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# Naseby Natters

issue 20



An opportunity for **YOU** to show your support for 'Naseby 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 20th March 2009**  
Village Hall at 8pm

**Tickets just £5**  
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**New Date!**

**FULL BAR**

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your newsletter and your village so get involved



# Village Update

## Naseby Parish Council (PC)

The Parish Council think that the Natters Team provide a valuable service to the village and are pleased to have agreed to pay for the Natters' printing during 2009.

### PLAY AREA

The Parish Council continue to look at upgrading the play area and keeping the areas safe and tidy for our children. Suggestions and ideas from villagers are always welcome.

### GATEWAYS

The Village Gateways are due to be installed by the County Council before the end of March and a new bench is also to be installed on Nutcote. Finances permitting, some new footpaths will be installed at the top of Nutcote and on High Street.

### VILLAGE WALK

The Parish Council, at their last meeting, was shown the proofs of the Village Walk that Pat Creecraft has been working on. The Parish Council were most impressed with what has been produced and are grateful to Pat, Mike Westaway and Cllr Stephen Clarke for all their work. The Parish Council have agreed to pay the production costs of the leaflet which is hoped to be completed by Easter.

### OVERHANGING HEDGES & DOG POO

The Parish Council have again been hearing of problems caused by hedges overhanging our already narrow pavements and dog poo not being cleared up. Please be considerate to your fellow villagers.

### MARKET CROSS

The Market Cross Interpretation Board

is broken and the Council is arranging for its replacement.

### CLEAN UP & NASEBY PRIDE

The Annual Parish Council Clean up and Naseby Pride have joined forces this year and the Council would encourage everyone to get involved in this worthwhile event. From 3pm on Thursday 30th April join your Parish Councillors in cleaning up the village and take the opportunity to take them to task for anything else that wants doing in the village! The evening will conclude with some refreshments in the pub for all Naseby Pride volunteers.

### NEW PARISH CLERK

Our Parish Clerk Pauline Vann is giving up her role as clerk after three years reading fascinating documents with such thrilling titles as "Communities in control: Real People, Real Power: Code of recommended practice on Local Authority Publicity". So the next Natters will feature a new Parish Clerk who will need a spare bedroom in which to keep the mountains of paper that Central Government and the County Council produces!

Naseby Parish Council

**Great Daffodil Run**  
**ROAD CLOSURES:**  
**Sunday 10th May 2009**  
**10.30am - 3pm**  
 This affects the roads exiting Naseby towards Sibbertoft and Clipston. Access for residents and emergency services will be maintained at all times and routes will be fully signposted.

Join the Great Daffodil Run for its 12th Anniversary in April 2007. The 10k run is a single lap and the 15 mile run is a multiple lap road route taking runners through the quiet undulating

**Members of the Naseby Parish Council 2009**

**Mrs Bridget Baker**  
 Carvells Home Farm,  
 Carvells 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', Carvells Lane  
*Vice Chair*

**Mrs Becky Pope**  
 'Aysgarth', High Street  
*Chair* 

**Clerk - Pauline Vann**  
 Manor House, Newlands

**Members of the Haselbech Parish Committee 2009**

**Richard & Wendy Westall**  
 Chair - *Fox Cottage*

country roads of the picturesque villages of Kelmarsh and Naseby. **WHY NOT HELP CHEER THEM ON?** We're hoping to get some people to cheer the runners on as they run down Newlands, perhaps with some music and refreshments (like we did for the last 3 years!!) as it is always **so** well received! If you are able to help out or just want to join in the cheering contact: Cathy Hoyle 01604 740848. **AJ Green**



# NATTERS IS IN YOUR HANDS

Well, now the snow has passed things can get back to some sort of normality. It was fabulous fun while it lasted and the community spirit was fantastic to see. On our road, we were snowed in for what seemed like forever with our own little 'micro climate' in Hall Close. Virtually the whole road came out and grabbed their shovels and got digging, so we could get out!



**When you need help - just call 'THE HALL CLOSE SHOVEL SQUAD'**

**NATTERS & NIBBLES:** As you will have known 'Natters & Nibbles' fund raiser was cancelled at the last minute due to the immense amount of snow we had. A sensible but hard decision made by the chief organiser - Sarah Farrell. We are back on track with a new date of the 20th of March - so buy your tickets if you haven't already and we will see you there.

The financial fund raising aspect is only one part of this fab social evening. The other, is to show your true support for the newsletter - if you wish to see it continue. Natters has grown beyond anyone's expectations (most of all mine! - ed) and the workload has grown with it. So please come along to see if you can help in any way.

**COULD IT BE YOU???** We still have a vacancy on the Natters team - We are in desperate need for a Haselbech representative, as we are keen to include any news from the village. Please please get in touch if you would like to be our ear to the Haselbech ground!

**LARGER PRINT PLEASE:** We have

had a few comments recently about the size of font used in Natters, in terms of the text being a bit on the small side - thus making it hard to read. If you would be interested in a larger format, please let me know and I will look into the costs involved of having a small batch enlarged. This may need to be subsidised by those individuals requesting it. It would all depend on the numbers and the cost implications.

**SO WHAT'S INSIDE?** Well, onto this issue - all 36 pages of it!!! There is an abundance of events, updates, information and bumper fun stuff inside this issue - too many to mention here! So I suggest you just grab yourself a glass of wine, sit back and read on...enjoy!

- Happy Easter to all our readers -  
**THE NEWSLETTER TEAM**

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

## Deadline

**The deadline for next issue:  
1st of May 2009**

# Naseby Weather



MEASURED IN BAKEHOUSE RISE  
COURTESY OF STUART CATO

Month 2009	NOV	DEC	JAN
Max Temp °C	13.4	11.3	8.8
Av Max Temp °C	8.8	5.8	5.2
Min Temp °C	-2.1	-3.7	-5.7
Av Min Temp °C	4.0	1.2	0.4
Min Wind Chill °C	-5.8	-3.7	-6.8
Max Humidity %RH	94	94	94
Av Max Humidity %RH	91.8	91.9	92.1
Min Humidity %RH	53	77	74
Av Min Humidity %RH	83.2	86.4	85.2
Max Wind mph	17.4	13.4	15.8
Av Max Wind mph	7.7	6.0	7.1
Max Wind Gusts mph	35.1	27.5	36.6
Av Wind Gusts mph	18.1	13.1	15.4
<b>Comparison vs</b>			
<b>previous year 07-08</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>
Max Temp °C	14.9	13.3	12.9
Av Max Temp °C	9.7	6.8	8.7
Min Temp °C	-1.6	-3.8	-1.1
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



## WNAA QUARTERLY TEXTILE COLLECTION

Collections are every 6 weeks  
(No dates available at time of going to print)

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Just call 01536 480007 to arrange a collection or if you need anymore bags





# All Saints Church

## NASEBY OPEN GARDENS



Well it's time to look forward to summertime and Open Gardens. Will you be willing to open your garden for others to enjoy - or perhaps offer help with events if you don't 'do' gardening? The date this year is likely to be July 18th and 19th with guidance as usual

from Pat and Robin Oldfield. We look forward to this lovely social event and as usual funds will go towards decorating (and repairing!) the Church.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

We are holding a very special 'Mothering Sunday Family & Flowers' service on the 22nd of March and everyone is invited to come along...especially the children where there will be lots for them to do!

### SERVICE DATES ARE ON THE NOTICE BOARD AND AS FOLLOWS:

- March 22nd 10.30pm Mothering Sunday Family & Flower Service

- March 29th 9.30am Service at Kelmars
- April 5th, 9.30 Holy Communion - Naseby
- April 9th, 7.30 Holy Communion - Naseby
- April 12th, 9.30 Holy Communion - Naseby
- April 19th, 9.30 Holy Communion - Naseby
- April 26th, 9.30 Holy Communion - Kelmars

Yours in faith - Avis Aldrich

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!



We are really pleased to announce the safe arrival of Libby Esther Ash who arrived at 2 o'clock in the morning on Saturday 20th December 2009 weighing in at a perfect 7lbs 11oz. We send our congratulations to Becky (our *Haselbech reporter who is on "semi-retirement" from the Natters team!!!*) & Simon on their new addition and hope Noah (her big brother) is still being great!

If you have an announcement of either a birth, marriage or death - please let us know and we will include it in the next issue  
**AJ Green**

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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)

## NASEBY VILLAGE PRIDE

### NASEBY PRIDE IS FEELING SPRINGLIKE!

With signs of spring all around us, untidiness in our own gardens and around the village becomes more glaringly obvious.

Naseby Pride intends to start work around the village soon, but needs **YOUR** help.

We had a magnificent response in the Autumn, and the churchyard is now showing the results. Thank you to all those who lent a helping hand in whatever way - no matter how big or small.

So onto this Spring, what do we need to do - well that is where you come in.

### YOU CAN HELP IN TWO WAYS:

1. By offering to do jobs as they arise
2. By letting us know how you would like your village improved

Let's make the village somewhere to be really proud of this summer!

**Contact: Margaret Anderson**  
Tel: 01604 743141



Email: margaret.anderson@virgin.net



# Naseby Methodist Church

To begin with: the new roof will keep us warm and dry! No more leaks.... Bliss!

**SOUL CAFÉ** is a wonderful place to meet new friends and have space to think as well as eat. You might call it 'Church Lite', or 'Church but not as you know it'.

Let's face it, not many churches can boast about queues.... Well come and have a look: we've got two: the first one is for the chocolate fountain, especially well loved by the kids, number 2 is for coffee & snacks!

Kids as well as grown-ups find it sometimes hard to leave! Which is great, just as we want it!!!! It's not just about physical food though.... there's food for thought as well!!! We started Soul Café because we've found God's love so touched our lives that we'd like to pass it on... If you've never been, why not pop in one day?

*Soul Café*

The next **SOUL CAFÉS** are: March 22: Mother's Day and May 17. They start at 10.15, but you can drop in any time for a coffee, read the Sunday papers and a bit of company. The last 10 or

15 minutes we have an epilogue, usually with 2 songs the kids know well, and a very short talk. After that more coffee & chat and activities.



**FUSION** remains a favourite amongst children, almost each time we see new faces. It is a great time, for the kids as well as the leaders, though 'tuck-time' makes us understand how folk at supermarket tills sometimes must feel.... the favourite sweets are the spaghetti's, and trying to get 9 in a little sweet bag while the queue gets longer is a great achievement!

**ROCK SOLID**, the youth club for the older ones, has started again this year, and those who came had a great time!

You will find dates for the clubs in the Naseby events diary in the magazine.

Due to the **DAFFODIL RUN** the Sunday School will meet a week earlier, so it will be on the same day as the Run, May 10 @ 10.45

This year's **HOLIDAY CLUB** will be from July 28 till July 31st.

We will celebrate **EASTER** with an



Easter Service on April 12.

After reading the following quotes, it struck me how quick we are to believe what people say.... how wise they sound at the time and how wrong they can be later....

*'the abdomen, chest and brain will forever be shut from the intrusion of the wise and humane surgeon'* John Ericksen, surgeon to Queen Victoria 1873

*'It doesn't matter what he does, he will never amount to anything.'* Albert Einstein's teacher to Albert Einstein's father 1895

*'It would appear we've reached the limits of what's possible to achieve with computer technology.'* John von Neumann computer scientist 1949.

Aren't you glad there's Someone whose words never change and always can be trusted??

**Leny Cato**

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**Secretary: Leny Cato** (01604 743166)

[www.harboroughmethodistcircuit.org.uk/Naseby.html](http://www.harboroughmethodistcircuit.org.uk/Naseby.html)

## THE USUAL @ THE METHODIST CHURCH:

**Mums & Tots:**

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

**Guildsborough Drs' Surgery:**

Monday from 11am (no appt needed)





## Naseby School Update:



No school update this issue or 'Kids Corner'

### RETIRING AFTER 30 YEARS!

Mo Christer, a Classroom Assistant at Naseby Primary School, is retiring at Easter after being associated with the school for more than 30 years. If any past pupils or their parents would like to contribute to a retirement gift please send it to Andrea Heydon, Naseby CE Primary School. We will be making the presentation at our end of term assembly in All Saints Church, Naseby on Friday 3rd April at 2pm. Everyone welcome.

