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# Naseby Natters

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## WHAT A PILE OF POO!

No! Not Natters...well we hope you don't think that of your beloved newsletter? 'Tis a sad day when dog poo makes it to the front page of Natters but it seems to be rife in the village at the mo and features in many an article within; sadly. Only the other day I walked with my children from school to the village hall and we had to dodge 6 separate piles of the stuff. I'm not sure if that is a good day or a bad day??? Either way it wasn't pleasant! When my 2 year old daughter asked me "why don't they pick it up mummy?" (referring to the doggies owners - not the dogs themselves you understand!) I really didn't have an answer for her. For once...I was lost for words! Perhaps those that don't pick up after their pooch could let us know?

**ONTO MORE PLEASANT THINGS:** Well, another year passes and another issue of Natters arrives on your doormat. We hope you all had a fab Christmas? Although it was a very long time ago now. The snow has been great fun, although from most of the people I have spoken to, they seem to think it would be nice if it was gone now thank you very much. Taking the kids to school on a sledge has been great fun (even if it has meant my back has suffered as a result!).

**FAREWELL...FOR NOW:** We'd like to say a temporary farewell to Sue Cook, one of our fab reporters. She is taking a back step from Natters for the foreseeable future, although she will be welcome back anytime. We wish you and your family well.

**THANK YOU:** A massive thank you goes out to Anne Gilmore, who has been out taking some great pictures (as she does with every issue!) to accompany our many articles - literally putting faces to names. Thanks Anne - you're a star!..and sorry about the short notice on some instances! It really helps bring Natters to life - would be very dull without them.

Well, read on and see what medley of articles we have for you to digest and enjoy this issue! We hope you like them.

- Happy Easter to all our readers -  
AJ GREEN (AKA 'ED')  
& THE NEWSLETTER TEAM

PS: A big **THANK YOU** goes out to our speedy star proof readers Pat Reedman + Johanna Buchanan

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The deadline for next issue:  
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FANCY JOINING US? If you want to join the team then please get in touch - we'd love to hear from you.



your newsletter and your village so get involved



# Village Update

## Naseby Parish Council (PC)

### KELMARSH WIND FARM UPDATE

Now that the application has been submitted to Daventry District Council, the Parish Council will respond to the application on behalf of the village based on the recent questionnaire. Individual comments should still be made directly to DDC.

### VILLAGE TIDY-UP:

The Parish Council have joined forces with Naseby Pride and in conjunction with Northamptonshire CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) will be holding a village tidy-up/litter pick on Sunday 11th April at 2pm. If you can spare an hour or so please come along to the Village Hall Car Park where any volunteers will be extremely welcome.

### RESIGNATION OF CHAIR TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

Becky Pope has been a member of the Parish Council for 8 years and spent the last 3 of those as the Chairperson. Sadly, due to her increased work and family commitments Becky has had to resign from her post.

At the recent meeting the rest of the Council expressed their sincere thanks to Becky, she played a pivotal role within the Council and will be missed.

### LET US HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

The Parish Council sometimes receive information that could be of interest to you, for example, during the recent

bad weather when the bin collection went astray or provide up-to-date information from Neighbourhood Watch. It is not always possible to inform everyone in a timely fashion and to this end the Parish Council are going to set up an e-mail distribution list. If you would like to be included then please email: [nasebyparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nasebyparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk) We do appreciate that not everyone is on e-mail and this will not replace any other communication medium.

### CHRISTMAS TREE

Now that the electrics are in place in the Churchyard we do hope that this will become an annual occurrence.

### DOG FOULING

Yes, we get as bored writing about it as you do reading about it! Could we **please** appeal to the better nature of the few that are spoiling the village for the majority. Dog mess appears to be at an all time high - there are plenty of dog bins around the village so there is **no** excuse. Should you see anyone not clearing up their mess then **please** report them directly to Lisa Fryer-Hudson on 01327 871100 or [lhudson@daventrydc.gov.uk](mailto:lhudson@daventrydc.gov.uk)

Naseby Parish Council



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*Welford Quarry liaison rep*

Peter Clancy  
15 Hall Close



Mr Melfyn Hoyle  
14, Nutcote  
*Playground Warden*

Mr Greg Pritchett  
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Mr Paul Reedman  
Hall Close  
*Highways & Road safety officer*

Mr Scott Westaway  
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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*



**Naseby Village Pride**

Although Christmas is now many

weeks behind us, this is the time to say how

much pleasure the Christmas tree bought to the village, and thank the Parish Council, Gerry Wood, Jeff "Muddyhands" and Will Miles for all they did to put it in place. The comments about mulled wine and mincepies have been noted!

Winter is a quiet time for Village Pride, though it is lovely to see the clump of snowdrops growing at the foot of the yew tree inside the church wall opposite the Fitz. This was the very first area to be cleared 18 months ago, and the bulbs will have been there all the time though not visible to passers-by. Now they seem

to be flowering as a reward for our hard work, and are reminding us that spring is on the way.

There have been various favourable comments about the appearance of the village in general, **APART FROM THE DOG MUCK**, and we are pleased to hear that some children from Clipston school will be walking the Village Trail when the weather is warmer.

As for Pride, we too will be out in April, probably a time that coincides with a national week of tidying up and are grateful to people who have already said they will help.

If you have any ideas of what you would like doing around the village, please get in touch:

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**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 -**



**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 if you are interested. 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**

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...**



**FAMILY FERRET RACE NIGHT NASEBY VILLAGE HALL**



**15th May 2010  
First race 7.30pm**



**Tote Betting (50p)  
BAR & FOOD**

*Further details nearer the time but put the date in your diaries...NOW!*





VILLAGE SHOP



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Shop Opening Times:

Mon to Fri: 7am - 8pm <<<

Sat: 7am - 6pm

Sun: 9am - 12pm

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

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!



We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Finlay Alexander who finally arrived on Saturday 23rd January 2010 at 9.14am. Weighing a perfect 8lbs 7oz! We send our huge congratulations to Sarah & Stuart from Hall Close on their new bundle of joy!

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

# All Saints Church

We welcome you to all our services - All Saints is **YOUR** church. We have several weddings in the Benefice this year, so we look forward to welcoming all the couples into the church.



**OPEN GARDENS:** With Winter 'behind' us we are also looking forward to Open Gardens again - so let's get busy! Every year Open Gardens raises funds for the Church where people open up their gardens - big and small - to the public. It is great fun and for a wonderful cause so why not give it a go this year?

**GREEN FINGERS:** We have some very keen allotment holders now! There are only a last few plots available if you feel the urge to 'grow your own'! Do contact me on 01604 740532.

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

**SERVICES MARCH**

7th 9.30am  
14th 9.30am - Mothering  
Sunday  
21st No service  
28th 9.30am  
31st Wed 10.30am



**SERVICES APRIL**

2nd 10.30am - Good Friday:  
Stations of the cross (hot cross buns)  
4th 9.30am - Easter Day  
11th No service  
18th 9.30am  
25th 9.30am

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Maurice Cave

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

**NASEBY LPG BUYING GROUP NOW UP AND RUNNING**

The Naseby LPG Buying Group is now up and running. It currently consists of eleven households with a further five set to switch in the near future.

The success of the project is mainly due to the hard work of Gordon Summerfield from High Street who approached all the regional and

national LPG suppliers; finally choosing Calor Gas who provided the most competitive package consisting of pricing and contractual terms.

If you are interested in joining the Buying Group, please contact Gordon on 01604 743597 or email gordonsummerfield@btinternet.com.

By Sally Field



# Naseby Methodist Church

The last three months have been a busy time at the Chapel as you might expect. Well done to all those who braved the slippery pavements and icy roads, on the last Sunday evening before Christmas, to attend the Carol Service. It was good to have the children participating in the Service. They sang a song and performed a dramatized reading which they hadn't seen until earlier in the day! As always they did amazingly well. On Christmas Day Jeanne Moore conducted a lovely Family Service.

**MUMS & TOTS:** There was a good turnout for the Mums and Tots Christmas Party. Lots of food was consumed, by children as well as adults! This was followed by the Christmas story told by the minister, Brian, with his wife Clare providing accompaniment for some songs on the accordion. Excitement levels rose as Santa's visit was anticipated and just as he was about to arrive, as if on cue, the first snowflakes of the winter came fluttering down. As you can imagine this added to the children's excitement and gave a very festive feel to the Christmas



scene. We are now back to routine, meeting every Thursday afternoon during term time, 1.30pm to 3.30pm and extend a very warm welcome to **all** mums, dads or carers with babies or pre-school children.

**YOUTH CLUB:** We don't usually have a monthly youth club in December as the date falls in between Christmas and New Year. However this year we decided to experiment with a new venture. On the 21st December we held our first Christmas disco in the chapel for the combined Fusion and Rock Solid youth clubs. We were delighted that over 30 children turned up. Food was served followed by the ever popular chocolate - fountain with fruit to dip in (just to make it slightly more healthy!). Judging from the positive feedback we have had it was a huge success.

**LENT:** We are now in the season of Lent and this is where our thoughts are focused for our Wednesday Fellowship meetings. We are researching several of the characters or groups of people who were present at Jesus' crucifixion and looking at the effect Jesus and his



crucifixion had upon them. The word Lent comes from an old English word *Lencten*, to lengthen, which means Springtime (when the days lengthen). The period of Lent covers the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays (Sunday is always a celebration of the Resurrection) beginning on Ash Wednesday which this year was 17th February. The 40 days reminds us of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and temptations in the wilderness and is considered to be a time of preparation, reflection and sometimes self-denial, before the Easter celebration. Not many people fast (go without food) for 40 days but lots of people still



practise giving up something such as chocolate or alcohol during Lent. Often the money they would have spent on these things is donated to a charity (*Remember, the 40 days do not include Sundays*)

**SOUL CAFE:** Our next Soul Cafe will be on Mothering Sunday, 14th March and this will be led by Jeanne Moore. For those of you who have given up chocolate for Lent the chocolate fountain will still be present!

Wishing all "Natters" readers a very happy Easter.

Ruth Watson

## 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)

## Contacts

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30 Fardale View Market Harborough (01858 462889)

Bookings Secretary: Ruth Watson (01604 740845)

Secretary: to Jeanne Moore (01858 467657)

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





## Naseby School Update:

No article supplied this issue - see the reports below and on the back page 'Kids Corner' all done by the children from the school:



## MY TRIP TO THE RECYCLING CENTRE

Today we went to the recycling centre in Northampton. There we learnt all about recycling. As soon as we arrived we were led to the centre. After we got inside, a lady called Heather gave us a mat made of material. She asked to try to guess what was inside them. I thought it was made of old recycled things.

