

## WELL, TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY AND ALL THAT!!



Welcome to the Christmas edition of Natters. This issue is sort of on time for a change! Gasp! Although due to time constraints, the Editor (*that's me!*) has not been able to 'Christmassy-up' this issue quite as much as she usually likes to - so apologies for that. The Events listing at the back has also gone a bit AWOL!!! We hope to have this sorted and up and running again next issue - apologies to all.

**NASEBY CHRISTMAS TREE:** Hopefully, by the time you receive your copy of Natters we will have our very own Naseby Christmas Tree - with lights and everything! The tree has been supplied by Will Miles from Welford Christmas Tree Farm, the electric's sorted out by David Stacey and Jeff "muddy-hands" The Handy Man dug the hole and will be putting up the lights. All this has been overseen by Mr Grumpy of Gynwell...sorry I mean Gerry Wood ;) There was talk of having a lighting ceremony with carols, mince pies and mulled wine, but due to time constraints this won't be happening this year. Hopefully, if **everyone** pulled together for next year this could happen which would be great for community spirit.

### ON A MORE SOMBRE

**NOTE:** As most of you will be aware Mike Westaway sadly passed away last month, so we decided to extend the deadline for Natters so as to include some of the tributes we received. These have replaced articles we were going to feature (*Peter - your time will come, promise!*) and will appear in our next edition.

So sit down, grab a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie (*but not on Christmas day please - see p27 for why not!*) and read on!

- A Merry Christmas to all our readers and a very happy new year -  
**AJ GREEN (AKA 'ED')**  
**& THE NEWSLETTER TEAM**

*PS: A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all our speedy proof readers Pat & Paul Reedman, Sally Field & of course 'SuperMum' aka: Amanda Smith (all from Hall Close). Stars!!! - ed*

**Deadline**  
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# Village Update

## Naseby Parish Council (PC)

### HAVE YOUR SAY.....

The PC meet on the first Thursday of the month in the upstairs room at the Village Hall and everyone is always welcome. We have a public participation section, so if you have something to say or would like the PC to consider then please come along. The agenda and minutes for every meeting are published on the notice board outside the school and published on the village website: [www.naseby.org](http://www.naseby.org)

### KELMARSH WINDFARM UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who returned a completed questionnaire. 76% of parishioners oppose the Wind Farm, 11% support it and 13% remain neutral. When the application is made to DDC the Parish Council will respond on behalf of the village but individual comments should still be made directly to them.

### THE STRANGERS

A fantastic evening was had by all that were entertained by The Strangers at the fundraising event on 17th October - enormous thanks to the band and Barry Furness who provided the Disco. The grand total of £1,650 was raised toward the Multi-Sports Court. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

### APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Peter Clancy of Hall Close joins the Parish Council, so a warm welcome to him.

### NASEBY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Anyone noticed a new white line in the Village? Sue Bradburn Head Teacher wrote to the PC to highlight the fact that cars were parking and sometimes blocking the back entrance to the School on Church Street (opposite Naseby HQ). This is the only entrance that emergency services can use so could drivers please bear this in mind when parking. The PC liaised with Safer Routes to School at NCC and following a site meeting agreed that a white T-bar line would be painted on the road to highlight the entrance together with a sign.

### PLAY AREA

The PC are fully aware of the issues of broken glass/litter in the play area. The police have been informed and Cllr Hoyle is tidying regularly but should you see any one vandalising this area then please report them to the police.

### DOG POO...AGAIN!!!

Once again, a reminder to **ALL** dog owners to please pick up the mess! There is just no excuse you owe it to your neighbours.

### Naseby Parish Council

### Members of the Naseby Parish Council 2009-2010

Mrs Bridget Baker  
Carvells Home Farm,  
Carvells Lane  
*Welford Quarry liaison rep*

Peter Clancy  
15 Hall Close

Mr Melfyn Hoyle  
14, Nutcote  
*Playground Warden*

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

Mr Paul Reedman  
Hall Close  
*Highways & Roadworks Rep*

Mr Scott Westaway  
New Hall, Newlands  
*Tree, Footpath & Mowing Warden*

Mr Tom Westaway  
"Westfields", Carvells Lane  
*Vice Chair*

Mrs Becky Pope  
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*Chair*

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### Members of the Haselbech Parish Committee 2009-10

Richard & Wendy Westall  
*Chair - Fox Cottage*

### Are you a young person in Northants between the ages of 0-25?

Would you like to be involved more in arts and cultural activity such as music, dance, drama, DJing, radio, visual arts, film, animation, graffiti, literature/writing etc? If so we want to hear from YOU! Visit our online questionnaire on the Explore the Vibe Northants website; [www.mush-rooms.com/explorethevibenorthants](http://www.mush-rooms.com/explorethevibenorthants)

This is your chance to tell us which cultural activities you take part in and the cultural things you would like to see or do in your area and make a difference to council plans for the future

Graham Ward  
*Northamptonshire County Council*





## XMAS POST

1st Class - 21st December  
2nd Class - 18th December  
Special Delivery™ - 23rd December  
Standard Parcels - 15th December  
No collections or deliveries between  
25th and 27th December

### CHRISTMAS REFUSE & RECYCLING

**Wednesday 2009/10 collections**

9th December 2009 - Brown Bin & Boxes  
16th December 2009 - Grey Bin & Boxes  
23rd December 2009 - Brown Bin & Boxes  
30th December 2009 - Grey Bin & Boxes  
6th January 2010 - Brown Bin & Boxes  
13th January 2010 - Grey Bin & Boxes  
20th January 2010 - Brown Bin & Boxes  
*Please ensure that your bins & boxes are placed out ready for collection by 06:30 on collection days. To contact Daventry District Council tel: 01327 871100 or email: [customercare@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:customercare@daventrydc.gov.uk)*  
**Henry Green**

**DEAR EDITOR...**  
I love reading every edition of Naseby Natters and find the historical articles very interesting as well as educational, so thank you very much to the late Mike Westaway.

I was married here in Naseby 21 years ago and have seen lots of changes. It would, however be really great for other long time villagers to come forward and say something about themselves as there are lots of people in Naseby that have given so much to the village over the years yet who do not want to shout about it or indeed want to praise themselves! So please, come forward (you know who you are) and tell some stories. Let us hear from the hard working individuals who made the village what it is today!

Joanna Gould, Nutcote, Naseby

**Naseby Village Pride**

A quiet time. We are very grateful for the help we have had with the strimming in the churchyard and the cutting back of ivy from a large sycamore. The elder which had begun to regrow has now been removed. Plus a large wooden seat, made from an old tree stump, has been moved away from the gravestones, but has still been left for the insects to enjoy!

Plans are ongoing to get the conifer by the church chancel removed as soon as possible.

Margaret Anderson

## Naseby Weather

**TO BE INCLUDED NEXT ISSUE...WE HOPE!** In the mean time we suggest you look out your window to see what the weather is doing!!! - ed

**COME AND JOIN US FOR LADIES CIRCUITS**

**Naseby Village Hall every Tuesday**  
9.15-10.15am - Cost £4

To book a place call Debbie on 07947 233968 or just come along on the day!  
**- All fitness levels welcome -**

Party Time Productions Presents:  
**THE TRADITIONAL PANTOMIME**  
**PUSS IN BOOTS**  
Saturday 12th December  
@ Guilsborough Primary School  
Doors open @ 1.45pm  
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Suitable for all ages from 2-100!

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

**PLUS WIN 1 OF 3 LUXURY CHRISTMAS HAMPERS!!!**  
Only £1 per ticket! • Grand Raffle will be drawn after the panto @ 3pm

Panto & Raffle Tickets can be purchased from Guilsborough Pre-school or AJ Green (01604 743765/Hall Close, Naseby)

### THE PILATES WAY...

*Thanks to a great response for the first Pilates course in 2009 we are going to continue through on a second 10 week course commencing January 6th! There will be two classes of 10 people so I can keep an I eye on technique! The first class will start at 9.30 - 10.30am and the second will run from 10.45 - 11.45am. Please call quickly to confirm your space and class times, some slots have gone already! As before the course is £55.00 and no mats or equipment is required as I provide it all. All abilities and ages welcome. Please be aware the class will not run on the week of half term.*

**Lorraine 07976 529 414**





# WANT TO BE SPECIAL?

If so, becoming a Volunteer Police Officer (Special) with Northamptonshire Police might be just the answer.

Special Constables are extremely valuable members of the policing family. **They have the same powers as regular officers** and get involved in all aspects of police work, in particular working alongside regular officers and PCSOs as part of our Safer Community Teams.



So, if you're looking for a new challenge or perhaps want to give something back to your community, you could be exactly the person Northamptonshire is looking for.

If you are over 18, able to volunteer for a minimum of four hours per week, and would like to find out more about becoming a Special, contact Lizzi Betts on **03000 111 222** ext 2098 or e-mail: [recruitment@northants.police.uk](mailto:recruitment@northants.police.uk)

# All Saints Church



As many of you are well aware the church in Naseby needs some cosmetic work, particularly inside. We are hoping to redecorate soon but with a cost exceeding over £12,000 it is a large sum of money for the small congregation to raise.

Over the years we have had the grateful support of so many people and recently all those involved with Naseby Pride have been helping us with work in the churchyard.

Being such a small congregation now means that even if we want to raise some money by a social event in the village the responsibility is always down to the same few faithful parishioners, but maybe you could consider helping us?

Some years ago we held a mission in the village and the response was really favourable for the upkeep and use of the Church, but over the years we have all aged and find we have less energy. **Are there any younger parishioners who would like to offer some help?**

Once again, we will be celebrating our Christmas Eve services which continue to attract over 300 parents and children both at the Christingle

service and our Candle-light service (the full details of all our Christmas Services are below).

Please do think about what you can give, both in terms of financial help or practical help. The congregation and I intend to maintain the Church as the place of both the spiritual and pastoral centre of Naseby, celebrating the life of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**David Faulks**

Dates to look forward to:-

- Dec. 6th 9.30am Service
- Dec. 13th 9.30am Service
- Dec. 24th 4.00pm Christingle Children's Service
- Christmas Eve Services: 6.00pm Candlelight Carols
- 11.45pm at Clipston: Midnight Mass
- Dec 25th 9.30am Christmas Day Service

**We welcome you, with friends & family, to all of our services**

It is with sadness that we record the passing of two Church Members, Lilian Ringrose and Betty Underwood. They were both in the village in Newlands for many years, but like many others their remains returned to Naseby for a final resting place! R.I.P.

**Yours in faith,  
Avis Aldrich - Church Warden**

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Margaret Diack (01604 743820)

**Treasurer:**  
Maurice Cave

**PCC Members:**  
Sarah Farrell, Ann Faulks, Michael Hopkins, Valerie Latham & Sandra Price (secretary - tba)





# Naseby Methodist Church

In case you've not noticed, this column is no longer being written by Leny Cato. In September we said 'goodbye' to Stuart and Leny as they moved nearer to their family in Oswestry. They have been a big part of the chapel for over nine years. We will miss their enthusiasm, creativity and encouragement! Their final service at Naseby chapel was marked by an emotional presentation followed by coffee and cake. We wish them well in their new environment and thank them for all their hard work.

**HARVEST:** Once again our Harvest Festival took the form of a 'Soul Cafe' service with activities, games and craft for the young. A place to chill out, sip coffee and mull over the Sunday papers for the older ones amongst us. Not forgetting the ever popular chocolate fountain! At the close our Harvest Service was led by Steve Pointer. We were asked to make words out of the word 'HARVEST'. The two words Steve focused on were 'HAVE' and 'SHARE'. We were reminded to give thanks to God for all the things we 'have' and to remember to 'share' our comparative wealth with those in need. We chose to support the British Humanitarian Aid Charity with our harvest gifts. This charity takes clothes,

bedding, toys, household goods, cleaning supplies and numerous other items to distribute amongst needy families and orphanages in the Ukraine. We also had a short toddler harvest thanksgiving at Mums and Tots and collected for the same charity. Altogether we were able to send over 20 bin-bags full of things. Thank you to all those who donated so generously!

**SOUL CAFE:** Our last Soul Cafe for this year was on the first Sunday of Advent, the 29th November, and was taken by our youth worker, Helen Bamber. Not surprisingly it had an Advent theme. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin 'Adventus' meaning 'coming'. It is the period before Christmas when we are waiting and preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It has a dual meaning because as well as reminding us of the original waiting of the Hebrews for the birth of the Messiah, it also reminds us that as Christians, we are waiting for the second coming of Christ. Our next 'Soul Cafe' will be on the 31st January and all are welcome.

**YOUTH CLUBS:** The monthly youth clubs started again in September after the summer break. Fusion for the junior children and Rock Solid for those in school years seven to nine.



The number of children at Rock Solid suddenly quadrupled owing to a larger than usual influx of year seven children!

