



# Naseby Natters

issue 9



## NATTERS UNDER SERIOUS THREAT NOW!

Peter Johnston is still unwell and remains on leave from the newsletter. He has been transferred to a rehabilitation unit in Market Harborough where he is making a slow but steady recovery. Our thoughts are with him and his wife Aileen.

But we also have some potentially fatal news as the other two remaining team members have resigned from their posts. Which means we - or rather I - am now trying to keep Natters going on my own! So I am in desperate need of some new faces to help out and come on board.

### ARE YOU A BUDDING REPORTER?

I am keen for anyone who would be willing to either go out and interview people or research for particular stories and articles once a quarter. These then need to be written-up and sent to me via e-mail so I can insert them straight into the Natters layout. If either role interests you or you would be interested in doing both - please get in touch.

### DO YOU HAVE YOUR EAR TO THE GROUND?

We also need someone who knows what is going on, in and around the village to come up with interesting topics for us to cover each issue. Who knows who to talk to, to find out more about life in Naseby years ago or now.

As they say 'many hands make light work' so go on, bet involved, the more the merrier! Perhaps you are multi talented and are all these things in one - either way, get in touch....NOW!

### SPONSORS ARE ALSO REQUIRED:

We are also in desperate need of sponsors as we are struggling to find supporters for future editions. Gerry Wood does a fantastic job of rallying round the usual suspects (*thanks Gerry!* - *ed*) but if you are interested please get in touch - it is not as expensive as you might think and it is for such a good cause. So give Gerry a call on 01604 740444.....NOW!!!

I must say a HUGE thank you to all those who contacted us regarding deliveries to the farms - we were inundated with offers which was fantastic! I have all your names and numbers and will be in touch as and when. We were helped out by Sarah Farrell last issue - so a big 'thanks' goes out to her!

Happy reading and a  
Happy Mothers Day to all Mums  
and Happy Easter to you all from  
THE NEWSLETTER "TEAM"

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## Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is the 1st of May 2006

## Farewell Pauline and Elizabeth...

It is a sad day for Naseby Natters as Pauline Atkins has decided to resign from the newsletter after 2 years. She has taken a new years resolution to spend more time with her family

- and who can blame her!  
Elizabeth Gregory is also standing down as one of our key interviewers. She has recently moved out of the village and with her increased course work at college, feels she cannot devote the time anymore (*although she will still*

*produce the 'Kids Corner' for us. Thanks Liz! - ed).*

I would just like to say a HUGE thank you to them both for all their hard work and input in the newsletter - couldn't have done it without you!

Amanda Green



your newsletter and your village - so get involved



# Village Update

## Naseby Parish Council

### RE-SURFACING OF THE VILLAGE ROADS/LANES

Following the completion by parishioners of a petition to endeavour to persuade the County Council to do something positive about the deplorable state of the roads in the village, the petition was put, by Dist. Cllr. Millar, before the Full Northants Council and their official response is:

*"All roads within Naseby village have been surveyed with regard to the condition of the roads' structure, wearing course and edge deterioration during the current financial year.*



*The average "failure rate" as measured by our inspection machinery is between 10% and 15% although there are two roads that are markedly worse, with failure rates of 40%.*

*With current resources we are prioritising the repair of roads with failure rates of 70% or above and hence have not programmed work in Naseby at the current time.*

*We will of course keep this situation under review."*

Notwithstanding the above the Parish Council continues to push for improvements and we can only be thankful that we do not live in a village where the "failure rate" is above 70% as we can only assume access would have to be by hovercraft or helicopter!!

### STARLINGS

A recent press article said that a mummuration of starlings was in the top ten best bird sights in the UK. This is probably true because the swirling and whirling of the thousands of birds currently being seen is truly spectacular (albeit, for obvious reasons you need to be safely under cover to watch it).



However, the downside factor is the incredible mess being experienced by everyone and potential health hazards. The Parish Council intends to monitor the situation for next winter and, if they re-appear in December, professional advice will be sought on how best to deal with the situation.

-----STOP PRESS-----  
By the time you receive this newsletter the Starlings may have moved on to pastures new. As you may be aware the Parish Council have decided enough is enough and to take action now by hiring some loud hailers to help scare the Starlings away. Sad though it is to see them go it has become a necessity to do something about the sheer numbers circling around the village each night.

### UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Fitzgerald Arms is under new management and we wish Carl and his dad all the best in their new venture!

*(We hope to have an interview with them next issue to find out what plans they have - they are still finding their feet at the moment so we have left them in peace! Good luck! - ed)*

### ROAD CLOSURES

On Sunday 12th of March from 10am until 3pm, roads exiting Naseby towards Sibbertoft and Clipston will be closed due to the Marie Curie Cancer Care Great Daffodil Run being held at Kelmarsh Hall. Road closures will be fully signposted and access for residence and emergency services will be maintained at all times.

**See page 13 for more details**

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

This will be held on Thursday, 6 April and all parishioners are welcome. Over the past couple of years this has been a successful event with representatives from all the village organisations invited so we can all see who is doing what and what is available. Details will be posted on the village notice board in due course.

**Tom Westaway**  
*Chairman*  
Naseby Parish Council



### Members of the Parish Council 2006

**Mrs Avis Aldrich**  
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**Mrs Bridget Baker**  
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Carvells lane

**Mr Stanley Barton**  
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**Mr Melfyn Hoyle**  
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**Mr Scott Westaway**  
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**Mr Tom Westaway**  
Westfields, Carvells Lane  
*(Chairman)*

**Clerk - Mr Ian Arnott**  
Northside House, School Lane





# Shop Update



Nearly there!

Well we are still waiting on the lay-by but everything else is looking to be roughly on time. So we are

looking at some time in March....but no later!!!

