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# Naseby Natters

last issue 25



## RIP NATTERS

Well, the time has come to bid farewell to Naseby Natters. March 2004 was when we started, so after 6 years and 25 issues I don't think that is a bad innings do you?!?!?

We hope you have enjoyed reading our little newsletter? but it has sadly become too much for 1 person to run, co-ordinate and put together.

The team have been fantastic: writing articles, coming up with new ideas, taking photographs and I certainly could not have done it without them - espesh my "right-hand-man" Sally, without whom I would have given up a long time ago.

Our fantastic treasurer has also been a tower of strength throughout the years, making sure we have the funds to pay for each and every single issue. So to Gerry Wood - I salute you!

We appealed in the last issue for people to come forward, with the idea of breaking the job down into 3 separate roles, but sadly apathy hit Naseby once again and no-one came forward. We had the possibility of someone doing the layout (which was the one area I thought we would REALLY struggle to fill) but sadly no-one stepped up to do the administrative or Editorial role.

The Parish Council is planning on producing a small village update circular 3 times a year, starting in 2011, with essential news and appeals to keep you in the loop as to

what is going on in your village.

Thanks to the generosity of the village, the Naseby Natters coffers are in credit, the team all agreed to give the rest of the money to the Parish Council, for them to hold onto in case someone would like to pick-up the reigns of the newsletter and start it back up in the future. This means there would be money in the kitty for them to get the first issue up and running.

On a personal note: I would like to thank every single person who has written articles, taken photos, sponsored an issue, placed an advert, proof read, delivered or been involved with and supported Natters over the years. **You** made it what it was.

RIP Natters - it was fun! Maybe someone will come to your rescue...

Cheers!  
AJ

**We wish every single one of our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! - The Natters Team!**



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I apologies in advance for any typing errors, spelling blunders, or grammatical gaffs in this issue as it has not been proof read - ed

The Natters Team had a meal in Market Harborough as a farewell send off ...



your newsletter and your village so get involved



# Village Update

Naseby Parish Council (PC)

## A NOTE TO NATTERS

The Parish Council would like to say an ENORMOUS thank you to AJ and team for a fantastic 25 issues of Natters. A huge amount of effort goes into producing a single edition of what has become a mini magazine and a great information piece for the village. No one has stepped forward to fill AJ's shoes and the PC feel that Natters would be a loss to the village, so will be taking over on a smaller scale with 3 editions per year ..... any contributions for the March issue please to the Clerk [nasebyparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nasebyparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk) by mid February.

## STREET LIGHTING

The PC has been advised that by 2015 all lamp-posts will need to be able to accommodate energy efficient bulbs. Currently only 2 of the 33 posts in the village can. The total estimated cost to do the work to all 33 lamp-posts is £9798.50+VAT. The decision has been taken to address each lamp-post individually as and when the current bulb blows. The PC will need to make budget provision for this over the next 3 years.

## NEW WOODEN POSTS

Two wooden posts have been installed on the mud/verge area near to the rear entrance to the School. This area becomes very water-logged and muddy during

the winter due to cars being able to park. Top soil has been placed over the area and this is soon be seeded.

## PARISH ENHANCEMENT GANGS

MGWSP in conjunction with NCC have set up 2 'gangs' dedicated to benefit the local community by undertaking minor improvements/safety works. The PC put together a wish list of works such as; sign cleaning, pot hole filling, clearing of vegetation from around street signs, minor kerb repairs and other works that enhance the aesthetic look of the village. A gang has visited Naseby and carried out some of the works. Please let us know if you have any suggestions on how to utilise this resource for future visits.

## CHRISTMAS TREE

By the time you read this the second parish funded Christmas Tree will be illuminated in the Church yard. This year it was commemorated with Carols, mulled wine and mince pies.

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Please take your tree to the Village Hall car park and Daventry District Council will collect them for re-cycling after Christmas.

Naseby Parish Council



### Members of the Naseby Parish Council 2010

**Mrs Bridget Baker**  
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Carvell's Lane  
Welford Quarry liaison rep

**Peter Clancy**  
15 Hall Close

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14, Nutcote  
Playground Warden

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

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

**Steve Clark**  
Newlands  
Chair

**Mr Scott Westaway**  
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Vice Chair

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Chair

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

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE:

For your information the doctors surgery that was held at the Methodist Church on Monday mornings from 11am has now been stopped. This was due to a lack of patients using the facility.  
**No Guilsborough Drs' Surgery @ Methodist Church on Mondays**



As this is going to be the last report of

the work of Village Pride in this form, I

would like to begin by thanking AJ and her team for all the help they have given over the years to publicise our work, take photos of us, and generally encourage what has become a very popular village group.

Back in the summer we tackled the back path to the school, cutting down the hedge by the church gateway, shredding the branches, and spreading them along the bank. We hope forget-me-nots will bloom here in the spring.

The wilder part of the churchyard was strimmed rather late this year and a number of people worked very hard to catch up with cutting down overgrown nettles, and clearing ivy off the walls.

In the autumn we really were able to please many people, thanks in great part to the hard work of Geoff Gold and his father, John, who cut down most of the remaining conifer by the church. At last we can see what we have been aiming for - an uninterrupted view of the east end of the church from Newlands, and a lovely expanse of grass and gravestones that are so characteristic of English churchyards. The conifer completely hid seven gravestones, including a slate one going back to 1746 with a six-line poem on it, as clear to read as it was the day it was carved.

After the tree was cut down, the wood had to be moved, and we are very grateful to all the people who worked so quickly to clear the site and rake the chippings level. Thanks also go to people who cleared the drains, and moved cut braches from previous clearances. I know from the comments I have heard that this whole project has been received with real appreciation, and I hope we have many sunny autumn and winter days on which to enjoy the new view.

We have also worked in the Burial Ground at the back of the church for the first time this year, shortening the branches of the overhanging lime

trees, and spending hours trimming the shoots that had grown round the bases of the trees. The result is that every gravestone can now be seen as you walk down the path, and it really does look like what some people call "God's acre".

As usual,

I would encourage you to walk around where we have been and see what a lovely place it is.

We have planted well over two hundred daffodils round the village, some bought with money left in the tins in the shop and pub, and some donated by Henry; roll on spring!

However, before spring comes Christmas, and we and the church made great plans for the evening of December the 5th where we turned on the lights of **The Village Christmas Tree**. The children put on a wonderful



The Village Christmas Tree





### THE PILATES WAY...

Spaces are available for this fantastic Pilates course held at the village hall. Please call now if you are interested in coming along. Classes are kept small so I can keep an eye on technique! No mats or equipment is required as I provide it all.

**ALL ABILITIES & AGES ARE VERY WELCOME**

Lorraine 07976 529 414

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 •

performance they learned at the After School Singing Club, everyone sang carols and we served punch, fruit squash, mince pies, sausages, sausage rolls and biscuits within the church. Thank you to all who were involved with putting the tree up and organising the refreshments. Also thanks to all the villagers who came along, despite the snow we have had, for a wonderful festive time and some great community spirit.

Margaret Anderson





**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of 2 babies in the village over recent months!



Katie Shepherd and Husband Tom from Church Street had their third girl, Lily Mary Fitzsimon Shepherd, on Friday 1st October 2010 at 1.28am weighing 9lbs 3oz! :)



Will and Ella miles first baby Elsa Alice Miles was born on the 25th September 2010 at 9.37am. weighing in at 7lb 14 oz

We would like to send a huge congratulations to them and their families on their new bundles of joy!

# All Saints Church

All Saints is **YOUR** church - we welcome you, with friends & family, to all of our services.

## ALL SAINTS SERVICES IN DECEMBER

- December 12th 09:30
- December 19th 09:30
- December 24th 18:00 - *Carols by Candlelight*
- December 25th 09:30

**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.

Please see our other article featured in this last Natters

Yours in faith,  
Avis Aldrich  
Church Warden



## Contacts

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Maurice Cave

PCC Members:  
Sarah Farrell, Ann Faulks, Valerie  
Latham & Maurice Cave Treasurer  
Pauline Gatehouse Sec



**Standard Parcels:**  
Wednesday 15th December

**2<sup>nd</sup> Class:**  
Saturday 18th December

**1<sup>st</sup> Class:**  
Tuesday 21st December



## Naseby Methodist Church

The last few months have seen a few changes at the Chapel.

In June our youngest member, **Anna Grace**, arrived on the scene. She is a regular attender at morning service along with her parents, Ben and Louise, and it is lovely to hear her cooing in the background.

This summer we said a sad farewell to **Helen Bamber** who has moved to Durham to train for the ministry. Helen has been our circuit youth worker for the last eight years and responsible for setting up the **Fusion and Rock Solid youth clubs** as well as leading our annual holiday club. The youth clubs presented her with a silver pendant necklace at her final session in July. Shortly afterwards, however, she returned to lead the holiday club. This was our 8th holiday club and the title was "Wet, Wet, Wet!". The name was chosen before we heard the weather forecast but proved to be very prophetic as it rained at some point every day! I am pleased to say that the rain did not dampen the fun and, dodging the showers, we managed at least some of the activities outside. Each day the Bible story made reference to water, for

example, Noah and the Ark. As always we were grateful for the help from our Anglican friends in the village and Harborough Methodist Church. We were also very pleased to have three youth helpers this year, Hannah Osborne, Jack Sims and Josiah Watson. They were given a difficult challenge to perform each day which usually involved them getting either wet or very messy. I must say they were all incredibly sporting! After all the rain during the week we were thankful for some fine weather on the Sunday for a holiday club special service and barbecue, a fitting send off for Helen. Despite Helen's departure the youth clubs are continuing and we are grateful to her for the pattern she has given us to follow.