**COFFEE MORNING:** A big thank you to all those who helped, supported or donated to the MacMillan coffee morning and afternoon tea which was held in the chapel on the 25th September. The total of £193:82 was raised for this worthy cause.

**CAROL SERVICE:** The Carol Service this year will be held on Sunday 20th December at 6pm taken by our minister, Rev. Brian Kennard. It will be followed by the usual coffee, punch and mincepies and we extend a warm welcome to all. You are also invited to join us for a short family service on Christmas morning at 10.30 am taken by Mrs Jeanne Moore.

Sending warmest seasons greetings to all Natters readers,

Ruth Watson

(*Fab 1<sup>st</sup> article Ruthl-ed*)

## Contacts

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**Secretary: to Jeanne Moore (01858 467657)**

[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 article supplied this issue - see the 'Kids Corner' on the back page for their reports



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- List of Governors Jan 2009**  
 Joanne Clement (Parent)  
 Margaret Diack (Chair/Foundation)  
 Rey 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)

## MY FIRST WEEK AT SECONDARY SCHOOL

When I woke up I didn't want to get out of bed, but I did. I had breakfast put my school clothes on and a brave face and stepped out of the door.

Little did I know that in two weeks time that I would be looking back and thinking that it was silly being scared.

I have had a nice first two weeks and a lot of homework.

There was nothing to be scared of it's a new bigger school with more homework. The only sad thing is that I miss my friends big and small at Naseby primary, but I'm sure I will see them round.

There are no new subject's just some are grouped together and given a fancy name.

There is nothing to be scared of.

By Hannah

# NSA UPDATE

Here we are again with an update on the Naseby School Association work. Since we came back after the summer break, the NSA has been busy preparing for the year's fundraising events. We have already witnessed the success of our annual Quiz Night (9th October) where numerous parents and supporters of Naseby School enjoyed a fun and challenging evening, fuelled by a delicious chilli con carne; thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work in and out the kitchen and thank you to all for joining in the fun.

We also worked alongside Clipston School to organise a Car Boot Sale outside the Village Hall on the 11th October. The weather held long enough to allow car booters to clear some of their children's clutter! Our next main events will be a Fun Night for the children making candles at the Village Hall, and of course our Christmas Fair on the 28th November (2-4pm) with a wide selection of stalls to get in the mood for Christmas: home-made

jewellery, candles, children's clothing, art and craft and many others.

The Sports Club is still a success with the children of Naseby and surrounding villages. We started September with Cricket and were able to mainly train outside; nothing better to get our little cherubs ready for a good night's sleep on Fridays (we wish!).

All of the coming year's hard work is directed towards raising funds for outdoor play equipment for Infant children, as well as laptop computers for Junior children as government guidelines recommend a laptop for each Junior child. This is a big commitment and we need the people of Naseby's support if we are to raise as much as we can towards our goal. So please look out for leaflets and posters advertising our fundraising events around the village and come and join us again!!

**For further information, please contact Christel Taylor on 01604 740027.**

## NASEBY SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB!

Since the last edition of Natters the children have tried their hands (sorry feet!) at kick boxing. The coaches came from Lutterworth and introduced enthusiastic groups of all ages to this fun martial art. Unfortunately the course of sessions was cut short by the coaches real job sending them to build a roundabout!!!

More recently, Northants Cricket Club have visited Naseby to run sessions up from September to October half term. The weather held out for us meaning only one session had to be held in the

hall. The children's skills with bat and ball definitely improved over the weeks and much fun was had by all.

The Sports Club has a break now until after February half term when we return to our weekly. Friday after school sessions with a new child requested activity - Street Dance. This club will be split into two (one for the girls and another for the boys) and we look forward to finding the talent within our midst!

Sports Club is open to any children, not just pupils from Naseby School. Please feel free to contact either Becky Pope (743213) or Pauline Vann (740774) for further details.





## CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

The staff, governors and pupils at Naseby School were delighted to receive such a positive and praiseworthy outcome of the latest OFSTED inspection in the summer.

“**ACHIEVEMENT** throughout the school is good with pupils reaching above average standards in english, mathematics and science by the end of Year 6.”

“**READING** – standards here are consistently found to be well above average due to a very effective guided reading programme.”

The aim of the inspection was to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the school:

- Looking at progress across different groups and subjects
- Assessing how well literacy, numeracy and ICT skills are developed across other subjects
- How well children develop socially from Foundation stage through to Year 6

Naseby Primary was found to be a good school which has a strong partnership with its village community, establishing a clear set of values through close links with the church.

Pupils' enjoyment of learning is high and attendance levels are above average. Pupils express enthusiasm about the way lessons are taught.

Excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning from all pupils promote a stimulating learning environment and pupils say resoundingly they feel very secure in school. They are extremely confident that staff will respond promptly and fairly to their concerns. The pastoral care is of the highest standard.

The good curriculum is very well planned to take account of the mixed age groups in classes.

Visits, visitors and partnerships are used very effectively to enrich and broaden the curriculum within this small school with its provision for a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

Leadership and management of the school are good. The headteacher sets a very clear direction and she and the governors view the size of the school as a challenge rather than a limitation and have been innovative in the school's overall development.

**Pat Yates**  
*Governor*

### DIOCESAN INSPECTION 2009

Mr Edward Hosbands, the Diocesan representative, visited the school on 29 September 2009 to carry out the above inspection.

The main focus for the inspection was to find evidence of the ways in which the school's Christian character enables pupils to achieve well and flourish as individuals, and how the school monitors and evaluates the achievement and impact of the distinctive Christian nature.

To find his evidence, he spoke to pupils, parents, governors and teaching staff. He found the headteacher's leadership and commitment and the support of the foundation governors to be strong and there appears to be good appreciation and focus of what a Church of England school should be.

Mr Hosbands found us to be good in all areas of his inspection and very much enjoyed his day at Naseby School.

**Margaret Diack**  
*Foundation Governor*

## OH WHAT A NIGHT!

What a great night we had at the village hall on Saturday October 17th. The fund raising evening by the Parish Council was arranged to raise money for the sports court and made a **massive** £1,650.00!!!



Music was by the local "Shadows" tribute band The Strangers who were formed in Clipston during the summer of '91. Initially just three guitars and drums, emulating their hero's for fun. As practices progressed, it was felt that it may be possible to perform but it would be far better if they had our own 'Cliff'. Enter Roy Westaway in October '91. Practices continued and the first live performance was at Clipston Village Hall in February '92.

There have only been two changes in the line up over the years, one due to business commitments, the other due to ill health. The latest member is David Turner, now of Naseby, who joined at the end of '07. Rehearsals began leading up to the recent performances in Clipston and Naseby. Now ready to perform again, they are looking forward to many more nights like those...and a rocking good night they gave us!!

Sue Turner





# Naseby Village Hall

*Recreation Ground Management Committee*

## USE IT - DON'T LOSE IT!

### Book Your Hall for Your Upcoming Christmas Events

The hall and grounds continue to be very well used and we are delighted to see our village facilities benefiting so many. Your Village Hall is ready and waiting for this year's Christmas and New Year's events. Please see the posters throughout Natters for the big Christmas events. There are still some slots available, so please just check availability on our new online booking calendar on the Naseby Village Website [www.naseby.org](http://www.naseby.org). Booking the Hall or Meeting Room couldn't be easier!

### 50/50 Club...More Members Needed for 2010!

The 50/50 club is proving to be a tremendous help in meeting our ongoing costs, so a huge thank-you goes to all our members. We really do hope that most of the households within the village will take part and enjoy the added opportunity to win a cash prize. To date about £800 has been shared by 50 lucky winners (please see the table below for the July - October winning numbers). The more villagers that sign-up the more we can offset our costs... and the greater the prize fund will grow. Joining the 50/50 Club for 2010 is very quick and easy. Forms can be obtained from the Sign-Up Team: Julie Westaway, Alastair Sims, and Mel Hoyle. Existing members will be contacted shortly regarding the renewals process.

### 50/50 Club - Winning Numbers

July	11,	100,	106,	59,	53
August	42,	44,	17,	20,	61
September	18,	118,	60,	30,	34
October	99,	113,	23,	14,	118

### Storm Damage

In early July during the severe weather storms, considerable damage was caused to the roofing and gable-end fixings of the

south-end of the hall. We are extremely grateful to Roy Westaway and his building company Fairside Properties Ltd. for their immediate emergency action in making the hall and grounds safe and for the subsequent excellent repair work. Roy's team also completed some essential re-design work to the building structure, which will prevent any re-occurrence.

### Sunday League Football came to Naseby but...

Well they came, they played a few games and..... well we're not sure if Sunday League Football will continue in Naseby.

### Multi-Sports Court

Very many thanks go to the Parish Council, Roy Westaway's band and Barry Furness for their tremendous efforts. The fundraiser was a great success! But we still have all of our fingers crossed, as we're still waiting for news on our bid for the £50,000 funding we need from Biffaward. If our bid is successful, we will be able to start installation work next spring, when we will also be forming the Village Tennis, Five-a-side Football, and Hockey teams.

### Anti-Social Behavior and Dog Fouling

Unfortunately, broken bottles, beer cans, and large amounts of litter are still regularly left strewn around the children's area. Irresponsible dog owners still seem to be happy to see the play areas and pitches fouled. Therefore, we have no alternative but to start to introduce new restrictive Bye-Laws and to divert our limited funds to counter measures.

### Car-Parking and Pathways

Grant allocation is still needed.

### Volunteers from the Village Youth Still Needed!

With our efforts focused on obtaining sponsorship and major grants to fund the new Sports Courts and Children's Play area, we are still looking for volunteers from the younger generation of the

village, to help us. If there are any teenagers who would be interested in joining us, please contact any of the management team.

### Finances

We are still just about managing to balance our Income/Expenditure for the financial year to March 2010. The successful launch of the 50/50 Club is making a real difference. However, we are currently replacing the two ovens in the Kitchen whose costs, when added to the loss of the projected Sunday Football League revenue and the possibility of the rejection of our considerable storm damage claim, are likely to eat into our limited reserves. We were also very fortunate, this year, to receive grants from Daventry District Council and our Parish Council. We may well be asking for help again in the coming months.

### Licensing.

All necessary certificates and documentation are in place.

### Do you have any ideas or suggestions?

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

### And Finally.....

Many thanks for your continued support and best wishes to everyone, for the festive holiday, from all of the management team.

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)







## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS!

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### AJ Green

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM BECKWORTH EMPORIUM

At Beckworth we believe that community matters and we're dedicated to supporting local businesses, not only those in the food and horticulture industry, but also local publications such as Naseby Natters. We are proud to be at the heart of the community and delighted to be the official sponsor for this issue. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

For everyone at our Mears Ashby-based Emporium, this is an exciting time with much to celebrate. This is our first Christmas and to mark the occasion our Naseby-based owners have turned the popular shopping destination into a winter haven of seasonal plants, festive foods and gifts, topped off with a real open-air ice rink!

We opened the festive ice rink at the end of November to form the centrepiece of our festive offering which includes: delicious foods, wonderful gift ideas, Christmas trees,

house plants and of course the perfect Christmas outing - a visit to our popular restaurant.

Our real ice rink is open all day, almost every day until January 10th and will be completed with dramatic evening music and light shows.

We've got skate hire, ringside refreshments, indoor and outdoor viewing areas, not to mention Christmas-inspired ringside refreshments. Admission including skate hire is £7.50 for adults and £5.00 for children. Visit our website for more information at [www.beckworthemporium.co.uk](http://www.beckworthemporium.co.uk) to book tickets.



Those not taking to the rink can enjoy a feast of festive delights inside the Emporium.

We've got delicious selections of meats, cheeses, desserts, gifts and specialist hampers.

Place your pre-orders now with our award-winning butcher, Hambleton Fine Foods, for your free range Christmas turkey, or if you're opting for something a little different this year, we have a great selection of duck, chicken, beef and lamb joints.

Stop by our butcher to find out about our Christmas poultry, including Copas Turkeys, chicken and duck, Lincoln red beef and delicious local lamb joints.

Our Produce Market & Food Hall are also getting in the Christmas spirit with exquisite Christmas hampers from £19.99 to £149.99; a fantastic selection of wines and local beers; Christmas puddings; fresh homemade Mince Pies; decadent Chocolate selections and all the trimmings to make your Christmas perfect for all the family.

No visit to the Emporium is complete without taking a break in our atmospheric restaurant where we have recreated our popular Beckworth menu - offering delicious daily specials - with a festive twist. There's nowhere better to relax after completing your Christmas shop, or to catch up with friends during the winter freeze, than in one of our delightful dining areas, complete with twinkling lights, decorations and a perfect view of the skaters outside.

And as if that's not enough, if you're stuck for gifts, Beckworth Gift Vouchers are now available across the store, and can be used in all departments - even in our restaurant - so, come visit us and treat yourself and your family this Christmas!





