway
New Hall, Newlands
Tree and Footpath Warden

Mr Tom Westaway
'Westfields', Carvels Lane
(Chairman)

Clerk - Pauline Vann
Manor House, Newlands

VILLAGE TRIANGLES

On behalf of the whole village the Parish Council wants to thank Mary and Gerry Wood for their work on the village triangles which look lovely this year. All the rain we have been having coupled with their hard work has made for an excellent display. Your efforts are much appreciated.

Tom Westaway
Chairman
Naseby Parish Council



LICENSING ACT 2003

APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE (SECTION 17)

Notice is hereby given that The Naseby Village Hall & Recreation Ground Management Committee has applied to Daventry District Council for a grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Naseby Village Hall & Recreation Grounds, and intends to carry on the following licensable activity; the provision of regulated entertainment.

The Licensing register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, Daventry

District Council Offices, Lodge Road, Daventry, NN11 5AF, between 09-00am and 17.00pm Monday to Friday. Any representation by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the above address by 29th September 2007.

It is an offence knowingly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction by a maximum fine of £5000.

G. Wood - Secretary
Naseby Village Hall & Recreation Grounds Management Committee

FACTOID:

As world cup fever grips at least one half of most breakfast tables, have you ever stopped to wonder about the sport that was invented less than 15 miles from Naseby?

According to Wikipedia, the origin of rugby football is often credited to a young man named William Webb Ellis who "took the ball in his arms [i.e. caught the ball] and ran" while playing a form of football at Rugby school in 1823.



However historians have questioned the authenticity of this story, beginning with an official investigation by the Old Rugbeian Society in 1895.

This year, the rugby world cup sees 20 sides compete for the Webb Ellis cup.

As Natters goes to print, the England team has opened up with a win, but faces a mountain to climb if they are to retain their trophy. Unlike with many sports, not knowing the rules is not an impediment to enjoying the tournament - a fact best encapsulated by the immortal words of Jonathan Davies (rugby legend), "I think you enjoy the game more if you don't know the rules. Anyway, you're on the same wavelength as the referees."

Colin Field (Dad to be!)

POLITE NOTICE

Due to the volume of **dog poo** around the village, there is the need to walk around with your eyes fixed firmly downwards to avoid stepping in any deposits! This makes walking around the village full of added danger...from being attacked by overgrown trees, bushes and hedge rows!!!

SO GET OUT THOSE SECATEURS!

Please find a little time to check all your hedges and trees that line the pavements throughout the village

Please help Naseby be a safer place to live by trimming back your overgrown trees & plants - Thank you -



HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOME FROM FIRE?

FREE home fire safety check from Northamptonshire

Fire & Rescue

During the visit, the Fire Safety Officer will give advice on:

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- What to do in the event of a fire
- What to do if you are trapped by a fire
- They will also fit a **FREE** smoke alarm if your home is without one and explain how to maintain it correctly

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Naseby Weather



MEASURED IN BAKEHOUSE RISE
COURTESY OF STUART CATO

Maximum temp for July 10 °C + cooler - 6.3 °C cooler on average than July 2006 - Sorry - will try better next year, honestly !!!

Month 2007	MAY	JUN	JUL
Max Temp °C	23.2	25.6	23.9
Av Max Temp °C	16.9	20.5	19.8
Min Temp °C	3.1	7.3	8.6
Av Min Temp °C	8.3	11.6	11.7
Min Wind Chill °C	0.2	6.0	7.7
Max Humidity %RH	93	92	92
Av Max Humidity %RH	88.7	89.2	88
Min Humidity %RH	21	32	31
Av Min Humidity %RH	61.5	60.4	61.6
Max Wind mph	16.5	9.6	11.4
Av Max Wind mph	7.8	5.8	7.5
Max Wind Gusts mph	32.4	25.9	28.8
Av Wind Gusts mph	16.6	12.6	16.6
Comparison vs Previous year 06	MAY	JUN	JUL
Max Temp °C	24.9	30.4	34.1
Av Max Temp °C	17.1	24.1	26.1
Min Temp °C	3.6	7.6	13.8

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...

Friday 16th November - Quiz Night!
at the Village hall to help raise money for 'Riding for the Disabled'
Call Tina Fanshaw 01604 740308

NEW REFUSE & RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY

August saw a change to collection days for refuse and recycling for many householders across the district including Naseby.

The new rubbish and recycling collection day is to be on Tuesday

Jane McDowell
Waste Management Officer DDC





All Saints Church



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE:

Sunday 23rd September at 9.30am. Gifts of tinned food would be much appreciated for the 'Night Shelter' in Northampton. These can be brought to the service or left in church beforehand.

NASEBY MOTHERS UNION:



We celebrated our 60th Anniversary with a 1940s style party held in the Chapel. Our Clipston members joined us along with our friends from Holy Trinity and St Pauls, Mothers' Union, (Northampton). We started with a short service during which we remembered parents who lost sons and daughters in WW2 and also at the present time in Iraq and Afghanistan.

After the service we enjoyed a 1940s sing song followed by "pass the parcel" - the prizes being a tin of Spam and a bar of Sunlight Soap. The "oldies" reading this will remember these well!

Several members brought along 1940s mementos including a wedding and bridesmaid's dress, a

christening gown, dolls and a teddy bear, an RAF flying jacket, photos, ration books and identity cards.

Eda Prime, who was one of the first ladies from Naseby to be enrolled in the M.U. cut our anniversary cake (right).

We then tucked in to a delicious tea of Spam, corned beef, egg and jam sandwiches, jelly and blancmange with evaporated milk and rock cakes. Hands up all of you who remember teas like this! As usual for now, but not in the 1940s, we had prepared far too much food so all the remaining sandwiches and cakes were taken to the Night Shelter in Ash Street, Northampton.

...Incidentally, the Night Shelter is always pleased to have donations of food including vegetables, fruit and tinned food.

The Mothers' Union meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2.15pm. usually in members houses. You would be most welcome to join us - why not come along and give it a try?

Jan Hillyer - Branch Leader



Eda Prime cutting the cake (with her bridesmaid's & wedding dress behind her!)



Spam sandwiches all round!

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Treasurer:
Mike Hopkins (01604 740309)

Naseby Methodist Church



First some news about young people:

After a year of raising money to pay for the trip, and receiving all the inoculations needed, James Nuttall has gone on a World Challenge Expedition to Tanzania, together with 8 other students from Guilsborough School. They hope to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, arriving at the peak in time for sunrise on 8th August. They then go on a two day safari before starting their project at a school in Northern Tanzania. They will be doing some building and decorating work and are expected to interact with the local children there. Whilst at the school they are placing a commemorative plaque to the tenth member of the team, Charles Sutherland-Kay, who died in a road accident earlier this year. They then have a short time of Rest and Relaxation before returning home.

We're looking forward to being accompanied by guitar in the near future....Josiah Watson passed his guitar exam with distinctions! The reason he could play at all - he'd damaged a finger badly - is because Ruth prayed it would be healed, so we thank God as well as saying: 'Well done Josiah!

James.. we're looking forward to the stories you come back with....

The D[rink]s B[iscuit] & C[hat] group is flourishing with 9 or 10 regular visitors. It's the time the more mature people from the village enjoy meeting each other every the 2nd Wednesday of the month. New visitors always welcome.

NEW MINISTER: We are looking forward to receiving Clare and Brian



HOLIDAY CLUB SUCCESS: As you can see from the photos this year's Holiday Club was again a time enjoyed by children & those who led. Thanks to Helen, our youth worker who wrote the material herself again, and June for making the beautiful banner. The week was based on the Kings of the Bible & was called: By Royal Appointment. We learned that kings & queens, as well as each person needs the love and equipping of the King of Kings Jesus. Thanks also to the mums who helped!!

Kennard, our new minister, The welcome service was on Aug 23rd in Market Harborough Methodist Church. The first service Brian took in Naseby was on September 9th. We all wished them a good welcome.

Significant donations were made for flood relief in Yorkshire via the Methodist Church. Volunteers from Market Harborough Meth Church took their lives in their hands when they fixed speakers for the new music box, on the rafters, and did other jobs! Thanks guys!!

Yes, it's that time of the year again

Harvest



pretty soon... This year we are again collecting shoe boxes filled with all sorts of goodies. If you can,

fill up a shoebox with stuff for either a baby, boy, girl, teenager, young adult with appropriate things for a child of that age. Gift ideas are: nappy cream, bibs, nappy's rattle, toys, soft toy, sweets, cosmetics, warm hats, scarves, pencils, colouring book, notepad, toiletries, socks, make-up etc. Generally things you know children of that age would like or might need. Please do not wrap or close the box. In past years the difference between gifts was so great that some children were very disappointed... There will also be large boxes available in

chapel, to deposit your -unwrapped gifts- in.

Harvest Service: will be October 7th @ 10.45am and it promises to be a great time led by Brian.

Fusion Dates: Sept 27, Oct ?? (depending on Half Term), Nov 23, Jan 25

Sunday School dates: Sept 16 Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16! This is the MARATHON day again ...Sunday School am, Pantomime pm and Carol Service pm.

Well done to parents last year! *[one of our hymns goes like this: we praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come..]* Why not give it a go and see the difference it makes.

'Chill Corner' Date: Friday Nov 23rd The 24/7 corner will be open from 9am - 9pm [or as long as people want]

Another 'Lights Party': This will be held on Oct 31 [Halloween] from 18.00hr - 19.30, for children. More

information will be given out later.

It will be a party with a difference, with 'dressing up' as far as possible in white or glow in the dark, but NO witches, etc. More details later in flyers & posters.

...AND ON A LIGHTER NOTE:

A woman invited friends for dinner. At the table she turned to her 6 year old daughter and said: "would you like to say grace?"

"I don't know what to say" said the girl.

"Just pray what you heard mummy pray" mum answered.

