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MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

MEET YOUR COUNCIL!



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Village Road Safety Update


Speed Monitoring & 20 MPH Awareness Campaign

A new road safety initiative has been introduced in the village with the installation of three speed monitoring devices at key locations. These devices display drivers' speeds in real time, encouraging motorists to slow down and comply with local limits.

● **20 MPH Reminder Signs Rolled Out**

To reinforce the message, 20 MPH reminder signs have also been introduced around the village:



 **Speed monitoring devices in action remind drivers to check their speed.**

- Permanent signs have been fixed to several lamp posts.

Benefits of the 20 MPH Limit

Lowering speed limits in residential areas dramatically improves safety:

- At 30 mph, a pedestrian hit by a car has a 45% chance of severe injury or death, but at 20 mph, that risk drops to 5%.
- Areas adopting 20 mph zones report fewer high-speed incidents and improved safety for vulnerable users like children and seniors.

- Additional signs have been distributed for attaching to household bins, ensuring the message is visible throughout the week.
- Bin stickers were also made available in the village shop for collection to be affixed to the refuse bins.



Community Safety First

The Parish Council, supported by residents, hopes these measures will encourage safer and more considerate driving, reducing risks for pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users.

“Road safety is a top priority for our community. By combining speed monitoring with clear reminders of the 20 MPH limit, we aim to make our village a safer place for everyone.”

Thank You to Our Residents

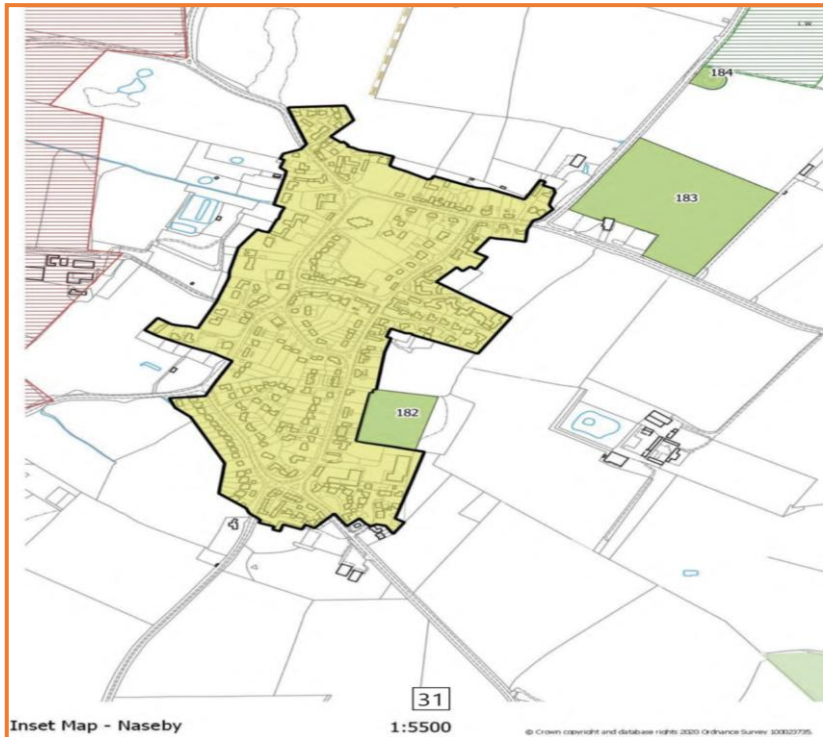
The Council thanks all residents who are displaying the signs and supporting this important campaign.

WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN - PROGRAMME SLIPS AGAIN

The new West Northamptonshire Local Plan will guide development up to 2043. It covers the whole of the Council's area and will replace the current adopted local plans of Northampton Borough, Daventry District and South Northamptonshire Councils which cover the period to 2029.

A public consultation on a Regulation 18 Draft Plan took place in Spring 2024 but following the change of Government in May 2024 from Conservative to a Labour administration, there have been major changes to the planning system aimed at achieving a substantial increase in new house numbers. The housing target for West Northamptonshire during the Local Plan period has been increased by around 10,000 houses.

Existing Naseby Settlement Confines Map



The changes are so substantial that a revised version of the Regulation 18 Draft Plan is being prepared for a further public consultation exercise which will include:

- further major sites for housing
- the split of new development between Northampton, the major towns (Daventry, Towcester, Brackley) and the villages and hamlets in the rural areas.
- a village hierarchy for rural areas categorising how much development individual villages will be expected to accommodate
- revised settlement confines (development boundary) lines

Unfortunately, the Local Plan Programme has slipped again. The publication of the revised Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan and the start of a consultation period has been delayed from October 2025 to early 2026.

Potentially this will result in the other key stages of the local plan process slipping and push back the adoption of the new plan into 2028.



NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN – UPDATE

The further delay to the West Northamptonshire Local Plan has a direct impact on the progress of the Naseby Neighbourhood Plan.