First she talked to us about the three most important recycling words which are recycle, re-use and reduce. After that she said that the Y5&6 children would be the first to go round the site. Meanwhile, the Y3&4s would be playing games. First, Heather took us to a place where there were giant cubes of rubbish - some of cardboard and some of metal. After, we went to a small garden and there we had to jump on a mat. Heather told us we were jumping on some thrown out tyres. She then said to look at the flower pots and asked us to guess what they were made of. They happened to be made out of tyres, boots and plastic.

After, she left us to look at a horse which was made out of tyres and plastic bags. The tail was plastic but its back was made out of tyres.

Next we were taken to the conveyor belts - that's where we got to see

rubbish tipped onto a conveyor belt from where it was taken to the sorting room. Then we went to the sorting room and we saw some people sorting all the rubbish that was on the conveyor belt into plastic and metal. The rest carried on into the baling room. The baling room is where the rubbish is squashed into a cube and tied up with strong wire. A tractor takes the bales and stacks them up and eventually they are taken to a landfill site.

After that we were taken back to the recycling centre to play games. The first game we played was the 'sorting game' just like the one we saw when we looked round the site. Rubbish was tipped onto a conveyor belt that worked because an adult had to turn a handle. Children had to sort the rubbish that went along on the conveyor belt into metal (steel and aluminium), plastic and other rubbish. Then we played a game where we had two boxes and in them

was rubbish. We had to sort this rubbish into plastic and metal. The last game we played was a game where there was a Velcro board. There was a picture of a red and a blue bin and we had to sort the rubbish into the right coloured bin.

Then it was time to go back to school and talk about our day.

Kieran Taylor Year 6



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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)

## NASEBY SCHOOL SPORTS CLUB!



Sports Club continues to be popular with the primary school aged children in the village. You do not have to attend Naseby School to attend, just come along!

In September and October coaches from Northamptonshire County Cricket Club came to Naseby and coached our children in the sunshine. The kids had a great time and their ball skills really improved. Sports club stops over the winter but we as starting up again soon.

After February half term Sports Club begins again on Friday evenings after school in the Village hall. From 26th Feb

for 5 weeks the sessions will be dance. Boys from 3.45 4.30 and girls from 4.30 to 5.15. If the children want to we may have a mini-performance the final week. Cost will be £12.50.

After the Easter holidays from Friday 23rd April for 5 weeks Sports Club will decamp to Benham Sports Arena in Moulton Park for 5 weeks of hockey and basketball. The cost will be £15.

From June to July we are hoping to get some football coaches in for 5 weeks, so watch this space.

No need to book - just turn up. For further details speak to Pauline Vann (740774) or Becky Pope(743213)



## NSA UPDATE

Welcome to the Naseby School Association's update. Fundraising is in full swing and we have many events planned for the coming months in order to raise funds for the laptop computers required by the Ofsted Inspection, as well as to cover ongoing commitments. Please make note of the following dates in your diaries and come and join in the fun!

- **13th May** - tea party in school, 4-5pm;
- **25th June** - BBQ and Empire Band night from 7.30pm, in the Village Hall;
- **3rd/4th July** - volunteers needed to sell programmes at the Hollowell Steam Rally (the school gets payment for this job to be done);
- **21st August** - Family Camp out at Recreation Ground with Horsy Hopper entertainment from 5pm (this promises to be great fun!)
- **15th October** - our now famous Quiz Night from 7.30pm, with challenging

questions and great food! As well as those planned events, we have also set the dates for various fun nights for the children:

- **26th March** - Easter theme fun night in the Village Hall, 5.30-7pm;
- **22nd April** - Kids' Bingo Evening 4.30-6.30;
- **16th July** - Outdoor Games fun night in school, 5-6.30pm;
- **10th December** - Xmas theme fun night in the Village Hall, 5-6.30pm.

As you can see, the coming months will be busy, busy and children and adults alike are looking forward to all the fun to be had. We do hope to see many of the Natters' readers join in the fun!

As for the Sports Club, you can read all about it in the separate article in Natters.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

For further information, please contact:

**Christel Taylor**  
**01604 740027**

## A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR MANY MANY SPONSORS!!!

This issue we are able to go to print due to the many businesses who have donated over the years to have small adverts placed in Natters. All the £10's here and £30's there all mount up over the years. So we would like to thank **all** of them for supporting Natters and we hope that by advertising they have reaped some sort of business from it. Thank you.

**ANY IDEAS?** Natters is in good shape in terms of sponsorship for the rest of the year which is great news, but if you have an article you would like to submit or suggest then **please** get in touch with us. Remember this is **your** newsletter and we welcome any ideas and suggestions for new articles and regular features. Likewise if there is something you don't like - let us know!

**NASEBY AND BEYOND:** We know some people outside Naseby and Haselbech enjoy reading our village newsletter - the furthest I have been informed is Canada! If you can beat that we'd love to hear from you.

**STAMP IT OUT:** Dog Poo seems to be a "hot topic" this issue (*as it is in most issues looking back over the years!*) so if you have an idea on how to stamp it out - and not in it!!! - than we'd love to hear from you. The children have been doing some fab posters which we hope will deter some dog owners.

**NATTERS BACK ISSUES:** Remember you can download all previous issues: [www.naseby.org/home/local\\_information/naseby\\_natters/download\\_previous\\_issues.html](http://www.naseby.org/home/local_information/naseby_natters/download_previous_issues.html)

AJ Green



## DO YOU SHOP AT TESCOS OR SAINSBURYS?

Yes, tis that time of year when my mummy is asking (again!) if you shop at either **Tescos** or **Sainsburys** or better still both! Last year my brother was collecting the Vouchers for School but now I am as I have just started at Guilsborough Pre-school (and loving it!). We collected lots and lots of vouchers last year and we are trying very **very** hard to collect even more again this year (so we can get lots of fun stuff!).

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

Thank you very very much!!!

**Maisie Green (aged 3 but thinks she is 18!)**

**My Mummy: AJ Green (The 'Editor')**

17 Hall Close

Tel: 01604

743765



Sainsbury's









## THE ROYAL OAK TO START SERVING BAR MEALS!

After 5 years specialising as a Real Ale pub and focusing on only wet sales, the Royal Oak are going to start offering bar meals and snacks.

The food side will be introduced gradually, starting (hopefully) on the 4th of March and initially only Thursday, Friday and Saturday lunchtimes. The plan is to then offer Sunday lunches and evening meals in the future.

Nicola will be doing all the cooking and plans informal dining at a reasonable price; the most expensive meal on the menu at the moment is just £5.99p.

A copy of the planned lunch menu is below:-



Sally Field

### TOASTY/PANINI:

- Cheese & Tomato
- Cheese & Red Onion
- Cheese & Ham
- Chicken & Ham
- Tuna Melt



### LIGHT BITES:

- Soup of the Day
- Garlic Mushrooms
- BBQ Chicken Wings
- Nachos and melted cheese
- Combie to share garlic mushrooms, BBQ wings, chips, onion rings and garlic bread

### SANDWICHES: *white or brown served with chips*

Cheese/BLT/Egg/tuna/ham salad

### MAINS:

- Burger and Chips
- Scampi and Chips
- Lasagne with salad
- Chilli Con Carne with rice
- Curry with rice
- Jacket Potatoes served with salad
- Cheese/Cheese and Beans/ Tuna/Prawn

### KIDS MEALS: *served with either beans, peas or cucumber and tomato*

- Sausage and chips
- Nuggets and chips
- Pizza and chips

## A BIT OF FUN: WHY???

Why do big supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?

*Why do people order double burgers, large fries, and a diet cake?*

Why do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?

*Why do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds in the driveway and put our useless junk locked away in the garage?*

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?

*Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?*

Why don't you ever see the headline 'Psychic Wins Lottery'?

*Why is 'abbreviated' such a long word?*

Why is it that doctors call what they do 'practice'?

*Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavour, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?*

Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?

*Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?*

*Why isn't there mouse-flavoured cat food?*

Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?

*Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?*

Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?

*If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?*

Why indeed???? Good question!

AJ Green



Naseby Village Pride

## NASEBY VILLAGE TIDY!

Friday 9th April  
to Sunday 18th April

>> NEW THIS YEAR! <<

LITTER PICK SUNDAY 11th APRIL 2pm - 4pm

COME TO THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

*Other jobs to be done as they become necessary*

Look out for further notices at Naseby HQ

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# Kelmarsh Wind Farm Update



Just two weeks after E.ON submitted its planning application for Kelmarsh Wind Farm to Daventry District Council, further public information days were held to keep everyone informed.

It followed extensive community consultation prior to planning submission to make sure the views of the local community were taken into consideration.

Sophie Moeng, Stakeholder Executive for E.ON, said: *"The local community has taken a keen interest in our plans for Kelmarsh Wind Farm, so we arranged some more public information days after we submitted our planning application.*

*"Just because we've submitted our plans, it doesn't mean we stop listening to the local community. We held two information days - one each at Naseby and Clipston - where all of our planning*

*documents were on display. We had several members of our development team on hand to answer everyone's questions. Not everyone was aware that as well as producing green energy, the wind farm would bring a local community fund of at least £28,000 per year, habitat improvements, and a new education room at Kelmarsh Hall."*

The submission of the planning application to Daventry District Council is just one small step in the development process for a wind farm, but it's also the culmination of years of research and planning. The main parts of a planning application are the Environmental Statement, the Non Technical Summary and the Statement of Community Consultation.

The Environmental Statement (ES) is a very detailed document as it analyses all environmental issues associated with the proposed development. It looks at

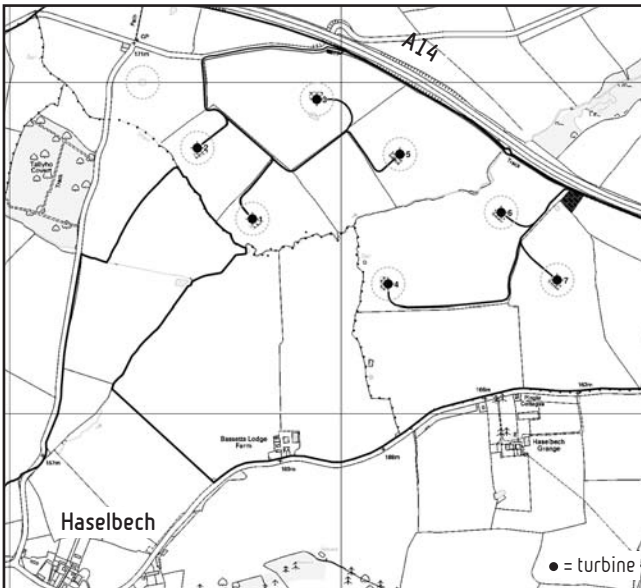
areas such as landscape and visual impact, noise, cultural heritage, traffic and transport, and public access.

