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Naseby Natters

issue 19



DID YOU MISS US???

Well apparently not! As not one single person demanded to know where their September copy of Natters was!

Well, now you have your chance to redeem yourselves, as there is an event to show your **true** support for Natters. **If no-one shows up; Natters will cease production FACT!** - See Page 7 for more details...

SOME GOOD NEWS: We welcome 2 new young budding reporters after our appeal in the last issue - for their first ever interview with Natters, they got well and truly stuck in and picked a tough cookie! Welcome to Isabelle and Lucy.

COULD IT BE YOU??? We have a vacancy on the Natters team - We are in desperate need for a Haselbech representative.

As you will know, Haselbech joined our distribution of Natters back in June. The vacancy is due to yet *another* team member falling pregnant (must be something in the print, because that's 5 Natters babies now!!!).

Becky Ash was our hero from Haselbech and will be sadly missed, but we wish her all the luck with her 2nd baby, due on the 16th December. Please please get in touch if you would like to become the Haselbech representative!



Well, onto this issue. There is a plethora of events, updates, information and fun stuff inside this bumper Christmas edition - all 36 pages of it! So grab yourself a cup of cocoa, sit back, fasten your seat belt, and read on...

- Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year to all our readers-
THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

PS: A big THANK YOU goes out to our humble proof readerer Amanda Smith (from Hall Close) and Abi Barker (West Haddon) this issue. You're both true Supermumstar! - ed

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The deadline for next issue:
(if there is one!)
1st of February 2009

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your newsletter and your village so get involved



Village Update

Naseby Parish Council (PC)

WINDFARM

The Parish Council has responded to two applications relating to the windfarm. One for an anemometer to be erected near Tally Ho covert and the other a Scoping Opinion. Both relate to information that Eon will need to provide when it makes its full application for consent to erect the wind turbines. The Parish Council did not object to either of these information gathering exercises.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

21 villagers attended the Annual Meeting on 5th June when the chairman of the Parish Council reported on the Council's activities. Parishioners heard interesting talks from the Naseby Battlefield Project and from Marion Turner who spoke about the Transition Movement and what it could mean to Naseby. The evening concluded with light refreshments provided by the Parish Council.

RECREATION GROUND

Matters arising from the Annual Inspection by ROSPA are in hand. The final works involve trying to improve the levels and reduce tripping hazards in the playground so the play park will be out of action for a short time when some ground works take place. This will be carried out over the winter, when the park is not used so much.

The Parish Council fundraiser with live band will take place next year in aid of the Sports Court.

BOLLARDS

The Parish Council has installed wooden bollards outside the shop and church to protect the verges which were being ruined by cars parking on them. Providing an additional lay-by has been ruled out for the time being but the Council is monitoring the situation.

NASEBY PRIDE & VILLAGE CLEAN UP

The Parish Council wants to express its thanks to everyone who helped with Naseby Pride in tidying up the churchyard and particularly to Margaret Anderson who is the driving force behind the project. Next year the Parish Council want to tie in its annual tidy up with Naseby Pride and, therefore, invite all villagers to join your Parish councillors from 3pm on Thursday 30th April to continue the excellent work started by Naseby Pride. The evening will conclude with some refreshments in the pub for all volunteers.

Naseby Pride intends to get started on Monday 27th April so look out for details nearer the time.

NASEBY VILLAGE TRIAL

Following on from issues identified in the Village Design Statement the idea of an updated village walk was developed. The Parish Council wishes to thank Pat Creecraft and Mike Westaway for all their work on the project so far. The Parish Council has set aside funds to pay for production costs and a draft trail will soon be shared with interested parties for consultation. The aim is to produce a high quality fold out leaflet similar to the one produced by the Battlefield Project.

VILLAGE GATEWAYS

Gateways in the County Council approved style and funded by the

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

County will soon be erected on the Clipston and Cold Ashby Roads.

Naseby Parish Council

ROAD CLOSURE

Thornby Road will be closed to all traffic from 29th January to 6th February off peak only for carriageway patching works.

Members of the Haselbech Parish Committee 2008

Richard & Wendy Westall
Chair - Fox Cottage





CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR COLLECTIONS 2008/9

2nd December	Grey Bin & Boxes
9th December	Brown Bin & Boxes
16th December	Grey Bin & Boxes
23rd December	Grey Bin & Boxes
30th December	No Collections
6th January	Grey Bin & Boxes
13th January	Grey Bin & Boxes
20th January	Brown Bin & Boxes

Additional Cardboard: If you have more cardboard than will fit in your brown bin due to the reduced Brown bin collections over the festive period – panic not! Simply save it for your first brown bin collection, place any extra flat packed cardboard next to your brown bin and (for this collection only) Daventry council have agreed to take it all away. Just make sure it is relatively contained to prevent it blowing about. **AJ Green**

OFFERING OF HUMBLE PIE FROM THE EDITOR...

I would like to point out an error from the last edition of Natters (Issue 18). The error was featured in an article on **"The Fitzgeralds of Naseby: Part II"** by Mike Westaway. The error was not on Mike's part but on mine - doh! I had mistakenly labelled the photo on the bottom of page 13 as 'John Purcell' and it should have in fact been listed as 'Edward FitzGerald'. I sincerely apologise to Mike for this complete an utter gaff on my part! I will try very hard to make sure it doesn't happen again. :) I would like to say thanks very much to Mike for his fascinating articles he supply us each issue. What he doesn't know about Naseby's history ain't worth knowing!

AJ Green

PS: Well wishes are with you too x

A Sincere thank you... *"Following my recent illness, I would like to thank all my friends and neighbours - too numerous to mention individually - for their gifts, kindness and the support given during this time. This has been a tremendous help to me and my family and is much appreciated."* **Pauline Atkins**

XMAS POST



Thursday 18th December - 2nd Class
 Saturday 20th December - 1st Class
 Monday 15th December - Standard Parcels
 Tuesday 23rd December - Special Delivery™
 Friday 19th December - Special Delivery™ with Saturday Guarantee

NEW BUS TIMETABLE:

Information is available on the Northamptonshire County Council website and is available in Naseby HQ & on the Parish Council noticeboard

WNAA QUARTERLY TEXTILE COLLECTION

W/C 26th January 2009
W/C 23rd March 2009
Please note: WNAA bags will be delivered the week before the above dates. They will have the collection day printed on the front.

Naseby Weather



MEASURED IN BAKEHOUSE RISE COURTESY OF STUART CATO

Month 2008	MAY	JUN	JUL
Max Temp °C	27.6	24.7	28.9
Av Max Temp °C	20.3	19.6	22.5
Min Temp °C	3.6	6.6	7.8
Av Min Temp °C	8.9	10.5	12.7
Min Wind Chill °C	3.4	6.6	7.8
Max Humidity %RH	94	91	91
Av Max Humidity %RH	84.2	85.7	86.4
Min Humidity %RH	31	29	38
Av Min Humidity %RH	52.4	53.9	55.8
Max Wind mph	11.4	14.9	15.3
Av Max Wind mph	5.4	7.2	7.5
Max Wind Gusts mph	22.8	31.7	25.2
Av Wind Gusts mph	11.5	15.7	15.2
Comparison vs			
Previous year 2007	MAY	JUN	JUL
Max Temp °C	23.2	25.6	23.9
Av Max Temp °C	16.9	20.5	19.8
Min Temp °C	3.1	7.6	8.6
Month 2008	AUG	SEP	OCT
Max Temp °C	24.8	19.8	18.9
Av Max Temp °C	20.4	17.0	13.5
Min Temp °C	9.0	7.6	-2.4
Av Min Temp °C	13.1	10.5	5.4
Min Wind Chill °C	7.9	7.1	-2.4
Max Humidity %RH	93	93	97
Av Max Humidity %RH	89.2	89.9	91.1
Min Humidity %RH	32	33	63
Av Min Humidity %RH	57.9	63.0	74.4
Max Wind mph	15.4	13.8	15.4
Av Max Wind mph	8.0	4.4	7.4
Max Wind Gusts mph	26.6	26.2	33.1
Av Wind Gusts mph	15.4	9.8	16.2
Comparison vs			
Previous year 2007	AUG	SEP	OCT
Max Temp °C	27.4	23.4	17.6
Av Max Temp °C	20.9	18.9	13.6
Min Temp °C	8.3	3.8	2.3

NB: Period 27.9.08 to 5.10.08 not included





NASEBY VILLAGE PRIDE

PROUD VILLAGERS NOT DAMPENED BY DRIZZLE!



Before



After

A week produces spectacular results!
In the middle of September, a scheme was devised whereby as many people as would like could help to tidy the village churchyard. A name was chosen - Naseby Village Pride. Naseby Village Pride is not a special group of people who want to do all the work themselves, it is a happy, open gathering of anyone who cares for the village and is able to spare a little time looking after it. The first two days of drizzle did little to dampen spirits, and after that the weather was fine all week.

BALLOONS AND THE CHURCH:

The first project involved a major clearance in the churchyard, where the elderflower bushes had engulfed yew trees, holly, holm oak, conifers and sycamore. Ivy had rampaged over gravestones and memorials, along walls built of old Naseby bricks, and up substantial trees of yew and sycamore.

Balloons outside the Naseby HQ shop and on the church gateway showed that there was fun to be had inside - fun revealing centuries' old monuments and tombstones - fun finding the old boundary wall under the ivy and elder - fun revealing our beautiful yew tree and fun clearing the undergrowth that is threatening the church fabric beyond the chancel.

About fifteen people took part during the week, Henry let us tie our balloons

to his newspaper board, and the Fitz lent us their very useful trailer for moving stuff around the churchyard; a considerable number of people have said they would help on future projects.

Even if you were not able to help us this time, watch out for us when we come back in the spring. One villager has even been heard to say he thought Naseby Village Pride was a jolly good idea, and it should take place regularly about every two months!

This time, enjoy looking at the churchyard; go into it and wander round, and see whether you couldn't be part of Naseby Pride in the future.

Margaret Anderson

P.S. Naseby Village Pride plans to have another project in the spring. More details later. In the mean-time, if you see anything you would like us to tidy, you can e-mail me at: margaret.anderson@virgin.net. We can't promise to do everything, but we'll do our best!

All Saints Church



Well, "Open Gardens" is now a sweet memory. The weather was good, the gardens beautiful. People gave their help willingly and a good time was had by everyone. The visitors enjoyed the beauty of the gardens.

A total of just over £1900 was raised which will go to the Church redecoration fund. We are so grateful to all who contributed in any way - we couldn't do it without the help of the village. Special thanks to Pat and Robin Oldfield who masterminded the whole event!

NASEBY PRIDE: The Rector and Church Wardens are most grateful for all the efforts put into beautifying the church yard and Burial Ground.

Much needed work was carried out, the first for many years. Many people helped under the guidance and enthusiasm of Margaret Anderson to whom we are indebted. Being so few in number we could not have achieved so much in such a short time - so **Thank You Everyone!**

HELPERS are needed weekly in the church; if you can help the following would be welcomed - Flower arrangers - Brass cleaners - Sidespeople.

The services for December are posted on the church notice board but here they are for your use. Please bring safely protected candles to the Carol >>

Contacts

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david.faulks@btinternet.com
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Church Wardens:
Avis Aldrich (01604 740532)

Margaret Djack (01604 743820)
Treasurer:
Mike Hopkins (01604 740309)
PCC Members:
Sarah Farrell, Ann Faulks, Michael Hopkins, Valerie Latham & Sandra Price (secretary)





<<< Service on Christmas Eve.

All are welcome at every service,

Dec. 7th 9.30 Naseby

Dec 14th 9.30 Naseby

Dec.21st 11.00 Clipston

Christmas Eve: Dec 24th, 6.00pm

Christmas Eve: Dec 24th, 11.45pm

Midnight Mass, Naseby

Christmas Day: Dec. 25th 9.30am,

Naseby

Dec 28th 9.30am, Kelmarsch

Yours in faith - Avis Aldrich

Naseby Methodist Church

Holiday Club - 'What on Earth'

was held 5-8th August with lots of activities,

games, fun and lots of laughter with goodly numbers and enjoyed by all.



Soaking Evenings - these are quiet meditative times when we listen to music and relax in God's presence - They are usually held every 2nd Wednesday of the month 7:45 for 8:00pm (contact Leny Cato 743166) - and see web page for details.

FUSION Youth Club for 7-11s is usually on the fourth Thursday

evening monthly 6:00pm - contact 740845

ROCK SOLID Youth Club for those in school years 7, 8 & 9 Thursday at 7.30pm - starting again in 2009, contact 740845.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - a great time for youngsters led by Ruth & Ian Watson (740845).

MUMS & TOTS plus DBC - As usual, are meetings enjoyed by lots of people.

OTHER NOTICES:

Soul Cafe

is a new venture for all the family started in the Spring happening periodically on a Sunday morning at 10:15 am - It is a relaxed time with the building set out café style with tables and chairs - good coffee and other drinks are available and most of the Sunday papers for those who wish to read them. There are activities & games for old & young and the chocolate fountain is hugely popular with the youngsters (and with the older ones if they can get a look in) - we serve hot bacon and cheese rings as well as cookies etc. It is a time when everyone can relax and



chat - At the end there is a short epilogue with appeal to all ages.

