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Naseby Natters

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COULD WE ACTUALLY BE EARLY FOR A CHANGE... SURELY NOT!!!

Well, for some reason we seem to be a bit ahead of ourselves this issue - but don't get used to it - this is only a one-off I fear!!!!

We have had to expand this issue (*yet again!*) this time up to 32 pages would you believe, just to squeeze everything in! So hopefully there will be something to interest you all. A far cry from our first ever edition that had a meagre 16 pages back in March 2004!!!

THANK YOU'S: Our new member of the team, Anne Gilmore, has really got stuck in to her new role this issue and has been a tremendous help, along with her husband Tom. They have both been out interviewing and writing articles for this issue (*with very short notice as well I might add!!!*). As a keen photographer, Anne has also taken lots of pictures to accompany the stories we have featured (*now rest up...till next time!!!*).

A massive **"THANK YOU"** also goes out to one particular, extremely hard working, dedicated, Naseby resident (*no not you Henry!*). You'll have to turn to page 3 to find out...

CONGRATULATIONS: We would like to congratulate our deputy editor, Sally and her husband Colin on the arrival of their beautiful bouncing baby boy - Henry William Field. He arrived a little later than planned, but thankfully didn't interfere with his Dad's following of the Rugby World Cup - which of course was the most important thing!!! You can see an adorable picture on page 3.

Well, I think that wraps it up for yet another year. I would just like to say a big thank you to all who supply articles every issue without fail; to the delivery team for their relentless dedication come rain or snow; and to you, for continuing to read and support our village newsletter - I thank you.

AJ - "Editor"

Happy Christmas to all our readers and wishing you a fab 2008!
- Happy reading to one and all -
THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

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The deadline for next issue:
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your newsletter and your village - so get involved



Village Update



Naseby Parish Council (PC)

QUESTIONNAIRE: The village questionnaire and its results have been of much interest to the Parish Council in recent months. A full report on your responses and the actions that the Parish Council is proposing to take as a result are reported in full elsewhere in Natters.

PLANNING: Planning applications take up a lot of time in Council meetings. The decisions that can be made by Daventry District Council in respect of those applications and therefore the comments that the Parish Council can make are circumscribed by national planning policy as set down by central government and the policies set out in Local Plans and Strategies.

If you don't like the way our built environment is being developed or you want to shape the future of Northamptonshire, get involved in the consultations on Local Plans and Strategies.

Central government has decreed that 62,125 houses together with jobs, community facilities and transport infrastructure are needed in the areas covered by Daventry, South Northants and Northampton Councils. The West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy is the local councils response and if you care about the future of Northamptonshire you should have your say. The issues and options consultation has taken place but it is a many staged

process and you have further opportunities to have your say. Look at www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT: The Village Design Statement for Naseby is also out for consultation and will be available to be viewed on our village website. Go to www.naseby.org. You will find it in the Parish Council area. Any comments you have can be made to Karen Britton at Daventry District Council. Particular thanks were expressed at our last meeting to Paul Kelly who has laboured to get the VDS this far; the Parish Council is very grateful to him.

ROADSHOWS: Two Multisports Roadshows have taken place in the village this year, with the instructors being provided by the District Council and the Village Hall paid for by the Parish Council. These have been very popular with the children.

Tom Westaway
Chairman
Naseby Parish Council



Members of the Parish Council 2007

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



Mr Stephen Clark
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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



COLLECTING JUNK

At Guilsborough pre-school we love to do crafty activities and we love to save money and the environment by recycling. We would be grateful for any donations of the following items:

- Ribbon - Bottle tops/jar lids - Buttons - Corks - Nuts and bolts - Beads (old strings of beads) - Cotton reels - Milk bottle tops - Pie tins (aluminium bases) - Empty sellotape rolls (the middle bit) - Old cd's (or new free ones) and plastic CD cases - Unused greeting cards/postcards - Old greeting cards (with photos of nature, etc, on) - Pebbles, pine cones, conkers, dried leaves, shells, willow twigs

Guilsborough Pre-school
The Green, Guilsborough,

Driving whilst on medication for a



BE AWARE! MEDICINES CAN AFFECT YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE
KNOW THE FACTS - ASK YOUR PHARMACIST OR GP





A **BIG** thank you goes out to Becky Pope!

We would like to say a BIG 'thank you' to Becky Pope for all her hard work in doing things for the village. She put on a fantastic do at the Ferret Racing doing all the hard work sorting out the catering and bar and getting people to come. It was a **fantastic** evening and they raised about £800! Everyone had a really great time with a lot of fun had by villagers of all ages. It was a great family night out and raised money for the upkeep of the village hall.

WELL DONE BECKY!



UK LAST POSTING DATES 2007

Friday 14 December	Standard Parcels
Monday 17 December	Second Class
Thursday 20 December	First Class
Friday 21 December	Special Delivery™ Saturday guarantee
Saturday 22 December	Special Delivery™

ANOTHER MURMURATION ON THE WAY???

For several weeks now we've seen starlings come back to the same trees they roosted in a few years ago...sometimes quite a flock of them!!!! Hopefully this is not a sign of a new murmuration...as my dad used to say: 'time will tell...'

Leny Cato (Bakehouse Rise)

KEEP FIT INSTRUCTOR WANTED!

Are you a qualified keep fit instructor?

Would you be willing to do a general keep-fit/aerobics/pilates class one evening in the week at the village hall?

- IF SO PLEASE GET IN TOUCH! -

WANT TO KEEP FIT?

There seems to be quite a few people who would be willing to join a keep fit class in the village.

If we can find an instructor willing to take a class and you are interested in punishing yourself - sorry, I mean attending, please let me know.

Amanda Green

01604 740540 or aj@ajdesign.biz

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Henry William Field was born at 3.45am on the 20th October 2007 weighing in at 7lb 15oz
 Congratulations to Sally and Colin on their little bundle of joy!

If you have an announcement of a birth, marriage or death and you would like it featured in Natters then please get in touch

Naseby Weather



MEASURED IN BAKEHOUSE RISE
 COURTESY OF STUART CATO

Nb: Period 22.9.07 to 6.10.07 not included - due to holiday

Month 2007	AUG	SEP	OCT
Max Temp °C	27.4	23.4	17.6
Av Max Temp °C	20.9	18.9	13.6
Min Temp °C	8.3	3.8	2.3
Av Min Temp °C	11.7	10.0	7.5
Min Wind Chill °C	7.1	3.3	2.3
Max Humidity %RH	92	94	93
Av Max Humidity %RH	87.2	90.1	90.7
Min Humidity %RH	38	30	42
Av Min Humidity %RH	58.4	60.4	72.5
Max Wind mph	10.9	13.1	12.9
Av Max Wind mph	6.1	6.4	5.2
Max Wind Gusts mph	22.8	29.5	24.1
Av Wind Gusts mph	13.8	14.3	10.5
Comparison vs Previous year 06	AUG	SEP	OCT
Max Temp °C	26.6	26.9	18.4
Av Max Temp °C	19.7	20.9	15.3
Min Temp °C	9.2	8.6	1.6

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR COLLECTIONS 2007/8

11 th December	Brown Bin & Boxes
18 th December	Grey Bin & Boxes
25 th December	No Collections
1 st January:	Collection for this date will take place on: Monday 31 st December
8 th January	Grey Bin & Boxes
15 th January	Grey Bin & Boxes
22 nd January	Brown Bin & Boxes
29 th January	Grey Bin & Boxes

Jane McDowell

Waste Management Officer DDC





All Saints Church



CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

The **Christingle Service** this year will be combined with the Family Service at 11 am at Clipston Church on Sunday 16th December.

Once again, the ever popular **Christmas Eve Carol Service** will be in Naseby Church at 6 pm- Come early to get a seat!

Midnight Mass this year will be in Clipston starting at 11.45 pm.

On **Christmas Morning** there will be Holy Communion at 9.30 am.

A warm welcome awaits you at all these services.

Jan Hillyer - Branch Leader



HOPE CENTRE APPEAL FOR MEN'S WARM CLOTHING

The Hope Centre for the homeless in Northampton are **appealing for men's warm clothing - coats, jumpers, shirts, trousers, shoes, socks etc.**

If you are able to help please leave them at the back of the church behind the font.

The church is open approx 9am - 4pm every day

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Jan Hillyer (01604 740662)
Treasurer:
Mike Hopkins (01604 740309)

Naseby Methodist Church



HOLIDAY CLUB:

Well, this years Holiday Club surpassed all previous! The photos show a bit of the fun! Our 'teen helpers had some hard times meeting the challenges set for but did it with great glee and courage to great cheering from the children...



Bob-a-Job-or-2?

Local children Will Nicholson, Amy Clement and Owen Carter are hoping to go to Croatia with 'World Challenge' in Easter 2008.

To do this, they must raise £1000 each. They are hoping to raise part of this by doing jobs for people such as leaf sweeping, car washing, lawn mowing, and almost anything else you can think of!!!

We are also planning to hold a



Christmas party on December 14th for local primary school children, and to provide some games at the school

Christmas Fair. Early next year, we also hope to hold a 'table top' sale...so watch this space for more details!

In the meantime, if you would like us to do any odd jobs around the house or garden (you know the ones you really hate to do this time of year or never actually get round to doing!) then please call Will on 01604 743184.

Owen Carter, Amy Clement & Will Nicholson



This years topic was By Royal Appointment, based on the lives of several kings of the Old Testament, culminating in the Sunday service 'Jesus King of kings'. Thanks to all the mums who helped, parents who supported and kids who came!! Who's up for next year????

HARVEST CELEBRATION: Thank you also to all who so generously donated gifts toward the Harvest Celebration. They will be received by happy children in the Ukraine! The Harvest service was a lovely time of worship and learning.

This year's Harvest Supper was one



with a difference.....a Chinese Meal brought to the chapel by 'Golden Bowl' from Welford (below). We can recommend them!!!



The **Lights Party** on **Hallow's Eve** was a dough-nutty affair this year...



Lots of fun as well as a serious moment when all the lights went out -and the noise went up...and who wanted put a tealight on or near the cross.

When they were all lit, it was a

picture of Jesus lighting up the darkness in the world and our lives. The children all went away well fed and with gifts of: glow-in-the-dark bands, a notepad and a comic strip.