- The ES for Kelmarsh Wind Farm has found that if the proposal gets approval:
- the wind farm would be located within a working landscape that has been subject to a variety of changes and pressures over the past half century and that the overall proposal is considered acceptable in landscape terms
  - some residents would experience major changes in their views, but through good design the impact could be minimised and the proposal acceptable in terms of its overall visual effects
  - at homes surrounding the wind farm, the noise produced from the wind farm would be typically lower than existing ambient noise and vibration levels
  - habitat loss would be arable farmland, a habitat of limited ecological value. Badgers are common on the site and further surveys for badgers would be carried out before construction to accommodate their needs
  - the layout of the wind farm has been designed to avoid buried archaeological features and anything needing removal would be carefully excavated and recorded to benefit the knowledge of archaeology in the area.

One of the main concerns raised about the wind farm has been the impact on important local historical features, such as Naseby Battlefield and Naseby Church, and the cultural heritage of Kelmarsh Hall.

Daniel Badcock, Project Developer for E.ON, said: *"We are really pleased that we've been able to keep turbines away from the ridge at the north of the site and from the western part, which reduces the visual impact on both the battlefield and church.*

*"As a result, the location of the turbines tends to be towards the eastern part of the site. However, again through good*





design and planning, we've been able to reduce the potential effect on Kelmarsh Hall and Park.

*"Overall, we've achieved a wind farm design that minimises impact on the local environment and will supply enough energy for over 9,000 average UK homes every year and save over 15,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> from our atmosphere."*

If you would like to find out more about the ES for Kelmarsh Wind Farm, you can download planning documents from E.ON's website, [www.eon-uk.com](http://www.eon-uk.com) or email: [kelmars@eon-uk.com](mailto:kelmars@eon-uk.com)

### E.ON Climate & Renewables

## STOP KELMARSH WIND FARM

"Kelmarsh Hall" - the name of this proposed commercial development says it all. The proposal is for 5 turbines of 126.5 m high and 2 turbines of 121m high in the valley immediately beside the A14 - and the Grade I listed Georgian Kelmarsh Hall. The Hall's own website opens with "Kelmarsh Hall is a graceful 18th century historic house, set in beautiful romantic gardens and surrounded by its own working estate in the rolling Northamptonshire and Leicestershire countryside." Exactly how graceful, romantic and rolling is going to be with these monsters?

The Hall was designed for Mr William Hanbury by the Georgian architect James Gibbs. Gibbs was one of the leading architects of his day - similar to Lord Foster now - who designed the Radcliffe Camera in Oxford and the church of St Martin-in-the-Fields in London. The Hall's website refers to him as "the virtuoso architect". He wrote the most important work on Georgian architecture, in which are featured the drawings of Kelmarsh. The fact that we all live so close to it means that we don't take much notice of it, but the Hall is a seriously important historical building. The Georgian Group, a body of experts who have to be asked to comment on

any planning applications affecting Georgian buildings, have strongly objected to the proposal because of the effect it would have on the Hall. To quote the Hall's website again "the historian Pevsner praised [the Hall] as, 'a perfect, extremely reticent design...done in an impeccable taste!'"

In addition, the gardens and parklands at Kelmarsh are also important. English Heritage has just added them - an area of nearly 270 acres - to the National Register of Parks and Gardens, giving them listing status of Grade 2\* for their "exceptional historic interest". The gardens were designed by Nancy Lancaster and Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe - the 1920's equivalent of our current "celebrity" gardeners.

The effect on the views of the Naseby Battlefield is another problem. Although the proposed turbine sites are no longer immediately adjacent to the official battlefield site, eminent historian and leading expert on the battle of Naseby Mr Martin Marix Evans was recently quoted in the Chronicle and Echo as saying that "any further changes that detract one from being able to visualise the battlefield as it was at the time of the battle would be very regrettable."

As readers will be aware, it was at Naseby that western democracy as we know it today was born. The fact that we are all going to be able to vote in the forthcoming general election is down to what happened there in 1645. Surely that is worth preserving? Historians in places as far away as America and Australia have emailed us to say so.

But that's just the historical objections to the pouring of tons of concrete into good farmland. The turbines are right by the A14, almost on top of junction 2. The Highways Agency's own policy states that turbines should not be close to major junctions and should be visible to drivers from a long way off to avoid surprise distraction. The topography of the landscape on this part of the A14

would fail to achieve that. The east-west orientation of the A14 means that there is likely to be a problem with shadow flicker around sunrise and sunset - times when the traffic on the A14 is at its peak.

But we have to ask: is this despoiling of the beautiful countryside we have chosen to live in not going to be worth it if it saves the planet? Aside from the view that it seems ridiculous that the only way to save the planet is by ruining parts of it, the actual value of wind energy is questionable. Wind is not a consistent power source (and this area has the lowest wind speeds in the country). If the wind is too low, the turbines don't move. If the wind is too strong, the turbines have to be switched off. Conventional power stations still have to be kept running to provide back-up and fill-in for when the turbines are not generating...and that's even without starting on the efficiency of the turbines themselves or the carbon footprint of the manufacturing of the turbines, the tonnes of concrete for the bases, or the 36 lorries an hour going to the site to deliver it during construction.

The residents of Naseby recently voted overwhelmingly for the Parish Council to formally oppose this development. The planning application is now in, and individual letters of objection are needed to support the Parish Council's position.

If you want to object online, the [stopkelmarshwindfarm.com](http://stopkelmarshwindfarm.com) website has direct links to Daventry's planning portal site, or you can write to the Planning Department, Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry. Please use planning reference number DA/2010/0100.

**THIS IS A BATTLE OF NASEBY THAT CAN BE WON - BUT WE NEED YOU TO ACT NOW!**

Stop Kelmarsh Wind Farm





# HOME TEACHING - AN ALTERNATIVE

I feel quite privileged to have been asked to write for Naseby Natters about the organisation I help to run in the village for home educating families. I am also acutely aware that the idea of home education may seem quite alien to many readers and many villagers may not be aware of the significance of what happens in Naseby Village Hall every Thursday to a growing Northamptonshire community. So it seems a little difficult to know where to begin!

Perhaps a short overview of home education and what compels someone to embark on this journey is as good a place as any to start.

Home education is an alternative to school. This choice is made for a variety of reasons: some parents choose to home educate right from the very beginning, knowing that this is a route which suits their family life; others respond to their children having problems once they are in school, which either cannot be resolved, or otherwise lead the family to look for alternatives that suit them better.

Legally, home education remains an option for all families. The law states that a suitable education must be provided, but that it is the parents' duty to cause the child to receive that education: 'either by regular attendance at school or otherwise' (section 7 of the Education Act 1996), the term 'otherwise' being the entitlement in law to educate children at home. The law also recognises that an education can only be deemed suitable if it suits the child - a decision which must also be made by the

parents, either by consideration of what their child's school can provide, or by arranging their own alternative.

Therefore, it is not necessary to follow the National Curriculum - or any curriculum - if it appears to the parents that it would not provide a suitable education. So what does home education look like? The answer is: many things!



Other families may be beginning home education after a traumatic experience in school and it can be a difficult first couple of years, adjusting to the change in daily life of home education.

Funnily enough, it can be quite a challenge to become more relaxed! Often the temptation is to look back at the targets of school, to compare a child's progress, but after some time it becomes apparent that the de-schooled child is learning in a very different way to the way they did in school.

Some families like to have a structured approach to their children's education and some prefer it to be very organic. Either way, home education provides a unique opportunity to be flexible - not only to the development of the child, but also to the changing awareness of the parent.



For many families who have never sent their children to school, home education is a natural following on from the way they encouraged their children to learn before school age - by reading and talking together, using numbers in everyday tasks, working creatively together. This process develops as the child does: it is not always linear and may not match schooled-peers targets, but allows the child to develop at their own pace, working intensely on projects of their choice and frequently involves lots of fantasy play!

There are lots of questions that home educating families are asked on a frequent basis: Is it legal? Are you monitored? How do you cover Maths? Even: how could you spend all day with your children? But the most common, by far, is: What about socialisation?

It is difficult, when the families in the community around you all seem to be 'getting ready for school', to contemplate a social life beyond the regular route of school. However, there is a thriving community of home educators out there. Estimates



suggest that there are at least 200 families in Northamptonshire home educating and, on our support website, we have contacts from up to five families a week - many of whom already home educate and some of whom are interested in finding out more about their options.

The Internet has provided a wonderful tool for getting and keeping in touch with people when geographical distance makes communication difficult. Forums and Yahoo lists are used to arrange regular meetings and it is possible to meet with other home educating families at events every day of the week in Northamptonshire! This combined with increased access to libraries, shops, forest schools, leisure centres and other public services, means that home educated children usually have a very broad social life compared to that of a schooled child.

Many different types of groups are available for home educating families to meet. However, after hearing about a successful group running in Somerset, my husband and I realised that there was a gap in what's available and that this gap could be filled with a group that would suit our family really well. We had become aware that, due to our village location and transport problems, our children were socialising more regularly with schooled children than with home educated children. Of course, there's nothing wrong with that in itself, but we had noticed that our children felt that they were always the different ones, always last in the story or game that had begun during the school day. We were keen for them to make lasting friendships with other home educating children, without us having to travel far and wide to provide it.

The Somerset group ([www.homeeducationcentre.org.uk](http://www.homeeducationcentre.org.uk)) were providing a twice weekly meeting place, where adults shared their skills to respond to the children's choices in providing activities. A regular place where our children could learn what they choose, alongside others and with adults working together, sounded like a fantastic solution to us. In addition to this, we also learned that one of the benefits of developing an organisation to meet the needs of the community, was access to funding for the things we were all unable to provide for our children at home.



It wasn't easy, to say the least, but we used the model of the Somerset group to develop our own organisation. After a brief stint in Brixworth, we found the excellent Naseby Village Hall for our venue last March and have been extremely grateful for the support we have received from the Village Hall Committee.

Our organisation is called iFLOW - It's Fun Learning Our Way - and we are a cooperative community group of home educating families. By working together, we share the load of running an organisation, as well as sharing our skills in offering opportunities to the children. Last year, we ran tutored workshops on: archery, drama and



science, as well as external trips to learn about: art, the waterways, Buddhism, climbing and farming. Through parents' skills, we also learned about a huge variety of things, including: needlework, woodwork, chemistry, electronics, sports, sweet-making, code-breaking and drumming - to name but a few.

We have had to work hard on fund-raising, with around £900 being raised by members last year - essential to keeping us afloat in our first few months. We have also sought external funding and have been very grateful to have received a £5000 Grassroots Grant from Northamptonshire Community Foundation, for our Home Ed Sport & Social project, and a £10000 grant from Awards for All (Lottery), for our Home Education Arts & Technology project. Without a doubt, we would not be able to do what we do without the grants we have had, so it has been really fantastic to have been successful in both these applications in our first year.