So the daughter closed her eyes & said: "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

Leny Cato

THE USUAL:

Mums & Tots: all welcome
Thursday 1.30-3.30pm (term time)

Guildsborough Dr's Surgery:
Monday from 11am (no appt needed)

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www.harboroughmethodistcircuit.org.uk/Naseby.html





Naseby School Update:



No article
this issue

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List of Governors

Amanda Smith (Chair/Parent)
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Jo Clement (Parent / Link), James Pope
(Parent), Ian Arnott (Community),
Rev D Faulks (Ex Officio), Margaret Diack
(Foundation), Beverly Thornton (Teacher)
Sandra Kirkland (Associate Member)
Andrea Heydon (Clerk)

NSA UPDATE

After a very successful Hog Roast which raised just over £2,000 the NSA members are having a deserved "break" over the summer. Our next meeting is to be held at school on the 11th September and will be our AGM - any parent of children at school is encouraged to come and help us plan our next years events.

Please put the following dates in your diaries so you can join in the fun and support us.

• 12th October - Quiz Night

• 1st December - Christmas Fair

The Sports Club will be restarting after the holidays and is held in the village hall on Fridays after school. This is open to all primary school aged children whether or not they attend Naseby School.

Becky Pope - Secretary

A Heart Felt Thank You To Our Kind Sponsor!

This issue we are able to go to print due to a very kind elderly lady of Naseby. The money was given anonymously via another Naseby resident - so even I don't know who it is this time! When they were asked why they wanted to sponsor us they said "I have lived in Naseby a long time and just wanted to do something to support the village"

The generosity and selflessness of the people of Naseby just continues to amaze me! Without people like you,

the newsletter simply wouldn't exist! It is one of the things that keeps me carrying on with Natters sometimes. So a truly personal 'thank you' goes out to her (you know who you are!) for making it possible for us to print yet another issue.

We are always on the lookout for more sponsors so if you are interested at all, please get in touch with Gerry Wood on 01604 740444.

Amanda Green

COME AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY HEIRLOOMS...

An Antiques Roadshow and Open Day is to be held at Brixworth Library & Community Centre in Spratton Road. Brixworth Information Service, which raises awareness of Daventry District Council and its services in the community, is hosting the Open Day in partnership with Northamptonshire County Council Libraries on Thursday, October 11th 2007 from 2pm to 7pm

MINI FARM UPDATE:

CARVELLS HOME FARM: The start of the summer seemed to come early in April and the worry of no grass soon disappeared when we had the floods in June and July, all be it we were lucky compared to other farmers who lost stock. Hay making was impossible so it has meant we've had to do hay and straw at the same time in August. The sheep were doing well and the trips to market with lambs came to a sudden halt with the devastating news of Foot and Mouth raising its ugly head again, we weaned the lambs to give the ewes time to recover so they are in good condition going into the winter.

The cows suffered with the constant wet fields, any grass that was there was trod into the mud. We will not know if they have all managed to get in calf until the Autumn.

On a happier note the stable yard

organised a fancy dress around the village and fun games with over 20 horses and ponies taking part to raise money for people a lot less fortunate than ourselves. It was a great success thanks to the generosity of Naseby residents. We raised a fantastic £253.00 for Riding For The Disabled (RDA). A big thank you to all the people that took part on the day and thank Tina, James and Nellie Fanshaw for driving the RDA cart.

OAK FARM: Not much to report at Oak Farm except business as usual with one great big BUT... Foot and Mouth meant that we couldn't move fat cattle direct to slaughter due to the national movement ban. So we were stuck! But it is very important that we allowed the authorities time to eradicate the foot and mouth disease. It's just very frustrating to be caught up in the outbreak a long way from Naseby.



EYES DOWN - DIRTY DOGS

The Fight Against Mess!

Dogs - they may be man's best friend but they are the shoe's worst enemy!

They are Britain's best loved pet; over seven million of us own one and they provide a great excuse for getting up off the sofa and down to the park. But beware - a moment's lapse in concentration can find a pleasant stroll turning into a sticky situation!

Dog mess is a nationwide problem - and a real problem for the residents of Naseby!



Dog poo can make you ill as it often contains toxocarasis which causes eye disorders, dizziness, nausea, asthma and epileptic fits. Toxacara eggs are infectious 2-3

weeks **after** being deposited

by the dog in its poo. This means that if the poo is left on the ground, the soil can be contaminated for long after the poo itself has disappeared. However if you immediately clean up after your dog the threat of toxocarasis would be virtually eradicated.

Complaints have been received by the Parish Council over dog fouling for some time and 5 dog bins have been provided around the village for disposal of the offending poo.

It also gives considerate dog owners a bad name:

Responsible dog owners who always clear up after their pets are also fed up of getting tarred with the same brush as offenders.

Please **BE CONSIDERATE**, pick up your dogs' poo in a doggy bag or carrier bag, then place it in a dog bin. The bins are on Thornby Road, the Recreation Ground, Carvells Lane, Haselbech Road and on the footpath by the allotments. Alternatively take it home and put it in your black bin.

People who do not clean up after their dogs can be reported to the Daventry District Council Dog Warden (01327 871100) or to the Parish Clerk (01604 740774). Please provide the name and address of the person, details of the dog and the date, time and place the incident took place. The District and Parish Councils can do **nothing**

without details of who is leaving dog poop as an unwelcome surprise for other people to tread in.

Naseby Parish Council

PS: Dropping the bagged poo in the churchyard or in a hedgerow is also not acceptable behaviour!

FALLING FOUL

Daventry District Council's Dog Warden, Claire Preddy, is dedicated to enforcing the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and would therefore like to make everyone aware of Daventry District Council's (Fouling of Land by Dogs) Designation Order 1997.

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 applies to;

- Carriageways with a speed limit of 40 miles per hour or less and adjoining verges.
- All footpaths, verges and public open spaces located with in areas subject to 40 miles per hour or less speed restriction.
- Parks and grassland maintained by the District Council.

Those that fail to remove their dog's faeces risk receiving a fixed penalty notice of £50 and failure to pay this notice could result in legal proceedings and a fine of up to £1000 on conviction. **All complaints are confidential.**

Claire Preddy
Community Dog Warden
Daventry District Council

So please - **please** - clean up after your pooch, the village is for everybody's use to enjoy.

Amanda Green

DID YOU KNOW:

Over 60 individually wrapped bags of poo were recently cleared from the churchyard?

This means that on 60 separate occasions dog owners took the time to bag their doggies 'doo doo' but then couldn't be bothered to put them in the appropriate bins!

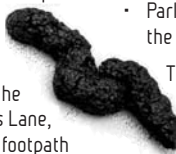
At the same time, another kind citizen of Naseby who was so sick of the amount of dog poo found on the verges in Thornby Road, took his wheelbarrow and cleared dozens of bags of dog poo!

MESSAGE FROM NASEBY PC:

Having to clean dog poo off your shoes is very unpleasant. If your dog poos on the grass verge, the pavement or the Recreation Ground (field and play equipment area),

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE AND CLEAN IT UP!

Do not let your dog onto the School Paddock; it is private property and it is completely inconsiderate to expect the children to play in an area plagued by dog poo.





Update



We would firstly like to say a big hello to all the newcomers to the village who have recently been venturing into the shop, judging by their "ooohs, aahhs & isn't this lovely", we must be doing something right!

REMINDER: We would like to remind everyone that there is a newspaper delivery round for the village, if you are interested just pop in and we can arrange delivery straight away; this includes regular magazine orders.

NEW PRODUCTS: There are quite a few products new to Naseby H.Q., ground coffees, baking ingredients, a nice big drinks fridge and ice cream fridge ready for the onslaught of the forecasted summer? and don't forget Uncle Bob's Sandwiches available daily and Uncle Bob's Pies available...err...uhmm...as and when!

A TASTER SESSION: Just to let you all know that the new company supplying the shop with curry sauces and ready meals "A Touch Of Spice" will be arranging a tasting night sometime in September hopefully, keep an eye out for more information and posters instore.

FANCY A GAME OF GOLF: The Naseby H.Q. will be holding it's first annual Golf Tournament the "Naseby H.Q. Open" this year to be held at Kilworth Springs Golf Club on Monday 24th September. Entries will cost £35 including evening meal and are very limited. For more details see Henry.

STRANGE GOINGS ON: A few strange things have began to happen in the shop lately, strange things ... spooky things.....weird things! As you

may have heard the counter top gave in and shattered recently, no reason, no explanation it just shattered!!! no one was hurt thankfully, but could this be the work of Oliver Cromwell's Ghost?

HAVE YOU GONE M.A.D?

The shop front doors seem to have transformed into some kind of highly advanced Memory Altering Device, they have developed the ability to wipe the memory of any unsuspecting customer passing through them, leaving them alone and in a complete state of limbo (especially on a Sunday Morning!). The only known defence to this cruel and twisted device seems to be...A WRITTEN LIST...take heed!!!

THE CURSE OF THE TOP COPY: A well documented occurrence in newsagent circles, whereby the top copy of a pile of newspapers is never touched, do you know someone that does this? Have you seen this happen? Many explanations have been offered but the best has to be "the top copy is second hand because everyone's read the front cover!!!!".

GO GREEN...WELL BLUE! Don't forget to recycle your blue bags, according to Rachel I really need to reduce the size of my carbon footprint!

POLITE NOTICE: Carrying on with the dog poo theme for this issue of Natters, would the dog owner who is repeatedly leaving bags of dog poo in the 2 bins outside the shop please refrain from doing so. You know who you are...we have CCTV so we can find out who you are as well!

ALL HAIL THE NEW TIME LORD!!! I am now to be known as "Henry Lord of Time", this is a title handed down to me by Roger The Great (Winder

Upper). I am now in charge of time in Naseby any problems with time in Naseby please do not hesitate to pop into the shop and discuss time with me... Thankyou.

So on behalf of Myself, Rachel, Michelle, Danielle and all the back room staff at Uncle Bob's it just leaves me to say in the words of Apu Nahasapeemapetilon (Kwik-E-Mart - Springfield Division) THANK YOU, COME AGAIN!

Henry Steane
Naseby H.Q.

WHODUNNIT...?