We are now fitting equipment and fixtures, painting and decorating, but want to keep the layout of the shop a surprise for the opening day - we hope you'll be impressed!

Looking forward to the **BIG DAY** and will inform you as to an exact opening date as soon as we have one confirmed.

Thanks for all your interest and returning the questionnaires. We look forward to seeing you in the shop soon!

Henry & Rachel - Naseby H.Q.

# Naseby Weather



MEASURED IN BAKEHOUSE RISE COURTESY OF STUART CATO  
Comparing the figures to last year, of significance is that the average temperatures for December and January were 2°C lower than the previous year so bearing out predictions that it would be a colder winter. Wind gust speeds last year were significantly higher (63.5; 74; 43.2 mph), so giving minimum wind chill factors for the 3 months of -4.1; -6.2; -6.9 °C.

Month 2005/6	NOV	DEC	JAN
Max Temp °C	16.3	9.9	10.6
Av Max Temp °C	8.6	6.5	5.9
Min Temp °C	-2.6	-3.8	-3.0
Av Min Temp °C	2.5	1.6	1.7
Min Wind Chill oC	-4.4	-4.4	-3.0
Max Humidity %RH	94	94	94
Av Max Humidity %RH	91.2	91.8	91.6
Min Humidity %RH	68	62	65
Av Min Humidity %RH	80.8	84.8	84.4
Max Wind mph	18.3	13.8	15.2
Av Max Wind mph	8.5	7.3	5.8
Max Wind Gusts mph	31.3	29.3	29.7
Av Wind Gusts mph	17.4	15.5	13.0

Comparison 2004/05	Nov	Dec	Jan
Max Temp °C	12.6	11.8	12.7
Av Max Temp °C	9.5	8.0	8.2
Min Temp °C	-1.6	-2.5	-1.5

## POLITE NOTICE TO ALL HOUSEHOLDERS

If you are having building work, maintenance or repairs done to your home please can you ask your tradesmen (or women) to park with consideration to those that live in or travel through the village



It is becoming increasingly difficult to walk round the village especially if you have a pushchair due to vans and pick-up trucks being parked on the pavements

Please help Naseby be a safer place to live by asking trades to park considerately - Thank you -

## WARNING:

If you receive a card through your door from a company called **PDS (Parcel Delivery Service)** stating that they have a parcel awaiting delivery instructions and can you contact them on 0906 6611911 **DO NOT CALL THEM AS THIS IS A PREMIUM PHONE NUMBER SCAM** If you call the number you start to hear a recorded message which costs £1.50 per minute. This service is currently under investigation by ICSTIS (Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of the Telephone Information Services)

**BIT OF FUN...**  
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.....NEWSFLASH.....  
At approximately 19:30 hours on Saturday 17th December 2005 Louise got a round in at The Royal Oak...Cheers Lou!!!!  
(apparently this is a long standing joke and there was a **BIG** cheer in the pub at the time!)



# All Saints Church

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

As you may have guessed we need to do a lot of fund raising again this year! Apart from day to day running costs and our contribution to clergy stipends and pensions, we need to raise money for both minor and major repairs to the church. The interior is still in urgent need of re-decorating.



Our main event will once again be our popular **Open Gardens**. This will take place over the

weekend of the 15th and 16th July. If you are willing to open your garden or can offer help in any way please would you contact Pat or Robin Oldfield or the church wardens. We are extremely grateful for your support, not only does it raise much needed money, it is always a wonderful social event enjoyed by all.

There will be other fund raising and social events during the year - look out for details!

## BELL RINGING MARATHON!

On Sunday 2nd April, a local band of ringers will be attempting a full peal on Naseby church bells! This will mean they will be rung for approximately three hours between 2pm and 6pm.

## THE MOTHERS' UNION (M.U.)

The Mothers' Union was set up in the 1800's by clergy wife Mary Sumner,

who recognised the need for mothers to support one another. It's now an international Christian family charity with 3.6 million members dedicated to promoting marriage and family life.

It's involved in projects and campaigns in 76 countries. Current campaigns include Violence and the Influence Of The Media On Children, Make Poverty History and Literacy And Development In The Third World. The M.U. is also involved in training "facilitators" to organise parenting groups and projects in child centres within prisons.

### Did you know...?

*The Mothers' Union was instrumental in establishing the Jubilee Debt Campaign, which led to the current Make Poverty History Campaign, culminating in last year's Live8 Concert!*

In Naseby the M.U. meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2.15pm in members' houses. We support wider M.U. projects through fund raising but closer to home, this year, one of our projects is providing cleaning, personal and baby items for young, vulnerable mums setting up their own homes for the first time. We also have speakers, social afternoons, visits etc. You are most welcome come and give us a try! Please contact Jan Hillyer (tel: 01604 740662) for more details.

**UPDATE:** David Faulks, our Rector, is still not completely better. However there is usually a service in Naseby



on Sundays at 9.30 am. For the next few weeks he is sharing the services with another priest.

Details of Naseby's and the rest of the Benefice services are to found in Contact magazine and on the church notice board.

## EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL

**Jan Hillyer & Avis Aldrich**  
Church Wardens

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# Naseby Methodist Church



In December the chapel was buzzing with activities:

- the school was rehearsing & performing their Christmas Plays. [I was very challenged by the words in one of the songs in Baboushka, one of the plays: 'just stay cool don't be a fool but check it out, could there be something vital missing in my life.....']



Naseby got a visit from Father Christmas himself!

- the Mums & Tots Christmas party was a jolly time with John telling the story of Christmas while the children placed pictures on a flannel board to make the Christmas scene. Father Christmas made a visit of course and handed out presents.
- the Carol service, with non alcoholic punch & mince pies for afters, was a wonderful time and the [first ever????] Christmas Day service was a great success with 37 people attending!! Thanks to all who came and made it possible!