Thank you - Andrea Heydon

## DO YOU SHOP AT TESCO'S OR SAINSBURYS?

My mummy is asking if you shop at either **Tescos** or **Sainsburys** or better still both! I am collecting the 'Vouchers For Schools' for my pre-school in Guilsborough. We collected lots and lots last year and we are trying very very hard to collect even more of them this year so we can get lots of fun stuff.

So mummy asked if you have any vouchers can you please give them to her if you don't want them. If when you go shopping you usually say "no thank you" when the nice checkout person asks you if you are collecting vouchers for schools - next time please say **"YES PLEASE!!!"** and pass them onto my mummy!

Thank you very much.

Archie Green (aged 4 1/4)

My Mummy: AJ Green (Editor)

17 Hall Close

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### List of Governors Jan 2009

- Joanne Clement (Parent)
- Margaret Black (Chair/Foundation)
- Rev D Faulks (Ex Officio)
- Sandra Kirkland (Associate Member)
- Paula Otter (Parent)
- James Pope (Parent)
- Pat Reedman (Community)
- Beverley Thornton (Teacher)
- Mrs P Yates (LEA)
- Dr Adrian Vann (Vice Chair/Parent)
- Andrea Heydon (Clerk)

## NSA UPDATE

No article provided this issue  
For more info please contact Christel Taylor on 01604 740027

### CREDIT CRUNCH TIPS:

Turn the heating down just 1 degree...it will save more than you think and you probably won't even notice - **Sue Turner**



**GUILSBOROUGH  
PRE-SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO  
THEIR OPEN DAY IN  
JUNE!**

**All children & parents  
are welcome to visit  
us and take part in  
the activities**

**Members of staff,  
the committee and  
pre-school children  
will be on hand to  
show you round**

**Please call 01604  
740761 to book and  
for more information**



## "SILVER SURFERS"

Age Concern has a scheme for helping people with their computer skills. They are prepared to send someone to the village with lap-top computers, and hold free taster sessions.

The tutor will be able to teach to whatever level is required, including topics such as word processing, photo editing, surfing the web, e-mailing, shopping on the web, or even tracing your family history.

Ideally, they would like groups of around ten people.

I would certainly like some help, is anyone else interested? If so please let me know and I will see what I can arrange.

Liz Capell (tel: 01604 740568)







# NATTERS COULD BE SAVED... BUT ONLY WITH YOUR SUPPORT!

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

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

Therefore, to help keep the magazine funded it was thought that a village social event would give all residents the opportunity to show their **real** support for Natters. Thus '**Natters & Nibbles**' was born.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the original event due to the snow but we have re-arranged the event for **Friday the 20th March** - we hope you can all make it. Here is a taster of what to expect on the night...

- A social evening to come along to meet the Naseby Natters Team and find out how Natters was born and developed over the year and also an insight into how it is produced.
- Plus come and see what the Clubs and Societies have to offer
- Buy yummy home-made marmalades and cakes, plus books and crafty items!

- Taste unusual cheeses - available from Naseby HQ!

**PLUS!!! YOU HAVE TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!**



- Be entertained and amazed by Naseby's own close-up magician - **Sean Heydon** (one of the finest in Europe) who will be mingling among the crowds doing what he does best - amaze!
- **In A Nutshell:** He's a young internationally acclaimed magician who's taking the country by storm! Sean Heydon, originally from Naseby, has created a form of entertainment so powerful - you have to see it to believe it!
- **Style:** Fast paced, modern magic and illusions
- **Awards:** Author of 'The One Minute Magic Business', Sean became the Official Budweiser Magician. He has won the South of England Champion of Close Up Magic and the NMC Close Up Magician of the Year.

So please come along and have a glass of punch and some delicious home-made nibbles...and all for just £5! A credit crunch bargain!

Tickets are available from Naseby HQ - your support and funds raised will ensure the future of Naseby Natters.

Hope to see you there!

Sarah Farrell & AJ Green



## THANK YOU SO VERY VERY MUCH TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

This issue we are able to go to print due to a resident of Naseby... again!! I say again because this is not the first time a resident of Naseby has put their hand deep into their pocket to sponsor an entire edition of Natters.

When Gerry (our sponsorship co-ordinator) told me we had a couple of residents from Naseby come forward who felt so strongly about the newsletter that they would pay for an entire issue to be printed I was really touched. And to top it all they wanted no mention of their names so I can't even thank them properly!!! You know who you are - so from me personally a **HUGE** thank you.

Hopefully with the 'Natters & Nibbles' event and the support of the Parish Council this year, we will be OK for sponsorship for the foreseeable future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gerry Wood for taking on the responsibility of finding sponsors for Natters. Without him none of the issues would have been produced! Fact! But don't tell him - his ego is big enough as it is!!! :)

If you are interested in placing an advert Natters, please get in touch.

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](mailto:aj@ajdesign.biz))





# Naseby Village Hall

*& Recreation Ground Management Committee*

## USE IT - DON'T LOSE IT!

### EXCELLENT COMMUNITY EVENTS AT CHRISTMAS

Your Village Hall facilities were very well used during the Christmas period, providing much needed revenues. A big thank you goes to all of the village Carol Singers whose event raised well over £100. Many thanks also go to our super Pantomime Team (Julie, Alastair and Lorraine, Mel and Cathy, and others) and to the production company for all their hard work in staging the Christmas Family Event. It was so thoroughly enjoyed by the villagers who attended, that we've decided already to do something similar next year. We would like to reach a much wider audience so we'll be canvassing your views on what you would like us to stage next time via future editions of Natters.

We are also delighted to welcome the new NSA Dodgeball and Archery clubs and are very pleased to see that the bad weather is no deterrent for the Dog Training, Badminton, and Table Tennis clubs.

### 50/50 CLUB LAUNCHED! ....MORE MEMBERS NEEDED!!!!

More really good news...by the time you're reading this article, we will have signed up around 100 households; had the first 50/50 draw; and all the winners will have shared just under £100 in monthly cash prizes. So a very **big** thank you to our new 50/50 club members and to the Sign-Up Team, particularly Wyn Sleeman, Julie Westaway, Alastair

Sims, Gerry Wood, and Mel Hoyle. All surpluses raised will go directly to keep hire 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. Joining the 50/50 Club is very quick and easy. Forms and contacts can be obtained from Naseby HQ.

### FUNDRAISERS

**- Ferret Racing -** Back due to public demand! .....but owing to the prevailing arctic weather we've had to re-schedule this event to late spring/early summer. Details will be included in the next edition of Natters.

### IMPROVEMENTS - GOOD NEWS

More good news...the purchase of new tables with the £1250 grant funding from Daventry District Council (thanks to our Parish Council) is now underway.

And...we would sincerely like to thank the Parish Council yet again, for donating £2000 towards the hall re-painting and woodblock floor refurbishment costs. Mel Hoyle and Gerry Wood supported by a team of volunteers and contractors can now get on with this much needed work.

Also...we would like to thank the Kelmarsh Hall Trust for their very generous donation of quality stackable chairs.

### SPORTS COURT

Submission of our Biffa funding request is on schedule for May 2009.

We have been very fortunate to receive, free of charge, the services of Gotch, Saunders & Surriddge Architecture who, very generously, will produce profession plans and drawings to support our application.

### CAR-PARKING AND PATHWAYS

Still on hold pending take-up of the 50/50 Club. Possible grant allocation is being investigated.

### PLAYGROUND

Still on hold pending available funding.

### FINANCES

The allocation of the DDC grants and Parish Council donations and the launch of the 50/50 Club have helped greatly to balance our accounts. We are progressing a new commercial contract opportunity to hopefully replace the very large commercial letting customer we lost last year. Mike Hopkins and the management team will continue to find ways of reducing costs and to identify, any available Sponsorship and Grant funding.

### NOT SO GOOD NEWS

Sadly we are still having to bear the continued costs of minor vandalism (smoke alarms damaged, down pipes smashed, damaged locks etc.) and the theft of kitchen equipment (hostess trolley, cutlery and other items). As a community charity run by the village for the village this is very dispiriting. If you see anything untoward please help by contacting anyone of the Village Hall team. Thanks to Gerry Wood, the vital smoke alarms (£100) have been replaced already.

### LICENSING

Following the transfer of regulatory licensing responsibility from DDC to Northampton CC, a review of





certificates and documentation has been completed.

**Do you have any ideas or suggestions?**

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

**AND FINALLY...**

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](http://www.naseby.org)

**1<sup>ST</sup> 50/50 CLUB WINNERS!**

The first 50/50 Club draw was drawn at a Parish council Meeting at the end of January.

Unfortunately (for Natters) the first prize of £48 and 4 runners up prizes of £8 were all won by Naseby residents who did not wish their names to appear in the magazine.

Congratulations to all the winners...whoever they are!

The next draw will have been made before this issue is distributed, so good luck to everyone involved.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!**

Don't forget it is not too late to register for 50/50 in time for the March to December draws, if you would like to join in then please contact Julie Westaway on 01604 740885.

**SAD SIGN OF THE TIMES**

Westaway Motors has a long history in Naseby and I went off on a mission on behalf of Natters to see why they have closed down their workshop and showroom in the village.



I finally managed to track Tom Westaway, Dealer Principle, down one evening at home, enjoying a rare moment of relaxation between dashing from site to site and here's the low down!

The company was founded in 1943 by Tom's grandfather Eric Westaway who started servicing and repairing agricultural and military vehicles on the site in Naseby. In 1948 he took the Fordson tractor franchise and subsequently went on to sell Ford cars in 1953.

Since then the marques of Land Rover, Daihatsu & Jeep have been added and up to the time of the company closure of the Naseby site 14 people were employed there, selling, repairing and MOTing vehicles. The company had grown considerably since its inception and was now spread over 4 different sites.

It is still a family run business and the decision to close one of the sites was not taken lightly, Tom told me. The family were indeed upset the have to make the changes, they were very proud of what had become in Fords words "the most rural Ford Dealership in the country".

However, "the times they are a changing" and with ever increasing costs

and the current dreaded credit crunch it was time to streamline. After much soul searching it was decided that the right course of action was to consolidate the Naseby site with Maidwell. This site was more accessible and the premises more modern and upbeat for today's difficult market. It also meant that Tom, as dealer principle, could give more time to maintaining sales and the customer service that Westaways are renowned for without having to spread himself over four different places.



Their plans for the Naseby site are simple...at the moment there are no plans, however they may start retailing used cars again from there in the future, who knows. Apparently a "lap dancing club" was suggested but you will be pleased to know that it was a joke on the grounds that Naseby wasn't quite ready to enter the 21st Century that much!

Whatever happens in the end "rest assured that it will be in the interest of the village and it's surroundings" said Tom. "After all, the family has to live here too."

Sue Turner



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# GET ON YER BIKE!



We have often been asked to provide interesting walks and bike rounds around Naseby - so now the weather is getting a bit nicer there should be no excuse for you to follow the one below! If you have any walks or bike rides you would like to share with the residents of Naseby, please let us know.

AJ Green

## NASEBY, SIBBERTOFT, CLIPSTON AND BACK BY KELMARSH FIELD RD

This circuit is 11 miles with one or two hills, but that is a result of living in this area. It uses quiet country lanes but they are not traffic free. Anyone attempting this ride should be competent on a bike and young children should be supervised by an adult.

It is advisable to have a puncture repair kit and/or spare inner tubes. Oh and don't forget a pump and make sure it fits all the valves! If all else fails make sure you have a mobile to

call for assistance!!!