Villagers who enjoy the theatre, might like to know that from October 17th - 20th at the Wheatsheaf Theatre Leicester, Ratae Drama Group are performing a slightly unusual "Whodunnit" entitled THE SHOEBOX MYSTERY, written by Arthur Aldrich. This is his latest play but those of who who lived in the village in the 1980's and have long memories might remember that four of his plays were performed in the Village Hall by Naseby Drama Group from 1981-1984. Since then a further 10 one-act plays have been performed, mostly in play festivals covering the British Isles, Australia, and New Zealand. Six of them are published.

The Ratae Drama Group have been operating for more than fifty years and are one of the top groups in Leicester. Anyone wanting further information details (particularly tickets) should get in touch with Arthur on 01604 740532.

Arthur Aldrich



Naseby Village Hall

& Recreation Ground Management Committee

The weather at last is ideal for your outdoor sporting activities on the recreation ground, which is now kept in fabulous condition; the hall is in very good order for your indoor sporting activities; the refurbished kitchen now has excellent facilities and equipment to support your summer social events, parties, and functions; the upstairs meeting room has also been improved for handling refreshments for our village groups and committees; So please come along and enjoy and support our great Village Hall facilities.

FUND RAISING EVENTS TO PUT IN YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Ferret Racing** - Family Ferret Racing Evening, a fun evening of wagers with bar
- **Pantomime** - Looking Glass Theatre is booked for 16th December

Thank you to Becky Pope for her limitless enthusiasm and untiring efforts, but sadly recent events such as the family car treasure hunt have not been fully supported by the village. This will undoubtedly put pressure on our financial resources.

We were thanked again by the Cynthia Spencer Hospice for the use of the Village Hall for a charity cycle ride that included over 150 cyclists. The event was a huge success and helped raise lots of money for this good cause.

FINANCES

Mike Hopkins and the committee are currently reviewing the finances,

investments, and other sources of funding to ensure we can stay in the black.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

We have been advised that the proposed Sports Court now needs planning permission so this will keep us busy for the next couple of months. We are still working with the Parish Council to see if they can assist with the funding of the car park resurfacing work.

THANK YOU TO THE WI

Thank you to Sarah Farrell and our colleagues in the WI who have produced a Village Hall first-bookers guide and equipment inventory. So the mysteries of what is available and in which cupboard are now solved.

Thank you also to Wyn Sleeman and Gerry Wood who are making sure that all the necessary regulatory Licensing, certificates and documentation are in place.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Our committees' meetings are held bi-monthly (on the 3rd Thursday) so why not come along and have a say. All are welcome.

Paul Kelly

Contact

If you wish to book the hall for an anniversary, children's party or any other activity please contact:

Wyn Sleeman 01604 740963

£10.00 per hour - Large Hall

£6.00 per hour - Upstairs Room

...THERE IS NO FAIRY GODMOTHER!

I am sorry to dissolution those of you that believe money grows on trees but it doesn't. As we all know it has to be worked for, in some form or another.

What is this about I hear you ask to yourself, well I just wanted to bring your attention to the village hall fundraising events which need support if the hall is to continue to be a facility in our village.

Unfortunately the last fundraiser was the pantomime in December 2006, since the two events this year have had to be cancelled due to lack of support.

A Casino evening with only 50 people would have lost money and a family car treasure hunt with only 7 cars seemed very pointless.

Not only does organising these events take time but also money, which is then wasted when the events are cancelled. The people involved are also getting slightly despondent. Who's going to take over the baton when they say enough is enough?

Enough of the rant - but I hope the message has got through! So please look at the important dates for your diaries (far left) and look out for more details nearer the time!

Becky Pope

Age Concern



No news to report this issue but please ring me if I can help or

advise in any way at all.

Liz Capell (tel: 01604 740568)





THE BATTLE OF NASEBY

Around the village there are reminders of the Battle of Naseby: the Monument and the Obelisk, the new Battlefield Viewpoints, and road names within the village. This issue we look at...

PART 2: FAIRFAX - as in "Fairfax View"

Sir Thomas Fairfax was the Commander of the parliamentary army called the New Model Army at the Battle of Naseby. His army won the battle against the royal army of King Charles I.



such that he was appointed commander of the New Model Army as its Lord General. Its core was the army of the Eastern Association and Cromwell was his cavalry commander as Lieutenant General of Horse.

Thomas Fairfax was born in Denton, Yorkshire, in 1612, and as a teenager he fought in Holland. He later served in the Bishops' Wars in 1639/40 and was knighted for his services by King Charles I. When the Civil War began in England in 1642 he assisted his father, Lord Fairfax, in command of the small parliamentary Northern Association army. Known as "Black Tom" for his dark complexion, he and his father had mixed fortunes in 1643. The Marquis of Newcastle defeated the Fairfax forces at Adwalton Moor giving the Royalists control of all Yorkshire except Hull. In the retreat that followed Thomas Fairfax was shot and suffered severe blood loss, but their forces went on to defend Hull with success.

In 1644 Sir Thomas became a leading parliamentary commander. He led a force to seize Selby in April and then the combined Fairfax forces joined with a Scots army to inflict a decisive victory over the King at Marston Moor in June. This led to the fall of York to the parliamentarians. Fairfax led the siege of Helmsley Castle where he was severely wounded by a musket ball which broke his shoulder.

In January 1645 his reputation was

He moulded this new army into a disciplined and efficient uniformed fighting force. In May he laid siege to Oxford, the King's major headquarters. The King abandoned his march north from the midlands and stormed Leicester on 30th May to lure Fairfax from Oxford. The storming and brutal sack of Leicester led the parliamentary Committee for Both Kingdoms to order Fairfax to march north east to engage the Royalist army.

Fairfax, with Cromwell as his deputy, gathered all his forces at Newport Pagnell. The King's forces marched south to Daventry, reaching the town on 7th June. The battle between the armies was fought at Naseby on 14th June. His disciplined force won the day, Fairfax himself leading his regiment in the final stages when he himself captured the colours of Prince Rupert's Bluecoat regiment. His forces remained disciplined throughout and after the battle there was none of the plundering and lawlessness which marked the royalist and other armies of the day.

He then led his army into the royalist west country, defeating Lord Goring at Langport, and taking Bristol. In

A Chat With...

For this edition the editor suggested our reporter went 'up the clock tower' to chat with **Roger Hillyer (RH)** who for 20 years was Naseby's 'Clock Winder' at All Saints Church.



PR Before we talk about the clock tell me a little bit about yourself.

RH Well I've lived in Naseby for 30 years with my wife Jan, who is a Church Warden. We moved here from Northampton when we needed more space for our family, we still live in the same house on Nutcote. For personal reasons we decided to retire earlier this year, we planned to spend more time on our narrow boat, which we keep moored at Napton on the Oxford Canal, but so far that hasn't been possible. I gave up winding the clock as the process is quite strenuous, it was time for a younger man and Henry stepped in, it also needs doing on a regular 7 day basis, which means holidays

1646 Oxford fell to Fairfax and the Civil War as over. His health was weak thereafter. He succeeded his father as 3rd Lord Fairfax in 1648. He seems to have opposed the King's trial and execution. He resigned his command in 1650 and retired to Yorkshire. The New Model Army had never lost a battle or a siege. In 1660 he supported the Restoration of King Charles II, and provided the horse that Charles II rode at his Coronation. He died in 1671.

John Anderson



and outings have to be arranged around the winding process. That is why we have an Assistant Clock Winder, Phil Brewin.

PR Okay, so tell me about the clock.

RH Would you like to go up to the winding platform?

PR If I didn't Amanda, our editor, would never forgive me!

The entrance to the winding platform is through a small door at the side of the church, there are 39 steps up a stone spiral staircase to the platform and 10 steps down to the crypt. On reaching the top of the stairs there is a small ladder to the actual platform. If you want to go higher (I was persuaded) there is a long ladder to the bell level and then another ladder (I wasn't persuaded!!!) to the top of the tower.

RH On the winding platform are large locked doors behind which is the 7 day mechanism, it is a pendulum and weights system.

PR So what happens once you are up here?

RH To wind up the weights for the clock takes 30 complete turns, and 24 turns for the chimes. It is winding up the chimes that needs the energy, although when you are used to it, the 24 turns can be done in one go. The clock was made by Joliffe and Sons of Northampton in

1864. It is serviced each year by a company who specialize in these sorts of clocks.

PR What happens when the clocks are turned forward or back?

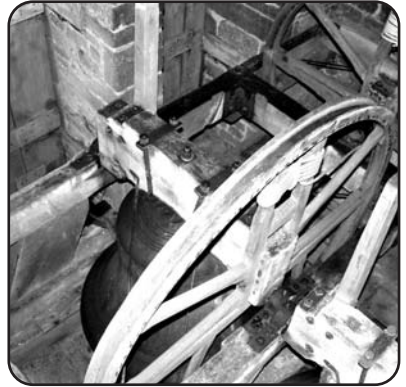
RH Twice a year the clock is manually adjusted to allow for the change in time. Forward is easy, you just have to move the hands on the small 'mirror image' clock face which is sited on the mechanism. To move back I found it easier to stop the pendulum for an hour and then come back and start the pendulum again, I stopped time for an hour! Usually no one noticed that the clock had stopped as I normally did it very late or very early, on two occasions I actually went at 2a.m. to do the adjustments. It is very eerie at that time of the morning in the tower, everything creaks and the clock itself gives out a lot of noises, perhaps that's why I only did it twice in the whole of the 20 years. The chimes automatically adjust themselves to the time. The chiming mechanism is a series of wires which connect to the hammer, this is then pulled back to strike the tenor bell.

At this point we climbed the ladder to the bell level...

PR How many bells are there?

...by now I was clinging to the top of the ladder, having declined Roger's 'kind' offer to join him on the bell level platform!