**MOTHERING SUNDAY** is coming up

again! [makes me think of Spring!!!!] Jane Gaffney will be leading a very special time of worship with and for all the family. Why not make a note of the date: March 26th @ 10.45am.



**EASTER** is soon after - April 16th. Details of services are not yet available but will be on the notice board.



**PRAYER** It's a 'year of prayer or 24/7' in the Methodist Church and our Districts time to discover new ways of praying is from April 28 to May 12th. There will be events here in Naseby, but also in Market Harborough. It's amazing that so many young people are drawn to 24/7. They are teaching the older generation that praying does not need to be hands together & eyes closed [see the prayer wall picture below] and that it can be fun as well!!



**SPIRITUALITY:** If you'd like to 'fill your spiritual tank' why not pop in on Saturday April 29?? Between 10am - 4pm the chapel will be open to take a trip through a LABYRINTH. Take time to reflect, ponder and be encouraged as you follow through the maze. Light a

candle. See how unique and precious you are. You'll be refreshed!!!!

## Fusion Youth Club

The first **F**usion youth club [for 3 - 6yrs] went off with a bang! Twenty two children and their leaders had a great time.

**F**usion will be held on the last Thursday of each month!

Amongst the papers on my desk I found a sheet with comments that made me think how quickly we take things for granted, and how important it is to 'think big' and have a vision! Here are some of them:

- '...but what is it good for?'  
[*engineer @ the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM 1968, commenting on the microchip.*]
- 'we don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out!'  
[*Decca Recording Co, rejecting the Beatles in 1962.*]

With the start of **F**usion and the fortnight of prayer happening 'the ZONE' ['church-lite'] will not start till September.

**Leny Cato**

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# Naseby School Update



The run up to Christmas was as busy as ever, with many exciting events planned and undertaken.

We hold a Fun Night each term, when the children come back to school in the evening and activities are organised for them and the NSA lays on food. At the Fun Night before Christmas, the children took part in Operation Christmas Child. They filled shoeboxes wrapped with Christmas paper with gifts for children less fortunate than themselves. This year, we filled a fantastic 77 boxes which were sent to children in Belarus.

This year the pantomime visited us, with Looking Glass Theatre coming to the Village Hall to present 'Treasure Island'. This was very enjoyable and was the culmination of a cross-curricular week on Treasure Island by the whole school.

The Infant Christmas Production, The Puzzled Penguin, was a super story, beautifully presented and performed to parents in the Chapel. The Junior Christmas Production, Baboushka, was also a great success and the children performed it twice, again at the Chapel.

On the last Monday of term, we organised a trip to

the cinema for the whole school to watch Wallace and Gromit. We are very grateful to the NSA for funding this trip in its entirety. And finally, on the morning of the last Tuesday, the whole school was treated

to a live rock concert at the Village Hall, when my son, Richard and two of his friends played a selection of rock carols. The children obviously spotted talent and were keen to collect the band's autographs - well, you never know who'll be famous!

The Carol Service, held at All Saints Church, was in the afternoon of the last day of term and despite the children being exhausted, they still sang beautifully.

This term we have many more events planned. Year 5's are attending a Candlemas Service at Daventry and sports tournaments have been organised at Guilsborough School. Cookery Club, Science Club and Writing Club are as popular as ever and now that the evenings are getting lighter, football club will be starting again after half term. There's never a dull moment at Naseby School!

Sue Bradburn

## NASEBY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Our Christmas Fayre was held on 3rd December, 2005 at the village hall. We had a wonderful Santa's Grotto, thank you to our very own Santa. The Fayre was very successful raising £1015. Thanks to

everyone who supported this event and made it so successful.

The ever popular Rieker shoe stall was a huge success raising £1584. We had the added benefit of being able to sell the shoes and boots at The Royal Oak on the Sunday, thanks to Elaine for letting us use the room.



Thanks again go to Rieker shoes for giving us this fundraising opportunity. Also to Lesley Campbell, Bridget Baker, Claire Simon and Cathy Hoyle for their hard work.

### 2006 DATES FOR YOU DIARIES:

- 23rd June - Hog Roast with live entertainment by the very popular EMPIRE
- 15th July - Car Boot Sale on the school paddock
- 13th October - Quiz night at the village hall
- 2nd December - Christmas Fayre at the village hall

For further details or tickets for any of the events contact: Sarah Burdett 01604 740704

Sarah Burdett & Cathy Hoyle

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# A Massive Thank You To Our Sponsor!

Our saviour this issue is **Westaway Motors** who sponsored the first ever edition of Naseby Natters way back in March 2004!

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Amanda Green

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We desperately need sponsors for the next issue! Please contact Gerry Wood on 01604 740444

## Naseby then and now...

### The War Memorial and School Lane...



If you have any old pictures you would like to feature in our newsletter please get in touch. We will scan any photos in and return the originals to you. We will then take a new photograph to show what it looks like today. Please contact Amanda Green (Tel: 01604 743765 or e-mail: [aj@ajdesign.biz](mailto:aj@ajdesign.biz)) A **MASSIVE** thank you to Anita Summerfield who lives on the corner of Knights Hill and High Street, for the fantastic collection of postcards - this is one of many we will be using!

*(A thousand apologies for the delay in getting them back to you Anita - ed)*





# The origin of Mother's Day



The earliest Mother's Day celebrations are thought to originate in ancient Greece and Rome where there were celebrations in honour of the mother of gods, known in Greece as Rhea and in Rome as Cybele. A ceremony dedicated to the worship of Cybele was incorporated into the Roman celebration called Hilaria which took place in March. It is believed that this was adapted for a Christian ceremony dedicated to the Mother Church.

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish or "daughter church". Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or "mother" church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their "mother" church, or the main



church or Cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the "Mother" church became an occasion for family reunions which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family. It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.