### START: NASEBY

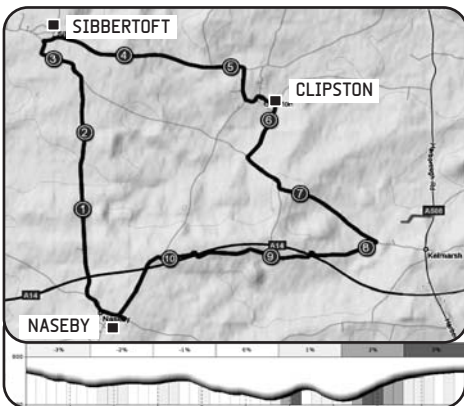
1. Leave Naseby by the Welford road, go down the hill and take the first right to Sibbertoft, passing the battlefield monument on the left.
2. Turn left at the T-junction towards Sibbertoft.
3. Take first right in Sibbertoft into Church Street.
4. Take first right signposted to Clipston, follow road to Clipston.
5. On entering Clipston take the 1st Right into Chapel Lane and follow this to the end where it meets the Naseby Road.
6. Turn left onto the Naseby Road and then right at the green into High Street.
7. Go down past the Church and as the road bears left turn right into Kelmarsh Road.
8. Follow this to the end and turn left at the T-junction towards Kelmarsh.
9. Go up the hill and ignore the 1st right as this is a dead end that ends at the A14.
10. Continue down the hill and then

take the 1st right up the field road. If you start going uphill you've gone too far.

11. Follow the field road uphill as it loops under the A14 a couple of times.

12. At the end turn left at the T-junction and find yourself back in Naseby!

Roger Carter



# SNOW MUCH FUN! SNOWMEN INVASION HITS NASEBY...

Everyone was invited to get in to the playful spirit which such a wonderful fall of snow can bring and create with snow! And so the **'NASEBY GRAND SNOW CREATIONS COMPETITION'** was born!

Everyone was asked to join in for a bit of fun and make a snowman, woman, animal or amphibious landing craft shape, the world was your oyster! There were snowdragons, whales, crabs, jellyfish, igloo's and more!

Here we have for your delight some of the masterpieces from Naseby's finest sculptors! We hope you have fun looking at them as much as the creators had making them!



Marion Turner



Carvells Lane Gang: Jellyfish

(This gets my vote for artistic merit! - Ed)



**Bakehouse Rise:**  
Ruby, Emily, Tom & Millie



**Hall Close:**  
Jessica, Benjamin, Anna and Georgie



**Carvell's Lane Gang: Fish**



**Manor Farm:**  
Isacc & his igloo



**Village Hall:**  
Artist unknown...



**The Royal Oak:**  
Pub Mascot!



**Carvell's Lane Gang: Peg & Em**



**Marion Turner**



**High Street: Emma Dunn**



**Carvell's Lane Gang: Crabby**





# THE ASHBY ESTATE AT NASEBY PART ONE:

If the research carried out by the Rev. W.G.Cruft M.A., vicar of Naseby from 1910 until 1915, on the Shuckburgh/Ashby family is to be believed the majority of the land on their Naseby Estate was originally held by the monks of Sulby Abbey. At the dissolution of the monasteries in 1539 it passed to Mary, Duchess of Richmond and then on to the Shuckburgh family. According to the list of Lay Rectors it would appear this family had owned it from at least 1566.

The estate passed into the hands of the Ashby family when Mary, the grand-daughter of Edward Shuckburgh who was the last of the male line, married George Ashby of Quenby Hall in Leicestershire in 1658. From then it passed down through the Ashby family until it was inherited by George Ashby Maddocks in 1855. In the meantime the Estate had been administered by a succession of bailiffs and stewards.

George Ashby Maddocks, at the time of his inheritance, was 21 years old and serving as Lieutenant in the Royal Hussars. Wishing to live on his estate, which did not include a house suitable for a gentleman of his position, due to the old family seat of the Shuckburghs which had stood opposite the church having long since been demolished, he purchased the vacant Woolleys mansion from Viscount Clifden of Holdenby who had recently purchased The FitzGerald Estate from John Purcell-FitzGerald. He then married Helen, daughter of Col. Hope Gibson, changed his name by Royal Licence to George Ashby Ashby, and, having attained the rank of Captain, took up residence at The

Woolleys to become the first landlord to live permanently in the parish for over two hundred years.

During 1858 an exchange of land took place between George Ashby Ashby and Viscount Clifden, making both their estates more compact. With his estate of some 1040 acres consisting of a mansion with extensive gardens, five farms, the Royal Oak public



**Naseby Church**  
*Naseby Old Man, from The Gentlemen's Magazine, 1973*

house, a bakehouse, a blacksmith shop, the vicarage and some twelve cottages, all in Church Street, now in a neat block, George Ashby Ashby settled down to live the life of a typical patriarchal country squire.

Over the following thirty years or so he served as a Justice of the Peace, Lay Rector and Churchwarden, as well as fathering a family of three sons and nine daughters. As Patron of the Benefice he built an additional wing onto the vicarage and assisted in financing the restoration of the church in 1859. This included the building of a new steeple to replace the much smaller one which had been topped by four wooden pillars and the large copper ball. It was this unusual structure which, from a distance resembling a man, had given rise to

the rhyme 'Naseby Old Man was meant to be a spire, but Naseby poor farmers could raise it no higher.' In fact, anecdotal evidence would suggest that it was due to the foundations of the tower sinking that had prevented the spire from being raised higher and not the inability of the farmers to pay larger tithes.

Picture of Church here

Although having a reputation of being a caring landlord he nevertheless, in 1873 as Patron and Honorary Treasurer of the Naseby Coal Club, of which most of the cottagers subscribed, paid out and dismissed fifty one members for joining the local branch of the Agricultural Workers Union. It would be interesting to know how he reacted in following years when Joseph Arch, the union leader, held several rallies in the village, one of which drew a crowd of some 2000 labourers accompanied by two brass bands.

In 1887 George Ashby Ashby was declared bankrupt due to, according to the Official Receiver, 'continual losses in farming over the last thirteen years'. The Life Interest of The Woolleys Estate was put up for sale and was purchased by a Captain Munday while George Ashby Ashby with his family went to reside in a much smaller residence near Machynelleth in Montgomeryshire. He remained there, living in reduced circumstances until his death in 1890 aged 56 years.

What the Life Interest actually implied is uncertain but the Census Returns records that Captain Stanley Munday, his wife Gwendolyn and three sons were still living at The Woolleys in 1901. The enumerator rather quaintly described him as >>>



**PHILIP HOLLOBONE MP**  
**A Message From Our MP**



Ensuring that local concerns are raised with Government Ministers at Westminster is the essential part of being an effective MP.

In January I won the right to initiate a one hour Parliamentary debate entitled 'Assistance to Small Businesses in the Current Economic Situation'. Present was the Minister for Business as I ran through many

<< 'living-on-own-means' In fact it is quite likely that they remained living there until the trustees of George Ashby sold the estate. Apart from the fact that two of the children were born and christened at Naseby, very little else is known of the Mundsays.

During 1900, before the trustees sold the estate in 1904, they sold the Royal Oak in Church St to Eady and Dulleys, the Market Harborough brewers, and so started the slow disintegration of the Wolleys Estate.

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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)*

examples of local businesses which had drawn to my attention difficulties they were encountering in the present recession.

This is an extract of what I said and I hope it represents the views of local residents:

'Small businesses are in real trouble. Every day on television and radio news programmes, Government announcements cite figures of billions of billions of pounds. For many small businesses, however, the difference between success and failure can come down to £50 or £100 a week, or a bill for £1,000 not being paid on time. It is important that the Minister and his officials understand that.

85 per cent of businesses in my constituency employ fewer than 10 people. Putting it bluntly, if the small business sector in the Kettering constituency goes under, so will the local economy.

If the Government can get down to the nitty-gritty of business survival and look at targeted, practical help, many thousands more local businesses will survive the recession than would otherwise be the case."

Local residents are able to keep a track of what I am trying to do at Westminster on behalf of local residents via the independent website [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com). If any resident in Naseby feels that I may be able to help with a particular issue, please do let me know via 01536 414715 or 020 7219 8373 or 07979 850126 or [hollobonep@parliament.uk](mailto:hollobonep@parliament.uk) or at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Tom & Anne Gilmore



**RECIPE CREDIT**  
**CRUNCH CORNER**

- QUICK CHEATS CASSULET! -  
 Serves 6/8

- Chicken thighs - 1 per person
- Sausage - 1 per person (*A few thick slices of Chorizo makes it even tastier...and one whole one from the supermarket will last ages and do 2 cassulets*)
- Not vital but good...Rasher or two of Bacon and/or a cheap and cheerful pork chop/steak cut up into smallish pieces
- Tin Baked beans
- Tin Chick Peas
- Small Tin Butter Beans
- Tin Tomatoes
- 1 Large Onion
- Any other left-over bits and bobs lurking in the back of the fridge!

Fry the onions till golden then brown the chicken, sausages, (also chorizo, bacon and pork if using) in with them.

Chuck everything else in and cook for an hour or so. Thicken with chicken gravy granules till really thick and tasty. Season and add a few herbs if you fancy.

Serve in a big soup bowl garnished with a 70's swirl of cream and with warm crusty bread - Yummy!!!!

It also freezes well...so why not make double and re-cycle it another day!

**PLUS:** Any left over sauce can be liquidised and thinned with evaporated milk (cheaper than cream!) if necessary and garnished with crispy bacon bits for a delicious and filling hearty soup.

Sue Turner







# THE MOST INTERVIEWED RESIDENT IN NASEBY?

## STAN BARTON - HORTICULTURALIST OF DISTINCTION

At 82, Stan Barton must be the most interviewed resident in Naseby. He has been a guest on Radio Leicester and contributed to "Gardeners' Question Time", various magazines and also foreign - gardening journals. For this interviewer, conversation with Stan was, of course, enlightening, amusing and above all warm and cheering. Behind his modest style but lively manner, there shines through a wealth of experience and a sense of his delight in work and his friends. The well-rounded man!

**TG: Tell us a little about your childhood, Stan.**

**Stan:** I was born in the seaside village of Holkham, where we lived for five years before moving to Hingham Village. My father was employed as a gardener; so I was always familiar the world of gardens and estates.

**TG: After your school days and early jobs, did you marry?**

**Stan:** Yes, in 1950. Until then I lived in Haselbech with my parents. My wife Eunice and I came to live in Naseby in her house in Newlands where we stayed for 14 years. Later we moved to Thornby. I was Head Gardener at the Hall which is now owned by a trust.

Eventually, I was asked to create a large commercial enterprise there: "Thornby Herbs" which got off to a good start. I was really pleased to be entrusted with this development.

But after 4 years a change of policy



by the Trust led to the sale of Thornby Hall which then became a Home for abused children. As a consequence, "Thornby Herbs" was no longer a practical, viable business and was closed down.

**TG: Did you do Military Service when the time came ?**

**Stan:** Working in horticulture I was in a reserved occupation and didn't need to enlist. My boss asked if I would stay on but I preferred to take up the challenge, taking pot luck with the army in 1943. I never regretted it.

**TG: After that were you involved in village life?**

**Stan:** Oh yes, in many ways. I played football for the village and even - just to make up the numbers! - played in the cricket team. I just closed my eyes and hit the ball hard .... either that or it hit me!

I helped to raise money for the first

village hall, which was at the top of the car park of the present Hall. Some villages organised gymkhanas at Mill Hall Farm; people came to take part from all over the Midlands.

I love village life and have tried to contribute where I could. I was on the Tenants' Panel for Daventry District Housing and the Rural Panel. I help half-a-day per week at the School to improve the reading-skills of the children, a role I value greatly. I have served on the Parish Council and as Vice-Chairman of the Governors of the School.

As a boy I had been a chorister in a Norfolk parish church. In Welford there used to be a 45 - strong Choral Society and a good mixed Church Choir in which I was very much involved and greatly enjoyed. I was also Chairman of the Naseby branch of the British Legion. Nowadays I keep up to date with social and political news.

**TG: What do you like best about Naseby?**

**Stan:** The people, very much indeed. There is change, of course; many more professional people have come to settle in the village with their different backgrounds and outlooks. A word of caution: we need to be careful lest the village gets overfull, which might weaken its rural character.

**TG: What interests do you have?**

**Stan:** My hobbies used to be fishing and bowls. I'm not proud of my DIY and I do less gardening these days. I used to give talks to various groups such as the WI about herbs and gardening. Now I like to read a >>





# ISABELLE & LUCY ASK...

*“Can we talk to P.C.S.O. Glyn Lewis?”*

Our two junior reporters have again been out hunting for someone to interview. For this issue they asked to talk to P.C.S.O. Glyn Lewis



**How many years have you been a Police Community Support Officer?**

I've worked as a P.C.S.O. for six years, before that I worked for the Mobile Police Unit for two years. I've also taught engineering at Moulton College and driven a lorry for Tesco amongst other things.

