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Naseby Natters

issue 17



CRAMMED IN ISSUE...AGAIN!

Well where do we begin? Apart from an earthquake in the early hours of Wednesday morning (which measured 5.2 on the Richter scale!) and a fierce Lion enclosed behind bars (which we are warned "do not feed"), what else has been happening in the village? Well there is so much crammed into this yet again expanded issue of Naseby Natters, that I am not even going to bother telling you what's inside! Simply turn the page, read on and enjoy...

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE NATTERS

TEAM: We would however like to welcome onto the team two new members - Sue Cook and Sue Turner.

Both have written articles this issue, so a big thank you and welcome goes out to them both. Long may you stay! :-)

OTHER NEWS: The only other bit of news is that the WI are holding a 2-course lunch in the middle of March, which is to help raise funds for Naseby Natters! I big **THANK YOU** goes out to them, as they will be sponsoring an issue later in the year. So I ask **ALL** our readers to please go along and support the WI (and Naseby Natters!). All the information is listed below...

- Hoppy Easter to one and all -
THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

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The deadline for next issue:
1st of May 2008

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Village Update

Naseby Parish Council (PC)

NEW CHAIRMAN: After two and a half years in the 'hot seat' as Chairman of the Parish Council Tom Westaway has decided to remain a Councillor but to resign as Chairman. The Parish Council are very grateful for the time and dedication that Tom has given to his role as Chairman. Tom is now Vice Chairman and the new Chair is Becky Pope.

WINDFARM: The proposed windfarm on land at Haselbech owned by the Kelmarsh Hall Estate has been under discussion at recent Parish Council meetings. Cllrs attended the 'Stop the Windfarm' meeting in the Village Hall where there was a large turnout from Naseby. Cllrs also attended the E.ON exhibition which took place on February 20th at the Village Hall. **Parishioners are encouraged to make their feelings known about this or any other matter which affects the village by speaking to a Cllr, writing to the Clerk or by attending a Parish Council Meeting.**

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE: The results of the parish questionnaire have now been extensively discussed by the Parish Council and as a result of those discussions the following actions are proposed:

- **Speeding:** Electronic Speed signs will not be possible for the reasons explained in the last edition. However, temporary speed monitoring was carried out on Church Street and High Street between the 11-18th December using Police monitoring devices. For the Police Casualty Reduction Team to step in and take some action 85% of the cars in the study would need to be travelling

38mph in a 30mph zone. In High Street the 85% speed was 28mph and on Church Street it was 32mph. With only 29 vehicles in a week on High Street (0.54% of the vehicles in the study) exceeding 35mph the Police do not consider that any further action was justified. On Church Street 503 vehicles (5.28%) exceed the threshold and so based on that information further visits are to be made. On 9th January the Police did some enforcement on Church Street but no one was found to have exceeded the 30mph limit.

Community Speed Watch will take place between 21/9/08 and 02/11/08 in Naseby so it is **not too late to volunteer to help!** Please contact Pauline Vann the Parish Clerk if you would like to get involved.

- **Village Gateways:** Cllrs have been asked to come to the March meeting armed with designs for the proposed gateways and suggestions as to which roads should be done first. The suggestions include some sort of fence and better signage together with road markings to create a 'visual narrowing' of the road to encourage cars to slow down.

- **Village Hall Car Park:** This has been put on hold until the Sports Court works are completed.

- **Park Upgrade:** There is a shortfall of £10,000 to build the Sports Court. The Parish Council resolved at the last meeting that it was minded to award a grant of £5,000 to the Sports Court Fund but want to see evidence that a management scheme is in place detailing how it is to operate and that there is a group of volunteers who will manage the fledgling tennis club/5-a-side-teams so that the future maintenance and care of the

Members of the Parish Council 2008

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

Mr Stephen Clark
Newlands

Mr Melfyn Hoyle
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Mr Greg Pritchett
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Neighbourhood Watch & Police Liaison Forum 

Mr Paul Reedman
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Highways & Road safety officer

Mr Scott Westaway
New Hall, Newlands
Tree and Footpath Warden

Mr Tom Westaway
Westfields, Carvells Lane
Vice Chair

Mrs Becky Pope
Aysgarth, High Street
(Chair) 

Clerk - Pauline Vann
Manor House, Newlands

facility can be assured. If you are interested in getting involved in setting up a tennis club/sports club contact Paul Kelly or Pauline Vann.

The Parish Council will also be running a fundraiser in the Village Hall with a band and a bar to raise funds for the sports court and the date will be announced soon.

The Parish Council are looking into improving the children's play area and perhaps providing something for older children. Costings are being obtained with a thought to making gradual improvements as finances allow.

Becky Pope
Chairman
Naseby Parish Council





ARE YOU DOING ENOUGH?



The recommended target for physical activity is at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity on at least 5 days a week. Activities that count towards your target are; walking, swimming, cycling, keep fit, badminton or any team sports.

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Evonne Carr
Recreation Officer DDC

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<<< PS: LATE NEWS ON SPEEDWATCH!



Naseby will hopefully also get the speed watch equipment for another spell in the year in April/May time as well as the dates in September/October. The Training morning will be on Saturday 29th March in Northampton. Volunteers will be given full details when the dates are confirmed.

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Looking forward to seeing you!
Any questions call me, Jaime, on
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Naseby Weather



MEASURED IN BAKEHOUSE RISE
COURTESY OF STUART CATO

We thought maybe the average wind gusts for January might have been the highest we recorded - but not so 2004 was much worse.

Month 2007-08	NOV	DEC	JAN
Max Temp °C	14.9	13.3	12.9
Av Max Temp °C	9.7	6.8	8.7
Min Temp °C	-1.6	-3.8	-1.1
Av Min Temp °C	3.7	2.3	3.1
Min Wind Chill °C	-5.7	-4.3	-5.9
Max Humidity %RH	94	93	94
Av Max Humidity %RH	91.1	90.7	91.3
Min Humidity %RH	43	41	39
Av Min Humidity %RH	75.6	73.2	73.1
Max Wind mph	13.4	17.2	21.2
Av Max Wind mph	7.4	8.9	12.0
Max Wind Gusts mph	31.9	37.3	60.3
Av Wind Gusts mph	17.0	18.2	26.7
Comparison vs Previous year 06-07	NOV	DEC	JAN
Max Temp °C	14.2	12.8	12.1
Av Max Temp °C	10.6	8.2	8.9
Min Temp °C	-0.1	-2.4	-2.1

CAN YOU SPARE A SHELF OR ??

Guilborough pre-school is on the look-out for donations of any metal shelving or racking systems that you might commonly use in the garage...

...If you have any you would like to give to a good home
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ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENT



Mary & Gerry Wood (above) were married in September 1957 at All Saints, Patricroft, Eccles, Lancs



Our warm Congratulations go to two couples in our village who recently celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary: Mary and Gerry (above) celebrated their Golden Wedding in September, 2007. Originally from Manchester, they have lived in Naseby for the past twenty years. Avis and Arthur (below) were both born in Coventry and have lived here for 30 years. Their anniversary was on January 18th 2008. Both couples enjoy a busy



Avis & Arthur Aldrich (above) were married in 1958 at St. George's Church, Coundon, Coventry



retirement. Mary and Avis are engrossed in creative pursuits: embroidery and cross-stitch for Mary; quilt-making for Avis. They produce excellent finished work. Avis is also busy assisting the work of the Parish Church of All Saints. For their part the men are equally occupied with artistic interests. Gerry, well known in the village and beyond for his wood-turning skills, took up this craft only after retirement! He creates beautiful and elegant pieces in a wide range of special woods. He is also a talented water-colourist, painting well-composed pictures of exceptional tonal delicacy. In addition, he is the Chairman of the Clipston and Naseby Gardening Club. Arthur, for his part, has maintained his passion for the Stage. Having managed West End theatres for most of his professional life (travelling daily from here to London), he has been playing an important role these many years as an adjudicator of stage - productions, mainly plays put on by amateur-theatre companies competing across the counties of this region for the top drama prizes. Arthur is still busy as a playwright himself, writing most days and creating new dramatic works. What talent, what artistic strength is to be found here in just one village in a space of only 200 metres radius at the most!

Anne & Tom Gilmore

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

All Saints Church



It seems a long while ago now but we were delighted to see so many of you at the Carol Service (standing room only!). Dare we hope to see you on Easter Sunday too?

Things are now going along as usual, after some difficulties in the benefice, and we look forward with new hope for the future.

The Mothers' Union under Jan Hillyer's leadership is planning a lively programme of events. At present we are fifteen in number, but anyone is welcome to come to our meetings.

We are still working hard to raise funds for the Church redecoration so who knows.....one day!

Hopefully we shall return to Open Gardens...such a lovely event in every way....so get busy!!

Services will be posted on the Church notice board as soon as they are confirmed by the Rector.

Avis Aldrich - Branch Leader



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PCC Members:

Margaret Diack, Sarah Farrell, Ann Faulks, Michael Hopkins, Valerie Latham, Rae Whitehead



Naseby Methodist Church

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAYS:

A lot of singing, laughter, excitement, food and fun filled the Chapel in December. The school Christmas plays, were amazing, as usual!!! To see children enjoy themselves singing is a joy to see. Just look at the photo!



THE LAST CHILL DAY: This was enjoyed by those who came, and the 12 Days of Christmas Labyrinth was an opportunity to just 'be' and enjoy the reality of Christmas in the peace and quiet of the Chapel.

During the first worship service of the year we were asked to grow together - young and old... to be aware of each other's spiritual needs. So Josiah and Elijah have the task of asking us at times: how about us... what are we doing to help us young ones to know God better...

MOTHER'S DAY: For Mothering Sunday March 2 the service will be a different format...how & what exactly is a surprise for some of us yet...but it'll be fun! Why not come along and be part of it... It might be a cross between Fusion, a Coffee bar, a video, discussion and worship.....a place where there's room for questions and enjoying each other's company.



Often God isn't in the forefront of our mind...and when we think of him, he's a far and distant figure...



Joseph Amoah, who with his wife Iris, spent a day with us in chapel, said: Jesus says, you are my friends... Joseph

asked us what do you do when you hang out with a friend??

We came up with loads of things...What about you??

AND FOR FUN:

A child psychologist wanted to observe how different kids respond to negative circumstances. He filled the room with horse manure...[yuk...] Putting a pessimistic child in there, he sure saw what he expected... A screaming, whining child, desperate to get out...

But when he put an optimistic child in

the room, the child started tearing round the room, digging in the manure with an excitement that baffled him...

After a few moments of watching this he asked the child why he was so excited... The lad replied: ' with all that manure here, there's got to be a pony somewhere...

SPECIAL SERVICES: March 2 **MOTHERING SUNDAY:** Family Time...keep your eyes on the notice board outside chapel,

EASTER SUNDAY: Family Time 10.45am

Leny Cato



THE USUAL @ THE METHODIST CHURCH:

Mums & Tots:

All welcome Thursday 1.30-3.30pm (during term time only)

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

FEED THE CHILDREN

I would like to thank all the lovely ladies who knit regularly for "Feed the Children" and the people who have provided children's clothing. In 2007 we sent about 12 boxes of clothes and blankets.

Apparently some of us - me included - are a bit bored with our knitting patterns, and I wondered if anyone has any spare babies' and children's double knitting patterns, that they would be prepared to let us have. We are always grateful for odd balls of wool, I'll happily collect if you have any to spare.

Thanks again for your support,

Liz Capell (tel: 01604 740568)

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Naseby School Update:



Such a lot seems to have happened since the last edition. Here's just some of it!

If you had called in at the school on some days in early November, you would have been surprised to see Humpty Dumpty running around and some soldiers appearing to push him off a wall! This was the Year 6s making a film for the Guilsborough School Annual Film Festival. Naseby School's entry "Did he fall or was he pushed?" was a well-written, funny story with a serious message about bullying. On the evening of November 22nd, the judging took place. Eight other schools in the Guilsborough cluster took part and the brilliant news is that, for the second consecutive year, Naseby won! A particular thanks must go to Mrs Thornton, who works with the children on this project each year.