The origin of giving flowers on this day is thought to stem from the 17th century custom of servants given the day off to return home to celebrate, were often allowed to pick flowers from their master's land to take home to their mothers.

People also used to take a "mothering cake" (a type of fruitcake) or a "simnel" (a pastry filled with fruit). Simnel cake is a rich fruitcake covered with a thick layer of almond paste or icing, and decorated with eleven small balls of almond paste - made to signify all the apostles except Judas

The custom of Mothering Sunday died out in Britain, but a similar "Mother's Day" custom was established in the US in 1890 by a lady called Anna Jarvis. The custom became popular in Britain after World War Two, following the

## MOTHERLY QUOTES:

"The moment a child is born, the mother is also born. She never existed before. The woman existed, but the mother, never. A mother is something absolutely new"  
- *Rajneesh* -

"God could not be everywhere, so he made mothers"  
- *Jewish proverb* -

"There was never a great man who had not a great mother"  
- *Oliver Schreiner* -

"Making the decision to have a child is momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body"  
- *Elizabeth Stone* -

"Sooner or later we all quote our mothers"  
- *Bern Williams*

"All women become like their mothers - that is their tragedy. No man does - that's his"  
- *Oscar Wilde* -

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible"  
- *Marion C. Garretty* -

"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother"  
- *Abraham Lincoln* -

"A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take"  
- *Cardinal Mermillod* -

"Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs... since the payment is pure love"  
- *Mildred B. Vermont* -





**You're really a mum when...**

- You count the number of sprinkles on each kid's cupcake to make sure they are equal
- You have time to shave only one leg at a time
- You hide in the bathroom to be alone
- You consider finger paint to be a controlled substance
- You hire a baby sitter because you haven't been out with your husband in ages, then you spend half the night talking about and checking on the kids
- You hope ketchup is a vegetable because it's the only one your will child eat
- You find yourself cutting your husband's sandwiches into unusual shapes
- You obsess when your child clings to you upon parting during his first month at school, then you obsess when he skips in without looking back
- You hear your mother's voice coming out of your mouth when you say, "Not in your good clothes."
- You read that the average-five-year old asks 437 questions a day and feel proud that your kid is "above average"

example set by American soldiers who came to Britain during the war. In the UK it is celebrated on the traditional date of



Mothering Sunday (4th Sunday of Lent), while in the US it is celebrated in May.

This special day has now become a time when people give thanks to their mothers and offers an opportunity to express both love and thanks for the work that they do.



Mother's Day is on Sunday 26th March 2005 in the UK although the date changes each year. It is celebrated on different dates in other parts of the world.



Mother's Day is the biggest flower selling occasion in the UK despite all the competition from other products. 35% of all adults buy flowers

for their mothers or for their children to give to their mothers at this time. Last year favourite flowers for Mothers Day included roses - still the favourite flower of UK women according to the Flower and Plants Association.

**DID YOU KNOW:** Mother's day is also known as Mothering Sunday, or Refreshment Sunday or Mid-Lent Sunday, or Laetare Sunday

Amanda Green (a mum!)

**INVITATION:  
IT'S YOUR VILLAGE**



**SO HAVE YOUR SAY!**

The Naseby Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee AGM  
Takes place on Thursday 16th March 2006 at 8pm in the Village Hall



Along with the day to day management of these facilities, this committee is involved in fund raising and new projects for the village so please feel free to come along and...

**GET INVOLVED!**





# Hitchcock Hits Naseby!



Alfred Hitchcock could have made a great movie, Bill Oddie a 'Super Nature Watch', but it's left to lesser mortals to make the best of it and see the beauty of the enormous gathering of Starlings gracing us with their presence this winter!

We're not the only place they have chosen as their playing field, Melton Mowbray is also among their favourite haunts. In the Daily Telegraph [6th - 11th Feb 06] a small article explained why there are so many..."Starlings from Siberia have joined ours because of the extreme winter there".

But this is not the first time starlings have gathered in Naseby. According to Mrs Joyce Vials, there were visitors long

ago, but not quite in these quantities!

Besides the 'white' patios and pavements, splashed windows [the Methodist chapel windows have just been done before they arrived!!!] dirty cars and other blobs...we're sure we are not the only ones who are enjoying the daily spectacle of their play!

**A MURMURATION OF STARLINGS:** A muted way to describe the chattering, a clattering or congregation of a group of starlings as they come into roost each evening

In flight, they have pointed, triangular wings, and when they come in to land they look a little like Harrier aircraft.

When a bird of prey is around, the starling flocks split into smaller, tight groups, or all form one huge flock, wheeling around the sky to distract the predator. As each new squadron joins the flock the sight of thousands of starlings in the air together is truly magnificent, and the sound can be equally impressive (if not deafening!).

Starlings seem to have an insatiable appetite and will eat



Keeping the car clean is a full time job!

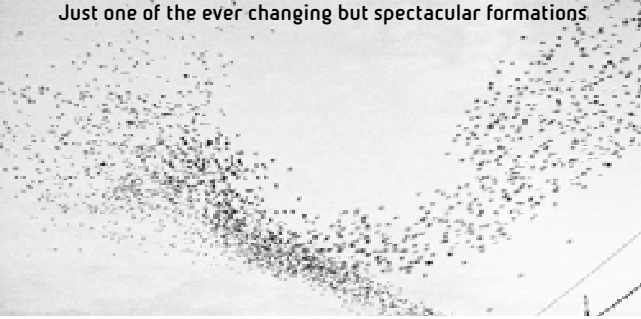


...and their off!





Just one of the ever changing but spectacular formations



just about anything from anywhere (except starling proof feeders) and throw much of it about while they are at it! As well as flying in flock they feed in flocks too, and so several birds are usually feeding in this lively manner which is a sight to behold.