Having just looked back over the year for our first Annual General Meeting, it's clear that the organisation's progress has been tremendous. The hard work has certainly paid off, with the benefits apparent in the children and parents involved. On a personal note, our children have those friendships that we hoped for - they





have also gained confidence and an awareness of the skills they would like to develop further.

We are looking forward to building on our success as we enter our second year, by expanding the group, offering further support to non-members and being more involved in our local community and we are very pleased to have been invited to get involved in the Rose of the Shires history project in Naseby. We are looking forward to studying more of our surroundings over the coming months.

If you would like to know more about our organisation, please have a look at our website: [www.iflow.org.uk](http://www.iflow.org.uk), which has a contact form that you can use if you would like to get in touch.

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# Do computers scare you?

Research shows that more than half of the British population are still afraid of using computers, the internet and e-mail!

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**For further information please contact Joanne James PSA Tel. 01604 749137**

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# A Chat with...

Brian Kennard was born in 1954 and was like many other boys of the same age. Up to the age of 18 he was very open minded about religion and would even admit to having been an atheist at one time. However he realised at 18 that the contents of The Bible were more relevant to his life than he had originally thought and so he started to become involved in Christian youth work. It was through youth work that he met Clare who in 1980 became his wife and 'Team Kennard' was born. Brian and Clare have four children David, Jonathan, Sarah and Ben and they live in Market Harborough.



Brian Kennard

meeting as to what he wanted me to do. After a lovely meal and some interesting speakers, I was beginning to think that I wouldn't get my sign. Then one of the speakers got back up and said "There is someone here tonight whom God is calling to full time ministry, so get on with it!" I went back to London Transport and handed in my resignation.

### So what happened next?

I became a Lay Preacher in St. Neots in 1986, followed by Alfreton in 1990 and then in 1993 I went to Theological College in Lincoln to train for the ministry. I was at college for two years and then I was sent to Mansfield as a minister. In 2001 Clare and I moved to Sussex and then in the summer of 2007 we moved to the Market Harborough Circuit. The circuit consists of Market Harborough,

Kibworth, Husbands Bosworth, Naseby and Gartree Prison. 'Team Kennard' really enjoys visiting Naseby; when we go and do assembly at the school, the children are always so receptive and responsive.

They often come up to us afterwards and ask us about whatever it is we have been talking about. I always do the preaching and Clare does the music, she plays the piano accordion, and everything else. It's not always like that as Clare is a lollipop lady and can only come with me if the assembly is held later in the day and at Naseby it's at 10.30a.m. We also



Clare Kennard

enjoy visiting the chapel as everyone is so friendly; the atmosphere is always loving and caring.

**When I spoke to David Faulks for the previous issue of Natters I asked him how he copes with the sadness that death brings to his door. So can I ask you the same question?**

During my time at Theological College they taught us how to be professional about death. You have to distance yourself from the sadness in order to help the bereaved. You can't take it home with you.

**I am totally ignorant about the differences between Anglicans and Methodists, can you clarify it a little for me?**

Way back in history Methodism was a society within the Church of England. In the 1700s John Wesley and his followers disagreed with various aspects of the Church of England and gradually withdrew until they became independent. We don't have the same hierarchical structure as the Anglican Church, it's probably more democratic. We have a District Chairman who does the admin and looks after the ministers in his district; he's the minister's minister. The Chairman also doesn't have his own circuit but can be invited to preach by any one of his ministers.

**What about your spare time?**

I enjoy walking and cycling in the countryside, Clare joins me if I'm not going too far but if I'm doing an eight mile hike or cycling the twenty three miles around Rutland Water I go on my own. We also like camping but haven't done any of that for a while. I prefer to stay in this country for my holidays.

Pat Reedman



Talking to the children at Naseby School

After school I went to work for London Transport in their administration and finance department, but I spent all of my spare time doing voluntary youth work. After meeting Clare we realised that the youth work was becoming more and more important to us and we felt that we were being slowly led towards working in this field full time. We prayed for guidance and, as we were due to attend a meeting, actually more like a meal and after dinner speakers, I asked God to send me a sign at the





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## MOBILE INFORMATION UNIT

The Mobile Unit Service first began in 1994 and has been very successful over the years. It allows us to provide information and support to the very many visually impaired people and their carers within the community. We visit numerous locations throughout Northamptonshire on a regular basis, parking in Town Centres, Supermarket Car Parks and outside Medical Centres.

The vehicle is run by Fred Cannon and is fitted out to display a wide range of everyday living aids and innovative gadgets specifically designed to make life easier for visually impaired people. All manner of devices care available, at reasonable prices, such as talking clocks and watches, kitchen equipment, reading and writing aids, big button telephones etc. Fred can also provide information and sympathetic advice on all manner of sight loss concerns.

The unit will be in your area on the dates shown below. If you know of any visually impaired person or their carer who might benefit by visiting the mobile unit please notify them. Further information can be obtained by telephoning 01604 716044.

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Ray Foster. (Volunteer)

## NEW HERITAGE PROJECT TO BE LAUNCHED IN NASEBY!

Over the next three years a major new Heritage Lottery funded project, 'Rose of the Shires', is going to be working in 6 key areas of Northamptonshire, each of which has been selected for the importance of its historic landscape and villages. Naseby is in the first group to be involved, along with Cottesbrooke, Clipston, Haselbech, Marston Trussell and Sibbertoft.

The project is managed by Rockingham Forest Trust and will be delivered by a team of historians and landscape archaeologists who have specialised in Northamptonshire's past. They will also be using new data that allows them to recreate how the area would have looked in previous centuries.

Over the coming months the project will be providing talks, guided walks and working with small groups to discover more about the local heritage. There will be opportunities to find out more about the social history of the villages, to learn about the features and architecture of buildings and churches, to explore the historic landscape for evidence of how the area has changed over the past 700 years and to discover what still survives.

The first event will be at Naseby Village Hall at **8pm on Wednesday March 10th**. There will be an introduction to the project followed by an illustrated talk by Dr Peter Hill, a member of the project team. 'On the Heritage Trail' looks at how village life used to be, with a particular focus on Naseby and its

neighbouring villages. Pubs, schools, occupations, local characters and traditions will all be discussed during the talk, all of which will be looked at in more detail later on in the project.

A second event, '**Discovering the Past**' will take place at Naseby Village Hall on **April 7th at 7.30pm** and will include introductory talks on the local area's Buildings, Churches, Historic Landscape and Naseby Battlefield. Fieldwork, aerial photography, ancient maps and other documents help us to understand more about the past and realise why it is still important today.

'**A Walk Through Time**' takes place on **Saturday 8th May**. An opportunity to accompany the project team on walks to uncover the evidence of the past - from the earthworks of earlier buildings, the ridge and furrow of medieval farming and the enclosure hedgerows that transformed the landscape to the social change that can be seen in the buildings around us.

**All these events are FREE but places are limited and MUST be booked. If you would like to attend any of the above events please call Rockingham Forest Trust on 01933 625527 or e-mail: [stuart@rftrust.org.uk](mailto:stuart@rftrust.org.uk)**

**Stuart Taylor**

*'Rose of the Shires' Heritage  
Project Manager*







# A RESTAURANT IN YOUR DINING ROOM!

I don't know if any of you have seen the TV programme of that name, but did you know that a lady living here in the village has just that...Well I didn't and I set out to find out a bit more about it...

Anne Key lives in The Old Vicarage. A big rambling house in Church Street built to house the "new" vicar in 1786, who, it transpired, thought that the then present vicarage was not fit for purpose. There had been a property on the site since the 1400's and presumably the new vicar required something more modern. It cost £100 to build and a further £50.00 to furnish...oh my!

Anne and her husband moved there in 1978, certain that it was "Their House". Unfortunately after the death of her husband in 1983 Anne was left with small children and a big house to maintain...a career in catering to the rescue!

It all started like all good things in a small way, she offered to provide a business lunch for a friends company, (taking with her pre-cooked food and a microwave as the company had no kitchen facilities) and one thing led to another until she was asked to take over the company catering in the new kitchen they had thoughtfully built for her!

Then, with a friend she started to offer "restaurant food at home" long before some bright boffin in TV world thought of it. They intended to get a license and do the whole bit until they found that in order to store wine for public consumption they needed to have the house remodelled and a secure cupboard installed. Now don't

we all keep our wine cellars like that?! Originally they opened two nights a week, "It was hair raising" says Anne "Not knowing how many people would turn up and what they would choose to eat". After some time the partnership broke up and Anne was left to manage on her own, until, as luck would have it, another friend thought that he would like to take it over lock, stock and barrel. Unfortunately this didn't work out either and once again Anne to the rescue, picked up the pieces and set about creating the informal dining concept she had so long believed in, opening on demand and serving whatever her clients wanted to eat.

A typical menu at The Old Vicarage will consist of Canapés on arrival, then 3 courses and cheese. Main meals can be of your own choosing but Anne does get involved in suggesting suitable dishes. She loves to cook Beef Fillet or Rack of Lamb with fresh vegetables. Favourite dessert at the moment is Brioche and Butter Pudding with her own secret "Vicarage Custard" (I understand that this is basically hot cream and Cointreau with a secret ingredient she was not prepared to disclose! You'll just have to go and try it. Costs start at about £25 per head (dependant on what you choose) and you take your own wines etc. Just think how lovely...gather all your friends for a special birthday or

celebration at home for a little glass of bubbly and a crisp or two then off to Anne's. You don't have to shop, prepare, cook, clean, check the table linen (you haven't used since the millennium) sweep the floors, Hoover the pets, and on and on...

Anne thinks of everything so you don't have to...and, bless her, then she does the washing up!

In between opening up her home to diners, Anne also caters at many outside events, including Kelmash Hall. She is really looking forward to an afternoon tea booked for later in the year for the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire, for 400...now that is a serious amount of cucumber sandwiches!



So do ring Anne if you would like to celebrate in style without any of the hassle, she would be delighted to entertain you in her lovely homely informal dining room. Any time, any day, (she is allowed to open until 12.30am) but finds that these days most folk are away before midnight.

By the way there are a few resident ghosts, so if you see a very tall blonde Elizabethan lady floating past, or a line of friars heading for the church...blame it on the Vicarage Custard!

**Sue Turner**



**KEY CATERING - Anne Key, The Old Vicarage, Church Street  
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# MY SINGLE HANDED TRIP AROUND THE WORLD...

Well a **bit** of an exaggeration - would you settle for London/Oxford and back by narrow boat?

Doesn't sound too far and by car it takes a few hours but by canal its 310 miles, 183 locks, 7 movable bridges and 4 tunnels. There will be 77 miles of narrow canals and 115 miles of broad canals, 94 miles of large river (Thames) plus 21 miles of tidal Thames. Well it keeps me out of mischief.