Christmas is always a really busy time of year, especially in a Primary School. Our Christmas performances were held at The Chapel, which is a

wonderful space for such events. The Infants performed a super musical called "C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S- spells Christmas!" for the parents and other members of the community and the Junior children had the pleasure of attending the dress rehearsal. It felt like the whole school was going around singing some of the songs later in the day! The Junior children performed 'The Christmas Code' to two packed houses. On the last day of term the whole school went to All Saints Church, as has become the tradition, for the Carol Service. The children sang the Christmas Story beautifully and read verses of a poem.

In school we had Christmas tea. In the morning, all the children, infants and juniors, were involved in making sandwiches, biscuits, making dips and cutting up 'crudities' and then in the afternoon, it was all eaten! Great fun!

Once again this year our school has collected money to help a school in Sudan. This is through a personal link so we know that all the money goes to the project. Our children wrote to the children in Yei Kindergarten and received some lovely letters back from them. We have also been sent a DVD and photos of their new building. Through staff and parents' donations and a non-uniform day (that was the children's ideal!), we have been able to send £500 which we are told will be used to buy the windows for the new school.

Our library is now really looking good! The new shelving was fitted during the Christmas holidays and staff and parents have worked really hard since then to get all the books on the shelves and catalogue them

using the new computerised system. Children can now borrow books using thumb-print recognition. We have planned the official opening of the library for February 26th. We have invited Bob Wilson, author and illustrator (<http://www.stanleybagshaw.co.uk/>), to come to work with the children during the day and then open the library after school. The books that have been sponsored for the new library will be on display and there will be the opportunity to buy signed copies of Bob Wilson's books.

Another fantastic improvement that's just been finished is our new kitchen. We are very grateful to the NSA, who matched school funding in order to make this possible. The new kitchen is light and airy, with super new flooring and units and a low level work top for a small group of children to work at. It complies with all the health and safety directives set out for such a space and has been designed and fitted by Jacques and Yvette of Den-Drijver Kitchens.

We have been notified by the DfCFS (it used to be called the DfES) that Naseby School achieved 'Sports Mark' last year. This is achieved by doing not only the expected amount of PE in the curriculum but also additional PE, through visitors, clubs, tournaments etc that the school does. This is a great achievement for such a small school. This half term, KS2 children have been going up to the Village Hall each week for 'Multiskills' sessions and next half term the Y5&6 children will have a series of Badminton lessons. This will be in addition to all the other PE done in school. Coming up is a netball tournament, so I'll let you know how we got on in the next edition.

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- Margaret Diack (Vice Chair/LEA)
- Pat Yates (LEA), Paula Otter (Parent)
- Adrian Vann (Parent), Jo Clement (Parent/Link), James Pope (Parent), Ian Arnott (Community), Rev D Faulks (Ex Officio), Beverly Thornton (Teacher)
- Sandra Kirkland (Associate Member)
- Andrea Heydon (Clerk)



Our school has many after-school clubs and this term has seen the start of yet another. For the first half of this term, Mrs Foulsham is running CC4G (computer club for girls). This is a government initiative aimed specifically at girls. Next half term,

there will be another computer club run by Mr Sleeman, one of our parents.

As usual, some of the children have compiled a children's page, so have a go!

Sue Bradburn



A BIG PAT-ON-THE-BACK TO OUR FAB SPONSORS!

This issue we are able to go to print due to virtually all the residents of Gynwell! They rallied round and made a collection which was more than enough to pay for this edition! When they were asked why they wanted to sponsor us they said:

"We consider 'Natters' is a cause very worth while supporting, for the news and views it gives us about our village."

Thanks for making it possible for us to print yet another issue.

So that is Bakehouse Rise and Gynwell who have sponsored Natters...which road will it be next??? The race is on!!!

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.

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NSA UPDATE

Our Christmas Fair on 1st December at the Village Hall was very successful raising about £1100. The children also produced a montage Christmas card which sold out very quickly. We wish to thank Henry and Naseby HQ for his very generous sponsorship of this project.

These together with previous fundraising have helped us to provide the school with money for the new path across the paddock, new kitchen, library fixtures and fittings and additional storage cupboards. We are very pleased with the improvements to the school and thank everyone for their support at our events which has

enabled us to contribute towards these.

Plans for this year's events are already underway so here are some dates for your diary - Hog Roast with Empire on 20th June and Christmas Fair 6th December. We also hope to hold the now infamous quiz night again in October, date as yet to be confirmed.

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. For further information please contact me on 743213

Becky Pope - Secretary



MINI FARM UPDATE:

CARVELLS HOME FARM: Last years' calves have been weaned off their mothers and are growing nicely. The cows, however, are now getting ready to have yet another calf. The fat lambs have finally been sold at market 4 months behind schedule due to the foot & mouth and blue tongue. The sheep will be housed shortly, ready to give birth and we look forward to yet another busy time of year and many sleepless nights ahead!!! Our chickens are now laying eggs again after their winter rest ... soon will be in full flow (we hope!) It's nice to see the daylight hours getting longer and the appearance of the snowdrops suggests that Spring will not be far away.

Mike & Bridget Baker





Naseby Village Hall

& Recreation Ground Management Committee



Your Village Hall needs **YOU**

Join the 200 Club NOW!

The fantastic facility of our Village Hall and recreation ground unfortunately doesn't run itself and costs lots in overheads! Lighting, heating, equipment, grass cutting, security, cleaning... the list goes on and on...

Although we have many users that contribute to the upkeep, we still need to raise funds to supplement it. Recent events such as It's A Knockout, Ferret Racing and the Pantomimes are all part of this fund raising effort.

If we don't raise funds, we will have an **overgrown field** and a **boarded-up, derelict Village Hall** - can you imagine the **eyesore**? No doubt many of the local '**Travellers**' would relish the chance of a new field! Fund-raising is a thankless task - people are willing to help generally but lives are busy and time is short, so we have come up with a solution where you can support your Village and have the chance of winning monthly cash prizes! This is about your support and us not having to put on lots of fund-raising events that you feel obligated to support!

Julie or Rachel will be round to sign you up soon - we'll take the hassle out of it and set up a tiny Standing Order* so you won't miss it each month!

- THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT -

*£5 a month can win you one of many cash prizes (up to £250) EVERY MONTH!

We are delighted that The Friends of Naseby Village Hall and Recreation Ground trust are now up and running with some big events about to be launched. More information is above.

2. Car-Parking and Pathways

We know what needs doing but action is on hold pending on how things go with

the take-up of the 200 Club.

ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

Let us know if you're interested in joining a new Naseby XI team.

LICENSING:

All the necessary regulatory Licensing certificates and documentation are in place.



ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Our committee's meetings are held bi-monthly (on the 3rd Thursday); the AGM is held in April. So why not come along and have a say. **All are welcome.**

Thanks again for your support.

Paul Kelly





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 4: CROMWELL as in "Cromwell Farm & Cromwell Monument"

Oliver Cromwell (1599 - 1658), ruler of Britain as Lord Protector in the 1650s, was born in Huntingdon to a family of gentry. He was studying at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, when his father died in 1617 and he returned to run the family estate and to look after his mother and sisters. He became M.P. for Huntingdon in 1628 and he developed strong Puritan beliefs. He became M.P. for Cambridge in the two parliaments of 1640, gaining a reputation for his outspoken attacks on the King.

When the Civil War began he raised a troop of horsemen and secured Cambridgeshire for Parliament. He saw the need for strong discipline in the cavalry, and he recruited "godly, honest men" who helped him to hold East Anglia for Parliament in early 1643. He became Colonel in a new force called the Eastern Association, which later became the core of the fearsome New Model Army.

At the Battle of Marston Moor in 1644 Oliver Cromwell's disciplined cavalry routed Prince Rupert's and Lord Goring's cavaliers. By the end of the year, despite the rule which forbade officers in the army being Members of Parliament, Cromwell, while remaining an M.P., became Lieutenant General of Horse in the New Model Army under the overall



command of Sir Thomas Fairfax.

In the Naseby campaign in June 1645, Oliver Cromwell had led his Cavalry north from Newport Pagnell. On the morning of the battle he stood with Fairfax overlooking the moor north of the village. Their forces numbered 13,000 and would be formed up along a mile front from

near the Clipston road westward over open country with no hedges except on the far boundary where the parish of Naseby met Sulby north of Welford.

Go to the Cromwell Monument on the Sibbertoft road, recently restored by the Naseby Battlefield Project, and read the new Information Boards there. You can also see the breadth of the battlefield, the hedges being away to the left, and Cromwell's own Cavalry position being on the far right.

Having overall cavalry command, it was Cromwell who spotted the Sulby Hedges on the far left flank of the battlefield, and he gave Colonel Okey authority to attack the royalists with musket fire from behind the Hedges as the battle opened. This was a highly successful opening attack.

Under Fairfax's command, with his major cavalry force, Cromwell took up position on the parliamentary right

flank near the present Sibbertoft road, facing north (to the right and behind you as you stand at the Monument). Opposing Cromwell's own cavalry was the Cavalier horse led by Sir Marmaduke Langdale, mostly northerners whose morale was low, led by officers who believed that the King should have marched north rather than fight in the Midlands. On Cromwell's right was a field of furze and a rabbit warren. After the opening royalist success on the left flank, and fierce infantry fighting in the centre, his 2000 cavalry met Langdale's regiments as they moved down from their hilltop position. Cromwell moved forward and charged the royalists who gave way. The Horse on both sides fought fiercely. Gradually the royal forces were driven back, and the general fighting retreat began which ended at Marston Trussell as the King escaped to Market Harborough.

Led by Fairfax and Cromwell the Battle of Naseby was the decisive end to the major campaigns of the Civil War. Mopping up took some months, but Charles I had lost to the Parliament, and effectively the Civil War was over.

Oliver Cromwell later supported the trial and execution of Charles I in 1649. He led armies against the Scots, and in 1653 was proclaimed Lord Protector. He ruled with a parliament and council of state as a pseudo-king until his death in 1658. Unable to find a permanent solution to governing Britain following his death, Charles I's son was restored as King Charles II in 1660.

John Anderson





Firstly a big **THANK YOU!** to everyone that supported us so well over the Christmas period

- Records were indeed broken!

Also a big **THANK YOU** to all the children at Naseby School. Your presents were very unexpected and a brilliant surprise and they definitely brightened up the shop. **THANK YOU AGAIN!**

CHICKEN TONIGHT?

Since the Jamie/Hugh/Gordon food programmes on TV we have been asked a lot about our fresh chickens. Firstly the **WHOLE** chickens are 100% Free Range and apparently cheaper than the supermarkets. The chicken breasts however do vary. The Chicken Supremes are either Barn Fed or Standard; our supplier cannot guarantee which they are as his suppliers vary too much. So we have now started supplying Free Range Chicken Supremes. They do cost more but to compensate that we are giving away a sachet of Blue Dragon Stir Fry Sauce with every pack sold.

RECYCLING: Also on an environmental note, in March we should be receiving our reusable environmentally friendly shopping bags - no more blue bags around the village!!! These will be sold at cost for you all to use again and again!

ORDERING: If you require anything in bulk such as stamps, wine, meat, cheese, flowers etc, please let us know as soon as possible so we can arrange extra stock. You may be able to arrange a bit of a discount as well.... if we're in a good mood!!!

RAIDERS OF THE LOST RING!

There is still no sign of Rachel "The

Postie"s ring. For anyone that doesn't know, just before Christmas Rachel misplaced her engagement ring. She is not sure whether it was lost on her post round or at home somewhere stupid, but if you all could check letterboxes, pathways and maybe the edges of lawns, flowerbeds etc this spring it would help greatly with the search.

Once again thank you for all your support.

Henry, Rachel, Michelle, Emily and Di.

STOP PRESS...COMING SOON TO HQ!