Friday 23rd Nov: TIME 2 BE: Chill 24/7 starts. A list to book your slot is available from Ruth Watson or Leny Cato, [740845 or 743166] If you could do with a bit of peace & quiet, why not take some time out and rest in our chill-corner. Make yourself a hot chocolate, or cappuchino, tea or other drink, enjoy a biscuit and relax with or without soothing music. Who knows, you might discover how precious you are!

Christmas will be celebrated in very much the same way as last year....starting with a hectic day for amazing parents:

Dec 16: Candlelit Carol Service @ 6pm It will be a hectic day for many parents again:

10.45am Sunday School: A quick lunch, then off to the pantomime, inclusive children's part, a cup of punch and a mince pie or two, and home! You deserve a medal!!!! This years offering will go to the Tearfund

Children Department.

Dec 20: Mums & Tots Christmas Party @ 11.30

NOTE: There will not be a service on Dec 23; we will go to the Carol Service in the Parish Church

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION: These will be at 10.30 again!

Our Yearly Covenant Service will this year not be in January, but on the last Sunday of the year @ 10.45am



AND FINALLY, THIS MADE ME SMILE...

A mother saw her son sitting in a corner, reciting the alphabet.

"What are you doing, she asked?"

"I'm praying" he said.

"But you don't say any words", his mam said.

"Well" the boy said, "I'm giving God the letters and he can make a prayer from them..."

If that's what you feel like sometimes, it's OK you know, cos God knows what you want to say. Just give him the letters; he'll do the rest!

Wishing you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Leny Cato

THE USUAL @ THE METHODIST CHURCH:

Mums & Tots:
All welcome
Thursday 1.30-3.30pm
(during term time only)

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

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Secretary: Leny Cato (01604 743166)

www.harboroughmethodistcircuit.org.uk/Naseby.html





Naseby School Update:



The school is growing in numbers and the seven new Reception children this year bring our number on roll to 64.

Not only is the school roll growing but so is the school building. As most of you will know, building work started at school last February and seemed to go on and on and on... There are still some snags to sort out but we do now have some fabulous toilets (including one for staff to use in the school building - what a luxury!) and a wonderful space that will be the library. There have been several hitches in getting this fitted as we would like but we are now happy that this will be done soon. We have an author and illustrator booked to come and work with the children in February and he will also perform the official opening. If you would be interested in sponsoring a book in the new library, the forms and more information is available in Naseby HQ, or from the school of course.

We've had a busy start to the school

year. The Harvest service at All Saints Church was well attended by parents and friends and was led by the children in Year 6. The focus was harvest around the world. The collection, which totalled more than £100, has been divided between the church and Yei Kindergarten in Sudan. Our link with the school in Sudan is growing in strength, our children having written to the children there and we will shortly receive photos and letters back from them. This year, as last year, the staff have asked that parents make a donation to help this Sudanese school build their extension rather than give gifts and cards to school at Christmas. Last year the total we raised for the school in Yei amounted to over £600, which bought a lot of bricks and raw materials for their building project.

One of the wonderful things about a small village school is that we can all do things together, and on October 15th we all went to Snibston Discovery Centre for the day. What a great day it was, too. There's so much to do and find out there with brilliant interactive displays. Some of the children have included a piece about it in this issue (*see the back page - ed!*).

This term saw the launch of a great

initiative in school all about road safety. Four of our Year 6s are our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) and they have already led an assembly and run a competition. I know they have plenty more ideas to tell us all about and I'm sure there will be more competitions (and prizes of course!). The Trucks and Child Safety (TACS) Demonstration linked in very well with our road safety focus. A large Tesco truck, which was based at Crick, came to the village hall car park and two drivers explained to the children the 'blind spots' and the dangerous places to be near a truck because they won't be seen or heard. Believe me, the children did try very hard to be heard - all of them shouted together, and still the driver couldn't hear them! It was a sobering lesson for adults as well and I for one will certainly treat the large trucks with more respect on the roads from now on.

Our football team played very well in the Guilsborough Tournament, losing only one match and that was to the team that won! Many thanks, as always, go to Mike and Mel, who come each Wednesday after school to run the football club.

In this next half term the junior children are off to Kettering for a Victorian Day. They will spend the day in costume

NSA UPDATE

Our first meeting of this academic year was held at school on the 11th September and took the format of our AGM. The officers were returned without change but some new faces are on the committee. Welcome to those who kindly volunteered.

A successful Quiz Night was held on 12th October raising over £200. The NSA wish to thank in print Martin who spend ages making up the questions

and challenging most of us!!

Our next event is the **Christmas Fair on 1st December** at the Village Hall. Santa will be dropping in and a good range of stalls will be present. So please come along and support us and pick up some gifts.

NASEBY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD

The children have also produced a montage Christmas card which is on display and for sale through the school and Naseby HQ. They cost is just £6 per pack of 10 or £10 for 2 packs. Proceeds, of course,

to the NSA. So send something different this year!

We have early plans for next year's events already so details will be forthcoming in your next edition.

The Sports Club will be restarting after the February half term with Tennis 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





reliving some Victorian experiences (although they may escape going up chimneys!). Of course, preparations are already underway for Christmas with the Christmas Fayre run by the NSA at the village hall on December 1st and practising for Christmas productions soon to start. It really is one of my favourite times of year (but I may need reminding of that nearer the end of term!)

Sue Bradburn



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Adrian Vann (Parent), Jo Clement
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Arnott (Community), Rev D Faulks (Ex
Officio), Beverly Thornton (Teacher)
Sandra Kirkland (Associate Member)
Andrea Heydon (Clerk)

More doggy do-do!



A few inconsiderate dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul in the Allotment area.

Some actually walk their dogs (which are not always on leads) around the allotments and let them foul right next to growing vegetables!

This is most unpleasant for the allotment holders and a potential health hazard! It's akin to walking your dog in peoples' gardens and letting them foul there.

Please keep to the public footpath in the Allotments with your dogs on leads and if they do happen to foul, please clear it up and put it in a doggy bins provided.



Thank You

A Big Thumbs Up To Our Kind Sponsor!

This issue we are able to go to print due to our very own Naseby Parish Council!

When they were asked why they wanted to sponsor us they said

"The parish council thinks that Natters is really important; it brings the community together and keeps everyone informed of what is going on"

Thanks 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

GUILSBOROUGH SURGERY & PHARMACY CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

NEW Guilsborough Pharmacy:

Recently opened at Guilsborough Surgery. Open to all patients and people not registered to dispense NHS prescriptions and private prescriptions (eg. malaria tablets). Advice offered on minor ailments, smoking and emergency contraception.

Patient Participation Group: Friday 14th December 10am-12pm when they are launching a Carer's Leaflet. If you are a carer please come along. There will be coffee and mince pies.

Annual Christmas Raffle: From 1st December. Proceeds to our Patient Participation Group.



PHARMACY OPENING HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 8.30 - 5pm
(closed for lunch 12.30 - 1.00)
and Friday 8.30 - 6.30pm
(closed for lunch 12.30 - 1.30).

GUILSBOROUGH SURGERY OPENING HOURS:

- 24th December 2007 - open as normal until 6.30pm.
- 25th & 26th December 2007 - closed
- 27th, 28th & 31st December 2007 - open as normal
- 1st January 2008 - Closed
- Open as normal on Wednesday 2nd January 2008

Kathryn Baines (*Practice Manager*)
Guilsborough Surgery

MINI FARM UPDATE:

CARVELLS HOME FARM: The farm has been trying to get ready for the winter which means getting sheds sorted for the calves to be weaned and the mothers to dry off ready to calf again.

The hens have stopped laying eggs for the winter and the rabbits have stopped breeding (thank goodness!) as the hen house started to look like Watership Down!!!

The sheep have had a trim known as a "SHORT BACK SIDES" this should help the tups! Talking about shearing: the wool money came in at a staggering £100. which meant that by the time we had paid the shearers and took the wool we were out of pocket.

Just a little reminder to all the horseriders, please make sure you are seen as the sun is so low in the morning it can make it very difficult for drivers to see you.





Community Speed Watch

The Village questionnaire revealed that 37% of respondents want an electric speed sign. Speeding in the village is clearly a real concern and

suggestions were also made to get speed humps on High Street, the main roads and on Newlands and a speed camera on Newlands. Without casualty collisions it is exceedingly unlikely that the Parish Council will be able to provide any of this. Even if the Parish tries to pay for it out of its own budget the Highways Authority which is Northamptonshire County Council will not permit the works. This is because our village does not have a history of casualty collisions where excess speed was a prominent feature.

We may not have a problem severe enough to merit speed cameras and humps but speeding traffic does affect our quality of life. If you feel strongly and are prepared to get involved then we as a village can do something about speeding. The Parish Council supported by members of the Local community can set up Community Speed Watch.

WHAT IS COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH?

Speeding is a community problem and Community Speed Watch enables local people to get actively involved in road safety and helps encourage drivers and motorcyclists to watch their speed and keep to the limit. The scheme aims to help tackle the problem of speeding in local communities and, thus, to improve the quality of life. Over 40 villages have already benefited from this scheme across Northamptonshire.

Often motorists who speed through residential streets are unaware of the

impact their actions have on other road users or the danger they pose and speed checks often show that those exceeding the speed limit are local to the village or surrounding area.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

In order to be accepted into the Community Speed Watch scheme a significant proportion of the local residents must be willing to show their support for the initiative by:

- Committing to stick to the speed limit in the village and throughout Northamptonshire
- Signing an anti-speeding pledge
- Encouraging others to do the same

For Naseby to be accepted onto the scheme 20% of local residents need to sign the pledge. That means we need 95 signatures.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Having gained the local support and commitment necessary the next step is to identify between 8 and 12 volunteers in each participating village who are prepared to be trained in the use of the speed gun. Working in pairs at pre-selected locations, the volunteers are expected to monitor traffic through the local area and write down details of those vehicles exceeding a prescribed speed.

Completed forms are forwarded on a regular basis to the Police where the identities of the registered keepers can be established. Letters are then sent out, under Police headed paper, to the registered owners explaining a little about the scheme and requesting that they keep to the speed limit in future. A

second, more strongly worded letter is sent if they fail to adjust their speed on a subsequent occasion. Continued ignoring of the speed limit may lead to targeted enforcement and possible prosecution by a member of the Safety Camera Team/Northants Police.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

In addition to the active monitoring of speeds through the use of laser speed guns, participating villages will also receive:

- Deployment of portable speed indicator devices to measure speeds before and after local speed monitoring
- High visibility Community Speed Watch boards for erection on lamp posts
- Educational literature for local residents explaining the scheme
- Regular feedback to all residents signing the pledge
- Visits from the Safety Camera Team

HOW CAN I HELP?