The last three have been well attended including on Harvest Festival - the next Soul Cafe is planned for **ADVENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30TH - 10:15AM** - watch out for posters for those in the New Year, also web page at: www.harboroughmethodistcircuit.org.uk/NasEvents.html



CHRISTMAS PLANS

Candlelight Carol Service

- Sunday 21st December - 6:00pm - mince pies and punch to follow

Christmas Day - Short Family Service at 10:30am

Leny Cato

THE USUAL @ THE METHODIST CHURCH:

Mums & Tots:

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

Guilsborough Drs' Surgery:

Monday from 11am (no appt needed)

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Minister: Rev Brian Kennard

30 Farndale View Market Harborough (01858 462889)

Bookings Secretary: Ruth Watson (01604 740845)

Secretary: Leny Cato (01604 743166)

www.harboroughmethodistcircuit.org.uk/Naseby.html

MUMS & TOTS CELEBRATE!

Believe it or not but 'Mums & Tots' celebrated a very special event recently - it's 10 birthday!!! Yes, it has been 10 years since it was first set-up and Ruth Watson was presented with a gorgeous bouquet of flowers to say a **HUGE** thank you for all her support in helping to run this fantastic and much needed group all this time. **Amanda Smith**





Naseby School Update:



No school update this issue but see the 'Kids Corner' on the back page.

VACANCY

URGENTLY REQUIRED

Lunchtime Supervisor
3 sessions per week
Please contact Andrea or Mrs Bradburn for details
Telephone: 01604 740540
Naseby CE Primary School

School Contacts

Head Teacher:
Mrs Sue Bradburn BSc
head@naseby-ce.northants-ecl.gov.uk
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List of Governors

Dr Peter Sainsbury (Chair/Parent)
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)

NSA UPDATE

Since the last edition of Natters, the NSA have been very busy fundraising with the annual Hog Roast in July and the Quiz Night in October. Thank you to all who joined us and made those events a success. All our efforts would be worthless without the support and attendance of the people of Naseby and surrounding villages.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Naseby School Christmas Fair** 6th December, 1.30pm, Naseby Village Hall (*Rieker shoes and boots will be there and all the proceeds will be going to the sports court fund*)

Our AGM took place on 8th October 2008 in school, and the new officers are:

- **Chair:** Rachel Eaton-Smith
- **Vice-Chair:** Pauline Vann
- **Treasurer:** Sandra Sleeman

• **Secretary:** Christel Taylor

This year we will be fundraising towards some new infant play equipment. We have early plans for next year's events already so details will be forthcoming in your next edition.

The Friday sports club, open to all primary school aged children, started back in September with a Circus Skills club. It was a huge hit with our children. At the end of their 6 weeks' course, parents and family were treated to a fantastic show staged by the children themselves. They were able to demonstrate what they had learned, and it was obvious they all thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to Becky Pope and Pauline Vann for their hard work in keeping the club going.

For more info please contact Christel Taylor on 01604 740027

UNWANTED BABY ITEMS



Needed for children in dire situations around the world. They go to 'Feed the Children' charity and are sent to where the need is greatest. They particularly need clothes (no matter what their condition), sterilising equipment and nappies.

Liz Cappell - tel: 01604 740568

NASEBY SPORTS CLUB

The Naseby Sports Club runs from after February Half Term until October Half Term 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. After a very fun six weeks of Circus Skills, we have been busy planning a varied

programme for 2009 which hopefully will include Dodge ball, Tennis, Lacrosse, Football. For further information please contact Becky Pope on 743213.

Shoes GALORE™

Invitation to Shoes Galore Party!!!

Tuesday 2nd December @ 8pm
in the upstairs room of the Village Hall

So come and buy some *fabulous* shoes for those Christmas parties!

There will be a small raffle and 10% of all sales will be donated to Naseby School Association

Shoes, bags & accessories
from £19.99 to £64.99





END OF AN ERA...NATTERS TO BE NO MORE?

Our Natters Village News magazine, which is distributed free of charge to all residents, produced by AJ Green (aka Amanda) and her dedicated team of volunteers, is **totally** dependent on sponsorship and donations to cover the printing/materials costs.

Thanks to very generous sponsorship from village organisations, groups and individuals, many on a repeated basis, over the past few years the team have been very fortunate to be able to produce editions of the magazine every two/three

months. However, these sources are under increasing financial pressure and **as a consequence further editions of Natters are uncertain...**

Therefore, to keep the magazine funded for the coming year, at least on a quarterly basis, it was thought that a village social event would give all residents the opportunity to show their real support for Natters.

Further information will be provided closer to the event.

THANK YOU VERY MUCHLY TO OUR FAB SPONSORS!

This issue we are able to go to print due to 'Naseby WI'...again!! I say again because this is not the first time the WI have sponsored Natters. To raise the funds they held a fantastic 2-course lunch at the village hall back in March. Again we thank them **all** for their hard work and fab food and making it possible for us to print yet another issue.

We are, however, in desperate need of new sponsors to come forward. So far we have had a wide range of sponsors for Natters:

- Entire roads rallying round to raise sponsorship for entire editions. So far only Bakehouse Rise and Gynwell. Whose next up for the challenge?
- We have had extremely generous individuals come forward and pay for an edition to be printed.
- We have had businesses sponsor issues, benefiting from editorials and adverts to help promote their business and of course 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.

AJ Green

APPEAL: Please can all the businesses, clubs & societies check that their information is correct at the back of Natters. Please let me know of any changes or obsolete information.

AJ Green (aj@ajdesign.biz)

An opportunity for **all** Naseby residents to show their **true** support for Natters

Personal Invitation

NATTERS & NIBBLES

A social evening with the Natters team, Village Organisations
and Groups, with displays of Local Crafts and Produce
available for purchase

Friday 6th February 2009
Village Hall at 8pm

*Tickets just £5
(from Naseby HQ)*

FULL BAR

PRIZE RAFFLE

Sarah Farrell is busy finalising the evening but so far it will include:

PUNCH & WITH CANAPÉS, NIBBLES & CHEESES ON ARRIVAL

WI specialty Marmalade for purchase • Wood Craft display • All about Natters display + Much much more • yet to be confirmed at the time of going to print!

PLUS: Has anyone else got any crafty talents or produce they would like to display? So if you would like a stall for your crafts/produce, a display for your organisation/group, or have any suggestions

PLEASE CONTACT SARAH FARRELL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON 01858 575329





Naseby Village Hall

Recreation Ground Management Committee

Use It - Don't Lose It!

Your great Village Hall and Recreation ground events and facilities have been very well used during the past year. With winter drawing in and given the forecast gloomy financial outlook ahead, we plan to add some village merriment and to end 2008 on a high note with a fun-packed Christmas Family Event to be held on 13th December.

Unfortunately our hire charges have had to be increased but, at last, we are launching the 50/50 Club which, if successful, will transform our financial position, stabilise charging and enable us to provide the new facilities and upgrades you have asked for and waited patiently to see delivered.

Mel Hoyle and the management team would like to express our sincere thanks to all those in the village and the wider local community who have continued to support us directly or indirectly throughout the year....And very a special thank you goes to Chris Bignall for his extremely generous support over many years and to Michele for getting the Hall back into pristine condition.

We Need 200 Households To Back Our Operations/Improvement Plans - Please Support our 50/50 Club launch!

After 4 months of effort meeting the exacting requirements of officialdom, we are now most definitely launching our monthly prize draw - 50/50 Club. All surpluses raised will go directly to keep charges down, meet overhead gaps and build up our reserves for improvement projects. We really do hope that most households within the village will take part and enjoy the added opportunity to win a cash prize. For more information on the prize allocation rules, terms and conditions,

and how to get signed-up, please see www.naseby.org, our advert in Naseby HQ, and from our Sign-Up team.

FUNDRAISERS

- 13th December 2008 - Christmas Family Event commences 3pm

Part 1 Robin Hood - relive those exciting and much loved stories including awe-inspiring archery contests, terrific tournaments and swash-buckling swordfights as Robin and his merry band do battle with their deadly enemies...AND the production group will be involving as many children as possible as the key actors. They will don colourful costumes and learn exactly what to say and when to say it!

Part 2 - Bozo and Zizi the Clowns - Now the production group takes centre stage. They guarantee a feast of traditional clowning and slapstick fun. AND AGAIN they will be involving as many children as possible.

This really is something different...audience participation for the entire family - it's going to be really incredible. For further information please see our advert elsewhere in Natters.

- February 2009 - Ferret Racing

Back by public demand! Rest your voices and start saving those pennies....plans for another smash hit family event are being finalised.

IMPROVEMENTS

Daventry District Council has just granted us funding to replace the worn-out tables and chairs, and after much debate we will retain the circular table design, which we think will be the most practical for large functions. Thanks to our Parish Council for organising this.

Many thanks go to Wyn Sleeman our technical guru who has been automating the booking process. We now have a really slick Look-Up Diary at: www.naseby.org/publicbodies/

villagehall/bookings.html

Thanks also go to all of the volunteers who supported the "Big Maintenance Weekend".

SPORTS COURT

Major progress has been made during 2008 by the dedicated Friends of Naseby Village Hall, who have held two highly successful fund-raisers at Hollowell and Highgate House.

"Friends" we really do appreciate all your efforts...thank you. As a result of all of this excellent work, we are now just £6,000 short of our target of raising the £14,000 "Matching Funds" needed to meet the entry criteria to obtain a Biffaward grant. Two more events are planned for early 2009.

The project may well be delayed until late 2009 however. We have just been advised by Biffa that the East Midlands regional funding bank is currently vastly oversubscribed and the earliest date for submission of our funding request would be May 2009. Although disappointing, we have to be realistic and we will continue undaunted.

CAR-PARKING AND PATHWAYS

Action is still on hold pending on how things go with the take-up of the 50/50 Club.

PLAYGROUND

Following a review of options and costs, the Parish Council have agreed to progress this project but given the considerable costs involved, it is likely to take some time to complete.

FINANCES

Like everyone else who relies on electricity for heating, we are very vulnerable to the huge increases in charges. The major discount skillfully negotiated by Mike Hopkins last year has helped greatly, but we have also lost a very large commercial letting customer this year. As a consequence, and in order for our accounts to break-even, we are forced to increase the hire





rates. The new rates will be £7 per hour for the Upstairs Room and £12 per hour for the Main Hall. Affiliated clubs will pay £5 and £7 per hour. The increase in charges is immediate for new bookings and notice is given for charges to take effect for affiliated societies from January 2009.

The management team has increased the frequency of our review meetings and will continue to find ways of reducing costs and to identify any available Sponsorship and Grant funding.

ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

Not much response as yet but do let us know if you're interested in joining a new Naseby XI team.

LICENSING.

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

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS?

Our committee meetings are now held monthly (on the 3rd Thursday), the AGM is held in April, so why not come along and have a say. All are welcome.

And Finally...

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Paul Kelly

Village Hall Contact

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

Wyn Sleeman 01604 740963

£12 per hour - Large Hall

£7 per hour - Upstairs Room

INFORMATION ALSO POSTED ON:

www.naseby.org

THE 50/50 CLUB

The aim of the Naseby Village Hall 50/50 Club is to provide funding for the ongoing maintenance and support of the Village Hall facilities.

The club will have the following rules.

- 1) There will be a monthly draw with winning numbers advertised in Naseby HQ, Natters and the website www.naseby.org.
- 2) Each number will cost £2.00 per month* (see payment options below) minimum stake of 1 number for twelve months.
- 3) 50% of the money received per month will go to the village hall fund and the remaining 50% will be paid in prizes.
 - i. The first prize will be 60% of the monthly prize fund.
 - ii. Four runners up prizes of 10% of the monthly prize fund.
- 4) Prize money will be paid by the end of the month in which the draw takes place.
- 5) Any disputes will be resolved by the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.
- 6) An individual may acquire as many numbers as they like.
- 7) If you wish for anonymity when you win a prize, this will be respected and your name will be withheld from the published list.
- 8) The winning numbers will be drawn by a member of the Parish Council at the monthly PC meetings or other village meetings, which are open to public participation.

*The 50/50 Sign-Up Team (details to be advised) will assist with all aspects

of the sign-up process. Please note that in order to ease the administration of the scheme we would request that Villagers wishing to enter the draw do so by setting up a standing order. Minimum stake is £24.00 (12 X £2.00 per month payments) or if paying by cheque we would request that a cheque for £24.00 be made out to Naseby Village Hall. On receipt of your initial stake you will be issued with your unique 50/50 club numbers.

THE FIRST DRAW: Due to take place in January 2009 and so all numbers must be paid for before this date.

ILLUSTRATION

If we have 100 participants, the prize fund will be £100.00 with the first prize being £60.00 and four runner up prizes of £10.00 each. If we have 200 participants the prize fund will be £200.00 with the first prize being £120.00 etc. (Please note we would like to aim for 300 participants!).

The reason for starting this 50/50 club is that recent fund raising events have not been sufficiently supported (and some have had to be cancelled). We understand that we all have many commitments on our time and as we are sure that all Naseby Villagers wish to support the Village Hall. It is envisaged that the 50/50 Club will replace the need for other fund raising events in the future.

If anybody is in any doubt to the financial sums involved in running the Village Hall, we have budgeted nearly £6,000.00 for expenditure in the current financial year and without the support of the village the long term future of the Village Hall will be in doubt.

Naseby Village Hall & Recreational Ground Management Committee





JOHN ANDERSON, M.B.E.

A TRIBUTE

As most of you will know a sad day fell upon Naseby when John Anderson passed away at his home back in June. He was a tremendous part of the Naseby Natters Team and we enjoyed his History of Naseby articles that appeared in each issue. He will be sadly missed by many...



put his considerable energy and great talent for organisation at the service of our community. The very evening they arrived in Naseby Margaret and he attended a meeting of the History Society! John's clarity of mind and eye for significant detail in the great

John moved to Naseby with his wife, Margaret, a little less than two years ago, after a long and distinguished career in education in the West Midlands.