Naseby HQ souvenir Toy Wind Turbines!!! Order now to avoid delay :)

Naseby HQ

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E-mail: henry@nasebyhq.co.uk

Shop Opening Times:

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

(Deli open Mon - Sat: 9am - 5pm)

CERTAINLY A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

On Saturday 19th of January at Naseby Village Hall a fundraising event was organised by Naseby teenager Charlotte Underwood (*pictured right*) in aid of 'Marie Curie Cancer Care'.

The entertainment was provided by 'Empire' with Charlotte singing a beautiful rendition of 'Memory'.

The evening was a **HUGE** success and Charlotte raised an amazing £1,061.50!

Charlotte would like to thank everyone who supported the event and all the people who sold tickets and helped out.

Julie Westaway

HELP!!!!

We are desperate to acquire the funds to build the multi sports court at the village hall and although this is well underway we are a long way from the finished product.

The organising of a black tie ball is under progress and we would like to auction any donations of sports memorabilia or signed equipment from some of the sports personalities in the area, if you can help to promote sport or have any other ideas please, please contact us

- Lesley Campbell 01604 743 172
- Bridget Baker 01604 740 007

To reduce the building costs of the multi sports court there is a chance we could do our own ground work. We are looking for volunteers who specialise in this field, so if you can offer your services please contact the above telephone numbers.

Please, please help, it's for such a good cause and both the children and adults will benefit in and around the village from a fabulous sports court.

Lesley



Charlotte raised over £1000!





THE FITZGERALDS OF NASEBY *PART: 1 of 2*

The parish of Naseby contains some 3,300 acres and was for several hundreds of years divided into two estates, neither of which possessed a house of any size. The largest of these estates contained approximately 2,000 acres and the major part of the village and was previously owned by various absentee landlords. It did, however, at one-time possess a building to the north of Clott Hill, which has been described as a 'Hall'. Of this nothing now remains and it is believed to have been demolished when the Manor Farm-house was built around 1760.

Exactly how the FitzGerald came into the possession of the larger of these two estates is not altogether clear. John Mastin, in his History of Naseby, refers to them vaguely in his second edition, which was published in 1818. He does, however, mention that the Estate was conveyed by Sir John Wolstenholm to Charles Joye Esq. in about 1720 and by 1792 was in the possession of Sir Isaac Pocock, in the right of his lady, Dame Ann, the relic of Peter Joye Esq of Bennefield. The Manor of Naseby Court Leet and Court Baron clearly show that Dame Ann was still being represented when the court convened as late as 19th April 1817. When Dame Ann died around 1817/18, she may have bequeathed the Naseby Manor to John FitzGerald who in turn died shortly afterwards leaving it to his daughter and only heiress, Mary Frances.

The Shuckburgh family had owned the smaller of the two estate of some 1000 acres, including most of the houses in Church Street, during the

16th and 17th centuries. They ran out of the male line and the last female married into the Ashby family of Quenby Hall in Leicestershire. This estate remained in possession of the Ashby family until 1905, although until 1855 not one of them had lived on it for some 200 years. The old family seat of the Shuckburghs, that stood opposite the church, was demolished during 1773 and rebuilt as a farmhouse. Both estates were obviously managed by stewards or bailiffs, and both were broken up after the First World War.

The FitzGerald were said to have descended from an Anglo-Norman family that had lived in Ireland for more than six centuries. They were Protestants and immensely rich. In fact, by the simple expediency of marrying close relations they had become one of the most wealthy and influential families in the whole of Ireland, as well as being one of the most eccentric. They were also known for their haughtiness, intelligence and complete disregard for any opinion save that of their own.



Mary Frances FitzGerald

Mary Frances FitzGerald was born 19th June 1877, the daughter of John FitzGerald Esq. of Little Island, County Waterford and Mary, only daughter of Keane FitzGerald Esq. who, it is believed, were first cousins.

Mary Frances also married her first cousin, John Purcell Esq in 1801. He was born in Dublin 25th December 1775, the eldest son of John Purcell Esq. M.D., a wealthy physician of Richmond Hill, Dublin, and Eleanor, eldest daughter of John FitzGerald of Little Island, County Waterford.



John Purcell

John Purcell junior was a graduate of Trinity Collage, Dublin, and although he had enrolled in the Inner Temple he did not take up a legal career, preferring to live the life of a typical country squire.

Mary Frances has been described as a big, slightly shapeless woman with strong sloping shoulders, intimidating bust, haughty chin, lovely violet eyes, dark auburn hair, long even nose, and a rather small mouth. A boatman, who in later years helped to row her in a barge across to her family seat at Little Island on the River Suir, observed that she was 'a fine



woman...a fine broad woman.'

For the first nine years of their married life the Purcells' main residence was 'The White House' at Bredfield in Suffolk (also known as Bredfield House and Bredfield Hall) which they rented for several years from a Squire Jennings.

Mary Frances's father, who saw it as a suitable property in which to raise a family, had given them the nearby Boulge Hall Estate as a wedding present. He had purchased it on the condition that the late owner's elderly widow, a Mrs Short, could remain there until she died. Short by name she may have been, but not by nature, the old lady lived much longer than had been expected, thus preventing them from moving into the house for a further 30-odd years. John Purcell also owned Castle Irwell at Pendleton near Manchester, a small country residence that at that time was in a poor state of repair and not considered suitable as a family home.

Eight children were born to the Purcells during the nine years they lived as a family at The White House in Bredfield. They were John, Frances, Andalusia, Peter Kingsley, Mary Eleanor, Jane Teresa, Edward and Isabella. John was the eldest boy and Frances was the eldest girl. Edward was the youngest boy but the exact order of the other children is uncertain.

In 1810, Mary Frances had inherited a fortune of some £700,000 and several English estates from a great aunt. From that time onward, following in the footsteps of her own parents, she and her husband lived increasingly separate lives. Mary Frances spent most of her time in London mixing with the high society of the day while John remained with the children at

Bredfield House in Suffolk. With their mother spending most of her time in London, paying only infrequent visits to Suffolk, and their father busy pursuing the pheasant and the fox, the children were left in the hands of governesses and tutors. Edward describes how, as a small child, he had watched in awe as his mother on one of her infrequent visits to Bredfield House arrived from London in a splendid, glittering yellow carriage drawn by four matching black horses followed by other carriages, full servants and mounds of luggage.

The Purcells were to remain at Bredfield House for several more years before moving during 1825 to Wherstead Lodge, a short distance from Ipswich, overlooking the Orwell estuary. This was also a rented property belonging to Sir Robert Harland. It has never been fully explained why it was that with all the houses they owned, until Mrs Short died and John could finally move into Boulge Hall, they persisted in living in rented accommodation.

After the death of her brother in 1807 who, incidentally, was also named John as were her grandfather, father and eldest son, Mary Frances became the sole heiress to her father's Irish and English estates. With the money and properties she inherited from her great aunt and those of her father, which included the Naseby estate when he died in 1818, she became one of the wealthiest commoners in the country. For reasons best known to themselves, around the time of her father's death, John and Mary Frances Purcell, along with their children, took her maiden name, and from that time onward became known as FitzGerald. It is also interesting to

note that although she was still only 31 years of age no more children were born after she inherited her aunt's fortune,

From 1826 to 1832 John FitzGerald senior served as Member for Sleaford in Sussex. He was commissioned as Lieutenant Colonel of the East Suffolk Second Corps Volunteers, and also served as High Sheriff and as Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Suffolk

Although there is a common misconception that during this time a husband controlled his wife's money, it certainly was not true in the case of the FitzGeralds. It appears that both Mary Frances and her trustees were aware of her husband's remarkable lack of business acumen and ensured that between them they retained full control of the FitzGerald fortune. John FitzGerald, as he was by this time known, was frequently making bad investments or being embezzled by his stewards. At least two of them absconded with over ten thousand pounds of rent. He was at one stage declared bankrupt when a futile attempt to mine coal on his property at Pembleton in 1843 resulted in failure after it became flooded.

As there was not a house of any size on the Naseby Estate the FitzGeralds had one built. Exactly when the house was completed is not known but it is believed to have been between 1819 and 1822 although, as it is not actually shown on the Enclosure Award Map, it may have been later. Nor, for that matter, is it known why that particular spot was chosen, as it is tucked into a distant corner of both the estate and the parish. With some 2,000 acres to choose from the choice seems rather an odd one. The parcel of land upon which it was built covered some 250 acres, cut off to the





north and east from the rest of their estate by land owned by George Ashby Maddock. To the south and west of the house are the Cold Ashby and Sulby parish boundaries, the latter only a few yards from the front door. It may have been that the land in that part of the parish was the least productive, or that to have built it elsewhere would have had a disruptive effect upon the old three-field system of farming still being carried out in the parish at that time. If that was the case, why not have waited until the parish was enclosed in 1823 and the land divided into compact farms? Then they could have built on any part of their land that

they chose. Whatever the reason, it is said that Mary Frances did not approve of it once it had been built and stayed there only once. Even if this was not so, with all their other properties it is very unlikely that the FitzGerald's occupied it for any length of time. In fact there is much anecdotal evidence to suggest that it was leased to several different tenants during the time of the FitzGerald's ownership. The house which was enclosed in some 60 acres of gardens, parkland and woods was called 'The Woolleys' after the piece of ground upon which it stood.

Another structure erected by them was, of course, the Obelisk. This was

built on a former mill mound on the Clipston Road in 1823. Although its position is some way to the east of where the heaviest fighting took place it stands where the New Model Army, under General Fairfax, originally formed up on the morning of June 14th. It is also on the highest piece of ground in the parish. At the time it was built the enclosures were only just taking place, which meant that without hedges and trees the vista was far more open than it is today, so that much more of the battlefield could be seen.

...To be continued
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An Open Invitation...

After resting on our laurels (or yew, or whatever) last

year, there must be a veritable cornucopia of villagers *desperate* to include their gardens, patios or even just window boxes in our traditional village invitation to the outside world to witness our horticultural expertise!



Yes, it's time to think 'Open Gardens' once again, and we are extending an open-arms welcome to all, whether your garden is big or small, established or new. If you've not opened before, then go on, you know you want to!

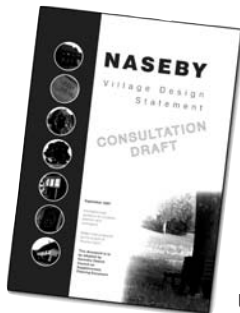
Please call Pat Oldfield on 01604 740145 to express your interest for the weekend (subject to general agreement) of July 19th and 20th 2008.... GO ON GIVE IT A GO!!!



Village Design Statement (VDS) for Naseby

WE'RE NEARLY THERE AT LAST!

The final community consultation stages, as per the statutory rules, were successfully completed on the 14th December 2007. Just one issue, raised by a



landowner, requires formal resolution via the Daventry District Council (DDC) Planning Group. We understand that this will not delay matters.

A big thank you again to Amanda Green for her skills and patience in helping to produce the very, very last version of our document and to the Parish Councilors and the VDS Group, who never doubted we would get through the red tape

eventually (*Aww shucks! - ed*).

We now join fellow villages: Flore, Hollowell & Teeton, Long Buckby, Norton, Scaldwell, Sibbertoft, and Whilton and together we will all navigate the final statutory stages.

All of the VDS documents will be reviewed again by DDC Strategy, Planning and Full Council during February, March and April 2008 and then at long last they will become formal Supplementary Planning Directive guidance.

Paul Kelly (VDS Group)





RECOLLECTIONS OF TIMES PAST AT NASEBY SCHOOL...

Eda Prime (pictured right) talked to me about her long term connection with Naseby School as both pupil and caretaker.



Eda was born to Albert Tansley and his wife in 1920 and started school at the tender age of three (not unusual at that time). Attending school throughout the twenties, Eda left aged 14. Growing up in the thirties, marrying and having two children in the forties, Eda came to work at the school as caretaker in 1947 and, continuing in that post until 1985, became the longest serving caretaker in Northampton. Still wishing to be involved in the life of the school, Eda then came to school every week to hear children read until 2005 when she allowed herself some 'me' time!

