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Naseby Natters

issue 18



NASEBY AND BEYOND!

Welcome to yet another cram packed edition of Natters, but more importantly; welcome to the residents of Haselbech who are now included in the distribution of our much loved newsletter!

We were approached a few months back by residents of Haselbech and after a few discussions, it was felt that to include Haselbech was only full of pluses! So welcome to you, one and all - we hope you enjoy your first edition. For fellow Nasebians we hope issue 18 is better than ever!

ANOTHER NEW TEAM MEMBER: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Becky Ash from Haselbech to the ever expanding team. She has been a tremendous help this issue and really got stuck into her new role for sure!!!

NEW BITS: There should be something for everyone this edition - We have added some new features such as a 'Diary of Events' to help you plan your summer. From an Art Exhibition, a Steam Show, Black Tie Ball, Music Festival, to Open Gardens galore, you'll have a hard time deciding what to do!

We are also trying to add a new article entitled "All in a days work". An insight into a fascinating day job.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can download all previous editions of Naseby Natters from the www.naseby.org web site. Right back to issue 1! Also you can leave feedback about Natters at anytime by filling in the easy to follow on-line form. We'd love to hear what you think (good or bad!) plus any ideas for future articles you might have. So get in touch!

AJ Green - "Editor"

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- Happy reading to one and all -
THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

PS: A big THANK YOU goes out to the humble proof readers, who each issue get the corrections back to me with lightning speed! So a personal 'thank you' goes to Amanda Smith (from Hall Close) and Abi Barker (from West Haddon) this issue. You're stars! - ed

Deadline

The deadline for next issue:
1st of August 2008

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your newsletter and your village - so get involved



Village Update

Naseby Parish Council (PC)

The Parish Council is very pleased sponsor this edition of Natters; it is a great way to bring the community together and the Council are keen to support the dedicated team who produce Natters each quarter.

WINDFARM

The Council sent representatives to attend presentations made by the Stop the Windfarm group and by E.ON and based on the information provided so far, consider that the proposed location for the Kelmarsh windfarm is not appropriate. Should there be a planning application, more information upon issues such as environment, health and the effect on the landscape will be provided by E.ON and the Parish Council will consider the matter further.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

All villagers are invited to the Annual Meeting on 5th June at 8pm in the village hall. Trustees of the Naseby Battlefield Project will be attending and you will be able to ask questions about the next phase of the project which is the construction of a Visitor Centre. Land has been purchased for a Visitor Centre near to the battle site on the Sibbertoft Road.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Five volunteers have now been trained and a further three will be trained by the time this edition is published. If you want to volunteer

please contact Pauline Vann on 740774 who will sign you up for training which will take place on 21st June and 13th September. You only need to attend one 2hr training session in Northampton and commit to helping out with the speed gun when Naseby has it again in September.

RECREATION GROUND

The Parish Council are arranging a fundraiser with a live band to help the Sports Court organisers raise the final £10,000 needed to complete the project.

Looking further ahead, the Parish Council are getting costings for an overhaul of the play area to provide better facilities for the under fives and for older children/teenagers. An initial quote of £49,050 plus VAT has been obtained. Grants would need to be obtained for this and this is the first stage in a long project. Input from villagers is always appreciated as to specification etc.

BOLLARDS

The Parish Council is arranging for wooden bollards to be placed outside the shop and church to protect the verges which are being ruined by cars parking on them. Parking on the road rather than the footpath or verges slows down the through- traffic which is much appreciated by pedestrians.

FREE MULTI-SPORTS

Daventry District Council and the Parish Council have for some years now hosted very popular multi-sports events for children aged 5-15 in the village hall during school holidays. The events in February half term and in the Easter holidays were very well attended. There will be two further events this year on 27th May 2008 1-3pm and 12th August 10am-12pm.

Members of the Naseby Parish Council 2008

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

Mr Stephen Clark
Newlands

Mr Melfyn Hoyle
14, Nutcote
Playground Warden

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

Mr Paul Reedman
Hall Close
Highways & Road safety officer

Mr Scott Westaway
New Hall, Newlands
Tree and Footpath Warden

Mr Tom Westaway
'Westfields', Carvels Lane
VICE Chair

Mrs Becky Pope
'Aysgarth', High Street
Chair

Clerk - Pauline Vann
Manor House, Newlands

Participants should wear suitable clothing and bring a drink. Posters advertising the events will go up nearer the time.

Naseby Parish Council

HASELBECH PARISH COMMITTEE:

We hope for the next issue to include some news from the Haselbech Village Parish Committee.

Members of the Haselbech Parish Committee 2008

Richard & Wendy Westall
Chair
Fox Cottage



THE GREAT WIND FARM DEBATE UPDATE...

In the last issue of Natters we presented to you both sides of the story with regard to the proposed Kelmarsh Windfarm. Then we asked you "What do you think?". Sadly no-one got in touch. We would still love to know your thoughts and views, so get in touch with one of the team.

We also approached Kelmarsh Hall Estate and invited them to present their side of the story but they declined stating: "...We do not see there is anything more to be gained by adding to those views written but thank you for the opportunity."

However, they did inform us that they have erected the E.ON Wind Farm presentation boards within the Visitor Centre at Kelmarsh Hall. Members of the public are able to look at these at their leisure whenever the Hall and Gardens are open which is between 2 and 5pm on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until the end of September. Visitors do not have to pay if they only wish to visit the Tearoom and Visitor Centre so the

opportunity is there to study the proposal without distraction.

AJ Green

The 'Stop Kelmarsh Windfarm' campaign has been growing strong with great support from local villages. So far, it has held four meetings in Naseby, Maidwell, Clipston and Arthingworth which were all well attended - in total over 400 people came to hear the guest speakers.

What next??...the campaign is awaiting news from Eon on the planning proposal. In the meantime, if you'd like more info on the campaign against the windfarm or would like to sign up or get involved, please visit:

www.stopkelmarshwindfarm.com

The best way to help is to become a member of the Stop Kelmarsh Wind Farm campaign; the more members we have the bigger our mandate. - Posters are available - just ask and we'll drop one round!

Stop Kelmarsh Wind Farm

Naseby Weather

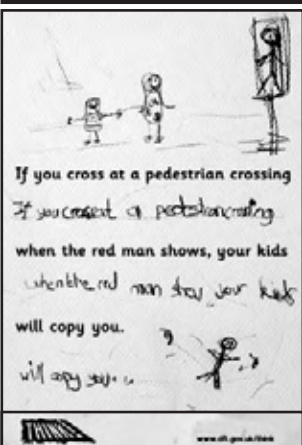


MEASURED IN BAKEHOUSE RISE
COURTESY OF STUART CATO

Month 2008	FEB	MAR	APR
Max Temp °C	12.4	14.9	19.4
Av Max Temp °C	8.9	12.7	12.5
Min Temp °C	-3.9	-2.4	-1.2
Av Min Temp °C	2.0	2.5	4.2
Min Wind Chill °C	-6.2	-6.2	-2.2
Max Humidity %RH	92	92	92
Av Max Humidity %RH	89	85.1	88.9
Min Humidity %RH	32	48	32
Av Min Humidity %RH	56.2	63.6	60.7
Max Wind mph	19.9	19.6	13.1
Av Max Wind mph	9.0	9.8	7.0
Max Wind Gusts mph	59.7	42.4	34.4
Av Wind Gusts mph	20.8	24.0	16.4
Comparison vs Previous year 2007			
	FEB	MAR	APR
Max Temp °C	11.3	14.9	22.0
Av Max Temp °C	8.6	11.0	16.9
Min Temp °C	-4.6	-2.6	2.9

NASEBY WEATHER COMPARISONS FROM 2004 TO DATE:

Max/Min °C	2004/05		2005/06		2006/07		2007/08	
	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
May	23.9	3.4	28.1	1.9	24.9	3.6	23.2	3.1
June	30.3	5.3	31	4.9	30.4	7.6	25.6	7.3
July	28.6	7.6	29.4	8.8	34.1	13.8	23.9	8.6
August	29.4	9	29.3	8.3	26.5	9.2	27.4	8.3
September	25.8	6.1	26.9	3.8	26.9	8.6	23.4	3.8
October	16.4	3.9	19.8	5.6	18.4	1.6	17.6	2.3
November	12.6	-1.6	16.3	-2.6	14.2	-0.1	14.9	-1.6
December	11.8	-2.5	9.9	-3.8	12.8	-2.4	13.3	-3.8
January	12.7	-1.5	10.6	-3	12.1	-2.1	12.9	8.7
February	11	-3.1	10.4	-3.5	11.3	-4.6	12.4	-3.9
March	17.6	-2.4	15.1	-4.1	14.9	-2.6	14.9	-2.4
April	21.1	-1.8	16.6	-2.3	22	2.9	19.4	-1.2
AVERAGES	20.1	1.8	20.2	1.16	20.7	2.9	19.0	2.4





HAVE A GOOD CLEAR OUT!

NEW TEXTILE RECYCLING SCHEME FOR NORTHANTS

Did you know there is now a new quarterly textile bag collection operating in Naseby?



Daventry District Council linked up with DB Collections to alter the way it picks up residents' unwanted textiles to help raise money for Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance (WNAA), and at the same time helping the environment by recycling more rubbish.

DID YOU KNOW?

DB Collections will donate £50 per tonne collected to the WNAA!



Not only will this support a well worthy charity, DDC believe this to be a better quality service that fits in more with residents behaviour. Most textiles are disposed of in bulk - i.e. after a big clear out! - not on a weekly basis as the recycling scheme previously ran.

PLEASE NOTE:

Textiles should no longer be placed in your Red Recycling Box

By now you should have received your first bag and a leaflet through your door detailing the scheme, so there is no excuse not to sort that cupboard out

under-the-stairs which you've been meaning to do for the past year! It is for a fantastic cause - so get sorting!

ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED:

- Good quality adults & childrens clean clothing - Linen - Curtains -
- As new underwear - Socks and tights -
- Shoes (*please keep pairs together*) -
- Handbags - Belts - Soft Toys

QUARTERLY TEXTILE COLLECTION:

- W/C 21st July 2008
- W/C 27th Oct 2008
- W/C 26th Jan 2009

Please note: WNAA bags will be delivered the week before the above dates. They will have the collection day printed on the front.

If you have any queries, please contact:
Waste Management Team
Tel: 01327 871100

AJ Green

WNAA Facts

Established in October 2003 based at Coventry Airport

1 of only 3 services outside of London to routinely carry a Doctor on board

Consists of 12 Doctors, 12 Paramedics & 3 Pilots which service a population of around 1.1 million people

Flown over 5500 missions in 3 years

Callout rate of 120-150 per month

The busiest air ambulance in UK

Average cost per mission is around £850

Annual running cost of the service is over £1.4 million

No Government or National Lottery Funding!

The WNAA is a registered charity and relies totally on donations and sponsorship

All Saints Church



Great excitement in Naseby gardens as the summer plants start to push through ready for July 19th/20th 'Naseby Open Gardens'! Simple or elaborate, pots and patios - let us, for one weekend, share them with the world. Do join us in this venture in aid of the church. It is a wonderful social occasion - a chance to get-together! Contact me on 01604 740532 if you can help in any way, however small. Teas are at Pete & Mo Christer's, and Jenny & Mike Westaway's home. **Help is needed with the teas, tickets sales, raffle, moving tables and chairs etc.**

Services will be displayed in the church notice board and in the church.