# A FITTING TRIBUTE...

As I walked past his office window in the late afternoon, I would often hear the window catch open. As always, it would be Dad leaning over his computer to say 'hello son, nice day' with barely a glance at the sky. I knew this was the precursor to something he needed to get off his chest. After several minutes of chat about my day, the comment would be slipped in about 'how fast the hedges on the farm were growing this year'. In his later years he had mastered the art of subtlety but, to me, I knew this meant 'get the hedges cut, they look a mess!' I had just received my orders for the week.....he was an old school farmer and countryman and, to keep the fields tidy, wouldn't give any of his farming contemporaries a chance to pick fault.

I often teased him about how he seemed to be turning into his own father. During harvest time my Grandpa would arrive on the farm just before tea time, following his afternoon nap. After lighting his pipe and ambling over to 'the workforce' he would inevitably drop in a few suggestions as to how better dad and his brother might have done the day's work. They ungraciously labelled him the 'four o'clock foreman'.

When I look back over his life he was a totally larger than life character. One of his favourite pastimes was singing at the top of his voice as he drove his tractor; for some reason he thought the noise of the David Brown



Mike Westaway

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would drown out his voice so he could let rip. If you were waiting for him on the farm you could always hear him and the tractor at equal decibels announcing his imminent arrival. When relaxing he would enjoy a drink or two, whether it was holding court in a smoke filled kitchen after a day's rough shooting, or standing in the passage of the Fitzgerald Arms with a couple of his fellow farmers, he always had an opinion and sense of humour worth hearing. He loved to sneak in a little controversial comment just to wind up the temperature and the ensuing argument was always great entertainment.

Dad had a dry, wicked and self-effacing sense of humour, he could laugh at his own misfortunes as easily as he could 'extract the Michael' out of those who took themselves too seriously. No-one was immune but he rarely tolerated for long any one who felt they were important or a 'self appointed expert'. It didn't always make him popular but he had a strong sense of equality to all men and, without exception, supported the underdog. Having witnessed one or two folk getting the 'hairdryer treatment' in my younger days I knew how passionate he could get about a cause.

My thoughts go back to when I was 15 and after a wholly undistinguished education, I remember announcing to him and Mum that I was going to join

the Royal Navy. The look of horror on his face will forever be imprinted in my memory. In retaliation I reminded him of the time I had asked if I could work on the farm. He had laughed out loud and said 'you can if you want to earn 3 quid a week for the rest of your life'. He denied all knowledge of this and lectured me about getting a steady job. After 3 or 4 months, and as the date beckoned, I started to have second thoughts and suggested to Mum that I might not sign up after all, fully expecting at least his full support. She told me that I couldn't do that now because he was so proud of the fact I was joining up. He had told just about anyone and everyone who would listen that 'his boy was going into the forces!' My fate was sealed from that moment onwards. But that was him all over, what you got on the surface was rarely how he felt inside.

I could fill these pages with tales of his mishaps or uncomfortable moments that creased us up with laughter, which at the time must have been either painful or embarrassing. Like the day he straightened his legendary wavy hair when he electrocuted himself in the old dairy and was left hanging from a metal roof strut with several thousand volts coursing through him. Or the time he visited a dear old friend and first world war veteran Freddie Gamble in his nursing home, and was offered a whisky in a glass that had just been vacated by his false teeth. It was never long until he was happily relaying the incident to his friends and having a laugh about it. His wicked sense of humour was never more apparent than when anyone (particularly courting couples) had the 'cheek' to drive their cars through





a field gate for a bit of extra curricular amusement in a newly harvested field. A bit of damp straw and the wind in the right direction was always a cue for a bit of stubble burning to smoke them out.

Since he was diagnosed with prostate cancer he never, to my knowledge, felt too sorry for himself (though Mum may have a different story). He had a good and full life and certainly didn't waste a minute of it, whether it be researching the battle of Naseby, collecting photographs of the village and the people who lived in it, or preserving the memory of 'his boys' from Naseby who fought and died in the First World War. Not to mention the literally hundreds of pocket knives, antique guns and ordnance that he collected and sold over the years.

His book about the village during and between the great wars was his pride and he researched it literally to death to make sure it was as accurate as possible. In the introduction is a typical comment that sums up his bloody-mindedness. It reads 'Finally, let me say to those people who will invariably chastise me for omitting to mention someone or something 'You can mention it in your book when you write one'. I may be a bit biased but it is quite an exceptional read and reference book. His response to any suggestion of publishing it is unprintable, that wasn't his reason for doing it. To him it was about recording the information for future generations, consequently the Records Office at Northampton have the only copy outside the family.

Over his last few months my fondest

memories of him will always be the time we spent taking the 'p...' out of each other or relating the latest exploits of his grandchildren. I tried to make him laugh at least once every time I saw him and was often admonished because it actually did hurt by then.

I have had nearly seven years to prepare for this time and no matter how much I have rehearsed it in my mind my overwhelming emotion is that he was more than just the very best Dad to my brother and I, but also one of my best mates.

If you knew him, or counted yourself as one of his friends, then I hope you understand I could never do him justice in these few short lines. If you didn't, then you just missed one of Naseby's real characters. He would probably say 'Well.....you had 82 years to find out...'

Four o'clock is never going to be the same.

**Scott Westaway**

We would like to extend our thanks to all of you in the village and beyond who have expressed their heartfelt messages of condolence.

The very many cards and letters have been, and continue to be, an immense source of comfort to us all.

Many thanks.

Sally, Tim & Scott Westaway

**OTHER TRIBUTES...**

Michael Westaway laid the foundation of the archaeological knowledge of the Battle of Naseby as a result of more than twenty years' patient metal detecting work. Each find location was carefully recorded long before modern battlefield investigators began to make rules; Mike understood full well that the pattern of finds would tell its own story. To this was added his intimate knowledge and understanding of the landscape and its history. This work provided the from-the-ground evidence to put forward the locally-developed interpretation of the action of 14 June 1645 in print, making Naseby the first British battlefield to be evaluated on the basis of archaeological findings. His work will be kept alive in future investigations of the countryside in which this crucial battle of the English Civil War took place and they will maintain the high standards of integrity to which he subjected himself.

Michael was a member of the Battlefields Trust and a founder trustee of the Naseby Battlefield Project. The progress of the Project has been sustained by his steady dedication to the work and has been guided by his prudent counsel. But to many of us he was and did far more than that. He was a wise, generous and humorous friend we will miss very much indeed.

**Martin Matrix-Evans**

Mike was, as I always told him, the voice of wisdom, reason and sanity, and I knew that I could ask him anything and he would know. His knowledge on so many subjects was immense. In his study is the most beautiful photo of Sally as a very young woman, looking utterly lovely, and I told him I could see why he had fallen in love with her. I will miss him terribly.

Joan Beretta





# THE STORY OF THE LION

With the signing of the Armistice, parishioners of Naseby, in common with other towns and villages up and down the country, wished to erect a memorial to honour those men from the village who were killed during the Great War. It was with this aim that the Parish Council called a special Parish Meeting on the evening of March 28th 1919. The outcome of that packed meeting, held in the school under the mellow light of the big oil lamps, was that it was proposed and seconded that a War Memorial be obtained for Naseby and that a Naseby War Memorial Committee be appointed to proceed with the matter and report back to a future Parish Meeting.

It was not until the following June that the committee, having met several times, reported back to the Parish Meeting. Here, after much discussion, it was proposed and seconded that the parishioners of the Parish of Naseby erect a Couchant Lion as a fitting Memorial to those who had laid down their lives for King and Country and had served in any capacity in His Majesty's Service during the Great War of 1914-18.

The few dissenting voices, led by the Rev. Hopper, who had wanted a memorial in the form of a cross and who proposed that the matter be postponed until the Exhibition of Memorial Design in London had taken place, were outvoted. The meeting also considered an offer, made by the owner of Church Farm, of a piece of

land opposite the first block of four terraced houses in the High Street upon which the monument could be erected. It was agreed that the money would be raised by donations and a



**LION MEMORIAL UNVEILING ON A VERY WET MARCH DAY - 1921**

house to house collection. Some £40 had already been pledged by the end of the meeting.

It is obvious that the site of the memorial was quite an emotive issue, flavoured by more than a little of the good old Church /Chapel enmity that had a habit of creeping into village affairs. At the next meeting held on April 30th 1920, convened to decide the location of the site, a proposition was carried by 42 votes to 26 that the Memorial be erected in the churchyard, under the clock. A vote was also taken to decide if all the names of the men who had served during the war would have their names inscribed on the Memorial or only those who had lost their lives

Only ex-service men voted and the outcome was 4 in favour of and 15 against the proposition. The secretary of the committee was instructed to write to the Vicar and Churchwardens asking for permission to erect the Memorial in the churchyard. The vicar passed on the request to the

appropriate authorities in Peterborough.

From two Memoranda, written by the Chancellor A.B. Kemp now held in the Northamptonshire Record Office, it is obvious that the application was not well received. First he quoted the Bishop's Advisory Committee who had discussed the request and had arrived at the conclusion that the design was more suited for a village green than a churchyard. He then asked for more information as

to why such an unsuitable design had been chosen. With this, and confirmation that the Naseby Memorial Committee still wished to pursue their request, he wrote to the Registrar, a Mr Flude:

15th July.

Dear Mr Flude,

*I have decreed citation - I leave London for the West of England (Lyme Regis) on July 29th for two months. As I have had no holiday for a year I can not break into it by coming from Lyme Regis to the Diocese in the middle of it, especially as the matter is not a pressing one. I shall not able to hold a court until the end of September as it will be necessary for me to hold the Court at Naseby, as I ought to see the Churchyard. I can not at the*





moment say what the fees will be but will look into it and let you know later.

Yours very truly. A.B. Kemp.



At a meeting held on 30th July 1920, the Vicar read out the reply from Peterborough. This prompted a proposition that the Committee wait until after the Court was held. The Rev. Hopper proposed, as an amendment

which was seconded by Mr. Halford, that the Memorial be erected on the green opposite Mr Heard's house at the junction of School Lane and Church Street. The amendment was carried. The secretary was instructed to write to Brixworth District Council for the necessary permission. Was it the mention of the fees, which would have been quite considerable, or the fact that he was not keen on having to entertain the Chancellor for a day that prompted the Vicar to propose the amendment, we will never know.

The company of J. C. Pullen and Sons, Monumental Masons, Bridge Street Northampton, were commissioned to design and erect the Memorial which is believed to have cost £225. The unveiling ceremony was carried out by General Lord Horn in the pouring rain on Sunday 6th March 1921.

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*This will sadly be the last of these wonderful insights into Naseby gone-by that have so kindly been supplied to us each issue by the late Mike Westaway. Although I only met Mike just the once, at one of the open days for the proposed Battlefield & Civil War Museum, I could tell he was a remarkable character. Apparently he always got embarrassed about people praising his articles, but he felt everyone should know about the history of the village. On my way to his funeral I drove up the hill from Market Harborough towards Naseby and saw that the flags at the viewing platforms were at half mast, which made me smile. I thought it was an honourable touch for an honourable man. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with his family - ed)*

## A BIT OF FUN!

### THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS - REVISED POLICY -

Effective immediately, the following economizing measures are being implemented in the "Twelve Days of Christmas" subsidiary:

- **The Partridge** will be retained, but the **Pear Tree**, which never produced the cash crop forecasted, will be replaced by a plastic hanging plant, providing considerable savings in maintenance.
- **2 Turtle Doves** romance during working hours could not be condoned. The positions are, therefore, eliminated.
- The **3 French Hens** will remain, after all, everyone loves the French.
- **4 Calling Birds** will be replaced by an automated voice mail system, with a call waiting option. An analysis is underway to determine who the birds have been calling, how often and how long they talked.

- The **5 Gold Rings** have been put on hold by the Board of Directors. Maintaining a portfolio based on one commodity could have negative implications for institutional investors. Diversification into other precious metals and high technology stocks are being looked into.
- The **6 Geese-a-Laying** constitutes a luxury which can no longer be afforded. It has long been felt that the production rate of one egg per goose per day was an example of the general decline in productivity.
- The **7 Swans-a-Swimming** is obviously a number chosen in better times. The function is primarily decorative therefore mechanical swans are on order.
- **8 Maids-a-Milking** has been under heavy scrutiny by the EEC. A male/female balance in the workforce is being sought. The more militant maids consider this a dead-end job with

no upward mobility.

- **9 Ladies Dancing** has always been an odd number. This function will be phased out as these individuals grow older and can no longer do the steps.
- **10 Lords-a-Leaping** is overkill. The high cost of Lords, plus the expenses scandal, international air travel, prompted the Compensation Committee to suggest replacing this group with ten out-of-work ministers. While leaping ability may be somewhat sacrificed, the savings are significant as we expect an oversupply of unemployed ministers this year.
- **11 Pipers Piping** and **12 Drummers Drumming** is a simple case of the band getting too big. A substitution with an iPod, a cutback on new music, and no uniforms, will produce savings which will drop right to the bottom line.