**Have you ever been involved with any serious crime?**

Luckily we don't have very serious crime in this area; usually the worst things I have to deal with are burglaries but that doesn't happen very often. The Police go in first and then I go and deal with any community aftercare that might be needed. The most serious crime I have ever been involved with was when someone had two very expensive cars stolen. They were worth £150,000. I have never had to deal with any nasty crime like robbery.

**What sorts of crimes have been**

<<great deal, especially autobiographies.

What I really enjoy - every day - is listening to light classical music and such great works as Handel's "Messiah".

I still keep up my friendships. I regularly meet an old friend from our

**reported in Naseby?**

It's usually thefts from vehicles, thefts of vehicles and thefts from outbuildings. Burglary happens only very occasionally.

**What is the difference**

**between theft and robbery?**

Theft is when someone has something taken, robbery is when something is taken and violence is involved.

**Have you ever needed a gun?**

No, never.

**Have you ever driven over the speed limit?**

Definitely not! In the Police Force only Grade 1 drivers are allowed to break the speed limit and then only during special circumstances.

**Have you ever had to go court?**

Yes, I sometimes have to attend as a witness. For example if, when on patrol, I see a crime being committed and someone is arrested I may have to attend court and give evidence.

**Where are you based?**

I work out of an office in Brixworth; we are part of the Daventry Area Police.

boyhood days-he lives just down the road. Our fathers were both Head Gardeners in this area and we always have our two nips of whisky together in the evening in his house. Also my "watering hole" is the "Royal Oak" which receives my patronage regularly! There's always good

The Brixworth office is not a Police Station like the one in Daventry is; it is just simply an office.

**How often are you in Naseby as we have only seen you once before?**

Well I visit the school when I can and I'm usually in or driving through Naseby three or four times a week. You probably don't see me because I work in the evenings a lot and it's often dark when I'm in Naseby. In my job I work seven days on, three days off and then seven days on and four days off.

**Do you just cover Naseby?**

No, I work for the Rural North Safer Community Team which covers the area from Marston Trussell in the north to Boughton in the south and from Brington in the west to Walgrave in the east. If you look at a map and roughly draw a circle with these four villages on the circumference then any village inside that circle is part of the Rural North S.C.T. This team is split into four beat areas, WD23 Rural East, WD21 Rural West, WD22 Moulton and WD20 Brixworth. Naseby is in the Rural East area which contains 16 villages.

**Do you enjoy your job?**

Yes, it's the best job in the world.

**Thank you for coming and talking to us.**

It's been a pleasure.

Isabelle & Lucy



company there..... very enjoyable!

TG: What a wonderful life you have had Stan, and what a wonderful approach to it. Admirable! Thank you very much on behalf of "Naseby Natters".

Tom Gilmore





## CROMWELLIANS RETURN TO NASEBY

On Saturday 25th April the Cromwell Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting at Naseby Village Hall. The Association was established in 1937 to commemorate and study the life and achievements of Oliver Cromwell, a name that is for ever associated with the village of Naseby as a consequence of the decisive battle that took place here in 1645.

The Association has about four hundred members and produces an annual journal as well as a couple of newsletters each year. The major event each year is the service held on the anniversary of Cromwell's death, 3rd September, by the statue at the Palace of Westminster. During the year there is usually at least one day- school, in addition to the AGM.

The meeting on 25th April will conclude the morning with a session open to all at 12.00 noon, which will be talk about the work of the Naseby Battlefield Trust. If you would like to come along and find out more, and meet some members of the Association, you will be very welcome. There is no charge but a collection may be taken on the day.

For more information about the Association have a look at the web site [www.olivercromwell.org](http://www.olivercromwell.org)

See you on the 25th!

John Goldsmith  
*The Cromwell Association*



**CREDIT CRUNCH TIPS:**  
Car share and make a shopping list so you don't have to go back and forth to town for those bits you forgot! We have managed to cut out at least one trip a week doing that - **Sue Turner**

## KELMARSH EVENTS

In November, I, in my role as a parish chairperson, was invited to a meeting at Kelmarsh Hall in order to discuss the planned events for 2009.

This meeting occurred since the Kelmarsh Hall Trust had been approached by Daventry District Council requesting that they submit a planning application to cover the events. There is a 28 day rule which Daventry are looking to enforce and previously only the actual show days are counted.

Now DDC have stated that the set up and break down days also count which therefore causes the Trust to exceed this 28 day limit hence a planning application is required. The meeting was a general discussion between the Trust, its planning consultant and local parishes re. events and any issues that have arisen in the past e.g. noise, traffic. At the meeting the 2009 calendar was given and, therefore, I thought I'd let

you know via Natters

- 12-13th April - Game Fair
- 10th May - Marie Curie Daffodil Run
- 13th-14th June - Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club
- 25th-26th July - English Heritage Festival of History
- 15th-16th August - Kennel Club Agility Trials (provisional)
- 28th-30th August - Shambala Music Festival

At the end of the meeting it was agreed that there would be a regular end of season meeting with local councillors to ensure any issues arising from the events could be discussed. So please if you have any concerns/issues which arise from these events please contact the Parish Clerk or myself so as they can be raised.

Becky Pope



## 'WADS' IT ALL ABOUT THEN?

The Welford Amateur Dramatic Society (or WADS as they are known!) spring production is "Key for Two" a comedy by John Chapman and Dave Freeman.

This hilarious comedy centres on divorcée, Harriet, (alias Linda Lilley from Naseby WI) who solves her current financial problems in an ingenious way.

Gordon: "... and I would appreciate a little peace."

Harriet: "You've got two little pieces now. Don't be greedy."

Married boyfriends, irate wives and mistaken identities all add to the confusion in this happiest of frolics - so why not go along?

Linda Lilley



**WADS Presents**

**Key For Two**

By  
**John Chapman & Dave Freeman**

*SEE HOW HARRIET BEATS THOSE CREDIT CRUNCH BLUES!*

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Come and see this great comedy at Welford Village Hall on  
Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd &  
Friday 3rd April at 8 pm

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*Tickets will go on sale at the village shops in Welford and Naseby HQ on  
Monday 16th March*

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**ADULTS £7 • CONCESSIONS £5**



# SAVE MONEY WHILST YOU SHOP?

## WITH CASH BACK SITES

If you regularly shop online for goods and services, it is well worth joining an online 'cash back site' which could provide cash back when you place online order for goods or services.

### THE PRINCIPLE:

There are so many online retailers these days all fighting to gain your business. Cash back sites drive traffic through their portal sites onto specific retailers' sites and they are paid by the retailers for doing so. In effect, they are generating leads for the retailers. They in turn offer you a percentage of their commission.



### HOW IT WORKS:

If you are thinking of placing an order for goods or services, check your cash back site to see if the retailer you are considering offers a deal through them. If they do, simply log onto your cash back site, click on the retailer's link and you will be taken to their site. Shop as you intended to.

Each site differs in terms of the cash back on offer and the retailers that they cover.

Some of the top cash back sites include [www.quidco.com](http://www.quidco.com), [www.cashbackkings.com](http://www.cashbackkings.com) and [www.topcashback.co.uk](http://www.topcashback.co.uk)

Examples from the [www.quidco.com](http://www.quidco.com) website include:-

**Marks and Spencer:-** Receive 5% cash back for goods; £24.50 for taking out home insurance; £35 for taking out car insurance and £18 for pet insurance.

**Thinking of booking a hotel room?** Receive 5% cash back if booking through Laterooms; 10% for booking through Ramada Jarvis; 6% from Thistle hotels ... plus many others.

**Tesco:-** Receive £5 for a new registration and shop for grocery items delivered; 3% for Tesco wines; and 7% for entertainment.

**Going high tech?** Receive 3% cash back from the Apple Store; 2% from PC World; 3% from Bose and upto 15% from the Microsoft Store.

Strangely, if you see an expensive item you wish to buy whilst out

shopping on the high street, it can be cheaper to come home and order it online through a cash back site. This would assume that the retailer offers free delivery or the delivery charge is less than the cash back on offer.



Terms and conditions apply to each cash back site and each retailer you use through them, please read these carefully before making any purchasing decision. Disputes can sometimes arise between cash back sites and retailers meaning you are not 100% guaranteed to receive your cash back. Remember also, you are **ONLY** saving money if you intended to make the online purchase before visiting a cash back site!

### Sally Field





## PURRRRRFECT!

*Is your over-the-stairs cupboard bowing under the weight of old blankets & towels ?*

Well, help could be at hand because **Cromwell Cattery** is on the look out for these to help make the cats that come to stay there for a holiday be more comfortable!

**Contact Kate on 01604 740596**



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# ALL IN A DAYS WORK!

You may well know what a billhook is; but what is “pleaching”?

Every layered hedge for miles around benefits from this tricky cutting procedure used by Barry, the expert professional, still at the height of his skills after 45 years of steady work and constant skill-development, just like his father and grandfather before him. They would have been proud of a son who layered the hedges at H.R.H. Prince Charles' Highbury House estate.

We caught up with Barry when he was laying a hedge just outside Naseby along the Cottesbrooke Road.

Barry's story begins 63 years ago in Worcestershire where the large family all worked on big farms. What a different period his memories conjure up! He now lives in Gt.Oxendon but his early years were spent on an estate nestling by the Clent Hills with their magnificent views towards Wales and Birmingham. Self-reliance a necessity: Mother baked bread (to last a week), cooked their own chickens in hip bath-sized pans; Dad snared rabbits and tickled trout for Friday meals and walked 10 miles to Chapel every Sunday. The children walked 8 miles to school. Young Barry cried one evening when Mum told the children that they had just enjoyed for dinner his very own pet pig. There were walks in the countryside around Halesowen, now



**BARRY WILLIAMS**  
*Hedge-layer  
(and much more besides!)*

lost under concrete. Barry was at work by his mid-teens like his brothers the family moved 5 times in the area following any available work. They were soon multi-skilled; had to be! Masterly handling of sheep dogs, running the combined-harvester, dry-stone walling at piece-work rates (always a good job in Spring and still a specialist

craft), ploughing for the 3 month season.

Barry's real love has always been - and still is - working with wood and hedge laying is his forte. To layer a hedge you need a heavy, well-sharpened knife called a “billock” and you need to learn the skill of “pleaching” the lower branches: part-cutting and bending them under tension but without snapping so that new upright shoots can come. It takes long experience to perfect this skill which is the essential part of the job. Different methods of layering hedges are preferred according to the county; Barry's father used the Radnorshire way: the double-bush (spreading 3ft across) with the shoots coming up the middle to keep the sheep out. Barry uses the Warwickshire way: a single brush stiffened with thorns (anti-sheep). First, cut off side branches and



The job

unwanted ones; Then the layering-pleaching near ground level; Then bend and weave branches through the stakes to which the branches are very tightly bound. Finally, trim to required height (“Sharpen that billock and knives!” says the Foreman every 5 minutes). The work is supported by E.U. grants. A hedger can in 8 hours do a whole “chain”, i.e. 22 yds of finished hedge; a really top-class man (Barry) can do two chains in 8 hours, even if

each hedge is different, as they all are!

Barry loves it but has other achievements in wood-skills: he can thatch roofs, thatch hayricks as they used to do to keep the hay dry, cut silage, make fencing, stiles, garden seats and bird-cages. What a happy guy! But he can't tickle a trout like his father.



Barry at the office

Tom Gilmore

**THE FARMERS PERSPECTIVE:** We spoke to one of Naseby's very own farmers to get their point of view on Hedge laying. James & Tina Fanshawe have lived at Oak Farm since 1992 and rebuilt the farmhouse and its surrounding buildings and restored the farmland. More than 10 miles of fencing and 22,000 slates are 2 figures that leap out as part of this restoration! The farm was established in 1820 as a 250 acre site situated between the Cold Ashby and Thornby roads. Quite small in today's terms but



a large garden for most villagers! The farm is now all grass for livestock grazing of which they only keep British traditional and rare breeds of cattle and sheep. These traditional breeds suit the farm, are easier to handle and care for and they also taste better (did you know you can buy their meats direct from the farm and with no food miles?). So we asked James why farmers still bother to have their hedges layed in this day and age when there are other more modern alternatives.