Church wardens for this coming year will be Mrs Avis Aldrich and Mrs Margaret Diak. We do wish to record our thanks to Mrs Janet Hillyer who has filled the role of church warden for many years - she will still be in church so we won't lose her!

Yours in faith - Avis Aldrich

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Margaret Diak

Treasurer:
Mike Hopkins (01604 740309)

PCC Members:
Sarah Farrell, Ann Faulks, Michael Hopkins, Valerie Latham, Rae Whitehead



Naseby Methodist Church

LATEST NEWS: A NEW YOUTH CLUB: 'ROCK SOLID'...

Starts for those in school years 7, 8 & 9 Thursday June 26 @ 7.30pm.



Fusion is being enjoyed by the youngsters as well as leaders, just look at the piccies!



A games and Karaoke evening in Feb was so far the highlight of the year! A real party atmosphere, as you can see from the photo's! The last Fusion of this school year will be the June one. From what I hear it will be similar to the Feb one....games galore!!!!



DATE FOR OUR DIARY:

This years Holiday Club will be August 5th - 8th. It is a super time for the youngsters, but lots needs to be done, so: if you could help on any of the days it will be great!!!

The first weekend in May we celebrated our Anniversary. Kim Goh, who was God-father of the Hong Kong triads and - in his own words: 'joined God's gang', as his life changed dramatically when God met him in prison. Now a Methodist Minister in Loughborough he and his wife love to experience and share God's love and teach others to do the same.



Saturday afternoon people from round about came to hear his story, and he took the Sunday Service. If you are interested in his story, you can read it in his biography: 'Conquering the Dragon' [ISBN 978-1-86024-616-6]

As usual, Mums & Tots and DBC are meetings enjoyed by lots of

people, and the Sunday School, led by Ruth & Ian Watson is a great time for youngsters.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Yesterday is past
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift
that's why it's called 'The Present'
If that's so:
who's the giver???

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)

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30 Farnedale View Market Harborough (01858 462889)

Bookings Secretary: Ruth Watson (01604 740845)

Secretary: Leny Cato (01604 743166)

www.harboroughmethodistcircuit.org.uk/Naseby.html



GO ON... GRAB YOUR MARIGOLDS

Lend a helping hand or broom or duster or whatever!



An personal invitation to **all** those who use the Village Hall:

You are invited to come along and help to give our village hall a good old clean and tidy up!

So why not come along to help out!

SATURDAY JULY 12TH 10AM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Help us stay **proud** if this fantastic asset of the village

Tea & Biscuits will be provided!





Naseby School Update:



I always seem to start my 'bit' with something to the effect of 'doesn't time fly' and indeed it seems like no time at all since the last edition of Naseby Natters.

Our new library is now fully operational. The children have written about it and included some photos, which are on the back page. The official opening was on 26th February, when Bob Wilson came - you might have seen an article all about it in the Harborough Mail. What we don't mention quite as much as the library is the new toilets. These are part of the new building, comprising new children's toilets and a disabled toilet. They are such a pleasant contrast to the rather ancient and 'fragrant' ones of old!

We were pleased to welcome members of the community to the Easter service at All Saints, where the children sang beautifully, as usual. The Easter holiday was a bit different this year in that we had the Easter weekend off school and then returned for two weeks before the longer - well, what to call it... - Spring holiday! As it happens the weather was better later but it had us all confused!

Recently, the junior children have had the opportunity to try out some different sports as part of the PE curriculum, with a series of Badminton lessons and multiskills being taught by visiting specialists. On the sporting front, we have fielded a team in the

Indoor Athletics Tournament at Guilsborough School and taken part in the Netball tournament as well. We will also shortly be taking part in the Tag Rugby Tournament.

We are very fortunate in the support we have from parents. Mel Hoyle and Mike Baker have run the after school football club for several years now which is tremendously popular with the children who attend. James Pope has come into school to support us with tag rugby over the last few weeks in preparation for the imminent tournament and Mr Sleeman ran a very popular computer club last term. In addition, we have many volunteers who come into school to hear readers and help out with design and technology and parents and other friends of the school who come and do repairs and odd jobs for us. There is another way in which you could all help us at school. During the last two school holidays, there have been 'visitors' on the school premises. On both occasions the school shed has been broken into and damaged and items taken from it. The whole of the school, paddock included, is private property and not a public space so if you see someone there, children included, please call Glyn Lewis on 07872 910239 - remember, don't put yourself in danger by challenging them.

We were delighted to welcome some very special visitors into school just before the May Bank Holiday. These were members of the Sealed Knot, who came to talk to the children about the Battle of Naseby and advertise a big event at Kelmarsh Hall. They let the children try on armour and handle the musket and shot. The event itself at Kelmarsh was very spectacular. Another regular visitor to school is Rev. Kenard from the Methodist Chapel, who

comes in, often with his wife, to do an assembly for the whole school. These are always thought provoking and relevant for all the ages represented.

KEEP COLLECTING VOUCHERS:

As in previous years, we are collecting vouchers - Sainsbury's Active Kids, Tescos and Box Tops and as a small school, we are always very grateful for any vouchers you may have. Last year we were able to put in a large order for more play equipment using the Sainsbury's vouchers.

Sue Bradburn

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List of Governors

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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)

POLITE NOTICE

Now there is the new pathway into School (via Church Street) can parents try and make an extra special effort to walk their children into school instead of driving
SO GET OUT THOSE WALKING BOOTS AND LOWER YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT!

Please find a little extra time to walk instead of taking the car

**Please help Naseby be a nicer place to live by walking your kids to school
- Thank you -**



HELP!!! Young Budding Reporters Needed...

Lydia and Cara, my two junior reporters, are relocating to the USA with their parents for two years soon. I hope that they will continue to send back articles from Connecticut on a regular basis (hope you are reading this Lydia and Cara!!!), but obviously they will not be available to do the 'Can We Talk To' interviews.

So, I am looking for two keen young people under the age of 12 years to take over. The first interview will be



with the Head Teacher of Naseby Primary School (don't worry I'll come with you and she is very nice! Honest!).

Please contact me if you are interested. You can either send me

an email at: patreedman@hotmail.com or drop a note through my door at 1 Hall Close. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Pat Reedman

NSA UPDATE

Since the last edition of Natters the NSA have been hibernating, but on Wednesday 23rd April we held a meeting in the Royal Oak Pub. This year's dates for your diaries are as follows:

- Hog Roast with Empire on 20th June - tickets on sale at the shop
- Quiz Night 17th October
- Christmas Fair 6th December

All these events will take place at the village hall.


In between these we will continue to raise money with plants/bulb sales where we get cash back from orders placed. So if you are green fingered and need some additional items for your gardens please phone Julie Westaway for further details on 01604 740885.

There has also been a change in


committee member with Becky Pope stepping down as secretary and being replaced by Cristel Taylor. She is most welcome.

The Sports Club continues 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 more info please contact Becky Pope on 01604 743213



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
 Rieker shoes stall at Hollowell Steam Rally on July 5th & 6th
 All profits donated to Naseby Village Hall Sports Court Fund by kind permission of Ewen Campbell at Rieker Shoes



A BIG "THANK YOU VERY MUCH" TO OUR SPONSORS!

This issue we are able to go to print due to 'Naseby Parish Council'. Again thanks to them for making it possible for us to print yet another issue. They all work so hard for the village - unsung heroes in my eyes!

We are, however, in desperate need of new sponsors to come forward. So **please** get in touch if you or your company would like to sponsor an edition or contribute in any way.

So far we have had a wide range of sponsors for Natters:

- Entire roads, like Bakehouse Rise and Gynwell, rallied round to raise sponsorship for separate editions. Which road in Naseby will be next???
- We have had extremely generous individuals who live in Naseby come forward and pay for entire editions to be printed out of their own pockets.
- We have had businesses from within or around the village sponsor entire issues, benefiting from editorials and adverts to help promote their business and support a good cause at the same time

If you are interested at all, please, **please** get in touch with Gerry Wood on 01604 740444. We need your help to keep this much loved newsletter going.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a **MASSIVE** thank you to Gerry Wood, who deals with the financial side of Natters. Without him - no issues would get printed! Simple as that! He has been a tremendous help over the years - raising funds, knocking on doors and hassling people to cough-up some cash! He ensures the bills are paid and the cheques are cleared. It has certainly taken the stress out of it for me that is for sure! Gerry - 'thank you'.

AJ Green





Age Concern

I have been wondering if you have all got your bus passes, for free local travel. I'd be interested to hear your opinions about them.



I understand there are some restrictions on travelling times, if you want to travel outside these times it is always worth approaching the bus companies and asking for their help. I know of one person who wanted to travel regularly before 9am so she contacted the bus company and they agreed that she could.

No doubt you will have your own thoughts on the scheme, but it occurs to me that it would be very well worth applying for a bus pass, even if you drive a car. You never know when you might need to use public transport. Also with petrol prices the way they are, and restricted parking in some places, it might be more economical to use the bus!

I would also like to remind you that the DACT scheme is available for people over the age of 60 for hospital appointments etc. There is a mileage charge, but it is lovely to have door to door service. It is a very useful service, especially as the driver will wait for you and bring you home again. I have details if anyone wants them, or you can pick up a leaflet at the surgery or council offices.

Also, DACT often need volunteer drivers, if anyone feels they have some time to spare.

Liz Capell (tel: 01604 740568)

On Yer Bike!

Now summer is here?... we thought it would be nice to suggest a cycle route from Naseby for you to do...

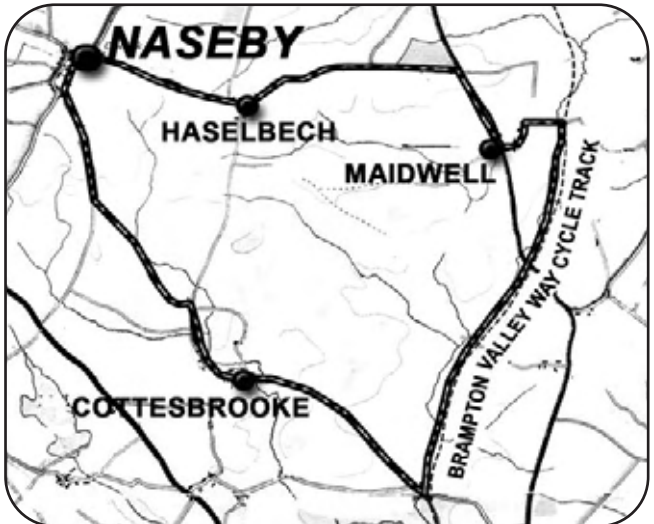
Distance: Approximately 14 miles.

- **FROM NASEBY:** start from Westaway Motors and leave the village by cycling down the Northampton Road. (Don't worry, you will not have to cycle back up this - it's downhill all the way!) Take the first left towards Cottesbrooke (quiet road).
- **COTTESBROOKE:** Turn right and go through the village. Take the left turn towards Brixworth. Where this lane ends, turn left towards Brixworth. Turn left just after you cross the bridge and join the Brampton Valley Way Cycle Route (the old railway).
- **BRAMPTON VALLEY WAY CYCLE ROUTE:** Go north on the track

(towards Lamport crossing). There are lots of places for a nice picnic. This part of the cycle is completely traffic free, but you do have to cross the Lamport to Maidwell main road. Cross over this and continue to the Draughton crossing.