RH There are 5 bells, but only the tenor bell is connected to the clock. The bells were cast by Hugh Watts

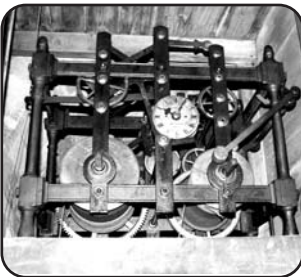


of Leicester in 1633. When the bell ringers are here the hammer has to be held away from the tenor bell, which is done using a small hook, it's down in the church near the bell ropes I'll show you when we go down. Two of the windows up here have been muffled; this was because the noise of the bells was scaring the horses opposite. Also the wind affects what you can hear. Sometimes it sounds as if the clock is striking the wrong time but it is because the wind is blowing. You may not hear all the chimes in Hall Close but I will hear them in Nutcote or vice versa.

Once safely back on the winding platform we waited for the clock to strike 2pm. It was loud but not deafening. Then back down the spiral staircase and into the rain.

I would like to thank Roger for spending so much time showing me around as following my lesson on clock winding and church bells we went inside the church and he pointed out all the numerous historical artefacts that, as a community, we are lucky to have access to.

Pat Reedman





It's Feedback time!

A big thank you goes out to all those who took the time to give us your feedback.

Thank you so much for all your responses, we received a total of 43 feedback questionnaires which equates to approximately 15% of total households that we deliver the newsletter to.

...HERE IS WHAT YOU SAID!

We asked you if you felt if all the areas of the village were covered and the majority of you - 65% responded 'very much so'; 27% agreed that 'most areas were covered'; 3% think the coverage is 'alright' and 5% of you replied 'no'. The only frustrating thing was that those that ticked 'quite' or 'no' didn't explain what areas were missing from the newsletter. If we don't know - we can't make it better!



One thing that did surprise us was that most of you read Natters from cover to cover which was great to know. Anyway, these are your ideas (and our responses) for additional sections you think we could include:-

YOUR IDEA: *Section for births/engagements/marriages*

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: This has

been suggested in the past and is a great idea and we would love to include such a section in the newsletter. We are reliant on people feeding us this information, so if anybody would like to make such an announcement for future editions, please email them to us or contact any of the Natters Team (contact details are on the front page).

YOUR IDEA: *Perhaps include more business information such as a trade, delivery section, NHS and other services, mobile library times, dates etc in each issue.*

YOUR IDEA: *Calendar of future village events and society/club events in diary order.*

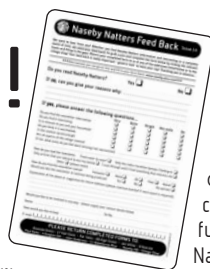
NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: The main reason that we have not included

such a section in the past is that dates and times for such services are always subject to change. Natters is only published quarterly and this could mean that our information is incorrect by the time that we go to press.

We do think it's a great idea though. It would be appropriate for a

more dynamic type of media such as the Internet. We have been talking to the group that publish the Naseby website and will keep you up to date with any new initiatives in the future.

Regarding the comment for trade and delivery section, we do welcome trade adverts at the back of the newsletter and anybody is welcome to place



information on their business in this section. We do not charge for this service although we do welcome financial contributions towards future editions of Natters.

YOUR IDEA: *Monthly diary of events down on a local farm.*

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: We love this idea and we have been trying to get something similar off the ground for a while now. We are reliant upon the local farmers providing us with information on what is going on and farmers are very busy people. We will keep pursuing this but if anybody can provide further information, please, please do get in touch! Also, please see this editions fab article on sheep shearing... we hope that will be a good taster of things to come!

YOUR IDEA: *Love the interviews, how about interviewing roads i.e. what's nice about living where you do?*

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: Another great idea for a future potential series of interviews (we are very pleased we asked for all this feedback now!). We hope to be able to produce something along these lines in the future!

YOUR IDEA: *A series on local walks / local places of interest. This would be mainly for newcomers to the village who wish to take visitors out and about.*

YOUR IDEA: *Walks /cycle ride routes with little maps.*

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: Thank you for these ideas, we discussed them at the last Natters meeting and we hope to be publishing something on



these lines very soon!

YOUR IDEA: *Competition for children to enter with prize.*

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: We have discussed this in the past but feel that such a competition might lose momentum by the time the winner is announced in the next edition - which would be 3 months later.

YOUR IDEA: *It's a shame it can't be monthly*

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: It would be nice to! If we had the resources (*and spare time!* - ed) we would dearly love to produce Natters monthly, but it takes a lot of time and effort already to produce a single issue each quarter, so monthly would mean turning it into a full time job for several people!

YOUR IDEA: *Would it be an idea for newcomers to be visited and asked if they would like to have a 'welcome' published in the newsletter?*

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: A great idea. If anybody would like to send us information to welcome a new neighbour on their street, please do get in touch.

YOUR IDEA: *You have a regular article from the school and the children but what about teenagers?*

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: A fab idea. If anybody would like to be our roving reporter, to give us an incite into teenage life and issues, then please get in touch. We are really keen to involve all age groups within the village - hey, you may even be able to submit Natters as part of their course work, who knows!

YOUR COMMENT: *You are wasting your time about going green and saving the planet when Naseby Council are planning to flood light*

the church

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: We feel it is important to promote green issues within Natters with handy tips and advice. More people are realising that there are more tangible benefits to making their lives greener, happier and healthier - So long as that continues, every one of us that contributes will be making a difference. We can all 'do our bit'.

With regards to the comment about the Church, the PC took ideas and canvassed the opinions of the whole village - flood lighting the church being one of them. None of the ideas have been decided on and the responses submitted prior to the deadline were to be discussed at the September meeting. As they have stated in their article on page 2, a fuller summary of the results and the PC action plan will be available for the next Naseby Natters.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete and submit your feedback forms, it allows the team to steer Naseby Natters in the direction that the villagers want to see. We welcome all comments both positive and not so positive, but one form seems to have shown up a misunderstanding from at least one person about the purpose of our little newsletter:

YOUR COMMENT: *Previous edition commenting about drinking around village hall VERY inappropriately written...we should not be condoning drinking in this area at all! (there were also additional comments about housing, speeding in the village and the play area being very poor)*

NATTERS TEAM RESPONSE: This article was supplied by a resident of the village and it was their wish that it was written in this way. They felt that

telling teenagers to "stop drinking" would simply be a waste of time and as they said "most of us have been in that situation one time or another!"

We would like to remind everyone that Naseby Natters is a totally independent newsletter. It is not produced on, behalf of, or in connection with the Parish Council. It is run, written, compiled, designed and delivered by a team of dedicated volunteers, who give a lot of their time, energy, expertise and resources completely free of charge each quarter. It is paid for by donations and is totally non-profit making. We are willing to publish anything anybody submits to the newsletter (within reason!). We do however welcome your comments. This comment seems to the team to clear up a misunderstanding. We are also happy to (again, within reason) publish a response to any article previously printed, thus provoking a positive debate and making Natters interactive and accessible to all.

WE WANT MORE: If you have any other suggestions or comments please do let us know. Feedback is vital to us to make sure we keep the newsletter varied, fresh and interesting each issue.

OTHER COMMENTS:

"We both enjoy reading about the village news. It is a good way to hear and find out about things going on when you work full time."

"We have to post the newsletter on to parents in Wales as they love to read it too!"

"Excellent...Please keep going!"

"This is the second issue I have had the pleasure in reading as we only recently moved to the village. Keep up the good work. It is very informative





SO HOW DO YOU SHAUN A SHEEP?



All you wanted to know about sheep shearing and were too afraid to ask!

Sheep shearing and wool production has been an important part of the UK's sheep industry over the last six thousand years.

The earliest sheep had pigmented coats and moulted allowing farmers to collect the fallen wool but as time went on



breeds developed with improved wool characteristics. There are now over 40 different breeds of sheep in the UK.

By the middle ages wool was the UK's most important output, being exported throughout Europe. Later, as exports declined, production was used domestically in the fast growing cloth industries where technological advance fuelled the industrial revolution and the move from an agrarian to urban society, which led to the development of many of the nation's industrial towns.

THE WOOL PROCESS:

The raw wool is washed (scouring) to remove the grease and dirt. Then it goes thru a process called 'carding' and is where the wool is turned from staple to sliver form (which separates the fibres). After that it is combed to straighten long fibres and remove the

shorter ones. Then it is spun which pulls out the fibres and adds twists to make a continuous, strong thread. The wool can be dyed between any of the stages in wool processing.

TERMINOLOGY

Ram or Tup = male sheep

Ewe = female sheep

Lamb = baby sheep

FACTS:

British Wool Marketing Board - tonnes of raw wool produced 2005

Australia = 326,193

UK = 28,647

DID YOU KNOW?

Wool is wear resistant, provides good insulative properties and can absorb up to 30% of its own weight in moisture without feeling wet!

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SHEEP SHEARER:

Once a year, usually in the warmer



The work station on wheels

months, sheep are gathered for shearing. We went along to Carvells Lane Farm, owned by Bridget and Mike Baker, on a very, very hot day in June to see how it is all done...

Ian and Chris are both 44 and have been best mates since they were teenagers and have been shearing for almost as long. Chris lives in Clipston



Ian & Chris - super shearers!

and is a plumber in real life and Ian lives in Long Buckby and is a postman during the day. (Pete is the 3rd pair of hands and is from Watford, a farmer who only started shearing last year.)

So when did you start sheep shearing?

Chris: I started when I was 18 so a few years ago now

How did you get into it?

Chris: I was a farmer originally so it was a necessity for me. I started shearing my own sheep, then I helped out a neighbouring farm, word got round and I ended up helping out more and more farms. It took off from there really.

Why sheep shearing?

Ian: Well as Chris said, for him it was a necessity, but I was only supposed to be helping him out - we have been working together ever since!

Who trained you?

Chris: I was self-taught really, I watched my dad for a long time, then started with



Hard at work



The before...

shearing half a sheep, worked my way up to a whole sheep and perfected it over time

How do you become qualified?

Chris: Nowadays, when you can do 12 an hour, you are considered to be a professional but you can go on a training course to learn the trade

How many farms do you cover?

Ian: We used to do 15 but now it's about 12. Enough!