We enjoyed a lovely celebration for **Phil and June's Golden Wedding** in August, starting with a service in the Chapel and followed by a delicious buffet at the Old Vicarage. It was good to see some familiar faces, such as Stuart and Leny Cato, who have now moved away.



### Contacts

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**Mums & Tots:**  
All welcome - Thursday  
1.30-3.30pm  
(term time only)

These last few months have seen me slowly easing out of the **Mums & Tots** group and I have handed over the reins to Louise Jenkinson. I will miss the group very much as it has been a part of my life for

such a long time, 12 years in fact, but no doubt I will still call in for a coffee now and again. If there are any mums in the village with babies up to pre-school children who don't know about Mums & Tots, please pop along to the Chapel on any Thursday during term time from 1:30 to 3:30 pm where you will be greeted with a cuppa and made to feel **very** welcome.

We are now gearing up for the Christmas celebrations at the Chapel beginning with the Mums and Tots party at the end of December when Father Christmas will pay a special visit!

On Sunday the 19th

December our annual united carol service will be held at 6 p.m. followed by punch and mince pies and we extend a warm welcome to all.

Monday 20th December is the Fusion and Rock Solid Youth Club Christmas disco. This will begin at 6.30 p.m. and food is included in the £2 entrance fee. As always there will be a short family service on Christmas morning at 10.30 a.m. and all are welcome to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

I send with a huge thank you to AJ and the rest of the Natters team for all their hard work and dedication over these last 6 years. Thanks and very well done for all your work. You are amazing!!!! I wish you and all the Natters team and readers a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2011.

Ruth Watson





## Naseby School Update:

### SO ... U THINK U KNOW...

#### WHAT GOES ON AT NASEBY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL?



Naseby CE Primary School is a busy place! We currently have 62 pupils and we thought you would be interested to know just what's been going on at school just this term. We have...

- welcomed several visitors into school to take assemblies e.g. Rev David Faulks, Dr. Colin Lamb, Rev and Mrs Kennard
- held our Harvest Service in All Saints and collected nearly £100 to send to the school which we support in Sudan
- welcomed new children to our school - not only in Reception but in year groups throughout the school
- taken 20 of the older children on a one week residential to Herefordshire where we went caving, gorge walking, climbing and much, much more!
- been team building with the Y3&4s at Holdenby
- held our regular after school clubs e.g. cookery, science, football, singing, French, Friday Sports Club
- consulted parents about the development of the school and acted upon suggestions
- taken part in The Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child', when we filled shoe boxes with gifts to be sent to less fortunate children around the world

- held three Parents' Consultation Evenings to keep parents informed about the progress of their children - these were fantastically well attended
- held an information evening for parents about E-Safety - very interesting and more than a little scary
- invited in a visiting group who performed a drama about keeping ourselves cyber safe
- had a guest speaker come in to school and tell us all about the Olympic games in 2012
- had school photo's taken of all the children by a professional photographer
- achieved national Healthy Schools Status
- submitted Anti-bullying Accreditation for the Foundation level. We've already done lots of work towards the Bronze level as well
- organised activities as part of Anti-bullying week
- hosted a meeting for the University of Northampton
- held a highly successful Open Morning for parents who are interested in seeing what our school may have to offer their children
- invited parents to come and help at a 'Grounds Morning' one weekend - we certainly got the place tidied up!
- raised money for Children in Need by charging to have jacket potatoes and filling for lunch one Friday (all the potatoes were home grown in

the school garden!)

- held a highly successful Quiz Night, run by the NSA, which not only raised money but was also great fun
- organised Fun Nights for the children to socialise and have fun outside of school
- used the new sports courts for some of our PE lessons
- welcomed a Rugby coach from The Saints to work with the children in Y5&6 - oh how they loved getting muddy!
- taken children from Y3&4 and some in 5&6 swimming and helped them to gain their swimming awards
- played a couple of football fixtures as part of the Guilsborough Cluster league
- started to develop a school website, with fantastic support from governors
- welcomed a new Foundation Governor to work with our existing super, supportive governors
- applied for and been awarded a grant for the Early Years
- had built and installed a new playhouse for the Reception children to enjoy
- booked the annual pantomime visit to Derngate for January



...All this just from September - I told you we're a busy school!

All this is possible because we have dedicated and hard working staff and governors, super children and supportive parents - thank you to you all. By the time you read this, we will also have held our Christmas Fair and Christmas preparations will be



well underway. You are all cordially invited to the Carol Service, which will be held in All Saints Church at 2 p.m. on 17th December.

Sue Bradburn



**From AJ - The ed and a 'mum'**

All of the above is what makes this school not really a very good school...**BUT A REALLY GREAT SCHOOL!**

If you are umming and arring about "which school do we send our child to next year"- Or you are battling your way through the on-line forms, which need to be completed by the middle of January (only adding to your stress levels!!!) - then **STOP!** Read the above article written by Sue, the Head Teacher and ask yourself - "how many more reasons do we need to choose Naseby School for our child?"

Don't take my word for it - ask the children themselves... they love it! To me, that speaks more than any report ever could!

From: A Mum (AJ)



**School Contacts**

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**List of Governors 2010:**

- Peter Burditt - Parent Governor
- Joanne Clement - Associate Member
- Margaret Diack - Chair & Foundation Gov
- Kay Driver - Community Governor
- Tim Heydon - LEA Governor
- Sandra Kirkland - Associate Member
- Colin Lamb - Foundation Governor
- Claire Osborne - Parent Governor
- Pat Reedman - Community Governor
- Wyn Sleeman - Parent Governor
- Beverley Thornton - Teacher Governor
- Mrs P Yates - LEA Governor
- Dr Adrian Vann - Vice-Chair & Parent Gov
- Andrea Heydon - Clerk

**NSA REPORT**

The AGM took place on the 18th October with the following positions filled:

Chair - Rachel Eaton Smith

Vice Chair - Pauline Vann

Treasurer - Sandra Sleeman

Secretary - Becky Pope

Other Committee members - Stina Farrell, Tara Westaway, Julie Westaway, Paula Otter, Justine Flower and Ruth Watson.

As with all charities we are seeing the impact of the current economic climate at the moment however we have worked out that to fund the standard annual items required by the school **we need to raise £1800 per annum.** This does **not** include any additional niceties or large items so the fundraising drive continues with the below planned....(so put pen to diary and please support our school and its children).



**NSA UPDATE**

Welcome back to the Naseby School Association's update. As always, this is a busy time for the association, especially as Christmas is coming fast.

Since the last issue of Natters, the NSA have successfully held their annual Quiz in the Village, an event always very well supported by the community and a fantastic Xmas Fair with plenty of new stall this year, complete with Santa's Grotto!

Future dates for your diary are as follows...

In addition to this **THE NASEBY WINTER QUIZ** has been finalised and is on sale NOW through Naseby HQ. It costs only £1 to enter and the more we sell the higher the prize money will be! Buy a copy and challenge yourselves, friends and family over the festive period. Completed forms are not required until January.

**SPORTS CLUB** - Since September the children have joined Ian learning the basics of Kung Fu and now the year is drawing to a close with the children having the opportunity to participate in Archery, Relaxation sessions and also singing sessions. It is hoped to have a school choir for the Christmas fair and also the lighting up of the village Christmas tree. Next year the following activities have been booked - Theatre Skills including stage fighting (Feb - Easter), Tennis (Easter to July) and Netball (Sept - Oct).

**The Naseby School Association**

- 10th December - Xmas theme fun night for the children in the Village Hall, 5-6.30pm.
- February 2011: family quiz night (date to be confirmed)
- 1st April 2011: Horsey Hopper fun night
- 18th June 2011, 1-4pm, summer Fete
- July, outdoor fun night (date to be confirmed)
- 14th October 2011, Quiz Night, Village Hall.

For further information, please contact:

Christel Taylor - 01604 740027





# Naseby Village Hall

*Recreation Ground Management Committee*

per family per year or £10 per individual. More information is provided at:



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

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Thanks go to the Naseby Parish Council for their generous grant towards the installation of the new car park gates and to Mel Hoyle for another job very well done. The car park will now be locked, at appropriate times, to prevent any further reoccurrence of the misuse and disturbance caused by the anti-social car gatherings. Unfortunately, we will also need to divert more of our limited funds for further counter measures in the coming year.

## CAR-PARKING AND PATHWAYS

Grant allocation is still needed.

## VOLUNTEERS FROM THE VILLAGE YOUTH STILL NEEDED!

Come on.... Please contact any of the management team; we don't bite and we really are very friendly. We think it is **vital** we have **your** input to make sure that our projects will be well used by the younger generations of our village. So come on - get in touch.

## FINANCES

Despite the investment of capital reserves into the Multi-Sports Court project and the associated increased maintenance costs, we are just about managing to balance our Income/Expenditure. The funds raised by the 50/50 Club are making a big difference. Also, many thanks go to Mel Hoyle for his excellent efforts in minimizing our grounds, maintenance and cleaning costs and to Gerry Wood for ensuring that essential repair work is completed quickly at lowest cost. However, last year's bad winter resulted in very

## USE IT - DON'T LOSE IT!

### BOOK YOUR HALL FOR YOUR UPCOMING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EVENTS

The hall and grounds continue to be very well used and we are delighted to see our new Multi-Sports court is proving to be a very popular addition to our village facilities. Your Village Hall is ready and waiting for this year's Christmas and New Year's events. There are still some slots available, just check availability on our online booking calendar on the Naseby Village Website [www.naseby.org](http://www.naseby.org), booking couldn't be easier.

### PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR TELEPHONE BOOKING & CONTACT NUMBER IS

**0844 5041905**

### 50/50 CLUB...SIGN-UP FOR 2011!

The 50/50 club has proved to be a great help in meeting our ongoing costs, so a huge thank-you goes to all our village members and to Alistair, Wyn and Julie for all their hard work. To date well over £2,000 has been shared by the lucky winners. We really do hope that most of the households within the village will take part and enjoy the added opportunity to win a cash prize. The more villagers that sign-up, the more we can offset our costs and the greater the prize fund will grow. Joining the 50/50 Club for 2011 is very quick and easy. Forms can be obtained from the Sign-Up Team;

Julie Westaway, Wyn Sleeman, Alastair Sims, and Mel Hoyle. Existing members will be contacted shortly regarding the renewals process.

## MULTI-SPORTS COURT.....WOW WE DID IT!

After many years of village effort we now have a wonderful facility at the recreation grounds for all age groups to enjoy.

Congratulations go to Becky Pope, Pauline Vann, Nicola Wright and the Set-Up team for arranging a tremendous opening ceremony on the 5th September; to the WI for the excellent catering; to Julie Westaway, Wyn Sleeman, and the Sports Trainers and Sports Demo teams for the amazing sporting fun provided; to Tom Westaway and Mel Hoyle for manning the refreshments marquee; to Amanda Green and Rhonda Rowlett - our Face painters; to Penny Nicholson and Becky's Mum; to Market Harborough FM and all of the Entertainments Team and Stall Holders; and most importantly to everyone who attended and contributed to a tremendously successful event.



The new all weather multi-sports court now provides the opportunity for all sorts of new village based sports clubs. Our first clubs are open for business for tennis, football and netball. In order to join the clubs you must be a member of the Naseby Sports Club. Membership is just £30





high electricity costs, so we are keeping our fingers crossed and hope that similar arctic conditions will not be repeated. Mike Hopkins and the management team are ready to face a very challenging 2011, but we may well be needing your financial help in the coming months.

#### LICENSING

All necessary certificates and documentation are in place.



#### DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS?

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

#### AND FINALLY.....

Very many thanks go to AJ and the Natters Team for all their superb efforts in producing such a brilliant standard of newsletter time after time.

Best wishes to everyone for the festive holiday from all of the management team.



Paul Kelly

*PS: Soooo sad this will be the last Natters!...but you leave behind a lasting testament and memories of your generosity and super skills!*

#### Village Hall Contact

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

**Wyn Sleeman 0844 5041905**

£12 per hour - Large Hall

£7 per hour - Upstairs Room

INFORMATION ALSO POSTED ON:

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



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# THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF - A TALE OF HATE AND GREED

After 24 happy years Pat and I have left Naseby for pastures new in the beautiful South Shropshire hills. As a parting gift for all Naseby parents, here is a poem that proves that the Three Billy Goats Gruff of fairy-tale fame actually came from the Naseby area. Read on....

Some tales your parents read to you  
Could be, conceivably, quite true  
But just occasionally you might  
Hear one that doesn't seem quite right  
The story we are here to tell  
Of trolls and goats you know quite well  
But though you've seen a goat before,  
A troll? I'm really not quite sure.  
Where do they live? In fields? In zoos?  
Perhaps you've seen one on the news?  
Unless there is something I have missed  
I'd say the troll did not exist!




Let's look at it another way  
An animal which likes to say  
That it can eat three goats for tea  
Might taste quite good to you and me  
But have you ever seen or tasted  
Roast troll, well cooked and nicely  
basted?  
Or had trollburgers with your chips?  
Has troll-tail soup passed by your lips?  
Do Chinese put sweet and sour sauce on?  
Do the French enjoy troll bourgignon?  
No! The troll I declare to all the nation  
Is a figment of the imagination.

And yet, can this be really so  
When under the rickety bridge we know  
This fierce foul creature lay in waiting  
A lunch of goats anticipating.



The Billy Goats Gruff you will recall  
Were large and medium and small  
And like all brothers used to fight  
Over which of them would have the right  
To choose the biggest fattest bun  
Or take the last hot buttered scone.

Now number 2 was strong and fit  
And, frankly, he could run a bit  
At chasing food he was the winner  
So number 3 was somewhat thinner  
Number 1 was the bully of the others  
And used to threaten both his brothers  
"You must give all your food to me!"  
So he became the fattest of the three.

One day they saw, from Naseby  
battlefield ridge   
Across a rickety, racketsy bridge  
A lovely field of golden wheat  
And lots of green, green grass to eat  
Said 3 to 2, "Come here my man  
I have a rather fiendish plan  
I really think it's rather clever  
And we'll rid ourselves of HIM forever".  
So raising his voice so number 1 could  
hear

He made his intentions very clear  
"Let's cross the bridge" he said, "but  
wait  
There are precautions we must take  
Beneath that bridge, within a hole  
There lives a giant, fierce monster troll  
But I will venture first", he cried  
"And try to keep him occupied.  
I will, if he has the inclination  
Indulge in intellectual conversation  
As to why the world is round  
Or the international value of the pound  
And while we are discussing these  
You both can cross the bridge with ease".

This wily goat, as you will see  
Had planned his scheme quite carefully  
He knew about the bridge weight limits  
(He'd read Naseby Parish Council  
minutes)

To try to cross it would be wrong  
For this old bridge was far from strong  
He tiptoed gently to the middle  
What happened next is quite a riddle  
A voice was heard, so penetrating  
And loud, it set the bridge vibrating

"I'M A TROLL, FOL DE ROL, AND I'LL  
EAT YOU FOR SUPPER!"

Was it the troll from down below  
Or just the goat pretending so?  
I fear that we will never know  
For no sooner than it started  
Our brave hero quickly darted  
Over to the other side  
And there he found a place to hide  
Off went the second, trip trip tripping  
Over the bridge without even stopping  
Whereupon he met his mate  
And together they sealed their brother's  
fate.



They crept below, and in two ticks  
Quickly removed two vital bricks  
So one fat goat, loose bricks and mortar  
Would soon all plunge beneath the  
water!



The best laid plans of goats, they say  
Can very easily go astray  
For neither goat had got, you see,  
A Civil Engineer's degree  
And neither could have known at all  
Exactly which way the bridge would fall.

Over the bridge came the fat goat,  
grumbling  
Soon there was a mighty rumbling  
And down the old bridge came a-  
crumbling  
And all three goats into the water went  
tumbling.

The Council did not take the trouble  
To see what was beneath the rubble  
But filled it in with mud and clay  
And on it built a dual carriageway.



The moral here? You'd best take heed  
Don't rule your life by hate and greed  
Or you might find yourself, I think  
Propping up the A1-M1 link.

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# ALL SAINTS CHURCH

## - DISASTER STRIKES!

The church architect and a building advisor have looked at the problems on the roof which are causing the internal plaster to fail. They found two cases of water ingress which will require approximately £33,000 of repairs.



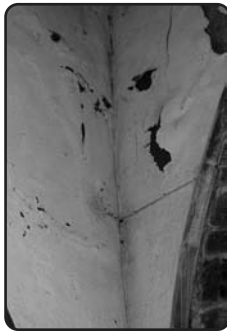
money to put towards the repair costs leaving us with £37,000 to raise as soon as possible.

We are applying for grants to wherever we can; if you know of any sources of funding **please** let me know.



### OH HORROR!!

As if that were not enough, whilst up the ladder it became apparent to the architect that there was also damage to the spire. This will cost another £11,836 to repair.



### OH HORROR - GASP!!

### So how much in total?

Just under £45,000!!!

Both of these repairs are urgent, the spire being the most urgent as the top part could fall. The church community has to foot the bill. In our funds we have approximately £8000 which was earmarked for decorating the inside of the church but we will now need that

### IF WE CANNOT GET THIS WORK DONE URGENTLY THE CHURCH WILL CLOSE FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY REASONS

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**Avis Aldrich**

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*(from Naseby HQ)*





# HERITAGE PROGRAMME



'Discovering the Past' - major heritage project comes to Naseby

Over the past few months Naseby, and several neighbouring villages, have been involved in a major Heritage Lottery funded project that is being delivered across Northamptonshire. The 'Rose of the Shires' project, managed by Rockingham Forest Trust, is working in 6 areas of the County over a 3 year period; involving 30 villages in discovering more about their buildings and historic landscapes.

The Naseby area was the first group of villages to be involved with the project and events began with two illustrated talks in Naseby village hall. The evenings looked at Northamptonshire customs, characters and village life, traditional building styles and how the local landscape has dramatically changed over the past 700 years. The project uses unique historic mapping that has been produced for Northamptonshire; showing the open fields, enclosures, woodland and villages of previous centuries alongside today's environment.

In May the project provided a coach and took people out to look at some of the evidence that remains from the area's past. In the morning the bus stopped off at various points which included the group looking at the earthworks of 17th century Haselbech and the surviving evidence of the medieval open field

farming system at Cottesbrooke. The morning ended with a walk around Naseby to find out more about the buildings and the evolution of the village. In the afternoon the group stopped at the Naseby battlefield site and discussed how the landscape had affected events in June 1645. The bus then took a route that compared ancient and parliamentary enclosed landscapes, with a further stop for the group to visit the site of the Deserted Medieval Village of Nobold. The day ended with a walk around Clipston to study the buildings and changes that have occurred in the village.

A few weeks later the project provided a morning at the Northamptonshire Records Office - the group were shown the range of maps and records available and how these can be used as part of the research process, people then had the opportunity to work with documents specific to the Naseby area.

During September and October there were two days of looking at the built heritage of the villages. The first of these took groups around Naseby and Clipston; studying the history and architecture of their churches and walking around both villages to identify significant unlisted buildings (post 1840). A few weeks later there were visits to the churches of Marston Trussell, Sibbertoft, Haselbech and Cottesbrooke.