Before I could start this trip I needed to request a five week pass from Mo. I really only needed four weeks but better safe than sorry. Of course I had to earn such a pass, they do not come easily, but as constant dripping wears away a stone (a good diet by the way) so I got my pass, a great treasure, Mo did not wish to join me on my trip as she has problem with the Tidal Thames - it scares her - so on Tuesday 28th April I let go my lines, both of them, and set off. I stopped for lunch for sardines on toast, doctors orders, (don't worry, this is not going to be a gourmet guide to canal cruising!) and finally got as far as Braunston at 3pm.



Next day I tackled the Braunston flight of locks and then the tunnel. You can pass another boat, in the tunnel, coming the other way, but it is very 'tight', just a few inches to spare. That's when I hit the other boat! Normally I am good in tunnels but this idiot had his tunnel light mounted to port and aimed at the wall on his starboard side rather than on the roof.

Perhaps I should explain that on the Grand Union Canal the locks can take two boats together. This means that the locks are large, take a lot of water, and the 'paddles' which open and close to let water through, are heavy, and the flippin gates are massive! Heavy work and on your own a test of stamina which I do not have. I soon wished for a crew with this work.



The Grand Union reaches down to London at Brentford but I was going to leave the canal at Bulls Bridge Junction just South East of Slough.

At Bulls Bridge I turned onto the Paddington Arm for the Paddington Basin. Now the trip became a tad

more interesting, one of the best bits was passing over the North Circular Rd. and seeing all the traffic. I raised my hat as I went over the road and I hope that gave comfort to the drivers below.

So into Paddington Basin.



By now I had travelled 119 miles and passed through 96 large locks. 'Snowdrop' was beginning to look a touch scruffy about the hull after taking knocks in the wind which was blustery all the time.

With two family friends now on board we travelled on to Limehouse Basin via the Regents Park Canal through Regents Park Zoo which looked (as far as we saw from the canal) rather drab and the only animals we saw were joggng on the tow-path.

Camden Market Locks is always worth a visit. Lots of drinkers lying on the lock gates who have to be woken up before you can work the lock.

We arrived at Limehouse, and confirmed our next morning departure at Saturday May 9th. at 11.30am, to the Lock Control. I met my phone contact 'George' and we settled an argument over who was the daftest. I won - . You can only pass in and out of the lock at certain states of the tide and our trip up to



Teddington, where the Thames becomes non-tidal, should take about a couple of hours. The tide carries you up so your speed is faster than normal for a narrow boat, which is normally 2-3mph. It is 20 miles from Limehouse to Teddington so our 'over the ground' speed is about 10 mph. Positively racing along!



Three boats locked out of Limehouse, including us, and we had the honour of going on to the tideway first, because we had done it a couple of years before. The tide was flowing up stream the wind was blowing downstream. That was uncomfortable enough but the fast moving pleasure boats churned up the water even more. I tried to keep Snowdrop heading into the waves. I was a bit concerned that if we got sideways on to the waves we might be totally terrified! We all had life jackets and a VHF radio and the Lifeboat Service have stations along the river but I didn't really wish to loose the boat. Imagine what Mo would have said to me!



It got worse after Tower Bridge, and only started to calm down after Westminster Bridge. You are required to stay well clear of the Houses of Parliament (in case you can see M.P.'s filling in their expenses claims) and the MI5 building on the other bank.

Things calmed down and we ended our day on the Thames at Hampton Court covering 25 miles and one lock (Limehouse).



I decided to just 'do' one more lock before mooring up. Big mistake - it was Sunday and loads of boats were on the river. I rounded the bend below Boveny Lock to see twelve boats waiting to pass through. All the locks on the Thames are manned by lock keepers, all grand chaps, and the locks are big but other boats (gin palaces, plastic, tupperware, and wedding cakes), do not like sharing with steel hulled narrow boats so I was expecting to be kept away from this lot.

Anyway I was now on my way to Oxford, 78 miles of the Thames. You will know that the Thames is big wide and impressive but once you have seen a dozen large houses with stripped lawns leading down the river and a little house for the boat it gets a bit monotonous, and, thinking of 78 miles of this at 4/5 mph depressed me. Nobody to talk to, nobody to bring me cups of coffee and cakes and worst of all, getting to the loo wearing

all my wet gear and trying to keep the boat in a straight line in the strong wind. I started to drink less.

Although the Thames locks are manned during the day you can work them electrically yourself after 7am in the morning when the power comes on. I worked into Abingdon Lock and when it was full tried to open the gates to be on my way. Would they open! Would they eck as like chuck! I phoned the Environment Agency who were very helpful and said they would call the lock keeper who would not start till 9 am. I did what any intelligent resourceful skipper would do in such an emergency, I got back on the boat and had breakfast.

Later that day after finally getting back on to the Oxford Canal the engine suddenly made a desperate noise and I reduced the throttle to tick over and crept to a mooring for the night.

I found a Sainsbury plastic bag wrapped around the prop shaft and the problem was solved.



The Oxford is a lovely canal especially in the wind and the pouring rain and me and my 'wets' became very close during the next few days. I was getting tired by now and began very





early starts to make up time.

My last night was at Napton and I celebrated by ignoring my last chilled meal and cooking a major gastronomic delight. I opened a tin of Sainsbury's Chicken Tika Masala and cooked my own rice to go with it - perfect! Next time I will try bacon.

We have many canals in this area, get down and have a lock - sorry a look - visit Foxton or Braunston or Welford go on spoil yourself.



Peter Christer

*Huge thanks to Peter for this fab article that he supplied to us back in the summer of 2009. We have finally got it in print in the end! Better late than never I guess. Hope 'Snowdrop' has recovered from her ordeal...and you! Where next is the big question...pass permitting of course! - ed!*

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

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The campaign is being run to raise awareness of just how two or three breaths of toxic smoke is similar to the sensation of drowning and can affect a person's ability to breathe and consequently wake up in the event of a fire. Research carried out has shown that people underestimate the impact of toxic smoke. In a survey, almost half those asked believed they could survive for more than 2 minutes in a smoke-filled room and over half thought they would wake up due to the smell of the smoke. In some cases you may have less than two minutes to get out of a household

fire alive. By having a working smoke alarm you have an increased chance of waking, and escaping.

Emma Yoxen, District Liaison Officer for the Fire & Rescue Service, added "Our fire-fighters regularly see the

effects of fires in the home. The frustrating thing is that so much heartbreak and unhappiness could be avoided if people took the simple precaution of arranging for a free home fire safety check and ensuring they have working smoke alarms and check them weekly. There is really no excuse for not having one, we're here to help".

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service offers home fire safety checks free of charge to the public. You can arrange for a fire-fighter to visit your home to give advice and guidance on how to prevent fires and other hazards. Also to install free smoke alarms if you need them. All you have to do is contact us and we'll do the rest. Call 0800 38 999 50 today.



Emma Yoxen  
District Liaison Officer for  
Western Area  
Northamptonshire County Council  
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# SEE THE STARS...FROM NASEBY! PART TWO

## ...AS THEY ARE IN THE SPRING

So how did you get on, then? Too cold for you? (You have to suffer to get rewards you know!) It was especially cold in the run up to Christmas, wasn't it? I thought of you, all wrapped up, with your little red torch, gazing upwards - Not?? The skies were often clear, though, so the viewing wasn't bad, maybe just a bit of atmospheric moisture to take the edge off of the sharpness, sometimes. I hope you saw some interesting things and found your way around a bit. These observations will be a "Snip", now you've got the hang of it!

We're looking at the Spring stars this time around and there's also some advance information on galaxies, so that you are ready in July, for the best views of our Milky Way galaxy, which is where we live. The Milky Way extends across the sky and is best seen from summer to late winter; it tends to be lower down towards the horizon (W>>NE) in the Spring. You saw your first distant galaxy, Andromeda, in January (but that's ducked down below the N horizon, now, in April!)

### SO WHAT'S UP THERE THAT WE CAN SEE AROUND MID-APRIL IN THE VERY LATE EVENING?

This spring, there are some more interesting stars and new constellations to see. The main ones are listed in the Table. Lots of the winter constellations like Orion and

Pegasus have sunk away into the NW horizon. New constellations, like Leo and Virgo, have risen up from the E/SE. Earlier in the evening, just after sunset, you'll still be able to spot some of the winter constellations but they soon sink out of sight. (If you are super-keen, and look into the East just before dawn, you'll get a glimpse of the early summer constellations rising, like Cygnus, Lyra, Hercules, Aquila (details, next time). As far as planets go, Mars is still around in the constellation of Cancer (not the easiest one to find as it's only got a few stars and they are far apart, but Mars is bang in the middle of Cancer around now. In fact, on the 16th April, Mars is fractionally higher than the Beehive Cluster\* so, if it's clear, you should be able to glimpse both.) In

the west, low down just **after** sunset, you can see the very bright Venus and its fainter companion, this month, Mercury. (**NO** binoculars at the Sun!!!) This is a good time to have a crack at seeing Mercury as this planet is quite elusive and small, often low down and only around for short periods at sunset or sunrise, usually. At the evening times, Mercury is a short distance to the lower right of Venus - about 2-3 degrees. Around mid-month, on the 15th, Mercury is sandwiched between the Moon and Venus. On about the 24th, Venus is in the evening twilight quite close to the Pleiades that you may recall from January. (Remember, the planets don't twinkle - only stars twinkle. This helps you to distinguish them from each other.)

### SPRING CONSTELLATIONS WITH PROMINENT STARS AT AROUND 2300HRS:

CONSTELLATION	MAIN STAR/COLOUR	STAR DISTANCE/L-Y
Gemini	Castor (double star)	45
	Pollux (orange giant)	36
Leo	Regulus (blue-white)	85
Virgo	Spica (blue-white)	260
Bootes	Arcturus (red giant)	36
(Plough) + North star	Pole Star/North Star	700
Auriga	Capella (yellow)	42

**Capella** is about 150x bigger than our Sun and Arcturus about 27x bigger. It's believed that in about 5000 million years, (5 Billion in science terminology), our Sun will swell up to the size of Arcturus, towards the end of its own lifetime.