How long does it take to shear a sheep?

Chris: It depends on the size of the sheep really.

Ian: ...and how accommodating they are!!!

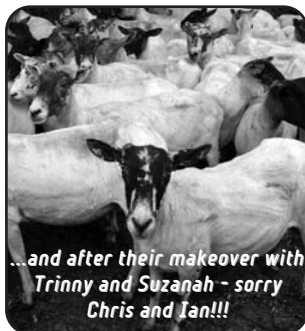
Chris: Less than a minute is really good. Bridget has just timed me and I did one in 1 minute 29 seconds. So not bad!

Is there a sheep shearing season?

Ian: Yes, the season lasts around 6-8 weeks. Sheep are fully sheared once a year, usually any time between mid May to the end of June, sometimes into the beginning of July - depending on the good old British weather!

How many sheep can you shear a year?

Chris: We do about 3,000 a year on average. Today we'll shear about 250



...and after their makeover with Trinny and Suzannah - sorry Chris and Ian!!!

sheep in total. To put it into perspective though - in Australia they shear the same number of sheep in a week as the UK does in an entire year! Sheep Shearing is a full time occupation for them where as in the UK it tends to be a part time basis.

Ian: Shearing in the UK is usually carried out by shearers from Australia and New Zealand. They travel the world to shear sheep all year round. This "shearing circuit" is seen as a way to save money to start farming. They see shearing as something to be proud of and to master. Whereas in the UK it is just looked at as really hard back breaking work. It's 25°C today, we'll get thru litres of water otherwise we get really dehydrated, it is a very long day, so it certainly isn't glamorous by any means!

FACTOID: In any given year approximately one third of all British sheep are shorn by New Zealanders. The shearers get to see the world; the farmers get the best. This is due to the way shearing is viewed in New Zealand: as a science and an art. Those who shear competitively approach their sport as any top athlete does, with fitness, training and commitment.

How do you keep track of how many

you have done?

Ian: We have a tally counter that we press each time - not very technical but it works! They are digital ones now.



Hi-tech stuff!

What happens once you have sheared the sheep?

Ian: Once sheared the fleeces are then taken by the 'wrapper' who remove any soiled areas and then fold the fleece on itself. They then place them into a 'wool bag' - a very large sack basically! - which is hooked onto a special metal frame. Once full, usually takes about 40-50 fleeces depending on their size, the bag is then sewn up using special thread called sisal, which is a very strong white fibre obtained from the leaves of the sisal plant.

Chris: The Wool bags are then taken to the Wool Trade Central Wool Growers where they are assessed, by eye and touch. Each individual fleece is graded and placed into groups of the same type and quality, ready for sale by auction.

FACTOID: The Wools fibre diameter is



Mikes wrapper mum



...yes sir, yes sir, three bags full





Great teamwork from Mike & Bridget

quoted in microns - 1 micron = 0.001mm - the lower the micron figure the finer the quality.

What is the wool used for?

Ian: Raw Wool, which is the wool from the sheep's back still containing all the grease and dirt, all goes to the general wool market trade

Chris: Mainly turned into socks and carpet in the UK.

Ian: The UK tends to import wool from Australia and New Zealand to make high-end items like suits. Our wool over here is just not good enough quality unfortunately.

How much is a single fleece worth?

Chris: There are lots of different breeds of sheep and they all produce different types and qualities of wool. These sheep are Mules and their fleeces are only worth about £1.50-£2 each - so not much. Different parts of a fleece are more valuable than others though, for example the neck area is better quality as it has a waviness to it, called the crimp. Generally the



Bridget with her own "technique"

springier and wavier the wool the better the quality it is.

Ian: Higher-grade wool such as Merinos from Australia can be worth as much as a £7 each.



It's all in the wrist

How much wool does a single fleece make?

Chris: You can get about 30 balls of wool from a single fleece, depending on the size and quality of course.

FACTOID: Did you know that 1lb of wool can be spun into 20 miles of yarn? It can take 10 balls of wool to make a single jumper?

Are both Rams and Ewes sheared?

Ian: Yes, but the Ewes are far easier!!!

Chris: The Rams are a lot bigger and stronger and therefore harder to handle. But on the plus side you get more money for shearing a Ram

How do the sheep feel about it?

Chris: They don't enjoy it much as it can be quite traumatic for them, but we get it over with as quickly as we can so as not to stress them out too much

Ian: They certainly show little gratitude! We often get bitten for our hard work!

Why are sheep sheared, is it for practical or financial reasons?

Chris: It used to be financially very lucrative but is no longer done for the money.

Ian: Since sheep breeds no longer

naturally moult, shearing is necessary to prevent them from overheating either when indoors, or outside during hot summer months. It also helps prevent maggots, so is definitely done for a practical reason

How does it improve their general comfort levels/quality of life?

Chris: Once they are sheared they are so much happier and much more active than they were before. As soon as they are let back out into their field you'll notice they'll be grazing all day where as before they would have been laying down under the shade of a tree to keep themselves cool



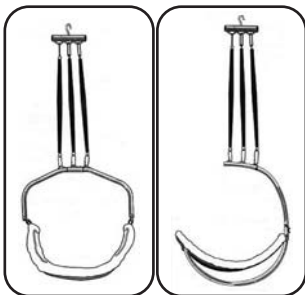
*Lister Motor:
The string was an optional extra!*

How do the electric shears work?

Chris: It is a Lister electronic motor. Lister Shearing is the longest established manufacturer of shearing equipment. It has a flexible drive shaft attached to the motor at one end and the hand piece with the clippers attached at the other. The motor turns the cable and operates the clippers. You just have to make sure the clipper blades are kept well oiled.



For hands that do dishes...



Warrie Back-aid Shearing Frame Crutching Frame

Ian: There is also the harness that supports your weight and prevent you hurting your back. There are 2 types. The 'Warrie Back-aid Shearing Frame', which has a flexible strap that you put your head and arms through and supports you under your chest. Then there is the 'Crutching Frame' which is slightly different as it is open on one side. This is used mainly for clipping sheep as you are constantly getting in and out. I prefer this sort as it has a solid bar underneath your rib cage which helps prevent you being kicked or head butted by the sheep!

Is there a standard way to shear sheep or is it down to

personal style?

Chris: There are standard techniques such as the Old English or the Godfrey Bowen technique, but it really is down to personal preference. I do what is known as Belly to Backbone

FACTOID: Godfrey Bowen (born in Hastings, New Zealand) perfected a continuous shearing action combined with the lowest possible energy output. On January 6, 1953 he broke the world record for shearing sheep: 559 Welsh mountain sheep in nine hours. Keith Wilson sheared 871 sheep in one incredible sweat-soaked day in December 1999. But according to the Guinness World Records, in a 24-hours sheep shearing marathon on 26th June 1988, Alan MacDonald and Keith Wilson machine sheared 2,220 sheep in New Zealand!

Do you enter any competitions have any awards?

Chris: There are competitions but we haven't entered any. We did do a demonstration on behalf of the National Farmers Union once. We were paid in beer so were a bit sozzled come the demonstration! Not a good move!

Is there any special clothing

required to do the job?

Chris: We wear special trousers that are double lined - great in this heat! They are overstitched, so really robust and also have no pockets on the front, that's so you don't get any of the Rams horns caught in the pockets! I also wear Moccassins, which are considered to be the best type of footwear when you are on your feet all day as they have no heels so don't hurt your back.



Any funny stories?

Ian: The only funny thing is when a sheep gets away from you when you are only half way through shearing. There is the sheep, 40 yards of wool and you at the end trying to stop it!

Perks of the job?

Chris: Soft hands from the lanolin oil in the fleece - that's about it! It is just really hard work.

A massive thank you to Ian and Chris for taking the time out of their very long, very hot day to talk to us and also to Mike and Bridget Baker who kindly allowed us to see how it was all done!

Amanda Green



The Last Draw...

Smoking ban 1st July 2007

So how has the smoking ban effected pub trade in the village?



Following up on the article we published in last editions Natters, we asked Carl at The Fitzgerald Arms in Naseby how the smoking ban had effected their business:

"The drinks side of things has

quietened down a little bit, most noticeably on a Friday evening and amongst our younger guests (18-25 year olds). With our regular drinkers, we have found that the smoking ban has created quite a social environment outside of the pub doors though, with people going outside for a cigarette and chatting to people they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to chat to.

On the other hand, the food trade has increased considerably. Previously we

were serving 10-12 covers a day and that has more than doubled to 25-30 covers each day.

Of course, this could be incidental but it has been consistent every day now since the ban and we do predict that the ban will have a big effect on trade."

So it looks like the Smoking Ban has got the thumbs up for Naseby diners and the Fitz will certainly not be complaining about it!

Sally Field





Lydia & Cara ask... "Can we talk to Sally?"

Once again our two junior reporters have been out hunting for someone to talk to. This time they have chosen Sally Field, the driving force behind the 'Hall Close Hullabaloo'. Each year, all the residents of Hall Close gather for a BBQ which has come to be known as the Hall Close Hullabaloo!



- L & C** Why do you want the people in Hall Close to have a party every year?
- SF** It is a way in which everyone can get together, the adults can catch up on what has gone on and the children can all play together. It also introduces any newcomers to the rest of their neighbours.
- L & C** How do you organise it and how do you decide where to have it. Why was it in a different place this year?
- SF** I send out letters to everyone suggesting 3 or 4 dates and the most convenient date is chosen, we start at 2pm and finish about 8pm. Originally I thought to rotate the party around the Close, but this year using the barn at numbers 2 and 4 was so successful that it would be good to make this the regular venue. Although it rained everyone was able to keep dry. I also ask all the children to bring along some of their toys. It's very important that everyone shares the work, that way it isn't difficult to organise.