In September there were also another two days of landscape heritage activity in the Naseby and

Haselbech areas. Small groups were taken around selected sites and shown how to assess the survival of historic features and enclosures; this has led to several people carrying out follow up activities and gathering more information for the project. During October there have also been local volunteers studying census information from 1851 and 1881. Combining the records of occupations in the villages with historic mapping will help to identify surviving buildings/outbuildings that were originally used in local trades and industry.

The 'Rose of the Shires' project has now almost completed its work with Naseby and the other villages. It will be producing a detailed report on the area's historic landscape and character, along with recommendations on how these can be managed and conserved. The report will be adopted into Northamptonshire's Historic Environment Records and will also be made available online next year. The project would like to thank the many people who have taken part in the various activities this year and we hope you enjoyed yourselves. Particular thanks to those who volunteered to help us in our work and to the landowners who kindly gave us access permission.

Stuart Taylor  
*'Rose of the Shires'*  
Heritage Project Manager  
Tel: 01933 625527



*PS: sorry to hear Natters is ending, it was certainly a great help for us in getting useful contacts in the village. Thanks again - and enjoy life as a 'retired' Editor!*



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# HORSE SHOW SUCCESS!!!

## CARVELLS HOME FARM HORSE SHOW DONATES £500 TO LEICESTER AIR AMBULANCE!



Well, August Bank Holiday weekend dawned bright and sunny (for a change). One of the highlights of Carvels Home Farm Horse Show has always been the battle against the elements, but not, apparently this year. With 2 rings up and swinging into full operation by 10am, we had a record number of entries in both the show jumping and the showing rings. Over 80 horses and competitors supported this, most popular of our annual events. Tiny tots bedecked in everything from formal riding clothes to fairy outfits competed fiercely for the rosettes and prizes on offer with their mums bravely circumnavigating the show jumping course at 1ft and 1ft 6" on foot. Here in Naseby is one of the few shows you can go to with little ones, taking their first wobbly steps around the equestrian limelight, and we are very proud and pleased to be able to offer the encouragement and stepping stone for these young riders. The bigger classes also produced good numbers of both teenagers and adults alike, all we hope enjoying the informal atmosphere and having a good time with their horses and ponies. In the showing ring competition hotted up with all the first and seconds in each of the classes going forward to be crowned grand champion. This accolade was eventually one by Andrea McCubbin on Miss Ginny. Sue McCubbin judged the morning showing classes, including, veteran, mountain and moorland, novice riders and tiny tots, and as usual had something



constructive to say to everyone and gave much good humoured encouragement to all the riders. Our own liveries Jo and Laura took over the Handy Pony competition and ensured everyone had a fair chance and good fun! The afternoon classes for the hunters, cobs etc started with Robert Johnson in charge, and again, as always, Robert made sure every one had a fair assessment and went home with something positive in their mind. THEN...the clouds rolled in and we had a major downpour, then sunshine and then more deluge! Robert, by now dressed to ride the hunters, braved the elements and carried on in true British spirit despite being soaked to the skin. We did debate cancelling the remaining jumping classes, but the judges said the the ground was still safe and so we continued through to the end of the programme, with no spills or accidents. Once again, the great British weather had struck, it doesn't seem to matter when we hold our annual show, you would be advised not to book a barbeque on that day, it seems to be undeniably a guaranteed wet one!

Shows of this kind take much organising and hard work. Mike Baker and Colin Mutton on the PA also scored the show jumping with the help of Tracey Mutton checking and replacing the jumps. The highlight of the jumping rounds is always the lap of honour to "The Black Beauty Theme - "Gallop Home" giving an air of being at The Horse Of The Year Show and all our competitors find that moment truly inspiring, so special thanks to the boys for



organizing this.

Our thanks must go to all the helpers particularly the first aiders, without whom we could not go ahead, and who turn out year after year without charge to support us. Our sponsors are also very valuable contributors to this event and we thank them hugely for their continued support. The NFU have been particularly generous this year, buying us a smart new liveried jump at some £400.00. Too many people are involved to name everyone here...but all that hard work paid off in a magnificent donation of £500 being sent to the Air Ambulance. Many many thanks to everyone who supported us...without you all, competitors and helpers alike, the day would not happen at all, so bring on next year...when we are again praying for some sunshine...hopefully all day!

Earlier in the year we held an evening of dressage, again really well supported with around 30 riders taking part and thanks go to our judge Rick Orton and his steward. This is the first time we have run a dressage evening and it was such a success we shall certainly hold more next year. It looked like being a dry and sunny evening, but in true Naseby fashion, ended up in a downpour with the final competitors soaked through and the last class finishing in the barn. Stalwarts to the end our local riders!

The final event, on September 18th was a "JumpX" combining show jumps and cross country fences. This





too was very well supported, particularly by the younger and more novice riders. Mike and Bridget and the youngsters from the yard built a number of cross country obstacles designed to be both inviting and occasionally a little tricky and everyone had a good time. We barbequed all day and had a steady stream of takers for bacon butties and burgers, not to mention cups of tea and coffee. AND....we stayed dry.....until the event finished and we cleared up in, yes, you've guessed it..... the pouring rain!

Thanks again to all the helpers and competitors....do look at the web site for a full list of the results and for next years fixtures which will be published in the new year. We are really looking forward to 2011 and hope to be able to make yet another big donation to the air Ambulance with your help!

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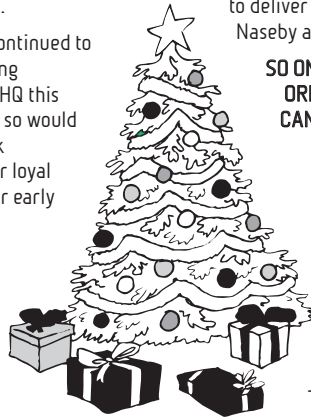
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# ALL IN A DAYS WORK!

Whilst walking along High Street over the last month, you may have noticed the thatched roof on one of Naseby's oldest houses having a major facelift.

I went along to talk to **Russell Fox, Master Thatcher** to find

out more about his craft, one of the oldest methods of roofing still in existence today.

## So how did you learn this fascinating craft?



I was born and brought up in Birmingham but I didn't enjoy the big city lifestyle and wanted to learn a trade that would allow me to work in a more rural setting.

I enjoyed a 5 year apprenticeship working for another Master Thatcher and attended Knuston Hall Thatching College (the only one of its kind in the world). With that bank of experience behind me, I set up my own business which also employs one other Thatcher.

## What materials and skills are required for modern day thatching?



We still rely heavily on hand-made tools such as mallets and leggetts.

We start by stripping off the old wire on the roof and then carrying out remedial work such as making sure the existing coat is tight.

Russell Fox



Master Thatcher

A popular material (which we are using on this Naseby roof) is 'Combed Wheat Straw' which arrives pre-prepared in bundles. We knock it from side to side (a process called 'butting up') before tapping it into shape on the roof with leggetts. We then use hazel spears (pegs) to hold it into shape.



Heritage guidelines usually ensure we have to replace 'like for like' materials with roofs on listed buildings (such as this one). There can be some red tape and bureaucracy involved and we are always on the lookout for wildlife such as bats which are a protected species.

## How often would a roof need replacing and how long does a job take?

The lifespan of a thatch is typically 30 years although the ridges will need replacing every 12-15 years.

The situation of a house also determines how quickly the roof



deteriorates, in general the North sides tend to moss over quicker and the South sides will rot quicker.

This is the third time we have worked on this particular roof. The first time was 26 years ago when we re-thatched it and we have carried out remedial work since.

We expect this roof to take approximately 4 to 5 weeks to re-thatch.

## I understand the skill of 'Thatching' dates back to the Bronze Age, how popular is it now in the modern day and in particular during times of recession?



Part way through...





The Completed Roof



There are still approximately 1,000 Thatcher's working in the UK today.

During 'lean times' an option can be for householders to 'patch up' for a period of time as an alternative to a complete re-thatch and we did have a period of time a couple of years ago when the phone was very quiet.

We attended the 'Grand Designs' Exhibition at the NEC a couple of years ago which generated a lot of leads so fortunately business has been far better since.

**Working on a roof must be hard during the colder months, do you periods when weather conditions stop work?**

Unfortunately our skills are not transferable to indoor work so we carry on thatching all year around. The general guideline is if we can get the van to a job,

we can carry out the work. We just need to make sure we dress accordingly.



Personal safety is obviously a key factor so the only conditions that really stop work are very strong winds.

**Yes, I can imagine personal safety is a big factor in your line of work, have you had any accidents?**

Unfortunately I did fall off this roof last week but wasn't too badly injured. You have to keep an eye on safety constantly as our livelihood depends on it. That means using



On the job...

scaffolding and ensuring safety procedures are carried out all the time.

Sally Field



Hazel Spears



**INTERESTING FACTOIDS:**

1. Until around 1870, most Naseby buildings (except for the church, chapel, school, and the three houses from the Georgian period) were made of mud walls and cob with thatched roofs. During the 1870s Lord Clifden had most of the cottages demolished and replaced with new red-brick cottages, some of which were semi-detached, to house his estate workers. This gave Naseby its well-known Victorian appearance. All these Victorian houses still survive to this day along with two remaining 17th-century cob and thatched cottages. [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)
2. Contrary to popular belief, thatch roofs do not catch fire any more frequently than roofs covered with 'hard' materials, but thatch fires are difficult to extinguish once they take hold.
3. Thatching materials range from plains grasses to waterproof leaves found in equatorial regions. It is the most common roofing material in the world, because the materials are readily available.
4. Thatch has become much more popular in the UK over the past 30 years, and is now a symbol of wealth rather than poverty. It is becoming popular again because of the renewed interest in preserving historic buildings and using more sustainable building materials.
5. Houses in the 16th century often had thatched roofs (thick straw-piled high) with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the dogs, cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying: 'It's raining cats and dogs'





# AN IMPORTANT JOB TO DO!

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## NEW CLUBS!