1.) **VOLUNTEER:** Volunteers are needed to be trained in the use of the cameras, please contact Pauline Vann the Parish Clerk if you can help on 01604 740774 or pvann@tiscali.co.uk. You will need to undertake training given by Northamptonshire Police which only takes about 2 hours.

2.) **SIGN YOUR NAME:** Your signature is needed on the Pledge Forms and we need 95 signatures. So if you are approached by a member of the Parish Council to get signed up, please do! A limited number of forms will also be put in the shop or contact Pauline Vann the Parish Clerk and she will let you have a form. We need 95 signatures and if we don't get enough at the School gate or in the pub we will start knocking on doors!!!

Pauline Vann





Naseby Village Hall

& Recreation Ground Management Committee

USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Despite Becky Pope's heroic efforts, our recent fundraising events have not been very well supported. As a consequence our ongoing financial viability is under constant pressure.

So please come along and enjoy your great Village Hall and Recreation ground facilities and we really do need your full support for this year's pantomime, to be held on the 16th December. Tickets are available from Becky (016040 743213) or Naseby HQ.

CYCLE 4 CYNTHIA

In October we were delighted to be asked to provide "pit stop" facilities at the Hall for over 400 cyclists taking part in the Cycle 4 Cynthia charity bike ride. We have now received a big thank you from Sue Bowness, the organizer, who expects the event will have raised over £35,000 for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice and Macmillan Cancer Support.

FINANCES

The financial review by Mike Hopkins and the committee has been very successful. Electricity supply contracts have been renegotiated, returns from investments greatly improved and our charging policy revised. We are also very grateful to the Parish Council, who have assisted with some important cost areas. As a result we are now at a breakeven point...but still very dependant on caravan grounds hire, which cannot be phased out (as many would wish) until the fundraising situation improves.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS: SPORTS COURT

Given our financial position this is our only ongoing project. When completed, hopefully next year, our village will have some of the best artificial surface sports facilities in the area. In order to meet the regulatory requirements of our potential sponsors/grants, Lesley Campbell and her team have now formed The Friends of Naseby Village Hall and Recreation Ground trust. With assistance from the committee, they will continue their superb fundraising efforts with a bid for grant funding for a 35metre by 32 metre multi-sport hardcourt. This would initially provide for tennis (2 courts) and a five-a-side football pitch. Quotations for the work have been received from contractors and work continues with obtaining the necessary planning permission.

ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

regenerate this area within the grounds, if sufficient support is received to form a new Naseby XI team.

LICENSING

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.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year and many thanks for your continued support.

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



An interactive performance in traditional pantomime style filled with songs, actors, puppets and audience participation!

- Naseby Village Hall
- 16th December 2007
- 3pm* (Bar open from 2.30pm)

Tickets: £5 adults & £2.50 kids
On sale from Becky Pope (016040 743213) or at Naseby HQ

Also available: Teas • Mince Pies • Ice Cream • Popcorn • Bar
*finishes in time for a short walk to the carol service at the Chapel!





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...

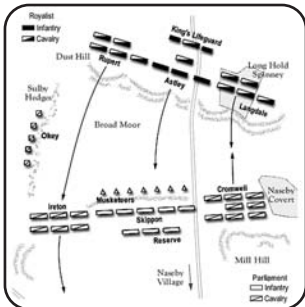
PART 2: PRINCE RUPERT as in "Prince Rupert Farm"

Prince Rupert was King Charles I's Commander at the Battle of Naseby. He was Charles I's nephew, being the third son of his sister Elizabeth. Known as Prince Rupert of the Rhine, his father was the Elector, or ruler, of the Rhine principality known as the Palatinate. Born in 1619, his family was driven into exile in the early stages of the Thirty Years War.



In 1642 Prince Rupert and his brother Maurice, with many veterans of the European wars, arrived in England to fight for Charles I. Rupert became commander of the

King's cavalry. Though he had experience he was impetuous and arrogant and his foreign manners upset many of the king's officers. However, he won a reputation for himself at once by destroying a parliamentary force at Powicke Bridge near Worcester. Then, at the Battle of Edgehill (1642), his cavalry charge completely routed the parliamentary horse. He was the most effective and energetic of the royalist commanders capturing Bristol in 1643, and most of Lancashire during 1644. Parliamentarians believed he had supernatural powers and his 'familiar spirit' was his dog, Boye, who was always with him.



Map: www.british-civil-wars.co.uk

He was keen to be a soldier, and by the age of 14 he went with the Prince of Orange on campaign. In 1635, when only 16, he joined the Prince's guards during the German Emperor's siege of Brabant. He was a very able young man who spoke with some fluency French, Dutch, English and German. He developed ability in mathematics and a wide knowledge of art and music. Captured in battle in 1638, he spent three years in captivity.

In November 1644 he became Captain-General, or overall commander of the King's forces. He organised the capture of Leicester in May 1645 as the King's forces moved north from Oxford. The Naseby campaign followed. Turning back to face Parliament's New Model Army led by Fairfax, Rupert's royal forces moved from Daventry to Market Harborough and foraged into Northamptonshire. The New Model Army moved north and the two armies met outside Naseby on 14th June. Facing superior numbers, the

INTERNATIONAL NASEBY



3 months ago, Nico and Sandra Ramsperger and their two children, Emily (6yrs) and Tom (4yrs) arrived in Naseby for a period of about 2-3years. Nico works at the Mercedes depot in Brixworth.

Sandra: Yes, we come from southern Germany, Swabia, and live in a village about half an hour from Stuttgart and were pleased to find a recently built house to let here. There were the usual small problems of settling in (B.T. line, bank account etc) but we soon felt at home.

TG: Was it a big wrench to leave your country for England?

Sandra: Not so bad. Nico and I had lived for 15 months in Dorset some (*contin...*)

royalist infantry was led by the veteran commander, Lord Astley. On the right was Rupert's horse, while on the left, facing Cromwell, was Langdale's cavalry force. During the battle, Rupert's cavalry drove back towards Northampton, while the remainder of the King's forces was worn down and Langdale's horse gave way before Cromwell's onslaught.

The battle was lost. Prince Rupert was dismissed by the king when he surrendered Bristol to Fairfax in September 1645. In 1646 Rupert and his brother Maurice were banished abroad. He held a number of naval commands under King Charles II after the 1660 Restoration and he died in London in 1682.

John Anderson



years previously. Also things have been made easy and pleasant for us. We are in constant contact with family...my father rings every morning! Both families are very pleased with our choice of place and have no worries for us.

TG: What about a school for Emily...and how about Tom?

Sandra: Both are at school and enjoy being there although at first the day seemed long. In Germany they would have had only morning-school until noon. They came without a word of English but are learning fast. Tom knows all his letters now. In Germany they start to learn to read and write at 6; so I prefer your system with its earlier start. They are happy in school and eager to get to lessons. Both have friends round to our house. They never seem to complain about missing our home village!

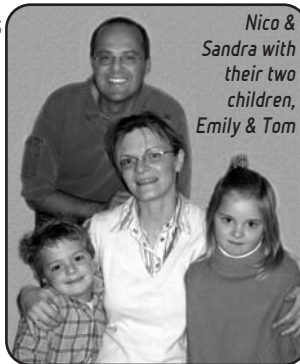
TG: They certainly are settled in our street, Bakehouse Rise! What do you and Nico miss most?

Sandra: Our house probably. We worked hard to develop and improve it and the garden. It's quite a large property. But no worries as part of the house is rented and looked after by a reliable tenant ...and our parents. What luck! We might also miss the German winter...as we all like to go skiing in Austria!

TG: What about Naseby?

Sandra: A very nice village with welcoming people, friendly and open, more so than our German village where people settle forever and are less open to newcomers, whereas people here seem more mobile. We like village life here: the park and the village shop for instance. I myself have started horse-riding at Clipston (Emily was already an

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Nico & Sandra with their two children, Emily & Tom

enthusiast)! In the school I help with the German class and club and prepare with the pupils events like our St. Martin's Day when children go with lanterns through the streets singing songs. And Christmas events, of course. I would like to get to evening meetings of some clubs but this depends on finding a good babysitter.

I'm developing my English, especially through the children who come across musical terms etc through school and then there are the horse-riding terms to learn.

TG: Where will you be at Christmas?

Sandra: Here, in our home, to experience an English Christmas. A German Christmas is quiet and spent within the family. Presents are given on Christmas Eve. We traditionally have a goose for lunch. For the wines we prefer French and Italian to our lighter Swabian ones. Of course, lots of Germans drink beer anyway!

TG: Thank you, Sandra, and all good wishes to you, Nico and the children for a Happy Christmas in our village!

Tom Gilmore

If you are a newcomer to Naseby and would like to share your views on the village please get in touch with us

HORSE SHOW

We did it at last - on Saturday 22nd September 2007 we **finally**



managed to hold our first ever horse show!

There have been a few wobbly moments over recent weeks... at the end of August I had a close encounter with some hard ground resulting in hand and knee injuries; Foot and mouth has raised its ugly head again to the concern of all the farming community and, after weeks of fine weather, the heavens opened again on the Friday night which did give us a bit of a moment.

However, the day dawned fine - albeit a little misty - and our first show was finally upon us. It was a fantastic day. We were really pleased with the turnout which was just enough to test our plans and organisation thoroughly but not so huge that we were sent into blind panic! Thank you to all the helpers who ensured the day ran smoothly and calmly dealt with any of the teething-problems we encountered.

Feedback has been wonderful and thank you to everyone who came and entered into the spirit of the day. If you have any thoughts or ideas please use the 'Contact Us' form. We'd love to hear from you and all input will be used for our debrief and to help us plan for next year!

We're leaving the jumping course in place and are hoping to organise some clear round jumping sessions at the weekends before the weather turns; so please watch this space for details of dates and times...

www.nasebyhorsheshow.co.uk

Bridget Baker





CAN YOU BELIEVE YOUR EYES?

Stretch your brain with these mind-bending illusions...



1. Read out loud the text inside the triangle below...



More than likely you said, "A bird in the bush,"! and if this is what you said, then you failed to see that the word THE is repeated twice.

2. What do you see?



In black you can read the word GOOD, in white the word EVIL, inside each black letter is a white letter.