Quite a few garden birdwatchers loathe Starlings for this because of the way they seem to descend on food in large numbers and eat everything within a few minutes (and they can empty the bird bath of water through their furious splashing as well!).

This attitude is somewhat unfair as Starlings are very gregarious birds. So feeding quickly in flocks is, after all, what they have evolved to do. However, it is easy to see this behaviour as greed, and the concerned garden bird feeder, who may have a limited

budget, may resort to rationing the amount of food the Starlings can get.

As the old saying goes...  
Starling sky at night,  
you'll have to clean the  
car in the morning!



Apart from the local car wash and window cleaners doing very well from all this (not to mention tarpaulin sales!), the species is not doing very well at the moment despite them descending upon Naseby in their thousands.

It is thought that the birds may have declined by over half during the last 25 years. Cats, modern farming methods and new house designs are among the factors being blamed for the population falls. Changes in agricultural practice, such as the increased use

Coming in to  
roost



## THE FACTS



### STARLING

*Sturnus Vulgaris*

**Description:** At first glance starlings appear quite dull and blackish, but closer inspection reveal a beautiful plumage. They have black feathers with an iridescent, purple or green sheen. In winter they have prominent white speckles.

**Nature:** Noisy, gregarious birds and excellent mimics often incorporating the sounds of other birds, frogs, mammals and even machinery into their song.

**Habitat:** Common throughout UK. Build untidy nests in holes or cavities in trees or buildings. Also use nestboxes.

**Food:** Varied diet including insects, especially leatherjackets and caterpillars, slugs, snails, worms, seeds, fruit and grain. They are frequent visitors to birdtables and will exploit any available food source!

**Eggs:** 3-8

**Incubation:** 11-15 days

**Fledging:** 21 days

**Maximum lifespan:** 22 years

**Length:** 21.5cm

**Wingspan:** 37-42cm

**Weight:** 60-90g





of pesticides and the loss of pasture and unimproved grassland, have reduced food sources available to the birds resulting in young starlings not surviving their first year.

So don't be too hard on them - enjoy their amazing aerobatics while you can!

Leny Cato & Amanda Green

### ON ANOTHER NOTE...

How about sharing regular visitors to the garden with each other?

It would be great to know what we can look out for, or to know which food we can use to attract a wide variety of birds to our gardens.

To start us off: we have within the last few days 4 siskins fighting with goldfinches for the niger seed, longtail tits are also almost daily visitors at the moment. Last week 2 bull finches made an appearance too! The greater spotted woodpecker and even a sparrow hawk visit on a regular basis.

The squirrel leaves the bird feeders alone now he has his/her own feeder, really cute to see! (right)



Squirrel feast!

Leny Cato

**Hall Close:** We have copious amounts of Finches and Tits visit our garden but no Sparrows we are sad to say. Amongst our other visitors are: Treecreepers, Wrens, Robins, Blackbirds, Greater Spotted Woodpecker, 2 resident Magpies and 3 squirrels - who raid the various feeders we have - even though they are supposed to be squirrel proof! We also had to stop getting the fat balls in netting on their account because they would remove the



### RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

The world's biggest bird survey!

This years survey took place on Saturday 28th or Sunday 29 January 2006 where you were asked to watch your garden or local park on either of the 2 days. Nearly 400,000 people from across the UK spent an hour counting the birds in their garden in last years survey and their records provided a valuable snapshot of the UK's garden birds. Here's how the UK's top 20 garden birds 2005 stand:

BIRD	ADV PER GARDEN	% SINCE 1979
1. House sparrow	4.56	-54.4%
2. <b>STARLING</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>-75.8%</b>
3. Blue tit	2.9	+17.2%
4. Blackbird	2.42	-39.5%
5. Greenfinch	1.83	+83%
6. Chaffinch	1.71	-42.2%
7. Collared dove	1.51	+403.3%
8. Woodpigeon	1.43	+615%
9. Great tit	1.39	+54.4%
10. Robin	1.28	-36%
11. Dunnock	1.1	+37.5%
12. Magpie	0.88	+120%
13. Long-tailed tit	0.82	*
14. Goldfinch	0.75	*
15. Coal tit	0.56	+180%
16. Jackdaw	0.52	+4%
17. Carrion crows	0.45	*
18. Wren	0.37	+85%
19. Rook	0.29	-3.3%
20. Feral pigeon	0.29	*

\* wasn't in top 20 list in 1979

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch>

entire ball and take them home! We only have whole peanuts in our feeders as hubby refuses to weed the array of plants and vegetables we get from the mixed seed! We have seen fledgling Kestrels, a family of Buzzards, Fieldfares, Redwings, Pheasants and Partridges in the field behind us which are spectacular to watch. Not bad for a garden the size of a postage stamp!

Amanda Green



# Marie Curie Run!



- **Location:** Kelmash Hall, Kelmash, Northamptonshire
- **Date:** Sunday March 12th 2006
- **Time:** 10.30am

2006 will be the 9th year of the Great Daffodil Run. These undulating 10 kilometre and 15 mile road races will be hosted by Kelmash Hall where they are hoping for over 2000 runners to take part in the 2 races. The event is to raise money and awareness for Marie Curie Cancer Care.



Cancer is the UK's biggest killer. Every year it claims the lives of more than

150,000 people, with a further one million living with the disease at any one time.

Marie Curie Cancer Care is working tirelessly by challenging the disease through its work in cancer care and research. Every year the charity provides care to around 25,000 cancer patients and their families - entirely free of charge.

**DID YOU NOW:** Marie Curie adopted the daffodil emblem in 1986 - the flower is universally recognised as a symbol of renewal

By giving a small donation you can make it possible for a Marie Curie Nurse to bring expert and sensitive



support to a family affected by cancer. Just £20 will provide one hour of care and support from one of our nurses. Give as little or as much as you can afford, it all makes a difference to the lives of families affected by cancer.