Merry Christmas one and all!

AJ Green





# DOUBLE TAKE! Naseby twins appear in television documentary

Recently a whirlwind blew into my kitchen, stayed a couple of hours and then blew straight back out again. I had met the Gould twins, Cherise and Danielle, and I felt quite giddy just from being in their presence for that short period of time!

Naseby residents Cherise and Danielle recently took part in a television documentary 'The Secret Life of Twins', aired on BBC1 on the 30th of September.

The documentary has followed a study of 520 twins from across the country which aims to discover if epigenetics (the study of how the environment may modify our genes) could hold the key to understanding why some chance life events might switch on or off the genetic predispositions that we are dealt with at birth.

Cherise and Danielle, now 20, have been involved in the study since the age of 16 and have undergone many psychological and medical tests in order to help 'The Adult Twin Register' campaign with their research.

They participate about three times a year at St Thomas' Hospital in London with tests such as bone density, blood, personality profiling, strength etc. The research conducted to date has already led to breakthroughs in the understanding of conditions such as osteoporosis and diabetes.

Cherise and Danielle have a long family history within the village since their Great Grandfather moved to Naseby during the war. They now live with their parents in Nutcote, where they are

known as Droid and Zoid!!!!

After attending Guilsborough School, the girls were split up for the first time when Cherise decided to continue into the 6th form while Danielle chose to attend college in Northampton. Cherise

and Danielle do seem to have a very unique relationship. Apart from finishing each other's sentences frequently, they also talk in unison often and then transgress into a debate about things. Hilarious to watch, not so easy to interview!



now works at a dental nurse in Market Harborough and Danielle is in her final year at Swansea University.

You may have met the girls as they have both worked in the Fitz in the past, they have also served time at Naseby HQ where Cherise currently does a regular Saturday afternoon stint.

Despite now living nearly 200 miles apart during term times, they talk to either other every day without fail on the phone (fortunately they have unlimited minutes to each other built into their mobile phone contracts!!!).

**INTERVIEWERS NOTE:** I hope this interview is a transcript of who said what, but this is very unlikely! Cherise

### Is there a history of twins in your family?

**Danielle:** No, not at all we were the first. In fact our parents thought we were going to be a single boy for most of the pregnancy. I am hoping we are the start of a twins line and that I will go onto have twins.

**Cherise:** and I want triplets!

### So, the obvious question ... Just how alike and tuned into each other are you?

**Danielle:** We both

**Cherise:** do finish each other's sentences, and we both do like to laugh a lot.

*(Interviewers note: I don't think they have stopped chuckling since they arrived, hence feeling quite giddy myself already.)*

**B:** When we were born at Northampton hospital the doctors told us we were not identical, then the doctors at St Thomas' later found us to be so. The personality profiling of the study also found us to have very similar traits.

**Danielle:** We can pick out many obvious differences though, certain characteristics such as the fact that I am very laid back,

**Cherise:** and I am definitely not.

**Danielle:** When we were younger we used to have our own 'special' language





that we had just completely made up.

**Cherise:** We even amazed ourselves this year when we both picked out our Mum the exact same Mothers Day card, even though I had bought mine in Market Harborough and Danielle had bought hers in Swansea!

**Danielle:** We have both picked out the same clothes previously when we have been on different shopping trips.

**Cherise:** We very rarely argue, although we do bicker quite a bit (Interviewers note, yes girls you do, he he), oh and Danielle is a real Daddy's girl.

**Danielle:** Ultimately being part of a twin to me means never feeling completely alone in life, even when we are apart.

**So, we have established how similar you are, what differentiates you?**

**Cherise:** I love writing lists and I am very organised,

**Danielle:** and I am not at all organised. In fact I get really annoyed by lists!

*(Interviewers note : This was immediately apparent!!! Cherise arrived with loads of photos, newspaper clippings and details of their television appearance. Danielle has copies too, somewhere ... in her bedroom, she thinks!)*

**Cherise:** Oh and the messiness. We used to share a bedroom and Danielle was so messy I had to put a line of cushions down the middle drawing an exact line.

**Danielle:** Although I am a lot tidier now. If we fall out, Cherise holds a grudge whilst I

forget straight away.

**Cherise:** Well that is as maybe but I can concentrate a lot more.

**Have you ever done the obvious twins trick on people?**

**Both:** Not really, well, maybe once at Brownies but we could and should have done it a lot more.

**Danielle:** Remember Cherise when you were very ill in hospital and I came to visit you. The Nursing Sister was amazed to see me walking out of the ward and thought you had made a miraculous recovery! She shouted at me to get back into bed again immediately.

**Do you enjoy spending lots of time together?**

**Both:** We spend loads of our spare time together.

**Cherise:** When Danielle is home from uni, she automatically expects me to clear my diary!

**Danielle:** We love going on shopping trips together, seeing friends, day trips etc.

**Both:** and of course we always go on holiday together, in fact we are planning a trip together to America for our 21st, just the two of us. *(Interviewer makes a mental note to give The*

*Department of Homeland Security a little warning.)*

**Are you both attracted to the same friends and boyfriends?**

**Both:** We do share a lot of our friends although it was nice when we went to different 6th forms and could be seen as individuals and build up individual friendships.

**Danielle:** Regarding boys, well we both like rugby players.

**Both:** Yet we are attracted to different personality traits.

**Both:** and we both agree that if our boyfriends don't get on with the other twin, they are history!

**So has there ever been any competition on the boyfriend front?**

**Danielle:** Well there was one incident. I met somebody at college, we both really liked him but Cherise ended up dating him, I wondered what she had got that I didn't. It didn't work out in the end though.

**Cherise:** Yes, if I spent time together with him alone at the week-ends Danielle used to get very jealous.

**Danielle:** No not true, well ok, just slightly annoyed.

**Any negatives to being part of twins?**

**Both:** It can be annoying to constantly be referred to as 'the twins'. Sometimes Christmas cards addressed to 'Geoff, Jo and The Twins' can seem a little impersonal.

**So, erm, just a general interest question ...What is it REALLY like to work for Henry at Naseby HQ?**

**Cherise:** Hilarious, he is not very assertive and can't tell me off as he knows I will just laugh. He is really good fun, always happy.

**Danielle:** Yes he is never boring. In fact sorry, but there is nothing bad we can say about him.

**Sally Field**

**Interviewer:** Thank you girls for your time, it was a real pleasure to meet you both. x

Further details of the study the twins participated in can be found at [www.twinsuk.ac.uk](http://www.twinsuk.ac.uk)



**INTERESTING FACT**  
Did you know, there are 5 sets of twins in Naseby, all of which are identical!





# A Chat with...

David Faulks was born in 1945 and was like many other boys of the same age. He went to Sunday school, his parents took him to church every Sunday and he sang in the church choir. Then he discovered rugby football and girls and stopped going to church!



Revd. David Faulks

After leaving school I went to Leicester University and read zoology. After finals I was offered the position of Museum Curator at the university and stayed there until I realised that I could earn more money elsewhere. I went into insurance, initially working for someone else and then setting up my own insurance company. Eventually I left the insurance business and set up a manufacturing business; we made windows. I was working seven days a week. In the meantime I had married Ann and although I still wasn't attending church she was.

## So when did you know you wanted to become a vicar?

It crept up on me, I was driving to work one Sunday morning, I passed the church in Knighton and saw lots of people going into the church. I thought to myself 'why am I going to work whilst all those people are going to church?' The following Sunday I didn't go to work I went to church with Ann. I guess you could say it was

my 'Damascus Road' moment. Sometime later I applied to Nottingham University to do a Theology and Pastoral Care degree.

## So what happened next?

By this time my family had moved to Australia and I applied for a job in Perth working in Marriage Guidance. I thought that this was what I wanted to do but I ended up asking God if I was making the right

decision as it meant leaving all of Ann's family behind. On the day that the short listing was being done for the Perth job, my answer came in a phone call from the Bishop of Leicester who asked me to go and visit the vicar of Market Harborough; he needed a curate. It felt the right thing to do from the very start. The vicar had also come to the church at the age of 40 and he had a manufacturing background, I said 'yes please' and have never regretted it. I spent 4 years there before moving to Wootton Bassett where I spent nearly 3 years. My next move was to Naseby, Clipston, Haselbech and Kelmash and I'm still here. I'd always been a townie and wasn't sure what to do with a rural parish but I was soon doing it my way. I used to door knock around the parish just to chat to people but nowadays I ring first, a sign of the times I guess. Sometimes I think I should have moved on but I get great joy from watching babies I have baptized become adults, marry and then bring their babies back to me for their

baptism.

## There have been two deaths in my family during these last twelve months and it makes me wonder how you deal with the sadness that death brings to your door.

I have to be professional about it as I can't carry my parishioners' sadness on my shoulders. In the case of a child it's best just to sit quietly and listen as I have no answers that would help. If it's an adult, particularly one of great age, it is so much easier to deal with; I hope I bring a glimmer of light to the tragedy. I used to be able to give people a comforting hug but now...Also at the end of each day I pray for the strength I need to help people through this very sad time. I have actually conducted a family funeral when my step father-in-law passed away but I know that when it came to my father dying I was not able to have the objectivity needed, I just mourned his death like anyone else.

## As part of your job you are also on the Governing bodies of Naseby and Clipston school, is that a part of the job that you enjoy?

Spending time with the children is a very rewarding part of my work; they ask such difficult questions and are fascinated by death and dying. For a long time I haven't been as active in this area as I like to be; I had M.E. and a heart attack and the Bishop suggested I cut back on all the committees and extra curricular activities but I'm beginning to feel like myself again and I'm now back doing assemblies, I try and get into each school four times a term. I hope to resume attending Governors' meeting as well.







## Can we talk about your own family?

Well I'm married to Ann and we have two daughters Maria and Rachel and four grandchildren William, Matthew, Natalie and Rebecca. Our grandchildren give Ann and me so much joy. Not only did I baptise my grandchildren which was a privilege and very, very special, previously I had conducted my daughters' wedding ceremonies. As Dad, I walked them down the aisle and then I changed places and became the vicar.

## That must have been quite difficult.

Not at all, it was just a question of geography, and where you stand for the ceremony.

## What about retirement?

I'm 64 and the recommended age for official retirement is 70; some vicars continue for longer but they do need the permission of their Bishop. I don't think I will ever fully retire. As a clergyman I can get an annual licence to officiate and then I can be a 'supply' vicar standing in for absences, illnesses etc. It means I can pick and choose how much work I want to do; it means I could choose not to do midnight mass; it means no paperwork, sounds good to me.

## So sum up what it means to you to be rural vicar.

It means I share in the most joyous and happiest times of people's lives and also the saddest times of people's lives. And believe me the advantages of this job far outweigh the disadvantages.

Pat Reedman

# ANTICS AT THE PLAYGROUND

I usually have really fun pieces to write for our Natters Magazine, and so, when the editor asked me to do a piece about the abuse and desecration of the children's playground at the village hall I was, to say the least, horrified and shocked by what I discovered could have taken place in our peaceful village of Naseby!

I thought long and hard and decided that the only way to tackle the problem was "head-on" and so I begin by asking all of the parents of teenagers in the village *"Do you really know what they are up to, whilst you, relaxing at home, think they are just out and about with friends?"*

It would appear that the playground became a "hot-spot" meeting place over the summer both for the older youth of the village and their friends from the surrounding area.

Not a problem I hear you say, but when, as I did, you find that they are not only drinking, smoking and getting up to all the usual pranks which, let's face it, we've all done in our youth, they have found time to scoop up dog poo and smear it all down the kiddies slide, break bottles in the grass area to such an extent that it was almost impossible to clear up. Parents came to the park the following day with their little ones to play on the swings and slide but simply had to turn around and go back home again as it was so unbelievably dangerous. The Parish Council tried to clear it up themselves after it had been reported but there was such tiny shards of glass everywhere 4 children who were visiting the village cut themselves as well as the editors little boy. The Parish Council had to resort to instructing the council to come with an industrial Hoover to get rid of all the broken glass to make it safe again.

A mattress was also found behind the hall, not to mention an array of used condoms, presumably associated with the antics on the mattress!

This is a children's playground, not a latrine for the village dogs, and the spreading of the excrement is not only particularly horrible it does run a real risk to health, not to mention blindness associated with the toxocara worm. Small children get the mess on their clothes and their hands and before you know it it's in their eyes and mouths. The dangers of broken glass are really quite obvious to anyone. And used mattresses and condoms...well need I say more!

The police have been informed and the names of some of the perpetrators are known both to the district council and the police, so be warned, serious action will be taken if such behaviour continues. We will even name and shame in Natters, for the entire village to read, both the youngsters and their parents if these horrendous going's on do not stop! There is even a rumour of the Parish Council considering installing CCTV, which will, of course, eat heavily into the funds for the hall, which we all work so hard to generate.