What follows is an amazingly in-depth account of the life of a village school over a long period through the experiences and memories of one past pupil.

Naseby School took children through



Naseby School : Basket work
(Edith is on 2nd row from front, 2nd from left)

from reception at 3-5 years and on into the junior and senior school until age 14.

Eda remembers her infant teacher – a Miss Rigby who came from Chapel Brampton. Mr Shrive, the headteacher, taught the senior pupils and a Miss Sansom taught the juniors. In the late twenties and thirties, there were up to 100 children on roll!

The school buildings consisted of three separate classrooms. Reception children occupied the end room – as they do now – and the juniors were in the middle room which was divided from the seniors' end classroom by folding doors.

The school building was very lofty as there were no ceilings and it had to be kept warm with open fires in each area! Lighting was by oil lamps which existed until the 1950's. There was no electricity or mains water and sewerage until Mr Brooks' time as headteacher in the 1950's when these services were at last installed! Before then, water had to be brought from the pump outside the schoolhouse. The older boys would pump it into large buckets and carry it across to school for hand washing and toilet flushing. When Eda was caretaker in the late forties, she was responsible for cleaning the toilet block in this way!

She also lit the fires in the cold months of the year and brought in wood and coal for the



Naseby School Infants 1929:
On occasion of the Duke & Duchess of York's visit

rest of the day's use. The oil lamps too were her responsibility to clean, fill and keep in working order.

The schoolhouse had always been occupied by the headteacher until 1978 when Maureen Swann came as head and the schoolhouse changed use and housed an office and extra classrooms.

During the Second World War, Naseby School had a number of evacuees from London and their teachers came too, helping to integrate the newcomers into school life in a village community.

Talking to Eda provided to be so very interesting, providing us with a snapshot of the experiences of one Naseby resident who had this life-long connection and indeed commitment to our school.



Pat Yates



School Group 1928 :
Edith is third girl from the right, middle row





Are Cheap Chicks Chic?

Have you previously given much thought as to why they could buy a fresh chicken from your supermarkets for less than the price of a packet of toilet paper?

The debate surrounding intensively farmed chickens has certainly been brought to our tables now thanks to the mass media and the recent efforts of Mr Oliver and Mr Fearnley-Whittingstall.

Only last week, animal welfare groups criticised the supermarket giant Tesco for cutting the retail price of its standard size chickens further to just £1.99 and many consumers are now asking how is it possible to farm, process and transport an animal into our supermarkets for such little cost?

These chickens are bred to supply a booming industry of consumers who demand cheap food but the rapid growth demanded of the chickens in order to supply this industry can lead to many problems for the animals.

A government led report last week found that some intensively farmed birds are kept in such cramped conditions that they can hardly even walk:- 27% of birds monitored for the report were found to have mobility problems; 3% of these were classed as severe.

Some chickens were found to have grown 100g in a day and it is this high growth that also leads to chickens' having difficulty walking.

Tesco claim that the £1.99 chicken does not lead to lower welfare; however the National Farmers Union (NFU) says the

move to cut prices even further is "extremely ill-judged and short sighted. They (Tesco) are devaluing the product and sucking value out of the supply chain and unless Tesco is going to subsidise this, it is not a sustainable price."

The RSPCA, which oversees the Freedom Food Programme for livestock welfare, said low-price chickens "were not the answer". A spokeswoman said: "The consumer has the clout to change supermarket policy and we strongly encourage shoppers to buy higher welfare chicken and not be tempted by the discount".



Anybody who has recently reviewed the television schedules involving Jamie Oliver and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall highlighting the

conditions of intensively farmed birds could admire their efforts but do they fail to grasp one fundamental reason behind mass production? Can you, using free range hens, sustain the eating requirements of a nation's desire for chicken and if so, at what cost?

It's a debate which I suspect will continue for some time to come and many consumers on limited budgets and families to feed could be forgiven for accepting the fact that the produce they bring to their table is mass produced, water-filled, hormone injected and mechanically engineered.

Moneysavingexpert.com, the consumer revenge website owned by Martin Lewis recently ran a poll debating 'Are Cheap Chicks Chic' which attracted over 8,000



responses.

The survey highlights that only 9% of respondents (and bear in mind these are people who are looking to save money where possible) were in favour of keeping the cost cheap. The results to date are as follows:-

A) Keep it cheap, regardless of the chickens conditions 9% (721 votes)

B) Don't up the cost much, I would rather pay £1 a chicken more for better conditions 39% (3245 votes)

C) Conditions must improve, I don't care about price, chicken welfare comes first 48% (3245 votes)



The remaining 5% (417 votes) of respondents didn't eat chicken.

source: forums.moneysavingexpert.com

I must admit that since the plight of these chickens has been highlighted, I am far less likely to buy a cheap supermarket chicken, preferring instead to purchase locally bred meat. After reviewing the evidence I would rather pay 3 times more for my chickens and if cost is an issue, I would rather add 3 times as many vegetables to the dish to bulk it out.

If you feel strongly about this issue, please send your letters to: sallyfield@gmail.com and we will print your replies in the next edition of Natters.

Sally Field





Do you Fancy a Global Game of Hide-and-Seek?

Geocaching is high-tech treasure hunting for grown-ups and kids of all ages. Basically the name of the game is to find secret treasure boxes which have been hidden anywhere in the world just using coordinates which are detailed on a website. There are over 500 thousand worldwide, and 25 thousand of these are in the UK.

All you need is...

1. GPS receiver - this will allow you to visit a coordinate by entering a Latitude and Longitude. (GPS stands for Global Positioning System by the way, and it is the same technology used in most in-car SatNav systems)

2. Visit www.geocaching.com

- Cache details and their co-ordinates can be downloaded from the web site and then you enter them into your GPS. Then it's a matter of walking to the cache site and having a good look around to find it. GPS receivers are only accurate to about 10m, so even when you reach the coordinate there will still be a little bit of work to do!

Most caches are waterproof plastic or metal boxes with lids. Each container (called a 'GeoCache' - or just 'cache' for short) will usually contain a pencil and a logbook to sign, but many contain "treasures"! These are usually small toys, foreign coins, or other



goodies! The idea is that you bring 1 treasure to the cache, and take one away again of a similar value.

The thrill is in the hunt - definitely NOT in the value of the prize! When you've found a cache, you simply hide it again in the same place - and (optionally) post a note back on the website explaining what you took, what you left, the condition of the cache and any entertaining anecdotes about your trip to find it.

Some caches will also contain 'Geocoins'. These have a unique ID number stamped on them, which is registered on a web site. The coin can then be tracked on its travels, as it moves from cache to cache.



Some caches will also contain 'Geocoins' like the one above

DID YOU KNOW:
There is one geocache in Naseby, and about 50 within a 10 mile radius?

So if you see people trailing around the village with GPS receivers, then grubbing around looking for hidden stuff, you know why. And you can tell them they are lost - the cache is just OUTSIDE the village :-)

Wyn Sleeman



SUPPORT KIDNEY RESEARCH UK BY WALKING LONDON'S FAMOUS BRIDGES



London Bridges Walk - Sunday, 6th July 2008



Enjoy a great day of sight-seeing and support Kidney Research UK by walking eight of London's Bridges on Sunday 6th July 2008.

The London Bridges Walk starts and finishes at the newly refurbished Potters Fields Park on the south side of the Thames near Tower Bridge. Walkers will cross eight bridges between Tower Bridge and Westminster, including London and Millennium Bridges. Last year, over 1600 people joined the procession, and for many it was their first introduction to the capital.

It costs £8.00 per person to take part and this price includes a special event t-shirt. There is no minimum sponsorship required but walkers are encouraged to raise as much sponsorship as they can. We have a massive target of £100,000 this year - we need your help to reach it! Proceeds will be used to further the work of Kidney Research UK and help improve the lives of people living with kidney disease.

For more information or to take part in the London Bridges Walk please call Kidney Research UK on 08456 12 12 26, email events@kidneyresearchuk.org or visit www.kidneyresearchuk.org





FOR...

The whole planet is facing the threat of climate change with strong scientific evidence that the earth is heating up. The potential consequences of climate change are far-reaching and could change the whole pattern of the world's weather. In the UK this could include the loss of habitats and rare species and the increased likelihood of severe storms and flooding. To some extent we are seeing the effects of climate change in the UK already.



As one of the UK's leading energy companies,

E.ON is taking the lead and developing a diverse range of low carbon technologies including renewable energy sources like wind and marine power, which will help us to keep the lights on and fight the effects of climate change.

The Government recognises the many benefits of renewable energy and has set some challenging targets to encourage the growth of renewable generation technologies such as wind farms.

As the windiest country in Europe, the UK benefits from having a plentiful, natural source of energy available. Wind energy is regarded as one of our most promising renewable energy technologies - it's a relatively mature industry and is long established as a reliable option for the generation of power in the UK.

At E.ON, we've taken a leading role in the development of wind power in the UK since 1991, when we invested in our first wind farm. We now operate 21 wind farms - both onshore and

offshore - and we're currently building Robin Rigg in the Solway Firth, which when completed will be one of the largest offshore wind farms in Europe.

We're currently looking to build more wind farms to help contribute to the Government's renewable energy targets and we've done a lot of work to find the best sites to develop in the UK. One site that has been identified is on the Kelmarsh Estate, which came to our attention after we were invited by the Trust to investigate the feasibility of building a wind farm on the Estate.

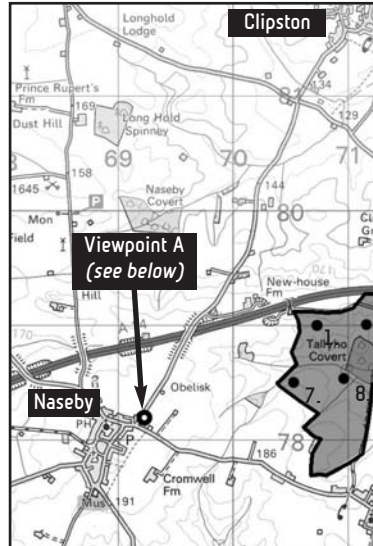
Since then we've been exploring the suitability of an area of land north of Haselbech. The site location is shown on the map.

We're currently at the first stage of the development process, called the feasibility stage. This involves commissioning studies and surveys and conducting consultations in order to gain more information about the site and surrounding area. Once we have completed these studies, received consultation responses and gathered further feedback we will assess the next steps to take.

Based on the current design, the proposed wind farm would consist of seven, three-bladed turbines, each with an energy output of between 2MW and 2.5MW. The wind turbine tower could be up to 69m tall and the rotor diameter up to 90m. This would mean that the turbines could be up to 115m tall from the ground to blade tip.

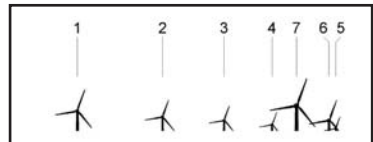
The project is in its very early stages and our current thinking for the site may well change as we get to know more about the area as a result of further investigation.

THE GREAT WIND



Above supplied by E.ON : Location Map @

Viewpoint A

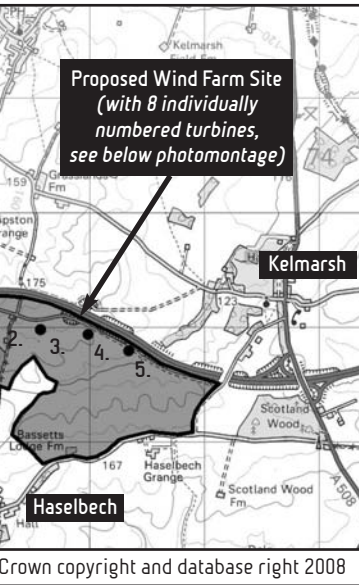


prepared in accordance with specialist Landscaping and represent an accurate predicted view.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The editor has amended the colour however in order for the turbines to be visible they have been highlighted in grey. Please note the actual colour of the original is available from E.ON (elizabeth@kelmarsh.co.uk)



WIND FARM DEBATE...