3. Now, what do you see?



You may not see it at first, but the white spaces read the word OPTICAL, the grey landscape reads the word ILLUSION.

4. What do you see here?

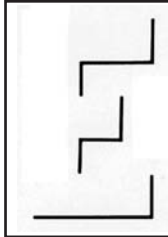


This one is quite tricky! The word TEACH reflects as LEARN



5. What do you see?

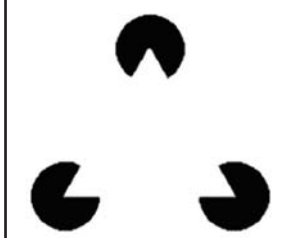
You probably read the word ME in black, but...when you look through ME you will see YOU!



6. What do you see?

The letter "E" or is it just a series of lines?

7. What do you see?



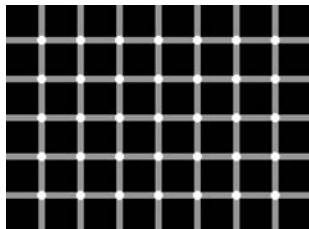
Most people see a triangle in front of three circles. Your brain tries to make sense of this pattern by going for the most likely explanation. In this case it is a white triangle in front of 3 coloured circles.

Even when you know that the white triangle does not really exist, your brain still opts for it as the most likely explanation. (Kaniza Illusion)



8. What do you see?

Is it a rabbit or is it really a duck? The picture doesn't change, but your brain interprets it in two different ways. When you look at something, your eye and brain must decide what it is in a split second. Your brain makes a 'best guess' and usually gets it right. But this picture is ambiguous. Your brain can't decide which is the best 'best guess', so the picture appears to flip between the two options.



9. Count the black dots?

It's impossible - as soon as you focus on the black dots, they disappear! Your eye and brain have very special mechanisms for seeing edges clearly. This allows you to see a sharp boundary between an object (e.g. a person or a building) and the background. Your mechanism for sharpening edges is called lateral inhibition. It works by the light-sensitive receptors in your eye switching their neighbouring (contin)

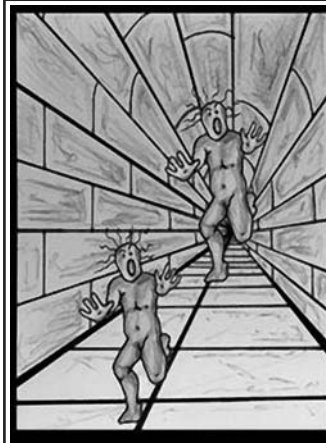


receptors off. This makes an edge look more pronounced. Scientists do not understand exactly why you see the black dots, but they think it has something to do with lateral inhibition. (Hermann Grid)

10. Count every "F" in the following:

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There are 6 - no joke. Try again! Apparently the brain cannot process "OF". Anyone who counts all 6 "F's" on the first go is a genius, 3 is normal, 4 is quite rare.



comment on how small the people look. The reason is you have learned the 'rules' for scaling people at a distance, but not from a height.

11. Do you see a big monster chasing a little monster?

Take a closer look. The monsters are identical in size. Although this is only a two-dimensional drawing, your brain looks at the contours and sees it as a three-dimensional tunnel. Unconsciously, you are applying the rule that an object must get smaller as it gets further away. Since the monster doing the chasing is not smaller, you conclude it must - in reality - be a bigger monster. When you look down from the top of a 100m tall building, the people below look noticeably small. But when you look 100m down the street, you don't

DO YOU NEED TIME2TALK?



Free Information, Counselling & Preventative Intervention Service for Young People aged 13 - 25

Time2Talk have been around since 1989 and are a registered charity and all services are free to those aged under 25. The service is operated day to day by trained staff and volunteers and the organisation is overseen by a board of trustees who are themselves volunteers. They are independent, and very much a part of a network of similar agencies in Northamptonshire working closely with other organisations that provide services for young people.

Although based in the Daventry District they are involved in projects all over the county of Northamptonshire.

What services do they offer?

Time2Talk offer counselling based support using what's known as Person Centred counselling skills.

This means they won't talk at you or tell you what they think you should do. They give YOU the time to talk about the issues that are affecting you so that you can reflect and decide for yourself what the best course of action might be. They can help you explore the options that you have available. Sometimes just talking or offloading to a complete stranger in a structured way can really help. The main thing is you - and that you must want to do it.

It's no good if someone is forcing you to have 'counselling' or you go because you have been told you have to, the process just won't work and what's more it isn't ethical! It's vital as well that you fully understand what the process entails.

They offer both appointment based and drop-in services and can arrange regular appointments. But if you can't get to them they may be able to help over the phone.

They have access to up-to-date information, help and advice on topics such as:

- Legal Services - Renting - Letting property - Leaving home - Accommodation - Human rights - Drugs - Alcohol - Giving up smoking - Healthy Eating - Bullying - Self esteem - Gender issues - Family Planning - Sexual health related issues - Free Pregnancy Testing - Free condoms

If they don't have what you want they will do their best to get it for you as soon as possible. So why not give them a try? All services are confidential. Every person aged 13 or over is entitled to the same legal rights to confidentiality as any adult. See the web site for full details.

Guilsborough Surgery Drop-in
Thursday 12.30pm - 2pm

24 Hour Answerphone 01327 706706
Confidential Text Service 07765 210869
E-mail: info@time2talk.org.uk
Web: time2talk.org.uk

Amanda Green





'WE WILL NOT FORGET'



The War Memorial located at the end of School Lane and its intersection with Church Lane is dedicated to men of the village who died for King and Country in the First and Second World Wars. The memorial, built in 1918 is a smaller copy of one of Edwin Henry Landseer's four lions at Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square, London.



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Lion War Memorial built in 1918

You will have noticed how well tended it is and wondered who cares for it throughout the changing seasons? Well, for years it has been cared for by Edith Prime and now her daughter Kathleen



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Edith Prime and her daughter Kathleen Wright

Wright in memory of their Uncles Ernest and Albert Tansley.



Pte. Charles Ernest Tansley 16868
*Died of wounds 8.5.1915
Aged 19*

Ernest enlisted into the Northamptonshire Regt. On 4th January 1915. After a brief training he was posted to France. He suffered serious head wounds at the Battle of Auber Ridge and died on May 11th 1915, aged 19. He was the first of Naseby's men to fall and is buried in Merville Communal Cemetery, France.

Albert enlisted into the Northants. Regt shortly after Ernest's death was reported. Because of his youth

he remained in England for 20 months before departing for France. Once there, he was wounded several times, returning each time to his regiment. During the period when Albert's Brigade was attached to the French Sixth Army, it was captured. Albert died as a prisoner of war in Stansdorf prison on August 5th 1918 aged 18. He is buried in Berlin, Germany.



Pte. Albert Tansley 20103
*Died: 5.8.1918 - Aged 18
Prisoner of War, Stansdorf*

"Let those who come after see to it that their names be not forgotten".

Anne Gilmore



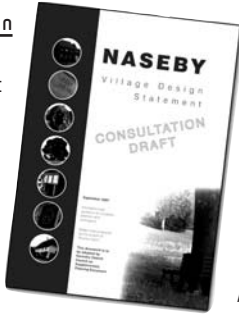


Village Design Statement (VDS) for Naseby

Village Consultation

The final consultation stages, which will result in Naseby having its own unique set of supplementary planning rules and guidance (SPD), are underway.

During September and October the



Daventry District Council (DDC) Planning and Strategy Groups agreed our VDS document and initiated the formal 6 week "Interested Parties and Community Involvement" consultation process.

All villagers were invited to raise any VDS issues they may have had at the November/December Parish Council meeting.

WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE MATTER?

Additionally anyone in the

village (*yes, that is you - ed!*), who is interested, has **until 14th December 2007** to review the document and make any suggestions for improvement.

Please visit the Naseby PC website: www.naseby.org/index.php?id=31 or contact the Naseby Parish Council secretary Pauline Vann for this purpose.

The final VDS document will be reviewed again by the DDC during January/February 2008 and then it will become formal SPD guidance.

Paul Kelly (VDS Group)

RURAL REACH

SUPPORTING VILLAGE GROUPS

Did you know SNVB, in partnership with Daventry Volunteer Centre, now offers help and support to voluntary groups across South Northamptonshire and Daventry districts?

- We advise new and existing voluntary groups.
- We help village groups to become established.
- We can offer funding advice and guidance.
- We help recruit new volunteers and offer training and advice.
- We can help with constitutional matters and volunteering management.
- We are able to provide IT information and expertise.
- We are able to put you in touch with other groups having the same

interests.

- We can signpost you to countywide and national organisations which may help you.
- We can connect you to the Forum on our website, advertise your activities and volunteering needs in our newsletter and on our monthly poster.

If we do not know the answer to your enquiry, we are confident that we know someone who will.

Our outreach workers, Mel Bignell, Mal Thompson and Barron Walton are out and about in villages across the two districts.

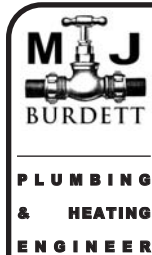
If you think we can help, phone or email to the addresses below:

Volunteer Centre
5 Market House Courtyard
Brackley
Northants
NN13 7AB
Tel: 01280 841 250
info@snvb.org.uk
www.snvb.org.uk



Volunteer Centre

The Library
North Street
Daventry
NN11 4GH
Tel: 01327 300614
info@daventryvolunteers.org.uk
www.daventryvolunteers.org.uk



Call Mark
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THE PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

The Parish Council wants to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the questionnaire. We represent you and are always keen to hear what you think. You don't need to wait to be invited to give your opinions. You can come along to any meeting and have your say or you can write to the Clerk who will bring your comments to the attention of the Parish Council

Number of responses

There were only 43 responses in a village with 475 people on the electoral roll which is a response rate of 11% and is somewhat disappointing. Many of the people who took the time to respond had many interesting comments and suggestions to make and these are detailed below. The Parish Council has not had time to fully consider all the suggestions and comments made and so in some cases whilst we have set out your comments, we have not given a response. Some suggestions do not fall within the Parish Councils remit but have been included here for your information. The questionnaire suggestions are going to be an on-going matter for discussion at Council meetings for some time.