The children's playground is for young children...please make sure that your older children respect the value of it for the little ones of the village and that, God forbid, as an adult you let your dog go in it (which incidentally you shouldn't) you at least have the decency to clear up any mess it may make!

I hope that you are as shocked as I was, when I researched this article and it will cause all the parents in the village to think very carefully about where their teenagers are of an evening and just what they are up to!

Sue Turner





# ALL IN A DAYS WORK!

**Name:** Father Christmas (aka: Santa Claus, aka: St Nicholas, or 'Mr FC' to my Home boyz!)

**Age:** 400 years and counting!

**Marital status:** Married to Mrs Christmas (and how!)

**Location:** Lapland and occasionally Greenland

**Job Title:** Delivery Boy and Chief Granter of Wishes

**Objective:** To ensure all the children of the world behave (or at least during December!)

**Hobbies:** Bossing Elves about/Sneaking up on Children to make sure they are good...you have been warned!

**Qualifications:** Never went to school but speaks in every language known to man and answer to a name in every language! i.e "Papa Noel"

**Overview:** Officially only works one night a year, although there is a lot of planning and preparation to do so shows great organisational skills. Happy in any environment and especially good in cold weather. Excellent communication skills "Ho Ho Ho", and fantastically stylish! Very good with children and animals and an expert reindeer trainer.

**So what is it really like being Father Christmas?**

Well, of course I only work one day a year, what a perfect job, and normally it goes really rather swimmingly, but



Christmas 2008 was one of the odd occasions when things did not go so well, and frankly I would now rather forget that particular year!

### So what happened?

Well, it all started at 12.00am midnight on Christmas Eve. A loud ringing in my ear disturbed my slumbers and dreams of large soft downy beds, making me splutter and jump up with a rather severe headache (Mrs Christmas had served a

particularly good Sherry trifle the night before!).

Through my somewhat hazy vision I tried desperately for some minutes to shove my feet into the furry extremities of the tabby cat curled up on the mat by the bed, only to be thwarted by some extremely sharp claws.

Eventually finding my slippers and struggling to the bathroom I showered, cleaned my teeth and lumbered back into the bedroom, where that bed just was so inviting I laid down on it again,



for just a few minutes you understand...

Awakened once more by a sharp prod in the back by Mrs Christmas I looked at the clock to discover, to my horror it was almost 1.00am!!! Crikey, I should be half way to China by now, however was I going to catch up?

### So what did you do????

Well, I grabbed my best (and only) suit, you know that smart red one with the ermine lining (Christian Dior it 'aint - but cosy it is!). Hooded, of course, to keep out the cold, I bet you never thought of Father Christmas as a "hoody" did you?

Having tried to get both legs in one trouser leg I fell down the stairs with a resounding bump until I landed heavily on the reindeer sleeping at the bottom of the stairs. Well a nice soft landing for me and it certainly woke them up!

I hurried out, chivvying all of them along and harnessed them to the sleigh, which, thankfully the elves (did I tell you I had hundreds of elves working for me all year, which is why I don't have to!) had loaded up with all the presents for all the children in all the world.

Fiddlesticks, Rudolph's battery needed changing as his nose was more a glimmer than a glow and quite useless as headlights as I zoomed across the sky. Rushing back indoors to find a PP3 I tripped over the pile of sleeping elves and landed face down in the left over trifle. I jumped up and wiped all the sweet stuff off of my suit (leaving just a smidgen in my beard in case I should





get hungry later on!) and grabbing a battery ran back to the sleigh and the reindeer, changed Rudolph's battery and set off!

### So where did you deliver the first presents to?

The first house I came to was in Russia and it had a very small chimney, so by the time I had wriggled my already 'substantial frame' down it I was covered in soot which had stuck, not unsurprisingly to the left over trifle in my beard, so much for a mid-trek snack! Anyway I delivered my parcels downed a glass of sherry and ate the mince pie which was thoughtfully left for me.

Suffice it to say that by the time I had visited all the houses and completed the same ritual across all the continents of Scandinavia, Asia, America, Australia, Europe, etc, etc. I was a 'little' tipsy and a lot full up!!! Eventually I reached the last house of the night and dropped the presents for the **GOOD** boys and girls living there. Nursing a severe case of hiccups and terrible indigestion, I got back in the sleigh and with a rather meandering route we all arrived safely back in Greenland.

And there was my lovely downy, comfy bed waiting for me, Mrs Christmas still fast asleep and snoring loudly rolled over to let me get in, clothes and all,

tired but now happy that I had managed to complete my once a year mission. (I just know she will shout at me for all the soot and goo I've now put in the bed, but after all she has got another whole year to get it washed - or will that be me doing the laundry do you think?) ...anyway "A Merry Christmas to All and to All a Goodnight"

This year I shall consider using Royal Mail - if they're not on strike!

(Sue Turner)

**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 Naseby Battlefield Project:



The Naseby Battlefield Trail has grown in the last twelve months, the most notable addition being the opening of the Market Harborough Civil War Trail. This provides six new interpretation boards. Sites of importance - where Prince Rupert stayed the night before the battle and where Cromwell was the night after, for example - link up with the battle story at Bloodyman's Ford, in Welland Park.

The visitors to the Trail are now numbered at about 12,000 per annum, an increase of over 20% on last year.

**The Living History Visitor Centre:** A grant has been received to fund work on the preparation of a planning application for the visitor facility that the Project's trustees plan to create on the southern slope of Mill Hill. The work has been undertaken by Attract Marketing Ltd. and their associates, the people who carried out the feasibility studies in 2008. Consultations and surveys are in hand to support the

application which, it is hoped, will be in final form and ready for wider discussion by the end of this year.

**Visit to Lodge Park Technology College, Corby:** Martin Marix Evans spent a day with members of the English Civil War Society at a secondary school in Corby in October. The Year 8 students were given a PowerPoint presentation on the Naseby Campaign and Battle, and were shown muskets and artillery drills and firing, as well as the work of a sutler and a barber-surgeon. This was part of the school's teaching for History Key Stage 3.

**All Party War Graves and Battlefield Heritage Group:** The Naseby Battlefield Project was invited to attend the October meeting of the Parliamentary Group interested in this aspect of our national heritage. Other topics examined at the meeting were the discovery of the bodies of Australian dead of the First World War at Fromelles and new commemorative works at Worcester. This recognition of, and interest in, the creation of effective access to the history of the English Civil

War, and of Naseby in particular, is welcome. With luck it will help our efforts to raise the funds required to realise the dream.

**The Audio Trail:** In August the Audio Trail became available on the website, [www.naseby.com](http://www.naseby.com). From a link on the home page visitors can go to a description of the 'Learning Links' project that made the sound tracks, and then download the tracks themselves. The scripts were written by students of Abbeyfield School, Northampton and recorded by them, with Robert Hardy reading the narrative, at the Lodge Studios in Abington Square. Ten tracks allow the visitor to become an 'ear-witness' to the battle at selected sites on the trail.

**The Trustees:** We are pleased to welcome Pauline Vann of Naseby to the board of Trustees of the Project. She will, in addition to contributing to our council, lower the average age of the trustees and keep us in touch with the children of the village.

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





# SEE THE STARS...FROM NASEBY!

No, not the great Irish racehorse, nor the "X-Factor"...but what real stars in the sky can you see from Naseby? We all notice there are stars in the sky but how many of us actually look and understand what's going on up there? Stars are dying, being born, speeding through space within their galaxies, being crushed by gravity and heated by nuclear fusion- it's an astronomical melodrama every night...AND...it's been going on for millennia!

Many of us just take the stars for granted. They're up there, they shine, so what? Are you aware that our Sun is, in fact, a star - a rather boring, middle-of-the-road one, but a star, nevertheless? When you look into the sky you are looking back into history. The light from one of the nearest stars, Sirius, takes about 8 years to reach us on Earth, so we see it as it was 8 years ago, just after the turn of the century - 2001. Even the light from the Sun takes over eight minutes to get here, so you see it as it was just over eight minutes ago. Find the constellation, Orion, roughly high in the South - we'll show you how to find it - and you will find the top left red star, Betelgeuse looks now as it was around 1580 (Elizabeth I and about eight years before the Spanish Armada) and at the bottom right, Rigel, as it was around 1230 (Henry III was halfway through his reign).

Maybe they're not there anymore - we don't know!

This series of four articles in Natters over the next year, aims to show you the main features of our Naseby sky, starting now, in Winter and then looking at the Spring, Summer and

Autumn. Somebody suggested I did these, so I hope you enjoy them. -This could be the start of a pleasant hobby and maybe, if you have them, your teenage kids will be studying all this in school, so be one jump ahead!

First things, first. In the next few pages I'll show you how simple it is to find your way around the sky with only simple equipment. The rewards are great, so it's worth gathering a few bits and pieces together, so that when a nice, clear, late evening comes around, you can pop outside prepared. What do you need? Apart from just your eyes, a good pair of binoculars (like 10x50) is usually all you need to get a good view of some key astronomical objects. Apart from that, you need to wrap up because it's cold at 11.00pm and, you need to know where North is - compass, local map? If you are going to use a star guide, or even this article in the dark, use a small torch and cover the end with a bit of red cellophane from a Xmas chocolate wrapper. This will stop your night vision being lost in the brightness of the bulb. It takes about ten minutes for your eyes to get used to the dark, so it's a pity to waste all that effort when you switch on the torch! Your garden is probably going to provide a decent view of much of the sky but later on, you may wish to venture further out along Naseby's country approach roads in search of clearer views, especially lower to the horizon. If you do this, remember to wear white at night so you can be seen and take care not to clutter or litter any field entrances. Good views from West around to the South East are from the Gainsborough road, to the North (and East), along the Sibbertoft road and, to

the East, along the road to Haselbech. (Should you be tempted to view the sky in the daytime, remember, never, never, never look at the Sun through binoculars or a telescope - you could lose your sight permanently.)

So what's up there that we can see over New Year? The sky changes all year round so I've decided to describe the sky as it is roughly on January 1st (about 10pm -11pm) even though you got your "Natters" in December! If you look earlier, the stars will be a bit to the left (East) on the chart, or if a bit later in the month, more to the right (West). You'll get the hang of it! I shan't describe everything - just a few interesting things to start with. There are good cheap books around to take it further or some newspapers have star and planet maps for each month, too.

In the winter, there are lots of interesting stars but the planet Mars is a real hit feature this time around. Also, try to find the huge Andromeda Galaxy - the furthest away object it is possible to see with the naked eye at 2.5 million light-years. This is 15 million million miles! If you had this much money in pounds, you could spend 60 million million pounds every day of your life! The map and guide will show you how to find these.

In this article, I'll try to familiarise you with the common winter stars and groups of stars (Constellations), locate Mars and the Andromeda Galaxy and discuss a little bit about the life of stars. Next time, we'll have a look at spring stars and galaxies, then the summer stars and the planets and then finally, for the autumn, cosmology and theories of the universe.



Here's a Table of the common winter constellations and their principal stars, together with their distances away in light-years (l-y) - one light-year is about 6 million million miles. It is how far light goes in a year.

(M in the chart stands for Messier - a catalogue of sky features.)

dust and gas over a wide area of space creating what may be called a Nebula. Then the whole process starts over again. The stars we have listed can be easily seen, as can their colours. They are all in the Milky Way Galaxy, which is where we live and where our Sun and our planets are. The Andromeda

Galaxy is outside the Milky Way and has its own sets of constellations and stars. There are billions of galaxies in the Universe.

**SOME FEATURES OF THE STAR MAP FOR JANUARY 2010:**

Hold the below sky-map in front of you with the bottom facing South. (You can get a better download version free, from: [www.skymaps.com](http://www.skymaps.com))

If you hold the map up so that North is behind you and South directly in front, you will be able to find the main constellations fairly easily, with a little patience - it may be a bit frustrating at first! Try to spot Orion first - it is like a person (no head) with arms and legs spread out, a "belt" and a bright line hanging from the "belt". Betelgeuse is the top left red star and Rigel, the bottom right, blue-white super-giant star. Follow the belt down to the left and you will see the bright star Sirius,

CONSTELLATION	MAIN STAR/COLOUR	STAR DISTANCE /L-Y
Orion	Betelgeuse (red giant)	430
	Rigel (blue-white s'giant)	780
Taurus	Aldebaran	65
Perseus	Algol (variable)	95
(Plough)+ North star	Pole Star/North Star	700
Gemini	Castor (double star)	45
	Pollux (orange giant)	36
Canis Major	Sirius	8
Auriga	Capella (yellow)	42
Cygnus	Deneb (blue-wh supergiant)	3230
<b>OTHER THAN STARS:-</b>		
Pegasus/Andromeda	Andromeda Galaxy (M31)	2.5 million
Orion	Great Nebula (M42)	1300

Stars are forming all the time. They arise from dust and gas clouds gathering closely together under the influence of gravity. The forces are so great that the Hydrogen atoms begin to be squashed together, fusing into heavier elements, mainly Helium and giving off huge energies. (That is what happens in a Hydrogen bomb.) The stars then live for a while (in the case of our Sun about 10 billion years - it is about 5 billion years old, so far), the hotter ones having shorter lives and the cooler ones, longer. The colours of the stars tell us about their temperatures, so the blue white stars are hottest (24000 degrees) and the red ones coolest. The Sun is around 5000 degrees at its surface and is yellow. As the Hydrogen is used up, the star cools and it may collapse (if small) or expand to a red giant or even explode (supernova) spreading more





separate from Orion. This is one of our nearest neighbour stars and is very bright. Go the other way from the belt and up a bit and you will see two "horns" of Taurus (the Bull) just to the upper right of Orion. The big red star here is Aldebaran – the Eye of the Bull. Further up right again and you will find the patch of seven bright stars close together called the Seven Sisters or Pleiades, a great sight in binoculars and an area of star formation. Right above you is Capella (in Auriga) – a bright yellow star.