It was quickly apparent that our village had gained not only a warm, good-natured man who was at ease in any company but also a very able and cultivated historian who was ready to

affairs of history as well as his broad grasp of military affairs were put to excellent use in four masterly and vivid accounts of the drama of the Battle of Naseby. His narration made you feel closely involved in the tactics and shifting fortunes of events almost as if you were present. "Naseby Natters" welcomed the opportunity to publish these four pieces evoking the decisive encounters of the Royalist and Cromwellian forces.

John, was warmly welcomed by the Battle of Naseby Committee, and was very pleased to take part in some of the work of the Battlefield Trust, whose large and important plans are certain to benefit the village. He also offered guided walks of the sites of the 1645 battle and the various manoeuvres.

Not just a capable historian, John served his community as he had done all his life. At Naseby he became an active member of the "Natters" committee. His advice and involvement were much appreciated.

He was a practising Christian, worshipping with Margaret at Market Harborough Methodist Church. In two short years he had made his mark upon Naseby in a wholly beneficial way.

His was a tireless spirit who had achieved so much for so many. His sudden death in June was a grievous loss to us all.

Tom Gilmore



Thank-you to everyone who came to the DASH Presentation at

Naseby Chapel this month. It was great to see so many people, and I am sure it was a productive afternoon.

This time I would like to share with you news of a little booklet that I think is a really good idea. It is called **The Lifebook**, and is available free of charge from Age Concern (08454 685 1061-ref ALL 025).

We all have so many bits of paper, documents and details in our homes, sometimes it is difficult to keep track of everything, and it is easy to mislay important paperwork. The Lifebook is a

great method of recording all these details, without having to sort through lots of files. You simply enter the relevant details, and information about your life, in a simple step by step process.

It includes 6 main sections;

1. Personal details, and medical details.
2. Life Contacts, doctor, dentist etc.
3. Financial - accounts, savings, store cards etc.
4. Document information. - Birth certificate, passport etc.
5. Important possessions/property.
6. Final wishes-should anything happen to you-funeral arrangements etc.

Some people may find thinking about some of these issues a bit morbid, but I

think it is important that your family know certain things. For instance, my own dear mother-in-law died recently and we really had to guess what hymns she might like at her funeral, and we really didn't know what she wanted us to do with some of her personal belongings etc.

I shall certainly be filling in one of these books, and making sure our daughters would know where to find it, should the need arise, it will make everything much easier for them.

If anyone would like any more details, I'll be happy to explain

Liz Capell (tel: 01604 740568)





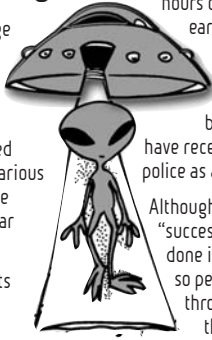
Alien landings?

Did you witness any strange sightings in Naseby over the last few months? Strange beings dressed in yellow glowing jackets carrying a black gun shaped object have been seen in various locations around the village monitoring you and your car movements.

Actually these are residents of our village who volunteered to participate in Community Speedwatch.

This project was started as a direct result of the parish questionnaire carried out by the parish council. The results indicated that there were concerns regarding the speed of vehicles travelling through our village. The police have also carried out a monitoring with results being published in previous Natters.

So far we have 10 volunteers who have attended the required half day training session laid on by the police so as they



can participate in this project. We have had the "gun" in the village for 6 weeks this year and carried out around 20 hours of monitoring (morning and early evening). So far we have "caught" only two people going over the prerequisite 35mph in the village, both up by the shop. These people will have received a warning letter from the police as a result.

Although this could be seen as a low "success" rate what the project has done is raise awareness of the issue so people think as they drive through our village (wondering if the yellow jackets are out!). It also shows that, although there are a few people who drive over the speed limit, most people do stay at 30 or below which is good news for the safety of us all.

We will be having the "Gun" again next year probably, so if any more people wish to volunteer to help they would be more than welcome. Please contact Pauline Vann on 740774. The well known saying really does apply - many hands make light work (or Gun work!!)

Becky Pope

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

At this time when the nation is concerned about Iraq and Afghanistan, the loss of life and the dangers faced by our armed forces. Remembrance Day this year seemed to many of us much more than a formal recognition of the sacrifices made in two World Wars: one felt the grief for the past and also fresh causes for present sadness. All this being sensitively conveyed by the tone of the television and radio programmes which evoked not only the heroism in all these conflicts but also the grim, tragic, wasteful deaths of our fellow men, allies or enemies.



Naseby, at the Lion Memorial service and in the Parish Church service, gave the village, which had had its real share of losses. The occasion to come together in one spirit, whether the people were religious or not, young or old, and remember truly what we had shared as a village, county and country: the suffering and loss, the forgiveness we had to strive for and the hope that we would try to do better for the good of ourselves and the rising generation.

In the bitter wind around the Lion Memorial, hearing the list of those who had fallen, we renewed our commitment, so well expressed in Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen', to remember our fellow men killed in the wars and as Pericles (c. 430 BC) had so eloquently put it... *'Take these men for your example. Like them remember that prosperity and true happiness can only be for the free, and that freedom, is the possession of those alone who have the courage to defend it.'*

Tom Gilmore

Party Time Productions Presents:

THE TRADITIONAL PANTOMIME MOTHER GOOSE

Saturday 13th December

Guiltsborough Village Hall

Doors open @ 1.45pm

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Mother Goose



Suitable for all ages from 2-100!

ADULT £5 • CHILD £2 All funds raised go to: Guiltsborough Pre-School 🐣🐣🐣

>>> PLUS WIN A LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPER!!! <<<
Only £1 per ticket! • A Grand Raffle will be drawn after the panto @ 3pm

Panto & Raffle Tickets can be purchased from Guiltsborough Pre-school or AJ Green (01604 743765/Hall Close, Naseby) or Sam Hadaway (07763 983859/Haselbech)





THE CLIFDEN ERA

Why Viscount Clifden of Holdenby purchased the Naseby FitzGerald Estate from John Purcell FitzGerald in 1855 is something of a mystery. Not only were the two Estates several miles apart, but he obviously had no intentions of living at Naseby as he promptly sold off the Woolleys Mansion to George Ashby Ashby who had recently inherited the old Naseby Shuckburgh/Ashby Estate from his mother. Perhaps it was the historic connection as the original Holdenby House had at one time been a royal palace and King Charles the First had been held prisoner there. We may never know.

What we do know is that by this time, some thirty years after the enclosure, the parish had been completely transformed. Gone were the three vast open fields void of trees and hedges, each some thousand acres in size, to be replaced by compact ring fenced farms each with its patchwork of enclosed fields and substantial brick built farm houses and buildings.



High Street looking north.
William Law, 1855

It would appear from the photograph of the High Street, taken by William Law in 1855, that some rebuilding of

the village had also been taking place. This was to continue at a pace under the Clifdens. In fact, with so many of the old cob walled farm houses having been vacated, it was possible to completely rebuild the north end of the village, which was renamed Newlands. Only Church Farm, with its cob walled house and barns were allowed to remain.



Newlands looking west.
Circa 1918

These cottages in Newlands, with their tiled roofs, contained a kitchen, living room, pantry and three bedrooms, complete with wash house, coal shed, barn, pigsty, lavatory and large garden. Water was available from the newly dug wells. Each house had a neat front hedge and a yew tree planted either side of the garden gate. All were built to a similar design with a few subtle differences. No.5 and No. 7, for example, being built for the estate foreman carpenter and painter, were slightly larger than the rest. If anecdotal evidence is to be believed the rebuilding of the High Street and School Lane, which included the butchers shop, bakehouse and reading rooms, quickly followed suit.

Only three pairs of semis were built in the High Street, the rest were

terraced in blocks of four. A few of these, with their slate roofs, had three bedrooms but the majority had only two. Although not as spacious as those in Newlands, they were considered a vast improvement over many of the thatched cob walled cottages that they replaced. One of the main reasons why these were unpopular was that many of the older ones had pokey little rooms with low ceilings and small windows. They also attracted vermin which burrowed into the cob walls and thatched roofs, which needed renewing every ten years or so, depending on the quality of the straw. The material for the construction of these houses had been dug for centuries from several sites in the close proximity of the village, but the majority was from the quarry at the top of Clott Hill on the Welford road. Only the kealey subsoil was used and when mixed while damp, with a small amount of cow dung and chopped straw then tamped down firmly in layers onto a stone foundation, would stand for several hundred years. This material was, however, extremely vulnerable to wet weather and needed to be kept dry. If exposed to the elements it had a tendency to gradually disintegrate, hence the stone foundations, which acted as a damp-proof course and the external walls being protected with a lime mortar. The walls, being extremely thick, kept the houses warm in winter and cool in summer, something that was not so obvious in the brick built houses that replaced them.

The bricks for the new houses were made at the two local brick yards, one at the bottom of Clott Hill on the Welford Road and another on the Ashby Road, both of which had been





opened up to supply the bricks and roof tiles for the farm houses and buildings. Land drain pipes for draining the fields were also being made in large quantities. Both the brickyards were operated by the Bonsor family from Brixworth. Another brickyard was opened up to the north of the village on the Naseby/Clipston parish boundary, but little is known about it or by whom it was operated.

From a large scale Ordinance Survey Map it would appear that most of the rebuilding of the village had been carried out by 1885, at least as much as was going to be done by either of the two present landlords. Although we are constantly reminded of the Fitzgeralds' connection with the village, we must not forget that it was during the Clifden era that the majority of rebuilding was done.

By the turn of the century, due to several deaths in the family, the

Clifden estates were being administered by three trustees. Henry Wickam of Cottesstock Hall, Dundel; the Honourable Luke White and The Right Honourable Luke Barron Annerly, both of Holdenby. Under their management the Naseby Estate was split up during 1918/19. This time it was not offered for sale as a whole but was sold off piecemeal by private treaty. Most of the farms were bought by sitting tenants while the cottages were bought either by farmers to house their labourers or by speculators. Finally only 32 cottages and two small holdings, one of which included the Clott Hill brickyard, remained unsold. These went under the hammer at an auction held in the Fitzgerald Arms on the 23rd September. By the end of the sale all had been sold. And so, after many centuries of being owned by the two estates, Naseby, or at least the greater part of it, was to become a

freeholder village.

Not since the rebuilding of the village had there been such an upheaval amongst the inhabitation. With the ownership of the cottages changing hands, many of the occupants, with little or no security of tenure, were being shuffled around from pillar to post, depending upon who now owned their cottages and what they were needed for. The situation was not improved by the fact that with the end of hostilities and the signing of the Peace Treaty with Germany, some sixty-odd war weary veterans, having been promised that they would return to a land fit for heroes, began to arrive back in the village.

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(As always a HUGE thank you goes out to Mike for providing us with these fascinating insights into Naseby-gone-by-ed)

LIFE'S WAIFS AND STRAYS

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A STRAY MUTT OR MONGREL?

Since April 2008, local councils have been solely responsible for dealing with stray dogs, where previously the task was shared by local police and councils. There have been some concerns expressed by dog charities that a number of authorities are not geared up for looking after strays 24/7.

Lisa Hudson, the new Dog Warden at Daventry District Council, advises the following process:

If you find a stray dog, check the

collar (if there is one) – hopefully this will have a phone number on which the owner can be contacted.

If you cannot identify the owner, and it is during office hours, phone the DCC Environmental Health Team on 01327 302277 - who will contact Lisa, who will then make arrangements to collect the dog. Lisa has the ability to scan the dog for microchips, hopefully leading to a swift reunion with dog and owner.

If you find the stray in the evening or

at the weekend, the council have an arrangement with an external contractor – Noah's Ark, via 01527

551881 who will arrange to collect the 'caught and contained' dog.

In both cases, the dogs are taken to Forrest Lodge Kennels, Quinton.

Lisa's advice to anyone who has lost their own dog is to phone not just DCC but also councils in the surrounding areas and ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS

ensure your dog has a collar with some form of identification (yours, not his) - it's sensible, but also a legal requirement!

Sue Cook





MEET THE NEWEST (AND YOUNGEST!) RECRUITS TO NATTERS



Lucy & Isabelle

Following my plea in the last issue for two new junior reporters I was approached by Isabelle aged 9 and Lucy aged 8. Both of the girls attend Naseby C. of E. School and they were very keen to join the Naseby Natters Team. They are the best of friends and live opposite each other on High Street, joint interviews are thus very easy to arrange.

When asked why they wanted to become the team's junior reporters I was told:

- "We love to interview people"
- "Because me and Izzy would love the opportunity"
- "Because me and Izzy think we are really good reporters"

Well you can judge for yourselves as their first interview, with Sue Bradburn their Head Teacher, is to your right!

Isabelle and Lucy are polite and intelligent girls who ask probing questions, not always easy to answer, just ask Sue!!!! They also have a lot of ideas about who they would like to talk to.

The adult members of the Natters Team had better watch their backs as Isabelle and Lucy are set to become lively and interesting reporters, a great asset.

Pat Reedman

ISABELLE & LUCY ASK...

"Can we talk to Mrs Bradburn?"

Our two new junior reporters have been out hunting for someone to talk to. For their first interview they have chosen to talk to Sue Bradburn (pictured right), the Head Teacher of Naseby Primary School ...



here. But, I love being in the classroom teaching and wouldn't want to stop that.

Do you eat with the other teachers?

Yes, of course. We have our lunch in the office all together.

How many years have you been a Head Teacher?

I became a Head Teacher for the first time in 2001 when I came to Naseby Primary School.

Have you ever had to expel anyone?

No, all the children here are very well behaved, but there is always a first time!