**AJ:** You had one of your hedges layed last year didn't you?

**JF:** Yes, it had grown up too high and wasn't any good either as a hedge or a row of trees!

**AJ:** It is quite a specialised job these days how do you know who to ask or have you used them before?

**JF:** All our hedges are maintained by Phil Bott a master hedger living in Cold Ashby. He has done all our hedge work over the last 15 years. We always prefer to use local craftsmen where possible and Phil knows the farm really well.

**AJ:** How long was the hedge and how long did it take to cut and lay?

**JF:** The hedge is about 200 metres and it was cut and laid over a 2 week period last February. The weather was

very raw some mornings but the work went on...

**AJ:** What do you do with all the hedge that is trimmed?

**JF:** All the trimmings have to be moved which was done with several bucketfuls on our JCB and then we had a 15 foot high bonfire. There were big flames - a bit like Guy Fawkes - but it's all burnt in about two hours.



**PHIL BOTT**  
*having a well earned break!*

**AJ:** Why did you have the hedge laid as opposed to fenced?

**JF:** Well we have to do both! On our livestock farm we want shelter for the calves and lambs and hedges are a really good way of allowing them to keep out of the wind and any driving rain. Even the sheep and cows need that shelter and you will see them huddled up behind a hedge in bad weather. But of course the new shoots on the hedge would be eaten if they weren't protected so we have fence netting either side of the hedge.

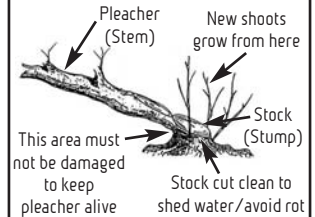
**AJ:** What is the purpose of laying a hedge?

**JF:** The hedge provides shelter not only for the livestock but also for birds - the hedge is also an excellent nesting site. But as the hedge grows up it becomes more open which means that nesting birds can be seen by predators - so it's not such a good idea to nest

there! Also when the hedge was the principal divider between fields a big open hedge did not stop livestock, particularly lambs which get through tiny gaps if you let them! So by laying the hedge you thicken it out from the bottom which gives better nesting and stops lambs!

**AJ:** What are the pros and cons compared to a conventional fence?

**HEDGE LAYING FACTS**



**HOW DO YOU LAY A HEDGE?**

Hedge laying involves partially cutting through the living stems near ground level, and bending them over as 'pleachers'. They should lie close, like plates in a rack. Depending on the style of laying, the pleachers are anchored by stakes and binding to form a type of living fence.

**WHY ARE THERE DIFFERENT STYLES?**

There are different styles of hedge laying in different parts of the UK. Each style has been developed over many years to cope with the climate of the area, different farming practices and the type of trees and shrubs that grow in the hedge. There are more than thirty styles recorded in the UK.







**JF:** It's shelter for a livestock farm but on big arable farms you need hedges to break up the wind and prevent soil erosion. And the hedge is brilliant for our birds. We have many more now we have really invested in our hedges. But when it is done right, the finished hedge is a real work of art and a joy to look at. So many of our hedges have been destroyed through neglect over the years.

**AJ:** What are the cost comparisons with hedges?

**JF:** Of course it costs money to cut and lay fences. It is a regular budget item on our farm and to pay for it we have to breed about 20 lambs (which is about 10% of our crop). Being labour intensive it is relatively expensive but from an environmental and landscape point of view it is essential.

**AJ:** Are there Government funding opportunities to preserve hedges?

**JF:** Yes there are, but in reality they only pay about one-third of the cost so the other two-thirds has to made up by the farmer.

**AJ:** It's been great learning about hedges and why they are so important. Is there anything else you want to add?

**JF:** We take so much of our living environment for granted - sustainable farming is essential for the look and the feel of the landscape - and hedges are a really important part of that landscape. We are really proud of the contribution our hedges make.

**AJ Green**

*(A MASSIVE thank you to James for helping me out at very short notice!)*

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

# THE EAGERLY AWAITED BECKWORTH EMPORIUM!

*Mayor of Wellingborough to officially open - 9th April 2014*

A unique horticultural haven will open its doors to thousands of visitors in early April on the former Gaggini's Plant Centre site.

Beckworth Emporium, near Mears Ashby, is no typical garden centre or farmers' market after undergoing an incredible transformation.

The seven acre site now boasts a large Produce Market filled with abundant displays of seasonal plants and loose fruit and vegetables, as well as flowers and groceries, a Garden Nursery offering an irresistible array of beautiful, seasonal plants - many of which are grown on the site, a spacious Restaurant with three dining areas including a stunning atrium, and a magnificent Food Hall - home to one of Britain's best butchers\* - F.C Phipps for Hambleton Farm Fine Foods and a delicatessen.

As well as creating 35 jobs for local workers, the emporium is expected to attract 100,000 visitors to the site each year - a welcome boost to the local economy and the Northamptonshire region.

Local businessman and Director of Beckworth Emporium, David Brown, said: "We have created a destination which not only serves the horticulture enthusiasts, but also

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FINE PRODUCE GARDEN NURSERY RESTAURANT

*"Beckworth Emporium stands at the heart of this community, offering not only top quality plants, produce and service, but also providing much-needed jobs to local people."*

Beckworth Emporium will be officially opened by the Mayor of Wellingborough on April 9th. The Worshipful Mayor, Councillor Eileen Higgins, will cut the ribbon to officially open the seven-acre site at 11am.

*"We are delighted to welcome the Mayor to officially open the site. Councillor Higgins is at the head of our community and we hope Beckworth Emporium will be at the heart of it. We look forward to meeting the rest of the community who will hopefully turn out to show their support."*



**>>>STOP PRESS<<<**

It has just been confirmed that **The Blades** Air Display Team will be performing on the open day - The

Blades' pilots are all former Red Arrows and based in Sywell village.

**AJ Green**

*\* F.C Phipps was voted as the best butcher in the country by The Field magazine, also in an article by celebrity chef Rick Stein, F.C Phipps was named as the UK's leading beef butcher.*







# A LETTER FROM AMERICA

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



The Bates home in the snow!

Hello again from a very snowy and cold Connecticut. Everyone is keeping well despite the frigid temperatures (-20 Deg C today!).

Hard to believe we are about to celebrate our 6 month anniversary in a few days time - doesn't time fly when you are having fun!

We have just returned from a Caribbean/Florida vacation (see, I'm practically an American) which was lovely, 2 hours away on a plane and no jet lag! Martin turned 40 whilst we were there, he wasn't looking forward to that one, but spending it on a Caribbean island seemed to lessen the pain!

We've had lots of visitors over the past few months, most of Martin's family have been over and my mum, sister and her family came for Christmas.

Christmas was lovely, everywhere was beautifully decorated, lots of wreaths, lights and red bows - very tasteful. Our first Christmas here turned out to be a white one too; it looks lovely as long as you don't have to go anywhere. We have a guy who comes and ploughs the drive for us otherwise we'd never get out! He's

been out 4 times already and at \$50 a time you can understand why we are looking forward to spring!

Shopping isn't as much fun as I thought it would be. Supermarkets are pricey and I don't think the quality is the same as the UK, never thought I'd actually miss a trip around Tesco's, but I do!

The driving situation is improving, I've actually done better than I thought but it's not easy and driving at night is awful, there are hardly any street lights so everywhere is pitch black.

Since our last letter, the price of gas has dropped considerably; it's now down to as low as \$1.85 a gallon. Last time I filled my car up it cost about \$28.

Everyone seems to have been caught up with Inauguration Day fever, let's hope this new President does a better job than the old one.

**With Love from Vanessa x**



Cara & Lydia

**Cara would like to say a few words, so I will hand over the keyboard ...**

Hello to my friends at Naseby. I'm still missing you all a lot. Getting on a school bus every day is quite freaky. School is fine I'm settling in well. I've got a nice teacher she's called Ms. Pierro and I'm in Grade 2. There are

20 children in my class including me. I have made new friends - another English girl called Jasmine who lives nearby and 2 Canadian girls who live on our road called Rachel and Claire. All of them love my accent. Please keep in touch, miss you lots. Love Cara x

**Now a few words from Lydia...**

Hi everyone hope you all had a nice Christmas. School is going well although it is challenging at times and I have a lot of homework everyday. I have made some nice new American friends who have made me very welcome. We have had some really bad weather lately. On one day we had about 10 inches of snow, luckily that meant we had a day off school. We try to get to New York as often as we can, as it is only an hour on the train. When our cousins came over we went to see the Statue of Liberty (not as big as you would think). Please keep in touch I would love to hear from you all!

Miss you so much. Love Lydia x

The Bates Family



## The Royal Oak



Elaine Higgs  
tel: 07985 408240

### OPENING HOURS

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

### CREDIT CRUNCH TIPS:

Use pulses etc. to "pad out" that 1/2lb of mince to feed twice as many! - Sue Turner





# A Chat with...



For this edition of 'Natters' I enjoyed a chat with Rachel aka (Ratty) our post lady. Rachel, according to Henry, can talk the hind legs off a donkey and yes that's true, but not all of it went into this article. There were some things that I couldn't possibly share with you all!!!!!!

## **Please before we start can you explain to me where the nickname 'Ratty' came from?**

When I was little my brothers and sisters called me 'little ratbag', I was the youngest of 8 children. When I reached secondary school my friends shortened it to Ratty. Everyone called me that, my friends, the teachers and later the customers at The Fitz and now the entire village. If I'm honest the name suits me because I can be very strappy!!!

## **So where were the family living then?**

I was born in Kettering hospital but the family were living in Market Harborough. When I was 11yrs old we all moved to Cold Ashby, and it is colder there...at least 2 degrees. I

met Henry when I was 18 and within a year I had moved into The Fitz.

## **So why did you and Henry move to Great Cransley?**

Henry's dad was selling up and we needed somewhere to live. We couldn't afford a house in Naseby and started looking around for somewhere else. A friend was selling their house in Great Cransley and we moved there four years ago. We love it; it's much smaller than Naseby about 30 houses in total.

## **When did you decide to become the village Postie?**

About six years ago I saw the job advertised on the notice board and decided to give it a go, I applied and the rest is history. It's a great job, I like being outdoors and I never get to see my boss. If there are ever any complaints about me, (which, of course there never are!) then he's the one I would have to see, but other than that I work on my own which I enjoy. The post is delivered into the village at about 8.30am and then I have to sort it before I can deliver it. I usually work about 6 hours a day, longer at Christmas time. The downside is a day like today when the snow is falling.

## **So apart from being our Postie what else do you enjoy doing?**

I love my horses. I've ridden since I was 9yrs old and now I'm 31. I have four of them, Elvis, Zebedee, Khan and Murphy. I bred Khan and Murphy. My nephews named Murphy, they got the name from Murphy's Taxis. Their mum is Topsy she belongs to my dad and their dad was Enchanter, he's now deceased but he belonged to my mum. I rent some land and a barn in Haselbech and they all live together along with Michelle's horse. We have

seven stabled there, so a lot of work and it's expensive but I love it.

## **Are you a 'competitive' horse rider or a 'for pleasure only' horse rider?**

Both in 2000 I was the Area 5 Individual Show Jumping Champion. I actually kept that title for three years because for two years we were not able to compete due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak I do cross country on Elvis and on Zebedee I do cross country and show jumping. The two younger ones are only 6 and 7 years of age and I intend to start competing on them this year. I don't like to start them too early but I do like them to have a structured life so they have work days and they have holidays, for example if they compete on a Sunday they have Monday off. It seems to work for me as my horses never get fed up.

## **Let's finish with you and Henry?**

Well as I have said I met Henry when I was 18, I'd gone to The Fitz with a friend, and we have been together ever since. He knew from the beginning that my horses had to come first but he has the gym and his dogs so we are all happy. We've been engaged for a year and I still haven't found my lost engagement ring. I actually lost it on Christmas Eve. I'm hoping I lost it at home and that by the time we have finished renovating and decorating it will have turned up. I even used a metal detector to check the compost heap! In the meantime Henry has bought me another ring. We hope to get married this year, somewhere quiet, possibly somewhere hot and sunny and with just a few guests and then follow that up with a party when we are back home.