- Turn left to Maidwell village at the Draughton crossing, leaving the Brampton Valley Way and cycle along the lane to Maidwell village.
- **MAIDWELL:** Turn right at the main road (north towards Market Harborough) and go up the "slight incline" until you see the left turn towards Haselbech & Naseby. (TAKE CARE ON THE MAIN ROAD). Follow this road to Haselbech.
- **HASELBECH:** Follow back to Naseby.
- **NASEBY:** Relax and enjoy afternoon tea (or something stronger!).

By Jonathan, Janet & Joanna Guy





Naseby Village Hall

Recreation Ground Management Committee

USE IT - DON'T LOSE IT!

The frosts are gone and now, at last, we have great weather for everyone to really enjoy your Village Hall and Recreation Ground events facilities.

Martin Bates (Chairman) and Gerry Wood (Secretary) stood down at the March AGM, so thanks go to them; we're very grateful for their tremendous efforts and wish them well for the future. Mel Hoyle (Chairman) and Alistair Sims (Secretary) have now taken on their responsibilities. You'll hear some more from Mel and Alistair in the next issue of Natters.

200 CLUB

Very many thanks go to all the village residents who have agreed to sign up for the 200 Club. We're a bit weighed down with the administration (and data security requirements) at the moment but promise to get things off the ground very soon. We do need more households to sign-up to become viable..... so please be ready for Rachel and Julie to call.

FINANCES

Thanks go again to Mike Hopkins for his superb efforts. This year with your help (200 Club) we'll put our finances on a much firmer base.

Village Design Statement (VDS)

We're Very Very Nearly There... At Last! All of the final statutory planning stages were successfully completed by the 17th April 2008. The Daventry District - Full Council meet on the 17th May 2008 to authorize our VDS Document as formal Supplementary Planning

Directive guidance. So what next...

- Was it worth the Effort??
- What will change Now??
- How will it make any Difference???

...You'll find the answers in the next issue of Natters.

Paul Kelly (VDS Group)

PLAY GROUND

The Parish Council and ourselves will be looking at what can be done in the short term to address the issues in the children's playground. A review is underway to assess the best options for a major re-design and upgrade.

PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS

1. Multi- Sports Court - We are still looking at a revised (cost-reduction) option for the initial installation work. We are delighted that The Friends of Naseby Village Hall and Recreation Ground and the Parish Council have now finalized the necessary funding events. Sponsorship/Grant application work is also progressing.

2. Car-Parking and Pathways - Still on hold pending on how things go with the take-up of the 200 Club.

LICENSING

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

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Our committees' meetings are held bi-monthly (on the 3rd Thursday), so why not come along and have a say at 8pm on the 17th July.

All are most welcome. Many thanks for your continued support.

Paul Kelly

Village Hall Contact

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THE BATTLE OF NASEBY

Around the village there are reminders of the Battle of Naseby: the restored Monument, the Obelisk and the new Battlefield Viewpoints. Further information boards are now set up, including the one outside the Fitzgerald Arms. This year a site for a future Visitors' Centre has been bought. TO CONCLUDE this series, which has included the major commanders: Cromwell, Rupert, Fairfax and Skippon, I look at two other important and interesting officers who took leading parts in the battle:

FINAL - PART 5: OKEY & LANGDALE

Colonel John Okey (1606-62, *pictured right*) played a maverick role in the Battle of Naseby on 14th June 1645. He was in command of a regiment of parliamentary "Dragoons" or mounted infantrymen in the New Model Army. As the armies were set out for battle on that fateful Saturday morning in which King Charles I lost the war, and ultimately his head, Colonel Okey was ordered up the left or west side of the battlefield, hidden by a thick and high hedge to launch a surprise attack on the King's cavalry forces from this flank.



The countryside around Naseby in those days was open with no hedges and few woods. Except that parish boundaries were often marked by stock-proof hedges, and such was the hedge between Naseby and Sulby (now part of Welford) parishes. The Naseby battlefield was bounded on the west by these "Sulby hedges", and on the east by the hills between Sibbertoft and Clipston which included, at the Naseby end, a rabbit warren and a boggy gorse covered area to the north of the village itself. This constricted much of the battle into the great open hedgeless area north of the present Cromwell Monument, called Broad Moor.

At the start of the Battle, Oliver

Cromwell, the Cavalry Commander, who was on the east flank, spotted the hedges on the far left, and the opportunity they presented. He ordered Colonel Okey "with all speed to mount his men and flank our left wing". Driving forward, hidden by the hedges, Okey was able to open fire, unseen, on the King's right wing from the side, and "many of the regiment (were) wounded by shot from the hedge". This fierce firing led the Royalist commander on that wing, Prince Maurice, to retaliate, and then move forward his cavalry. When it took place this attack on the parliamentary left wing drove their horse back. The battle then took its course with heavy infantry casualties in the centre of the battlefield; and finally the cavalry forces on the opposite wing clashed (*see below in the note on Langdale*).

John Okey had been a London ships' chandler before the war and he was a puritan (a Baptist) by religion. He rose through the ranks to the command he had at Naseby. Subsequently he was a "regicide" (a killer of the king), one who signed Charles I's death warrant. After 1649 he became very critical of Cromwell. But when the Restoration of Charles II came in 1660, Okey was captured in the Netherlands, and was hanged, drawn and quartered as a regicide, one of the very few so to suffer.



Sir Marmaduke Langdale (1598 - 1661, *pictured left*) was a Yorkshireman with great estates around Beverley. Knighted by Charles I in 1628 he became High Sheriff of Yorkshire in 1639. At the outbreak of Civil

War in 1642 he became a Colonel in the Earl of Newcastle's army. He fought as a cavalry commander with great success at Corbridge in Northumberland, and later in 1644 at Marston Moor outside York. His cavalry were known as the Northern Horse.

After joining the King in May 1645 for the siege and storming of Leicester, the Northern Horse was in a near mutinous state before the battle at Naseby because they wanted desperately to return north to fight for the King's cause in Yorkshire. Despite tiredness and their resentment, Langdale's cavalry, on the King's left flank opposite Cromwell, drove down from the hill where there is now Long Hold Spinney in the final stage of the main battle, and fought hard against Cromwell's horse on the edge of the warren and the gorse. The poor ground held the horses in check, but Cromwell pushed Langdale's force north, and routed them. The general royalist fighting retreat then began which took them north to Moot Hill (east of Sibbertoft) and to their final stand at Wadborough. Langdale's failure to withstand Cromwell's cavalry was a major factor in the ultimate royalist defeat. Langdale's Northern Horse withdrew through Northern England after the battle, until it was destroyed on Carlisle Sands in October. He fought bravely at Preston in 1648, but then escaped to the continent. He recovered his Yorkshire estates after the royal Restoration in 1660, but died in 1661.

John Anderson



Let's Rant!

This edition's rant was inspired by a conversation that I had with AJ, our editor, where we discussed the ridiculous amount of junk mail that seems to drop onto our doorstep each morning. It got me thinking about other areas of waste in our daily lives.

The following day, my husband and I went to Ladbrokes to place our annual bet for the Grand National. I asked for 3 betting slips and was given in excess of 20. I explained to the clerk that I only needed 3 and was told "that's ok... just throw away the ones you don't require".

We then went to a well known chain of restaurants and I ordered an omelette but asked if it could be prepared without milk or cream, I just wanted an egg omelette.

Simple? No... I was absolutely amazed to discover that I could not have this because the omelettes were shipped to each restaurant pre-prepared in plastic covers. What has gone so wrong in our society that a restaurant cannot prepare a 2 egg omelette on the premises?

Many of the chain restaurants these days offer ketchup and sauces in single portion sachets. One spoonful of mayonnaise in its own weight in plastic. Whatever happened to good old fashioned bottles on the table? Is this another example of health & safety gone crazy and what becomes of all those individual half used plastic sachets?

The same week our long awaited order of a new sofa arrived from 'Land of Leather' but when it was delivered, the driver informed me it was missing 4 screws that would attach the feet to the

sofas. Upon (finally getting through to and) speaking to their customer services, I was told a technician would come out to me with the missing screws the following week.

I asked them to just send the screws out to me in the post (my DIY skills are not great, but surely even I could manage some basic screws). Not only did they **INSIST** that a technician came out, the said employee turned up (in his large van) a week later but had **FORGOTTEN** the screws!!!

He will make the trip again next week

(or so I am told) in order to complete the job. I just wonder how many wasted miles that order has consumed.

My conclusion from this month's experience is that, despite the (often elaborate and admirable) environmental mission statements of large corporations, at grass roots level, we live in a very disposable society with wastage still prevalent.

Sally Field

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THE FITZGERALDS OF NASEBY *PART: 2 of 2*

As well as building the Woolleys and the obelisk it was the FitzGerald, being the major landowners, who were the driving force behind the parish being enclosed during 1822-3. The other landowner, George Ashby-Maddock, who owned the remaining 1,000 acres in right of his wife Hannah Maria, heiress of the Shuckburgh/Ashby inheritance, was at that time residing at Haselbech which, like all the parishes surrounding Naseby, had been enclosed many years previously.

Around 1824, the local Methodist Society, which had thrived in Naseby for several years, applied to the FitzGerald for a piece of land upon which to build their Chapel. This was duly granted and the Chapel was built at the junction of Gynwell and Church Street the following year. The Society claimed to offer, besides preaching and fellowship, a focal point of opposition to the established order of squire and parson. This opposition was to manifest itself on and off for at least the next 150 years. It should be pointed out that the FitzGerald were not Patrons of the Benefice and so had no strong ties with the church. This title was attached to the Ashby Estate so the Methodists were not really biting the hand that fed them.

From a copy of a conveyance dated 6th June 1844, it would appear that the FitzGerald also gave the piece of ground upon which the school and head teacher's residence were built. This was obviously to replace the old one that stood in Pikes Lane, which is believed to have, at one time, run from the High Street behind the houses on the south side of School

Lane to the top of Gynwell.

Conditions laid down in the conveyance ensured that the school to be erected was for the 'education of children of labouring, manufacturing and other poorer classes in the parish of Naseby'. It also states that the school should be under the control of the vicar and church-wardens. In other words, it was to be a Church of England school. The conveyance contains the signatures of all the FitzGerald family that were alive at that time, including those of their sons-in-law.

The large stone cross that stands in the north-west corner of the Churchyard, adjacent to the north gate, has also been attributed to the FitzGerald. It is thought to have been put there as a replacement for the old market cross that once stood on the green and was moved to the junction of the Haselbech and Clipston roads when the green was reduced in size at the time of the enclosures. The FitzGerald Arms was also built before the estate changed hands. This was to replace the old Bell Inn, which stood immediately in front of the new building, running parallel to the road.

John FitzGerald Junior, the heir to the FitzGerald fortune, took a keen interest in the spiritual well being of his parents' tenants. It is said that in the company of the Rev. Timothy Matthews, an Evangelical preacher from Bedford, he held several open-air temperance meetings on the green between the church and the FitzGerald Arms. This poses the question as to why, if he was so concerned about the drinking habits

of the villager, did he allow the public house to remain open, let alone to be rebuilt? In 1843, again in the company of the Reverend Matthews, he baptised 19 people in Naseby Reservoir with an audience of some 1500 people looking on.