Park Upgrade

22% 1st priority
14% 2nd priority
28% 3rd priority
8% 4th priority
8% 5th priority
20% 6th priority
64% 1st,2nd or 3rd priority
22% of respondents put this as their first priority with 64% having a park upgrade in their 'top three'. Respondents made suggestions for more equipment such as a climbing



frame for older children, slide for younger children, timber activity equipment suitable for all ages, outside gym structures such as pull-ups/sit ups equipment and a picnic bench/seating on the grass next to the car park. Other suggestions included more hard-standing, moving the play area away from the road and a fenced dog walking area on the recreation ground. Improved upkeep and that the area was looking very 'tired' was also mentioned. A Tennis Court and all weather Multi-sports Court was suggested by some respondents.

Parish Council response:

Multi-sports Court: The Friends of Naseby Village Hall raised sufficient monies at the Ball at Highgate House last year to be the 'third party' required by the Biffa Funding Application process. A grant application is being made, planning permission is being applied for and a 'preferred contractor' has been identified.

New equipment: The Parish Council are looking at what is available and will discuss this further.

Tarmac Village Hall Car Park

18% 1st priority
18% 2nd priority
23% 3rd priority
13% 4th priority
10% 5th priority
18% 6th priority
59% 1st ,2nd or 3rd priority
18% stated this as their first priority and 59% includes this in their 'top three'. Comments from respondents suggested use of cheaper Highways plannings and that the money would be better spent on dog proofing around the ramps and where the sports court will be.



Parish Council response: A price had previously been obtained for this and will be reconsidered when the priorities for next year are finalised.

Replace Street Signs

3% 1st priority
16% 2nd priority
8% 3rd priority
19% 4th priority
24% 5th priority
30% 6th priority
27% 1st ,2nd or 3rd priority
3% stated this as their first priority and 27% had it in their 'top three'.

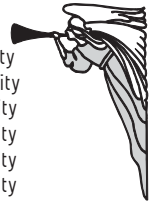


Comments received were that the existing cast iron street signs should be cherished and that the insignia would be 'naff'. Removing the Carvells Lane signs from the grass triangle and putting them on the verge was also suggested.

Parish Council response: Parish Council are not proceeding with the idea of replacing the street signs but are taking up the idea of moving the Carvells Lane sign with the highway authority.

Village Gateways

23% 1st priority
20% 2nd priority
20% 3rd priority
10% 4th priority
15% 5th priority
12% 6th priority
63% 1st,2nd or 3rd priority
23% stated this as their first priority and 63% had this in their 'top three' making this one of the most popular options.



Comments included suggestions for traditional style cast iron sign with black roman lettering on a white background, that the Clipston wooden sign is awful and that only the Cold



Ashby road needed a gateway.

Parish Council response: Barriers to taking this forward seem to have been removed by a change in the process at NCC. At the last Parish Council meeting the proposal to include traffic calming within the gateways using chevrons painted on the road was discussed. Brick/stone gateways will not be permitted by Highways authority but timber might be acceptable. Photographs of what has been done in other villages are to be circulated at the next meeting, hopefully leading to a plan of what we want being passed to the County Council for approval.

Lighting the Church

15% 1st priority
19.5% 2nd priority
12% 3rd priority
17% 4th priority
5% 5th priority
31.5% 6th priority
46.5% 1sr, 2nd or 3rd priority
15% stated this was their main priority and 46.5% had it in their 'top three'. However the idea was strongly opposed by a number of people on the basis of pollution and electricity wastage and urbanisation of the countryside.

Parish Council response: The Parish Council will not consider this proposal further as it would be unduly contentious and is strongly opposed by a number of people.

Electric Speed Signs

37.5% 1st priority
10% 2nd priority
10% 3rd priority
10% 4th priority
10% 5th priority
22.5% 6th priority
57.5% 1st 2nd or 3rd priority
This was the most popular choice with 37% of respondents putting it as their



first choice and 57.55 having it in their 'top three'. Comments received included the view that speeding is a real concern. The contrary view expressed as that they electric speed signs have questionable effect and they urbanise the countryside.

Parish Council Response: Further investigation has revealed that parishes cannot buy and install their own signs. Northamptonshire County Council will not authorise permanent vehicle activated signs unless that particular location has a history of casualty collision, is speed restricted and the collisions have excess speed as a prominent feature. Their reasoning is that if signs become commonplace they will be ignored. It will not therefore be possible to have these signs in the highway verges. Permanent speed activated signs would cost £3,100 each for solar powered signs plus post and installation costs. Placing it on private land and not on highway land was discussed but no decision made.

Temporary speed monitors to record the scale of the problem have been arranged and should take place shortly and further enquires made as to other strategies to reduce speeding.

Setting up Community Speed Watch is the next best option to reduce speeding and a fuller article about this also appears in Natters. **PLEASE VOLUNTEER!**

Other ideas/comments:

a. speeding/traffic: suggestions were made for speed humps, sign on Guilsborough road warning of dips and bends and a crossing outside the shop.

b. roads: maintenance of drains, more street lighting, resurfacing, improvement to pavements and edgings, new footpath outside school and at top of Nutcote and getting rid of the hold zig zags outside the school to

allow more parking were mentioned. Our Parish Highways Rep Paul Reedman has reviewed the provision of footpaths in the village and the Parish Council have agreed to press for footpaths along the top of Nutcote on High Street where there is a missing section, up to the Obelisk and on School Lane. The maintenance issues mentioned are addressed on an on-going basis by the Parish Council.

c. public areas: more public flower beds, more footpaths, dog bin at church end/Newlands, improvement to layout and quality of green area outside the Fitz, all grassy triangles/public spots to be made more attractive, take part in village in Bloom competition.

The Parish Council do not consider a dog bin at Church End/Newlands to be a good location in view of the smell

d. housing: encourage house owners to improve their house facades and sweep their frontages and restrict building on gardens.

The Parish Council has consistently opposed the building on gardens which has taken place in the village. However Naseby is designated as 'restricted infill' and current planning policy as laid down by central government to build on Brownfield land, which includes gardens, means that in spite of our opposition permission is usually granted by Daventry District Council. On two occasions where the infill was in areas considered to be 'important open space' in the village the District Councillors at Daventry who are on the Planning Committee elected to support the Parish Councils view and disregard their officers advice which was for approval. In these two cases Daventry refused permission but the refusal was overturned on appeal by the Planning Inspector.





e. other:

- Campaign for tip to be closed: It is closed and capping with inert material is the only work being carried out.
- Library facility: there are public libraries in Market Harborough Brixworth and Long Buckby. The mobile library service also visits on Fridays every three weeks. It parks outside the school from 12.00-12.40. The next visits will be on 14th December 2007, 4th & 25th January and 15th February. For more details call 01327 703130
- Greater understanding of how to hire the village hall: The Bookings secretary is Wyn Sleeman and he can be contacted on 01604 740963. You can visit www.naseby.org to check if the date you want is free on the bookings calendar.
- How best to plan the future of the village hall car park: The village hall car park is the responsibility of the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council works with the village hall committee on matters of mutual interest. Resurfacing the car park is a option which is currently being looked into.
- Encourage the two pubs to stop competing-one for beer and the other for food
- Walking tour
- Improve acoustics in the village hall
- Internal folding doors for village hall to divide the big room



The Parish Council

Your Waste - Your Responsibility!

We all produce waste and we all have a responsibility to dispose of it properly. Below are a few points to consider for your waste disposal.

HOUSEHOLD DUTY OF CARE

The Council is asking all residents of the District to ensure that litter and household waste is disposed of in the correct manner. This means not dropping litter and not leaving rubbish dumped for the council to collect as this would constitute fly tipping. Rubbish should also not be left by the side or on top of the bins for collection but placed within bins and boxes for emptying. If you are a new resident or you are unsure of the Council requirements contact the Council's call centre on 01327 300001. Staff will be happy to provide any information that you require.

WASTE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL

The council offers a bulky waste collection service which allows 3 items to be removed for £15.00. These collections can be arranged by contacting the Call Centre on 01327 300001. The items being collected should only be placed out on the day of collection and placed within your property boundary.

As a householder you are also able to dispose of your waste by taking it to one of the household waste recycling centres in the area. Your closest centres are in Browns Road, Daventry and Brixworth.



TOP TIP

If you employ someone else to dispose of your rubbish for you, make sure you have their name and address. Any person that takes payment for removing your rubbish must be licensed with the Environment Agency as a waste carrier. Always ask to see a copy of their licence to ensure they are legally allowed to get rid of your rubbish. If your rubbish is illegally deposited you could be fined up to £50,000 and / or receive a prison sentence. As a householder you are legally responsible for ensuring you dispose of your rubbish correctly.

ENFORCEMENT

Daventry District Council have powers of enforcement. Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005. These two pieces of legislation have given the Council the tools required to improve community environments and to punish those who do not comply with environmental law. Environmental crimes range from dropping litter, graffiti to fly tipping and disregarding duty of care.

Daventry District Council have recently appointed an enforcement officer to tackle environmental crime within the district. If you would like to report an environmental crime or you would like more information about the Council enforcement strategy contact the Council on 01327 300001. All calls will be treated as confidential.

Jane McDowell
Waste Management Officer DDC



Age Concern



50 tips to cheer up January - or any month that gets you down!