Although we could have carried on



# DON'T BE CAUGHT IN THE FUEL TRAP!

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO LEGISLATION REGARDING THE SUPPLY OF LPG TO UNDERGROUND TANKS

New legislation means new competition which can only be a good thing for domestic LPG pricing

For those of you who have underground LPG tanks you will know that you are currently restricted to obtaining your LPG from the company who fitted your existing tank.

Even after an initial supply contract has expired you cannot appoint an alternative supplier to fill your existing tank. The only way to change suppliers would be to go through the costly process of having the existing tank removed and replaced with a new tank by a new supplier.

This process could also likely damage to your property and then the cycle continues as you would then be stuck with the same monopolistic situation from your new supplier.

These barriers to switching your LPG supplier, in my opinion have severely restricted (and maybe even distorted) market conditions. Currently just four companies - BP, Calor, Flogas and Shell - control an amazing 90% of the UK market.

The Competition Commission (CC)

chatting for ages the snow was getting heavier and Rachel, sorry can't bring myself to call her Ratty, had to go and see to her beloved horses. So she donned her coat and boots and ventured forth.

Pat Reedman



has recently reviewed this situation and the conclusion of this investigation means the following important changes will come into effect from the 13th of April 2009.

Customers will be able to switch suppliers without changing the bulk tank or service pipework. In effect the incoming supplier will buy the existing tank from the outgoing supplier and:-

1. The outgoing supplier cannot charge the customer any fees for switching to a new supplier;
2. The outgoing supplier is obliged to confirm the contractual status of the switching customer within seven days;
3. A time limit for the switching process of a maximum of 42 calendar days from the time the existing supplier receives notice of the customer's wish to terminate;
4. Supply agreements or contracts to have an exclusivity period of no more

than two years, from the date of signing.

5. Until the transfer is complete the existing supplier shall deal with any requests for emergency response.

The full results of the investigation can be found at [www.competition-commission.org.uk/](http://www.competition-commission.org.uk/)

I rang some of the major companies to compare current pricing and was pleased to discover that I would be able to change from my existing supplier who is charging 44.28p per litre to a company charging 37p per litre.

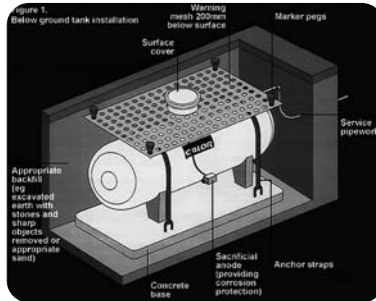
If you are happy to enter into a new contract then you will likely be able to negotiate this price down further. I was also promised free maintenance

call outs and no standing charge for the tank within this price (I should point out though that I don't have this in writing as the company I spoke to was reluctant to send out written details

before I am in a position to switch supplier).

Of course if you are currently within the terms of an existing contract with your current supplier you will likely have to wait until this naturally expires before you are able to enter into a new agreement with a new supplier. If your current contract has over 2 years left to run it may be worth bringing up point 4 (above) with your current supplier.

Sally Field





# CREDIT CRUNCH TIPS

1. Try and buy fruit and veg in season. Avoid anything being airlifted in.

2. Plan a week's worth of meals, make a list of ingredients, and shop for these items only. If you do have leftovers...use them up.

3. Go for supermarkets' own brand. They're cheaper and for the 'basics' rather than the 'finest' the difference is often little more than packaging.

4. Ban the bottle. Drink tap water; if you leave it to stand for half an hour, the slight chlorine taste goes away. Flavour it with fresh mint or lemon.

5. Take a packed lunch to work.

6. Cook more than you need of things like lasagne, stew and shepherds pie, freeze the extra portions: cheaper (and healthier) than frozen ready meals.

7. Freeze leftover red wine, if you have any! Put wine in an ice tray - the cubes can be added easily to sauces, and will save opening a bottle for cooking.

8. Make your own compost.

9. Grow your own. Find a corner of the garden to sow a rich variety of salad leaves, which grow like weeds.

10. Don't accept the first call package suggested by your mobile phone company. Negotiate, negotiate, and negotiate!

11. Crack the code. [www.sendmediscounts.co.uk](http://www.sendmediscounts.co.uk) rounds up promotional codes, shopping discounts and special offers available online.

12. Book a restaurant online. Reservation websites like Top Table ([www.toptable.co.uk](http://www.toptable.co.uk)) lists discount



offers from restaurants all over the country.

13. Consider buying contact lenses online. Some of the big supermarkets, as well as online specialists such as [www.postoptics.co.uk](http://www.postoptics.co.uk) sell lenses for a fraction of the high street price.

14. Buy own-brand painkillers.

15. Cancel your Sky subscription. A Freeview set-top box offers most of the channels that you'll want to watch. And with a plug-in box that records programmes to a hard-drive you can pause live TV, just like Sky+ but for free.

16. Cancel your gym membership. Many leisure centres offer membership schemes and personal training for a fraction of the price of a private gym.

17. Get cut-price cinema tickets. The three large multiplex chains - Vue, Odeon and Cineworld - all offer cheap weekend deals for families.

18. If you can book rail travel in advance, Super Apex offer the low fares

19. Find the cheapest flights. Search online with a price comparison site like [kayak.com](http://kayak.com); book as far ahead as you can; travel out of season; fly mid-afternoon midweek.

20. Invest in a family railcard. Travel with at least one child and you'll qualify for the £24 discount card that offers 1/3 savings on adult fares, and 60 per cent off kids' fares. Visit [www.family-railcard.co.uk](http://www.family-railcard.co.uk). If you are 60+ consider a senior citizen rail card.

21. Fill your cavities. About a third of the heat lost in an un-insulated home is through the walls.

22. Invest in energy-efficient light

bulbs.

23. Lag the loft. Around 15 per cent could be shaved off your heating bill with 270mm-thick loft insulation.

24. Look for the logo. When buying new electrical appliances, look for the Energy Saving Recommended logo

25. Change credit cards. If you have debts, switch them to a "balance transfer offer" that stays at a low interest rate until the debt is repaid.

26. Find out how safe your savings are. The Financial Services Compensation Scheme covers the first £50,000 of savings you have in any financial institution, should it go bust, but this isn't as simple as it sounds. Visit [www.moneysavingexpert.com/safesavings](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/safesavings)

27. Remortgage early. If you are coming to the end of a fixed rate deal on your mortgage you should start organising your next deal as early as possible - three months before the end if you can. Use a broker who is fees-free and "whole of market", meaning they will look at almost every available mortgage. London and Country ([www.lcplc.co.uk](http://www.lcplc.co.uk)) and Charcol (0800 71 81 91) are the only nationwide brokers which fit these criteria.

Pat Reedman



## NASMUG

### NASEBY MAC USER GROUP

Even though NasMug has not been meeting since last year because of health & other circumstances, problem solving and support has gone on via the internet. For more information about the next meeting or you just want to chat about Mac software etc, why not email: [stuart.cato@mac.com](mailto:stuart.cato@mac.com), or ring 01604 743166



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## **OPENS EARLY APRIL**

### **PRODUCE MARKET**

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**Our team look forward to greeting you in early April.  
More news and information to follow in the next edition.**

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# A BUMPER BIT OF FUN!

This issue we thought we would have a bumper double page of funnies for you, to help make you smile amid the credit crunch articles! AJ Green

## IT IS ALL IN THE PUNCTUATION!?!;?/



Here are some illustrations of altering punctuation or spelling hyphens to change meaning:

- In conducting annual self-assessment training, providers should seek help.
- In conducting annual self-assessment, training providers should seek help.
- The man dropped the bullet in his mouth.
- The man dropped, the bullet in his mouth.
- Watch out - man eating apes!
- Watch out - man-eating apes!
- We order merchandise and sell the products.
- We order, merchandise and sell the products.
- When I sing well, ladies feel sick.
- When I sing, well ladies feel sick.
- You will be required to work twenty four-hour shifts.
- You will be required to work twenty-four hour shifts.
- You will be required to work twenty-four-hour shifts

## SO HOW SMART IS YOUR RIGHT FOOT?

This will boggle your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but...you can't!! It's pre-programmed in your brain!

1. Whilst sitting at your desk or at the dining table, lift your **right foot** off the floor and make **clockwise circles**
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your **right hand**



## MORE PUNCTUATION PONDERERS!

Here are two letters written with exactly the same words but with different punctuation give very different results...

Dear Jack,

I want a man who knows what love is all about. You are generous, kind, thoughtful. People who are not like you admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me for other men. I yearn for you. I have no feelings whatsoever when we're apart.

I can be forever happy - will you let me be yours?

Jill

Dear Jack,

I want a man who knows what love is. All about you are generous, kind, thoughtful people, who are not like you. Admit to being useless and inferior. You have ruined me. For other men I yearn! For you I have no feelings whatsoever. When we're apart I can be forever happy. Will you let me be?

Yours,

Jill

I bet you your foot will change direction. I told you so!!! And there's nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again... if you've not already done so!



## MIS USED SAYINGS

Do you use the correct well known saying ...or do you think you do?

Batting down the hatches v batten down the hatches

Damp squid v Damp squib

Mute point v Moot point

Adverse to v Averse to

Auger well v Augur well

Alterior motive v Ulterior motive

Barred wire v Barbed wire

Butt naked v Buck naked

On tenderhooks v On tenterhooks

One foul swoop v One fell swoop

Short shift v Short shrift

## SIMPLE TEST?

OK, relax, clear your mind and begin...

**Q1:** What do you put in a toaster?

**A1:** 'bread.' If you said 'toast,' give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.

**Q2:** Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk.' What do cows drink?

**A2:** Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading a more appropriate literature such as The Beano. However, if you said 'water,' proceed to question 3.

**Q3:** If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

**A3:** Greenhouses are made from glass.





If you said 'green bricks,' why the hell are you still reading these??? If you said 'glass,' go on to Question 4...

**Q4:** It's twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany.) Anyway, during the flight, two engines fail. The pilot, realising that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately, the engine fails before he can do so and the

plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of 'no man's land' between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany, West Germany, or no man's land?

**A4:** You don't bury survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you're a dunce and you must stop. Now. Please. If you said, 'You don't bury survivors,' proceed to the next question.

**Q5:** Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people

get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, 3 people get off and 5 people get on. In Carmarthen, 6 people get off and 3 get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver?

**A5:** Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own name? It was YOU!!  
If it makes you feel any better - 95% of people fail most of the questions so don't be too hard on yourself!!

## HEALTH QUESTION & ANSWER

### ...a bit of fun!

We hope this will help clear up any misconceptions you may have about food and diets...to be taken with a very large pinch of salt of course!!!

**Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life; is this true?**

**A:** Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it... don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

**Q: How can I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?**

**A:** You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.



**Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?**

**A:** No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain. Bottoms up!

**Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?**

**A:** Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is 1 to 1. If you have 2 bodies, your ratio is 2 to 1, etc.

**Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?**

**A:** Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good!

**Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?**

**A:** YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!!! ... Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In

fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

**Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?**

**A:** Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

**Q: Is chocolate bad for me?**

**A:** Are you crazy? HELLO Cocoa beans! Another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!

**Q: Is swimming good for your figure?**

**A:** If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

**Q: Is getting in-shape important for my lifestyle?**

**A:** Hey! 'Round' is a shape!

**And remember...**

'Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Chardonnay in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOW what a ride!"





## The Naseby Battlefield Project:



The Project is a member of the Northamptonshire Museums Forum and is recognised as a museum for funding purposes, in spite of having no building. The Project has been in receipt of funds and grants-in-kind in the form of professional work by consultants in the employ of Museum, Libraries and Archives (MLA) East Midlands. Four projects have been undertaken or are in progress.