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Above "Viewpoint A" supplied by E.ON : View across Naseby Village Hall playing field (see map above). The above is known as a photomontage and is used to predict how a wind farm will actually look from a certain viewpoint. The photomontage is designed to follow landscape Institute guidelines to ensure they

The above photomontage sent by E.ON to account for the fact that the turbines would be black & white. The original photomontage is in color. The turbines would be black & white - NOT grey. A copy of the photomontage can be sent to h.howles@eon-uk.com

It's anticipated that a wind farm of the size envisaged on the Kelmarsh Estate could provide enough electricity to meet the annual needs of more than 7,500 homes*. It would also save over 15,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year+.

Developing a wind farm on the land would not only contribute to renewable energy targets for Northamptonshire and the UK but would also help support the Kelmarsh Estate Trust by providing revenue that will allow the estate to be maintained for future generations.

Early thoughts on potential community benefit have also been discussed and we're keen to get some feedback from local people. We envisage that an annual sum of approximately £28,000 per year would be contributed by E.ON to the local community over the wind farm's 20 year operational life.

We're also working with the Kelmarsh Estate investigating and designing a potential Renewable Energy Education Room which could provide local schools, visitors and the community with the opportunity to learn more about renewable energy.

We understand that wind farms evoke many different responses and emotions in the communities in which they are proposed and the current proposal is no different. We operate a good neighbour policy at all of the wind farms we operate and it's extremely important for us to involve the local community in the development process and keep you fully informed of all of our plans.

Even though we don't normally have public exhibitions so early in the development of wind farms, we understand that there are many

people within the community that want to know more about our proposal. To this end we held an early exhibition at Naseby Village Hall on 20th February from 2pm till 8pm to introduce our plans to the community. Attendance by the local community was excellent and almost 200 people attended the exhibition. This was considered a good response and met our aim of providing as much information to the community as possible.

It's a difficult task to find appropriate sites for wind farms, particularly where local communities are uncertain about the impacts they may have. The exhibition has hopefully given the local community the facts about the proposal.

For more info visit www.eon-uk.com

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* annual homes equivalent based on average domestic household consumption of 4.7 MWh (DTI report on domestic energy consumption 2004)

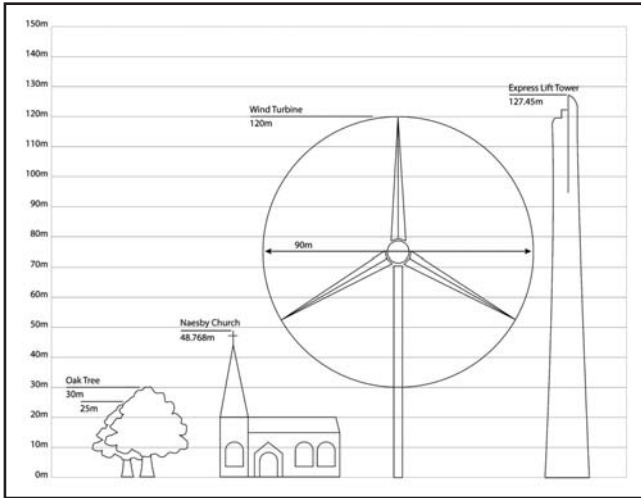
+ based on 430kg CO₂ per MWh electricity generated in the UK from a mix of sources (DEFRA)

...AGAINST

Kelmarsh Hall Trustees in conjunction with energy giant E.ON have proposed to erect 6 - 8 approximately 120 Meter high wind turbines (height of Northampton Express Lift Tower or a 40 storey tower block) on estate grounds south of the A14 immediately east of the Naseby Battlefield.

Haselbech Parish Meeting was the first to become aware of this leaked proposal and held a parish meeting to discuss the implications. It quickly became apparent that this would have





Above: 'Wind Turbine Comparison' from www.stopkelmarshwindfarm.com

a devastating effect on the local environment. The parish with a vote decided to oppose and a committee "Stop the Kelmarsh Wind Farm" was formed.

We were pleased to discover that we were not the only objectors. The area around the proposed site contains ancient monuments and woodland which is home to a wealth of wildlife including protected species. It is also an area of national historical importance, being adjacent to the famous Naseby Battlefield. Among the list of objectors are English Heritage, The Battlefield Trust and Conservation Groups.

The question is not whether you are for or against wind farms, but whether an area of unique environmental and historical importance, (and one of the lowest average wind speeds in the country according to independent Met Office surveys), is really the right place for a wind farm.

We are all passionate about saving our environment and the Stop The Kelmarsh Wind Farm Group support renewable energy. However, we feel that it must be situated in the most efficient and suitable location, not just where it is cheapest to construct and makes the most money for electricity companies and Kelmarsh Hall Estate.

Unfortunately because the wind energy subsidy system works the same way for onshore and offshore

wind farms it can be more profitable for electricity companies to build wind farms onshore where they are cheaper to build, even if they are less efficient.

As many of you are aware, an information evening was held on Wednesday 23rd January in Naseby Village Hall to provide local residents with information regarding the implications of this proposal.

Over 175 people attended, together with the *Harborough Mail* and our local MP, and were able to hear two real-life case studies

It was apparent by the information provided by the speakers that the turbines if located here will:

- Be inefficient - we are in one of the lowest wind speed areas in the country
- Cause significant noise and vibrations, particularly for those located within 1KM
- Cause unnecessary and dangerous distraction to motorists on an already dangerous stretch of the A14
- Open up the area to further applications for additional turbines, and other detrimental development.

One speaker, who originally supported

NASEBY'S LATEST BATTLE IS AGAINST WIND TURBINES

Published Date: 06 December 2007

Source: *Northants Chronicle & Echo*

By: Wayne Bantoft

Historians are worried 400ft wind turbines could ruin Naseby's English Civil War battlefield site.

Power company E.ON is investigating the possibility of installing turbines close to the historic battlefield. The proposals have been met with anger from historians, who are working on plans to boost the national reputation of Naseby by building a visitor centre at the battle site. English Heritage has told E.ON it opposes the scheme. Glynn Coppack, of English Heritage, said: "We've made it very clear that we think it will have a serious impact on the battlefield because it's a large, open area that is unspoiled by anything at the moment."



onshore wind farms, told of her personal experience of living 1km from a wind farm in Deeping St.Nicholas where she is now one of 5 families who have been forced to abandon their own homes and rent alternative accommodation due to the persistent noise from the turbines and the effect on their health. Her house is now completely unsaleable.

Please don't be under any illusions - this proposal **will** affect you. We would ask you if you feel able to support us in our fight to stop this inappropriate commercial development that you register your support for our campaign to protect the local environment by registering on-line at:

www.stopkelmarshwindfarm.com where you can download sample objection letters to send to the trustees of Kelmarsh Hall. Every single objection will count. You can also pledge to reduce your own carbon emissions.

If you do not have access to the internet and would like to join the campaign please call 0116 229 2715 where you will be able to leave your details and we will contact you.

Unfortunately, whilst we have to write this article before the EDN meeting, to be held on 20th February where they will be promoting their proposal, it will not be published in the Naseby Natters until after this event. We would like to hope that as many supporters as possible of the 'Stop Kelmarsh Wind Farm' campaign attended this meeting and filled in their questionnaire with your objections, as each non-attending household will be assumed by Eon to be a supporter for their statistics.

Further 'Stop Kelmarsh Wind Farm'

information evenings have been held at Maidwell and Clipston on Monday 18th February and Wednesday 27th February to which we circulated an invitation. If you were unable to attend the Naseby meeting we hope that as many of you as possible were able to attend one of these subsequent meetings to hear how this proposal will affect you, your family and your property.

Stop Kelmarsh Wind Farm

SO WHAT'S YOUR VIEW?

So now you know both sides of the story and you know where the proposed site is to be - what do you think? We would love to know your thoughts and views, so let us know by contacting one of the team.

AJ Green

HAVE YOUR SAY...

Members of the Parish Council have attended both meetings held to date regarding the proposed windfarm and we are continuing to gather information as to the possible implications (both positive and negative) for our village. As our parish is not actually where the proposal site is located, the council has written directly to Daventry District Council to formally request that we are consulted if a planning application is submitted.

We have agreed to have the topic as an ongoing agenda item for discussion at each of our Parish Council meetings, held on the first Thursday of each month; and we also have a public participation slot so please feel free to come along and tell us your opinions. Alternatively please

Great Daffodil Run ROAD CLOSURES: Sunday 27th April 2008 10am - 3pm

This affects the roads exiting Naseby towards Sibbertoft and Clipston. Access for residence and emergency services will be maintained at all times and routes will be fully signposted.

Join the Great Daffodil Run in its



11th Anniversary in April 2007. The 10k run is a single lap and the 15 mile run is a multiple lap road route taking runners through the quiet undulating country roads of the picturesque villages of Kelmarsh and Naseby.

WHY NOT HELP CHEER THEM ON?

We're hoping to get some people to cheer the runners on as they run down Newlands perhaps with some music and refreshments (like we did last 2 years) as it was so well received! If you are able to help out or just want to join in the cheering contact Cathy Hoyle 01604 740848.



AJ Green

forward your views in writing to the clerk.

At the E.ON meeting I did seek further information regarding the time scale of this project. The E-on representative stated that depending on the feasibility studies it was planned to have a more formal meeting/exhibition of their plans in the late Summer/early Autumn and that any planning application would be unlikely to be submitted until spring next year.

Naseby Parish Council





A New Tradition?

DID SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2007 SEE THE START OF A NEW NASEBY EVENT?

Following the ever successful and popular pantomime, seven of the cast (never to be contenders on 'The X Factor') thought good old Naseby could do with some carol singing, whilst raising money for charity too. So, fresh from the bosom of festivities (the aforementioned pantomime), they set off to lubricate their tonsils in the Royal Oak before embarking on their mission. Katie and Tom were the first port of call, what with them living directly opposite the pub, and when the intrepid seven came away with cash, (probably because the children had just been put to bed and playing would mean the noise...'err singing' stopped), confidence grew!

There were a couple of requests of 'Oh

don't worry about singing the whole Carol', but wanting to give value for money we were unperturbed, and treated you all to non shortened versions...our apologies!

It was absolutely freezing and we were immensely grateful for the refreshments provided by Paul and Amy as we went full throttle into Silent Night...whilst at the same time 'press-ganging a new recruit. Well, one new recruit and one dog... bad luck on Ryan for just happening to be walking by! Our numbers had swelled to eight; there was no stopping us now! That was until we realised we were fast approaching 9 o'clock and maybe parents with sleeping children wouldn't receive us in quite the same spirit if we continued. So our final thanks to Euan and Lesley for being our last port of call.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and you lovely generous people helped us raise £95 for 'Ability Northants' for

which we are extremely grateful. For those of you who don't know:

'Ability Northants' is a countywide disability-charity who provide a much needed Information Service to anyone of any age with a disability-related query. Amongst other things, they also run Shopmobility in Northampton town centre, publish a list of second-hand disability equipment for sale, run a wheelchair loan scheme and sell keys to disabled toilets. To contact them Tel: 01604 624088 or go to www.abilitynorthants.org.uk.

Maybe next year we could plan and be organised so more people could join us if they wish and we could perhaps split any funds raised with village initiatives too?

On behalf of the 8...and a dog and everyone at Ability Northants a **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to all who gave so generously!

Louise Shaw



JUST A MURMER?

Well, hopefully it was just a "murmur" seen down Carvells Lane on the evening of Saturday 12th



January. A cloud of about 100 of the little perishers (that's starlings to you and me!) was spotted flocking at the bottom of our garden in the trees along the edge of the lane.

I am told, (as I wasn't in the village at the time - David and I missed the spectacular effects of our feathered friends by a couple of months) that they amassed quite early in the year, back in 2006, with devastating results and much re-laundersing of washing, car-

cleaning and paint restoring and so I wondered, if we were going to experience this apparent phenomena after all.