John Purcell-Fitz-Gerald

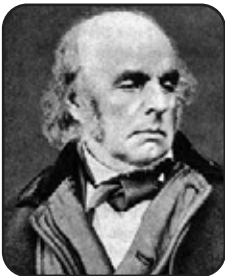
Both John and Edward had been frequent visitors to Naseby as they were both involved in running the family estates. Edward probably more so than John as he took a greater interest in the farming methods of the day and, at one time, was personally responsible for running the farms on the Boulge Hall Estate.

Where John stayed during his visits to Naseby is not known but Edward, in his letters which were published at the turn of the last century, frequently mentions that he lodged with tenant farmers, which adds strength to the belief that the Woolleys was tenanted. In fact the 1851 census shows that at that time



it was occupied by a Mr Crump, a retired merchant from Liverpool. It is through Edward's letters that it has been possible to learn a little about his family involvement during their ownership of the Woolleys estate. The research he carried out for Carlyle on the Naseby battlefield during 1842 and the subsequent correspondence between them is also particularly interesting to historians.

It is probably through his translation of the Rubáiyát of Omar Khayyám that Edward is the best known member of the FitzGerald family. Although born into an immensely wealthy family he is said to have lived a simple, almost frugal, existence on the fringe of the Victorian literary world. Tennyson, Thackeray and Carlyle were amongst his closest friends. An eccentric, like most of his relations, he is quoted as saying that 'all his family were mad but he had an advantage over them as he knew that he was insane'. For most of his adult life Edward lived either in lodgings at Cambridge or at various houses around Ipswich and, for some 15 years, at the Gatehouse of Boulge Hall, looked after by an elderly housekeeper. Although a homosexual, in 1856 he married a Miss Lucy Barton, the daughter of an old friend. Predictably the marriage proved to be



John Purcell

a disaster and lasted only a matter of months.

On the death of her husband during 1852, Mary Frances made Boulge Hall over to her son, John, who from that time with his second wife Hester made it their main residence. His first wife, Augusta Jane Lisle, the only daughter of C. March Phillips Esq. of Garenden Park and Grace Dieu Manor in Leicestershire had died on 30th July 1837.

Mary Frances died at her house in The Royal Crescent, Brighton on 30th January 1855 aged 76, leaving the bulk of her fortune to John who shortly afterwards added his father's surname to his own to become known as John Purcell Fitz-Gerald. The same year he sold the Naseby estate to Viscount Clifden of Holdenby House, thereby ending the FitzGerald's connection with Naseby.

Peter Kingsley FitzGerald, of whom little is known apart from the fact that he served in the army and that his address on the Naseby School deeds was Ballysax, County Kildare, Ireland, died of bronchitis in 1875. John Purcell Fitz-Gerald died at Boulge Hall on 14th June 1879. Edward FitzGerald died 4th June 1883 aged 75 while visiting his old friend, the Reverend George Crabb, at Merton near Bury St Edmunds.

Of the FitzGerald daughters, even less is known. Frances, the eldest daughter, died in London on 19th June 1820 aged 18, presumably unmarried. Mary Eleanor, who was married to a John Kerrich of Geldstone Hall in Norfolk, died during 1863. Andalusia, a spinster, died in 1879. Jane Teresa, who was married to the Reverend John Brewster Wilkinson, of Halbrook near Ipswich,

died some time after 1879. It is not known when Isabella, who married Gaetano Francisco Vignali, a penniless Italian teacher, died or even where she is buried.

Bredfield House and Boulge Hall have long since been demolished. All that now remains are a small group of houses and the church of St Michael and All Angels where many of the FitzGerald are buried in the family mausoleum. The church stands in a rather remote rural setting, accessible by a narrow track.

Although the entire parish of Boulge has a population of less than 30 souls, the church is beautifully maintained.

At his own request, Edward was not buried with his family but in a grave close by because, as he said, 'he did not get on with them in life and did not wish to be associated with them when dead.'

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(A big thank you to Mike, for providing us with these fascinating insights into Naseby gone-by - ed)

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OPENING YOUR GARDEN



SO WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Naseby Open Gardens is a fun event for anyone who is proud of their garden, whether big or small, established or new. The people who come to Open Gardens don't just like gardens - they like to have a chat, find out about your favourite plants, ask your advice.

Things people have said:

'Such lovely cared-for gardens'

'What a lovely welcome we got. Naseby people are so friendly!'

'We come every year. It's such a lovely afternoon out'

We provide teas and cakes. We welcome people into parts of the village you can't see from the road. People go away happy. And we make money to help maintain the oldest and most precious building in the village - our beautiful church.

Finally, we get together during the weekend for a good social!

We need **more** gardens this year to make all the work worthwhile. We have set the opening for Saturday and Sunday July 19th and 20th. If you can only open for one day - fine! For more information call Pat on 01604 740145.

BIT OF FUN: MEN ARE JUST HAPPIER PEOPLE

NICKNAMES

- If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah
- If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla and Four-eyes

EATING OUT

- When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in £20, even though it's only for £32.50 - none of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back
- When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators...

MONEY

- A man will pay £2 for a £1 item he needs
- A woman will pay £1 for a £2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale

BATHROOMS

- A man has 6 items in his bathroom: toothbrush & toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, bar of soap, and a towel from M&S
- The average number of items in the

typical woman's bathroom is 337
(Note: A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items)

ARGUMENTS

- A woman has the last word in any argument
- Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument

CATS

- Women love cats
- Men say they love cats, but when women aren't looking, men kick cats

FUTURE

- A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband
- A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife

SUCCESS

- A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend
- A successful woman is one who can find such a man

MARRIAGE

- A woman marries a man expecting he will change - but he doesn't
- A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change - but she does

BIFFA LAND FILL-ED UP!



FROM BIFFA ON THE WELFORD SITE:

"We can confirm that the last inputs of waste accepted at the Welford landfill site were in March 2006. Since that time the site has been 'capped' with an engineered High Density Polyethylene material, and is now in the final stages of receiving soil before reinstatement to grazing land in accordance with Planning Permission and monitoring by DEFRA.

During the engineering of the cap it has been necessary, at times, to disconnect gas pipes that retrieve landfill gas, which is then utilised to drive engines that create electricity that is supplied to the national power supply. All of the soil placement and gas works will be completed this summer."

DRESSING UP

- A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the bins, answer the phone, read a book, and get the post
- A man will dress up for weddings and funerals

NATURAL

- Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed
- Women somehow deteriorate during the night

OFFSPRING

- A woman knows all about her children - she knows about dentist appointments, romances, best friends, favourite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams
- A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house. **AJ Green**



WHAT A WASTE!

If I told you to throw one out of every three bags of food shopping straight in the bin when you got home from the supermarket you would think I was mad right? Well believe it or not that is exactly what we do every day in homes up and down the UK.

Between us we throw away around a staggering 6.7 million tonnes of food every year - roughly one third of all the food we buy. And sadly most of that food (61%) could have been eaten if we had planned, stored and managed it better. A further 20% is made up of things like bread crusts that some people simply 'choose' not to eat. Less than one fifth of our food waste is truly unavoidable such as carcasses, peeling, etc.



In the context of ever rising food prices, global food shortages and calls for more sustainability of food sources, this should make us *all* stop, think and decide what we can do about it.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **MAKE A DIARY** - make a list of everything you throw away in 1 week and think how you could do things differently.
- **PERFECT PORTIONS** - Check your portion control, we are all guilty of putting too much rice in the saucepan or one too many potatoes in the oven for that Sunday roast.
- **PLAN YOUR MEALS** - Thinking ahead can prevent food being thrown away before it has even been opened. Ensuring you have a well stocked cupboard and freezer for basics also helps.
- **LEFTOVER RECIPES** - Make use of

those things that are a little past their best or have been left over from last night's meal - be creative!

- **STORAGE SOLUTIONS** - Having suitable storage containers can help keep things fresher for longer.

Want to know more on what you can do to reduce your food waste? Then visit: www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

AJ Green

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ALL IN A DAYS WORK!

Name: Declan Allen

Family: I am married to Dawn and we have three great kids, Ethan (11) Millie (10) and Ruby (6)

Where do you live? Bakehouse Rise; we moved to Naseby in April 2007

Where did you live before? Shoreham by Sea, West Sussex, just over 150 miles away - so quite a move!

How does Naseby compare? Less sea and a lot less traffic...thankfully!

What do you and your family like about living in Naseby? It's a really nice village, people are friendly, and the surrounding countryside is great. Real ales in the Royal Oak are a bonus!

What do you miss most? The sea and our friends mostly. We have made some new friends since moving into the village but would like to make more.

How long are you staying? We've moved around quite a bit in the past due to work. Hopefully this is it - as far as we are concerned we are here for good!

Why did you move here? I moved to start a new job at Mercedes-Benz HighPerformanceEngines Ltd. in early 2006. I have always been interested in motorsport so when the job came up I had to give it a crack. The family moved up later in 2006 once I had settled in.

Where do you work? The Mercedes-Benz Technology Centre in Brixworth. You can see a lot of new construction from the A508 in Brixworth - that is our new facility.



The Family (Declan, Dawn, Millie & Ruby)

What do you do, what is your title? I am Head of Testing which means I manage all the day to day test activities on full engines

and on engine components.

What does that mean? We carry out performance and reliability tests in the factory to try to continue to improve our engines. We also carry out production tests which are tests on all engines that leave the factory for races or track tests to ensure that they are good quality.

How did you get into it? I qualified as a Mechanical Engineer at Queen's University in Belfast. Since then (a few years ago now!) I have worked in several engine design and development companies in various locations in the UK and USA.

What type of engines do you work with? We produce V8 Formula One racing engines for the McLaren Mercedes Formula One team.

How does a high performance engine differ from a normal one? Our F1 racing engines produce approx ten times more power than your normal car engine. They are limited to 19,000 revs per minute engine speed and they can tick over at the same speed that a normal engine hits the red line on the rev counter!

How long does a race engine last? Our engine needs to last two full race

weekends. This includes practice, qualifying and the race - in total around 1000-1200 kilometres. The engines are developed with this in mind so they should fail just after crossing the finish line having won both races!

How long does it take to change an engine in a F1 car? About 1 1/2 - 2 hours as the whole bodywork and gearbox have to come apart.

Do you follow motorsport? Yes, I try to watch all our races but I also follow motorcycle racing and watch Moto GP and World Superbikes. Sometimes I admit to watching Nascar as well - must be down to the time I spent in America!!

Do you travel to races? I have done, but not that often. We tend to work pretty hard so I prefer to spend time at home. From time to time, Mercedes opens its restaurant for us to watch the race on the big screen which creates a great atmosphere, especially if we are winning.

Do the team do many modifications to the cars during a race weekend? The majority of work is completed during Friday practice where various adjustments are made to the car set-up to suit the particular circuit and driver. This mainly involves aero-dynamics, suspension, brake balance and gearbox ratios. During the race the car is remotely monitored by telemetry, but no remote changes



The office



The job



are allowed. During the race the driver can make a limited number of manual adjustments to controls and settings.

Have you driven an

F1 car? No!! I'd love too but I think they would need to make a few changes to fit me into the car which might turn it into more of a milk float!

Do you get to meet the drivers at all? How much involvement do they have with the engine development?