### LEARN WITH MUSEUMS

In December 2007 we were invited to include a concept conveyed to the e-Learning manager at Renaissance East Midlands (a programme of MLA East Midlands) in the 'Learn with Museums' programme. The objective was to make available on line teacher and student materials for Key Stage 3 History courses, in which the Civil War is included. The work was undertaken by Sara Mair of Mair Education, York, reporting to MLA. The content was provided by Martin Marix Evans, John Kliene and the Royal Armouries. The material can be seen on [www.learnwithmuseums.org](http://www.learnwithmuseums.org)

### CIVIL WAR TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

In April 2008 Martin Marix Evans applied for a Regional Grant Fund and in May Renaissance East Midlands made a grant of £3,000 to fund a feasibility study into the proposal that a travelling exhibition of civil war artefacts should be organised for the East Midlands. David Blackmore, an established scholar of the period and formerly an officer of the Royal Armouries, was commissioned to undertake the work. The venues under consideration included Leicester, Northampton, Nottingham, Market

Harborough and Rockingham, with the possible addition of Banbury and Oxford. The final report showed that the return on the considerable cost would not justify the undertaking and that money would better be spent on developing a collection at Naseby which could then be travelled to other museums. The knowledge gained has been very valuable.

### EAST MIDLANDS CIVIL WAR TRAIL

The museums of the region have been encouraged to hold 'Museums and Galleries Month' events each year, launching the programme in the month of May although the events may take place at any time in the following nine months. Martin Marix Evans proposed to the Northamptonshire Museums Development Officer that museums might act in concert by offering a Civil War Trail, each participant concentrating on its location's part in the Naseby Campaign of 1645 or its experience in the Civil War. Nine museums have expressed interest in taking part. An application was made for a grant in April 2008 and a grant of £6,000 was made to cover the costs of developing the idea. The post of facilitator to manage and coordinate the plans of the participating museums has been filled and the first meeting has taken place under the chairmanship of Robin Tjolle. It will include, assuming that discussions with the University of Leicester succeed, a research element to discover the actual needs and interests of visitors and thus generate information useful to the development of the Naseby Battlefield Project.

### LEARNING LINKS

MLA East Midlands encourages the development of cooperation with schools through its Learning Links programme. With the support of Lesley Stinson of the Sealed Knot and a science

teacher at Abbeyfield (formerly Mereway) Community College, a performing arts college, a proposal for audio packages was put forward under the title The Sound of Battle: Naseby 14 June 1645. In August 2008 a grant of £4,610 was made in respect of the scheme. Students at the school have scripted, cast, acted and directed sound recordings which will be presented in small units suitable for download to MP3 players and which visitors can listen to at specified viewpoints in the battlefield tour, thus becoming 'ear-witnesses' to, for example, the conversation between Fairfax and Cromwell that determined the place of deployment of the New Model Army. Each audio unit will require a scene-setting piece spoken by a narrator, and Robert Hardy has recorded those passages working with students from Abbeyfield. The future Learning Links activity is proposed to consist of similar audio units in French and German and an audio presentation designed for the blind and visually impaired. The management of this programme is being undertaken by Sara Mair, reporting to, and remunerated by, MLA East Midlands. The grant covers costs for supply teacher cover, travel, studio and sound engineer, professional actor, travel, etc. The downloads are scheduled for release by the end of March 2009.

Martin Marix Evans  
More info at: [www.naseby.com](http://www.naseby.com)



## NASEBY LADIES ROUNDEERS

If you fancy a game or coming to practice for some exercise, every one over 12 is welcome.

Lesley Campbell 01604743172



We held our 2009 membership enrolment on the 4th February followed by "Morocco Bound" by Chris Rowe, a combined history and travelogue of exotic Morocco. Given the arctic conditions prevailing at the time, it was just the thing to warm the spirits of our new and existing members.

There is still time to enroll on Wednesday 4th March, 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 to all the talks and walks, non-members can simply come along and pay £2 at the door, if any event looks interesting.

Wednesday 4th March: "The Daniel Anderson - A Historic Merseyside Vessel" - Village Hall (Upstairs) - doors open 7-45pm for 8pm start.

Something different..... we have a historic maritime theme for our next talk on 4th March, by our local historian Pat Crecraft. Pat's talk centres on a project to restore a 105-year-old coal-powered Merseyside tugboat, saved from the scrapyard in 2004. After a lifetime of service, including use as a passenger ferry, the dilapidated "Daniel Adamson" was destined for the breaker's yard, after it had spent 20 years languishing in The Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port. It is currently being brought back to its former glory by a legion of volunteers from all corners of the UK, who have already spent many thousands of pounds and over 28,000 hours of hard toil on her. The

aim is to restore the vessel, the oldest existing example of Merseyside shipbuilding in the UK, and return the steam tug, to the River Mersey. Pat will also outline the maritime background during the early 1900's and explain the importance of Liverpool as a major trading port at the time.

On the 1st April we have our AGM, which if time allows will be followed by a short village interest topic. For those interested in local history and who like to get out and about, on the 6th May, we will be visiting Spratton village with local historians Enid Jarvis and Michael Heaton. On the 3rd June we travel a bit further a field to Rothwell for a narrated walk with blue badge guides Beryl and Tony Whitney. In July we will be revisiting Haselbech for a guided walk with Richard Westall, another of our favorite speakers.

We have booked Chris Rowe for two more very contrasting talks; on 2nd September "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; and we also have "Spires and Squires" to look forward to on 5th February 2010.

If you are interested in the rise/fall and rescue of our famous local Country Houses, including Althorp House, please put 7th October in your diary and join us for expert Len Holden's talk. Plus we have lots more planned for your enjoyment.

As things do change from time to time, 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 and on Posters in the village shop. We 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).

Thank you for your interest and support.

Paul Kelly  
(01604 743778).



## STUMPS TWENTY 20

Stumps Twenty 20 is an exciting new cricket league set to hit South Leicestershire and North Northamptonshire by storm. Teams such as Lubenham Lightning, Clipston Cavaliers and the South Sharks have already signed up for the competition sponsored by Slazenger. The competition will run from June for around 2 months with games on Thursday and Friday evenings. Stumps are looking to field a team from the Naseby area to take part in the competition which will hopefully see the semi finals and finals being played at the Weekend of Straw in Lubenham. If you would like to take part in the competition please contact Rob on 07866 143591 or drop him an email at Rob@stumpstwenty20.co.uk.

The Stumps Team  
[www.stumpstwenty20.co.uk](http://www.stumpstwenty20.co.uk)

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# Neighbourhood Watch News



Tackling the theft of bag and purses in Northamptonshire has been a recent focus and priority for the Safety Community Team. Handbag and purse alarms are available, at a price of £2 each, from Campbell Square, Weston Favell, Daventry and Towcester police stations and the One Stop shop at the Guildhall, Northampton. These devices, which are just over 2cms long, attach the purse to the owner's bag or clothing by a thin cord. If the purse is moved the cord pulls and the alarm sounds, alerting the owner. The alarm will continue to sound, hopefully prompting the thief to discard it.



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

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE

February the 3rd 2009 and the editor is pressing me for my contribution. Nothing changes! The last few days have seen some snow and everyone's complaining about the kids throwing snowballs, which, I suppose, is better than traffic accidents of which there have been mercifully few.

Firstly, SCT news. As I said in my last letter Sgt Grady has moved and we have his replacement, Sgt Jacqui Harris who comes to us with a wealth of experience in various areas. Her last posting was in community safety in Daventry. Also new to the team is PC Claire Salmon who replaces Paul Houghton-Draeger who has a new post in crime investigation. Please make them feel welcome when you meet up.

Again crime has been low across the area with a total of 35 reported for the Rural East area which comprises 16 villages in the period Nov 1st to Feb 1st. Of these two occurred in Naseby one of which, a horse tack theft I reported last time. Since then we had a theft of sheep pens and metal barriers in early December from the Clipston Road.

In the last two months we have had burglaries in Brampton, Guilsborough, Maidwell and East Farndon. In Brampton two very expensive cars were taken and criminals from the West Midlands are suspected. In Guilsborough an older Subaru was taken which we recovered the next day in Northampton. In Maidwell a lady popped out for a few minutes to pick up the children from school and disturbed an intruder on her return. Nothing was taken but he had made ready a pile of Game Boys etc to take when interrupted. In E Farndon offenders broke in through a patio door and stole a laptop computer. In many of these cases the houses had alarms, which had not been switched on, so, maybe a small lesson for all of us.

In the last week we have had three properties broken into, all of which were empty with owners away on winter holidays. They were in Overstone, Brampton and Harlestone. If you have any such properties in your location please keep a watchful eye.

Early December in Maidwell we had 2000 litres of diesel fuel taken from a farm. As the farmer had security alarm beams on the main entrance they went across an adjoining paddock and used 20 litre cans to ferry the fuel 100 yards back to a waiting vehicle. One can only imagine the money these criminals could make if they applied as much

## Contacts

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c/o Pitsford Police Station

**Community Support Officer:**  
PCSO Glyn Lewis

Both on tel: 01604 300300

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gregpritchett@hotmail.com

**Deputy Co-ordinator:**  
Steve Clark - 6 Newlands

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

effort to legitimate work!

Our thanks as always to Greg and his NHW team who work away in the background doing sterling work on behalf of the community. I've said many times I have great admiration for those individuals who give up their free time to help in the community and NHW, along with many many others is one such group.

Last week I was grilled by a couple of junior reporters. Scary. Read more elsewhere.

From Gary and myself, have as prosperous a 2009 as current economic circumstances will allow.

PCSO Glyn LEWIS   
Daventry Rural North SCT - Brixworth



# Fuel Tips



Before next filling your car

up with fuel, it is worth looking at a fuel comparison website to check out which company is offering the best price for your area.

www.petrolprices.com is one such website. Simply enter your postcode and get the results for your area. If you create a logon for the website (free of charge) you are then able to drill down to find out which garage is offering the best price for your fuel type. In the following instance for diesel:-

NAME	CITY	DISTANCE	PRICE
Protheroes Service Station	Market Harborough	7.18 miles	98.9p
Welford Garage	Northampton	4.83 miles	99.9p
Coventry Road Service Station	Market Harborough	7.08 miles	99.9p
Sainsburys Market Harborough	Market Harborough	7.43 miles	99.9p
F Howkins & Son Service Station	Lutterworth	7.63 miles	99.9p
Malthurst A6 Bypass	Market Harborough	8.42 miles	99.9p
Blasons Garage	Northampton	7.71 miles	101.9p


Also remember that it is possible to make big improvements by making minor tweaks to your vehicle. It's estimated that someone who averages 35 miles per gallon could get 40 mpg by driving better, a near 15% saving. Thanks to the www.moneysavingexpert.com and the RAC for the following information:-

- **Keep your tyres correctly inflated = Efficiency Improvement: Up to 3%**  
Lower tyre pressure increases the drag on a car meaning you need more fuel, so regularly check the pressures are correct and your car needs less oomph to keep it moving.
- **Declutter your car = Efficiency Improvement: Up to 2%**  
The lighter your car is, the less effort it

needs to make to accelerate. Therefore, by decluttering, clearing out junk from the boot, and not carrying unnecessary weight, you can make extra savings.

- **Take your roof rack off = Efficiency Improvement: Up to 2%**  
A roof rack, even unused, adds massive wind resistance to a car, increasing drag and making the engine work harder. So if you don't need it, take it off. Even closing the windows will make the car run slightly more efficiently.
- **Turn off the air con. Efficiency = Improvement: Up to 8%**  
Air conditioning also uses an incredible amount of fuel, so make sure it's turned off unless you really need it. However, if it's really hot, it can become a more effective proposition, as driving with the windows closed is more economical

than having them all open, due to the extra drag it causes. Also, don't keep the engine running; drive off as soon as you start up and switch off the engine as soon as you reach your destination.

- **Don't fill it up = Efficiency Improvement: Up to 1%**  
Fuel is heavy, so by filling the car up you're adding quite a weight. The less fuel your car has in it, the more efficiently it drives. Thus filling up slightly more often and putting less in (to 1/2 or 3/4 full) will make the car run more efficiently.
- For further information please see <http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/travel/cheaper-fuel> and [www.petrolprices.com](http://www.petrolprices.com)
- Sally Field 

## ANGELS SING!!!

...and so did the Naseby Christmas Carolers, perhaps not to the same ethereal standard, but definitely with the same enthusiasm and dedication!

The turn out really was impressive, and once we'd all warmed up, there were definitely some carols that you could almost recognise!!