- L & C** How do you choose what food to have and who cooks it?
- SF** Most people bring along their 'signature dish' and then any other food that is needed is allocated amongst the different houses. This year it was Alistair and Martin from numbers 2 and 4 who organised the barbeque, last year it was Paul, Colin and Jim at numbers 1, 9 and 11. Maybe someone else will volunteer next year. Also everyone brings along something to drink, normally wine and beer for the adults and fizzy drinks and squash for the children.
- L & C** Do you ask the children what food they would like?
- SF** No we don't but perhaps we should. What would you suggest?
- L & C** Sausages and chicken nuggets.
- SF** Well we always have sausages but maybe next year we'll get some chicken nuggets for you Cara.
- L & C** Who organised the Treasure Hunt and the prizes?
- SF** That was Amanda at number 19. Did you think the questions were difficult?
- L & C** Yes, lots of people didn't know the answer about the Rowan tree. We all won gold chocolate coins, but we even had to search for them!
- L & C** How much does the party cost?
- SF** Well I think about £10 for each house and of course everyone brings along extra food and drink. Last year we had far too much so we were much more careful this time and nearly everything went.
- L & C** Did anyone get drunk?
- SF** No, everyone was really good.
- L & C** How many were there?

G'day Naseby Folks!

The Oz experience fundraising challenge was a huge success. A team of 130 of us all aged 16-18 met up at Heathrow airport on 11th July, all sporting 'The Joshua Foundation' uniforms. We turned many heads!



- SF** There were 30 adults and 15 children altogether. Everyone put their names and house number on the letter I send round so we know who's who.
- L & C** Would you change anything?
- SF** Next year we want to try and organise it for a Saturday instead of a Sunday so that all the children can stay up later and not have to worry about school the next day.
- L & C** Will we have another Christmas party this year?
- SF** That was arranged by Amanda Smith, so you'll have to speak to her about that.
- L & C** We think it's nice for everyone to get together, do you think other streets should do the same?
- SF** It would be nice to have a Naseby street party but that would be a lot of hard work, so maybe other streets would like to copy our idea.
- At this point Cara started talking about her loose teeth and the going rate for the 'tooth fairy'. Apparently it can be as much as £10! I hope the 'Hall Close Tooth Fairy' is reading this!
- Lydia and Cara Bates



We flew 14 hours to Abu Dhabi where we had a quick 3 hour stop before continuing our flight to Sydney. Once at Sydney, 130 of us split into 4 groups; Wallabies, Koalas, Wombats and the Skippies.

Each group went to a different city in New South Wales. The Skippies (myself included) went to Wollongong where we stayed in a youth hostel for 4 days. Whilst in Wollongong we visited Symbio Wildlife Park, where we had the opportunity to feed kangaroos, cuddle koalas, hold snakes and touch Tasmanian Devils!

For the next week we were doing conservation work for Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) in Kangaroo Valley. The weather was very cold there; we stayed in basic wooden cabins which had no heating, no plug points, no mirror and a very cold concrete floor!

There was a common room and kitchen, and each of us took it in turns to make either breakfast, lunch or dinner.

There were 3 showers and 3 toilets for 30 of us to share and we were allowed only 3 minutes each in the shower due to a short water supply.

I had 2 hot water bottles, 2 duvets, 2 blankets, a sleeping bag and I was fully dressed at night as temperatures sometimes dropped below freezing. Our cabins were in the middle of nowhere and seeing a wombat, possum or kangaroo was just the norm.

One evening we made a campfire in the woods; we went on a wildlife night walk and then toasted marshmallows where we also enjoyed a spectacular view of the stars.

Also, during my stay in kangaroo valley, I discovered a long lost relative..... One of



the Australia team leaders was called Mark Gould! I am yet to research how he is related to me.

After a week of 'roughing it' we were all so pleased when it was time to go to Sydney. We stayed in Sydney Central YHA which was a 20 minute walk from the Harbour.

Whilst in Sydney, we climbed The Sydney Harbour Bridge, caught a ferry to Manly which had a beautiful beach and fantastic shops, The famous Bondi Beach, The Jewish Museum, The Oz Jet boat ride and a meal at the revolving restaurant in Sydney Tower.

The Sydney Harbour Bridge is the largest single span bridge in the world and signifies engineering excellence. The sweeping curve over Sydney's world-famous Harbour is 503 metres

long, 134 metres high and 49 metres wide. The weight of the steel work alone totals 52,800 tonnes and includes 6 million rivets!!



Officially opened on Saturday

19th March 1932 by the Premier of the State of New South Wales, Jack Lang, the bridge has become an enduring international symbol of Sydney.

The Bridge is currently celebrating its 75th birthday!

This trip was a truly life-changing experience for all team members. As well as changing our lives, we have provided more life changing experiences for children with terminal cancer.

I would like to say a huge thank you to my family and for all those who helped me fundraise this memorable trip. If you would like to see my pictures, feel free to come round!

Thanks again, Cherise Gould



POLITE NOTICE TO ALL HOUSEHOLDERS

If you are having building work, maintenance or repairs done to your home please can you ask your tradesmen (or women!) to park with consideration to those that live in or travel through the village



It is becoming increasingly difficult to walk round the village (especially if you have small children or a pushchair) due to vans and pick-up trucks being parked on the pavements. It often means you have to walk in the road to get round which has it's own hazards!!!

It is also extremely dangerous to park opposite other parked cars where the roads are particularly narrow

This prevents access for emergency vehicles - not to mention the farm vehicles who travel through the village on a daily basis.

We know this does help create a bit of 'traffic calming' but it also delays the emergency services getting to where they so urgently need to get!

So why not park on the same side of the road if you can and cross over to wherever you are going.

Please help Naseby be a safer place to live by parking considerably
- Thank you -





Photography for All



Did you know there is a photographic Society in Market Harborough?

The Market Harborough Photographic Society aims to interest all photographers from absolute beginners to more advanced learners - anyone who enjoys taking pictures, whether with traditional film or digital cameras.

The membership has a good mix both across age and gender, and comes from surrounding villages as well as the town itself.

Our annual programme of events has plenty of variety: lectures from special interest photographers, practical

sessions and various photographic trips. We have a regular studio set-up for still life or portrait - work; help with camera functions and general guidance is offered at these sessions. The highlight of the year is the Annual Exhibition held in November at the Market Harborough Library.

The Society's aim is to share knowledge and skills with fellow members in a positive way, to give a warm welcome to beginners and to make photography ever more enjoyable.

They meet at 7.30pm every Tuesday at Welland Park Community College.



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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Whatever your level - a happy snapper or a budding David Bailey - anyone can come along. You never know you may learn a thing or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5...For more information go to: www.mhps.co.uk
Contact: Martin Cock (Secretary)
Tel: 01858 535949

Anne Gilmore

Mass Housing Development!

62,125 HOUSES TOGETHER WITH JOBS, COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS IN OUR AREA!

Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire have combined their resources to form the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit. They have just started to prepare the plan that will shape the future development of the three

council's areas over the next 20 years.

The plan is known as the 'West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy'.

HAVE YOUR SAY!

The consultation period on the 'issues and options discussion paper' ends on 31st October. Visit the local exhibitions and find out more:

- **Welford** - The Elizabethan High Street, Monday 17th September and Tuesday 18th September 11am-2pm and 5-7pm
- **Brixworth Library** - Thursday 13th

September and Friday 17th September 9-5pm

- **Daventry Council Offices** - Friday 29th September 9-4pm
- **Northampton Grosvenor Centre** - Thursday 27th 10-1pm 4-7pm; Friday 28th September 9-2pm; Saturday 29th September 10-12 and 12.30-4pm

For details of other exhibitions or details of the plan call 01604 837838 or visit their web site: www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org

Pauline Vann

NASEBY TABLE TENNIS CLUB: SEASON 2006 - 2007

It has been a mixed season with highs and lows. The first half proved to be the best with our 'A' Side finishing third in The Daventry & District League 1ST Division. When you consider some sides had former

International and country players this was a very good performance.

The 'B' Side finished second in the 2nd Division and were promoted as were the 'C' from the 3rd Division (again).

It was downhill for the rest of the season. The 'A' side were 5th in Division 1 with the 'B' and 'C' sides

both bottom of their Divisions.

We start again in mid August. The 'C' side are short of players with standards not so high as we play a number of junior sides (9-15 years old) and several ladies teams. Please contact Mike Willis on if interested.

Mike Willis (01604 740437)



YOU NAME IT... WE COLLECT IT!

This article is to introduce the new **Northamptonshire Leukaemia Research Fundraising Group**, which is based in Naseby.

My daughter was diagnosed with Leukaemia in 2003 but fortunately was given the all clear in 2006. She is now 11 years old and will be going to Guilsborough school in September.

I knew nothing about Leukaemia until my daughter's diagnosis, but knew I wanted to help the charity out in some way afterwards to help this good cause.

As there was no fund raising group in



the whole of Northamptonshire (the nearest groups to us are based in Rugby and Lutterworth) I decided to set one up from scratch!

There is so much to say about the group but I will try not to bore you!

1. First of all you name it - we collect it (and make money from it!) For example: used stamps, old coins, old/new clothes, old/new shoes, bric-a-brac, the list is endless...

2. We are also here to provide information that you may need on all types of leukaemia, hodgkins/lymphoma/myeloma.

3. As a new group we are looking for anyone who would be available to help in anyway especially for collections of all types.

4. There is also a very small shop in Lutterworth (the only one in the Midlands!). It is tiny but fantastic and is a great fundraiser for the charity.

STAMPS WANTED!

We have already started the ball rolling by arranging for your used stamps to be collected via our local shop - Naseby HQ!

So please start collecting...

Cheryl Avins

tel: 01604 743583 or 07769942756
Statfold Farm (Charity no.216032)

PS: There will also be a Christmas catalogue with **all** profits going to the charity - so look out for that nearer the time or if you want a copy let me know!

Fancy a show?

Harborough Theatre is a good example of a community theatre - owned by a local society (Market Harborough Drama Society, a registered charity). It is entirely run by volunteers, without any Arts Council, or similar, grant aid, and made available for other community groups to use as a town centre venue for arts and other activities.