The new multi sports court is built, so now is the time to get some clubs formed to make the most of it.

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A netball club is also being formed: [www.naseby.org/home/clubs\\_and\\_societies/social\\_netball.html](http://www.naseby.org/home/clubs_and_societies/social_netball.html)

If you are interested in any other sport then please get in touch and we should be able to get something sorted.

Please contact Wyn Sleeman Tel: 01604 740 963



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# NASEBY RECREATION GROUND - 'A PARISH CLERKS TALE'



As recent incumbents of the position will no doubt tell you the post of parish clerk can often be a much maligned and thankless task. I have little doubt that much of the job is laborious record keeping of minutes, correspondence and dealing with subjects that endlessly reappear on agendas. They are often 'door-stepped' by villagers for the actions of parish councillors over issues of which they have an advisory rather than influential role. Undoubtedly, two of the qualifications for the job must surely be thick skinned and resilient.



So as the new all weather sports/tennis court was opened on the recreation ground this year I thought it would be interesting to take a look at the work of our very first parish clerk and Headmaster of Naseby School, Henry James Bartlett and his lengthy involvement in it.



His work started in 1895 when the very first parish council meeting was held. The first proposal agreed in the minute book was 'to procure a piece of land suitable for the purpose of recreational activity for the village by hire or rent'. Harry, as he was affectionately known by his family was known as a straight talking disciplinarian in Naseby school and was probably well suited to conduct negotiations. He was duly dispatched in the company of the chairman Cheney Halford to make enquiries with the agents of the late Viscount Clifden's estate, Messrs Davids & Maxwell to 'facilitate the proposal'. The field

they had their eye on was then known as Townsend close (our present day recreation ground) and tenanted by Mr George Bassett of Cromwell farm. The agents duly gave permission for the council to approach Mr Bassett to enquire whether he would sub-let the field to the council. However, negotiations appear to have been somewhat difficult with Mr Bassett imposing several restrictions regarding disturbing the ground, cutting turf or draining the field, neither was the council happy with the length of notice required to terminate the tenancy or the rent asked for. After much deliberation and compromise on both sides between Harry and Mr Bassett, negotiations eventually succeeded and in 1896 an agreement was reached for a rent of £8.00 per annum.

Various football and cricket clubs were soon up and running and in 1899 proposals were agreed to install a set of swings, jacob's ladder and gymnastic parallel and horizontal bars in the same area now utilised as the children's play area.



Throughout the years further improvements were made with fences erected, and bench seats installed. The minutes are littered

with requests for gravel to resurface various areas, replant gaps in hedges and install gates and repair fences, much like today. The situation appears to have remained stable and the arrangement of sub-

tenancy continued until 1917 when the agents approached the parish council once again and invited them to become the direct tenants of the field. This was unanimously agreed by the council and the same rate of £8.00 per annum set. This appeared to give the council the confidence to invest further in the field and proposals were accepted to plant the group of trees that stand on the junction of the Haselbech/Clipston road.

However within less than a year Harry Bartlett was once again instructed to write to the landlord and enquire whether the parish could purchase

the land outright. The reasons for this are not apparent in the minutes but we know that in 1919 the trustees of Viscount Clifden were selling off its entire estate with almost a 1/3 of the village houses and farms being auctioned or sold by private treaty. So it would appear that the parish council clearly realised that they may have to negotiate with a new and



HARRY BARTLETT



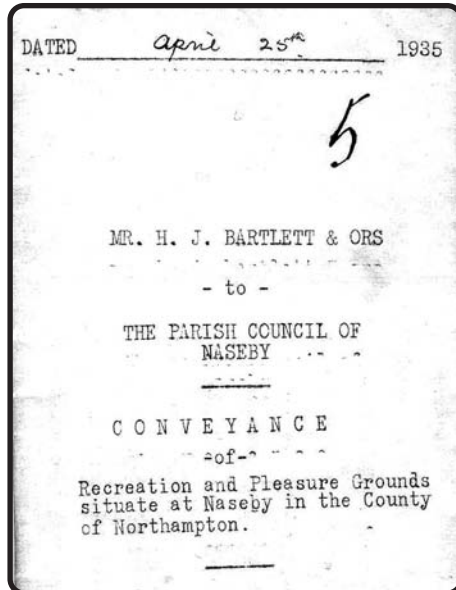
perhaps less compromising landlord or worse lose it all together.



The minutes also hint that at the time the same agents were probably anxious to offload the responsibility of the Fitzgerald Monument (Obelisk), having to yield to constant requests for repairs by the parish council. As they were now the direct tenants of the recreation ground I suspect when Harry first enquired about buying the field outright they may have foreseen an opportunity to dispose of it. To them the obelisk was undoubtedly a liability of little commercial value and by agreeing a private sale of the recreation ground including the obelisk would have been an opportunity unlikely to arise again. The purchase price of £350.00 was agreed for both assets, an amount that may not seem a lot today but two semi detached cottages with sitting tenants in Newlands were sold at auction that year for £330.00. All that now remained was the difficult bit, raising the money. Once again the clerk was charged with the task of applying for two loans from the County Council and the Local Government Board to raise the necessary funds.

In the mean time the council chairman of the day Mr Edward Kimbell stepped forward with a very generous offer to purchase the land outright and rent it to the council if the loans were not granted. This met with resounding approval and it was unanimously

agreed by the council. Probably because we were emerging from a devastatingly expensive world war and funds were being directed to more pressing matters the Local Government Board refused the application until the war effort ended.



Scanned copy of deeds from H J Bartlett to Naseby Parish Council

Despite the councils original enthusiasm, Mr Kimbells kind offer was not then taken up, why is not known, but I suspect after some quiet reflection, the council preferred not to be a lifelong tenant of the land, or felt the burden should not be incumbent on one benefactor. As a consequence of this, a new proposal was agreed that involved three members of the council who volunteered to set up a



trust and purchase the land between them for the benefit of the village. The Chairman Edward Kimbell of Broadmoor farm, Parish Clerk Harry Bartlett and Councillor William Daniells of Vale Farm between them would secure two mortgages with the Harborough &

District Permanent Building Society for £300 and Messrs Jeffries and Linley partners of Wartnabys solicitors in Market Harborough for £63.00. The deeds were finally drawn up and the transaction completed. An agreement was made that the parish council would pay a rent of £16.00 per annum to the trustees that in turn, with other fund raising, would pay off both their mortgages, on fulfilling the debt to the trustees they would sign over the deeds free of further charge to the parish council.



Whether this arrangement was intended to be permanent is not recorded but the Local Government Board were never petitioned again for a loan as the war ended two weeks before the deeds were even signed., Sadly,

one of the trustees Mr William Daniells died a year later at the age of 51. A further ten years later in 1929 Edward Kimbell resigned as chairman due to ill health and moved out of the village, this forced the election of two new trustees to replace them, namely Mr Endor Halford the village postmaster and a keen journalist and photographer, and Mr Robert Butlin of Shuckburgh farm.





In those days parish councillors were elected as much on their political persuasion as much as their willingness to work voluntarily for the good of the village, and the defeat of the labour party in 1931 prompted an almost total clear out of the existing labour and liberal parish councillors with a new generation of conservative councillors stepping in. As a 'neutral' Harry Bartlett was elected as temporary chairman until a new one was elected, and was succeeded by Mr Richard Chapman shortly after. By 1933 the parish councils debt had been whittled down to just £35.00 but a proposal to raise funds to pay off the remaining balance did not meet with much support in the village and a meeting called to discuss further fund raising ideas was abandoned due to low attendance.



Finally, in March 1935 after 40 years as the clerk to Naseby council Harry Bartlett announced his retirement from the council which coincided with the debt to the trustees being paid off, and in October that year he presented a financial report to the parish council stating that the trust and the parish council were now free of debt, declaring that a total of £556 8s 6d had been paid by the trustees in repayments and interest on the mortgage in the 16 \_ years of the trust with a balance of 8d which was paid to the parish council. He reported that no expenses or interest had been claimed by any of the trustees in postage travel or administration in that time.

Mr Endor Halford proposed that ;  
'The thanks of the parishioners of

Naseby should be accorded to the three original trustees of the parish recreation ground Mr Henry J Bartlett, Mr Edward Kimbell and the late Mr William Daniells for their public spirited action taken in 1918 which had resulted in the handing over to the parish, free of any debt, and forever, of the village recreation ground'.

Mr Kingston solicitor duly prepared the transfer and the deeds were signed and handed over to the parish chairman Richard Chapman and new clerk Harold Shrive. Harry Bartlett, now the senior trustee and only original member of both the council and the trustees suggested that it was his wish that one day a tennis court and bowling green should be laid down on the recreation ground.



Since Harry's first day on the council, till his last, 40 years later he was engaged in completing a motion proposed and minuted at the very first parish council meeting. His diligence and generosity along with that of his fellow trustees William Daniells and Edward Kimbell without doubt secured our recreation ground for the village.

Had they not done so, and without ownership of the land in which they now stand, it would have been impossible to build the first village hall or obtain the grants to fund its replacement in 2000 , and lastly but not least his final minuted comment (of which there were few) to the council in 1935..... to lay a tennis court.

**Scott Westaway**  
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## The Royal Oak



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### NEW OPENING HOURS

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**Food @ The Oak!!**

### FOOD SERVED:

Thur & Fri lunch between 12 and 2pm  
Thurs eve and Sat 12 till early evening  
PLUS++ Now Sunday Lunches!