Do you enjoy being the Head Teacher?

Yes I do. It is particularly enjoyable in our school as it is a small, friendly school and I know all the children. I also still get a chance to teach; I love teaching and wouldn't want to stop.

Do you like all the children?

That's a very difficult question! All the children at Naseby School are very special. Everyone has something special about them that make them the people they are and the children here are no different.

Do you prefer working in the office or teaching the children?

I like both. Working in the office gives me time to help the children by buying equipment & books, organising trips and planning all the other things we do

Have you always lived in this area?

No, when I was a little girl I lived in London. My family moved from London when I was 9 years old.

How many jobs have you had?

Before I went to University I worked as a waitress. Then I moved to Edinburgh and worked for Marks and Spencer. I moved again, this time to Leicester, and worked for Severn Trent Water. After that I stayed at home for 10 years bringing up my children. When my children were older I went back to University to train as a teacher. All together I have worked in four different schools.

Which school did you like best?

I liked them all but Naseby is the smallest one and also the friendliest.

Which job is your favourite one?

I love being Head Teacher here but I also loved the time I spent at home looking after my family. I'm really glad I did that. I used to make cakes for the local village shop to sell.

What is your favourite part of being a Head Teacher?

Teaching and seeing the children develop into responsible young people, ready to move onto Guilsborough. >>>





SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

In 1792, the vicar of Naseby, the Reverend John Mastin published his autobiography, in which he also gave a detailed account of the geography, history, flora, fauna, industry and inhabitants of the parish.

He describe the parish as 'situated in, or very near, the center of the kingdom' - the old name of Navesby deriving from the Saxon word *naðe* signifying a centre. He was also of the opinion that Naseby was 'supposed to be the highest ground in England' - although I think residents of the Lake and Peak Districts might contradict. However, from the site of an old windmill (close to the Obelisk, I



believe), the towers or spires of nearly 40 churches could be seen on a clear day, the farthest being Hanslope, 20 miles away. From the Church spire, with a 'good glass' could be seen Boston Deepes - the Lincolnshire coast.

He was critical of the farming practices - the Open Field system still operated at a time when half of England had already been enclosed. This meant, in his opinion, that the best use was not made of the land -- neglecting drainage and composting - and they didn't even plant the new-fangled turnip crop !

At the time, there were 100 dwellings with 600 inhabitants - Knutcoat was formerly a hamlet in the parish. Due to its elevation, Mastin considered it a healthy place 'Its air is very salubrious....not being subject to fogs or damps' - so healthy that the inhabitants 'mostly live to a very old age' having buried several residents approaching their hundredth year - remarkable when the average life expectancy was between 30 and 40 years.

On the whole, he takes a dim view of the inhabitants, who 'vociferate very loudly' (due to the howling storms and lashing gales). Employment was mainly to be found on the land but there were also spinners and weavers as well as 6 shoemakers, 2 butchers, 1 baker - alas no candlestick maker. It is comforting to note, at a time when binge-drinking is always in the news that few of the labourers were 'disposed to work the whole of their time. Monday and sometimes Tuesday is appropriated to pleasure, if not scenes of riot and intemperance'. But he does have special praise for Joshua Ringrose an 'ingenious mechanic' who was working on a 'wagon moved by steam' and a John Tressler, a blacksmith who also made steel cross-

The price of labour for carpenters, bricklayers, mafons, &c. here, is, per day of twelve hours, about one shilling and sixpence, with an allowance of ale, commonly about a pint, twice a day: for labourers one shilling, with small beer; and sometimes a mess at breakfast; the summer quarter as it is called, from Midsummer to Michaelmas, six, and sometimes seven shillings per week, with full board. A good workman is often indulged with the carriage of a ton of coals extra, worth to him about ten shillings. These wages are higher than they were twenty years ago,

bows for shooting rooks with iron balls.

Inflation was also a worry to the Reverend. Wages for labourers were one shilling and sixpence (7.5 pence) for a 12 hour day. A good workman was rewarded with a ton of coals extra - worth £10. Farm servants charged 'very exorbitant' £10 per annum when 20 years previously it used to be 7 or 8 pounds. And 'a good woman servant' now expects £4 who used to be content with 50 shillings (£2.50) - galloping inflation, indeed.

But they must have been a hardy lot - there were six springs in the parish, one of which, noted for its coldness, was used as a bath for 'invalids troubled by rheumatism'. Children 'with weak limbs' were plunged into icy water for nine successive mornings' !

It seems that Naseby folk were tough, resilient people, some of whom clung to old traditions, others more innovative, who worked hard, enjoyed a tipple and tottered into old age shouting at one another - Ring any bells ?

Extracts taken from A Georgian Country Parson by The Rev. John Mastin of Naseby.

Sue Cook

Has our school changed much since you became Head Teacher?

Well, there are more children here now and we have more teachers so we are able to put the children into three classes; Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are in one class, Years 3 & 4 are in another and Years 5 & 6 are in the top class. The buildings have changed as well: we now have a new library, a covered area for the youngest children, new windows and doors, a new pathway leading up to the front of school and we mustn't forget all of the outside play equipment.

It was time for Isabelle and Lucy to return to their class, after thanking Mrs Bradburn for answering their questions they started talking about who else they could interview. Watch out, you could be next!!!!

Isabelle & Lucy





BATTLEFIELD DEVELOPMENTS

A number of interesting developments have recently taken place.

In the long term, a sophisticated Visitor Centre is planned at the recently acquired land, near the battlefield. However, a short term building is needed, to cover essential facilities for visiting school groups, and Civil War 'demonstrations'. A large simple 'barn' had been planned (and approved), but it is felt that a more suitable 'living history' structure can be achieved reasonably soon, with better facilities, and more appropriate to the site and our neighbours. An architect (also in the 'Sealed Knot') has designed such a building, soon to be available for wider discussion and consideration by all the appropriate authorities.

The 'Rupert' and 'Fairfax' raised viewing platforms are well used and 12 interpretation panels also assist those who wish to visit the 'flow' of the battle. In addition, we can now offer local guides for tours (of 1 to 2 hours)

explaining the background to the battle, and the 'action' at important points (a modest donation is appreciated). Please contact me for further information.

Students from Abottsfeld School, in Northampton, are creating an audio tour, again explaining the battle while visiting the sites (Robert Hardy will contribute to the commentary). This will use some wizardry in conjunction with your mobile phone (or MP3 - whatever that is!). It will also be in 'young people speak' which should appeal to a young audience. They have visited the sites, and we hope they will report fully in the next 'Natters'.

There is to be a metal detector survey of the adjacent proposed Wind Farm site, to ascertain whether any 1645 battle activity took place there. This will be overseen by Glen Foard of Leicester University (who assisted Mike Westaway and Peter Burton with their pioneering use of this technology at the main sites long ago!).

Finally (for now) our web-site should

soon list forward events (visiting groups from the Sealed Knot etc.). In the meantime, again contact me.

NASEBY VILLAGE TRAIL

Interest has been re-awakened in having a 'Village Trail Leaflet' (an old one existed), for the interest of visitors to the Village. On behalf of the Parish Council, a revised leaflet is in the making. So far, with the help of villagers (and particularly Mike Westaway), a draft text has been prepared and issued for comment. The leaflet could have the format and 'feel' of the battlefield leaflet (free from the shop) - though clearly covering the village only. Now layout, pictures/maps and so on must be considered, and the text probably 'pruned' to fit.

So much information has been gathered that it may be possible to produce a small booklet (there is an old one) - and/or CD or whatever. But let's get the leaflet going first - hopefully available by next spring.

Patrick Crecraft (Tel: 01604 740 144) pat@crecraft.orangehome.co.uk

A Panto of two halves:



Robin Hood followed by Bozo & Zizi the Clowns



Saturday 13th December 2008, 3pm Naseby Village Hall

Tickets £7.50 Adults £2.50 Children

Available from - Julie Westaway 01604 740885

Alastair & Lorraine Sims 01604 740614

Mel Hoyer 01604 740848 or Lesley Campbell 01604 743172

*Refreshments
Raffle*





It's Christmas
Tiiiiimmmeeee
...soon! and we
know you're all
asking yourselves
"What has Henry
got **INSTORE** for us this year?"

Well, to be honest, not a lot as we have officially run out of room!!!

Don't worry we will still have a few festive gifts & surprises for you, it's just that we might be hanging more than just tinsel from the ceiling this year!

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IDEAL XMAS GIFT

NASEBY HQ RE-USABLE JUTE SHOPPING BAGS ONLY £2.50

Solve all your xmas gift worries with this fashionable new product from the

Naseby H.Q. Accessories Collection

There will be the usual festive "Taking Of the Turkey Orders" ceremony. (Those that have bought from us in the past will know that they are mighty fine turkeys and very well priced!)

Get your Xmas orders in early for any of your Yule Tide Meats and Treats. Whether it be a turkey, cockerel, ostrich or crocodile, you ask, we get!

The Naseby H.Q. is proud to announce

a Christmas Partnership with Welford Christmas Tree Farm. We will be taking orders for Christmas Trees supplied to your door by Mr. Will "Mistletoe" Miles in the weeks running up to Christmas: all Will needs is your measurements!

Again this year we will be taking orders for Xmas hampers, I'm sure past customers will highly recommend these gifts as a simple and easy way to shop for the person that has everything.

A selection of hampers will be on show at the Naseby School Christmas Fair on Saturday 6th December. Orders will also be taken at this event and a range of prices will be available. (You will also be able to individualise your hamper with anything available in the shop).

So don't forget, to avoid disappointment order everything you need early, from mince pies & sherry to cheese & wine to meat and two veg, don't delay, order today!

The main motto for this Christmas is therefore "Don't be a Last Minute Lou, order early at the Naseby H.Q." (*man that's bad, sorry!*)

OTHER NAASEBY H.Q. NEWS:

December should see the introduction of PayPoint, a new E-Top Up, E-Voucher, Bill Payment and Credit and

Debit Service.

The range of payments which can be made at PayPoint includes:

T.V. Licensing, Electricity, Telephone, Council Tax, Internet Shopping, Catalogue Shopping, Pre Paid Debit Cards and much more.

We are still waiting on the Lottery. A new 10 year contract starts with Camelot in February and a promise of 1200 new independent terminal installations have been agreed, lets hope we are one of them!

That's all for this issue, thank you for all your custom and we'll see you all in the spring.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year From All At The Naseby H.Q.
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P.S. For those not in the know Guilsborough Surgery Prescriptions are now available for collection at The Naseby H.Q.

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HAPPY 80TH JIM

Jim Diack celebrated his 80th birthday by holding a huge party at the village hall on the 23rd of November. All his family, friends and neighbours came to wish him well on his big day and help celebrate!



Birthdays boy!

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Next meeting scheduled in
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ALL IN A DAYS WORK!

I have always loved the romantic tradition of choosing our own live Christmas tree, so when we moved to Naseby, I was delighted to find a Christmas tree farm right on our doorstep!

Welford Christmas Tree Farm is set within a working arable farm 2 miles south of Welford on the A5199.

It is run by Will Miles who initially started the Christmas tree side of the farm aged just 16 and still at school. The arable farm has been in his family for over 50 years and is today worked by himself, his brother and his father David.

As a young entrepreneur, Will first started out by planting just 300 trees in year one, of which only 30 lived.

Today he (far more successfully) plants over 5,000 a year. They are also members of 'The British Christmas Tree Growers Association' and pride themselves in growing quality trees.

Whilst many of his customers are locals who return year after year, the quality of his product and service also attracts corporate clients such as Waitrose who recently purchased a tree to feature in their Christmas magazine and Fortnum & Masons who will have 12-14 of Will's trees outside their flagship store in London.



Will Miles
Christmas Tree Farmer

The farm is open to the public during the festive weeks and has a shop, refreshments and a selection of animals on show.

Will grew up on the farm and moved to Naseby 5 years ago as he loves the village. I went to visit him on the farm to find out about this interesting day job!

How large is the farm?

The arable farm is 800 acres and approx 3-4 acres of that is given to the Christmas trees.

How labour intensive is working the farm?

I plant all the Christmas trees by hand. Machines are available for the job but I believe they grow better when they are planted by hand (plus there are fewer casualties). I normally plant them all myself aiming for around 500 a day but I will try to get somebody in to help me this year.



The weed Killer!!!

Weeds can be a problem but we don't use sprays or chemicals to contain them. Instead we have a herd of Shropshire Sheep (above).

This particular breed are really



selective grazers and don't eat the trees, only the weeds! They have to be pure bred Shropshire Sheep though, other breeds will eat the trees (as we previously found out when some of the farms sheep escaped!). We have 10 Shropshire's now and have just purchased a Ram so hope to have more in the spring.

The trees also need pruning and spraying to protect them from the aphids which would eat them otherwise.

The farm is becoming an increasingly full time job, there is always something to do, even in January! December is obviously the busiest month. Some nights I will be delivering up to 20 trees and often don't finish until 10pm.

What is the most popular tree?

The Nordman Fir. It is also the slowest growing tree but it will last the longest once cut.



The job



The office



The sheep





How long does a tree take to grow before it is sold?

The most popular tree is 6ft tall and that takes approximately 6-10 years to grow depending on the species.

How much do trees cost?

£20 - £33, again depending on the size and type. Delivery of the trees is free locally.

When will you be open for visitors this year?

We will open on the 28th November right through Christmas and will be here from 9am-5pm each day.

How are the trees displayed for sale?