1. Put lots of bird food out and watch the birds in the garden.
2. Redecorate a room.
3. Evaluate shrubs and thier form in the garden, move shrubs if the weather is mild.
4. Order plants/seeds for spring.
5. Make some birthday cards.
6. Go for a walk, spring spotting- catkins, bulbs, buds, foliage.
7. Do a jigsaw puzzle.
8. Bake cakes or casseroles for the freezer.
9. Read your plant books and plan a change to the garden.
10. Play CD's or watch those free DVDs that come with the newspaper.
11. Wipe houseplant leaves with cool water. Divide and re-pot if needed and give a cutting away.
12. Visit or call old friends you haven't seen for ages.
13. Re-organise your winter wardrobe, there might be something you have forgotten to wear.
14. Plant some snow-drops in the green, under tatty hardy geraniums. They will flower while geraniums green up and die back when the geraniums grow. Do the same with anemone blanda or scillas.
15. Knit or crochet for charity.
16. Research your family tree.
17. Master Sudoku or a game you've never quite understood.
18. Watch all those videos you recorded last year.
19. Catch up with all your letter writing - then you'll have replies to look forward to.
20. If you can't get out, go armchair travelling with a book from the library. Read about a country town or a European city.
21. Take someone's dog for a walk.
22. Take part in the RSPB annual bird watch, usually the last week in January.
23. Paint your nails or have a pedicure.
24. Dye a pair of light shoes so that you can wear them in winter.
25. Wear your smart shoes in the house.
26. Sort your photographs and put them in albums. Throw away the grotty ones.
27. Invite a friend round for a coffee or a game of Scrabble.
28. Take old paperback books to someone, or to a Charity shop, and tidy bookshelves.
29. Organise a magazine swap.
30. Sort out next month's birthday cards, and see if there's anyone you could meet for lunch as a birthday treat, that way you both get some company.
31. Buy a box file or plastic wallet, and sort out your paperwork.
32. Free up a drawer by giving away all those old duvet covers/towels etc to Charity.
33. Colour code your wardrobe.
34. Plant some sweet peas on a windowsill in a deep pot.
35. Watch the starlings flocking at dusk.
36. Have coffee in the garden; you might need a big coat but it will be worth it.
37. Clean all your lampshades; your world will be 10 watts brighter.
38. Polish all your shoes and bags.
39. Offer to babysit/grannysit/dogsit for someone; it might be fun.
40. Take a friend's children to a pantomime and have a laugh.
41. Read a book of Ronnie Barker scripts, or someone that makes you laugh.
42. Make an elderly friend a winter casserole or a tin of cakes and take it round.
43. Think back over the years to your favourite clothes and try drawing them. Old photographs may remind you.
44. Make up a bag or box with wrapping paper, scissors, ribbons etc, so that you've got everything to hand when you need them.
45. Change your hairstyle.
46. Telephone someone you haven't seen for ages.
47. Sort out your jewellery box and wear pieces you haven't worn for a while.
48. Put all your D.I.Y. bits in a household toolbox, so you know where everything is.
49. Read a biography of someone you admire, or even someone you don't admire, you might change your opinion!!
50. Rewrite this list to suit you!!

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An Interview with...



RINGING THE CHANGES

At the age of 13, Ken was 'press-ganged' by a burly parishioner into the bell-ringing group, a strong team manning eight splendid bells calling people to worship twice every Sunday in his home town of Bolsover.

TG: Now you are Chief Ringer here, Ken. This is obviously a very enjoyable pastime which offers satisfying challenges too. Does it call for special skills?

Ken: Yes, there's a long apprenticeship to acquire advanced skills. The first task is to learn to control the bell (and avoid being pulled up on the rope and bumping your head against the beams)! Then one can join the team and learn to send clear, harmonious sound over the village. The number of bells varies: Naseby and Clipston each have five similar bells on oak frames; Market Harborough has ten.

TG: Is there one person in charge, directing the group?

Ken: Yes, he is called the Ringing-Master, who assesses the capabilities of the band and decides what peals will be tackled. The important thing is for the ringer to strike at the right distance from the other bell in an evenly-spaced sequence, say, 1-2-3-4-5-6 smoothly.

TG: Can one obtain a qualification?

Ken: Yes, we devise a certificate particularly for younger ringers when they have rung their first quarter-peal (lasting about 40mins. without a stop). There is a colour chart to fill in



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as each action in the bell-management is mastered. And there is a Guild of Ringers. In our area it is the Peterborough Guild covering Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and part of Cambridgeshire. There is a repertoire of peals to learn, contained in a book of charts called 'The Standard Eight Surprise Methods'.

TG: Do you have competitions?

Ken: Yes, between the various 'Towers', as last September in our Guild. Eight of the Districts sent a team to 'All Souls' in Northampton and performed in turn the seven-minute test piece for the judge who sat outside in the graveyard and marked each performance. The teams could ring any method of their choice.

TG: These days are the ringers quite old or do you have young blood as well?

Ken: This is a great worry. About 4 out of 5 are over 50 or 60 years....it may be a dying art. Two villages have to join together to ring a proper peal. There's plenty of good will but without joining forces they just couldn't manage.

TG: I've heard that some peals can take up to 2.1/2 hours. How does this

come about?

Ken: There are recognised patterns; these are then extended and widened, as at a Naseby ringing on Nov.3rd. which lasted from 10am to 1pm. Usually ringers must ring 5000 changes (= 5000 pulls on the bells) continuously and without real repetition. They follow learned sequences, directed by the conductor who calls "Bobs", "Singles" etc which the ringers understand and carry out. Some groups attempt up to 18000! A real hobby at this level; and no longer a call to worship. One of the longest might even take up to 18hrs.... none-stop! Heaven knows what they do about a comfort break!

TG: What if someone makes a mistake?

Ken: If it's a serious one coming near the end the whole peal founders. No recovery possible! A small error, a small clash of bells is just ignored.

TG: Tell our readers about the bells themselves. Locally made?

Ken: No. They are mostly made by the John Taylor Foundry of world renown at Loughborough with 300 years of expertise.

TG: Low maintenance?

Ken: A little oil occasionally and some creosote on the wooden parts of the bell-wheel to which the rope is attached are needed as protection from the elements coming in through the open tower. Otherwise, there is a real risk of disintegration of the wheel.

TG: How about damage to the hearing of the ringers?

Ken: There's no risk to the ringers; they are not too close to the bells and are able to hear the constantly called out instructions. (*contin*)



TG: What are the Guilds doing to encourage and train young ringers for the future?

Ken: I have recruited successfully in the schools. Two or three beginners are needed at any one time, to play in turn with the established ringers. Newcomers need practical experience. Children are pretty quick at picking up the skills.

TG: I have often wondered if people ever get swung up on the bell rope?

Ken: Rarely, but it has happened. If

they don't catch the rope at the right moment, a post holding the bell upright may break: the bell continues to rotate instead of stopping and can quickly draw up the rope so the ringer finds himself up in the air. Also I have seen several men lose their trousers during a ring! With the endless pulling, their pants slip lower and lower. The ringers, of course, aren't let go of the rope and their trousers finish down around their ankles!

TG: Finally what are the ages of your

present team?

Ken: We have two in the late 60's, two about 40 and two who are 11. We want to encourage teenagers.

TG: We are grateful, Ken, for this fascinating account and wish you continued success in ringing and recruiting.

As you say, if people show interest, you will show them the ropes. Ken Rutland can be contacted at Clipston on 01858 525305

Tom Gilmore



HOW SAFE ARE YOUR CAR KEYS?

In the last 12 months almost 200 homes in west Northamptonshire were burgled purely to steal the owners car keys. A majority are taken overnight - often while owners were fast asleep in bed! Around half the keys were left in places visible from outside. So vehicle owners are again being reminded to hide their car keys at home. A simple hook on the end of a garden cane can be fed through a letterbox or cat flap in an attempt to hook keys from inside.



the recommendations of both organizations
You can get a **FREE** Car Key Burglary Crime Prevention Pack (below) containing advice, window sticker, keyring and KeySafe hook by visiting your local police or fire station or simply calling this number 08453 700700 (ext 3189) -while stocks last!



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Amanda Green (Tel: 01604 743765)

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The REAL Facts of Life...

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptise cats
- 2) When your Mum is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad

is Grandpa's lap

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fibre, not the toy

GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get



I'm never having kids. I hear they take nine months to download!"

- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions
- 6) Time may be a great healer but it's a lousy beautician
- 7) Wisdom comes with age but sometimes age comes alone

Thanks to Becky Pope for forwarding these on!

Safety Tips This Christmas



The Christmas period usually sees an increase in domestic fires and fire related deaths due a combination of factors.

The alcohol intake increases; there are more people gathered together in one place (families/parties/visitors). There is an increased fire hazard with the use of candles and nightlights. Christmas trees and decorations are made from combustible materials. Christmas lights overload electrical circuits. Also additional or different cooking methods can cause accidents.

DID YOU KNOW:

There are on average 3,600 fires in December with 26 deaths reported in 2006

So, what can you do to stop becoming a statistic?

Christmas is a time for having fun with family and friends; so follow these simple fire safety tips to keep everyone safe to enjoy the festivities

- Check tree lights conform to British Standard
- Don't wire more than one set into a single plug and use a residual current device on outside lights
- Use correct fuse ratings in plugs
- Don't leave lights switched on when people are not in regular attendance - and never leave lights on overnight whilst people are asleep
- Be careful about sitting candles and never place them near your Christmas tree, decorations or furnishings they will flare up quickly
- Have a plan in case fire breaks out, - and practise it! Make sure visitors and guests know how to get out
- Don't drape wet items over or near heaters

- Drink sensibly, especially in the kitchen whilst preparing food. Brandy, etc is flammable!
- Watch children around the cooker and keep pets out of the kitchen - even if the smell of turkey is encouraging salivating dribbles - they're a trip hazard!
- If using fireworks follow the safety rules: keep them in a metal box, don't mess around with explosives and keep a bucket of water handy.
- Extinguish all cigarettes thoroughly before going to bed and be careful about where you empty ashtrays.
- Check the batteries in the smoke alarm prior to the Xmas period - and don't 'borrow' them to put into the kids toys.
- Keep lighters, candles, matches etc out of the reach of children
- Check on elderly relatives and neighbours. Make sure they are fire aware.

Pete Lackey (MAABOF)



A PLEA FOR ALL ROAD USERS...



...PLEASE THINK OF HORSES AROUND THE VILLAGE & ADJOINING LANES

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S COMING ROUND THE BEND? EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!

As a local horse rider I know what a pain in the bum we are on the roads but may I take the opportunity through the good pages of NATTERS to ask all car drivers to be aware of horses and ponies on the village roads and adjoining lanes. As the dark evenings and overcast days are upon us, please be horse-aware in the village and adjoining lanes.

It's not that we want to be a nuisance but we have to use the roads to get to the bridle paths around the village. I, for one, would be delighted if there were routes where we and the cyclists could get to places like Cottesbrook without running the gauntlet of the blind summits and bends on our local roads but, alas no such links exist.

I fully appreciate that the roads are no places for horses these days, but we really have no alternative.