Hi AJ sorry to here that this is the last natters! If i had the time and the experience AJ I would of helped you. Here are our list of events..

We are now serving sunday lunches at last, food is also being served on a Thursday evening as well.

### OPENING HOURS FOR XMAS ARE:

- Xmas eve 12-12,
  - Xmas day 12-2pm,
  - Boxing day closed,
  - Mon 27 open from 12,
  - New Years Eve 12 till late!
- + Dr Pauls fly Fishing Club started back up again from the 16th Nov



We would like to wish all our customer a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We would also like to thank Natters for all is support.

**Cheers Nicola**



# A Chat with...

Denise Young is President of the Naseby W.I. and has lived in Naseby for 13 years.

## How did you come to settle in Naseby?

Oh, that is a story in itself. At the time we had a narrow boat, it was 14 years ago. We had been thinking of moving out of London for some time looking for a better quality of life, fresh air and beautiful countryside. So we had 3 priorities, a mooring for the boat, a golf club and lastly a house. On a cold, wet and miserable day in April we found Naseby where we also found a plot in Fairfax rise. We then went to Welford Wharf and were warmly welcomed, then to Cold Ashby Golf Club where again we were made to feel welcome. We have happily lived here now for 13 years and enjoy the surrounding countryside and our involvement in the village.

## What did you do before you retired?

I worked in London as head of telecommunications, eventually joining an international firm of Consulting Engineers where I met my husband. During the next 25 years we worked throughout the world mainly in The Middle East, South Africa, Nigeria, Hong Kong, Ghana and South Korea with business visits to Canada and America. We managed to fit in 4 years in the UK when my husband was asked to return to England to manage a road project in Hampshire. During this time we kept a small town house in London just in



Denise Young

case one of the above countries had a military coup and we had to make a quick exit. I worked for various local contracting companies and was involved in local care projects. In South Africa I worked with abandoned Zulu babies and in Ghana special needs children. In Hong Kong I joined an international women's group called Corona and was asked to join the committee

where my main function was to raise money for a mothers and babies home. In South Korea I taught English as a foreign language to 6 to 8 year olds, not the easiest of projects.

## So what interests do you have now?

During my travels I became an enthusiastic golfer and gardener, this I carried on into my life in Naseby becoming a member of Cold Ashby Golf Club; sadly I had to stop playing for medical reasons. As I enjoy gardening I accepted the challenge of a new garden with enthusiasm. During the 13 years we have lived in Naseby we have opened our garden to the public for the benefit of the Church some 10 times.

In 2003 I joined Naseby Women's Institute and soon after volunteered to be a committee member. I had various roles from Programme Secretary to Vice President and was eventually asked to become President in 2007.

I followed Pat Yates who had been President for many years, was well loved and a hard act to follow. The first time I sat down to take a meeting of 20 ladies all looking at me

my knees were knocking together and my hands were shaking but I had Mary Hackett, our secretary, sitting next to me guiding me through the intricacies of the WI system. I think I have grown into the job and it is a job as it takes up a great deal of my time. I had a few goals in mind, to keep us financially stable, to increase our membership, to maintain interest and enjoyment in our speakers and outings. Our membership has increased to 30 over the past 3 years. We are financially stable and we have had some wonderful theatre evenings, outing, parties and get togethers. I have an excellent and enthusiastic committee who help me such a lot and our members are always more than willing to come forward when asked. I have made very many friends in WI; we are a caring lot, concerned if one or the other of us has a problem, is unwell or even just in need of a bit of help or a chat. We are more than happy to have visitors, we hope that they will come, like us and, if so, join us.

## What about family?

We have family in Cheshire and Surrey; we are exactly between both so easy for visits.

## Do you manage to fit anything else into your busy life?

We still like to travel; we go to Barbados every February/March and Europe in the autumn. When we first retired we used to travel further afield to Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia and Thailand generally taking our golf clubs with us. However, we now find long haul flights too much to handle. Nine hours to Barbados is just enough.

Pat Reedman





## SILVER SURFERS!

Hello again, Winter is here in all its glory – I hope that you have all had a nice

Summer and Autumn? We certainly have. I have had a kind



offer from a gentleman who has some spare time and is prepared to give people help and advice with their computer skills. Tim lives in the village, so do contact me in the first instance if you might be interested and I will introduce you.

**CIRCULATION SCHEME:** Our magazine circulation scheme seems to be very popular. Thank you to the kind folks who leave books and magazines on my doorstep. Don't forget if you'd like to join the scheme, let me know your interests so that I can channel them in your direction when I get the appropriate ones. We would be grateful for donations of used magazines and paperback books.

**ADVICE:** Also, do remember that if you would like any advice with anything that I can usually point you in the right direction. My phone number is 740568

**KNITTRS NEEDED!** I still need knitters for the charity that I support: Feed the Children. Plain school jumpers are requested at the moment, so if you like a bit of knitting and have a little spare time, please let me know. Wool donations are always welcome too.

Liz Capell (tel: 01604 740568)

*PS: sorry to hear it's the last natters. Best wishes, Liz*

## Think Horse on The Roads...



Please can we horse riders, ask all drivers, in the village, and outsiders, to exercise the care and control of their temper and their vehicles when coming upon horses in the road.

I know this is an old chestnut, but there have been a few occasions recently when youngsters have been verbally abused by impatient drivers in and around the village. It is very frightening for them, and achieves little in the way of co-operation between riders and car users. Swearing, cursing, and shouting demand no respect from anyone, and drivers, take note, it is not very helpful in educating the young how to conduct themselves on the road whilst riding (and perhaps later on when let loose behind the steering wheel).

The British Horse Society and The Highway code all give advice as to safe conduct on the road for horse riders, and yes, it does allow riding two abreast, especially if there is a young and inexperienced rider or horse in the group. It is also thought that it is safer to present a bigger obstacle for the motorist to see, giving him or her a better slowing time and a greater option to take evasive action should it be necessary.

Please take time, if you can to watch this link on YouTube which graphically demonstrates the rights and wrongs for drivers when negotiating horses on the road. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TguLK MjJso](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6TguLK MjJso)

A few statistics to make you think... In 2009 ..... 50 accidents were reported to the BHS of which 16 riders were injured and 13 horses killed and a further 12 injured. 9 other road users were injured. Though there were no riders deaths recorded in that year.... However during 2003, the worst year we have records for some 12 riders lost their lives in road incidents and a further 42 were injured with 61 horses killed, destroyed or injured. The figures do seem to be improving, mostly due to the BHS education Riding and Road Safety programme.

Drivers, on the other hand seem to just be going faster, and with less tolerance, or care for their own lives never mind anyone else's, particularly on "quiet country roads". But that is only a personal observation.

There has recently been a horse killed and a rider seriously injured near here, just through a drivers impatience, let's not have another incident like that. We would love not to have to ride on the roads at all, but in these days there is really no alternative, in order to get to almost all of the bridge ways in the area....so please think horse and give us a bit of space. And we will always try to say thank you, and wave you past if the coast is clear with a smile!

Sue Turner







# NASEBY

## Historical Society

Our 2010 programme of talks and walks concluded on 1st December 2010 with "The Finding of the Hallaton Treasure". The Market Harborough Movie Makers presented a film and talk on the Hallaton Treasure, which was found in the Midlands, in an Iron Age shrine dating from around 50 BC.



Archaeologists believe that this type of open air shrine was the first of its kind to have been discovered in Britain. The treasure includes more than 5,000 silver and gold coins (including the oldest Roman coin ever found in Britain), items of clothing, Jewellery and a unique Roman helmet. The helmet (*right*) is decorated in gilt silver, and on the cheek piece, the figure of an emperor on horseback can clearly be seen trampling a cowering barbarian under the hooves of his warhorse. This was a rare opportunity to learn much more about one of the nation's most important ancient finds, now located



in Market Harborough Museum.

**CULWORTH GANG:** After our Christmas break, on 1st February 2011, we have our membership renewal/sign-up session, which will be followed by a talk on the "Culworth Gang" by a very popular historian, David Hewitt.

In the latter part of the 18th century a band of burglars/highway robbers made their headquarters in the quiet village of Culworth. Over a period of about 15 years, the "Culworth Gang" became notorious for their nightly exploits, roaming over a wide area of Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire, to commit their dastardly crimes dressed in long smocked frocks and masks.

But in 1787 their luck ran out and they were all arrested and tried at the Northampton Assizes. The four leaders of gang were subsequently hanged and others were transported to Australia.

David will explain how they operated and picked their victims, why they escaped detection for so long, and the events leading up to their demise.

**FAXTON CHURCH:** This will be followed on the 2nd March with a talk by a new speaker Janice Morris on

"Faxton Church".

**AND THERES MORE:** We have lots more planned for your enjoyment throughout the coming year, including walks around the Great Bowden and Clipston historic trails.

So please come and join our group, fees are just £15 single/£20 Family membership.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

#### & SIGN-UP SESSION

1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2011

- ALL ARE WELCOME! -

As things do change from time to time, please check our webpage on the Naseby Village website:

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

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, best wishes to all our readers for Christmas and the New Year and thank you for your interest and support.

And to Amanda Green and her Natters team a huge thank you for producing such a magnificent newsletter over the past years.

Paul Kelly (01604 743778).





# Neighbourhood Watch News



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This is a single countywide telephone number to call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to Northamptonshire Police for all non-emergency matters.

**Greg Pritchett**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE



Is it really the end of Natters? A great shame if it is but I am familiar with the demands it makes of a small editorial team so understand the editor having to call it a day. All I can say is that I have been happy to make my small contribution and if anyone else takes up the reins they can count on my help.