Top left of Orion is Gemini (the Twins) and at the left hand end you will see two bright stars, one above the other – these are Castor (the upper one) and Pollux. Mars is near here in January 2010. Mars is to the left (East) of Gemini (about 45 degrees high up) at the start of Jan and moves on a line towards the South (bottom of chart)

through the month. See if you can spot a constant – not twinkling red light, like a star (but not one), moving that way over January – this is Mars – the Red Planet. It is about 150 million miles distant.

Most of us will recognise The Plough (Big Dipper as the Americans say). Its Pointer stars, at this end of the Plough, in the North-East (back over your left shoulder!) point to the North (or Pole) Star which indicates North. If you turn around and look directly at this star you will be facing North.

Remaining looking North, then find the "W" - Cassiopeia. At this end, the last three stars make a point of an arrow, pointing up. Follow this to the West - originally over your right shoulder, but now slightly to your lower left in the sky and you will find a large square with a string of stars going off from its upper right side. Count two stars away

from Pegasus' top right corner star, move your eyes down a tiny bit from that star line and you will see a fuzzy patch which is the Andromeda galaxy! Good in binocs as soon as you are sure you have it! You need good viewing conditions and your eyes used to the dark to see this at all but it is amazing.

Now look South again, finding Orion and move down the line of stars from the left hand end of the belt. Use the binocs and you will see a fuzzy patch – not a galaxy this time but an area of dust and gas called the Orion Nebula where stars are being formed from dust and where, maybe, stars have previously exploded to create that dust. Go on the Web and search for Orion Nebula, Andromeda Galaxy, Mars and see what you can find!

I hope you enjoy your stargazing!

**Peter Sainsbury**

**LUCY & JESSICA ASK...**

*"Can we talk to Stan Barton about his childhood?"*

**Will you tell us when you were born?**

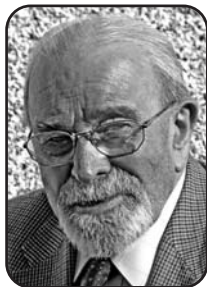
I was born on 23rd May 1926, I had my 83rd birthday this year.

**Where were you born?**

I was born in Holkham in Norfolk. My father worked as a gardener at Holkham Hall.

**What can you remember about your childhood?**

My father was very strict and he didn't believe in wasting time so he encouraged my two sisters, two brothers and me to spend our time learning rather than playing. We didn't have many toys but we played football and cricket, went out into the fields to



play with our friends and I remember I had a small tricycle. I was still very young when my father moved us all to New Holkham which was two miles inland. There wasn't a school in New Holkham and so one of the estate workers would collect us in the 'game wagon' and take us back to Old Holkham. As the youngest I was always called the 'Benjamin', I think this was a reference to Benjamin in the Bible the youngest brother of Joseph. I

also remember I used to get 3d a week pocket money.

**How old were you when you went to school?**

I think I started school just before my 5th birthday.

**What else did you do?**

We moved to Hingham when I was 7 and when I was 9 I joined the church

choir; St. Andrews was the second largest parish church in the county. I enjoyed singing and was told I had a very good voice. We used to get paid 3d for each of the Sunday services, 2d for choir practice and 2/6d for weddings and funerals. When I went to senior school I joined the football team; I played in the first team for four years.

**Did you go on holiday?**

Yes, we used to go two or three times a year to visit my aunt in Worcestershire. She was a Head Mistress and she was very strict; sometimes she was even stricter than my father. I didn't have an unhappy childhood but I think it was lacking something and I was pleased when it came to an end.

**When you were a little boy what did you eat?**

When I was a child a lot of people were very hard up and big families were the norm. I remember some families having 10, 12 and in one case 18





## OH CHRISTMAS TREE, OH CHRISTMAS TREE...

Why travel a long distance when you can choose and buy your Christmas trees and wreaths locally and at the same time have a look around the shop (this year extended to carry even more gifts and Christmas goods) and pet the animals (donkeys, ponies, goats, alpacas and possibly pigs). Will Miles of Welford Christmas Tree Farm is once again opening for business. This year the farm will open every day from 28th November until Christmas Eve.



**Will Miles  
Welford Christmas  
Tree Farm**

In 2009 Will and his wife Ella have added even more trees to their already substantial acreage, this in turn means increasing the number of their rare breed Shropshire sheep who are given the task of keeping the grass around the trees cropped. By using their Shropshire sheep to keep the grass down, Will and Ella are able to reduce the amount of herbicides used as the 'white & fluffy, green weed killers' will munch virtually everything except the thistles.

During 2009 Will reached the final 32

in the British Christmas Tree Growers Association Champion Growers Competition. The winner provides the official Christmas tree for 10, Downing Street. Alongside the tree competition runs another one to provide the wreath to decorate the front door of No.10, and Ella decided to enter this category. Although neither Will nor Ella managed to win (this was their first attempt after all!) they gained valuable experience and understanding of what the judges were looking for; just by examining the other entries they hope that next year it might be their tree and wreath adorning the Prime Minister's London home. Even though Will's tree didn't win it had still received a lot of TLC. As Will told me "for a competition like this a tree needs about 10 years of growth, it needs regular pruning to achieve a good Christmas tree shape

and we also have to deal with the rabbits & aphids".

So before you buy your tree, make your way to the farm and take a look at what is on offer there, you'll be pleased you did, especially if Will has remembered to put out the mulled wine and mince pies!

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children and they found it very difficult to feed such a lot of people. I was lucky; with my father working on big estates there were always a lot of rabbits, pheasants, chickens, geese, ducks and fresh veg available for my mother to cook. She made lots of pies and cakes. I didn't have many sweets but I remember enjoying gob-stoppers.



We may not have had a lot but we were always satisfied with what we had.

### **Did you have any pets?**

As well as all the animals on the estate I had a large ginger cat called Sandy and when I was older a dog called Susie.

### **How old were you when you left school?**

I was 14, which was the normal leaving age in

1940. I started work as an apprentice baker. But my father decided that because of the war we should move to the Midlands; he was offered the job of Head Gardener at Haselbech Hall and we moved on October 16th.

### **When did you move to Naseby?**

Not until after I married Eunice in June 1950, we were married for 47 years.

**Lucy & Jessica**





# Recipe Corner

## TURKEY TETRAZZINI

Easy recipe for left over turkey!

Serves 4

- 50g butter
- 2 tbs flour
- 250ml hot chicken stock
- Tabasco sauce
- 1 egg yolk lightly beaten
- 1 tbs dry sherry
- 3 tbs sgl cream
- 300g diced cooked turkey
- 200g chestnut mushrooms sliced & fried in a little butter
- 200g spaghetti, cooked
- 4 tbs grated Parmesan

Make the white sauce by melting the butter in a pan. Stir in the flour and gradually whisk in the stock until the sauce is smooth. Add a few drops of Tabasco (to taste) and whisk in the egg yolk, sherry and cream. Stir in the turkey and mushrooms. Layer the spaghetti with the sauce in an ovenproof dish, sprinkle with Parmesan and grill (or bake) until brown. Serve and enjoy!

*Sue Turner*

If you have a recipe you would like to share - send it in!

## OPENING TIMES



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## THE GYM ACADEMY

You may still be wondering what the new business is that sprung up at the old Westaway Motors site earlier in the year. Well, we thought we would find out for you - just incase you haven't been brave enough to pop in...

### So what's the Gym Academy all about?

My background spans almost 20 years in the health and Leisure industry. I spent 13 extremely enjoyable years within the health and Fitness Clubs, starting my career as a Gym Instructor and working my way up to Club Manager in a variety of different establishments ranging from public sector to hotel Leisure clubs. The work that I found most fulfilling was working with people to help them weight loss, tone up, increase there fitness levels and reach their strength goals. I also worked with rehabilitation clients recovering from a variety of conditions.

There is an old saying "Your health is your greatest wealth" and that is what I live by.

Being fitter enables the body's vital organs to function more effectively. I believe exercise is the key to a greater enjoyment of life. It is both a great stress reliever, a lifter of depression and there is nothing better than exercising to help speed up and assist recovery.

In 2001 I embarked on a role with a Company called Life Fitness as an account manager. Life Fitness is the worlds No.1 designer and manufacturer of Exercise equipment. They are based in the US and have subsidiaries around the world. Life Fitness supply the

majority of top health club chains within the UK. For 6 years I enjoyed a job which took me all over the Country with occasional days in Europe, designing and installing gymnasiums in some of the top health club chains and hotels.



[www.gymacademy.co.uk](http://www.gymacademy.co.uk)

I was able to get close to the clients of my clients and to see what equipment was popular, and in particular which features motivated people to workout for

longer and stick with it. If you are one of those people who struggle with exercise, believe me you are not alone!

Having been forced to leave my job through ill health, I used my knowledge of exercise to help me get back on my feet. Exercise has never failed to get me up and motivated, increase not only my strength but resilience and body immune system.

In September 2008 I set up Gym Academy, specialising in new and refurbished equipment on the internet. By January 2009 I started looking to expand and find premises and this is what brought me to the Westaway's site, which for me, is almost purpose built. The benefits are many, not to mention the privilege of being able to work in the village of Naseby in which I have lived with my family for the past 13 years.

So if you are passing - why not drop in and say hello! I don't bite! You may know of someone who would benefit from our help in finding them a piece of exercise equipment to suit their needs on a purchase or hire basis.

### Mel Brennan

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I hope you have all enjoyed the wonderful autumn

weather that we have had this year, the colours have been glorious. Lets hope winter won't be too long-winded and gloomy!

One thing I want to mention is "ICE"- no- not the slippery kind! ICE stands for **In Case of Emergency**. Who would you want called in an emergency or if you were taken ill? Store your next-of-kin contact number in your mobile phone, under the name ICE.

Ambulance services are encouraging this move to ensure that the correct

people are informed if anything goes wrong.

Another subject that I have a bit of a bee in my bonnet about, (and I know I've mentioned this before) is the issue of door-to-door salespeople, especially the young lads with bags of tatty merchandise to sell, or the Notts Knockers, as they are known by the Police. I feel very strongly, as many of you know, that people should not be troubled at home by these sometimes confrontational young men. If we all refuse to buy anything, maybe they would stop coming. They can't possibly make much money anyway. I know some people buy something because they are afraid to say "no",

but if we all politely decline they won't have any reason to call. Do please let me know what your opinions are on this matter.

I have spoken to Nicola, the Parish Clerk, and she is happy to put any information of interest up on the Parish noticeboard in School Lane. Look out for Cold Ashby Golf Club's lovely Tea Dances, I hear they are very nice.

Don't forget to let me know if you would like any books or magazines.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas. Do ring me if you need any help or advice.

Liz Capell (tel: 01604 740568)

## LETTER FROM AMERICA

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

Hello again from Connecticut!

Hope you all had a good summer. We are back into the school routine after a 10-week break - yes I did say 10 - it was a bit too long actually, I much prefer the UK system of half-term breaks throughout the year; our next holiday with any substantial amount of time off will be Christmas!

Cara started her new school, which she seems to be enjoying. Her school bus picks her up at 7.10 am, we are just about coping with that, but it might be a different story in January/February when it's dark and freezing cold.

Lydia is still at the same school but is now in Grade 7, so a new set of teachers and new classmates, but again, she seems to be doing well.

It was lovely to see some of you when

we came over in July. It was so nice to be back in Blighty! We did manage to spend time with family in Derby and Lydia came and stayed with her friend Katie in Naseby for a few nights. I managed to stock up in Asda and Marks and Spencer! We now have enough Heinz baked beans and Bisto gravy granules to feed an army!

We now all have our "Green Cards" so we are officially permanent residents here. It has been a complicated and costly process - we all had to have medicals and have our fingerprints taken, but it will be worth it, if only to jump the immigration queue at the airport!