I have met Lewis Hamilton both in our factory and at the track and I have met Heikki Kovalainen in the factory. They are both really nice guys and are always open to talking to the team members. Their main involvement in the engine development comes via their feedback after each track session - they explain to us how the engine performed and give us areas of the circuits where we could improve the delivery of the power from our engine.

What changes have been made to F1 regulations for 2008?

Driver aids like traction control and launch control have been removed - this means that the races are more dependent on driver skill.

What are the prospects for the 2008 season? We made a very strong start to the season in Australia but then had a couple of disappointing races. We bounced back in the last race in Spain and are back on track. It's good to see strong competition from BMW, Ferrari and Renault which makes qualifying and the races far more



interesting. It's definitely going to be an exciting season.

How are the team performing? It's always exciting to start racing again. We were disappointed not to have won the 2007 championship but are very determined to do well this season. It was great to see Lewis on the podium in Spain - we hope we can carry on from there in the next race.

What does the engine development freeze in F1 mean to you?

The regulations in F1 state that development of the current engines is frozen for 5 years. This may sound like bad news for an engine development business, but the new engine configuration which will be used by all teams from 2013 will be announced to us by the governing body soon. It will be a completely new design, so that's good news for us at Mercedes. All current efforts are to support the existing engine program for the 2008 season and to develop the 2009 engine which will

be allowed, under new regulations, to add energy which is usually lost during braking. Harnessing this lost energy for next season is a great challenge - we have one year for a task that can take volume manufacturers many years. Our target is to have a system which is the highest performance, most reliable and capable of winning races. Key learning will then be exchanged within Mercedes-Benz so you may see some of our technology rolled out in their future road cars.

What are the perks of your job?

Mercedes-Benz look after us pretty well in general. We have great parties during the summer and at Christmas. We celebrate doing well in the races and when we launch new phases of the engine. There are occasional trips to track events, races and promotional events which are always great.

What do you enjoy most about your job? I think the best thing is seeing the end results of all our hard work every

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- Takes 8 engines to each race
- Completed 29,864 kilometres when testing during 2007
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 - 0-60mph in 2.3 seconds
 - 0-100mph in 3.6 seconds
 - 0-100-0mph in 6.6 seconds
 - 185mph-0mph in 3.5 seconds
- Was supplied 2,856 tyres in total for the 17 Grand Prix weekends in 2007
- Generate 4,600 drawings to create the 11,000 components that make up each car
- Drivers are subjected to forces of up to 5g under braking
- Conducted 1,263 practice pit-stops during the 2007 season
- Takes approximately 7 seconds for a pit-stop, with 29 crew working on each car, to refuel (at a rate of 12 litres per second), to change four wheels and tyres





couple of weeks on TV.

How many people do you have working for you? There are currently 48 people in the test department. This will increase over the next few years as we need to staff some new facilities. So if you are in Naseby and you are experienced in engine testing let me know!!

I've heard you are not the only person from Naseby who works at the Brixworth site? I'm aware of 4 others - Chris Gilbert (Test Engineer), Stuart Alexander (Design Engineer), Christian Struwe (Finance Director) and Nico Ramsperger (Test Specialist). Nico and his family were featured in an earlier edition of NN. Watch out to the others - NN is coming to get you! I'm really sorry if I have missed anyone!

Any funny stories? When I worked in Detroit, my company at the time, rented test facilities from another company. We had to be very conscious of confidentiality so on finding someone looking inside our test cell one day I was very upset and asked him to leave in no uncertain terms. He kept saying 'but, but, you don't understand' to which I replied 'no, no, you don't understand'. Turns out the guy was the CEO of the company that provided us with the test facilities! I was a junior engineer at the time so you can imagine how I felt once I found out. After he calmed down he was actually quite impressed by how seriously we took the issue. We formed a good relationship and laughed about the incident for quite some years!

Nic Green

(Thanks to Declan for his time, the tour of the facility and also the fab pics - ed)

SO WHAT DO YOU DO?
If you have an unusual or interesting job let us know - we'd love to feature you in the next issue of Natters!

GREAT EXPECTATIONS & TRAGEDY

With the introduction of Haselbech to Naseby Natters we thought it only appropriate to include a little snippet about Haselbech Hall:

Captain Charles Bower Ismay and his wife Matilda Constance bought Haselbech Hall Estate, which included several tenanted farms, from Lord Hawkesbury in 1908.

Captain Ismay was a keen sporting gentleman and was a horse racing enthusiast, from which he enjoyed considerable success with two of his horses, Balscadden and Craganour, but by far his most famous horse was Craganour which he bought for 3,200 guineas around 1910.

As the 1913 Derby drew near Craganour was the public's favourite to win the race. There was great excitement in Haselbech. The villagers, most of whom were employed by the Ismay's, were anxious to back the Cap'n's horse with their half crowns taken from their hard earned wages.

The 1913 Derby was to result in great tragedy and questionable judgement as there were two sensational incidents in the race.

Firstly as the horses rounded Tattenham Corner, Craganour was amongst the leaders with the King's horse Anmer third from the back, when suddenly the suffragette, Emily Wilding Davison, ducked under the rail and ran onto the track. It is believed that she tried to hang a banner to the reins of the King's horse. Tragically, however she took the full force of the horse, knocking her unconscious, and brought Anmer down with his jockey who suffered



Haselbech Hall - 1930

injuries and was taken to hospital.

The leading jockeys were unaware of the accident and it was said that Aboyeur the 100/1 French outsider, collided with the rear of Craganour. However, Craganour kept ahead and after a desperately rough race Craganour just got home in front and



Controversy over Craganour

was declared the winner. Up went the cheers and hats in Haselbech as they listened to the commentary on a 'cat's whisker' radio. The drama wasn't over yet because they then heard that Craganour had been disqualified and Aboyeur was awarded the race.

The disqualification aroused a vast amount of anger and dismay. However none of the Stewards ever gave any explanation as to how the decision was arrived at. Among the Stewards was Major Eustace Loder who bred Craganour and had sold him as a colt.

Richard Westall

(A big Thank you to Richard for providing us with this great article and the pic of Haselbech Hall - ed)



GREAT DAFFODIL RUN

Sunday 27th April 2008

Despite a forecast of rain all day, the weather was kind to the runners and spectators of this year's Daffodil Run.



First port of call was the new Rupert's Viewpoint on the Clipston road to cheer on the 10k runners after staggering to the top of that "oh so nasty" hill!!! It was pleasantly warm sitting cheering them on but, according to Richard Smith and Mel Hoyle, too hot to be running! Photos were taken as they reached the top of the hill by Rupert's view point. Both finished the 10k course in a respectable, 51 minutes, with Richard passing Mel with the finish in sight!



Mel Hoyle, Councillor of this parish (pictured above), and Richard Smith of Hall Close (pictured below - the one giving a relaxed wave!), both ran in the 10km race, and finished in very respectable "under 1 hour" times. Well done to you guys!



Then back to Newlands to cheer on the very brave 15 mile runners. No locals that we know of in this race, I think they all know the hilly course too well to brave it!

Mary was out with the bunting again ringing the bell for each runner as they passed through. Little Lexy waved her flag for every runner!

Lesley, Cathy, Leon, Jack, Garryk, Will and Katie handed out sweets, water and energy gel to the very grateful runners (see quote below). Murrin and Jess picked up all the



discarded bottles and cups.

Quote from "SlowlyButShirley" on www.runnersworld.co.uk

"...Wonderful WONDERFUL marshalls, which you really need out on the lonelier parts of the route (i.e. most of it!) and the villagers of Naseby were utterly wonderful too, really gave us a much-needed boost by their cheery support (even had festive tables laid out, kids offering us sweets and drinks, etc -

was very touched) , so I thank you for that!"

Louise was our photographer for the day and, as it turns out, may end up being the official photographer for the day, as the official photographer's car broke down on the way to the run!

Thanks to those of you who turned up to cheer on the

runners and for the donations made on the day.

There was also a good contingent of Hall Close residents cheering as the runners passed Hall Close.

In 2007 the event raised over £86,000. It's very moving to see the courage of some of these runners who are obviously running this extremely challenging course in memory of loved ones. I feel honoured to have been able to help these runners along the way in our own small way.

Cathy Hoyle

(BIG "thank you" goes out to Louise Dudleston from Gynwell for sending in the pics! - ed)



CARVELLS HOME FARM SHOW



We've just planned our dates for this year's events. As well as a full show we're also going to be holding a couple of clear round jumping sessions.

We'd like to welcome as many people as possible to this year's events and look forward to seeing you there.

Horse Show - Saturday 2nd August starting at 10.30am

Clear round Jumping - Saturday 23rd August and Saturday 6th September 11.00am to 3.00pm

Jumps starting at 1'6" and going up in height during the day.

Please check our website for full details: www.nasebyhorsheshow.co.uk





Don't You Just Love Junk Mail?



Is "junk mail" the bane of your life. It would seem that very little else comes close to getting the "dander up" of many Naseby residents than the flood of recyclable garbage that comes pouring through our letter boxes on a daily basis, and so we, at Natters, thought it might be helpful to pass a little information about said nuisance on to you all.

I don't know about you, but my "red box" is full of mostly unopened stuff....telling me I've been especially selected to receive a prize, or something that I just cannot live without...or the new yellow pages, when I haven't even opened the old one, and all those glossy brochures that proclaim the latest fashions for the smaller; bigger; slimmer; larger (I do wish they wouldn't send those, I just know I fall into that category!) figure. Bra's, knickers, summer/winter bargains. Clothes for those that "travel" and clothes for those that don't! "Help the Aged" "Help Children in Need" "Help Animals in Distress" "Save the Whale" "Save the Planet" indeed they all contain the panacea to our very being! I DON'T THINK.

You can do something about it by

registering with the mailing preference service (MPS). It's free and it can save up to 95%

of your unwanted mail...not to mention a few trees! It can take up to 4 months to get going but that, I feel, is a small price to pay for the wear and tear saved on the letterbox. To register either go on line at www.mpsonline.org.uk, or phone 0845 703 4599 or even write to them at: MPS, DMA House, 70 Margaret Street, London, W1W 8SS.

You can also register with the Royal Mails' Opt Out Service, this will, however not stop mail addressed to "the occupier". They can be reached by email at: optout@royalmail.com or snail mail at Freepost RRBT-2BXB-TTTS, Royal Mail Door-to-Door Opt Outs, Kingsmead House, Oxpens Road, Oxford, OX1 1RX.

Alternatively simply write a short letter including the following:

- Your full name and address
- A note stating that you no longer wish to receive "door-to-door or unaddressed mail"
- Sign your name at the bottom
- Address it to: Royal Mail, Crow Lane, Northampton, NN3 9UB

Then save yourself a trip to the post box by simply handing it to Rachel (Ratty) our postie!

(You will not only be doing your bit to

help save the environment, but you will also be saving Ratty's poor back having to lug all that unwanted mail about! - ed)

Of course you could put a sign up in your window...saying politely "No Circulars" and, of course, it goes without saying that if you do not want to receive "Natters" please add that to your notice or let us know. I can't imagine that anyone would want to take that drastic action, as we are, of course a mine of local useful information.

Don't forget however, that if you do decide to opt out of all this free kindling material...then you may miss out...on something that you just can't do without and will change your life for ever...but I somehow doubt it!