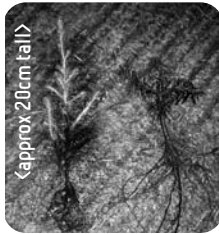
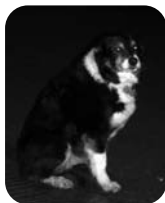
We have cut trees on display (we sell them with or without roots and also potted trees) and people can also choose a growing



The shop



staff!



(approx 20cm tall)

Saplings ready to plant out at 1 year old



Pick your own tree!

tree which we will chop down for them whilst they wait.

What animals and facilities will you have in the barn this year?

We are hoping to have 2 Alpacas, maybe a pig if we have room and possibly turkeys and sheep. We will definitely have the

calves and donkeys for people to visit.

We will have mulled wine and mince pies for sale as well and the shop this year will be greatly improved with a better choice of decorations, jewellery, gifts and handmade garlands.

It must be such a nice job, working with the public at this festive time of year?

Definitely! However, we have seen the odd domestic between couples when choosing their trees and it can get a bit heated! I used to get involved by offering some advice on the most appropriate tree but now I keep out!!!! The most common 'debate' couples have is over the size of the tree.

What are the secrets to the success of the Christmas tree Farm?

We are the only member of the British Christmas Trees Association in Northamptonshire and we offer a great selection plus free attractions for the children.

Are there any occupational hazards to your job?

YES! Two years ago I had a

nasty accident involving a chainsaw and my foot. It happened on the busiest day of the year when I was rushing and didn't have chain saw safety boots on. *(Note from interviewer: I even got to see the scar! OUCH!).* Needless to say I have got a newer, shorter chain saw now. Chapped hands and an aching back are also par for the course!

And finally, what will you be asking Father Christmas for this year?

Some chain saw safety boots!!!

Sally Field

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 Matters!



TOP TIPS TO KEEPING YOUR TREE LOOKING TIP TOP!

Christmas is not the same without a real Christmas tree! But there are certain things that must be remembered when trying to prolong the life of your fresh tree...

- 1.) Keep your tree outside in a bucket of water, until you are ready to put it up.
- 2.) Trim 1/2 an inch off the stem of the tree before placing into your stand if the tree is not being put up straight away.
- 3.) If possible avoid placing your tree near a radiator or a fire (the cooler the better).
- 4.) Place your tree in a water holding stand, which will enable it to absorb water.
- 5.) Check and top up water - regularly!





CREDIT CRUNCH TIPS

CUT DOWN ON YOUR COOKERY BILLS

1. Switch the oven off for the last 10-15 minutes of the cooking time! This is especially a great tip for electric ovens which take so long to heat up and cool down.

2. When finished cooking with the oven, leave the door open to gain some extra heat in the house.

3. Supermarkets can be a little sneaky with their pricing. When comparing prices of different brands, always make sure you are comparing like for like. Even when something is on 'special offer' don't be fooled and make sure you are comparing the weight of the produce with its competitors. Sometimes when foods are on 'special offer' the price has been hiked up previously for a few days to make it appeal attractive at a reduced price.

4. Frozen, prepared vegetables such as sweetcorn, mushrooms and peppers may seem like an extravagance but they keep for up to 3 months in the freezer and you can just use as little or as much as you want so you don't end up throwing fresh vegetables away. A good tip when making dishes such as pizzas which only require a few veggies!

5. Meat is often the most expensive ingredient in many dishes. Try to use less meat and pad the dishes out with healthy and cheaper ingredients such as oats, grated carrots and lentils. This works particularly well with sauce based dishes such as bolognese, chillies, curries etc. Done properly, your family will never even know.

6. Using a slow cooker is not only fuel

efficient but the slow cooking process can tenderise even the toughest of meats so you can buy cheaper cuts.



7. Use leftover chicken or meat bones for stock. It is far tastier and cheaper than shop bought stocks and it freezes well too.

8. If you have any wine left over in a bottle, freeze it in ice cube trays. When a recipe calls for a slug of wine you will not need to open a new bottle.

9. Compare supermarket prices on line before deciding which store to visit: www.mysupermarket.co.uk tracks the prices for Tesco, Asda, Sainsburys and Waitrose. You can fill your virtual trolley with all the products you are planning on buying and then head off to the store which works out the cheapest.

10. If you regularly buy spices, fresh herbs and rice then head off to your nearest local specialist Asian supermarket (there are many in Leicester). I did this last week and stocked up on store cupboard ingredients which keep (some (but not all) fresh herbs can be frozen) and they can be less than half of the price of the supermarkets!

CUT DOWN IN & AROUND THE HOME!

1. Soda crystals are a versatile household product and at around only 60p for a 1kg bag can help to save by cutting down on the more expensive brand name products on the market. Use them to help unblock sinks, mix with your washing powder to make it go further and even remove moss from the paths in your garden.

2. One for tea lovers! If you are at home all day and drink a lot of hot drinks, boil the kettle just once in the morning and fill a thermos flask to use throughout the day.

3. Put liquid soap and washing up liquid into a pump dispenser to control how much you are using.

4. Squeeze your toilet roll into an oval shape. It doesn't roll out as easily, a great tip if you have kids (or husbands like mine) that can be more than enthusiastic at toilet time!

5. Cut chunks of lemon / lime up and place in an ice cube tray filled with water. When you want a slice in a G&T etc you won't need to buy a whole fruit.

6. When doing a normal dishwasher load (not heavily soiled dishes) cut a dishwasher tablet in half. It will still do the job!

7. "Stardrops!" I have found this product to be one of the best and most versatile household cleaners on the market (as our mothers and grandmothers would testify to) and it is very inexpensive. It can be used for washing up, cleaning windows, on kitchen and bathroom surfaces, getting stains out of clothes, shining mirrors, cleaning cookers, laminate floors, carpet cleaning (in limited amounts) ... the list is endless. Major brand cleaning products are so expensive and (in my experience) they are not as effective as "Stardrops!"

8. If you are an avid book reader, join the library! The selection in Market Harborough is very good. It's free to join and take out books plus you are helping the environment by recycling your reading habits!

9. Apparently, you can use vinegar for fabric conditioner (although I have yet to try this so it's not a recommendation!).

10. Defrost your fridge regularly to keep it running efficiently and cheaply. If it seems to frost up quickly, check the door seal. It makes sense to avoid putting your fridge next to an oven or boiler. If possible, keep the freezer in a cool room or garage.

Sally Field





FILM QUIZ

Test your brain cells with these film questions for a bit of fun...

1. Who played Sid Vicious in the film 'Sid and Nancy'?
2. What was used for blood in the famous shower scene in the Hitchcock classic 'Psycho'?
3. Who are the two professional 'stingers' in the film 'The Sting'?
4. Which band sing the theme tune to Friends?
5. What was the last Spanish film to win an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film?
6. Who refused an academy award for his role in the Godfather?
7. In which film was the word "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" used?
8. Tony Blair, Carmen Electra, Mel Gibson, Richard Gere, Ian McKellan, Aerosmith and The Red Hot Chili Peppers have all appeared where?
9. In 'The King and I', Yul Brynner played the king but who played 'I'?
10. Which of the 'Dirty Dozen' was also one of the 'Magnificent Seven'?
11. What were the first names of the characters played by John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John in Grease?
12. Linda Hunt won an Oscar for her role in 'The Year of Living Dangerously' in 1982. What was unique about her Oscar?
13. What was the name of the boy who befriended ET?
14. Who directed the 1967 classic 'Bonnie and Clyde' with Faye Dunaway and



- Warren Beatty?
15. Who was the other male lead alongside Bing Crosby in 'White Christmas'?
16. What was the name of John Travolta's character in 'Pulp Fiction'?
17. In The Flintstones, what is the name of Fred and Wilma's daughter?
18. Who were the creators of Fireball XL5, Stingray and Thunderbirds, among others?
19. Who played the villain Hans Gruber in 'Die Hard'?
20. The Sesame Street characters Ernie and Bert were named after a policeman and a taxi driver in which classic film?
21. Which was the first colour film to win Best Picture oscar?
22. What is the name of the arch-enemy in 'Star Trek: The Next Generation'?
23. What were the robots in 'Blade Runner' called?
24. Complete this Anthony Perkins line from 'Psycho': 'A boys best friend...?'
25. Who provided the voice of Jessica Rabbit in 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit'?
26. Two actors have played the character Shaft in the cinema. Which two?
27. What is the connection between Cary Grant and 'A Fish Called Wanda'?
28. What is the name of the character played by Sean Bean in Goldeneye?
29. Which rock singer played Eddie in the Rocky Horror Picture Show?
30. In which film does Robert de Niro play the role of Travis Bickle?

31. The Octopus is the new baddie in which 2004 movie?
32. After twenty years away from the cinema, director Terence Malik returned with which 1998 war movie?
33. Who played the male and female leads in the 1950 film King Solomon's Mines?
34. For which two films did Marlon Brando win an Oscar?
35. Which Russian actor developed 'The Method' school of acting?
36. Which of the Marx brothers is a deaf mute?
37. Who is Julia Wells better known as?
38. In which film does a nun, on the run from the Nazis and accompanied by a bunch of children, sing at the Salzburg Festival?
39. In which film does a cabaret singer on the run from the Mafia end up training a choir of nuns?
40. Which is the only sequel to a Best Picture Oscar-winning film to have also won Best Picture Oscar?
41. Which was the first black and white film to win a Best Picture Oscar after 'The Apartment' in 1960?
42. Who was the creator of the TV series "ER"?
43. Who are the three main actors in the 1997 film "La Buena Estrella"?
44. Marty McFly's having the time of his life. The only question is - what time is it? Slogan for which film?
45. Which two US presidents has Anthony Hopkins played in film?

ANSWERS: 1 Darryl F. Zanuck, 2 Chocolate Syrup (Bosco Brand), 3 Paul Newman and Robert Redford, 4 The Rembrandts, 5 Mar Adenro, 6 Marlon Brando, 7 Mary Poppins, 8 The Simpsons, 9 Deborah Kerr, 10 Charles Bronson, 11 Danny and Sandy, 12 The only actor/address to have won an Oscar portraying a character of the opposite sex. (This was not Linda Hunt playing a woman pretending to be a man, like Barbara Streisand did in 'The Hours', but playing a man in a serious drama.), 13 Elliot, 14 Arthur Penn, 15 Danny Kaye, 16 Vincent Vega, 17 Poodles, 18 Gerry and Sylvia Anderson, 19 Alan Rickman, 20 It's a Wonderful Life (1946), 21 Gone With The Wind, 22 The Borg, 23 Replicants, 24 "... is his mother", 25 Kathleen Turner, 26 Richard Roundtree and Samuel L. Jackson, 27 John Cleese's character is called Archie Leach which is Cary Grant's real name; 28 006, codename Janus, real name Alec Trevelyan, 29 Meatloaf, 30 Taxi Driver, 31 Spiderman 2, 32 The Thin Red Line, 33 Stewart Granger and Deborah Kerr, 34 On the Waterfront (1954) and The Godfather (1972), 35 Constantin Stanislavsky (1863-1938), 36 None, 37 Julie Andrews, 38 'The Sound of Music', 39 'Sister Act', 40 The Godfather 2, 41 Schindler's List, 42 Michael Crichton, 43 Maribel Verdú, Antonio Resines, and Jordi Mollà, 44 'Back to the Future', 45 John Quincy Adams in 'Amistad' and Richard Nixon in 'Nixon'





A Chat with...



Becky Pope

For this edition of 'Natters' I enjoyed a 75 minute chat with **Becky Pope**, Naseby's very own Superwoman! Becky is the sort of woman we all aspire to be but few of us ever manage. She's exhausting just to be with!

Becky was brought up in Leamington Spa where, at age 17, she met her husband James. Becky attended Bablake School and James a local boys' school; mutual friends brought them together. They got engaged in Nepal whilst on holiday and then married in 1999 in Old Milverton Church just outside Leamington Spa. They have two boys Tom aged 8 and Dan aged 4 - who both attend the village school.

Becky has lived all around the U.K. moving from Leamington Spa to Northampton to Nottingham, to Cardiff and then to Naseby.

Why did you settle in Naseby?

James and I were living in Cardiff. We knew that when we married and started our family we would want to be closer to our families and friends. Then James was offered a job in

Northampton, I applied for and was offered a job in Leicester and so we started looking at property in this area. We wanted to live in a village in the countryside. In 1998 we finally settled upon a little cottage in School Lane in Naseby. From there we moved to our current house in High Street.

Have you always been involved in village affairs? That's probably not the right word to use but you know what I mean!

No, it didn't really start until after the planning battle we had when 'Greenacres' was demolished and Skippon's Court was built. This was in 2002/3. After that I realised that living in Naseby wasn't just about me and James but about the whole village and so I stood for election to The Parish Council.

And it just escalated?

Well, I was already involved with the Village Hall committee where I served as secretary and fund raiser. Some of the successes were two 'It's a Knock Out' events, the annual pantomimes and the Ferret Racing evening. Also, after I was elected onto the Parish Council, I acted as the P.C. Representative on the V.H. committee. When I became Chair of the Parish Council in January 2008 I had to give up the Village Hall Committee as I just couldn't fit it all in. I also joined the Naseby School Association in 2004 and was the secretary until this year.

Anything else????!?

Well I go into school for 1 hour each week to hear children in the Juniors read and I help run the 'After School Sports Club' on a Friday.

So what sort of things do you do at the 'After School Club'?

We try and change the sport every half term (February to October). We have had fencing and tennis and we are currently doing circus skills. We have arranged dodge-ball, lacrosse and football for the future and, for the Key Stage 2 children, we hope to have archery. The group is really well supported; usually we have between 35 and 40 children attending.

As well as all your involvement in the village, and we mustn't forget also that James is a Governor of Naseby School, I know you have two jobs.