We have moved house since our last letter. Our lease was coming to an end and the family we were renting from came back from Paris earlier than expected, so we had to find somewhere else to live. This new house is lovely and is 15 minutes nearer the station for Martin, so that makes a big difference to him. We were lucky enough to find a house with a swimming pool; over the

summer the girls were in it every day, you wouldn't believe how hot and humid it can get here.

I have started a beginner's Spanish class, I am enjoying it but it's quite difficult. Fortunately everyone else in the class feels the same way, so it's a slow process!

We have just celebrated our second Halloween here, unfortunately the weather was horrible (it rained) but despite that we did have a few callers. It's a huge event, Cara's school had a parade for each grade, and everyone was dressed up including the teachers.

We have Martin's family staying with us over Christmas, which we are all looking forward to. I just hope the weather is better than last year, when we were practically housebound because of the snow for a few days. I'm not quite ready for the cold weather just yet!

Adios!

Vanessa, Martin, Lydia & Cara xx





# MINCE PIES AND ALL THAT!

Well, would you believe that the humble mince pie has a long and twisted history until it became the sweet yummy thing we know and love! Here's a few not so well known facts about this traditional Christmas favourite.

In medieval times all manner of flesh and fowl were shredded and mixed together with fruit and spices and simply called The Christmas Pie.

To bring this concoction into the Christian fold the pie was fashioned into a shape that resembled a crib. A small pastry baby, resembling Jesus was placed on top.

This outraged the Puritans who described the pie as "abominable and idolatrous confections" and preparing them or eating them was made illegal.



Those who enjoyed their Christmas Pie simply changed the shape and the name. They made it round and called it a "Minc'd Pie".

With the removal of the Puritan regime in 1660 the pies became more and more popular but never returned to their crib-like shape. They became bigger and bigger. One pie shipped from the north of England to London in 1770 included:

- 4 geese, 2 turkeys, 2 rabbits, 4 ducks, 2 woodcock, 6 snipe, 4 partridge, 2 ox tongues, 2 curlews, 7 blackbirds and 6 pigeons. It was 9ft in circumference and weighed 168 pounds!

In the 19th century there was a major change, with all the minced meat being omitted and a sweeter mixture of sugar, nuts, fruit and spices

(with a little alcohol - hooray!!!) was substituted and the pie served then at end of the meal.

There are many superstitions surrounding the humble mince pie. If you eat one on each of the 12 days of Christmas in 12 different houses you will have good luck for the coming year. How very sociable! You are granted one wish when you take your first bite of your first mince pie each Christmas, but conversely, if you refuse the first mince pie you are offered you will suffer misfortune!

Considering you can now buy them in the supermarket nearly all year round I'm not sure when the "year" would begin...

However one strange law is still on the statute book and it is very surprising... It is **STILL** illegal to eat a mince pie on Christmas Day! The law was never repealed. And all I can say is, Mr Bumble was right "The law is a ass!!"

Merry Christmas One and All!

**Sue Turner**



**HO HO HO MERRY XMAS!**

Doesn't time fly by, when you're enjoying yourself,

it seems like only yesterday we were asking you all for your Xmas orders, so in-case you have forgotten here's a reminder.....

We will be taking orders for Turkeys and all other fresh meats from the beginning of December for delivery as close to Xmas Eve as possible, these come highly recommended by several customers and myself, you won't be disappointed!

We will also be doing a range of Xmas

Hampers that will be on display at the Xmas Fayre at the Village Hall. These make great gifts for anyone and can be tailored to suit even the most awkward of relatives!

Basia Designs will be creating exclusive Naseby H.Q. Xmas wreaths again this year, they are truly exceptional designs for all tastes (both traditional and contemporary) and a fraction of the cost of your common or garden shop designed ones, again thoroughly recommended, but please order early as these will go fast and are of a limited number!

As with last year the usual rules apply, please order early to avoid

disappointment and don't forget to ask if there is something you want that you can't see, we will be only too pleased to help make your Xmas go as smoothly as possible.

So from flowers to fosters or whether you just need some sausages meat or a case of Laurent-Perrier just ask and we are here to help!

Merry Xmas & Happy New Year

From All At The Naseby H.Q.

PS: We would also like to welcome to the flock Sue, Emma and Hanna the new staff here at the H.Q. They are all fresh faced and eager to please but go easy with them as the till still bites back!!!





# FAMILY LINK

About six years ago my wife said that she was considering us doing a Family Link and what did I think. Well, I replied that I would think about it. No, I was not just trying to put her off, but I really did need time to think. My immediate thought was that as I had recently (early) retired I was looking forward to more time for us; followed by all sorts of thoughts about problems involved in looking after children again, then the extra difficulties where there are special needs coupled with the responsibility of someone else's precious child.

My wife worked in a special school and was well aware of any problems but my skills are in a completely different area. I was, however, very aware from my work of the stress in families where one child needed extra love, help and attention. Parents must give so much time to one child there are difficulties in relationships for the other children in the family as well as partners.

The Family Link Scheme is designed to take some of these problems away as well as providing different and wider experiences for the child concerned. Because I had retired first and had occasionally helped out at the school I did know something of what was involved and the whole proposal frightened me. On the other

hand I had experienced the rewards and indeed the fun of helping at school.



After a fair amount of thought on my part I agreed to explore the idea officially. We made contact with the Family Link Team.

The more I learned the more I liked the idea. There is a fair amount of form filling, interviews and checking to go through (as you would expect) and this does take some time. The trick with all such things is not to worry and go with the flow. Whatever you do, do not be upset by the time taken and the procedures.

Eventually we were officially approved and could go ahead.

The young boy we were linked with was known to my wife because he had attended her school. We were officially introduced to Mum and Dad and we all seemed to get on well, so we were able to start the link.

Despite all my worries I can tell you that none of them have come to pass. Very simply our lad or his parents decide he would like to visit and a date is arranged. Sometimes he just wants to come to us for a day, on other occasions a day is fixed to enable his brother to have a day with Mum and Dad or maybe when they want time out together. Every now and then we do an overnight covering a special occasion (maybe a Wedding Anniversary, special outing for his brother, etc.).

We are now good friends and attend some events for special need's children together. On our days we try to think of special things to do but

often the favourite activities are repeated. Everyone likes different things and so does 'our' boy but there is in his case a desire to do the same things every time. Of course each case is unique. We try to balance between favourite activities and new experiences.

The most important thing for the three of us is having fun. Can you imagine being able to cook and eat all the cakes children love, going to the park and the swings, having an old fashioned picnic, seeing Santa at Christmas, etc. Almost anything is possible although it's not good to overdo the ice cream!

So trips out, home activities, even just watching T.V. are fun to do and the return is watching a little boy enjoying himself and developing his personality and showing his feelings to us - he actually requests visits to us yet we make sure that we don't 'spoil' him with treats. He has become a friend of ours in his own way and the whole experience has brought much joy and fun. We have now been 'linked' for just over five years but it certainly doesn't seem that long.

Please, if you are at all interested, look into the Family Link Scheme. Plenty of Training and support is there for the asking. Of course some things are not easy. Some things are very hard but the rewards are great for you as well as the family.

**Horia Astalos - 01536 313199**

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Visit: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) and type in 'Family Link' in the search box





## NASEBY Historical Society

**Wednesday 2nd December: "East Farndon: so near and yet....." an illustrated talk by Alan Langley - Village Hall (Upstairs) - doors open 7-45pm for 8pm start.**

Following on from three excellent talks "The Battle of Northampton", "The History of the Country House", and "A Spratton War Hero", our very varied series of talks and walks concludes on the 2nd December with an illustrated talk on East

Farndon's historical past by Alan Langley. The idea behind the title of Alan's talk is to encourage the local community not just to drive through East Farndon on their way to and from Naseby but to stop off and have a look around.....Alan is sure that if you attend his talk you will be surprised at what goes unnoticed.

There is no January meeting to allow for the festive holiday period.

If you would like join us for our 2010 programme, we have our Sign-Up Meeting at 7-30pm on the 3rd February. Membership fees are £15/£20 for Single/Family membership. This will be followed with a talk by Barbara Burbidge "Myths and Legends of Papillon Hall". The now ruined Papillon Hall was built in 1622. A folklore tale tells that David Papillon's (1691-1762) mistress, who was kept 'prisoner' in the east attic is said to have died

there in 1715; there is no record of her death or of her place of burial, but the skeleton of a woman was found within the walls of the east attic during alterations to the hall in 1903. Why not join us to hear some more about the ghostly goings on and some unpleasant consequences over the past 300 years.



Naseby Historical Societies Visit to Spratton Heritage Trail

We are currently finalising our 2010 series of talks but will definitely be out and about in late spring/early summer with visits to heritage trails in East Farndon, Lubenham and Grafton Regis. As things do change from time to time, please check our web page on the Naseby Village website [www.naseby.org](http://www.naseby.org). We also circulate information via e-mail. 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. Non-members can still simply pay £2 at the door, if any event looks interesting.

Finally, thank you to our current membership for your interest and support throughout 2009 and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Paul Kelly (01604 743778).**

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Elaine Higgs  
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# Neighbourhood Watch News



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Greg Pritchett

01604 740717 : Police 999 (emergency)

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE



It's Sunday 6 October and we're still enjoying the late summer weather. Long may it continue although my pleasant is reverie jolted by AJ's request for newsletter copy!

I see the last one I sent was on 9 May, so what has been happening since then? PC Gary Wright has moved on after many years on this sector; he's now covering villages to the West of our area. In his place we have PC James Reid who has transferred from Daventry having worked on one of the SCT's there. He's looking forward to meeting you all in due course.

Once again the LIP (Locally Identified Priority) for the area remains speeding. By the time this is published James will have attended the next community panel meeting for beat 23, which I suspect will keep traffic issues as the local priority.

Crime wise since my last letter, until today, we have recorded seven crimes and, whilst no crime is acceptable, that's a fairly low figure for nearly six months.

In mid May a car had its number plates stolen from The Fitz. Early June saw a house lamppost in Church St damaged by a car that didn't stop, and, in the second week of June, there was a distraction burglary in Nutcote.

Fortunately nothing was taken and the householder was able to deal effectively with the man who was pretending to be a Water Board official or something similar. This serves as a reminder to us all to be very suspicious of ANY caller posing as an official who wants to come into your house. Bona fide callers will have made prior arrangements, such as by a letter.

On successive days in late June, copper and other items were stolen from a house on the outskirts of the village that was being renovated. In mid August there was a report of criminal damage to a hedge in Knights Hill, and on in mid September, two cars at the primary school were scratched causing damage to paintwork.

Metal thefts, which subsided following the drop in scrap prices, have started to appear again, particularly that of copper. Any sightings of suspicious vehicles in or around BT cables, sub stations etc, should be reported immediately.

Currently we are having a number of thefts at night from cars, which have Satellite Navigation systems or other 'desirable' items on display. Although none of these have been in Naseby we have had them in Maidwell and villages nearby. Please be extra careful not to leave anything in your car overnight and, with Christmas approaching, the usual message is: 'don't leave presents on view in an unattended car'.

I've started doing some local surgeries, somewhere where people can drop in and see me apart from my regular patrols. I'm looking for a suitable venue in Naseby that I can use for an hour, once every month or so, preferably in the village for

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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*

convenience and importantly, free! If anyone can help please let me know.

Just to remind you, the for crimes in progress or a situation that requires urgent attendance, dial 999. For all other matters the number now is 03000 111 222. I, and the rest of the team, can always be contacted via e-mail through the Northamptonshire Police website - simply go to 'Your SCT' and follow the links to Daventry Rural North SCT.

Many thanks to all of you who make this such a pleasant area to police and have a Happy Christmas.

PCSO 7011 Glyn LEWIS  
*Daventry Rural North SCT - Brixworth*





# NASEBY LADIES ROUNDERS

Yes, we did it again! Naseby Ladies rounders team finished the 2009 season as Division 2 Champions and won promotion to the top flight of the Market Harborough District Ladies Rounders League. Hurrah! The more eagle eyed readers among you may be thinking that Natters' esteemed editor has mistakenly printed the same article we wrote 12 months ago but no - we actually did win Division 2 and gain promotion for the second year in succession! Having spent the winter in fear and trepidation of our second stint in the dry, airless atmosphere of the 1st Division, we were delighted to receive news in the Spring that the 2009 league season would comprise 3 divisions and that Naseby Ladies would be playing in Division 2 against our four closest rivals. This, we felt confident, would guarantee us some competitive, close fought matches and that crucial element of fun - which, after all, is the main reason we all play!