The Drama Society stages six plays each year, and supports visiting productions by other performance groups, amateur and professional. Visitors already booked for the forthcoming season include Market Harborough Musical Theatre company, the Northampton Festival Opera, Parsnips Youth Theatre, and the Joanne Woodcock School of Dance & Theatre.

The six MHDS productions are :-

- **The Herbal Bed by Peter Whelan:** September 25th to 29th 2007 - The dramatisation of a famous libel trial in Stratford-upon-Avon, in 1613. Did Susannah Hall, Shakespeare's daughter, commit adultery or not?
- **The Heiress by Ruth & Augustus Goetz:** November 13th to 17th - It is 1850. A plain, but wealthy heiress is wooed by a handsome stranger, but is he after her, or her money?
- **Arsenic & Old Lace by Joseph Kesselring:** January 15th to 19th 2008 - The classic comedy. Two elderly spinsters decide to help elderly gentlemen into a better world ... with the help of a little arsenic.
- **The Exorcism by Dan Taylor :** February 19th to 23rd - Two couples are spending Christmas in

a remote cottage when strange and terrifying things begin to happen.

- **Blue Remembered Hills by Dennis Potter:** April 22nd to 26th - A group of adults re-enact the events of a day during the Second World War when they were all children playing in the Forest Of Dean.
- **See How They Run by Philip King:** June 10th to 14th - Chaos reigns in this hysterically funny, fast paced farcical comedy set in a vicarage where, if things can go wrong, they do.

www.harboroughtheatre.com

Tickets for MHDS plays cost from £5.50 to £8, depending on which evening you choose. Tickets are available from Harborough District Council at their main offices in Adam and Eve Street, and we are very grateful for their support.

John Anderson





NASEBY LADIES ROUNDERS



This year has been a bit of a washout unfortunately, even though our pitch and the whole field area has been beautifully cared for by Mr Mel Hoyle and our pitch marking thanks to Mrs Julie Westaway. With the pitch flooded by the deluge of water prior to just about every match we needed to play at home it was classed as to dangerous for us old people to play (the young players fall and bounce, once we are down that's it there is no getting back up again!).

The season is due to finish in mid August but we could still be playing into September at this rate!

In general we have played well this season and have only lost one game which was against the Wharf from Welford, however holiday time has not been good and with most of the team away all at the same time we had to forfeit a match, but our crowning glory was when after a winning match we forgot to hand in the score sheets which meant the game was awarded to the other team, responsibility for this has been given to a black bag which resembles the black whole of Calcutta, so we do not think promotion is on the cards for this season.

Anyone wishing to play can still do so or come to practice and join in next year, if the weather is good we practice on a Sunday about 11am or you can contact:

Mrs Tina Underwood:
01604 740 484

Mrs Louise Duddlestone:
01604 740 491

As always a **BIG THANK YOU** to our sponsor **Rieker Shoes** and Mr Ewen Campbell!!

Lesley

Ask Natters...

In the last edition, one resident asked us the question 'What exactly happens at The Naseby Business Centre?'

It seems that there are a number of private businesses based there and we have written to each asking them to tell us a little about themselves and their products and services. So far we have had one response and that was from Mr Harry Hewetson, proprietor of Interbath.

"I run an on-site bath restoration business out of the Naseby business centre; I decided to set up office here when my wife and I moved out of

London three and half years ago.

I am also involved in a couple of other businesses. A Supercar Club, whereby members pay an annual subscription to have up to 60 driving days per annum in a fleet of supercars.

I also source cars for private customers. We find cars at trade price and charge a small commission. A much cheaper way to buy a car than going through dealerships or the private market."

If you operate out of the Naseby Business centre and want to tell us what you do (and get a bit of free advertising!) get in touch.

Sally Field

MAC USER GROUP



Our last meeting was very well attended and new members joined from

quite a distance. The Naseby MacUsersGroup begins again after the summer break on Sept 14th @ 8pm. The topic will be : The importance of Backing up. Ideas for further meetings are: Apple apps for beginners, Folder structure [where to put stuff & find it back] etc, news on shareware.



There always is a pile of the latest

Mac magazines to browse through and plenty of opportunity to help each other with questions.

As to date we have not sorted a winter program but will get organised before the next meeting [hopefully].

Any suggestions are welcome. For more info contact Stuart & Leny Cato [leny.cato@mac.com, or 01604 743166]

Dates for next season : Sept 14, Oct 19, Nov 9, Dec 7 [probably more a social event??] & Jan 11..

Leny Cato

The Naseby Battlefield Project:

PROGRESS AT THE VIEWPOINTS

We have now heard that Daventry DC have given their approval to our application for planning permission to carry out the works at the Obelisk and Cromwell monuments. Naseby Parish Council have also considered the plans and supported the Project in their aims.



Don't forget to check out the website where all the latest info can be found. Details of the history and of present developments (regularly updated) as well as fund donor forms and visitor information... www.naseby.com

Martin Marix Evans
Chairman, Naseby Project Management Committee
martin@naseby.com



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Saturday: 12pm-3pm & 6.30pm-1am

Food Served:

Tuesday – Sunday 12pm-2pm
Tuesday – Sunday 7pm-9pm



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Northants, NN6 6DA
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E-mail: henry@nasebyhq.co.uk

Opening Times:

Mon to Fri: 7am – 8pm
Sat: 7am – 6pm
Sun: 9am – 12pm



The NHS 2007 Talks and Walks programme continues to be well supported. In June we visited Foxton's amazing Locks and Inclined Plane Boatlift, which together with the beautiful countryside setting and excellent visitor facilities provided for one of our most enjoyable outings. This was followed in July with a private visit to Market Harborough Museum to see a rare 17th century painting of the Battle of Naseby and some of the swords used during the battle together with the many other interesting exhibits and displays. The museum is a little gem and is thoroughly recommended if you want to escape the shopping. In September we had a film entitled "Working at the Rubber" by the Market Harborough Movie Makers. It told the story of the Harborough Rubber Company's from its establishment in 1894, concentrating on shoes and wellingtons, through more than 100 years with the evolution of new skills, processes and technologies.

Our next Talks at the Village Hall:-

Wednesday 3rd October: Newton Rebels 1607. In 1607 much of the common land in the East Midlands was under threat of forced enclosure by landowners. Faced with the loss of their homes and livelihoods the local,

mainly peasant folk decided to resist. Large gatherings took place in Warwickshire, Leicestershire and locally at Haselbech, Pytchley, and Rushton as the protest movements actions gathered pace. King James 1st sided with the landowners and issued a royal proclamation ordering the suppression of the "trouble makers", as a result over 40 people were massacred in Newton...and if you want to find out more about these little know, local historic events please come to John Padwick's talk.

Wednesday 7th November: The Post during the World Wars. Derek Smeathers is back for the last installment of the history of the postal services.

2008 Talks and Tours programme

We are currently finalizing the 2008 events which will include "Murder Most Royal" by Chris Rowe, Walgrave Historic Trail, "Going for a Spin" - to include Vintage Car exhibits, "Old Haselbech - The Untold Story"...plus lots more.

Everyone is welcome to our Talks and Walks; for the Talks (usually held at 8pm) non-members can simply come along and pay £2 at the Village Hall door; for our Walks/Trips please contact Chris Murphy NHS Secretary (01604 740748). Chris is also the contact for new memberships.

Paul Kelly

RURAL REACH REACHES OUT

Don't miss out on this important opportunity to find out what help and support voluntary and community groups in villages can receive to help make your organisation even better! Offering advice and providing workshop facilities around issues such as where to look for funding, how to write funding applications and how to increase chances of success in making a bid. Also

issues such as trusteeship, running a group effectively, volunteering, ICT help for charities, insurance issues, quality assurance and health and safety.

RURAL REACH AT THE RACECOURSE

Towcester Racecourse - Empress Suite
Wednesday 17th October 2007
2pm – 8pm

For more information call Annie or Barron on 01327 358264 or Mal in Daventry on 01327 300614.





Neighbourhood Watch News

There has been a car theft from high street and a van theft from a building site - both of these were in broad daylight and opportunistic. A real favourite for vehicle theft in general has become taking keys from inside an open front or back door - many people have a set of keys hanging conveniently for the thief to take, jump in the car and drive off with...so keep them out of sight!



BE VIGILANT: There have also been reports of someone trying door handles to see if they are locked - so please keep your doors locked at all times - even if you are in! There has already been one break-in recently - don't let there be another!

ALSO: There have been reported purse thefts within Market Harborough town centre where thieves have targeted elderly ladies and stole not only their purses but went on to steal large amounts of cash from their bank accounts using their cash point cards and PIN numbers.

Greg Pritchett & Amanda Green

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS



In the last edition of 'Natters' we explained the recent changes to your local policing team and asked you to let us know what concerns you have in your community.

THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN VERY POOR SO I APPEAL AGAIN

Please let us know what issues you have - it's **your** opportunity to influence what **we** prioritise.

There are response cards available in your local store or enclosed within this edition of Natters. Alternatively simply let us know in person, by phone or e-mail.

If you are interested in representing your parish and being part of the decision making process please complete the appropriate section of the response card or give me a call to discuss - 08453 700700 or e-mail SCTDaventryRuralNorth@northandants



Your Local Police Officer is PC 940 Gary Wright (left). Your Local Police Community Support Officer is PCSO 7011 Glyn Lewis (right)

NASEBY CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE SAFEST PLACES IN OUR COUNTY TO LIVE - BUT....

Crime figures are still very low in Naseby. However we stress that no one can afford to be complacent; there are too many opportunists about.