Sue Turner

DID YOU KNOW?

All previous editions of Naseby Natters can be downloaded from www.naseby.org web site?



WARNING!!

Keep your garages and sheds locked as we get towards summer. Easily transportable and saleable items like strimmers, chain saws, lawnmowers, etc, appeal to the type of people out for a fast buck!

>>>> STOP PRESS <<<<
A house on Church Street was recently targeted regarding mowers/strimmers



IT'S A DOG'S LIFE!

DO YOU HAVE A MUTINOUS MUTT OR A MISCHIEVOUS MONGREL?

News had reached the Natters' News desk that the village hall was going to the dogs, so your Rov(er)ing reporter was sent to sniff out any leads.

Regular dog training courses are being held on Wednesday evenings at the Village Hall by Angela Blencowe, proprietor of Calm Canines * and currently offers classes for puppies (up to 6 months old) and Juniors (over 6months).

Angela has been training dogs for over 20 years and her basic philosophy is to train dogs in a calm atmosphere where patience and kindness is the order of the day. More Dog Whisper than Dog Borstal, good behaviour is rewarded and bad behaviour is ignored - or interrupted. The 6 week course for puppies covers fundamental commands as well as basic health tips, advice on diet and nutrition, grooming and games.

With the help of assistant Anna, husband Will and Anna's mum Helen (supplying much needed tea and chocolate biscuits!), Angela provides an environment where dogs and owners of all ages and experience can be taught either in a group, or in the case of specific needs, on a one-to-one basis. In this way, newcomer Jazz, a 3 month old Weimeraner was given individual training to bring her up to speed, while Bert, a 10 month old black Labrador, nervous of other dogs



after being attacked as a young puppy, with gentle coaxing from Angela, visibly relaxed and gained confidence.



Meanwhile, the rest of the gang - Archie the Beagle (likes to chew loo-rolls, thinks he's a Labrador), Sid the Border Terrier (budding show dog); classy lady Musetta a 9 month old Rottweiler (owners like opera - not sure about the pup though) and many other bundles of furry fun, were put through their paces. Older puppies were allowed into the field for off-lead recalls - with varying degrees of success and lots of jumping up and down by the owners! All this accompanied by sound effects of trains, planes, fireworks, crying babies etc to accustom the puppies to everyday sounds (perhaps you can understand why the tea was needed?).

The Junior class was a more active session - a simple course of small hurdles and tunnels introduced the dogs to 'fun' agility. Who can forget Marley the yellow Labrador - unable to find his



brakes - jumped the hurdles then hurtled through the open doors to the field beyond, subsequently showing his excellent recall abilities? Or gentle Obie the Golden Retriever who completed the course at a more sedate pace with a big grin on his face? Or the many other owners and dogs thundering over the course?

So take your Troublesome Tyke or Hoodlum Hound out of the dog house, show him some puppy love and take him to the Village Hall. With Agility courses planned for the summer, I guarantee you will **BOTH** be as fit as butcher's dogs by the end of the course!!

Sue Cook

* For more information about Calm Canines, phone 01604 771336 or visit www.calm-canines.com



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Shop Opening Times:

Mon to Fri: 7am - 7pm

Sat: 7am - 6pm

Sun: 9am - 12pm

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





This annual local two-day event at Hollowell will take place this year on 5th and 6th July. Last year £55,000 was raised for local charities! It is an amazingly successful show. The charities that are supported include the Air Ambulance, Northampton hospitals, charities for children in need and the Scouts of Spratton and Harborough: 75 charities in all. Chairs for the disabled and Christmas parties for children have been provided, and even the field where the Show is held has been bought. Since 1986 over £750,000 has been raised for local charities including Hollowell Parish Church.

In 1986 Hollowell Parish Church roof needed major repair and the vicar, Canon William Gibbs, and his

churchwarden decided to make the annual fête more attractive and they asked Mr Allan Eaton, a steam-roller enthusiast, to provide a steam engine for the fête. He agreed and a village steam-engine committee was set up. That was the launch! Allan Eaton is still the "driving force" all these years later.

In recent Shows there have been up to 25 machines: road engines and other machines for threshing and ploughing. The largest steam engine was commissioned for use in Russia by the last Tsar. After the Revolution, Lenin's regime ordered its return to England. Allan Eaton found it in a scrap yard in Birmingham, and he has restored it. The heavy horses are groomed to perfection and the best may qualify for entry in the Royal Show.

It is a wonderful locally-run village event with very many stalls to make it a fun-filled family weekend.

With thanks to Canon Gibbs, Tom Gilmore and Mrs Allan Eaton.

John Anderson

SO WHAT'S THERE THIS YEAR?

The Globe of Death Display Team • Titan the Robot • Miniature Steam Engines • Fair Organs • Fairground • Tea Tent • Air Ambulance • Glass Blowing • Archery • Pets corner • Reptiles • Working Area • Bands • Cars • Motorcycles • Tractors • Lorries • Fire Engines • Buses • Military • Arts & Crafts • Flower Show • Creche • Helicopter Flights • Children's Entertainment • Model boats • Stilt Walkers • JCB Display • Rifle Shooting • Motorcycle Display Team • Birds of Prey • Hounds • Catering from fish 'n chips to Indian, trade stalls for your bargains • ...and of course the smell of steam!

TICKETS:

Adults £7.00 • Children £3.50

FREE car parks + **FREE** tractor & trailer 'bus' service from the car parks to the rally field

NEED TO KNOW MORE?

www.hollowellsteam.com

ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE!

You may remember back in issue 16, 3 local children from Naseby were hoping to raise money to go to Croatia with 'World Challenge' in Easter 2008. The plan was to raise the money by doing jobs for people such as leaf sweeping, car washing, lawn mowing, and almost anything else you could think of!!!

On the 16th of April those local children - William Nicholson, Amy Clement and Owen Carter - departed for that World Challenge expedition to Croatia. Here's how it all happened.

We departed from Heathrow (we had to be at Guilsborough School for



Amy, Will & Owen back from their trip to Croatia

5:15am!!) to go to Split airport, Hrvatska (that's what they call Croatia in Croatian). We then went on a 3 hour bus journey to where we camped for the first night. We set up our tents and had pasta for dinner.

On the second day, we went kayaking on the Adriatic Sea. We were in double kayaks, 2 people instead of one, and then we set off. The water was extremely calm, until we were nearing half way, when the wind picked up. We had to make an emergency stop, where we ate lunch (sandwiches). We then kayaked



HASELSTOCK FESTIVAL 2008

15 - 17 AUGUST



Haselstock is a small weekend festival for about 400 people, held at Haselbech Farm, just outside Haselbech village. This is our 7th anniversary and as always we aim to create a happy playground of green fields, great music, fancy dress, crazy kids, sunflowers, butterflies and a whole load of loveliness!

- All profits are donated to charity and this year we are supporting the Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation

You can come and camp with us for the whole weekend (£65) or simply buy a day pass/Saturday night only (£30). Free entry for kids under 14 yrs. N.B. tickets must be bought in advance, limited availability. For full details and to buy tickets visit www.haselstock.com or call Oilly Le Sueur on 07881 927 579 or Bex Hewetson on 07966 319 382.

A SNIPET OF WHAT'S ON

FRIDAY (set up camp from 12 noon onwards)

- Free drinks & Hog Roast supper
- Live music by Alphaspin & DJ's till 3am

SATURDAY

- Communal Barbeque lunch (bring your own supplies or sample the Organic Burger Bar!)
- 'Zippedy-Doodah' kids entertainment at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party from 3-5pm
- Get your glad rags on for the Fancy Dress Carnival Parade at 6pm
- Music maestros Crazy P headline Saturday night:
www.crazy.co.uk

SUNDAY

- Reggae music & chill out
- Explore the Nature Trail & Enchanted Wood
- Guinness & Oyster Bar pick me up
- Home again home again jiggy jig 6pm

.... PLUS SO MUCH MUCH MORE!

- To see the full listings visit: www.haselstock.com

HAPPY CAMPERS: avoid the hassle of putting up a tent & hire a spacious bell tent (book now: Tobyn at www.belltent.co.uk)

back and had to go the long way round to avoid the strong winds. When we >>> <<< arrived back at the campsite, we showered and changed, before taking the mini-buses to our next location.

This next location was 2km from the mountain we were supposed to be walking up. The following morning, we took our 15kg packs and walked up to our mountain hut where we would spend the next night. This was half way up the mountain, which we would summit the following day. This walk would prove difficult, because it was very steep. However, the walk to the top wasn't as difficult as we expected, and the view was

amazing. We walked down the mountain to the hut again, but that was as hard as going up! The next day we walked down the rest of the mountain to catch the bus to our next campsite, near the Zrmanja River. The Zrmanja is one of the cleanest rivers in Europe, and we got the chance to raft down it. This was awesome, as there were lots of little waterfalls and rapids, but where there weren't rapids, we all just jumped in and played games like, 'if you're happy and you know it!'

The next day, we went back to our second campsite to have a meal out. We all had meat platter, which was HUGE. We then flew back to

Heathrow the following day, and arrived home at 7pm.

We all really enjoyed Croatia; it was a once in a lifetime experience. It was also great for making new friends. We would definitely jump at the chance to do it again! We would also like to thank all our friends and neighbours who helped us to raise the money to go: you were all very kind and we're not sure if we could have made the trip without your support and encouragement. We've already started raising money towards our next trip, so let us know if you need anything done....

William Nicholson, Amy Clement and Owen Carter.





The Naseby Battlefield Project:



THE NASEBY BATTLEFIELD VISITOR CENTRE PROJECT

There are in England only two high quality dedicated battlefield visitor centres, at Bosworth and Hastings and in Scotland there is Culloden. Yet in many respects the Battle of Naseby in June 1645 was more significant than either Bosworth or Culloden for it was the decisive fight of the English Civil War. Parliament's New Model Army defeated the forces of King Charles and the Royalist infantry was destroyed, almost entirely killed or captured, and the cavalry was severely damaged. Without a field army at his command, King Charles' attempt to impose autocratic rule was over. It was a turning point for the supremacy of Parliament over the monarch that also has echoes in the development of modern Europe and the American War of Independence. The Battle of Naseby is also significant in the development of battlefield artillery while it saw the flintlock musket begin to take over from the obsolescent matchlock musket. Thus Naseby ranks with Hastings and Bosworth as a turning point in English history, yet except by historians it has largely been forgotten and is not recognised by popular culture.



The Naseby Battlefield Project was set up in 2001 to rectify that omission with a long term objective to acquire land near Naseby in order to establish a visitor centre for the battlefield. In 2005 a charitable trust was established. Phases 1 and 2 of the project have seen the creation of the Naseby Battlefield



Tour with viewpoints, interpretation panels, walks and parking facilities. This phase has included the refurbishment of sites such as the Cromwell Monument on the Naseby to Sibbertoft Road and the Obelisk Monument on the Clipston Road.

The vision of the Trustees is that the Naseby Battlefield Visitor Centre will offer schools, universities and the general public an unrivalled information resource about the Battle itself, the Civil War and the political and social history of the era, the rural environment in the 1600s and what life was like at the time. This will be complemented by artefacts and interactive facilities to interpret and illustrate the period and describe what warfare was like at the time. The Civil War section, which will examine the conflict in the context of seventeenth warfare throughout Europe and North America, will be a centre of excellence for education about the period for graduate researchers and students of all ages.