So dear reader, I am on Starling Patrol, as I believe the disaster may be averted by swift intervention from the local council, who by all accounts, do not run around the village like headless chickens, shouting and waving their arms in orchestral harmony and puffing out great quantities of hot air (an image I like to conjure with!) but employ the services of an electric bird scarer, this being more effective, more humane and with the desired effect of moving the little blighters on to terrorise another village, preferably in another county!

Well, I am pleased to report that as we go to press the starlings seem to have

flown off to pastures new. We do however have Phillip the Pheasant, his brother Fred and their harem of 5 pretty little girls, also robins, wrens, Mr and Mrs Blackbird, 2 Wood Pigeons, 4 collar doves but no partridge in the pear tree. We do have a very small amount of starlings, more a whisper than a murmur....but the little devils have learned how to raid the nuts on the feeder and terrorise all the tits and chaffinches. Now, I did see a goodly few lurking on someone's television aerial this morning, but as yet...it's safe to go outside in this unseasonably wonderful February weather!

But rest assured, I will be on the case should they appear again and I will keep you all posted...

Sue Turner





Let's Rant!

This is new column we would like to introduce to Natters whereby you can let off a bit of steam about something that has got your goat. Simply submit it to us and de-stress!

In April 2007 Paul and I were dragged kicking and screaming into the age of broadband by our 'techie' son. "You'll need it to help you organise Jo's wedding", Jo being our daughter. I hate to admit it but he was right and over the summer I became intimate with 'Mr. Google'.

Initially we had lots of problems as our broadband connection constantly failed to connect! Lots of letters were sent and telephone calls made (7p a minute) to our I.S.P. who happens to be Orange. Customer Services didn't want to help and kept referring us to Technical Support (50p a minute). We refused to do this and eventually, as if by magic, our connection stabilised. The summer passed in a whirl of wedding preparations and our broadband behaved itself and then 3 weeks ago it went again. This time we had to ring Orange Technical Services many, many times. Yet again Customer Services referred us to Technical Services.

Eventually after two weeks and hours of calls to India and lots of "we think we have solved your line fault" they sent out a B.T. Engineer (who told me we will get a bill for his time at £1 a minute). Apparently as our B.T. line enters the house (in the living room) it records 18DBs (don't ask!!) but by the time it reaches the study (5 metres in distance) 9DBs have been lost. Apparently this is the fault of modern builders who insist on putting telephone wires and electricity wires together, interference

allegedly! The advice was to put a 'site specific filter' into the living room to support the 18DBs; problem is we now only have access to broadband at that one site so we have a wireless router sitting in the living room and a USB network adapter in the study. That works when the computer is switched on but if the computer is switched off and then restarted the router and the adapter do not want to talk to each other and we have to start moving them

around. Our son says he will come and sort it; in the meantime our carbon footprint is getting larger, E.ON is taking more of our money in order to build wind turbines (sorry, it's all my fault), our bank account is getting smaller and I am at screaming-pitch.

The only positives in all of this are the wedding was completely wonderful and I have started talking in 'Techie' speak.

Pat Reedman



NASEBY 'NEED TO KNOWS'...

If you are new to Naseby or a long term resident the following numbers and information will come in handy we hope!

Doctors:

- Guilsborough Surgery 01604 740210
- Repeat Prescriptions 01604 749931
- For those patients over 60 years of age prescriptions can be delivered to Westaway's Garage on Mondays and Tuesdays
- Naseby Village Surgery each Monday morning at 11am in Methodist Chapel

Hospitals:

- There are casualty departments at both Northampton General and Kettering General

Buses:

- Services operate to Market Harborough and Northampton
- Timetables and information can be found on village notice board adjacent to school gates

Railways:

- Fast trains to London, St. Pancras International are available from Market Harborough and Kettering
- Trains to London, Euston are available from Rugby & Northampton

Daventry District Council:

- General number 01327 871100
- Council Tax 01327 302293

- Council tax can be paid via automated telephone on 01616 279926
- Refuse is collected from the roadside on Tuesday mornings - blue and red recycle boxes are collected every week; brown and grey bins are collected on alternate weeks
- You can obtain lids for your recycling boxes and extra recycling boxes from the 'One Stop Shop' on 01327 300001

Roads

- To complain about the state of our roads telephone 'Street Doctor' on 0845 601 1113 or go to: streetdoctor@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Naseby HQ:

- The shop is sited opposite All Saints Church and is open 7 days a week
- Papers can be delivered for a small charge

Village Notice Board

- If you want to put something up in the village notice board, just drop it into Pauline Vann at Manor Farm on Newlands (the black metal box on the step is her letterbox)





ARE YOU A TREE HUGGER OR HATER?



A Tree Preservation Order is like marmite, you'll either love it or you'll hate it! If you have a tree with a T.P.O. in



or near your garden, overgrown, blocking out the sunlight, you will probably hate it, alternatively a beautiful tree with a T.P.O. in your neighbour's garden is a different matter altogether!

Planning Authorities have powers to protect trees by issuing a T.P.O. This make it an offence to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or destroy the protected trees without having obtained permission from the Local Authority. However, the tree remains the responsibility of the landowner who must ensure that any maintenance that may be required is formally approved before the work is carried out. If permission is not obtained then fines on summary conviction can be set at up to £20,000, or on indictment the fines can be unlimited.

There are certain circumstances in which permission to carry out work is not required although it is advisable to write to the Local Authority and provide them with details of the intended work and why you think it is necessary. This ensures that the Council are aware of what you are doing, thereby avoiding potential prosecution if the Council believes

that the work is actually not necessary. Better safe than sorry! There is a right of appeal to the Secretary of State which has to be made within 28 days of receiving the Council's decision.

All types of trees can be protected by T.P.O.s; they can be single trees or part of woodland, copse or other grouping of trees. Protection does not however, extend to hedges, bushes or shrubs. Nearly all trees in Conservation Areas are protected and in these circumstances the Local Authority must be given six weeks notice in writing of any proposed work.

If a council wishes to issue a T.P.O. on a tree on your property they will serve a formal notice on you and write to other interested parties advising them of the making of the order. A notice will also be posted nearby in a position where members of the public can read it. You or anyone else has 28 days from the date of the Order within which to object to or support the Order. Always set out the reasons for your views and provide any further details concerning the tree/s. The Council should take these into considering in deciding whether to confirm the Order. A Public Local Inquiry can be held in some circumstances. T.P.O.s can be made very quickly and in urgent cases can be put in force within a day. Less urgent case can take several months. T.P.O.s are made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Town

and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999.

Scott Westaway (*pictured left*) is the Parish Councillor with responsibility for T.P.O.s within Naseby so we asked him some questions regarding T.P.O.s in the village.

NN: I understand that Naseby has 25 trees with TPOs is that correct?

SW: No, there are now 27 individual TPO's plus several groups of TPO trees in the churchyard and the allotments.

NN: Are the trees situated all over the village or are they situated in just one or two areas?

SW: They are spread throughout the village

NN: What makes one tree worth a TPO and another one not. Does it depend on age, rarity or just position?

SW: TPOs are used to protect selected trees and woodland that may be vulnerable or if their removal would have a significant impact on the amenity of the area. Age and rarity are obviously taken into





consideration but are not the overriding reason for issuing a TPO.

NN: Can anyone ask for a TPO to be placed on a tree or is it just the council that has that power?

SW: Anyone can apply to the council to have a tree nominated for a TPO. The Council's Arboricultural Officer will inspect the tree and decide whether or not it requires it. The Council will write to the owner and other interested parties to advise them of the order and display a notice of the order near the tree(s). Members of the public will have the opportunity to register their support or objections to the order by writing to the Council within 28 days of service of the notice giving details of their objections / support. The Council will take these representations into account when deciding whether or not to confirm

the order.

NN: Why did you take on the responsibility for TPOs? Have you always had a love of trees or were you press-ganged into it by your colleagues on the council?

SW: What's not to like about trees? Unfortunately many need protecting more than ever with all the recent development in the village. But I'm not a tree-hugger either. Like everything there are good ones and bad ones, both with and without TPO's (Sorry Swampy!)

NN: Is there anything else that we need to know that would help us if we had a tree in or near our garden with a TPO on it or if we wanted to



have a TPO issued on a tree?

SW: Trees often grow over boundaries, so its worth pointing out that normal tree law isn't applicable with trees that have a TPO. Whether it encroaches on or over your land you cannot lop branches or dig up or damage roots without planning permission from DDC and I would advise anyone to take advice from either the County Council Arboricultural Officer on 01604 654353 or Daventry Council Planning dept. tel 01327 302587, or myself for an informal chat before getting the chain saw or spade out!

A big thank you to Scott for his time and for answering our questions.

Pat Reedman



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SPOOKS & SPIES!



A short distance from Naseby is a fascinating gem of a museum on the site of the former Station 179 airfield at Harrington: the Carpetbagger Aviation Museum. Photographs, unique film footage and artefacts give a fascinating insight into the history of the airfield during the Second World War and vividly show the work carried out by the 801st/492nd Bomb Group especially during Operation Carpetbagger.

The Carpetbaggers were a special top-secret unit formed to fly agents and supplies to Resistance groups in occupied Europe during the Second World War. After training in covert supply operations with RAF personnel at Tempsford, the Americans finally moved to Harrington in March 1944. Here, they undertook some 3000 sorties, dropped 556 agents and 4551 tons of supplies. Sadly, 332 aircrew were killed.

The Carpetbagger Aviation Museum was formed in 1993 for the 50th Anniversary reunion of the USAAF's 801st / 492nd Bomb Group (The Carpetbaggers) at Harrington.



Find out about Operation Red Stocking, a daring rescue known as Callaghan's Trapeze, the introduction of Thor Missiles during the Cold War and the work of the Royal

Observer Corps.

Some believe one exhibition-room is haunted and, yes, a Naseby girl, the late Florrie Toesland, was a war bride and left for America when the war ended.

On the same site is the Northants Aviation Society Museum with its excellent collection of equipment, memorabilia and

remains of WWII recovered aircraft. Both Museums are a splendid record of local, contemporary history and are open weekends and Bank Holidays from 10.00am to 5.00pm. From the weekend before Easter until October.

Carpetbagger Aviation Museum
Sunnyvale Farm Nursery
Off Lamport Road
Harrington
Northamptonshire
NN6 9PF

Tel: 01604 686608

www.harringtonmuseum.org.uk

Anne Gilmore



B24 Miss Fitts taking off in front of the Foxhall Cottages

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY... I'm sure if you have kids, you'll appreciate this!





WOT, NO ONIONS?

Shocking news has reached the Natters' News Desk of a probable onion shortage. Yes, it's a crying shame - growers from around the country reported yields down by a third caused by the extremely wet summer of 2007. Growers are in a real pickle as those crops that survived have a very high water content that has led to problems with storage and the onions are softening more quickly than usual.



Peeling away the layers of information, it would seem that growers in the rest of Europe have experienced similar problems, so suppliers are having to go further afield, such as South America, to

obtain supplies. Unfortunately this crop isn't ready for harvest until March, so whichever way you dice or slice it, expect 'eye-watering' price increases of up to 50%!

Why should we care? Well, the humble onion has a reputation as an aphrodisiac; in France, onion soup was served to newly weds for breakfast; Roman gladiators had a rub down of onions to firm up their muscles and some claim that rubbing onions into freezing toes will get the circulation going again. Going back to the days of food rationing, onions were so highly sought after, they were offered as raffle prizes and offered on the black market.

So, should we expect onion heists from garden plots? Allotment vigilante groups protecting over-wintering crops? Ram-raiders on Naseby HQ? Information leaked by Henry's supplier indicates onions could be sourced from New Zealand - dried and tinned varieties are also available and now you know your onions - why not try leeks - after all,

onions are so last season! More disturbingly, he spoke of a possible beef shortage, owing to the main source from Brazil not conforming to EU regulations - you may think this is a load of bull - I couldn't possibly comment. This could mean that a beef and onion pie could be as rare and expensive as Beluga caviar.