### WHY NOT JOIN IN!

We're hoping to get some people to cheer the runners on as they run down Newlands perhaps with some music and refreshments. If you are able to help out or just want to join in the cheering please contact Cathy Hoyle. Also Mel Hoyle is running the 10km route so if anybody would like to sponsor him please call 01604 740848.

**Cathy Hoyle & Amanda Green**

**ROAD CLOSURE:**  
 Sunday 12th March  
 10am - 3pm

— — — = road closed

This route means that there will be road closures from 10am until 3pm effecting the roads exiting Naseby towards Sibbertoft and Clipston. Access for residence and emergency services will be maintained at all times and routes will be fully signposted.





# NASEBY Historical Society

A message to all you history fans out there, Naseby Historical Society is still running interesting talks from fascinating people. Recently we've had everything from the story of the Post Office to the History of firearms (from our own Allan Kirk). Allan's session was very informative and

while he was talking he mixed us up a small bowl of gunpowder to show us how the Chinese did it. For some reason his recipe included mustard and flour. Unfortunately we weren't able to check the accuracy of the weapons he brought along on any of the recently arrived birdlife, but nonetheless a jolly good time was had by all.

Our next session is in March, subject the "Eleanor Crosses", please come along and bring a few friends. We can promise you an interesting and informative evening.

Chris Murphy

Contacts	
Liz Crowley	01604 740448
Chris Murphy	01604 740748
Ian Arnott	01604 743199

DATE	TIME & VENUE	DESCRIPTION
5th April 2006	8pm Naseby Village Hall	AGM
3rd May 2006	8pm Naseby Village Hall	History of Thatching by Clarence Galbraith
7th June 2006	Brixworth Saxon Church	Brixworth Walk (Part 2) by John Dawkins

## Age Concern

I had an interesting day out recently, at Age Concern in Northampton. They are reviewing the Village Contact Scheme, so I

was able to meet some of the other village contacts and find out what they were doing. Did you know that Northamptonshire has over 700 volunteers who give up some of their time to help the elderly.

We had some excellent presentations about the services, which brought me a bit more up to date about what is available. One very useful service is Advice, Information and Advocacy. This is a free service and will give you confidential and independent advice on issues affecting older people, and those who care for them. Tel: 01604 611207.



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## The Royal Oak



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Elaine Higgs  
Tel: 07985 408240

During the lunch time chat, I heard about techniques for distraction break-ins that you ought to be aware of it. Apparently, a lady has called at some homes pretending to be a long lost relative, apologising for not calling for such a long time. Before the victim has time to think, she is in!

So remember, it is only on soap operas that long lost cousins turn up with regularity, a genuine person will phone or write first to arrange to visit!

Liz Capell (tel: 01604 740568)





# Do you have an Apple?



Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM said in 1943  
*"I think there is a world market for five computers."*

We [Stuart and Leny Gato - and avid Apple Fans] keep on bumping into more and more PC users of the MAC variety! So here is a CALL to all of them...



**WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN FORMING A "MAC USER GROUP" TO DISCUSS AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST?**

We are planning a Mac get together at 12 Bakehouse Rise Naseby Friday March 24th @ 8pm to discuss setting up such a group - *bring your laptop if you like* - Refreshments will be provided!

Topics which may be of interest:

- Software - different experiences/exchanging Mac magazines and shareware CD's
- Operating systems MacOs X vs MacOs 9 & Classic
- Problems encountered and solved

We could pool various skills which can be applied to areas like Graphics/DTP, Video, Photography, Music, Web browser, Website development & problems  
 The 'agenda' could be as broad or various as the people who come!



If it is decided it would be good to have such a group we'll discuss frequency, venues, topics and even possible expert speakers?!?!  
 It would help (but not essential) if we know you are likely to come.

Looking forward to hearing from you all!

**Stuart & Leny Gato**

Email: leny.gato@onetel.net

Tel: 01604 743166

## NASEBY OPEN GARDENS

The days are getting longer, the bulbs are pushing up their green shoots, and the local starling population has contributed with its own copious supply of free fertilizer! Yes, it's *'you should be thinking about Open Gardens'* time again! Put it in your diary (July 15-16). If you've opened before, you know how much fun it is. If you haven't opened before, ask someone who has, because it really is!



Enquiries to Pat & Robin Oldfield 740145

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# Neighbourhood Watch News



## NON-EMERGENCY CALLS

Staff in the Customer Contact Centre answered 288,775 non-emergency calls last year - that equates to 791 calls each day!

Therefore Northamptonshire Police has introduced a new countywide telephone number for the public to use when making non-emergency calls.

There are currently 5 local numbers in existence, depending on where you live in the county, all

feeding in to a central switchboard. Northamptonshire Police hope that the introduction of the new single number will make things easier for the public, with just one number to remember - wherever you are in the county.

**NEW NUMBER**  
 For non-emergency calls to the Northamptonshire Police:  
**08453 700700**  
 (Charged at the normal local rate)

## Contacts

Below are listed the names and some numbers of Naseby's Neighbourhood Watch volunteers:

**Community Beat Officer:**  
PC Gary Wright  
c/o Pitsford Police Station  
Tel: 01604 700700

**Co-ordinator:**  
Allan Kirk - 11 Bakehouse Rise  
Tel/Fax: 01604 743141  
e-mail:  
aj.kirk@webleicester.co.uk

**Deputy Co-ordinator:**  
Andy Austin  
'Ceybirds', 38 High Street

**Members:**  
Maggie Draper  
- Shannonside, Carvells Lane  
Ray Ellis - 65, High Street  
Peter Johnston - 3, Fairfax Rise  
James Young - 8, Fairfax Rise  
Lynn Dyett - 14 Newlands  
Mike Willis - 7 Newlands  
Mark Norton - 2 Hall Close  
Greg Pritchett - Oakwell,  
Church St  
Liz Capell - 16 Nutcote  
Steve Clark - 6 Newlands



## SOUP LUNCH

Why not come along to the WI fund raising event All proceeds are to be shared between the Village Hall and the local branch of 'Riding for the Disabled'

Date: Saturday 18th March  
 Time: 12pm - 2pm  
 Where: Village Hall  
 Costs: Adults £4/Children £2



ALL ARE WELCOME!