That's right, I work two days a week for Leicester P.C.T. as a children's Occupational Therapist and for the rest of the week I do the same job but I'm self employed.

So you're a wife, mother to 2 young boys, work for Leicester City P.C.T., have your own business, go into school to hear readers, help run an after school club, you're a member of the N.S.A. and still manage to find time to be Chair of the Parish Council.

It's a good job that James is such a good baby sitter isn't it?

Pat Reedman



PURRRRRFECT!

Is your over-the-stairs cupboard bowing under the weight of old blankets & towels you don't want???

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Contact Kate on 01604 740596





FRIENDS OF NASEBY VILLAGE HALL

The summer saw two successful fund raising events:

RIEKER SHOE STALL AT HOLLOWELL STEAM RALLY - although the weather wasn't brilliant, people still flocked to the Rieker Shoe Stall, with many people glad to see us back! It was an eventful few days with marquees blowing everywhere, Lesley didn't get much sleep worrying about the stock being blown away - oh our wonderful British summer!

Despite all this, we still managed to make £1200 profit. A huge thank you to Ewen Campbell of Rieker Shoes for giving us the opportunity to do this.

This involves 5 days of hard work and wouldn't be possible without Lesley Campbell to co ordinate all this, so a big thanks to Lesley also.

We also have our sales' ladies for the weekend: Bridget Baker, Louise Dudleston, Cathy Hoyle, Tina Underwood and Julie Westaway.

This year we managed to sleep in luxury with thanks to Mary and Alec Armstrong for the use of their caravan. We did miss sleeping in the back of the horsebox though!! Especially being parked on a hill and sliding out of bed as our inflatable mattress deflated.

We couldn't set up the marquees without the help of our strongmen Mike, Adam and Mel so thanks to them and to the school for the loan of the marquees.

SUMMER BALL - Friday 15th August was the evening for our Summer Ball at Highgate House.

Not a brilliant date to try and organise a Ball as most of the village were out of the country! We live and learn. Having said that a great time was had by all who did go to the Ball with dancing to a

live Rhythm and Blues Band who were very popular. Oh, mustn't forget the brilliant filling in by Tony Green, but I don't think Julie, Georgina & Hermione would agree with me there!

With the successful auction, raffle, tops 'n tails and sponsorship, we managed to raise £800!

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:
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...and to all those who donated raffle and auction items which included:

The Cobblers, Highgate House,
Northampton Saints, Rieker Shoes,
Naseby HQ, The Royal Oak, Sunsports Ltd.

Thanks also to our photographer for the evening, Gary Graham and for donating all proceeds to the fund.

A big thank you to the organisers, especially Lesley Campbell again, helped by Bridget Baker, Louise Dudleston and Cathy Hoyle.

Last, but not least, thanks to all those who came to the Ball and made it such a wonderful evening and for all their

generosity in the auction and raffle with Gordon Jones persuading them to bid generously!

Friends of NVH

!!! RAFFLE WINNERS!!!

Rieker Shoes - Hazell, Holly Trees, Naseby
Meal at Highgate - Janet & Chris Bignall
Pre season Saints Tickets - Esther
Naseby HQ Hamper - Josh Dare, c/o Jimmy
Roma Leather Voucher - Martin Fellowes
Summer Drinks Hamper (P Vann) - Maggie & Dave Draper
Joules Belt & Hat - Stuart, Band
6 Bottles Wine - Mary Armstrong
6 Bottles Wine - Charlie Gowing
Bottle Vodka (The Band) - Olwen Jones
Bottle Port - S.Cave
Bottle Wine (Royal Oak) - Alastair Sims
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ID Fraud

Not a very nice thought is it, especially with Christmas approaching, that someone can learn sufficient about you to empty your bank account, take over your passport, gain access to your private information, all with the click of a mouse, pinch of a wallet or a rummage through your dustbin. But they can and they do!

It pays to be vigilant and to never pass on your pin numbers, that goes without saying, but did you know that the more cards you carry the greater the risk? Carrying cards that you rarely use is particularly dangerous as these are a great find for a potential fraudster. There is minimal history on these cards and as such they take longer to spot any abuse. Consider closing any cards that you no longer use. Make sure all cards are signed, activated and that you have changed the pin numbers to suit (a different pin for each card is advisable).

Driving licenses are also a great mine of information. Leave yours at home. Should the police require to see it, you have 7 days to produce it and it's a small price to pay for the peace of mind.

Shred all bank statements, utility bills, credit card statements, indeed anything that can give information to someone else about you. Shredders should be "cross-cut" and are obtainable very inexpensively these days. Did you know that you can opt out of having your details on the marketing version of the electoral roll, yes indeed, councils can sell your information to third parties.....now I didn't know that!



As a victim of "credit card skimming" at a petrol station, I now know it makes sense to use a different card with a low credit limit for purchasing petrol and also in restaurants, in fact anywhere where the card may be taken from you for processing. That way any irregularities can be quickly spotted by the credit card company. The fraudsters are clever, but not that bright! My card was charged with two lots of £40.00 cash withdrawals, but in Manilla! As this is not a holiday "hotspot" my card company were very quick to ring me and ask if I was suddenly travelling more!

The internet is open to all sorts of abuse as we are constantly leaving our names, addresses, card details etc when purchasing items. Try using Paypal accounts or Google Checkout. These are far more traceable. I always try to use companies that I can phone up, at least then I feel as if I am dealing with a real person! A BIG BIG NO-NO.....don't fall for emails etc that ask for your bank account details, pin numbers etc. People do, despite all the warnings,...Genuine banks, mortgage lenders etc will NEVER ask for this information on the phone or by email... If you do get one from a lender, or bank that you are connected with, telephone them, never reply on an email and never follow the links, doing so will inevitably suck you into the tangled "world wide web".

When the Ed asked to me do this article, I had a wander through my "paper recycling bin" just to see what it revealed about the family within. Well, do you know... Anyone who was interested could see that we had two cars, made by different manufacturers,

one old, one quite new. We have certainly one dog and cat, quite possibly more. We have shopped from mail order companies the type of which would indicate that we are probably in our 40-60s and around the middle income bracket. We probably enjoy being out in the country and may even indulge in country sports. We use mobile phones, and have the usual household appliances. We go to the theatre. We have not claimed that fantastic prize the Readers Digest have for us. They would have found our name, address, phone number....oh my, the list goes on and it's frightening! Think before you bin!!!!

And lastly, one particular soap box of mine, which no-one seems to point out when I researched this article. Make sure that when you purchase something from a shop on your credit card, that you are given the right copy of the receipt. The card owners copy should be the one WITHOUT the full card details printed on it.... We have all been guilty, i'm sure, of stuffing the bits of paper in a bag or pocket, then pulling them out with a hanky or suchlike.

Only last week, we popped into Harborough to have a bite of lunch and when I sorted all the card receipts for our shopping etc I found that the waitress had given me her copy of the credit card receipt and had I dropped it on the way home, someone would have had all my card details in their hand instantly. It is a very common mistake which happens all the time, so just in case, do be careful with all your card receipts and do point out to staff that they are handing you the wrong one!

Have a very lovely and safe Christmas...a little vigilance and thought will mean that identity fraudsters will not enjoy a season of goodwill!

Sue Turner





A LETTER FROM AMERICA

FROM: The Bates Family (*formerly of Hall Close, Naseby*)



Hello to all that know us in Naseby!

Well we've been here in the US of A now for about 3 months and are living in Connecticut, New England (about an hour from New York). Lydia and Cara (*former reporters of Natters*) have settled into their new schools so well - to think just a few months ago we used to walk out of the close, past the 'Fitz' and across the road to school - the girls now have to catch one of those big yellow school buses each morning. They have taken it in their stride - Cara goes to Driscoll Elementary and Lydia goes to Middlebrook Junior High. They are both doing really well and are now bilingual - they've mastered both American and English!

It is a very interesting time to be in the States with the recent elections - every other programme is a debate between potential Presidents or Vice-Presidents and the Country in very split - it seems an open race to the Whitehouse.

Martin is settled into the New York commute - a great City that never sleeps and you certainly wouldn't think there was a recession (other than the odd banker walking around

carrying a box containing the contents of his office!).

Vanessa is finding it more challenging and misses 'Old Blighty' and all her friends in the UK (especially Naseby). We have met some new friends - and our neighbors (note neighbors not neighbours) are very nice.

We thought we would list a few pros and cons of living over here (so far):

We like:

- *Price of cars, petrol and train travel (gas just gone to \$3.54 a gallon!)*
- *New England in the 'Fall' - stunning*
- *Eating out is cheap and fun*
- *New York City and Broadway Shows*
- *Quality of life is very good, cost of living is cheap*

We don't like:

- *TV is pants - 1500 channels of drive!*
- *Food shopping is bad - UK Supermarkets are so much better*
- *Environmentally unfriendly - carrier bags (they double-bag everything even if you buy one item!); every car is a gas-guzzler; you're frowned upon for having a washing line (they tumble dry everything)*
- *There are lots of Americans here!*

We'd love to hear from anyone in the village - we're on skype, and many of you have our emails. We'll get Lydia and Cara (*or Whitney and Britney as they're now known!*) to write a report on living here for the next issue.

The Bates Family

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A BIT OF FUN!

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GREAT TRUTHS...

THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE

LEARNED:

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

ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.

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

ABOUT GROWING OLD

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

AJ Green

NASEBY LADIES

ROUNDERS

Once again the season has drawn to a close on a great note, we won the 2nd division. This of course means that next year it's up to the first with the big players. But with some new rule changes and some fresh young legs now playing, we may actually have a chance of winning some games or at least not getting slaughtered.

A huge thank you to our captain Tina Underwood for another successful year as she is stepping down next

season; also our young players who have improved leaps and bounds this season and played some fab games - without some of their rounders we wouldn't have won our matches.

Never last or least a big thank you to our sponsor Ewen Campbell of Rieker Shoes (the girls would like some nice matching waterproof jackets for next season) we love you.

So, please, if you fancy a game or coming to practice for some exercise, every one over 12 is welcome. And to our fan club of one, Sir Derek Daw, you are our hero!

Lesley Campbell 01604743172





RETIRED?

THIS IS FOR YOU!

Here's a great opportunity for any retired villager to experience a wide range of leisure, educational and social activities within a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. The SLU3A (South Leics. University of the Third Age) uses the goodwill and talents of members who enjoy sharing their interests, knowledge and abilities in its various groups. There's something for everyone: photography, bridge, dancing, discussion groups, wine appreciation, music, drama, walking, history, table tennis, languages, lunch - clubs, low cost day trips, holidays and more.



Many members enjoy belonging to two or even three groups!

The University of the Third Age is a countrywide self-help organisation for those who are no longer in full time employment and believe that 'learning is for life!'.

Monthly meetings are held in the Congregational Hall, Market Harborough on the second Monday of each month at 10.30am. Group meetings are held in various venues.

For a warm welcome just contact The Treasurer: David Kyle, on 01858 463545, giving your details. More information is available in the monthly 'SLU3A NEWS' a copy of which is available in Market Harborough Public Library or simply go online and visit: www.leicesteru3a.org.uk

Anne Gilmore

THE GREAT WIND FARM DEBATE UPDATE...

STOP KELMARSH WIND FARM:

I thought I'd bring you up to date with the recent developments in the campaign as there has been a fair bit going on in the last few months.

Daventry District Council have recently received two things from Eon, the developers behind this proposal: first, a request for planning consent for a 60m-high wind-speed mast; and, secondly, a request for opinion on scoping.

The first was going to the Planning Committee last week, and the recommendation of the planning officers was for approval. On the advice of its retained consultants, StopKW has not objected to the application; to do so would potentially cause bigger problems when the main application for the turbines is received than any advantage that would be gained by delaying construction of the wind-speed mast.

The second has been assessed by our consultants, and a response to DDC is being prepared. If anybody would like more information on the request, please email us. The request for opinion is a document that Eon did not have to release to DDC, but which outlines the investigations that they are proposing to do to which will show the effects of the windfarm on the environment, the economy, local residents, etc etc. Clearly it is an important document, and it is essential that any responses are strategically considered - hence our use of expert and experienced consultants.

Please encourage friends and family to join the campaign, write to your local press about it, and display posters. If anybody wants a poster,

email us at:

info@stopkelmarshwindfarm.com. Obviously, we are also in need of campaign funds, so any contributions would be gratefully received.

Derryn

Chair - Stop Kelmarsh Wind Farm Campaign

KELMARSH WIND-FARM NOTICE:

The trustees of the Naseby Battlefield Project have been asked to support the protest against the building of a wind-farm on the Kelmarsh Estate, near the A14 and Tallyho Covert.

The powers of the trustees are limited by the Objects of the charity, and thus to: 'the site of the Battle of Naseby and sites relating to military manoeuvres preceding and subsequent to the same ...'

While the site of the proposed windfarm is close to the area as defined above, about 1.2km to the east at its closest point, it does not infringe on the site of the battle as defined above and thus does not involve the preservation of the site, nor does it interrupt any sightline necessary to the interpretation of the historical events. It would therefore appear that comment on the matter lies outwith the competence of the trustees to act on behalf of the trust and the trustees are thus obliged to decline to comment. This does not limit their right to express their personal views in their private capacity should they choose to do so.

This statement was approved by the trustees at their meeting in Sibbertoft on 14 January 2008.

Martin Marix Evans

Chairman Naseby Battlefield Project





The Naseby Battlefield Project:



The first research trip of the Naseby Battlefield Working Party of the Battlefields Trust, as it then was, involved a visit to Bosworth on 11 September 2001 - a day memorable for other, tragic reasons. After six years the first fruits of the Project were mature and the work has continued apace in the past year.