But significantly it will place the English Civil War in its proper context in the evolution of modern parliamentary democracy and by doing so put Naseby alongside Hastings, Bosworth and Culloden in contemporary thinking.

Phase 3 of the project to achieve the

View from the proposed site of the new Naseby Battlefield Visitor Centre

vision will see the development and construction of the Visitor Centre and Museum. This will be followed by the development of a Museum of Rural Life in the Seventeenth Century.

Earlier this year some 30 acres land alongside the Naseby to Sibbertoft Road with unrivalled views over the battlefield was acquired. In March the trustees appointed Attract Marketing Limited of Kenilworth to undertake a feasibility study to examine the many aspects of this complex project. These include the impact a new centre would have on the area, its economic benefits, the financial requirements and the educational and recreational

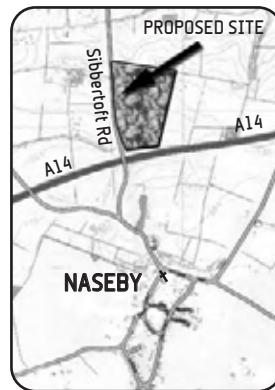
contribution that the development would bring. An initial appraisal of the impact additional traffic would have on the surrounding area has just been completed.

Attract Marketing have carried out numerous studies for, amongst many, English Heritage and their appointment has been made possible

with a grant of £20,000 from Northamptonshire Enterprise Limited and the work is scheduled to be completed by September 2008.

Nick Booker
Director - Attract Marketing Ltd

More info at: www.naseby.com





The Royal Oak



Children welcome in the TV & Games Room under parental supervision. Dogs are also welcome (on a lead)
 Elaine Higgs
 tel: 07985 408240

SUMMER HOURS

Mon to Wed - 4.30pm till 11.00pm
 Thur to Sat - 4.30pm till 12.00am
 Sun - 12pm till 7.00pm

Look out for the black board for all coming events including a "Wild West Night"
 A big thanks to everyone that came to the beer festival!



YOU NAME IT - WE COLLECT IT!

Old coins, old/new clothes, shoes, bric-a-brac. If you have any used stamps they are being collected via Naseby HQ!
 Cheryl Avins tel: 01604 743583

Fitzgerald Arms



Open Bank Holiday Mondays for Food & Drink!

Children Welcome
 Tel: 01604 740273
 Drinking Hours:
 Monday: 7pm-12am

Tuesday - Thursday & Sunday:
 12pm-3pm & 7pm-12am
 Friday: 12pm-3pm & 5pm-1am
 Saturday: 12pm-3pm & 6.30pm-1am
 Food Served:
 Tuesday - Sunday 12pm-2pm
 Tuesday - Sunday 7pm-9pm
 www.thefitzgeraldarms.co.uk



At our April AGM, sadly Chris Murphy (Secretary) and Ian Arnott (Treasurer) stood down. We are extremely grateful to both of them for their tremendous efforts over the past years. Going forward, Mike Westaway (The Sage of Naseby) will continue as president and we have an excellent new chairman, John Anderson with Mary Wood/Liz Capell now looking after our finances/membership.

Our 2008 Talks and Walks programme is going extremely well. In March we welcomed back Chris Rowe for "Murder Most Royal", on the life and times of Edward II, which was so well received by everyone, that we have booked Chris for two more very contrasting talks next year: "Morocco Bound" and "Glens, Gardens, Castles and Kings....a quick history of Scotland".

In May we were extremely lucky with the weather and had a very enjoyable evening walk around the historic village of Walgrave, which is a designated County Heritage Site. We can recommend a visit to see the wonderfully preserved buildings including the 13th/14th century, Church of St Peter and the Manor of North Hall and you can also enjoy the local countryside setting at Red Springs Nature Reserve.

Our next talk at the Village Hall is "Going for a Spin" by Colin Rowe on the 4th June. Before his talk on the very early days of motoring commences Colin will demonstrate his 1937 Ford Model Y, to show us what the first people's cars were really like. Many thanks also go to

Robin Oldfield (who is otherwise engaged with the GB Triathlon team) who has also agreed to lend us one of his vintage cars for you to inspect. AND in response to our "Bring One - Get In Free" offer, we are also promised sight of some classic cars. Proceeding will start with the Car Show at 7-15pm, followed by Colin's talk at 8pm. Any car buffs who would like to show off their own treasures ...are also very welcome to join us!

In July we visit "Old Haselbech" for a talk by Richard Westall and on the 3rd September at the Village Hall we have "A Stream of History - The River Nene" by Beryl/Tony Whitney. Plus we have lots more planned for your enjoyment.

Please check our web page 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.

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

Paul Kelly
 Tel: 01604 743778





Neighbourhood Watch News



The last couple of months have seen a fair amount of disruptive activity in and around the village. Perhaps the hottest topic at the moment is heating oil theft, almost certainly driven by the upwardly spiraling cost of this valuable commodity. A spate of thefts from Welford, Cold Ashby and now Naseby, mean you should seriously think about securing your tanks, particularly if they are easily accessible.

A spate of 5 thefts from cars also occurred mid February, with Sat Navs, briefcases, handbags and cameras being stolen (in all of these cases, the valuables were on view rather than hidden away) – so the message is to keep things out of sight. In the case of sat navs, be aware that sucker marks left of the windscreen can be enough to entice a thief to break in and search the vehicle (most sat navs tend to be kept in the glove box when not in use....). At the end of March there was a further vehicle break-in reported and in early April a set of 4 alloy car wheels were stolen.

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



It's that time of year when we attend annual parish meetings to give the Police report. This year, which, for our purposes runs from April 2007 to March 2008, saw a total of 24 crimes in Naseby compared to

19 in 2007, 19 in 2006 and 33 in 2005.

The bulk of these comes from Thefts From Motor Vehicles, a subject I have detailed in the past. The figure is slightly skewed by the inclusion in Naseby statistics of thefts from parked-up lorries on the A14 lay-by.

Overall, Naseby continues to be a safe place to live, as does the whole of the Rural North sector. All of our 40+ villages combined contributed to about 1.5% of the counties crimes and Naseby accounts for 0.04%.

Recently we have seen thefts of vehicle parts from Westaway Motors, a repeat victim, and even an attempted break in at 6 o'clock in the evening. If you see anyone during the hours of darkness acting suspiciously in that area please call 999.

Generally we continue to suffer thefts of metals and a new one, thefts of domestic heating oil. A number have been reported from Welford and Cold Ashby and I have recently been informed of one in Naseby. With the price of heating oil as it is, I urge you to take some basic precautions such as a lock on the tank and bolting the garden gate if the tank is behind the house. In one case in Welford the offenders must have been equipped with a very long hose and pump to drain a tank when the occupants were away, as it stood 50 metres from the nearest vehicle access.

The beginning of April saw the first anniversary of our SCT (Safer Community Team) working from very pleasant offices in Brixworth kindly paid for by Brixworth Parish Council.

Those of you with Internet access can see who is who by logging onto the Northants Police website, putting in

Contacts

Community Beat Officer:

PC Gary Wright
c/o Pitsford Police Station

Community Support Officer:

PCSO Glyn Lewis

Both on tel: 01604 300300

Co-ordinator:

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- *Dakwell, Church St*
tel/Fax: 01604 740717

E-mail:

gregpritchett@hotmail.com

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*

Liz Capell - *16 Nutcote*

Rachel [a.k.a. 'Ratty'] Gander, the

Post lady - *c/o Naseby HQ*

your postcode and going to the Daventry Rural North SCT page. For non-urgent matters you can send us an e-mail about any item of concern to: SCTDaventryRuralNorth@northants.police.uk - This will appear in every member of the team's mailbox.

Having got thoroughly soaked putting out all the cones for the aborted Pytchley point-to-point a week of two ago I, like you I'm sure, am looking forward to some sunny weather and being able to patrol in daylight hours and seeing a few sunny faces!

PCSO Glyn LEWIS

Daventry Rural North SCT
Brixworth



LIFE DURING OFSTED



OFSTED... A GOVERNORS PERSPECTIVE!

When I took a call from the headteacher at 6.30 on a Friday night

I expected the worst. I was therefore relieved to discover the school had been advised that morning of an Ofsted Inspection on the following Wednesday and Thursday. As Chair of the Board of Governors I was required to make myself available for an interview and the feedback session on Thursday afternoon.

Ofsted describes Guilsborough School as a larger than average comprehensive school with a sixth form serving the predominantly rural area of Guilsborough and surrounding villages. This translates to 1314 pupils being bussed in from 36 villages and hamlets.

The inspection team comprised of one of Her Majesty's Inspectors and 4 Additional Inspectors. Guilsborough was entitled to a "light touch" Inspection as we had received a good report under the old regime 3 years ago. On that occasion we were given many weeks notice of the visit and what seemed like an army of inspectors camped out at school for a week. The team's style was combative leaving every one drained and disheartened at the end of the week. This time the approach was completely different, whilst still being challenging and probing the inspection team were constructive.

On Monday, before visiting the school, the inspectors sent a

questionnaire to parents to be returned by Wednesday.

They study the previous Ofsted Report and the School's Self Evaluation Form known as the SEF.

This is a confidential report prepared by all schools for Ofsted and regularly updated. Governors are also required to assist with its preparation and be familiar with the document. As you can imagine my bedtime reading from Friday was Guilsborough's 69 page SEF.

The SEF is a thorough analysis of all aspects of the school requiring assessment using the Ofsted Inspection grades as follows:

- Grade 1 Outstanding
- Grade 2 Good
- Grade 3 Satisfactory
- Grade 4 Inadequate.

The SEF asks a series of questions about the schools objectives, development and improvement plans. A thorough analysis of public exam results is required, with details of procedures in force and planned to improve overall results and value added. The personal well being and development of pupils is questioned very thoroughly as well as the development of the whole person. Sporting, cultural and charitable activities are therefore detailed. The document gives the reader a very thorough analysis of the school from which it is easy to identify the strengths and weaknesses.

The Inspection Team observe lessons, review exercise books and talk to pupils, teachers and support staff. The lead Inspector



interviewed a fellow governor and myself to ensure we knew our school. Governors are required to act as critical friends in monitoring all aspects of a school including health and safety, financial management, setting exam targets and curriculum development. We were, therefore, questioned on a wide range of subjects.

Finally we attended the feedback session when we were pleased to learn that the Inspectors had generally agreed with the assessment recorded in the SEF. In fact, in respect to Personal Development and Well Being, the grades had been increased to outstanding in some areas. They agreed the school was taking the right steps to improve the students' attainment.

The final report was discussed by the Governors that night and issued to parents the following Monday. The Inspectors also wrote a letter to the students thanking them for their warm welcome and explaining how they could help the school improve. The whole process took just over a week so the disruption to the students and staff was minimal and such a positive report was reward for every ones hard work.

Ofsted reports can be read on their website at www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Angela Carter





The Naseby W.I.

First and foremost a big, big **'THANK-YOU'** to everyone who came along to the village hall for the WI lunch on 15th March. Some of the money raised will be used to sponsor a future edition of 'Natters' - a very worthwhile cause!

As usual, the topics of guest speakers at the monthly meetings have been varied and all have been very interesting.