A **HUGE** thank you to everyone who turned out to sing, and an even bigger thank you to those who were subjected to our unrehearsed dulcet tones, and who gave so incredibly generously. A £116.35 was raised for the Village Hall committee and a further £45.01 for Naseby Church - a fabulous grand total of £161.36. Perhaps we could learn some dance moves as well next year?!!

Louise Shaw 

## POLITE NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS



Although the introduction of the doggy bins in Naseby has been a great success there is concern from parents and residents about the amount of dog mess still being left around the village. Not only is it unsightly, it is a serious health hazard to the small children of our village.

**Please help Naseby be a safe and nice place to live by being a responsible dog owner**

**From the children & residents of Naseby**





## The Naseby W.I.

First of all, we are pleased to report that since the last edition of Natters, we have heard from Joyce Vials, who is staying with her daughter at the moment. She is on the mend, which is good to hear, and we look forward to seeing her back with us before too long.

In November, members were treated to a practical cookery demonstration by our own Pat Yates and Denise Young, ably assisted by Pat Burton. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening, not least the tasting which followed !!

On 9th December, some of the members and their guests went by coach to Birmingham to visit the German Christmas street market. This trip proved so popular that, following several requests, it is hoped to repeat it next December.

The guest speaker/demonstrator at the December meeting was Jo Burbidge, who showed members how she made beautiful fine jewellery by knitting with wire and beads. Following her demonstration, she provided members with the materials for them to try their hand at this fascinating craft. Some ladies found it a lot easier than others, but it wasn't nearly as simple as Jo made it look.

In view of the awful conditions underfoot on 5th January, when the meeting was scheduled to be held at the home of Margaret Anderson in Bakehouse Drive, and in the interests of safety, it was decided to postpone it until the following week. The business meeting was followed by the annual Christmas/New Year party with delicious refreshments of Spanish style

savouries and Italian style sweets washed down by wine and soft drinks. The entertainment which followed consisted of a quiz and a whacky fishing game together with several humorous poems and monologues. It was a great evening and thanks of all the members go to Margaret for her kind hospitality.

At the time of going to press, members are looking forward to the February meeting when the guest speaker will be Ian Clarkson JP, whose subject will be 'The work of the Magistrates.' Rather mysteriously, members are told that they 'will act as judge and jury.' Sounds fascinating !

Following on from this, there will be two food related talks. On 12th March, Mrs. Maggie Frankland will be demonstrating how to make sugarcraft flowers for cake decorations and on 9th April Chef Roy Shortland will be giving his food style tips with restaurant stories. He plans a presentation of food with Easter in mind.

At the beginning of the year the nation's WI members voted to choose which of five suggested Resolutions should be put to the AGM at the Royal Albert Hall in June. The most popular one or two will go forward and Naseby members will be debating and voting for or against each of them at their meeting on 14th May.

On 11th June Mrs. Dorothy Porter will be taking along and describing the origins of her collection of beautiful puppets from around the world.

Visitors are welcome to go along to any of the WI meetings, which are held at the village hall at 7.30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month.

Finally, a date for your diaries ! Members will be holding a fund raising lunch in the village hall on Saturday

18th April. Full details are not yet available as it is still at the planning stage, but please put the date in your diaries and watch out for the advertising posters which will appear nearer to the date. From the proceeds of the lunch, it is intended to make a donation to Lesley Lillie, who will be the guest speaker in September. Instead of charging a fee, Lesley will accept the donation on behalf of Macmillan Nurses.

Mary Hackett (tel. 01604 740657)

### ADIDAS SILVERSTONE HALF MARATHON 2009!



I am running a Half Marathon on Sunday 15th March at Silverstone Racecourse. I will be supporting the 'Make a Wish' Foundation.

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I would be very grateful for any donations and sponsors; if you are interested please phone me on 07835984472 or email me - cherisegould@btinternet.com

Many Thanks,  
Cherise Gould







## Gardening Club Update

To get our 2009 programme started we had an excellent talk by Nicholas Warliker who is currently a Plant Advisor at Poddington Nurseries. A very interesting and amusing chap! We had an excellent turnout of twenty nine members and guests. Our next meeting is a car sharing trip to Cedar Farm in Desborough. These people specialise in Hellebores and Bulbs. We will meet at Clipston Village Hall for the short drive to Desborough.

The main event this year is a trip to Chenies Manor with a tour of the house and garden and then on to Stroudland Cottage for tea, cakes and a tour of their wonderful garden. The tickets are selling well with only the odd seats left. Our programme secretary has visited both these gardens and assures us they are first rate.

The Gardening Club A.G.M. was on the 28th January 2009. There was some discussion about whether we should have a 'Garden and Produce Show' again. It was pointed out that we had previously tried several different venues and that every time both interest and attendance had declined. Also apart from a few 'keenies' there was no support from Clipston.

The committee remains unchanged with the exception of Janet Alderton-Smith who has stood down, and we welcomed a new Clipston member, Ann Punter. We want to express our thanks to Janet for her support over the years and wish her well with her other commitments.

The chairman gave notice that he is definitely retiring next year (he's too old you know!) and also our excellent programme secretary Ruth Wallett who has arranged some great trips and speakers for us, whoever takes over will have her full support. If anyone fancies either of these positions please contact me.

The accounts are in good shape and our membership is around 50 and slowly rising. We hope to see you at one of our meetings soon.

- Tuesday 24th March 0 Visit to Cedar Farm. Meet 10am at Clipston Village hall
- Wednesday 29th April - Visit to Chenies Manor. Meet 8.30am at Clipston Village Hall
- Wednesday 27th May - Talk 'Gardens in the age of Chivalry'. Meet 8pm Clipston Village Hall
- Wednesday 24th June - Visit Prebendal Manor. Meet 9.15am at Clipston Village Hall

Gerry Wood



### POLITE NOTICE TO ALL HOUSEHOLDERS



Now the weather is bit better going for a nice walk around the village can be full of

danger...from being attacked by overgrown trees, shrubs, bushes & hedge rows!!!

#### SO GET IN THE SPRING MOOD AND DIG OUT THOSE LOPPERS & SECATEURS!

Please find a little time to check all your hedges and tree that line the pavements throughout the village to see if they need trimming back or a little pruning.

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

#### DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THESE...

bottle tops/jar lids - ribbon - buttons - corks - nuts & bolts - beads - cotton reels - aluminium pie tins - empty sellotape rolls - old cd's - plastic cd cases - unused or old greeting cards/postcards - that the children of Guilsborough pre-school could have for arts & craft projects?

AJ Green - 01604 743765

★★ URGENTLY NEEDED ★★

#### BISCUIT TINS

## An Open Invitation...

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

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

**Please call Pat Oldfield on 01604 740145 to express your interest for the weekend (subject to general agreement) of July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2009.... GO ON GIVE IT A GO!!!**

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





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Business Accounts & Personal Tax Returns  
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tel: 01604 743511

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**UPDATED CLUBS, GROUPS & SOCIETIES TO JOIN IN NASEBY!**

**Age Concern**

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

**Badminton Club**

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

**Bell Ringing**

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

**Bridge Club**

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

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**Clipston & District Gardening Club**

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

**Cribbage**

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

**Drinks, Biscuit & Chat**

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

**Leukaemia Research Fundraising Group**

Contact: Cheryl Avins (01604 743583 or 07769942756)

**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 Clubs**

2 Clubs for 7-11 yrs & 11-14 yrs  
Contact: Ruth & Ian Watson (01604 740845)

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



# DIARY OF EVENTS 2009



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
<i>***Fund raiser for Natters - please come along and show your support (see page 7!)* **</i>						
<b>FRI</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>8.00PM</b>	<b>NATTERS &amp; NIBBLES</b>	<b>NASEBY VILLAGE HALL</b>	<b>SARAH FARRELL</b>
<i>***Fund raiser for Natters - please come along and show your support (see page 7!)* **</i>						
Sun	22	Mar	10.15am	Soul Café 'Mother's Day'	Naseby Chapel	Methodist Church for everyone
Tue	24	Mar	10am	Visit to Cedar Farm	Meet Clipston for Desboro	Gardening Club
Thu	26	Mar	6.00pm	Fusion Youth club	Naseby Chapel	Methodist Church
Thu	26	Mar	7.30pm	Rock Solid Youth club	Naseby Chapel	Methodist Church
Mon	TBA	Mar-Apr	TBC	Naseby Village Pride	The Village	Naseby Village Pride
Wed	1	Apr	8.00pm	AGM	Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Historic Society
Thu	2	Apr	7.45pm	Naseby Parish Council Meeting	Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Parish Council
Thu	9	Apr	7.30pm	Presentation by Chef Roy Shortlkand	Naseby Village Hall	W.I.
Sat	18	Apr	TBA	Fund Raising Lunch	Naseby Village Hall	W.I.
Wed	29	Apr	8.30am	Coach Trip to Chenies Manor	Meet Clipston	Gardening Club
Thu	30	Apr	6.00pm	Fusion Youth club	Naseby Chapel	Methodist Church
Thu	30	Apr	7.30pm	Rock Solid Youth club	Naseby Chapel	Methodist Church
wed	6	May	6.45pm	Spratton Historic Trail	Spratton Village Centre	Naseby Historic Society
Thu	7	May	7.45pm	Naseby Parish Council Meeting	Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Parish Council
Sun	10	May	10.45am	Sunday School	Naseby Chapel	Methodist Church
Thu	14	May	7.30pm	Resolutions evening	Naseby Village Hall	W.I.
Sun	17	May	10.15am	Soul Café	Naseby Chapel	Methodist Church for everyone
Wed	27	May	8pm	Gardens in the age of Chivalry	Clipston Village Hall	Gardening Club
Thu	28	May	6.00pm	Fusion Youth club	Naseby Chapel	Methodist Church
Thu	28	May	7.30pm	Rock Solid Youth club	Naseby Chapel	Methodist Church
Thu	11	Jun	7.45pm	Naseby Parish Council Meeting	Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Parish Council
Thu	11	Jun	7.30pm	Puppets from Around the World	Naseby Village Hall	W.I.
Wed	24	Jun	9.15am	Coach to Prebendal Manor	Clipston	Gardening Club
Thu	2	Jul	7.45pm	Naseby Parish Council Meeting	Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Parish Council
Thu	3	Sep	7.45pm	Naseby Parish Council Meeting	Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Parish Council
Thu	1	Oct	7.45pm	Naseby Parish Council Meeting	Naseby Village Hall	Naseby Parish Council

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



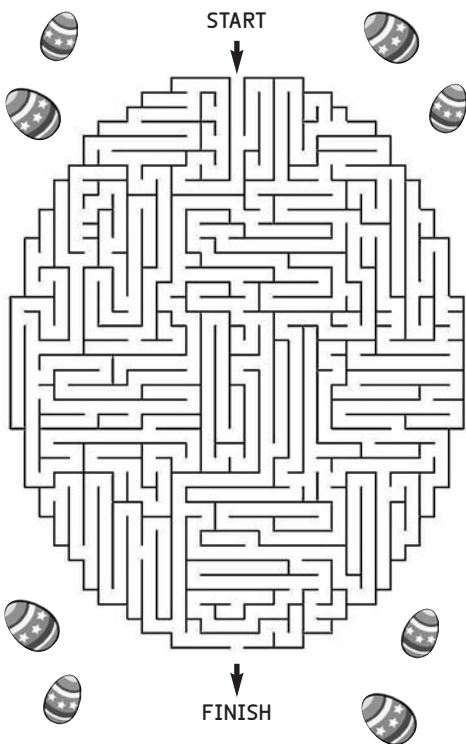




# Kids Corner!

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## Kids Puzzle!

Find your way in and out of the egg shaped maze!



 **How many eggs can you find in Natters?** 

Easter puzzles sourced by AJ Green

## Easter Word Hunt



E G G S H U N T  
 N D L F S L L C  
 E Y A R F R I H  
 S E M B I K L I  
 T G B U N N Y C  
 I C H I D E F K  
 E A S T E R L W  
 D J G R A S S Q

BUNNY  
 CHICK  
 EASTER  
 EGGS  
 HIDE  
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 LAMB  
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## Have your say!

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