It may help you understand if I outline some of the finer points about horses and ponies. They are "flight" animals by nature. Many hundreds of years of evolution have equipped them with one singular sense...See trouble and run! Anyhow ,any speed and in any direction. Whilst we all take the precautions we can, we are, on the odd occasion, taken by surprise and even the best horse in the world can "spook" and take fright at some unforeseen object. Horses, by nature, are unpredictable and on occasion apparently, silly in the extreme and certainly give no thought to the vehicle approaching or indeed the rider aboard...they simply react as

nature intended and "get out of there"! As a rider, you may have the most well trained horse you possibly can but at the end of the day you are on top of a "hundredweight" lump of muscle with no brakes, no steering and the inability to reason. As a car driver, you enjoy brakes, steering and the ability to think things through; so please give us a hand...we both enjoy horsepower but you have the ability to control it far more predictably than we. To the riders amongst us, dear readers, please always act with courteousness, acknowledge drivers who give way. Wear your "high-viz" gear. That it helps if the drivers can **SEE** you should be obvious. Use the roads with consideration for all. Waving traffic on if you can see a clear road I find completely alleviates the tension build-up in the car driver who is stuck behind you. A "Thank you" goes a very long way. Smile when you are out on the roads; your horse will appreciate the "relaxed" mood you are creating and the drivers will "smile" back - mostly.

ONE LAST POINT: For the drivers amongst you...just occasionally we need to keep focused with both hands on the reins and so please do not think that we don't appreciate your kind gestures...it's just that we are coping with that "Mum, I don't like this and I am going to run as far and fast as possible...I know that wheelee bin holds a huge fire breathing dragon that is just waiting to eat me, and what's more I know I taste good...so I'm out of here!" ...**Ladies**

and Gentlemen welcome to the psyche of THE HORSE!



Let's all enjoy the lovely countryside around here safely...do wave if you see me on the lanes. I promise , usually, to wave back.

David & Sue Turner



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The Naseby Battlefield Project:



On 1 September Naseby, Sibbertoft and Marston Trussell saw the return of the soldiers of the Civil War represented by the Sealed Knot. Dave Tipping and Lesley Stinson led a detachment of Colonel Robert Hammond's Regiment of Foote, a New Model Army regiment, on a fund-raising march. They were accompanied, peacefully on this occasion, by



'Sir Thomas Fairfax's Battalia' (pictured in the background) donated the interpretation board above

Royalists: Prince Rupert's Blew Regiment of Foote. A wreath was laid at the Cromwell Monument, overlooking Broadmoor. The climax of the day was a service in memory of the fallen of both sides conducted by the Revd Canon Ian Gemmell in the churchyard at Marston Trussell, reputedly the burial place of those Cavaliers caught and killed there after the battle of Naseby.

The official opening of the Fairfax Viewpoint and the Battlefield Trail took place on 21 September. In the preceding week the picnic table at the viewpoint had to be repaired as someone had attempted to take it apart. On the day flags were flown at the Fairfax Viewpoint and other sites to help visitors identify important places in the landscape. The viewpoint was opened by the Hon. Rupert Fairfax, brother of one of the Project's patrons,

Lord Fairfax of Cameron. Also present were Lord Hazlerigg, patron, Cllr André Gonzalez de Savage, Northamptonshire

County Council Cabinet member for Culture, County and Civic Heritage, and William Smart of East Midlands Tourism, the principal funder of the works. The Fairfax Battalia provided a uniformed escort and drummer and dedicated the information board to the memory of Pat Lovatt. The Sealed Knot was represented by Arthur Jackson and Barrie Upton.

The Fairfax and Rupert viewpoints are now fully operational. On 1st November the work to refurbish the Obelisk and

Cromwell monument sites began. At the Obelisk a new interpretation board will be installed, steps in stone matching the original monument will be installed to allow visitors to climb safely to read the inscription and the access path and gate will be put in a good state of repair. The self-seeded ash trees have already been removed and the surrounding hedge has been laid. At the Cromwell monument the access will be rebuilt to permit the less able to walk to the monument safely and the lay-by will be extended. New interpretation-boards will be installed.

Future activity will extend the Battlefield Trail and continue the work already in hand for the creation of a suitable visitor centre.

Martin Marix Evans
Chairman, Naseby Project Management Committee
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NASEBY LADIES ROUNDERS



Just a short note this month to say well done to all the girls who played rounders this season; our young players did extremely well. Beth Stacey had a fabulous season and our own little Charlotte Underwood was awarded the trophy by the league for best new player! Rest up those injuries, girls, for next season and watch this space for more info for anyone wanting to play next year. Have a great Christmas.

Lesley



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STUCK FOR IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS?

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Sun - 12pm till 7.00pm



Back in September everyone thoroughly enjoyed the "Working the Rubber" film presented by The Market Harborough Movie Makers, who also added a bonus "short" movie for us on Harborough's preparations for the "Best Town Gardens" competition. This was followed in October by one of the highlights of the year; a talk by John Padwick on the Newton Rebels' 1607 Uprising, which with its hitherto unknown local Haselbech and Naseby connections, proved to be so intriguing that our group may well set up a project next year to delve much deeper. In November Derek Smeathers completed his excellent 3 part history of the mail services with a talk on "The Post during the World Wars".

Our next Talk at the Village Hall:-
Wednesday 5th December: The Life and Times of George Smith: The Children's Friend - doors open 7-45pm for 8pm start.

Pat Crecraft, one of our own history buffs and also a canal boat enthusiast, has researched the life and times of George Smith of Coalville, a Victorian social reformer. He became known

The Royal Oak is now in the real pub guide 2008 and has won Pub of the month with CAMRA and pub of the season. This is due to Elaine's good beer.

XMAS HOURS

Xmas Eve 3pm till 12am

Xmas Day 12pm till 2pm

Boxing Day 11am till 4pm

New Years Eve 4pm till 1am

New Years Day 12pm till 3pm

COMING EVENTS

Boxing Day - Classic Car Meet

New Years Eve - Fancy Dress all welcome

Sat 23rd Feb - Oscars Night



nationally for his campaigns to improve the life of children working in brickyards, on canal boats and also gipsy children. A "rags to riches and back again" story, Pat's talk will reveal many local connections since George Smith spent the last five years of his life at 22 Laud's Road, Crick (at the time renowned as a place of "bad tone, swarming with navvies of a low type"). As a result of George Smith's tireless efforts, legislation was passed to restrict child labour across the British Isles. He also brought to light and forced through legislation in 1877 to improve the appalling conditions suffered by the "Narrow boat families" of the time. If you want to find out more about these little known, local historic events please come to Pat's talk.



2008 Talks and Tours programme

We have a break in January but here are some dates for your diaries: 5th March "Murder Most Royal" by Chris Rowe, 2nd April AGM/New Members Evening, 7th May Walgrave Historic Trail, 4th June "Going for a Spin" - to include Vintage Car exhibits, 2nd July "Old Haselbech - The Untold Story". ...plus lots more to follow.

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 (you can sign-up at any of the meetings).

And...A big thank you to Chris, Liz and Pauline and all members for your support during the year. May I wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Paul Kelly

...and congratulations to Paul for becoming a grandfather...again!





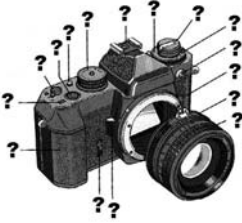
Photo Tips for new camera - owners



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Four elements are common to all good photographs: simplicity, composition, lighting, and practice! But here are ten simple tips to help get you on your way to taking better pictures...

1. **Read the Instruction Manual** - no time? Well, use the auto programme first and then learn a different section of the manual gradually.



2. **Move in close** - to create impact move in close and fill the frame with your subject (below).



@Levy Cat0

3. **Keep the background simple** - Clutter can ruin the best of pictures.

4. **Avoid the shakes** - avoid camera shake by using a tripod or steady yourself against a wall or doorjamb.
5. **Compose simply** - bring your picture to life by placing your subject off-centre, not necessarily in the centre of the frame (below).



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6. **Get down to their level** - photograph children and animals at eye level this will give you their eye view and won't distort the shot. The eye level angle will also help create a personal and inviting feel (below).



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7. **Be a picture director** - try to arrange groups in different ways, at different heights, not just in boring straight lines, why not add some props.
8. **Use the flash** - consider using 'fill in' flash indoors and outside, especially when the background is very light.
9. **Keep pushing the button** - Take plenty of candid shots capturing great natural expressions and let their personalities shine.
10. **Take vertical pictures** - make a conscious effort to turn your camera 90 degrees so you have both portrait and landscape formats available (below).




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Finally...have fun!



'The Naseby Snapper'

FUN IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS:
Disposable cameras make great Christmas stocking fillers or table presents to entertain guests and children!





SO WHAT IS IT REALLY LIKE MOVING UP TO BIG SCHOOL?



Moving from Naseby to Guilsborough is a sad time but also a very exciting time.

There are lots of changes including shorter lessons, more lessons and more people to be friends with. You won't know who your real friends are until a few weeks in as you go through different experiences with each other.

There is also a lot more freedom at Guilsborough. For example, you walk to lessons so there is more trust that you get there on time. Games (P.E) is more punishing: how many seconds you are late after a teacher calls you in, he asks another member of the group to say a number between 1-10, then he multiplies the numbers together and 'voila!' that is how many press ups you have to do! (I have had to do 40!

At the start of the year, you will be split up in tutor groups of about 25 and assigned to a tutor and a room. This is very different to Naseby as there you will only have one main teacher. At Guilsborough, you have a different teacher for each subject and you might even have more than one teacher for each subject. PSHE is with your tutor and so is registration at the start of the

day and after lunch. You be given a shortened name for your tutor group like: 7S2KOT. 7 is the year you are in; S is for Saturn, the house you are in; 2 is the half of year and KOT is the tutor group. This seems complicated, but you soon get used to it.

During years 7 and 8 you will be split up into different sets for each subject. The only ones you will not be set for are PSHE, humanities and music. The sets work in ability level so that you get better teaching and you are with people of similar ability.

So there you have it; moving from Naseby to Guilsborough, Little to Big.

There is no need to get worried when moving; it is only a different place of learning but with more friends to play with. There are so many friendly people and teachers you will do fine at both.

Edward Nicholson

Moving from Naseby to Guilsborough is a huge adventure and lots of fun. It is scary at first because you think it is going to be so big and different. But within a few days you realise that you were silly thinking those things. It is big compared to Naseby but you wouldn't get lost; even if you are finding it hard to find the room you are meant to be in next, there are plenty of people to ask.



Alix & Edward



In the first few days you stay

close to your

friends from primary school, but you should be willing to make friends. You make lots of friends in your tutor group, both boys and girls, and lots of friends in the same lessons as you and friends in the tutor group down the corridor from you. It is very nice to have a bunch of friends.