The opening of the new Battlefield Trail, including the two major viewpoints, on 21st September 2007 marked the achievement of the initial phase of the Project. There is now a linked network of nine interpretation boards and viewing places which allow the visitor to see the locations of all significant stages of the battle from the pre-fight manoeuvres to the final flight. Work continues to improve the Trail with the installation of new information boards, including environmental interpretation, at various points around the Trail. In 2008 an agreement was made with Kelmarsh Hall whereby a small exhibition about the Battle of Naseby is now housed there for a peppercorn rent; this also gives visitors access to a tea-room and toilets. Discussions are well advanced for extending the self-guided tour by adding a Market Harborough Civil War Trail with a further five interpretation boards to be installed this winter, thus linking the town and the buildings occupied by various people during the campaign with the field of conflict. The trail is supported by an explanatory leaflet distributed throughout the region by Explore Northamptonshire and locally by shops and pubs, and by the website www.naseby.com. A counting device fitted at the car parks indicates that visitor numbers are currently running at

a rate of about 9,500 per annum. The estimate of numbers in previous years was 6,000 per annum. The achievement of the Trail was recognized with a Nationwide Regional Heritage Award presented to the Project in July.

Good progress has been made towards the establishment of a visitor centre near the Battlefield which will provide information about the Battle, the Civil War, early modern European warfare in general and life at the time as well as displaying artifacts and providing a resource centre for education and research about the period.

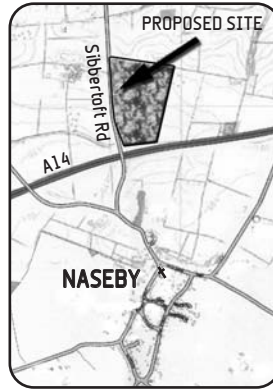
The Trustees and others have banded together to form Paisnell & Mill Ltd which has bought the proposed site for the visitor centre and an adjacent area of woodland. The charity is now concentrating on raising the funds to purchase the site from Paisnell & Mill.

A feasibility study, funded through a grant from the East Midlands Development Agency, has been carried out by Attract Marketing Ltd covering:

- The operation of the Centre as a museum, research centre and educational resource in the most effective manner.
- The transport plan.
- The long term financial viability of the Centre.

The report has now been received by the Trustees who will be considering it shortly.

MJTC Architects have produced a very exciting design for an interim visitor



centre for the short term. This will become the hub of the Naseby Re-enactment Centre and Museum of Rural Life in the Seventeenth Century once the main visitor centre is completed.

A number of initiatives have been taken to raise the profile of the English Civil War and the Naseby campaign amongst schools in particular and the region

generally. We have provided material for the Learn with Museums programme to produce on-line material about the Civil War for Key Stage 3 history teachers and students (www.learnwithmuseums.org). Various grants have been awarded; £3,000 for a feasibility study into a travelling exhibition about the Civil War now being carried out by David Blackmore and a further £6,000 has been secured to develop the concept of an East Midlands Civil War Trail which would be made up of a number of museums in the region, each with a particular story to tell about the Naseby campaign and the war in general. A third grant of £4,610 has been made to produce audio packages entitled - The Sound of Battle: Naseby 14 June 1645. These will be downloadable MP3 mini-dramas written by students of Abbeyfield School, a performing arts college in Northampton, under the Learning Links programme. The episodes will be cast, performed, directed and recorded by the students with a narration spoken by Robert Hardy, which visitors can listen to at specific viewpoints on the battlefield tour.

Martin Marix Evans
More info at: www.naseby.com





Wednesday 3rd December: "Film Night - with the Market Harborough Moviemakers" - doors open 7-45pm for 8pm start.

Our eclectic 2008 talks and walks programme completes on the 3rd December 2008, when we welcome back the very popular Market Harborough MovieMakers. Len Holden will present 3 films, all with a local flavour for our enjoyment: - The main feature is "Tales of a Land Girl" this film tells the story of a local land girl Pat Fox, who served in the Women's Land Army for seven years from 1943 until it was disbanded in 1950. Pat recalls the working conditions, social life and the many humorous events she experienced, while working as part of the land army. Only recently have these unsung stalwarts been recognised for their efforts as they struggled to keep the nation supplied with food during and post the WW2 war days; This will be followed by 2 short local interest films; "Little Bowden Primary School" a documentary style record of the Centenary Exhibition held at the Little Bowden school last year, which includes cine film footage from 1962; "Market Harborough Arts Fresco -2006" another documentary focusing on this very special day for our local market town. Street Theater artists, local villagers and children provide their own commentary on the events, as they unfold through the day.

I hope our members have found the 2008 sessions informative and enjoyable. They have certainly been very varied and the weather has

also been very kind during our walks. Many thanks go to all our guest speakers, our local historians Mike Westaway and Pat Creecraft, our battlefield guide Margaret Anderson, and to our wonderful duo of Liz Capell and Mary Wood, who now keep things going month by month.

2009 MEMBERSHIP & TALKS and WALKS PROGRAMME

We will be holding our 2009 membership evening, after the Christmas/New Year break, on the 4th February at 8-00pm. If you would like join us on a regular basis, membership fees have been pegged for the third year at £10 for Single membership and £15 for Family membership. Everyone is welcome, so non-members can simply come along and pay £2 at the door if any event looks interesting.

Also on the 4th February 2009 we have our first talk "Morocco Bound" by Chris Rowe, one of our most popular guest speakers. Just the thing for dark, cold winter evenings, a combined history and travelogue of exotic Morocco. Chris's illustrated talk will cover the history of the Imperial Moroccan Cities, daring tales of Sultans and Harems, contrasting views of Modern and Ancient North African architecture, and lots of Sahara sand.

We have booked Chris for two more very contrasting talks; 2nd September 2009 "Glens, Gardens, Castles and Kings"....a quick history of Scotland from the 13th century up to the 1940s. Chris will be covering the reigns of Edward 1st and Edward 2nd, Bannockburn, Bonnie Prince Charlie, then

Georgian times, followed by more recent Scottish events; we also have "Spires and Squires" to look forward to on 5th February 2010.

When it gets warmer, we'll go out and about again to investigate more of our local history. On the 6th May 2009, we will be visiting Rothwell village for a guided walk with Beryl and Tony Whitney and in July 2009, we will be revisiting Haselbech for a guided walk with Richard Westall, another of our favorite speakers. Following on from his most enjoyable talk this year on "The Gunpowder Plot", on the 4th November 2009 we have "Trouble Brewing" presented by the highly sought-after Geoff Baguley. In October 2009 we hope to have completed our research into "Naseby Schools - 200 Years of Education". 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).

We generally hold our talks at 8pm on the first Wednesday of the month, and our walks usually commence between 6-30/7-30pm, all very informal and friendly (plus the exciting raffle).

To all our members both past and present, I would like to extend best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and to thank you for your support.

Paul Kelly
(01604 743778).





Neighbourhood Watch News



Between June 2007 and June 2008 there were 253 recorded offences of number plate thefts across Northamptonshire West. Number plates were stolen only recently in Daventry and both private and business vehicles were involved. To ensure that your vehicle isn't next, why not consider investing in a theft resistant number plate (for more details visit www.secureplate.com) or replace existing screws in your number plate with non-return screws available from most DIY and Auto stores to prevent their removal.

Remember: Stolen number plates can be used as an aid to commit further offences.

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE



Diesel and heating oil thefts are on the increase due to the recent high fuel costs and reports have been made on oil tanks being tampered with in the village.

As I write it's mid way through November and the team here have successfully negotiated Halloween and the week long (these days) bonfire night celebrations. Both events use up a lot of SCT time due to the potential, if not actual, for anti-social behaviour in some of our bigger villages. Thankfully not Naseby.

Looking back since the beginning of June we have recorded a relatively low number of reported crimes as follows:

In June we had some timber stolen from the Fairfax viewing platform on the Clipston Road. A few days later we had an attempt burglary on premises on the Welford Road. The offenders were

disturbed by the householder and made off and although nothing was stolen, damage was caused in the process.

In July we had a theft of motor vehicle with keys from the Clipston Road, and in August we had criminal damage caused to a car in Nutcote. The same persons seem to have switched off the house gas supply and damaged the electric meter box.

In August we had an incident at Naseby reservoir and I would ask residents to report any suspicious activity on that site. It is owned by British Waterways and I have been informed by their inspector, an ex-police colleague, that they have had persons bringing speed boats onto the water and more worryingly, shooting in the surrounding trees. In the August incident, a walker reported being hit by stray pellets from a gun.

In October Westaways had a large number of wheels and tyres stolen from vehicles on their forecourt and in doing so, some cars were damaged. This week we have had a theft of tack from a location on the Clipston Road.

Crime follows economic trends and the decrease in fuel and metal prices has seen fewer reports of thefts of those commodities. We have, however, in the area seen an increase in farm/garden thefts, horse tack, quad bikes, trailers and only this week a ride-on mower from east Farndon and a scooter parked outside of a house in Clipston. In nearby Welford last week we had a burglary in which the thieves broke into the house to get the keys to 2 BMW cars and in the process stole other items of value.

As we run up to Christmas criminals will expect to find people leaving expensive

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

presents on display in cars or 'hidden' in car boots. Please take appropriate precautions.

SCT news, our very able Sergeant Mike Grady has been promoted to a Northampton team as an Inspector. Mike has been a real driving force on this team, and this area, with a total commitment to community policing and, whilst we regret seeing him go, wish him success in his new role.

From Gary and myself have a very good Christmas and we look forwards to seeing you all out and about now, and in the New Year.

PCSO Glyn LEWIS
Daventry Rural North SCT
Brixworth





WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH... THE TOUGH GET GROWING!

Unless you've been living in a cave with no access to TV or newspapers, you cannot fail to have noticed that 'Growing Your Own' has become cool and trendy. Naked Chef Jamie Oliver, 'real food' campaigner Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and the thinking woman's gardener Monty Don have all been getting down and dirty in the vegetable patch. With food and fuel inflation and concern over the quality of fresh fruit and vegetables, wannabe Tom and Barbaras up and down the country are turning to The Good Life. This year, for the first time since the war, the sales of vegetable seeds have outstripped those of flowers and public interest in allotments has never been higher - these plots of gold help promote healthy eating, exercise - and reduce those soaring food bills.



Consequently, many areas have long waiting lists for an allotment and you may be wondering what Naseby has to offer? So, on your

behalf, this intrepid reporter set off to the allotments (just off High Street - opposite Gynwell) for a guided tour by Avis Aldrich, one of the Church Wardens responsible for the site. The good news is that there are plenty of vacant plots - the bad news is that you will need a machete, possibly a flame-thrower and certainly a great deal of stamina before you can find the plots, let alone start cultivating! A handful of plots are currently being worked on, but the majority of the land has been overrun with brambles and saplings (I half expected to find Dr

Livingstone!) - leaving the incumbent allotmentees fighting a rear-guard action against rabbits, pigeons and the encroaching tangle of scrub.



The allotments are on the site of an old clay pit (did you know that bricks used to be made in Naseby?), so the terrain is challenging in places. Depending on the size, rentals range between £5 - £10 with the first year being free due to the probable small harvest - you'll be too busy razing and levelling to garner much produce. Unfortunately there is neither power nor water and sheds are not allowed as security cannot be assured, so forget putting your feet up and making a brew! But seriously, if sheds were allowed (at the owner's risk), then a bit of guttering, drainpipe and a water butt would certainly ease the problem of having to bring water (and tools for that matter) to the site.

And what about the current hardy bunch of allotment members themselves - do they conform to the old stereo-type of flat cap and whippets? Sunday morning seemed the predictable time to find these men (and women) of lettuce, pricking out and dibbling in amongst the cabbages and peas. The small band seems to reflect the national trend, comprising all ages and both sexes. Terry, Bob, Nigel and Harry have a combined experience of over 100 years between them and have in-depth knowledge of which variety of vegetable are successful in Naseby soil and are more than willing to share their knowledge



with newcomers (don't sow first-earlies because of blight, sow second earlies - yes, it sounds like code but it's 'taters to you and me'). All of them can remember the days when hens and pigs were kept on the site, in fact, Terry continues on the same allotments that his father and grandfather worked, while John Brewer is a mere beginner with 3 years of admittedly hard-graft behind him, having rescued his plot from the wilderness.

SO CAN YOU DIG IT?

If enough people are interested, they could club together to organise a clear up, possibly with help from local farmers. In addition, grants of up to £10,000 are available from 'Awards For All' funded by the National Lottery, set up to encourage 'External Access and Participation'. Have a go - something might turnip! So don't be nettled by the stingers, the allotments represent unbeatable value and you'll be a-mazed at what you can grow. I know this sounds corny but let the carrots take the crunch out of the credit crisis, dust off your dibber and do your bit for global worming.

I'll leave you in peas now, but remember - Green is the new Black!

* for more information on the allotments, contact Avis Aldrich 01604 740532

Sue Cook





The Naseby W.I.

All at Naseby WI were truly saddened to hear of the death of fellow member, Sheila Hayden on 16th July. Our sincere sympathies go out to her daughter, Margaret Anderson, whose husband John died suddenly at the beginning of June. Margaret and her mother joined the WI soon after moving to Naseby and quickly became a much valued part of the group. With the encouragement of both Sheila and John, Margaret became and is still a very active and much appreciated member of the Committee who can be assured that all the friends she has made in the WI will be there for her whenever she needs them.