Not too much to report on the crime front. In early October a householder in Nutcote had a radiator taken from his garden during the day and this is a familiar story to us. Metal thefts continue and we have had an N reg white Astra van in surrounding villages during the day helping themselves to metal items. Any sightings call us straightaway. On the 26th of July we had a worrying incident reported by a distressed female motorist on the A14 after a brick had landed on her car bonnet whilst passing under the Naseby to Clipston bridge. Nobody was seen in the area so it remains a mystery.

In the last two weeks we have had a series of thefts from motor vehicles with some bizarre items being taken and other, more valuable ones, left.



In Welford they took an old child's car seat whilst leaving behind an MP3 player. The previous evening a nurse in Clipston had her child's car seat taken. If you know of any criminals with two young children let me know!

I'm doing my surgeries now outside of Naseby HQ, the times are in the window. If anyone wants to have a face to face chat please come along. At the last panel meeting for the beat our locally identified priority was set as reducing anti social behaviour in Walgrave.

The local priority for beat 21, was set as casualty reduction amongst 17 yr olds and speed enforcement outside of the County School. Sadly, a few months ago we had another fatal accident of a 17 yr old lad and involving several ex school students and, I have to say, I see a disproportionate number of young lads involved in what we call RTC's, road traffic collisions. We don't call them accidents anymore, as most are avoidable. The statistics are unavoidable in pointing to the risks young 17 to 24 yr old males pose on the road. All of us have been there. As part of a multi agency effort, we are conducting another casualty reduction day on Tuesday Nov 16th at Guilsborough School, similar to the one we did in July.

I make a personal appeal to all young drivers. Please think of the consequences of your actions when behind the wheel. In the last case outside of West Haddon, not only did a young man lose his life, but the survivors will bear those mental scars for the rest of their days.

Today has been a hectic one made

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Liz Capell - 16 Nutcote  
Rachel [a.k.a. 'Ratty'] Gander, the Post lady - c/o Naseby HQ

even more so by the ferocious winds and rain with trees and branches down everywhere but, happily, no one got hurt so a good day. Bear in mind that on most days this team are out and about somewhere with the speed gun in response to local requests so make sure you don't get caught in the sights.

As this is the Christmas edition, I'm told, have a very happy time with friends and family. The very best to you all and thanks to AJ and the team for everything.

PCSO 7011 Glyn LEWIS  
Daventry Rural North SCT - Brixworth

*PS: Sad day if this is the end but don't blame you. Living in a small village myself you see the same willing horses whilst the majority sit back and enjoy the fruits of their labours. All the best Glyn*





## The Naseby Battlefield Project:



At a brief ceremony on a perfect autumn day, a new viewpoint was inaugurated on Naseby battlefield on 30 September. Thanks to landowners Bill and Jenny Tarry, a permissive path, leading from the Kelmarsh road just south of Sibbertoft down to Sulby Hedges, has been made available. The first viewpoint has been constructed near the northern boundary of the 'T' field where a corner of Little Old Close has been fenced off and a pond has been restored.



This place is close to the location of a massive oak tree which used to stand nearby, and was called King Charles's Oak. Tradition has it that it commemorated the place at which the King was attacked during the battle.

Sally Westaway planted a new oak tree in memory of her late husband Mike, a native of Naseby and founding member of the Naseby Battlefield Project. Mike was largely responsible for the revaluation of the history of the battle, showing that much of the 19th and 20th century opinion was mistaken. Sally and Mike's sons, Tim and Scott, together with the grandchildren and other relatives attended the event.

The interpretation board was unveiled by Mrs Isabel Stonyer, formerly of Sibbertoft, who spoke movingly of the importance of the place in her youth and today. She provided photographs of the original tree and of herself and friends climbing it in the 1920s which now appear on the board. Lord Naseby gave an address recalling his friendship with Mike Westaway and Peter Burton spoke of the historical significance of the site.



Plans are now in hand to extend the path and build a further



viewpoint, as well as to add interpretation of the environment and its wildlife.



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



*Joan Beretta, Naseby Battlefield Project - I'm very sad indeed to hear that no-one is taking over from you as editor - end of an era. What a shame, Naseby Natters is a fine publication and a credit to you. I wish you all the very best for the future..*

## Recipe Corner

### SPICY TURKEY PIZZA

Serves 4

- 1 x 7" Pizza Base (*bought or homemade*)
- 1 x tbsp olive oil
- 1 x Small Red Onion finely chopped
- 2 x Garlic Cloves peeled, thinly sliced
- 1-2 Chillies deseeded, chopped
- 1 x 14oz can chopped tomatoes (*Few dashes of Tabasco Sauce - Optional*)
- 1 x tbsp Balsamic Vinegar
- 1 x Red pepper deseeded, thinly sliced
- 3 ozs x Chestnut mushrooms thinly sliced
- 8 ozs x sliced cooked turkey breast
- 3 ozs x mozzarella cheese sliced
- 1 x tbsp freshly chopped coriander

Preheat the oven: 220c/Gas Mark 7  
Lightly oil a baking sheet. Heat the oil in a pan and sauté the onion, garlic and chilli if using for 5 mins or until softened. Add the tomatoes and Tabasco taste and simmer for 10 mins or until a thick sauce is formed. Stir in the Balsamic vinegar and remove from the heat and cool slightly. Blanch the Red Pepper for 2 minutes, drain and reserve. Spread the Pizza Base with the cooled sauce then arrange the pepper slices, mushrooms, turkey meat and cheese on the top. Bake for 12 -15mins until the cheese is golden and bubbly. Serve sprinkled with the coriander and spoonfuls of chilli salsa on the side. Enjoy!

Sue turner

Thank you to all of you who sent in recipes over the years!





### CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. The name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol was?
2. What is the name of Tiny Tim's father in the story, "A Christmas Carol"?
3. What did Frosty The Snowman have for a nose?
4. How many gifts would you receive if you received all of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?
5. In the song "Winter Wonderland", who do we pretend the snowman is?
6. Which ocean is Christmas Island in?
7. In the traditional song, "Go Tell It on the Mountain", what are you suppose to go tell on a mountain?
8. According to the song, "Frosty The Snowman" what kind of soul does Frosty have?
9. True or False: Joseph was the one that told Mary she was going to have a baby.
10. In the Christmas song, who did I (the narrator) see kissing Santa Claus under the mistletoe last night?
11. Who tried to steal Christmas from the "Whos of Whoville" in the 1966 cartoon based on the Dr. Seuss Story?
12. Brenda Lee was doing what around the Christmas tree?
13. What is Santa's real name?
14. Who wrote "The Nightmare Before Christmas"?
15. What did Clarence get for accomplishing his mission in "It's a Wonderful Life"?
16. Who banned Christmas in England between 1647 and 1660?
17. What is the popular name for little baked sausages wrapped in rashers of streaky bacon?



### CHRISTMAS SONGS: These are initials of titles or first lines of Xmas songs...can you work them out?!!?

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|-----------|----------------|-------------|
| 1. TTDOC  | 10. DTHWBOH    | 19. SCICTT  |
| 2. ISMKSC | 11. FTS        | 20. DTKIC   |
| 3. HYAMLC | 12. RATCT      | 21. LD      |
| 4. LIS    | 13. JBR        | 22. DHFC    |
| 5. RTRNR  | 14. IWB LTC    | 23. IWICBCE |
| 6. LC     | 15. IBHFC      | 24. WC      |
| 7. OCT    | 16. MAW        | 25. WITA    |
| 8. JB     | 17. AIWFCIMTFT |             |
| 9. CROAOF | 18. IWICBCE    |             |



### 20 EASY STEPS TO COOKING THE PERFECT TURKEY!

- Step 1:** First you need to buy a good quality locally produced free-range turkey (*I've heard Bridget & Mike or Naseby HQ do some nice ones*)
- Step 2:** Pour yourself a nice festive glass of Sherry or Baileys - well it is Christmas after all!
- Step 3:** Now, stuff your turkey under the skin, cover with foil and place in the centre of the oven
- Step 4:** Take another 2 drinks of Baileys
- Step 5:** Set the degree at 375 ovens
- Step 6:** Take 3 more Sherry of drink
- Step 7:** Turn oven the on
- Step 8:** Take 4 Bails of drinky
- Step 9:** Turk the bastey
- Step 10:** Sherry another bottle of get
- Step 11:** Stick a turkey in the thermomete
- Step 12:** Glass yourself a pour of Baileys
- Step 13:** Bake the Sherry for 4 hours
- Step 14:** Take the oven out of the turkey
- Step 15:** Take the cat out of the turkey
- Step 16:** Floor the turkey up off the pick
- Step 17:** Turk the carvey
- Step 18:** Get yourself another scottle of Shezzy
- Step 19:** Tet the sable and pour yourself a glass of turkey
- Step 20:** Bless the saying, pass and eat out!



Happy Merry Year and A New Wish Christmas! <hic>



# A POLITICALLY CORRECT CHRISTMAS STORY

Author Unknown



'Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...  
 How to live in a world that's politically correct?  
 His workers no longer would answer to "Elves".  
 "Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.  
 And labour conditions at the North Pole  
 were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,  
 Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.  
 And equal employment had made it quite clear  
 That Santa had better not use just reindeer.  
 So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid  
 Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his sleigh;  
 The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.  
 And people had started to call for the cops  
 When they heard sled noises on their rooftops.  
 Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers all frightened!  
 His fur trimmed red suit was called "Unenlightened."

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows,  
 Rudolf was suing over unauthorised use of his nose  
 And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,  
 Demanding millions in over-due compensation.  
 So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,  
 Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,

Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,  
 Demanding from now on her title was Ms.  
 And as for the gifts, why, he'd never had a notion  
 That making a choice could cause so much commotion.  
 Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,  
 Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.