At Guilsborough there are lots of after school clubs and clubs during lunch. All the teachers want you to come along to these clubs and try them out: if you don't like it then fine, stop going, but at least you tried! Everyone thinks that if they go to a club that is held at lunch then you will get no lunch; but if you take a packed lunch in that day I am almost positive that your tutor will let you eat in lunch registration. Also, if you are interested in netball and cross-country but they are held on the same day then you can go to each on alternate weeks. Teachers don't mind - at least you're keen to join in. Sometimes when fixtures are arranged you get to miss lessons (another advantage!).

Overall I have really enjoyed moving up to Guilsborough School, it has been a very good experience and very good fun. Lessons are interesting, sport is great and my new friends are amazing, (but I will never forget my friends at Naseby...).

Alix Nicholson





Neighbourhood Watch News



Naseby continues to be a relatively safe village with low crimes statistics. After saying that we've had more than our fair share of bother over the past couple of months; with some trouble caused by youths in early September (detailed in the police report in Natters), to manhole cover thefts and an attempted break-in on High Street (resulting in the police helicopter flying over the village at 2am, that many of you probably heard).

Anyway, as always, please be vigilant at all times and if you see anything suspicious please report it to me and/or the police.

Greg Pritchett 01604 740717 : Police 999 (emergency) or 08453 700700

Greg Pritchett

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE



Since the start of our recording year, 1st of March, a total of 14 crimes have been reported which is an increase of 9 compared to last year. Of these 7 are to do with thefts from vehicles (5) and thefts of vehicles (2). Last year there were no crimes in these two categories by this time.

Naseby is, of course, easily accessible from a number of routes which criminals use and we all have to take care to make sure vehicles are locked and valuable items are not left on display even for short periods of time. Similarly, don't leave your keys in the ignition even for a few seconds if you're getting out. This time of year people have a habit of leaving the car outside to warm it up and thieves take advantage of that. Satellite navigation devices are high on the list of stolen items along with laptops and mobile phones. We have numbers of these taken whilst the car is on the owner's drive and the

owner in the house.

This time of year with longer hours of darkness sees an increase in thefts and burglaries. The closer we get to Christmas, with the temptation of presents on view in cars and houses, we expect to see a rise in these crimes.

Of great concern is the theft in metals, particularly lead from church roofs. On the Rural North policing area churches in Marston Trussell, Gt Oxendon, Kelmarsh, Guilsborough, Creaton, Scaldwell, Guilsborough and Walgrave have been hit as well as Kelmarsh Hall and Coton Manor. Private houses are not exempt from this either and we have seen fairly young children in Northampton involved as well as our usual criminals. We have an operation dedicated to this crime called **OPERATION PILFER** and those with internet access can get specific crime-prevention advice on the Police website under 'Metal Thefts'. We recently ran a seminar on the subject inviting all members of the Peterborough diocese to attend and many did.

You may recall that in early September, overnight, we had a small gang of youths going around the village causing criminal damage. No direct identification of those responsible has yet been made. My colleague PC Gary Wright and I, have done a great deal of work in the background, with the considerable help of local schools and youngsters to come up with some names. The only direct evidence is some CCTV, which, as it is taken at night, is of limited quality. A name has since been passed to us and all I can say is that enquiries are ongoing.

Finally, can all residents look out for our older residents who are targeted by distraction burglars. These are criminals who work in pairs, one to distract the

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Steve Clark - *6 Newlands*

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- Andy Austin - *'Ceybirds' 38 High St*
- Maggie Draper - *Shannonside, Carvels 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*

resident in a bogus conversation whilst the other enters the house in search of money. They pose as all sorts from water board officials to police officers. We recently had two such incidents in Gt Oxendon and they are extremely distressing for those affected.

As always, if you see any crimes in progress or need to call for urgent assistance dial 999. For all others 08453 700700. If you need to make contact with your local team you can e-mail us following the links on the force website to Daventry Rural North SCT. Our thanks to your local NHW team headed up by Greg Pritchett who do a great job on your behalf and our personal thanks to the many residents, businesses and parish officials who give help during the year, making it a privilege to police this area.

PCSO Glyn LEWIS
Daventry Rural North SCT
Brixworth





OPERATION PILFER

Metal Theft Facts



Northamptonshire Police is calling on the public to be their eyes and ears as they step up their operation to prevent metal

thefts across the county.

Homes, churches, schools, business premises and public buildings are all being targeted by people cashing in on a crime trend brought about in recent

months by scrap metals increasing in value several times over.

- The price of lead rose by 61% in 2006 and has tripled since 2003
- Copper is now worth £4,000 a tonne, twice as much as two years ago
- In Northamptonshire a quarter of all thefts currently are metal thefts
- 80% of metal thefts involve lead
- Churches are particularly vulnerable. Since April 2007 35 churches in Northamptonshire have been attacked - some more than once
- Metal theft insurance claims have doubled to £7 million in two years

- 20 arrests of metal-thieves were made in one month on the Northamptonshire West Area (covering Northampton, Daventry, Towcester, Brackley and surrounding areas)
- Of those arrested all were men living within two miles of where the offences took place
- Metal-theft across Northamptonshire has risen by 371% in the last year
- Metal drain-covers are of little scrap value but are costing some councils up to £300 each to replace

Amanda Green

Gardening Club Update

We have one more very good talk to round off our 2007 season. On Wednesday 5th December, Vanessa from Pitsford Lavender who will be sharing her ideas on how to use lavender in cooking and other applications. There will be tasting; so you be able to assess the results. For those that haven't got a lavender plant, there will be some on sale.

At this point, the Gardening Club Committee would like to thank Virginia Booth for arranging the many and varied outings and talks for 2007.

We kick-off the New Year 2008 with a talk by Dr. Richard Cornhill on Wednesday 23rd January, who is a Director of Leicester Botanical Gardens, who will describe the Gardens and explain their use in modern day gardening.

Before this meeting will be held (briefly), the A.G.M. which I know you all dying to attend! This is where you will be able to join the Committee, vote for a new Chairman (loud cheering!) and learn how the Club is progressing. We look forward to seeing you there. This

will be at 7.30pm, before the normal meeting at 8pm at Clipston Village Hall.

Wednesday 27th February has Richard Yates describing his "Travels through Wild Brazil". Meeting at Naseby Village Hall 8pm.

Wednesday 26th. March is a talk on "Developing Kelmarsh Hall" by Esther McMillan (Head Gardener) meeting at Clipston Village Hall.

Please note our yearly subscription is still only £6 per person - per annum, which entitles you to attend 9 gardening talks and 4 visits to various gardens, including Harlow Carr, the R.H.S. garden near Harrogate (free entry to Garden Club Members).

WANTED URGENTLY: a New Chairman. Your present Chairman has been in office for 7 years and we need someone with a fresh approach to carry this successful Club (75+ members) into the future. So come on, chaps and chappesses, give it a go! It's lots of fun and hardly any work. Please give your name to any member of the Committee.

Gerry Wood

NASMUG

NASEBY MAC USER GROUP



After the summer break several new members joined, mostly PC 'converts'. As you see from the photo (above), our youngest member is 9, the oldest in the 70's! Recent topics have been: getting to grips with system updates, how to get on Facebook, and how to do a PodCast. Photography and what to do with pictures. Photography is of great interest to most, as well as Mac Basics.

Next time we will be showing how to get photos in a digital photo frame and demonstrating the new Mac system Leopard, as well as showing the iPod Touch. A Christmas social in December will round this year off!

The dates will be: Dec 7 at 8pm. For more info - or just to be sure if there is indeed a meeting- please contact Stuart and Leny Cato tel. 01604 743166

Leny Cato





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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

2nd Wednesday 2.30 onwards
Contact: Joyce Vials (01604 740887)

Leukaemia Research Fundraising Group

Contact: Cheryl Avins (01604 743583
or 07769942756)

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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.

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)

WI PROGRAMME 2008

10th January: Christmas Party

14th February: 'Upstairs and Downstairs' - Humorous experiences of acting as a guide at Rockingham Castle and Boughton House.

13th March: Hand Made Cards -

Demonstration, and we will have an opportunity to make our own cards.

15th March: W.I. Fund Raiser - In aid of 'Naseby Natters'

*(a **BIG** thank you for your kind offer to sponsor Natters...again! - ed)*





Kids Corner!

WHAT I DID AT SNIBSTON DISCOVERY CENTRE

The whole school had a fantastic day at Snibston Discovery Centre on October 15th. Here are some of the accounts, which the infants wrote about it.

By Cara Bates Y2

On Monday 15th October the whole school went to Snibston. Snibston used to be a coalmine and is now a Discovery Museum.

We saw a skeleton on a bike in a box and there were two bikes at the side of it and when you pedalled the skeleton pedalled too. Then we went to lift up a Mini with only a chain and a magnet. It was really heavy. Then it was lunchtime and our group was so interested that we were late for lunch. Then we went outside and there was a play area. It was really fun. Then we came back inside and went to the shop. It was really nice. Then it was time to go home and everyone was really sad. On the way back the motorway was closed because there had been an accident so we had to go the long way.

The playground was the best especially the pole because it was really high.



"I liked coming down the fireman's pole"
Jessica Hadaway
Reception



"My favourite bit was when we played in the playground"
Barney Pallot
Year 1



By Elijah Watson Year 2

On Monday 15th October the whole school went to Snibston. Snibston used to be a coalmine and is now a Discovery Museum.

Me and Miss Kirkland went on a bike. They watched as we rode and the bones went round. We went in the toy bit and saw a Lego plane. We had lunch and when we went to the shop I bought a box. When you put water in it the fish get bigger. We went in the bus and then got home

I liked the air ball. When you put the ball on the air it floated.

"We went to a pretend coal mine. We saw some old buses. I liked playing in the sand"
Joshua O'Brien
Year 1

"We saw a skeleton on a bike. Then we saw a plasma ball. I enjoyed playing in the sandpit"
Alice Westaway
Year 1



"I had so much fun in the sand"
Thomas Otter
Reception



"I liked playing with Oscar"
William Wheatley
Reception



By Emily Thornton Year 2

On Monday 15th October the whole school went to Snibston. Snibston used to be a coal mine and is now a Discovery Museum.

I liked the skeleton that moved and the tunnel that was not real. I put my hand in a tornado and I liked the plasma ball. I went to the shop and bought a fly egg. We played in the sand and in the big play pit. We listened to a story from a plastic man and to shake his hand.

I liked the play equipment and my favourite was the sand pit.

Supplied by: the children of Naseby School

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