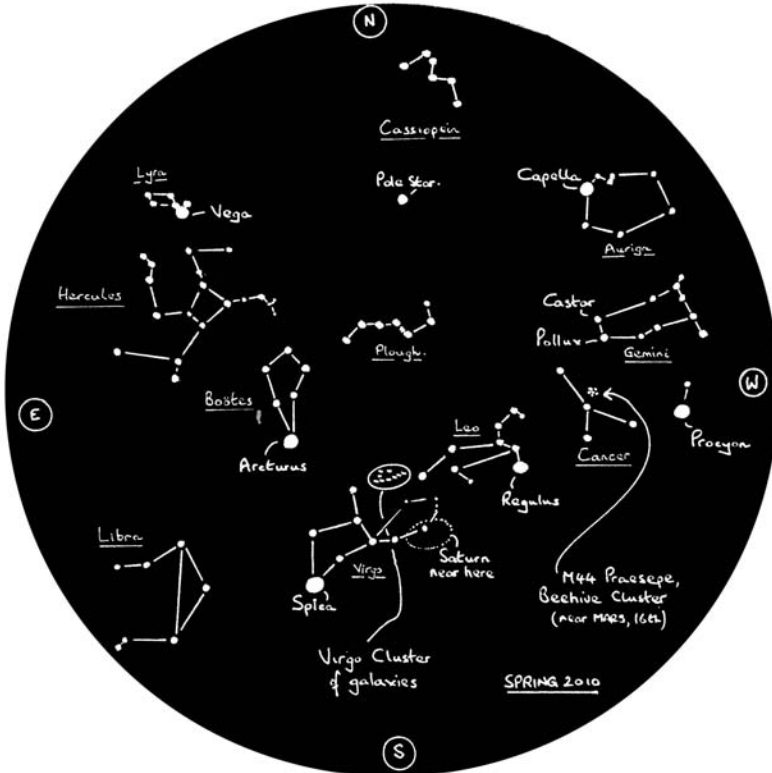
#### ALSO:

\*Beehive Cluster open cluster of stars, best in binocs. About 520

This open cluster is in Cancer, which lies between Gemini and Leo. It's designated as M44, NGC (New General Catalogue) 2632 or, Praesepe. Most stars here are about 600 million years old - relatively new for stars.



SOME FEATURES OF THE STAR MAP FOR MID-APRIL 2010 ABOUT 2300HRS



Arcturus, its main star. If you follow the Plough's "tail" - the curvy bit at the other end from the Pointers, it leads around in a smooth arc to Arcturus (about 40 degrees up) and then to Spica (low down).

If you want to glimpse an early summer star go for Vega (in Lyra) in the low NE. Vega is very bright - the 5th brightest star in the sky. You might see some meteors near here in the late parts of the month and after the Moon has set, if you are patient for an hour or so.

(The stars are in almost exactly the same positions every year at the same time in the

Hold this sky-map in front of you with the bottom facing South. Stand facing South.

You can get a better download version free, from: [www.skymaps.com](http://www.skymaps.com)

or buy one of the annual guides like the Phillips "Stargazing 2010".

Find Gemini (the Twins) high in the West (W) and recognise the two bright stars, one above the other - Castor (the upper one) and Pollux. Then, moving down to the lower left (towards the SE) you'll find Cancer,

(with Mars and M44 - they are very close on April 16th.) then Leo (easiest to spot - especially by its sickle shaped "head") and Virgo (planet, Saturn, is here in April but it's rings are edge on, so not very clear - the Moon is also nearby 26th, 27th), then Libra (pretty unimpressive). Leo has a front right foot (Regulus). The Moon is near here on 23rd. From last time, recall The Plough, but this is now almost overhead with its Pointers pointing to the Pole Star in the North. Auriga is low in the NW - look for the yellow star, Capella. Bootes is high in the SE with

same month but the planets, being nearer to us, move continually. Once you can identify the planets, you only need one year's worth of star maps and then you are OK for many years!

**GALAXIES:**

There are billions of galaxies in the Universe. Our Milky Way is a spiral galaxy (like Andromeda) and over 100 000 light years (ly) across. It is like two saucers held together at the edges with a slight swelling at the centre. The disk is around 2000 ly thick with the central bulge about 3x





this. Our solar system lies in one of the spiral arms about 30 000 light years from the centre. The Milky Way contains perhaps some 100 000 million stars - there is a search going on at the moment for Earth-like planets amongst these - Google - "Kepler Space Telescope". The Galaxy's centre lies in the direction of Sagittarius (better seen in the summer, than now).

Our two closest galaxy companions are the Magellanic Clouds but you have to go the Southern hemisphere to see these - Naseby ain't in the right place! The Milky Way is the second biggest of about 30 close galaxies called the Local Group, held together by gravitational attraction despite the general expansion of the Universe. Andromeda is the biggest. In very clear conditions. You may be able to pick up (in binoculars) M33 in Triangulum, but only in the autumn on a very clear night. Galaxies in the Universe seem to be clumped together - another clump, outside our Local group, is the Virgo Cluster, sometimes called the Realm of Galaxies, between Arcturus and Leo's tail. This contains some 3000 individual galaxies of which some 12-14 are readily noticed but they are too far distant to look patchy; they just look like big stars.

Go on the Web and search for galaxy, Virgo Cluster, Venus, Mercury, Praesepe and see what you can find!

I hope you enjoy your Spring star, galaxy and planet gazing! Next edition - stars in July (and some info about Planets) and then, finally, September stars, and Cosmology.

Peter Sainsbury



## The Naseby Battlefield Project:



Taken from The Harborough Mail, January 28th and the reporter was Ian O'Pray.

"Plans for an exciting £3m battle re-enactment centre in Naseby took a step forward as archaeologists visited the proposed site to carry out a survey. The Naseby Battlefield Project, which is developing visitor attractions at the site of the famous battle, is hoping to build the centre on a 25-acre piece of land near Mill Hill Farm.

A team of archaeologists from Northamptonshire County Council spent three days recently digging exploratory trenches across the site, carrying out a metal detecting survey and looking for evidence of settlement in previous eras, such as the Anglo Saxon. An unidentified coin and evidence of Roman pottery were found during the survey and the team will publish its findings soon.

The work was being carried out ahead of a planning application to build the centre, which the Project hopes to submit in the Spring. Plans for the site include building an earthwork fort, known as a sconce, which groups can use to stage re-enactments of famous battles.

Project member Peter Burton said, "It

won't just be used to re-enact English Civil War battles. It can be adapted for all sorts of re-enactment groups. You could see battles from the American Civil War or the First World War. Groups could recreate Waterloo of the Alamo. There will be a spectator enclosure inside the fort so people will be able to watch an attack coming in

and get as close as you can to getting involved in the actual battle.'

Attached to the fort would be a visitor and conference centre housing a museum, a small shop and catering facilities. The design has been produced by Jon Courtney Thompson, a Banbury based architect and a member of the Sealed Knot.

The site, off the Sibbertoft Road just

outside Naseby, looks across the site of the battle, fought during the English Civil War in 1645 between King Charles I's Royalist troops and Parliamentarians under the command of Sir Thomas Fairfax and Oliver Cromwell.

The land was bought for £250,000 in 2008 after a group of historians, battle re-enactors and villagers clubbed together to raise the cash. It is estimated the centre could attract between 20,000 and 23,000 visitors a year."

**Naseby Battlefield Project**  
More info at: [www.naseby.com](http://www.naseby.com)



**Richard Putt, Chairman of Naseby Battlefield Project with project supervisor Anne Ford (behind Sealed Knot member Dave Lord at the site near Naseby (Picture Andrew Carpenter/001325-57)**







# OFFICERS TO USE 'RESTORATIVE JUSTICE'

An alternative approach to dealing with youth crime is being employed by officers through the introduction of Youth Restorative Disposals (YRD).

Youth Restorative Disposals contain a 'restorative justice' element and assists officers in providing a quick and appropriate response to low-level crime and neighbourhood disorder to young people aged 10 to 17 inclusive.

Where this approach differs to those previously employed, is that it directly engages with all parties - victims, offenders and families - to resolve an offence in a manner that is meaningful.

This discretionary power allows for immediate action to be taken, for minor first time offences.

The basis for introducing YRDs lies with implementing an approach that prevents young people from being disproportionately criminalised for a first time offence, can additionally help reduce the chances of them re-offending and help them gain an understanding of the implications of their behaviour.

It also increases the public's involvement in resolving an issue that they are directly affected by, thereby helping to improve their confidence in the justice system.

Superintendent Peter Glover, Head of the Criminal Justice Department, said: "We are currently in the process of training our officers to deliver

Youth Restorative Disposals. This approach is not only helpful in allowing for a quicker and more efficient use of the criminal justice system, but can also help prevent against unnecessary court appearances, reduce bureaucracy and public expense.



"It is also beneficial in increasing the amount of time our officers spend on the street dealing with other issues.

"Most importantly perhaps, it allows the victim an opportunity to be involved in the resolution process

which can help them deal with the incident better.

"Equally it allows the offender to see the human impact of their actions, which can help to rehabilitate the offending behaviour.

"Using YRDs does not mean that an offence is not considered a crime. The offender must admit to having committed the offence, which will be recorded as a crime. The only difference being, is in how that crime is resolved for the benefit of all those involved."

**Alexa Dayl**  
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I hope you have all coped with this long cold winter, - there have

been a few casualties due to icy conditions, and I hope those people are feeling much better by now. One of the things that is great about Naseby is the way neighbours and members of the community look out for each other, and offer help in times of difficulty. I know people feel very comforted when they feel there is a neighbour or friend to offer support. Age Concern do offer a Befriending scheme, where volunteers can offer companionship to a lonely person.

This may only be a question of popping in for a cuppa once a week or so, or perhaps a game of cards, or it might mean taking someone to the

doctors, or getting a bit of shopping occasionally.

Volunteers are usually matched with a resident in their own locality and would be requested to have a Criminal Records Bureau check



Perhaps you would like to volunteer, or it may be that you would like some companionship, or a bit of help. If so do contact me and I will point you in the right direction.

Also I wondered if there is anyone who might be prepared to do an occasional bit of driving if necessary, if so please give me a call. If you need help getting to an appointment there is the DACT scheme run by Daventry District Council, where you can book a driver at a very low cost. I can supply details if you would like them.

Liz Capell (tel: 01604 740568)

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### ICE RINK TO BECOME ANNUAL EVENT AS 11,000 FLOCK TO BECKWORTH!!!

An ice rink is set to become an annual attraction at Beckworth Emporium after more than 10,000 people flocked to the rink during its first winter.

The stunning rink opened at the end of November, taking centre stage at the emporium during the Christmas period. Before closing on January 10, Beckworth recorded that 10,966 people had taken to the ice at the Mears Ashby site.



*"It's been an overwhelming success," said Beckworth Emporium co-owner David Brown. "We had anticipated that the ice rink would be a popular feature over Christmas, but didn't expect the 11,000 ticket sales. It has proved to be so popular that we have decided to make it an annual attraction."*

Beckworth provided visitors with top-quality skates, an indoor skate exchange area, indoor and outdoor viewing areas, push-along aides for small children and festive rink-side refreshments. Evening skaters were also entertained with music and light shows.

The popularity of the ice rink has topped off a very successful inaugural year for the emporium which opened in April.