## NASEBY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We are about to start on the second half of the season having had mixed fortunes in the pre christmas session.

The A-side continued their good form having won the league for the first time in the summer by losing only one

match. Well done!

The B-side had hoped to regain their 1<sup>st</sup> division spot but team shortages left them unable to. Better luck in 2006!

The C-side lost their promotion into division II but we believe

they could win division III now.

The D-side finished a credible 4<sup>th</sup> in division III. The side has got room for a couple of players even on an occasional basis.

**Mike Willis (tel: 01604 740437)**







## VILLAGE HALL

You may have noticed that the kitchen and entrance to the Hall is now looking crisper and brighter? This has just been recently repainted and is part of your Committees efforts to keep the Hall well maintained and attractive.

We still have to sort out the car park resurfacing and the timing of the lights.

**DID YOU KNOW:** Any of the equipment in the Hall can be loaned for private parties in the Village. We have 100 chairs, 7 large round tables, 8 trestle tables and 2 office tables. All we ask is for a donation of between £10-£40 depending on the quantity borrowed and that all items borrowed are returned clean and in good condition. Phone Tim Heydon (tel: 01604 740556) to book the hall or any of the equipment listed above.

**AGM:** All are welcome to attend the AGM on Thursday 16th March 2006 at 8pm. Any suggestions you need raising but can't attend please call Mike Hopkins (tel: 01604 740309) or Gerry Wood (tel: 01604 740444) and we'll be pleased to put forward your points of view.

### VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

## SPORTS COURT UPDATE:

We are awaiting feedback from one grant application and are also applying to 2 other grant providers (including BIFFA). We would also be looking to put another 'Battle of Naseby' fun day on as a fund-raiser for Village Hall improvements which will be discussed at the above AGM.



## NASEBY LADIES ROUNDERS

Following the success of our 2005 season we now find ourselves in Division 1!!!

We feel this next season will be a bit of a challenge with some of the other teams having England Squad players. With this in mind we have started our pre-season training earlier this year. We have enrolled the services of the one and only Barry Duddleston to improve our techniques. Little did he know what a challenge he was taking on!

Yet again our thanks go to our sponsors **Rieker Shoes** for supporting us in our quest to win the 1st Division. (This one's for you Ewen!)

At present we practise most Friday evenings at the Village Hall at 7pm, please join us if you are interested, new players are very welcome. For further details contact Bridget on 01604 740007.

Our season starts in May. We do hope we continue to receive the support of our loyal fans and it would be great to get any new members to the "*Fan Club*", who tend to meet up at **The Royal Oak** following each match (where the Eggie sandwiches, sausage and chips go down a treat!).

Look out for an update on our progress in the 1st Division in the next issue of Naseby Natters.

**Bridget Baker**



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making life an experience for children with terminal cancer

## MAKING LIFE AN EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN WITH TERMINAL CANCER

Thank you to everyone who supported me in my fund raising events. I have sold raffle tickets on behalf of the Joshua foundation, made £36 providing a Christmas card delivery service and an amazing £207 bag packing at Waitrose two days before Christmas. Many thanks to some charitable Naseby shoppers and their generous donations. Also a huge thank you to my twin sister, Danielle, who helped me to pack bags all day for free!

Due to ill health, I was unable to provide a Christmas gift wrapping service or hold a 'Grand Raffle'.



Instead, my parents have organised a 'Rock 'n' Roll dance to help me so I intend to hold a raffle there.

Thank you to Carl at the Fitzgerald

Arms who has donated a meal for two from his delicious new menu!

On the road to recovery and with determination and perseverance I have lots planned for the Spring including arranging a fashion show at Guilsborough School,

holding a car boot sale, serving petrol in Northampton, another session of bag packing and for anyone who can jive, a 50's and 60's dance at Cold Ashby.

Any interest in any of my forthcoming events e-mail me at [cherise@tesco.net](mailto:cherise@tesco.net) or call me on 01604 743332 Thank you again!

**Cherise Gould**





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

### Age Concern

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

### Badminton Club

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

### Bell Ringing

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

### Bridge Club

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

### Clipston & District Gardening Club

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

### Cribbage

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

### Cricket Club

"Friendlies" to be played  
 Contact: Mike Willis (01604 740437)

### Dog Behaviour & Training

Variety of services for dogs & owners  
 Contact: Shelley Purdue (01604 743037)

### Drinks, Biscuit & Chat

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

### Mothers Union

1st Wednesday of the month  
 Contact: Avis Aldrich (01604 740532)

### Mums & Tots

Thursday 1.30 to 3.30pm - term time  
 Contact: Ruth Watson (01604 740845)

### Naseby Historical Society

New group just set up  
 Contact: Liz Crowley (01604 740448)

### Neighbourhood Watch

Team of 10 plus other helpers  
 Contact: Allan Kirk (01604 743141)

### 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 Committee

Always looking for new users  
 Contact: Tony Hoare (01604 743136)

### Womans Institute (WI)

Second Thursday monthly  
 Contact: Pat Yates (01604 740657)

### Yoga

Mondays 1.30-3pm in term times  
 Contact: Mike Willis (01604 740437)

### Youth Club

Friday 7.15-9pm in winter months  
 Contact: Stewart Nuttall (01604 740269)

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



## Gardening Club Update

Now is the time we should be "waking up the garden" (and gardeners!). You should by now, have pruned your Clematis. The late flowering ones cut back to 6" to 12" from the ground, to a healthy pair of buds on each stem. The earlier ones, cut out any weak wood and leave a good framework of older wood which will bear flowers in June.