Jess Davies on way to scoring a rounder

And what a season it turned out to be. Our core squad numbered about 15 players, ranging in age from 12 years (our debutants, Katie Hoyle and Jessica Underwood) to quite a lot older(!) with a good balance of experience across the generations. In spite of work, exam, family and holiday commitments, we were able to field a full team of 9 players



Julie Westaway stumps out Welford batter at 1st post

plus a couple of reserves for most matches. This was not the case among our opponents and Naseby Ladies ensured that they took full advantage whenever possible. By the end of the season, however, we were winning solid, if close, victories against full strength teams, such as Market Harborough Ladies who were spending their first season out of the premier division for some years. We are now looking forward to our next assault on the 1st Division with renewed confidence. C'mon girls - we can do it this time!!!

Our 2009 season stats were:-

Matches played: 12 -  
Won: 8,  
Lost: 4

(rounders for: 148 ,  
rounders

against: 140)

On August Bank Holiday Monday, we held a Rounders Fun Day at the Village Hall Field to mark the end of the season and were delighted that so many people came along to play and help us celebrate. Children, adults, experts and complete novices all joined in and despite some dodgy umpiring (compulsory in any sport of course!), there were some excellent matches. Naseby Ladies' Number One Supporter, Mr Derek Daw, stoically manned the barbeque for the afternoon and awards were given out to the season's best performers.

Congratulations to Yvonne Daw, who received the highest number of Players' Player nominations, Heather Campbell, who was named best Young Player, Julie Westaway, who received the Captain's Team Award, and Bethany Stacey, who was our Player of the Year, scoring the most rounders for the team.

## Mkt Harbo District Ladies Rounders League Annual Awards Halloween Party 2009



Bridget Baker



Julie Westaway, Louise Dudleston

Finally, Naseby Ladies Rounders Team would like to thank Ewen Campbell, formerly of Rieker Shoes, for his support and valued sponsorship over the last 5 years. Having started a new venture this year, Ewen has stepped down as our team sponsor but we would like to wish him every success with his new company.



Tina Underwood, Julie Westaway, Yvonne Daw

If you are interested in joining us next summer for some fun and exercise, please contact Cathy Hoyle, Louise Dudleston or Julie Westaway, every one over 12 is welcome.  
**Louise Dudleston**





## The Naseby W.I.

Members of Naseby W.I. are very sorry that, due to deteriorating health, their last remaining founder member, Joyce Vials, has had to move from Naseby to live nearer to her daughter in Kingsthorpe. Joyce is missed at the meetings but is kept up to date with what is going on and was able to get back for the fund raising lunch in April. Members who have been to visit her report that, although she misses Naseby, she is very happy in her new home and in excellent spirits.

The Annual Meeting took place in October. Since the same time last year, members had been pleased to welcome three new members and had visitors at most of their monthly meetings. The February meeting had to be cancelled due to the dreadful weather but a wide range of topics was covered by guest speakers and demonstrators during the rest of the year. Members also held a very successful New Year party and fund raising lunch, visited the German Christmas Market in Birmingham, spent an evening at the Kilworth House Theatre, visited the National Stud at Newmarket, WI's Denman College near Abingdon and the Houses of Parliament. (Abridged versions of reports of the last two visits given to fellow members by Anne Williams, with photographs by Anne Gilmore, appear elsewhere). Members also held their first two fun skittles evenings at The Royal Oak this year and, at the time of writing, are looking forward to the third, with hopes of many more to follow.

During the year, several members attended a variety of courses and workshops at the headquarters of Northamptonshire WI. These included making fascinators, printing from glass, learning how to prune shrubs, whizzy knitting and making rag rugs. One member also went on a course at Denman College.

The Treasurer reported a very healthy financial position. In her address, the President said that it had been a very successful year and thanked everyone for their enthusiastic support and friendship.

The only remaining meeting this year will be on Thursday 10th December, when Janice Collins will be holding a hands-on 'Crafts for Christmas' evening where members will be able to make Christmas gift boxes. There will also be a bring and buy sale.

The 2010 programme is now complete and includes a wide variety of topics to be covered by guest speakers, as well as the customary New Year party, fund raising lunch, theatre and other outings.

Unless otherwise advertised, meetings are held in the village hall on the second Thursday of the month and if any ladies would like to go to any of them they would be more than welcome. The business part of the meetings begins at 7.30, is followed by a talk or demonstration starting at approximately 8pm., and completed with the serving of refreshments.

The January party will not be in the village hall, but things will be back to normal in February when the speaker, Steve Frost, will be taking along and talking about his collection of native

American flutes.

Mary Hackett (tel. 01604 740657)

## WI VISIT TO DENMAN:

On 14th September, twelve of Naseby's WI members joined others from Northamptonshire to visit Denman College, the WI's Adult Education Centre in Oxfordshire. The college, which is based in a beautiful Georgian house set in 17 acres of magnificent gardens, offers over 600 varied courses on a residential or day basis. These courses are all open to WI members and non-members, female and male.



Denman College

After being welcomed by the (male!) College Principal and following an excellent lunch, the visitors toured the gardens, teaching facilities, student accommodation and the main house. The teaching facilities include a 'Master Chef' like cookery school which was opened in April 2009, alongside a multi-use 130 seat conference room, and craft, IT, painting and other creative art rooms. The college can accommodate over 70 residents in mainly single en-suite bedrooms which have all been refurbished recently. The visitors were shown inside several bedrooms, all of which are supported by all the county federations and are







completely individual. Needless to say, the one they were all pleased to be shown was the Northamptonshire room.

The most impressive part of the main house was the sweeping staircase. The ladies all allowed themselves to imagine that they were wearing ball gowns and swishing down the stairs to dinner and dancing the night away.....dream on!

The visit was brought to a close with afternoon tea. An informative and enjoyable day was had by all, who learnt a great deal about the history of Denman College and the courses and facilities it has to offer and also about the WI.

## WI VISIT TO PARLIAMENT:

On Monday 12th October, twelve members of Naseby WI went to visit Parliament as guests of their MP., Philip Hollobone. Yes, that was the day when Green Peace protestors were on the roof and the MPs' first day back after the summer recess. A large police presence was evident both outside and inside the Houses of Parliament and our group was ushered quickly through an efficient 'airport like' security check; the full works, identity badge, handbag scan and the obligatory frisking. We made our way through Westminster Hall to the Central Lobby to meet Philip, who then took us on a tour of the Houses of Parliament. This began at the Sovereign's Entrance, where the Queen arrives for the State Opening of Parliament, into the Robing Room and then to the Chamber of the House of Lords, which is dominated by the gold throne used by the Sovereign at the State Opening. We then went through the voting lobbies, where

Philip described the procedure when the 'division' bell rings, to the Commons chamber. This is not as splendid as the House of Lords and is smaller than it appears on television. Visitors are strictly not allowed to sit on any of the seats in either of the Houses! Our tour took us to the riverside Terrace where a group photograph was taken. Following a short break, the group went back to the Central Lobby for the Speaker's Procession, then on to the Public Gallery to watch the Parliamentary machine in motion. We all found this fascinating and confusing! There was a lot of rushing in and out and jumping up and down by the MPs - this is termed 'catching the Speaker's eye'

to signal their wish to speak. We left after about 90 minutes - no sign of Gordon Brown or David Cameron as there were more important issues to be resolved that day!

It was a most interesting and enjoyable day, finishing with drinks and nibbles on the coach journey back to Naseby, but the quote of the day has to be (made by a Policeman in the Central Lobby on being asked if the protestors were still on the roof) 'Yes' he replied with a rye smile, 'It never rains when you want it to!'



Naseby WI with MP Philip Hollobone

## GARDENING CLUB

**TO ALL MEMBERS:** Although we have appealed for a new Programme Secretary & a new Chairman (as both are retiring) sadly no-one has come forward to volunteer. Therefore the November meeting will be the last.

The Committee are reluctant to close the club completely (we have 50-60 members) so we have agreed the following:-

1. Trips to certain events will be arranged i.e. Great Malvern Spring Show & possibly Hampton Court Flower Show.
2. No monthly meetings.
3. No annual Membership Fee.

4. Chairman will keep list of members, to mail details of any events.

5. Assistant Treasurer (Cyril) to keep float, so that anyone who wants to organize Gardening Club in future will have the infrastructure in place, to do so.

**NOTE: Trip to Great Malvern Show** on the 8th May, Coach will be £12.75 (or less, depending on response) & £14 entry. There will be a small discount (around £2.50 for current members. **Hampton Court Flower Show.** Entry is £22 (including £3 discount). Coach around £13. Further details to follow.

Gerry Wood





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#### Tracy's Hairdressers

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

#### Westaway Motors - Maidwell

Cars for sale, servicing & MOTs  
tel: 01604 686311

### 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)

#### 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: Denise Young (01604 743467)

#### 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 2009-10

Here is a short list of 'Diary of Events' - due to time constraints and information not supplied this has not been sorted in date order and some organisations are missing. Apologies for this.

DAY	DATE	MONTH	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ORGANISATION
Thurs	10	Dec	7.30pm	Crafts for Christmas	Naseby Village Hall	W.I.
Thurs	7	Jan	7.00pm	New Year Party	11 Bakehouse Rise	W.I.
Thurs	11	Feb	7.30pm	Steve Frost 'Native American Flutes'	Naseby Village Hall	W.I.
Thurs	11	Mar	7.30pm	Ian Clarkson - 'Work of the Magistrates'	Naseby Village Hall	W.I.
Thurs	8	April	7.30pm	Brian Sumpton, RSPB - The Return of the Red Kite	Naseby Village Hall	W.I.
Sat	17	April	tba	Fund Raising Lunch	Naseby Village Hall	W.I.
Sat	12	Dec	1.45pm	'Puss in Boots' Panto for the young at heart!	Guildsborough Primary School Hall	Guildsborough Pre-School
Sun	20	Dec	6pm	Carol Service	Naseby Methodist	Chapel
Mon	21	Dec	6.30-8.30pm	Fusion & Rock Solid Youth Club - Christmas Party	Naseby Methodist	Chapel
Fri	25	Dec	10.30am	Family Service	Naseby Methodist Chapel	Chapel
Thurs	28	Jan	6pm & 7.30pm	Fusion & Rock Solid	Naseby Methodist Chapel	Chapel
Thurs	25	Feb	6pm & 7.30pm	Fusion & Rock Solid	Naseby Methodist Chapel	Chapel
Sun	31	Jan	10.15am	Soul Cafe	Naseby Methodist Chapel	Chapel

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

## MORE THAN 130 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WALKS TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT FREE!

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking - it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke

- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity

they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for - he had better create it! So [www.walkinginnorthants.co.uk](http://www.walkinginnorthants.co.uk) came into being.

The site gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County...

- details of more than 120 walks to download and print free, details of all the Northamptonshire walking groups, maps and walk books - plus loads more information.

So check out the website and get walking!





# Kids Corner!

## SUMMER VISITS

In the summer term the children in the infants ended their RE unit The Torah with an educational visit to Northampton Synagogue. During the visit the children were encouraged to explore the Synagogue and to find out about artefacts.

Following the visit the children were asked to record what they had learnt and here are some extracts:

- \* There are special candles. There are eight candles and a Star of David.
- \* We saw a stained glass window. The stained glass window tells a story.
- \* One of the boys put on some clothes. He wore a shawl and a special hat.
- \* The Torah scrolls are special. They have bells on and make a noise when the Torah is moved.
- \* There was a special lamp. The lamp does not run out of light. It shows that God is there all of the time.
- \* The Torah is special for Jewish people. There is a blue cover to protect the Torah and there is a shield to protect it too. The bells are to keep people awake.

Our recent Diocesan report recognised the importance of visits in enhancing the children's understanding and stated

'During their RE lessons they are introduced to the major world religions, and an important part of their RE curriculum is the time devoted to visiting different places of worship. This helps enhance the pupils' understanding of the part played by other religious groups in our multi-faith and multi-ethnic society.'

We all enjoyed our visit and are looking forward to the next one.

### Naseby School - Infants

### Masjid Umar

In July the Juniors visited the Evington Muslim Centre to support work they had been doing in school about Islam. Years 3 and 4 made PowerPoint presentations to show what they had learned. Here are some of the things they learned.

A mosque is a place where Muslims go to pray, Masjid Umar



is one of them. Inside the mosque there were lots of interesting things, like wash rooms and prayer halls. The main prayer hall is where most Muslims pray but they are allowed to pray anywhere in the mosque. It is a very big room and the carpet is in the shape of lots of prayer mats. There is a screened off area where woman pray. This is because if a man was sitting next to a beautiful woman when he was praying he would probably get distracted. In the mosque there are 10 classrooms. Children aged 5-12 go there to learn how to read and write Arabic as well as how to be a good Muslim. They all sit on the floor so they are all equal and they use the benches as desks. The teacher sits on a special chair. The Quibla wall is a wall in the main prayer hall which faces Mecca. It has an arch on it so the Muslims won't forget which wall it is. Muslims face Mecca to pray because that is where their religion started.

### Naseby School - Juniors

## Have your say!

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

E-mail us or pick up the phone!

It's that easy!

**Deadline for the next issue:**

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