And what of the long term prospects for onions? Some growers, in the belief that last year's adverse weather conditions are a result of global warming, are planning to grow spring onions in the winter to ensure supplies - I'm sure it will all end in tears.

And finally...as the onion growing fraternity say, 'That's shallot folks !'

Sue Cook



We would like to apologise to all our readers for the shocking level of puns within this news article, we will make sure there is a warning label next time- ed :)

CALM - CANINES DOG TRAINING CLASSES

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The Naseby Battlefield Project:



THE NEW VIEWPOINTS:

The search for sites at which the visitor could park a car and consider the countryside safely and comfortably began in 2001. The first fruits of the work, two new viewpoints, were opened by the Hon. Rupert Fairfax in September 2007. Substantial funding for this has come from East Midlands Tourism via the Northamptonshire County Council and from a Biffa grant.

South of East Farndon and west of the road to Clipston is a field which could not be cultivated in its entirety. This is within, I estimate, 100 yards of Prince Rupert's position as he puzzled over the whereabouts of his foes at 8am that Saturday morning. A triangle of land alongside a farm track is too small for modern machinery to plough, drill or harvest and the farmer agreed to permit the Project to make use of it. Here, at Rupert's Viewpoint, there is now provision for six cars and one coach to park. A viewing platform of wood over an earth bund has been constructed on two levels. The lower level raises adults thirty inches above the ground so that their eye-level is that of a mounted man; the officers of the armies viewed the landscape from horseback. The upper level, another eighteen inches up, does the same for children and for wheelchair users. An interpretation board identifies key features in the landscape and relates the story of the action to them. The site has been planted with meadow grasses and flowers and with trees. Rupert's problems and the basis of his decision to move can be appreciated in full when seen from this viewpoint.

Finding a similar site close to Fairfax and Cromwell's conference location north of Naseby was more difficult. Eventually a small plantation on a parcel of land left over after the construction of a bridge over the new

A14 was chosen, principally because it can be entered from a side road off the busy, undulating and curving route from Naseby to Clipston. From Fairfax's Viewpoint the Royalists' initial position below the East Farndon to Little Oxendon road is easily seen, as is the entire ridge line running towards Sibbertoft. The visitor can understand at once that the viewpoint stands at the top of a fortress-like slope, forbidding an attack. The eventual Royalist position from Prince Rupert's Farm to Longhold Spinney, north of Broadmoor, is equally clear.

These two viewpoints, taken together, make explanation of the problems and decisions made by the commanders of both sides, and the manoeuvres that followed, so clear that the propaganda published by the opposing forces after the battle is revealed for what it is. Spin!

THE OLD VIEWPOINTS & OTHERS!

The interpretation boards at the Obelisk and at the Cromwell Monument have been replaced with new boards which meet the Battlefields Trust's presentation criteria and the sites themselves modified to admit the less nimble visitor. These sites are in the care of the County Council. Further boards have been installed at important places previously without markings. Overlooking Hellcoombe on the Sibbertoft to Clipston road, alongside the footpath, a board shows the line of the fighting retreat and this story is continued opposite Lowe Farm, with a view of Moot Hill. The final stand on Wadborough can be appreciated from the Royal Observer Corps post off the single-track road to Marston Trussell, in which village yet another remembrance of the fighting is to be erected.

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



A BIT OF FUN!

Nine words women use...

- 1.) **Fine** : This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up.
- 2.) **Five Minutes** : If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.
- 3.) **Nothing** : This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.
- 4.) **Go Ahead** : This is a dare, not permission. DON'T DO IT!
- 5.) **Loud Sigh** : This is not actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to #3 for the meaning of nothing.)
- 6.) **That's Okay** : This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.
- 7.) **Thanks** : A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say "you're welcome".
- 8.) **Whatever** : Is a women's way of saying STUFF YOU!
- 9.) **Don't worry about it, I got it** : Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking 'What's wrong?' For the woman's response refer to #3.

Amanda Green





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Our 2008 Talks and Walks programme is underway. It is designed to cater for our members and non-members wide ranging historic interests both local and national. On the 6th February we learnt about the best way to research family histories. "Where There's A Will" was an illustrated talk by expert Jackie Minchinton about how to go about finding/investigating very old wills and archives and then how to have even more fun building your own unique family tree.

On the 5th March we welcome back Chris Rowe, an excellent speaker, who's illustrated talks on "The Eleanor Crosses" proved to be very popular indeed. Chris continues her historic narrative with "Murder Most Royal", which focuses on the life and times of Edward II. This intriguing story of success, betrayal, dethronement, and treachery commences with his birth in 1284 in Caernarfon; childhood as the first Prince of Wales; followed by his fateful marriage to the duplicitous "Isabella, The She-Wolf of France"; and concludes in 1327 with his imprisonment and the terrible acts committed in Berkeley Castle....allegedly. If you're a fan of royal intrigue and mayhem this talk is tailor-made for you.

When it gets warmer, we'll go out and about to investigate local history at Walgrave and Haselbeck. Throughout the coming months we'll also have specials on Vintage Cars, Spratton, and fittingly in November we have "The Gunpowder Plot" presented by the highly sought-after Geoff Baguley. Plus we have lots

more planned for your enjoyment.

We generally hold our Talks at 8pm. on the first Wednesday of the month, all very informal and friendly (plus the exciting Raffle). **Everyone is welcome, so non-members can simply come along and pay £2 at the door.**

Our AGM is on the 2nd April, so if you would like to help us with new ideas for our 2008/9 programme or get more involved, please come along.

The full 2008 Talks and Walks programme is also available on the Naseby Village website

www.naseby.org. We also circulate information via e-mail a week or so before the meetings, on posters in the village shop and provide flyers (only to members who request them).

If you would like join us on a more regular basis, membership fees have been pegged again at £10 for Single membership and £15 for Family membership. Please complete a membership form and bring it along to the next meeting. If you have any queries please contact: Chris Murphy on 01604 740748. We look forward to meeting all our members, new or current, throughout the coming season.



Paul Kelly

Stop Press: 4th June "Going for a Spin" - Vintage Cars... it's not just a talk! Now, you'll be able to kick the tyres of one of the first people's cars, a 1937 Ford model Y, a sports classic 1965 Triumph TR4A and if any car buffs want to bring their own treasures along to join us...you're very welcome!





Doin' The Shakespeare Walk!

Shakespeare's Avon Way is one of England's newest long distance footpaths.

Beginning at the source of the Avon in Naseby, Northamptonshire, this 88 mile fully way marked path follows as near as possible the course of the river. Using existing public footpaths, bridleways and a few minor roads, Shakespeare's Avon Way meanders through the picturesque countryside of Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire to reach it's confluence with the Severn at Tewkesbury.

Shakespeare's Avon Way has been developed as a voluntary, non-profit making activity in aid of the Myton



Hamlet Group of Hospices, both to raise funds and to increase awareness of their work. It is hoped that funds will be raised through sponsorship of walkers and profit from the sale of our publications.

Shakespeare's Avon Way will officially open on the week-end of Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 April 2008. If you enjoy walking and would like to support Myton Hospice at the same time, then get your family and friends to complete a small section of the route. Alternatively, if you are feeling a little more energetic, why not plan to complete the whole of the Way throughout the summer months.

If you would like more information about how to be involved in the official opening of Shakespeare's Avon Way or would like to purchase one of our publications, please feel free to contact us by either visiting our website at:

www.shakespearesavonway.org and follow the links. Alternatively, you can write to us at Shakespeare's Avon Way Association, Newlands, School Lane, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Warwickshire CV23 9NB or our telephone number is 02467 545858.

Shakespeare's Avon Way Association

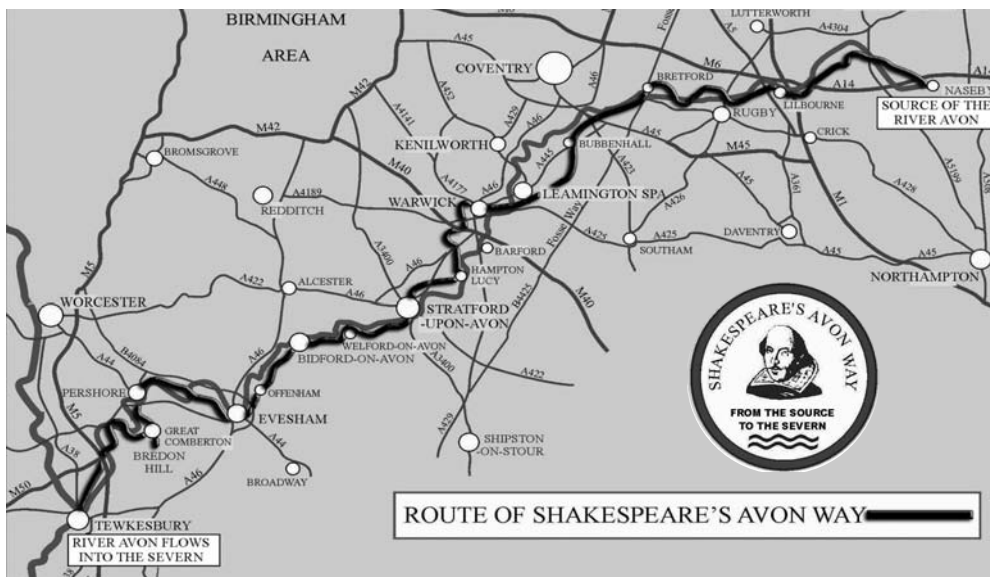
PUBLICATIONS:

Shakespeare's Avon Way - 56 page main guide book from Naseby to Tewkesbury with descriptive text, coloured illustrations and maps Price: £6.25 (incl P&P)



The Upstream Supplement - 28 page guide providing route directions only from Tewkesbury to Naseby Price: £4.75 (incl P&P)

The Shakespeare's Avon Way Planner - 8 page guide providing details of accommodation and meals facilities along Shakespeare's Avon Way. Price: £3.25 (incl P&P)





LIFE AFTER BIG SCHOOL...



LIFE IN GUILSBOROUGH SIXTH FORM

I am in year 13 at Guilsborough School, which is the second and final year in the Sixth Form. The Sixth Form is for people aged 16 to 18 and is not compulsory. Instead of going to Sixth Form, you can choose to go to college, take up an apprenticeship or go into full time employment.

Sixth Form life is very different from life in the rest of the school in many ways. One of the things that most people look forward to is that they do not have to wear school uniform.

Before you enter the Sixth Form, you must have an interview with one of the Sixth Form tutors. However, this is not too scary and more like a chat about what subjects you will be taking in the Sixth Form and generally your life at Guilsborough (or another school) so far.

At A level you choose four subjects to study, one of which is dropped at the end of the first year (however, the AS grade still counts). I am taking sociology, psychology and geography and I chose to drop Economics and Business. Now, the year 12s also have to do CDPE (Certificate of Personal Effectiveness) which contributes to your final grades and UMS marks.

Throughout the week, you get study lessons (or 'frees' as everybody calls them!). In year 12 you get between 4 and 6 frees a week, but in year 13, you get around 15. Even though you have fewer lessons, it does not mean that there is less work; in fact there's more and you have to be strict with your time to get your work completed.

Exams are sat in January and June of both years 12 and 13 so there is also lots of revision to be done.

I recently had to learn 72 psychological studies off by heart to be able to write about them and evaluate them in an exam!

There are ten tutor groups in the Sixth Form which are mixed with some year 12s and some year 13s. There are roughly ten of each year in each tutor-group (however in my group there are about 15). The tutor group names are much simpler than the names in the rest of the school, it is just your year and then your tutor's initials; for example, I am in 13FX (Mrs Fox).

Throughout the year there are various fun days and competitions, such as the Tutor Notice Board Competition (always won by 12/13 SA!) and the Christmas Song Competition which is exceptionally funny. Also, in the summer, there is an induction day for all the year 11s coming into the Sixth Form in the following September. This is where they get to experience some lessons in the morning, are put into tutor groups and traditionally have an afternoon of competitions in tutor groups in order to get to know each other.