Nothing that might be construed to pollute.  
 Nothing to aim, Nothing to shoot.  
 Nothing that clamoured or made lots of noise.  
 Nothing for just girls, or just for the boys.  
 Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.  
 Nothing that's warlike or non-pacifistic.

No chocolate or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.  
 Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.  
 And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,  
 Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.  
 For they raised the hackles of those psychological  
 Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No netball, no football...someone could get hurt;  
 Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.  
 Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be pass;  
 And Nintendo would just rot your whole brain away.  
 So Santa just stood there, dishevelled, perplexed;  
 He just could not figure out what to do next.

He tried to be merry, he tried to be gay,  
 (But you've got to be careful with that word today!)  
 His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;  
 Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.  
 Something special was needed, a gift that he might  
 Give to all without angering the left or the right.

A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,  
 Each group of people, every type of religion;  
 Every ethnicity, every hue,  
 Everyone, everywhere...even you!  
 So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth...  
 May you and your loved ones, enjoy peace on this Earth!

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ ANSWERS:** 1. Jacob Marley; 2. Bob Cratchit; 3. A butler; 4. 364 presents; 5. Parson Brown; 6. Indian Ocean; 7. Our Jesus Christ is born; 8. A jolly happy soul; 9. False; It was an Angel that told Mary the news; 10. Mummy; 11. The Branch; 12. Rocking; 13. Kris Kringle; 14. Tim Burton; 15. His wings; 16. Oliver Cromwell; 17. Figs in blankets; **CHRISTMAS SONGS ANSWERS:** 1. The Twelve Days of Christmas; 2. I Saw Mummy Kissing Santa Claus; 3. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas; 4. Let It Snow; 5. Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer; 6. Last Christmas; 7. Oh Christmas Tree; 8. Jingle Bells; 9. Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire; 10. Deck the Halls with barrels of holly; 11. Frosty The Snowman; 12. Rocking around the Christmas Tree; 13. Jingle Bell Rock; 14. It Will Be Lonely This Christmas; 15. I'll Be Home For Christmas; 16. Mistletoe and Wine; 17. All I want For Christmas is my Two Front Teeth; 18. I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday; 19. Santa Claus Is Coming to Town; 20. Do They Know It's Christmas; 21. Little Drummer Boy; 22. Driving Home For Christmas; 23. I Wish I could be Christmas Everyday; 24. White Christmas; 25. Walking In The Air.





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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)

**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 Battlefield Project,**  
Glinton Cottage, Sibbertoft, LE16 9UJ  
Pauline Vann Trustee: 01604 740774

**Naseby Historical Society**  
Interesting talks and tours  
**Contact:** Chris Murphy (01604 740748)

**Neighbourhood Watch**  
Team of 10 plus other helpers  
**Contact:** Greg Pritchett (01604 740717)

**Riding for the Disabled**  
Mondays 4-5.30 pm/Apr-Oct term time  
**Contact:** Tina Fanshawe (01604 740308)

**Rounders**  
Games will be home & away  
**Contact:** Bridget Baker (01604 740007)

**School Football Team**  
Wednesday afternoons  
**Contact:** Mel Hoyle (01604 740848)

**Table Tennis**  
Meeting on Monday evenings  
**Contact:** Mike Willis (01604 740437)

**Village Hall**  
Always looking for new users  
**Contact:** Wyn Sleeman (01604 740963)

**Womans Institute (WI)**  
Second Thursday monthly  
**Contact:** Denise Young (01604 743467)

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

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



## The Naseby W.I.



We held our WI's annual fund raising Soup Lunch on 6th

November. This had to be postponed from April and we hope everyone will thought it was worth the wait! We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who came to support us!

Since my last article for 'Natters,' members have enjoyed a varied and interesting monthly programme. This included an excellent, informative talk entitled 'Pelargoniums and Geraniums' by Emily Mitchell of Cramden Nurseries in Kingsthorpe and another very good talk, 'Hearing Dogs for the Deaf'. The speaker at this meeting was Mr. John Dunkley, ably assisted by his wife, Maggie, and Chip, his delightful little 'hearing' dog. Instead of charging a fee, John asked us to send him a donation which he could pass on to be used towards training other dogs. The forthcoming soup lunch will provide funds to enable us to do this.



In May we spent the evening discussing and voting on the National Federation's resolution to the Government calling for 'The mandatory clear labelling of food with the true country of origin.' This resolution was overwhelming approved by both Naseby's members and the WI en masse at their Annual General Meeting. Let's hope that the 'powers that be' take note. Another of our evenings was spent at our summer garden party



with entertainment provided by artist, Michael Peachey. This party was to have taken place in Pat Yate's garden but, due to inclement weather, had to be adjourned to the village hall.

In addition to the monthly programme, members have enjoyed a variety of visits.

The first of these was in May to Prince Charles' garden at Highgrove House, followed in June by a guided tour and tea at Beckworth Emporium in Mears Ashby. Members also went to Kilworth House Theatre for a performance of 'Guys & Dolls' and last, but not least, have been the enjoyable 'Skittles' evenings which some of the members have had at The Royal Oak.



The latest of our monthly meetings was our Annual Meeting in October, when the Committee and officers, who were unanimously re-elected, were pleased to report a happy, thriving Institute with 30 members. In addition to the activities mentioned above, several of our members attended a variety of courses, talks and visits organised by the Northamptonshire Federation during the year. In Naseby we held a ballot for a bursary to go towards paying for one of our members to attend a course at the WI's Denman College in Oxfordshire. Alison Bucklow was the lucky winner.



We now look forward to our November meeting, when Sue Constable will be talking about 'Decorative Needlework Done in the Home' and to December, when our speaker will be Mr K.Day, whose subject will be 'Venice, Its Pleasures

and Treasures.' In addition to these two meetings, most of our members are going to see 'Calendar Girls' at Northampton's Derngate Theatre in November.

Our new programme is virtually complete and we are looking forward to another interesting year ahead, with the usual mix of talks, demonstrations and visits. It will start in January with our Christmas Party (at a venue to be fixed). Our guest speaker in February will be Michael Downing whose talk will be 'Crime Prevention and Personal Safety,' followed in March by Vine Lacey showing us how to restore old books and in April by Hugh Warwick who will be talking about the life of the hedgehog.



We were pleased to welcome sixteen visitors to meetings at various times during this last year and should be happy to see any other ladies who would like to visit us at any time in the future. Unless otherwise advertised, the meetings are held in the village hall at 7.30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. They usually begin with the 'business' followed by our guest speaker/demonstrator. The cost is a very reasonable £2., and includes refreshments which are always delicious!

**Mary Hackett** (tel. 01604 740657)

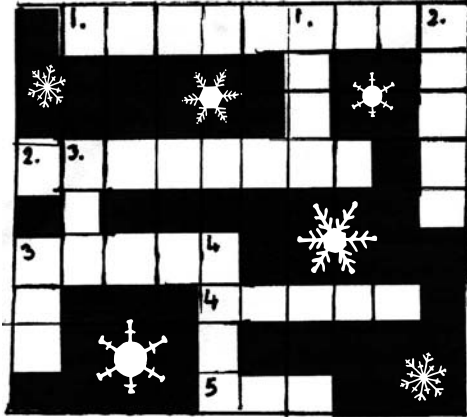
*PS: So sorry you are giving up 'Natters' but do so understand your reasons for doing so and am sure you will have more than enough to do to fill any 'free' time you may have (that's a joke, I know). I'm sure there must be someone in the village who could have taken over from you, but trouble is you are such a hard act to follow.*





# Kids Corner!

## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

1. What is the day called when Jesus' birthday is celebrated?
2. What kind of animal pulls Santa's sleigh?
3. What was Mary's son called?
4. How many wise men does the carol say there were?
5. What colour is Rudolph's nose?



By The Writing Club

**JOHN FOSTER:** We have been finding out about the children's poet John Foster. Here is a little bit about him. He was born in 1941 and grew up in a village called Scotby near Carlisle. His parents loved sports and so did he, so he spent his childhood playing cricket and rugby and watching Carlisle United.

He was also a reader. His favourite stories were in comics like "The Wizard" - about cowboys and sporting heroes such as Wilson, a super-hero who was dead but came back to life to do things like run the mile in under three minutes. He loved poetry too, especially traditional ballads like "Lord Ullin's daughter" and "The Ballad of the Revenge".

### DOWN

1. What plant do people decorate at Christmas time?
2. Who delivers the presents?
3. What is the day before Christmas called?
4. What did the wise men follow to help them find the stable?
5. What sort of glad tidings does the carol speak of?

He went to school at Denstone College in Staffordshire and then studied history at Oxford University, where he wrote football reports for the university newspaper and for "The Times". After university he became an English teacher. Here is one of his poems...

### BEDBUG, BEDBUG

Bedbug, bedbug, where have you been?  
I've been up to London to visit the queen.

Bedbug, bedbug, what did you do?  
I bit the queen's bottom!  
I bit the king's too!

From "My Magic Anorak" (Oxford)

By Morgan Bermingham



## CHRISTMAS WORDSEARCH

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G B K O H F D S A J L R L K L  
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R F I Y O R T R F J O E D R U  
D W R F W D E W O W U L S Y T

ANGEL  
GOD  
TINSEL  
SANTA



HOLLY  
SECRET  
JESUS



By Emily Thornton

**CROSSWORD ANSWERS** Across: 1. Christmas, 2. reindeer, 3. Jesus, 4. three, 5. red. Down: 1. Tree, 2. Santa, 3. eve, 4. star, 5. joy

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