Many crimes can be prevented with simple crime prevention measures:

- Keep windows and doors locked when not attended
- Do not leave vehicle keys on display on the ground floor at home; these alone could be the reason for a break in

Contacts

Community Beat Officer:

PC Gary Wright
c/o Pitsford Police Station

Community Support Officer:

PCSO Glyn Lewis

Both on tel: 01604 300300

Co-ordinator:

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- Oakwell, Church St
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E-mail:
gregpritchett@hotmail.com

Deputy Co-ordinator:

Steve Clark - 6 Newlands

Members:

Andy Austin - 'Ceybirds' 38 High St
Maggie Draper
- Shannonside, Carvells Lane
Ray Ellis - 65, High Street
Lynn Dyett - 14 Newlands
Mike Willis - 7 Newlands
Mark Norton - 2 Hall Close
Liz Capell - 16 Nutcote
Rachel [a.k.a. 'Ratty'] Gander, the Post lady - c/o Naseby HQ

- Do not leave property on display in vehicles; if you have a sat nav system or similar take it out of the car and clean off any remains from the windscreen sucker
- Never leave vehicle keys in the ignition, on the seat or nearby; it makes taking the vehicle so easy and you may not be insured.

We do have a number of crime prevention products available, sold on a no profit basis. If you are interested please contact your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Greg Pritchett.

Police Sergeant Mike Grady
Daventry Rural North SCT
Brixworth



Gardening Club Update

After the poor summer we've had, it is now time to think about restoring our garden to some sort of order!

With this in mind, our next meeting, on Tuesday 18th September, is a talk on "Topiary" by John Trouwborst for Covey Nurseries. This will be in Naseby Village Hall and there will be some "goodies" for sale!

Still to come is the "Vegetable Road Show" - all you need to know (and some things you don't) about growing vegetables successfully. Again this will be held at Naseby in October.

The very popular and witty Mr. Penny will give us the benefit of his extensive experience in November.

Our final meeting for 2007 in December will be with Vanessa from Pitsford Lavender. She will be telling us how to bake and cook with this marvellous herb.

We have a new Programme Secretary for 2008 - Ruth Wallet. She has a cracking Programme already in place.

Our thanks for a very successful 2007 programme goes to Virginia Booth, whose blood pressure can now settle down again!

We had a very successful and fully booked trip Hampton Court Flower Show and we hope to repeat the idea, with perhaps a trip to Tatton Park Flower Show.

Members will be sent reminders of date and times nearer the date.

Gerry Wood

A Village Design Statement (VDS) for Naseby

...Another Update

The purpose of and the background to the VDS is contained in previous issues of Natters. Suffice to say it's taken many months and re-writes to meet the exacting requirements of the many government agencies. Now at last we enter the final consultation stages which will result in Naseby having its own unique set of supplementary planning rules and guidance (SPD). During September and October the various Daventry District Council Planning and Strategy Groups will agree a version of the VDS document for the formal 6 week "Interested Parties and Community Involvement" consultation process.

As part of this, during

November/December the Parish Council and additionally everyone in the village who is interested, will be invited to review the document and make any suggestions for improvement. We will let you know how you can get involved via the next issue of Natters.

After the formal consultation process is completed, the final document will be produced and then, as they say, it should be plain sailing to become an official SPD in early 2008.

Finally, a big thank you to Amanda Green for her expertise and patience in transforming our VDS Consultation Draft into a really top quality, professional document.

Paul Kelly (VDS Group)

Gardening Tips!

TOP 10 JOBS: SEPTEMBER

1. Divide herbaceous perennials
2. Pick autumn raspberries
3. Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
4. Dig up remaining potatoes before slug damage spoils them
5. Net ponds before leaf fall starts
6. Keep up with watering of new plants, using rain or grey water if possible
7. Start to reduce the frequency of houseplant watering
8. Clean out cold frames and greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
9. Cover leafy vegetable crops with bird-proof netting
10. Give evergreen hedges a final trim

TOP 10 JOBS: OCTOBER

1. Clear fallen autumn leaves regularly
2. Cut back perennials that have died
3. Divide herbaceous perennials and rhubarb crowns
4. Move tender plants, including aquatic ones, into the greenhouse
5. Plant out spring cabbages
6. Harvest apples, pears, grapes & nuts
7. Prune climbing roses
8. Order seeds for next year
9. Last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
10. Renovate old lawns or create new grass areas by laying turf

TOP 10 JOBS: NOVEMBER

1. Clear up fallen leaves - especially from lawns, ponds and beds
2. Raise containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging
3. Plant tulip bulbs for a spring display next year
4. Prune roses to prevent wind-rock
5. Plant out winter bedding
6. Cover brassicas with netting if pigeons are a problem
7. Insulate the greenhouse from frost - bubblewrap works well
8. Stop winter moth damage to fruit trees use grease bands around trunk
9. Put out bird food to encourage winter birds into the garden
10. Use a seasonal bonfire - where this is allowed - to dispose of excess debris unfit for composting

www.rhs.org.uk/advice/calendar.asp





BUSINESS DIRECTORY

121 Accountancy

Business Accounts & Personal Tax Returns

Contact: Jonathan Guy

tel: 01604 743511

21-12 Marketing

Marketing Services Agency

Contact: Richard Nicholson

T: 01604 743177 M: 07917 40 2112

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UPDATED CLUBS, GROUPS & SOCIETIES TO JOIN IN NASEBY!

Age Concern

Contact with the other agencies

Contact: Liz Capell (01604 740568)

Badminton Club

Meet at the village hall

Contact: Tony Hoare (01604 743136)

Bell Ringing

Practice night is on Tuesdays

Contact: Avis Aldrich (01604 740532)

Bridge Club

Purely on a social basis

Contact: Mike Willis (01604 740437)

Clipston & District Gardening Club

Monthly meetings with speakers

Contact: Gerry Wood (01604 740444)

Cribbage

Mondays between April and October

Contact: Phil Brewin or Ray Ellis

(01604 740442/740562)

Drinks, Biscuit & Chat

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Contact: Joyce Vials (01604 740887)

Leukaemia Research Fundraising Group

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Mothers Union

1st Wednesday of the month

Contact: Avis Aldrich (01604 740532)

Mums & Tots

Thursday 1.30 to 3.30pm - term time

Contact: Ruth Watson (01604 740845)

Naseby Historical Society

Interesting talks and tours

Contact: Chris Murphy (01604 740748)

Naseby Radio Control Car Club

1/10th Scale Electric Touring Car Racing

Contact: John (01604 740492)

Neighbourhood Watch

Team of 10 plus other helpers

Contact: Greg Pritchett (01604 740717)

Riding for the Disabled

Mondays 4-5.30 pm/Apr-Oct term time

Contact: Tina Fanshawe (01604 740308)

Rounders

Games will be home & away

Contact: Bridget Baker (01604 740007)

School Football Team

Wednesday afternoons

Contact: Mel Hoyle (01604 740848)

Table Tennis

Meeting on Monday evenings

Contact: Mike Willis (01604 740437)

Village Hall

Always looking for new users

Contact: Wyn Sleeman (01604 740963)

Womans Institute (WI)

Second Thursday monthly

Contact: Pat Yates (01604 740657)

Youth Club

Friday 7.15-9pm in winter months

Contact: Stewart Nuttall (01604 740269)

Remember to mention 'Naseby Natters' when contacting any of the companies, groups & clubs above!



The Naseby W.I.

Way back in May, members had an interesting meeting when they discussed and voted on the resolution to be debated at the national Annual General Meeting of the Institute which was to be held at The Royal Albert Hall in June. Everyone in Naseby voted in favour of the motion which urged 'H.M. Government to stop the closure of Community hospitals, which provide essential services to local people.' This resolution was also passed at the Albert Hall by a massive majority of 6,461 in favour and only 65 votes against. Surely the Government can't ignore the views of such a large number from rural communities who, if their local hospital closes, will often face huge difficulties getting to the nearest one.

Liz Ward told members about 'Superstitions' when she was the Guest Speaker at the June meeting. Most people didn't think they were superstitious, but most confessed to having looked for four leafed clover, taking down their Christmas trees before twelfth night, etc.

At the beginning of July several members and their guests went to a performance of 'Pirates of Penzance' at the new Kilworth House open air theatre. At the time they booked the tickets, way back in January, everyone had romantic notions of wearing lovely summer clothes and sitting on the grass drinking wine and eating a delicious

picnic, before going on to the theatre. Alas, things didn't work out quite like that! The idea of the picnic was abandoned and, wearing heavy winter-weight clothes and waterproofs, carrying blankets and sheltering under umbrellas, they made straight for the theatre. However, no-one could have imagined beforehand what a superb evening it would prove to be; the auditorium with its lovely comfortable seats, was under cover and the performance was truly outstanding in every way. Everyone agreed later that although a picnic would have been enjoyable, the production more than made up for the disappointment of having to abandon it.

Sadly, the barbecue which members had been hoping to have the following week, also had to be abandoned. It had been planned that if the weather was unkind, it could be held at the village hall but, as it had already been booked for the school end-of-term production, this wasn't possible. In fact, when the barbecue should have been held, it was one of the few dry evenings of the summer, but it would have been far too cold and uncomfortable to be sitting out of doors for long!

The picnic and barbecue were not the only events which had to be cancelled this year because of the weather! It all started in February when the meeting was due to have been held on what turned out to be the only really snowy day of the winter. The writer cannot remember any other time since she became a WI member when anything had ever to be cancelled, so keeping fingers crossed (one of

the superstitions which Liz Ward reminded us we are all guilty of), the following are the events programmed for the rest of the year.

At the time of going to press, Viv Jozsa is due to be the guest speaker at the August meeting. Viv who had been booked for the meeting which had to be cancelled in February, will be telling members all about 'Colour Analysis' and how the correct use of colour can make all the difference to each and everyone of us.

In September, Richard Moisey will be talking about 'National Trust Gardens' and following our AGM in October, someone from The Rainbows Children's Hospice will be the guest speaker. Instead of charging a fee, he or she will receive a donation on behalf of the Hospice. Some of the money raised at the Soup Lunch in March will go towards this.

Market Harborough Movie Makes will be illustrating 'The History of Inns and Pubs of Harborough' at the November meeting, and this will be followed in December by Naseby's own t.v. celebrities Bridget and Mike Baker who will be telling members about their 'Wife Swap Experience.'

Although each subject will be quite different, they all promise to be very interesting and if any lady would like to go to hear any of them, they would be most welcome.

The meetings start at 7.30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month and are held in the village hall.

Mary Hackett (tel. 01604 740657)





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