The Head of Sixth Form, Mr Ditchburn, is good at motivating any students who may be suffering from "Lazy Slackers Disease" as he likes to call it and can often be found at the end of the day in the Common Room with his megaphone telling people to do "One More Thing" to keep the common room tidy.

The Common Room is a large area where everybody can spend their free time socialising or studying (the latter can also be done in the Quiet Study



Joanna Guy

Room). On one side of the room there are desks and chairs and computers (although finding one with a mouse, keyboard, login screen etc that works is sometimes a challenge!). On the other side there is the "kitchen" and the so-called Comfy Seats (often housing some sufferers of Lazy Slackers Disease!). The kitchen consists of a sink, dishwasher, fridge, toaster, kettle and a microwave which is great for having different lunches instead of the normal sandwiches! You can occasionally smell popcorn, done in the microwave, which stinks out the common room and makes everybody else hungry.

In year 13, the school help you to apply to University if that is what you want to do after the Sixth Form. The earlier you get this done in year 13 the better and you will start to receive offers and sometimes interviews (if this is what the university requires). Often you can get it all sorted before your exams so you can concentrate fully on them.

So there it is: life in the Sixth Form. I hope this has given you all a useful insight into what it is like and that those of you in the lower years at Guilsborough (or at any other school) are now looking forward to, or considering going there for your Post-16 Education.

I have honestly enjoyed being part of the Sixth Form Community (normal exam stresses aside!) and I shall be sad to leave in June after my final exams.

Joanna Guy





Neighbourhood Watch News



Fortunately the last quarter has been a relatively quiet period for us in Naseby village, with a small number of incidents reported including some stolen vehicle wheels to a suspicious hooded youth sighted in a residents backgarden on Newlands.

Metal theft crime remains a regional problem, with many types of metal being targeted due to their recent increase in value.

As ever, vigilance remains the order of the day and please pay a little extra attention to our elderly neighbours.

Finally... don't leave your cars unattended while they're defrosting or just warming up, while we get over the cold couple of months ahead - they may be gone by the time you get back.

Finally, if you see or hear of anything suspicious please contact myself or Steve Clark

Greg Pritchett

01604 740717 : Police 999
(emergency) or 08453 700700



A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE



Since my last report there have been two reported crimes in Naseby. One was a vehicle fire in High St which, as the Fire Brigade could not absolutely rule out foul play, was recorded as Criminal Damage. We also had theft of vehicle wheels from Westaway's garage on the 7th of January.

There has been a similar trend throughout the area with a low incidence of recorded crime although by saying that, I am tempting fate!!

As I said last in my last letter we are

still experiencing thefts of metal across the area. Only last week £2000 worth of stainless steel was taken from an Anglian Water sewage works at Sibbertoft.

On the subject of Anglian Water, we have been informed that an Anglian Water van and uniforms have been stolen in separate incidents. Bearing in mind that distraction burglars regularly use the water board excuse for getting elderly residents to let them into their properties, we ask that you be particularly vigilant in this area.

During the week 11th December to the 18th of December, a traffic survey was carried out in Naseby with two data logging machines. One was positioned in High St on the School sign, the other in Church St next to Linden House.

Total vehicle counts were 5354 in High St and 9520 in Church St. In both cases the great major of drivers were at or below the posted limits although there were sufficient infringements on Church St for us to be carrying out random speed checks in the near future. Please be warned, as our experience to date, in other villages in the area, is that a majority of those stopped live in or near to the village being checked.

I was delighted to see that the primary school had taken up the DHL/TESCO offer of large vehicle safety awareness with a Tesco liveried truck being used to give the children some idea of what the driver can and can't see. As an ex LGV driver I have to say that one of your great fears is the unpredictability of children and their lack of awareness. The school is to be applauded for it's efforts.

As always, 999 for urgent calls, 08453

Contacts

Community Beat Officer:

PC Gary Wright
c/o Pitsford Police Station



Community Support Officer:

PCSO Glyn Lewis



Both on tel: 01604 300300

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Deputy Co-ordinator:

Steve Clark - *6 Newlands*



Members:

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*

700700 for all others and, if you want to contact your local SCT by e-mail: sctdaventyruralnorth@northants.police.uk

I hope you all had a very good New Year and that 2008 will be even better!

PCSO Glyn LEWIS

Daventry Rural North SCT

Brixworth





IMMOBILISE IT!



If you receive a new mobile phone, laptop,

camera, sat nav or any other item with a serial number this Christmas make sure you register it with Immobilise or another secure personal property register organisation. Immobilise.com is a free service designed to protect your property. Registering your property will increase the chances of it being



returned to you if it is stolen. You can register your property at www.immobilise.com

If your phone or other belongings are lost or stolen, report the loss IMMEDIATELY to Northamptonshire Police on 08453 700 700 or in emergency call 999. Keep a note of



the numbers that you would need to call if you lost your phone. Contact your service provider and ask them to block your SIM card and handset. This will ensure that the phone will not work, making it useless to the thief. If you do not have their number, contact the immobilise help line 08701 123 123 who will provide you with your service provider contact details.

Isabel Manning

*Public Relations & Marketing Officer
Northamptonshire West Area Police*

Gardening Club Update

Our AGM brought forward the usual flurry of applications, as a result your Committee is unchanged, except to confirm Ruth Wallett as the Programme Secretary. The rest is as follows:- Chairman - Gerry Wood, Treasurer - Julie Connel, assisted by Cyril Noble; Members: Janet Alderton-Smith, Roy Harris, Virginia Booth and possibly Babs Cox.

The first talk of 2008 by the Director of Leics Botanic Gardens was very good and attracted an enthusiastic audience.

The Programme for the next 3 months is as follows:-

- **Wednesday March 26th** - At Clipston "Developing Kelmarsch Gardens", by the Head Gardener Ester McMillan. At this meeting there will be a members' Plant Stall, at which surplus plants, gardening bits etc. will be sold to help to raise funds for the Club. Please bring anything you have spare.
- **Wednesday April 23rd** - is an afternoon visit to Evenly Woods (nr.Brackley) by coach, from Clipston at 2pm. Further details to

members nearer the time.

- **Tuesday 20th May** - At Naseby, features 'The National Garden Society' Colourful Pots and Containers. There will also be a plant stall!

Subs can be paid at any Meeting. They are now due at £6 per person per annum. **PLEASE SUPPORT YOU LOCAL GARDEN CLUB.** Any further information please contact me on 01604 740444. Thank you!

Gerry Wood



NASEBY LADIES ROUNDERS



Once again the season is fast approaching. Although training has not started yet anyone wishing to come along and either play or have some fun please contact:

- Tina Underwood 01604 740 484
- Lesley Campbell 01604 743 172

Depending on the weather we may start training around March, with registration for the season to be in for 1 April 2008 for players and the season starting the beginning of May.



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NASEBY MAC USER GROUP

We are amazed by the interest in the group! Each month new people appear; someone even read Naseby Natters in the pub and came along! It's not only Mac computers that draw.... friendships are being formed, tips exchanged, questions asked about all sorts of things! For January a visit was planned from the Apple shop in PC World... but cancelled because of work regulations. A real pity, but it was a great evening. There is always a pile of computer magazines on the table and between us there is a wide variety of expertise...or lack of it. So if you're thinking of getting a Mac [most group members are PC converts!] why not email for info re next meetings.

The next 2 dates are a bit tenuous because our daughter's baby boy, James, was born on Feb 22. We're going over for a week to help her. So better check before you come...

- Feb 15 • March 14 • April 11.

Leny Cato

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>>>> Congrats to Leny & Stuart on becoming grandparents again! - ed





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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)

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Tuesday 7pm to 8pm Naseby Village Hall
Contact: Jaime Brodie (07810 792206)

Leukaemia Research Fundraising Group
Contact: Cheryl Avins (01604 743583 or 07769942756)

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)

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.

Having had to cancel the proposed talk by Viv Jozsa last February, members of the W.I.

were delighted to welcome her to their meeting in August when she spoke to them about 'Colour Analysis.' This was a fascinating subject and Viv proved that with the right advice on which colours and make-up suited them, everyone could look younger and their self-confidence would be improved!

In September, Richard Moisey  delighted members with his beautifully illustrated and enthusiastic talk about National Trust Gardens and how their styles have changed throughout the centuries.

There was another complete change of subject in October when the guest speaker, Sue Britten, told members about the Rainbows Children's Hospice in Loughborough, its buildings and facilities and the wonderful work done for the children and their families. Instead of charging a fee, Sue was pleased to accept a donation towards the cost of running the Hospice; this was some of the money raised at the Charity Lunch held last March.

Several visitors joined members after their meeting in November to be entertained by Bob Harris and Roy Rippin of the Market Harborough Movie Makers, who showed two films, 'History of Inns and Pubs of Harborough' and 'Harborough in Bloom.' It was amazing to discover just how many pubs and inns there were and still are in Harborough, and what an interesting history many of them have. It also proved to be a nostalgic

journey for those who have lived in the area for some time as so many of the buildings have now been demolished. Everyone at the meeting had lived in the area long enough to appreciate the beauty of the floral displays in and about the town in the summer, but not many realised just how much hard work is involved and how much of the work is done by volunteers.

Members were joined by visitors again in December, this time to hear Naseby's own Bridget and Mike Baker give a very entertaining and eye-opening account of what happened to each of them when they took part in Channel 4's 'Wife Swap' Programme. From what they said it was a memorable experience but not one which they are in any hurry to repeat!

In January, members held their annual Christmas/New Year party at the home of Pat Yates. As usual, there were delicious refreshments and drinks followed by entertainment organised by two of the members. It was a very enjoyable evening and thanks of all the members go to Pat Yates for inviting them into her home and being such a wonderful hostess.


In February, our guest speaker was Mrs. Angie Cooksley whose talk 'Upstairs and Downstairs' was a humorous account of her experiences of acting as a guide at Rockingham Castle and Boughton House.

The speaker at the meeting on 13th March will be Janice Collins who will take along samples of the cards which she makes and everyone will have an opportunity to have a go at making cards themselves.

In April members will discuss and vote on the resolutions to be debated at this year's national Annual General Meeting which will be held in June. Six

resolutions were shortlisted at the end of last year but as only one or two of these will be chosen for debate, members throughout the country were asked to list them in their order of preference. It will be interesting to see whether the choice of Naseby members was in line with the majority of the rest of the country. After the business of the resolutions has been completed, Avis Aldrich will speak about her visit to WI's own Denman College in Buckinghamshire, where she did a course in Patchwork.

In May Dr. Kelley Lee-Gilmore will be the guest speaker and her talk will be entitled 'Smoke Alarms and Smoke Screens' in which she will tell the truth behind the big tobacco companies. That should be interesting!!

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, and if any ladies would like to go along to one or any of the meetings, they would be very welcome. 

Mary Hackett (tel. 01604 740657)

(We would all like to wish Don Hackett a speedy recovery - ed)

LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST...a date for your diaries!!!

The ladies of the WI will be holding a fund raising lunch in the Village Hall on Saturday, 15th March from 12 noon till 2pm

The cost for a 2-course lunch (with a choice of 2 main courses plus pudding!) will be just £5 for adults & only £2.50 for children!

The proceeds from the lunch will be used to sponsor a future edition of 'NASEBY MATTERS' so please come along and show your support!





Kids Corner!

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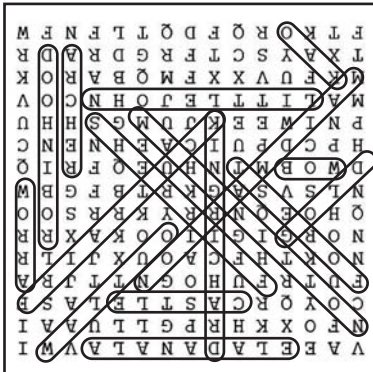


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