On a happier note, congratulations and warm wishes to Joyce Vials who has celebrated her 80th birthday recently - *At the time of going to press Joyce has been somewhat unwell so we would like to send her our love and wish her well.*

Since the last edition of Natters, it has been a busy time for members of the WI, who have had a very interesting and varied programme of speakers and events.

At the May monthly meeting, Doctor Kelley Lee-Gilmore (Anne and Tom's daughter-in-law) was the guest speaker who gave a very eye-opening and thought provoking account of what goes on behind the scenes at the big tobacco companies.

Anne herself thoroughly enjoyed her experience as delegate to the Annual General Meeting of the WI in Liverpool in June, when she represented Naseby, Welford, Clipston and Ashley with Weston-by-Welland Institutes.

Anne was particularly impressed with the quality of the guest speakers at the meeting, broadcaster and writer Sandi Toksvig, physicist Averil MacDonald and neuroscientist Baroness Susan Greenfield.

The speaker at Naseby's June meeting was Richard Moisey whose talk entitled 'The Man in the Ice' was the fascinating story of a body found in the Alps in 1991, which proved to be more than 3,000 years old.

Members and their guests were blessed with fine weather for both of their outings this summer. In June, 35 people went by coach to Thenford, in the south of the county, to visit the delightful gardens of Lord and Lady Heseltine. This was followed in July by a visit to Kilworth House Theatre for a fantastic performance of 'Oklahoma'. Our grateful thanks to Denise Young for arranging these lovely visits.

It has been the custom in recent years for the July or August meeting to be replaced by an outing or barbecue. This year it was decided to have a summer party, and more congratulations and thanks to Denise and her helpers on another superb evening, which was held in July in an exotically decorated village hall. A group of Haraam Arab Egyptian Dancers provided the entertainment and



members and their guests enjoyed a magnificent buffet feast of Middle

Eastern food.

Anyone who thinks that WI is just about making tea and buns should have seen



members and guests joining in and thoroughly enjoying 'having a go' at the dances! (Photographs by courtesy of Anne Gilmore)

In August Joy Tingle talked about the history of glass and how it has been made throughout the centuries. She also told members how she became interested in Tiffany glass and explained how she makes lamps and other items in the Tiffany style.

This was followed in September by a visit from Elaine Viner who demonstrated that 'What You Wear Can Change Your Life'.

Following their Annual General Meeting in October, the guest speaker was the well-known and highly respected AJ aka: Amanda Green (yes, that one!) who told members all about 'Naseby Natters' from its very beginning to the present day. Whilst we have all been pleased to receive 'Natters' and enjoyed reading it, we had not appreciated all the trials and tribulations and sheer hard work which are behind the finished article. Thanks again Amanda to you and your team for everything you do to make the magazine so successful. (aww shucks! - ed)

At the time of writing, members are looking forward to the November





meeting when Pat Yates and her helpers will be giving a practical demonstration of 'Food for Fun.' We all love Pat's cookery demonstrations and know that this will be another very enjoyable evening.

In December the guest speaker/demonstrator will be Jo Burbidge who will demonstrate papercraft and knitting with wire and beads. Jo makes lovely jewellery and this will be a 'hands on' demonstration with a chance to buy any last minute Christmas gifts!

As can be seen, the WI has had a very varied programme of events and talks during this year and next year's programme promises to be every bit as interesting. As always, a sincere welcome awaits any lady who would like to go to any of the meetings, which are held in the village hall at 7.30.p.m., on the second Thursday of each month.

Mary Hackett (tel. 01604 740657)

Message from ed (aka: AJ): A big **thank you** to the WI for having me as their guest speaker - I hope I didn't bore you all too much with my ramblings!!! If anyone is thinking of going along to any of the WI meetings I would highly recommend it - they really are quite nice and not scary at all! So give it a go!

PAT YATES & THE WI

After many years of faithful service as President of Naseby WI, Pat Yates has decided to have a break and retired officially at the Annual Meeting in October, although she will still continue as a committee member.

Pat has been on the committee at least since 1982, during which time she has only had one year's break. In the remaining years she served either as President, Joint President, Vice

President or Secretary.

Pat has been an inspirational, hard working leader, who will be very much missed and a hard act to follow, but everyone appreciates that she has earned a break and a chance (as Pat herself says) to 'sit on the other side of the table for a change.' At their July party, members were delighted to present Pat with a set of cookery books and a double white clematis in recognition of all that she has done for them over so many years. The photograph (by courtesy of Anne



Gilmore) shows, from left to right, Pat Burton, Pat Yates and Denise Young.

The new President is to be Denise Young, who has been sharing the job with Pat for the last few months. Since joining the WI, Denise has worked tirelessly and on many occasions has demonstrated her excellent organisational skills. Not only has she organised several enjoyable outings, but has been responsible for and the inspiration behind some other great occasions, not least the fantastic Middle Eastern party which everyone enjoyed so much in July. It would appear that the WI is in safe hands. All the members wish Denise well and thank her for agreeing to be their new President.

Gardening Club Update

Our day-out at the R.H.S.Garden at Harlow Carr, nr. Harrogate was brilliant. Our 44 seat-coach was fully booked. Everyone really enjoyed the varied and numerous plants displayed. The place was well worth a visit and the 'icing on the cake, so to speak, was the excellent Betty's Tea Rooms.

The Clipston 'Open Gardens' event was, unfortunately a wash-out. Everyone had put a lot of effort into the preparation of the gardens etc. but the weather let us down. The Moulton Silver Band was excellent but rather overpowering for the Village Hall and the Posthorn Gallop definitely rattled the teacups! Overall we made a small profit and, with two generous donations, we were able to donate £50 to Macmillan Nurses and £50 to Cancer Research. Many thanks to all concerned.

Elsewhere in Natters is a schedule of 2009 meetings but we start off with...

- **January 28th 8pm** - Nicolas Warliker 'Making Things Grow' at Naseby Village Hall.
- **Tuesday 24th February 8pm** - 'Making Winter Baskets' demonstration and Tips for the Summer' with Christina Littlewood at Clipston Village Hall.

We would mention that subscriptions are now due for 2009. To receive a detailed Programme, please pay promptly to either myself at Arnia, Gynwell, Naseby (tel: 01604 740444) or Cyril Noble, 7 The Green, Clipston (tel: 01858 525294).

Thank you.

With rising costs all round, this year's subs. are £7.50 per person and jolly good value too!

Gerry Wood





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Contact: Sarah Capell
tel: 07888 666758

Capell Bros TV & Radio Aerial

TV & Aerial specialists
Contact: Geoff Capell
tel: 01858 465555/01604 740 568

C Begley Building Ltd

All types of building work considered
Contact: Chris Begley
tel: 01604 743722 /07748 184659

Geoff's Trees

For a professional tree care service
Contact: Geoff Gould
tel: 01604 743332 • Mob: 07751132207

Guildsborough Pre-School

tel: 01604 740461

G.Wood Turner

Wood turned decorative pieces
Contact: Gerry Wood
tel: 01604 740444

Hoyle Landscaping

All fencing, paving & gardening needs
tel: 01604 743366

Hart Carpentry

Loft conversions/Flooring/General building
Contact: Justin Hart
tel: 01604 505266/07733101661

J.L.M Tiling

Ceramic wall & floor tiling specialist
Contact: John Muggleton
tel: 07932 600157/01858 575816

Helen West Jeweller

Handmade gold & silver jewellery
Contact: Helen West
tel: 01604 882755

Martin's Blinds & Awnings

All types of quality blinds & awnings
Contact: Martin Cox
tel: 01604 452791/07738733319

MJ Burdett

Heating and Plumbing Engineer
Contact: Mark
tel: 07841 572458/01604 740704

Midland Environmental Ltd

All forms of pest control
Freephone: 0800 6529135

Physiotherapy & Acupuncture

Haselbech Clinic **Contact:** Liz Day
tel: 07754 530396

Roz Bradshaw Picture Framing

Creative framing solutions
Contact: Roz Bradshaw
tel: 01604 740473

Tracy's Hairdressers

Ladies & Gents hairdressers
Tel: 01604 740555 The Green, Guildsborough

Westaway Motors

Cars for sale, servicing & MOTs
tel: 01604 740246

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

Here is the '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
Tue	2 Dec		8.00pm	Shoes Galore Party	Naseby Village Hall(Upstairs)	Pauline Vann (NSA)
Wed	3 Dec		8.00pm	Tales of a LandGirl	Naseby Village Hall(Upstairs)	Naseby Historical Society
Thu	4 Dec		7.45pm	Naseby Parish Council meeting	Naseby Village Hall	P.C
Sat	6 Dec		1.30pm	Naseby School Christmas Fair	Naseby Village Hall	NSA
Sun	7 Dec		9.30am	All Saints Service	Naseby	All Saints Church
Tue	9 Dec		Daytime	Visit to German Christmas Market	Birmingham	Methodist Church
Thu	11 Dec		7.30pm	Demo Knitting with Wire & beads	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Sat	13 Dec		TBA	Panto/Christmas Family Event	Naseby Village Hall	Village Hall committee
Sat	13 Dec		1.45pm	Mother Goose Panto	Guildsborough Village Hall	Guildsborough Pre-School
Sun	14 Dec		9.30am	All Saints Service	Naseby	All Saints Church
Sun	21 Dec		11.00am	All Saints Service	Clipston	All Saints Church
Sun	21 Dec		6pm	Candlelit Carol Service	Methodist Chapel Naseby	Methodist Church
Wed	24 Dec		6.00pm	All Saints Service	Naseby	All Saints Church
Wed	24 Dec		11.45pm	Midnight Mass	Naseby	All Saints Church
Thu	25 Dec		9.30am	All Saints Service	Naseby	All Saints Church
Thu	25 Dec		10.30am	Christmas Day Family Service	Methodist Chapel Naseby	Methodist Church
Sun	28 Dec		9.30am	All Saints Service	Kelmarsh	All Saints Church
-	-	Jan	N/A	New Year Holiday - No Meeting	N/A	Naseby Historical Society
Thu	8 Jan		7.00pm	Members' Christmas Party	11 Bakehouse Rise	WI
Wed	28 Jan		8.00pm	Making Things Grow'	Naseby Village Hall	Gardening Club
-	TBA	Feb	TBA	Ferret Racing	Naseby Village Hall	Village Hall committee
Wed	4 Feb		8.00pm	New Membership & Morocco Bound	Naseby Village Hall(Upstairs)	Naseby Historical Society
Fri	6 Feb		8.00pm	Natters & Nibbles - Fund raiser for Natters -please come along and show your support (see page 7!)	Naseby Village Hall	Sarah Farrell
Thu	12 Feb		7.30pm	Work of the Magistrates	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Tue	24 Feb		8.00pm	Demo. Winter Baskets	Clipston Village Hall	Gardening Club
Thu	12 Mar		7.30pm	Demo on Sugarcraft Flowers	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Tue	24 Mar		8.00pm	Visit to Cedar Farm.	Meet Clipston for Desboro	Gardening Club
Thu	9 Apr		7.30pm	Demo by Chef Roy Shortland	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Sat	18 Apr		TBA	Fund raising lunch	Naseby Village Hall	WI

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





Kids Corner!

Naseby CE Primary School is one of the schools in the Guilsborough cluster. This cluster of schools is a tremendously supportive group and organise many activities and sporting fixtures together.

Guilsborough School also offers many super opportunities for the primary schools that feed it. The following article is about one of the activities that was held in October for some of our budding scientists.

FORENSIC SCIENCE DAY Tuesday 22 October 2008

The day started at Guilsborough Secondary School in the main entrance. We were taken to one of Guilsborough's many science labs, where we were introduced to all the other children we'd be working with. The teachers were Mrs Concar, Mrs Gibbs & Mrs Atdom. There were three more but they had tricky names to remember.

We were all given a book in which we recorded the days activities. We had to work out who had stolen the teacher's laptop. The first activity was foot printing because the culprit had left a dirty footprint. It was up to us to find out who the foot print belonged to.

Next was fingerprinting; we recorded our own fingerprints,

before working out whose fingerprint it was. We did this by covering the doorknob (which the culprit had touched) in talcum powder, before covering it in sellotape. Then we pulled it off and put it on a black background so we could see clearly what the fingerprint looked like.

After that we did chromatography as the culprit wrote a ransom note in blue. We had to test five blue pens to see which one was used. We had a strip of blotting paper, test tubes, alcohol and five different blue pens. Firstly we used the blotting paper and put a mark on it with one of the blue pens. Then we put alcohol in one of the test tubes. After that we put the piece of paper in the test tube and let the alcohol run up the page.

After lunch we did the fire test to see if the culprit had a chemical spill on his clothes or if it was just sherbet. We used Bunsen burners, chemicals, goggles and wire loops. First we dunked the wire loop in water then in acid before finally putting it in the chemical and into the Bunsen burner. Each gave a lovely colour, some the same some different. Potassium nitrate gave off a lilac colour. Then the teachers gave us a sample of what they found on the floor. Then we tested what they found and it was potassium sulphate then we found out that all potassium gives a lovely lilac colour.

In all we had a great day!

Reported for the Naseby Natters
by Sophie Otter and Bridie Thornton

Kids Puzzle!

Can you spot the 8 differences between our 2 pictures?



Answers: 1. Candle missing from window sill; 2. Snowflake missing from top right hand window pane; 3. Line pattern missing from bottom of left hand curtain; 4. Writing on the tag is missing from the pyramid shaped present in the middle; 5. Spot missing from present on bottom left; 7. Small cube missing from floor in front of presents; 8. Bubble decoration is missing from the bottom of the tree
By: AJ Green

Have your say!

We need you to supply us with information, otherwise we won't have a newsletter to produce!

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It's that easy!

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