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## Recipe Corner

### ROAST SPRING LAMB WITH ROSE WINE & ORANGES

Serves 6

- 2.25kg Leg Lamb Bone In
- 75ml olive oil
- 1 tbsp Chopped rosemary
- 2 large carrots, roughly chopped
- 1 onion, roughly chopped
- 3 sticks celery roughly chopped
- Small sprig of bay, rosemary & thyme
- Pared zest and juice of 1 orange
- 1tsp plain flour
- bottle of rose wine
- 500ml lamb, chicken or vegetable stock
- 1tbsp reductant jelly

Preheat oven: 200°C (180°C - Fan) Gas 6

Trim the excess fat away from the lamb and put in the roasting tin. Make shallow criss/cross incisions on the top of the joint. Mix half the olive oil with the rosemary, salt and pepper. Warm the roasting tin with the fat in over a medium

heat adding the remaining olive oil. Place lamb in the tin and rub the rosemary oil over the top into the slashes. Keep turning the lamb over until it begins to colour all over. Tip the vegetables and sprigs of herb into the tin, sprinkle a little salt on the lamb and roast until the fat starts to brown.

Remove the tin from the oven and turn the temperature down to 160°C (140°C - Fan) Gas 4. Scrape the vegetables away from the bottom of the tin and turn the lamb over. Baste a little and continue to cook for 45-50 mins. Remove the lamb to a warm serving dish and cover with a loose tent of foil.

While the lamb relaxes make the sauce. Blanch the orange zest in boiling water for 1 minute until soft then drain and set

aside. Remove the vegetables from the tin (reserving any that aren't too dark for tucking round the roast) then put the tin on a medium heat and skim away all but 1tbs fat. Sprinkle the flour in and stir constantly. Add the wine, orange juice and zest and stock and boil rapidly for about 10 mins until the gravy thickens and reduces by about half. Season to taste. Finally stir in the reductant jelly and simmer until melted then strain. Serve the lamb surrounded by any reserved vegetables with the hot gravy.

Thanks to BBC Good Food for this delicious recipe, which I made sourcing all the ingredients in the village and the garden ...a bonus, no driving no fuel and no stress!!!  
*Sue Turner*

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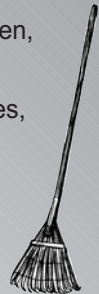


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Thank you.

Ben Sleeman (aged 9)



# NASEBY 'NOCKERS DO THE MOON WALK!



No, not Michael Jackson style – we mean the Playtex MoonWalk, which takes place in London on Saturday 15 May. Five intrepid ladies from Naseby will be strutting their stuff this year, together with thousands of other women and men in an effort to raise stacks of cash for

breast cancer charities. This isn't just a stroll around the sights; the MoonWalk is actually a 42 km hike along the streets of the capital by night and yes – that is a marathon distance! Huge sums of money have been raised by this marvellous annual event, which is perhaps most famous for the fact that the participants walk in highly decorated bras – and that includes the men!

Moonwalking their way to mounds of dosh this year will be Naseby's own Lesley Campbell, Julie Westaway, Louise Dudleston, Tina Underwood and Cathy Hoyle, who together form **Naseby 'Nockers**. The girls can be found pounding the paths of the Brampton Valley Way most mornings and rigorous training has been underway for several months already, with the 15 miles from Market Harbrough to Northampton providing a good weekly workout on Saturday mornings.



Celebrities Sara Cox and Paul O'Grady taking part in the 2009 Playtex MoonWalk

*"We are now researching some safe night time routes so we can build up the miles on pavements, rather than mud tracks, and try to acclimatise to walking at night"* said 'Nockers team captain, Lesley Campbell, whose idea it was to enter the MoonWalk this year and who sets the wicked pace on every training walk!

## SPONSORS WANTED:

The girls are of course looking for sponsors and welcome all and any donations to this great cause.

Go to the NASEBY 'NOCKERS fund raising page:

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Team: NASEBY 'NOCKERS

Event: The Playtex MoonWalk 2010

Event Date: 15 May 2010



Louise Dudleston



# NASEBY

## Historical Society

We had our first Sign-Up Meeting on the 3rd February 2010, but there is another opportunity to renew your membership or join us at 7-30pm on the 10th March in the Village Hall. Membership fees are £12/£20 for Single/Family membership.

Our 2010 programme of talks and walks will feature 3 special events, organised by a team of expert historians and landscape archaeologists from the Rockingham Forest Trust (RFT). The first event will be "On the Heritage Trail" to be held in the main hall (downstairs) on the 10th March, doors open at 7-30pm for an 8-00pm start.

At this meeting a major heritage project, envisaged to take 3 years to complete in 6 Northamptonshire areas, will be launched by Dr Peter Hill, Historical Consultant. The 'Rose of the Shires Project', supported by the national Heritage Lottery Fund, is intended to uncover what has been hitherto undiscovered. Commencing in our local area (Naseby plus Haselbech, Cottesbrooke, Clipston, Marston Trussell and Sibbertoft). Interested residents of all of these villages will be invited to this launch event, which will include some light refreshments.

The March event will be followed by a series of village specific presentations, walks, and workshops. For Naseby our first village specific event "Discovering the Past" has been arranged for the 7th April at the Village Hall from 7-30 until 9-30pm.

An opportunity to accompany the project team around our local area, on their field work, has also been arranged for Saturday 8th May. All 3 events are described in more detail by the RFT within this and future editions of Natters (spaces are limited and non-members of the Naseby Historical Society must book them directly/in advance with Rockingham Forest Trust on 01933 625527 or email [stuart@rfttrust.org.uk](mailto:stuart@rfttrust.org.uk)).

On the 2nd June we will be out and about in Lubenham with our expert guide Barbara Burbidge and on the 7th July we will join Alan Langley on the East Farndon Historic Trail. After our August summer break we will welcome back Chris Rowe, on the 1st September, for her talk "Spires and Squires". As the winter nights approach we will have a talk on the royal connections with Grafton Regis and a local interest talk by one of our own village historians.

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 usually 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 for your interest and support.

Paul Kelly (01604 743778).



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Greg Pritchett

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE

Monday February 15th. Started at 5.00am this morning. Nothing to do with work but



we've got the grandchildren stopping! As this is the last day of my seven day shift this is the last task; doing my bit for Natters.

Team news, we have sergeant Mike Grady back with us, a very experienced officer with extensive knowledge of the area. One of our officers, Claire Salmon has taken over the wildlife liaison officer's job so we currently have two student constables working with the team. At the moment, all student officers have to do a 14-week stint with an SCT which helps us enormously.

On the crime front since Oct 1st to the end of December we recorded 6 crimes for Naseby. In Oct a burglary at an older house on the High St where a small amount of cash was taken. Another burglary at a property on the Kelmarsch road where jewellery was taken and in late January, an attempt burglary at a house on the lane leading down from the Royal Oak pub which was prevented by the timely action of Rachel on her post round. Extensive

enquiries have been conducted on this one and all I can say is that the offender's car was seen at various points of the village and eventually they seem to have parked up on the Cold Ashby road near to Washbrook Fm and gone across the field to the house. Enquiries are still ongoing. On Sat Jan 30th a lady from Welford parked her car on the Thornby road and temporarily left the tailgate open to catch a runaway dog. In the few seconds she was away a car stopped and the male occupant stole her handbag which, along with most of the contents, were later found in Guilsborough. The same offender we believe was responsible for burglaries in Arthingworth and Hollowell and another vehicle theft near to Welford. Leicestershire also suffered. The only description I have of his car is a newish black 4 door Alfa Romeo with tan leather seats. Quite unusual and if anyone remembers more please call me. Last week Henry had a couple in the shop trying to change counterfeit £20 notes. They were unsuccessful but to show how mobile the modern criminal is, the same pair were reported in Brackley, Towcester, Brixworth, Naseby and finally twice in Welford.

Again, since Oct 1st we have had 25 calls to our contact centre from Naseby, many of them duplicates and the largest single reason was to inform us "I've crashed my car".

To put things in perspective the Rural East beat area shows a 14% reduction in crime this year compared to last with 31 fewer victims and in a list of 42 beats that make up Northants West police area, Rural East is No 42 in volume of crime.

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Andy Austin - *'Ceybirds' 38 High St*

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Ray Ellis - *65, High Street*

Lynn Dyett - *14 Newlands*

Mike Willis - *7 Newlands*

Liz Capell - *16 Nutcote*

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

Post lady - *c/o Naseby HQ*

Hopefully you will have seen my sign in Naseby HQ showing my surgery times to coincide with the doctors visits at the Methodist Chapel. They are all between 11 and 12 noon and the next dates are March 8th and 29th, April 19th and May 10th. If you need to see me for any reason and it can wait please come along.

Best wishes to you all for 2010.



PCSO 7011 Glyn LEWIS

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PLANS GRANT  
BITESIZE**

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**Are you looking for funding for actions from your Parish Plan?**

**How does £500 with NO match funding sound?!**

Northamptonshire Community Foundation (NCF), with whom we are working in partnership to deliver the Grassroots Grants Funding Programme, supports this extension of the current Parish Plan Grant Pot.

Through our work with parishes across the county, we have recognised a need for focused community consultations, which are on a smaller scale to Parish Plans, dealing with just one topic that a complete Parish Plan might cover. For example, many parishes are concerned about youth provision and would be interested in consulting with their young people and devising an action plan to take the results of their consultation forward, all of which could be accomplished within just a few months.

Also, many Parish Plan Steering Groups or Action Groups are struggling to move their completed Parish Plans forward



because they are finding it difficult to get funding for their actions, which more often than not, are for relatively small

amounts of money.

So, we have decided to respond to this need and extend the parameters of the Parish Plan Grant Pot to include applications for "Parish Plan Tasters" (with the encouragement and support to move towards a full Parish Plan following the successful completion of a 'taster' section) and also for actions that are directly born from previously completed Parish Plans.

Grants of up to £500 are now available with no requirement for match funding. The next deadline for applications is **Friday 26th March 2010**.

Application forms are available on Northamptonshire ACRE's website ([www.northantsacre.org.uk](http://www.northantsacre.org.uk)) or direct from your Rural Officer:

**Carolyn Howe** - East Northamptonshire, Wellingborough, Kettering and Corby

**Beth Milne** - Northampton, Daventry District and South Northamptonshire.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Beth Milne**



**NASEBY LADIES  
ROUNDERS**

The sight of thick snow and ice lying on the ground does not really spark thoughts of summer pastimes but as Natters' esteemed Editor reminded me today, the rounders season is only a couple of months away! As I write there are plans afoot to organise a pre-season warm-up tournament at the end of April and we are hopeful it will be held at Naseby Village Hall field. The Market Harborough District league is the oldest and largest local league in the country and so there will be lots of teams taking part and some impressive skills on display. So, whether you are interested in playing, or just coming along to support Naseby Ladies, keep your eyes peeled for news of the tournament date.