In February members heard Angie Cooksley talk about being a guide at Rockingham Castle and Boughton House, how she came to be involved in the work and what goes on behind the scenes. She spoke particularly of the changes in terms of health & safety and insurance versus security.

On 13th March the guest speaker was former Naseby resident, Janice Collins, who took along some examples of her beautiful greetings cards and other crafts and explained to members how she made them. Following on from her talk, Jan showed members a small pyramid shaped box which she had made and which could be used for a small gift. It was then the turn of the members to 'have a go' and, with Jan's expert tuition, everyone managed to make similar boxes to take home.

At the beginning of the year members nationwide were asked to discuss various proposed resolutions and to put them in the order they considered most worthy to go forward for

national debate at the Annual General Meeting to be held in June.

The two resolutions which were eventually chosen were: (i) 'This meeting asks H.M. Government to urge the EU to ban bottom trawling which causes catastrophic loss of marine life' and (ii) 'In view of the adverse effect on families of the imprisonment of people with severe mental health problems, this meeting urges HM Government to provide treatment and therapy in a more appropriate and secure residential environment.' These were the 3rd and 1st choices respectively of Naseby's members. Following discussion at their April meeting, members voted in favour of both resolutions.

After the debate, Avis Aldrich told fellow members all about her visit to Denman College last year when she spent a weekend doing patchwork. The college, which is owned by the WI and is set in the beautiful Oxfordshire countryside, puts on literally hundreds of courses throughout the year and can be attended by both members and non-members.

(Observant readers with a good memory may well wonder why the college is now in Oxfordshire when, according to the last edition of 'Natters' it was in Buckinghamshire. The truth is that it IS in Oxfordshire, the mistake being due to a slip of the brain of the correspondent!!)

The intriguing title of guest speaker Doctor Kelley Lee-Gilmore's talk in May will be 'Smoke Alarms and Smoke Screens' which promises to tell the truth behind the big tobacco companies. This will be followed in

June by a talk entitled 'The Man in the Ice' when Richard Moisey will be unravelling the amazing facts about a 3,000 year-old body found in the Alps in 1991. Then, in July, members will be entertained by a group of ladies who will perform Haraam Arab Egyptian Dances and display their traditional costumes. Another complete change of subject in August when Mrs Joy Tingle will demonstrate the making of a Tiffany lamp.

WI meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the village hall and start at 7.30pm. If any lady would like to go along to any or all of these meetings they would be most welcome.

In addition to the varied programme of speakers and demonstrators, two outings have been organised for members this year. In June they will be going to the south of the county to visit the gardens of Lord and Lady Hestletine at Thenford, and then in July they have booked seats at the Kilworth House Theatre for the performance of Oklahoma. In view of the rotten luck members had with the weather last year, it is to be hoped that it will be fine for both of these events. Surely it can't be so unkind again - can it???

Mary Hackett (tel. 01604 740657)

*(PS: A **massive** thank you to all those who worked so very hard at the WI lunch. The food was truly fantastic! You made my husbands day by having cottage pie on the menu! - ed)*

(PPS: We hope you don't mind your new location within the Natters layout by the way. It helps make room for a new feature inside the back page - ed)



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NASEBY LADIES ROUNDERS

Rounders season is once again upon us. Captaining the team this year is Tina Underwood, who thanks to knee reconstruction can run like the bionic woman. We seem to be attracting more and more younger players which is fab, but we welcome more mature ladies too, some of us are even drawing our pension!

For anyone wishing to come and have some fun, we are trying to start practising again on a Sunday morning at the village hall (thanks to Mel Hoyle for cutting the grass so beautifully), around 11am is when we start.

Boys (I say that loosely) you'll be glad to welcome back Helen Stolting after an absence last year due to injury, so get supporting our home games.

Queries contact **Lesley Campbell 01604743172**

Gardening Club Update

The coach trip to Evenly Woods was a revelation. This large 60 acre wood had been planted, apparently regardless of expense, with over 180 magnolia trees (mostly in flower), thousands of lily bulbs and various exotic specimens you wouldn't normally associate with a woodland setting. It is normally only open to the public, two or three times per year, so Ruth (programme Sec) is to be congratulated on an excellent visit.

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

- **June Tuesday 24th** - leaving at 1.30pm. A double visit to "Oak Tree House" a formal garden with pond, veg. plot etc and "Croft Acres" with pond stream, summerhouse etc.
- **July Sunday 6th** - Clipston Open Gardens 9-11 garden will be open, with Silver Band playing on the green, cream teas by the W.I. raffle, tombola, etc. Should be a good day out! Please support us.

- **July 22nd Tuesday** - A private visit to "The Old Rectory" Haselbech a 1acre garden with potager, rose garden, herbaceous borders, etc.
- **August Sunday 24th** - Coach trip to Harlow Carr R.H.S "The Wisley of the North" includes "Gardens Through Time" a scented garden etc. All this plus Betty's Tea Rooms - who could wish for more!

Please contact **Gerry Wood (01604 740444)** for further details.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th July

2pm onwards

For more info call Pat
01604 740145

All money raised help maintain the oldest and most precious building in Naseby village - the beautiful All Saints Church

TEAS & CAKES · RAFFLE

NASEBY OPEN GARDENS

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NASEBY MAC USER GROUP

If all 30 members came we'd burst at the seams! Usually 10 - 15 turn up. Lively discussion, criss-cross questions about software/ shareware/freeware, & 'how does this work on a Mac' fills our kitchen...

Almost all members are Mac 'converts' at various stages of experience. Popular questions range from: 'how do I get my music from

my PC iTunes/new iPod into my Mac, where is my stuff stored, how do I set up my internet account on the Mac?'

Our last meeting was loaded with tips on free- & share-ware for daily use, as well as some nifty key-strokes to speed things up. Interested? Or thinking of making the step from PC to Mac? Why not come along to the next meeting on June 13th.

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UPDATED CLUBS, GROUPS & SOCIETIES TO JOIN IN NASEBY!

Age Concern

Contact with the other agencies
Contact: Liz Capell (01604 740568)

Badminton Club

Meet at the village hall
Contact: Tony Hoare (01604 743136)

Bell Ringing

Practice night is on Tuesdays
Contact: Avis Aldrich (01604 740532)

Bridge Club

Purely on a social basis
Contact: Mike Willis (01604 740437)

Clipston & District Gardening Club

Monthly meetings with speakers
Contact: Gerry Wood (01604 740444)

Cribbage

Monday between April and October
Contact: Phil Brewin or Ray Ellis (01604 740442/740562)

Drinks, Biscuit & Chat

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

Leukaemia Research Fundraising Group

Contact: Cheryl Avins (01604 743583 or 07769942756)

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!



DIARY OF EVENTS 2008

New to this edition of Natters is a 'Diary of Events' going on in and around Naseby and Haselbech - we hope you find it useful. If you have any comments about the layout or the information below, let us know. Likewise if you have any events you want us to include in future editions - get in touch!

DAY	DATE	MONTH	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ORGANISATION
-	-	May - September		Haselbech Tennis Tournament	The Old Rectory	-
Wed	4 June		7.15pm	Going for a Spin	Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Historical Society
Thu	5 June		8pm	Annual Meeting of the Parish	Village Hall	Naseby Parish Council
Sat	7 June		1.00pm	Visit to Thenford Gardens	Thenford	WI
Sat/Mon	7-9 June		10am-4pm	Art exhibition	Hillside, Guilsborough	Louise Metcalfe
Sun	8 June		2-6pm	Haselbech Open Gardens	The Old Rectory	National Garden Scheme
Thu	12 June		7.30pm	The Man in the Ice	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Fri	13 June		8pm	Mac User Group	Bakehouse Rise	NASMUG
Fri/Sun	13-15 June		10am-4pm	Art exhibition	Hillside, Guilsborough	Louise Metcalfe
Fri	20 June		tba	Hog Roast with 'Empire'	Tickets from Naseby HQ	NSA
Tue	24 June		1.30pm	Oak Tree House/Croft Acres	Clipston Village Hall	Gardening Club
Thu	26 June		7.30pm	Youth Club	Methodist Chapel	Methodist Church
Mon	28 June		10am-4pm	Soaking day	Methodist Chapel	Methodist Church
Wed	2 July		7.15pm	Old Haselbech	Haselbech	Naseby Historical Society
Thu	3 July		7.30pm	Oklahoma'	Kilworth House Theatre	WI
Sat-Sun	5-6 July		All day	Rieker Shoe Stall	Hollowell Steam Rally	Friends of Naseby Village Hall
Sun	6 July		9am-11am	Clipston Open Gardens	Clipston	Gardening Club
Sun	6 July		2-6pm	Haselbech vs Maidwell Cricket Match	Maidwell Hall School	Haselbech Cricket Team
Thu	10 July		7.30pm	Haraam Egyptian Dancers	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Sat	12 July		10am	Help clean Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Village Hall	Village Hall Committee
Thu	17 July		8pm	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Naseby Village Hall	Village Hall Committee
Sat-Sun	19-20 July		2pm	Naseby Open Gardens	Village Hall	Naseby Open Gardens
Tue	22 July		1.45pm	The Old Rectory	Haselbech	Gardening Club
Sat	2 August		10.30am	Horse Show	Carvells Home Farm	Carvells Home Farm Show
Tue-Fri	5-8 August		10am-12pm	Holiday Club	Methodist Chapel	Methodist Church
Sun	10 August		10am	Holiday Club Celebration	Methodist Chapel	Methodist Church
Tue	12 August		10am-12pm	Multi-Sports Events	Naseby Village Hall	DDC
Thu	14 August		7.30pm	Tiffany lamp demonstration	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Fri	15 August		7pm	Summer Ball	Highgate House	Friends of Naseby Village Hall
Fri-Sun	15-17 August		From 12pm	Haselstock Music Festival	Haselbech Farm	www.haselstock.com
Sat	23 August		11am-3pm	Clear round Jumping	Carvells Home Farm	Carvells Home Farm Show
Sun	24 August		tba	Harlow Carr R.H.S	Clipston School	Gardening Club
Wed	3 Sept		8.00pm	A Stream of History	Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Historical Society
Sat	6 Sept		11am-3pm	Clear round Jumping	Carvells Home Farm	Carvells Home Farm Show
Thu	11 Sept		7.30pm	Viv Jozsa demonstration	Naseby Village Hall	WI

Please check with the individual organisations to confirm the above events are taking place





Kids Corner!

SO WHAT DO WE THINK OF OUR NEW LIBRARY...

We all think our new library is great and a lot better than the old one.



The new library is a complete hit with the children

Thank you everyone who put some money towards it. Also a great thank you to Bob Wilson who officially opened it for us. All our new books are really fab and there are a lot of books to choose from.



Olivia and Katie proudly showing off some of the many new books

Our new thumb scanner is great, a really good device which helps us to keep track of who has borrowed which books. It makes a nice change from a normal library card. The system even knows

when its your birthday, so it says happy birthday to you on your birthday. It really rules!!!

Our new shelves, which are wooden with red edges, stand out from the rest. We have a spinner containing all the horrible history books. A desk and comfy chairs also allows us to work in the library.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the members of staff and parents, who have worked long hours, cataloguing and putting all the books on the shelves. Finally, thank you to all the parents and the NSA who have raised the money to help us have our fantastic new library.



Katie Hoyle issuing a book to Gregory Fellows



The new library computer system

Supplied by: Josiah Watson and Sophie Otter

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