The garden in general needs a good tidying and our talk by Anita Thorpe on "Seasonal Plants" in February should have helped you with the planning and planting for the coming year.

If you missed this excellent speaker, I do urge to join **The Clipston & District Gardening Club**. You don't have to be an experienced gardener, just someone who's interested in how other people do things. Perhaps pick up a few tips and benefit from the discounts we can get at 2-3 very good nurseries.

If you are interested, give Ken Rutland a ring (tel. 01858 525305) and for a mere £6 per annum you can be part of our friendly club!

### FUTURE EVENTS:

- **March 22nd** - Stan Barton will give an illustrated talk in "The Herb Garden at Thornby"
- **April 25th** - Emily Mitchell from Cramden Nursery will be talking on "Geraniums"
- **May 24th** - Paul Saunders of Foxton will be telling us about "Fuchsias" There should be plants for sale!
- **June 25th** - Coach trip to RHS Gardens at Wisley. Make your reservations now as places are limited

Gerry Wood

## The Naseby W.I.



Since the last edition of Naseby Natters, members have enjoyed three more meetings.

In December we held a 'crafty' evening, at which five members demonstrated their skills, which included cross-stitch, spinning, knitting, embroidery and patchwork. Their fellow members were most impressed with the high standard they all achieved.

The January meeting, which was held at the home of Margaret Diack, was followed by the annual New Year party. As one has come to expect at W.I. occasions, the food and drink were delicious and the entertainment great fun. It was good to relax and have a thoroughly sociable evening.

Jan Hillyer was the speaker at the February meeting, when she told members of her experiences following being diagnosed with ovarian cancer. It's good to know that she received such good, prompt treatment and that she is doing so well. No doubt her positive attitude has helped her enormously.

A complete change of subject in March, when Alan Blevins will be talking about Alnwick Gardens. He is very knowledgeable about these famous gardens, having been involved with much of the work which went into creating them. In April Christine Blyth, who has been to Naseby W.I. a couple of times before in the past few years, will be talking about and showing slides

illustrating 'French Painters and their Gardens'. Everyone who has been to one of Chris's talks will remember what an interesting and gifted speaker she is.



There will not be a speaker at the May meeting, because members will be discussing and voting on the Resolutions to go to the Annual General Meeting.

If any lady would like to come along to any of our meetings, they would be very welcome.

### Mary Hackett

Tel. 01604 740657

PS: Don't forget our 'Soup Lunch' fund raising event. Proceeds are going to be shared between the Village Hall and the local branch of 'Riding for the Disabled'

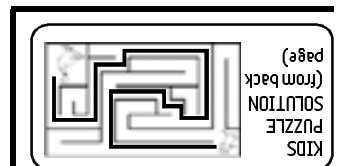
**Date:** Saturday 18th March

**Time:** 12pm - 2pm

**Where:** Village Hall

**Costs:** Adults £4/Children £2

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**





# Kids Corner!

## BOOK REVIEW

**The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips** by Michael Morpurgo

This is a heart-warming tale of courage and warmth, set in the Second World War. It is about an abandoned village, a lifelong friendship and one very adventurous cat. Lily Tregenze lives on a farm, in a village by the sea. Her entire village is told they have to leave because of the war, but Tips (Lily's cat) has other ideas! Tips goes on an adventure not even scarred by the bombs and barbed wire! Lily tries to track Tips down and embarks on a dangerous adventure along the way but will she ever see her cat again? This is a book packed with adventure and is a gripping read for older children.



## MOVIE REVIEW

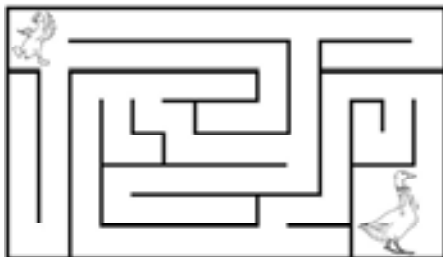
**ZATHURA - A Space Adventure** (PG)

Six year-old Danny and ten year-old Walter are left in the care of their older sister whilst their father goes out to work. There are only two things that the brothers do - get on each others nerves or get totally bored! When their bickering starts to get out of control and Walter starts chasing him, Danny hides in a dumbwaiter. But Walter finds him, and lowers Danny into their dark scary basement, where he comes across an old tattered metal board game called Zathura. After his brother refuses to play the game Danny decides to play it alone. As soon as he starts to play he realizes this is no ordinary board game! So begins a fun, frightening and unpredictable adventure. Danny and Walter realise that unless they finish the game they'll be trapped in space forever!!! But all their efforts may be in vain when they face their biggest challenge of all - a battle against an intense gravitational pull into the void of the dark planet Zathura! Will they ever be able to finish the game??? This film is excellent family viewing and if you liked Jumanji you are bound to love this film! A must see for all.



# Kids Puzzle!

Help the gosling reach her mum in time for Mother Day!



For the answers see the bottom of page 19. Good Luck!

**Don't Forget!**

**MOTHER DAY**  
Sunday 26th March

'Kids Corner' by:  
Elizabeth Gregory

## Have your say!

We need you to supply us with information, otherwise we won't have a newsletter to produce! We are always keen to include new ideas for articles so let us know what you want to read about. If you simply have a story or a suggestion for the newsletter or want to get involved in any way - e-mail us or pick up the phone! It's that easy!!!!

**Deadline for the next issue:**  
**1st May 2006**

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## Joke Corner

**How does the Easter bunny stay in shape?**  
Lots of eggs-ercise!

**What kind of books do rabbits like?**  
Ones with hoppy endings!



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