Naseby Ladies will be competing in the League's 1st Division (of 3) this year and we are always on the lookout for new talent and encouraging support. In the next edition of Naseby Natters we should be able to publish our fixture list for the season but, in the meantime, if any girls/ladies aged 12 years and upwards are interested in playing, please contact Louise Dudleston, Cathy Hoyle or Julie Westaway for more information.

**Louise Dudleston**





## The Naseby W.I.



As our last report to 'Natters' had already been submitted before

we heard of Mike Westaway's death, we were unable to include our condolences. However, our members, who were very sorry to hear the sad news, now send belated but sincere sympathies to Sally and her family.

By coincidence, Mike's daughter-in-law, Jane, was due to be the guest speaker/demonstrator at the November meeting, which took place on the same day as Mike's funeral. Fortunately for us, she was able to change dates with Janice Collins, the speaker originally booked for the December meeting. Jan brought with her a selection of beautiful Christmas decorations which she had made, provided materials and helped everyone make attractive Christmas cards and small gift boxes suitable for hanging on a Christmas tree.

When she came to the December meeting, Jane delighted members and visitors with her ideas for Christmas decorations and her floral arrangements, including a beautiful 'tied bunch' of flowers which she kindly donated for a raffle prize.

We were pleased to welcome several visitors to this meeting, including Jane's mother-in-law, Sally, and recently retired member Joyce Vials, who was in fine form and pleased to be back with her WI friends in Naseby.

For the second year running, because of the icy, snowy conditions and the far from encouraging weather

forecast, the January meeting/party had to be postponed. It should have taken place on 14th but was held the following week. Thanks are due to Margaret Anderson for welcoming us into her home once again and to the members who provided the delicious refreshments and entertainment. I think it is safe to say that everyone who was there had a thoroughly enjoyable time and that it had been worth waiting for.

The meeting held on 11th February was back in the village hall, when the guest speaker, Steve Frost, gave a musical demonstration and talked about Native American Flutes.

In March we are hoping to welcome Ian Clarkson JP to talk about the work of the Magistrates. Ian was booked to come to Naseby last February, but his visit had to be cancelled because of the atrocious weather. Here's hoping we shall have better luck this year!

At the meeting due to be held on 8th April, Brian Sumpton from the RSPB will be talking about 'The Return of the Red Kite.' Also taking place during April will be our annual fund raising lunch in the village hall; this will be on Saturday 17th April. Please put the date in your diaries - more details will be available later.

Members have continued to enjoy their fun skittles evenings at The Royal Oak. It is hoped that more can be arranged, starting sometime in March.

Finally, if any lady or ladies would like to come to one or more of our meetings, they would be sure of a warm welcome. Unless otherwise advertised, they are held in the upstairs room of the village hall on the second Thursday of the month,

beginning with the business part of the meeting at 7.30 p.m., followed by a talk or demonstration which starts at approximately 8 o'clock, with refreshments being served at the end of the evening.

Mary Hackett (tel. 01604 740657)

## BECKWORTH EMPORIUM IS GIVEN GREEN LIGHT FOR GLASSHOUSE EXTENSIONS



Beckworth Emporium will mark its first year of trading with a dramatic extension - including two new glasshouses at the Mears Ashby site.

Planning permission has been granted for the emporium to build a 2084m<sup>2</sup> glasshouse at the rear of nursery as well as for an extension to the car park, creating an additional 65 spaces.

The new 80m x 25.6m glasshouse will enable the emporium to grow all of its own bedding plants, herbaceous perennials and vegetable plants on-site, all of which will be sold solely at Beckworth. Work has begun onsite and is expected to conclude in mid March.

David Brown, co-owner of Beckworth, said: *"We are delighted that we can begin work on the extension of Beckworth. The new glasshouse will enable us to provide customers with a wider range of unusual plant varieties. By having our experts grow the plants on-site, we will cut down on transportation costs and will be able to pass these savings on to our customers."*

Steff Lewis-Sabey  
PR manager







Just A Bit of Fun!

# hey Jude

don't

make it bad

take a sad song and make it better

be afraid

you were made to go out and get her

let me down

you have found her, now go and get her

remember to

let her into your heart

let her under your skin

then you

can start

begin

to make it better

better better better better better waaaaa

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**CLUBS, GROUPS & SOCIETIES**

**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:** Louise Jenkinson (01604 770804)

**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)

**Womens 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 2010

DAYDATE	MONTH	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	ORGANISATION	
Wed	3	Mar	20:00 - 22:00	Naseby Historical Society	Naseby Village Hall	NHS
Thu	4	Mar	19:45 - 21:45	Naseby Parish Council	Naseby Village Hall	NPC
Fri	5	Mar	15:30 - 17:30	NSA After School Sports	Naseby Village Hall	NSA
Fri	5	Mar	17:30 - 19:30	Stop Kelmarsh Windfarm - Public Meeting	Naseby Village Hall	e-On
Wed	10	Mar	19:30 - 22:00	Rose of the Shires - On the Heritage Trail	Naseby Village Hall	<b>(Must be pre-booked)</b>
Thu	11	Mar	19:30 - 21:30	Naseby WI	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Fri	12	Mar	15:30 - 17:30	NSA After School Sports	Naseby Village Hall	NSA
Sun	14	Mar	10:15am	Soul Cafe	Methodist Church	Methodist Church
Thu	18	Mar	20:00 - 22:00	Naseby Village Hall Committee	Naseby Village Hall	NVH
Fri	19	Mar	15:30 - 17:30	NSA After School Sports	Naseby Village Hall	NSA
Thu	25	Mar	6pm & 7.30pm	Fusion & Rock Solid	Methodist Church	Methodist Church
Fri	26	Mar	15:30 - 17:30	NSA After School Sports	Naseby Village Hall	NSA
Fri	26	Mar	17:30 - 19:00	NSA Fun Night	Naseby Village Hall	NSA
Sat	27	Mar	13:00-16:00	Fancy Dress Easter Egg Hunt!	Guildsborough Pre-School	GPS (Contact: AJ Green)
Thu	1	Apr	19:45 - 21:45	Naseby Parish Council	Naseby Village Hall	NPS
Wed	7	Apr	19:30 - 22:00	Rose of the Shires - Discovering the Past	Naseby Village Hall	<b>(Must be pre-booked)</b>
Thu	8	Apr	19:30 - 22:00	Naseby WI	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Thu	15	Apr	20:00 - 22:00	Naseby Village Hall Committee	Naseby Village Hall	NVH
Sat	17	Apr	12:00 - 14:00	Naseby WI	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Wed	21	Apr	19:30 - 20:30	NSA Meeting	Royal Oak	NSA
Fri	23	Apr	TBC	Beer Festival	Royal Oak	Royal Oak
Sat	24	Apr	TBC	Beer Festival with Empire	Royal Oak	Royal Oak
Sun	25	Apr	TBC	Beer Festival with Dr Busker	Royal Oak	Royal Oak
Thu	6	May	19:45 - 21:45	Naseby Parish Council	Naseby Village Hall	NPC
Sat	8	May	09:30 - 16:00	Rose of the Shires - A Walk Through Time (Must be pre-booked) -	Naseby Village Hall	
Sun	9	May	10:45am	Sunday School	Methodist Church	Methodist Church
Thu	13	May	19:30 - 22:00	Naseby WI	Naseby Village Hall	WI
Sat	15	May	19:30 - 23:00	Ferret Racing	Naseby Village Hall	NVH
Sun	16	May	10:15am	Soul Cafe	Methodist Church	Methodist Church
Thu	20	May	20:00 - 22:00	Naseby Village Hall Committee	Naseby Village Hall	NVH
Thu	27	May	6pm & 7.30pm	Fusion & Rock Solid	Methodist Church	Methodist Church
Tue-Fri	10-13	Aug	10am-12 noon	Holiday Club (Provisional Date Only)	TBC	Methodist Church

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





# Kids Corner!

REPORTS BY THE CHILDREN OF NASEBY SCHOOL:

**CRAZY BALL:** We have had lots of fun using a set of Crazy Ball equipment at the village hall. Crazy Ball is a game between two teams, with each team having 4 players. To get points you and one of your team mates has to throw the ball at a net and someone from the same team has to catch the ball, but if someone from the other team catches the ball they get the point instead.

**ROWING:** During this week we have had the opportunity to borrow rowing machines from Rode School. We had a competition for the juniors to see how far we could row in 2 minutes. My highest was 432m!

**CYCLING:** During this half term the year sixes took part in the National Standard Cycling Training Course which was followed by a bike test. We learned how to be safe on the road by wearing a helmet, hi-viz jacket and we learnt our hand signals. We practised going past a parked car and learned about going from a minor into a major road. Everyone passed!

**RECYCLING CENTRE:** Last week the Juniors went to Northampton to find out where our waste goes. We learned about the three Rs: Reuse, Reduce and Recycle. We can reduce by buying, for example a large bottle of Coke instead of six small bottles to cut down on waste packaging. Reuse means trying to use things more than once e.g. bags for life. We learned about how important it is to use the blue and red recycling boxes. We went on a tour of the centre and had to wear a high visibility jacket, a hard hat and a head set so that we could hear the lady talking.

Reported by Will Hoyle Year 6

## MY VISIT TO THE WASTE EDUCATION CENTRE



On Thursday 21st January we went to the Waste Education Centre in Northampton. I had a great time there and enjoyed all the activities we did.

We were greeted by a lady called Heather and she led us to a big room. In the room there were lots of recycled materials like a rucksack that was made out of juice cartons, a basket made from crisp packets and a pencil case made out of rubber. We were given a mat to sit on that was made out of recycled wellies!

After that Heather told us about waste. Imagine one football

pitch, now imagine ten, then twenty... that is how big a landfill site is.

Next we were split into 2 groups, year three and four and year five and six.

Year three and four stayed in the room and played the games while year five and six had a tour. Before we went outside we had to put on a hard hat, a reflective jacket and a set of headphones. After that we began the tour.

We visited the Waste Centre garden. There was a pair of wellies made into plant pots, tyres made into rubber tiles and even tyres made into a sculpture of a pony!

Further on there was a conveyor belt with all the rubbish on. If you went up a set of stairs you would find a sorting room where they sort all the rubbish.

At the bottom of the stairs there was a big machine that crushed, squashed and compacted the rubbish then tied it together with some metal wire. After we had seen the baler we went back to the classroom.

We played the games and the first one was to sort the items of every day household rubbish and put them into piles labelled reduce, reuse and recycle. It was fun.

Once we had finished playing that game we had to stick pictures of things people throw away on pictures of red, blue and black bins

Altogether we had a fantastic morning and learnt a lot about waste recycling.

Rebecca Marshall - Year 6



**Bit of Fun:** How many Easter Eggs you can find in this issue?

## Have your say!

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

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**Deadline for the next issue:**

**1\* May 2010**

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