A substantial draft of the Naseby Neighbourhood Plan has already been prepared with input from the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee and the three theme groups of volunteers and expert advice and guidance from our consultants *Yourlocale*.

However, as the number of new houses to be allocated to Naseby is required to conform with the emerging Local Plan, we are effectively ‘on pause’ until housing numbers are provided by West Northants Council, hopefully in early 2026.

It is anticipated that the draft Naseby Neighbourhood Plan will be presented at a village consultation event in Spring / Summer 2026 to allow Parishioners to comment on the proposals (including sites allocated for development), prior to submitting the document to West Northants Council and the subsequent village referendum.

Thank you for your patience.

Mark Clement, Chair – Naseby Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee



THE NASEBY LION – BACK WITH PRIDE!

In the previous edition of the Naseby News, we reported that our Lion memorial, a Grade II listed monument installed in 1921, had some restoration work successfully carried out. This involved the replacing of the front lower plinth and re-scripting the names which had become illegible. This work was funded with grants from both, the War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, which was supported by voluntary donations, as well as the Kelmarsh Windfarm Community Benefit (KWCB).

Since then, and in time for the annual Remembrance Service, additional work has been carried out by re-lettering the memorial inscription which included the names of eleven other men who gave their lives in the Great War 1914-1919.

The Naseby Lion War Memorial once again stands proud and is a reminder to us all of the many lives lost or impacted by war.



Naseby Lion, Nov, 2025

Unveiling Ceremony, 6, March 1921

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NASEBY BOOK EXCHANGE



Hello everyone, this is your village book exchange writing to you to tell you all about the changes that have been going on with me. Naseby is a very enthusiastic village when it comes to reading, let me tell you. My old shelves were overloaded with books stacked up the roof and double on the shelves, so it was a bit of a worry at times especially when the floor started to fill up as well with piles and bags of books. When little ones come and look for books, I've been quite worried that someone might trip over in here.

Anyway, it's all got a lot better over the summer as I've got some new shelves and there's been a big sort out of any old damp books. The new shelves look a bit funny compared to the old ones, but they are supposed to be stronger and won't get damp like the old ones did. We shall see...

I've also got a new colour which I rather like, a little more upmarket looking I think for a sophisticated shed like me and also a new sign as both the old ones cracked and fell apart. This one is a nice bit of steel which should last a while. The Parish Council gave the money for all of this, very good of them as I should last a few more years now.

I'm in touch with other book exchanges around the world as we are all in the Little Free Library network and I am proud of my little sign above the door with my own little number on it. I'm on a map of the world on their website, which is nice. The new coffee shop has joined up with me, and I now have what I like to think of as a little sister round the corner at The Yard.

Here's some photos so you can see what a makeover I've had. Come and visit me or little sis and exchange a book or just browse. Little sis does coffee and cake as well which might be nice. Also have a look on Facebook **nasebybookexchange**

Thanks for reading!
Naseby Book Exchange





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NASEBY VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

It's now 12 years since some community minded Mums at Naseby School started our Village Coffee Morning at the Methodist Chapel. Over the years we've served thousands of hot drinks, eaten hundreds of cakes and had some wonderful times together.

Nowadays, the Coffee Morning Team comprises of three villagers, Jenny, Ruth and Jasmin, who bake delicious cakes and serve excellent hot drinks on the first Wednesday of most months.

We welcome everyone from babies and toddlers (and their carers) to our older village friends. We encourage local small businesses to come along and showcase their products, and all proceeds are split between the Methodist and Anglican Churches in Naseby. We also always welcome donations of homemade cakes and any help you can give.

We hope to see you on the following dates...

- December 3rd
- January CLOSED
- February 4th
- March 4th
- April 1st
- May 6th
- June 3rd

Thank for all your support over the years!

The Coffee Morning Team



REPAIRS TO THE GRADE II WHIPPING CROSS IN NASEBY *(Article by Councillor Stephen M Davies)*

Introduction

The Grade II listed Whipping Cross in Naseby is located at the junction of Church Street and Gynwell, outside the Methodist Chapel in Naseby.

A brief history of the Whipping Cross at Naseby

The Whipping Cross was constructed during the 15th century out of limestone and comprises a round shaft set into a square plinth. There is no evidence of securing points, so it is not clear if it was utilised as a whipping post. It is thought to have been from the old market cross (see Plate 1).



Plate 1: Naseby About 1790 is depicted in this engraving by Samuel Ireland. It shows the spring from which the River Avon rises (now in the garden of Manor Farm), the Parish Church and the medieval marketplace and market cross (whipping cross) in Newland.

In 1203 or 1204 Roger de Lacey secured for his newly acquired manor a charter granting Naseby a weekly market. It was around this time the

street called Newland was laid out and a market cross opposite the north door of the church erected. Naseby remained a market town for around 150 – 200 years, and the shaft of the last market cross forms part of the whipping cross that stands in Naseby today.

The Whipping Cross was moved from its historic position opposite the church, in c1820 to a new position at the junction of Newlands with Haslebech and Clipston roads (see Plate 2).

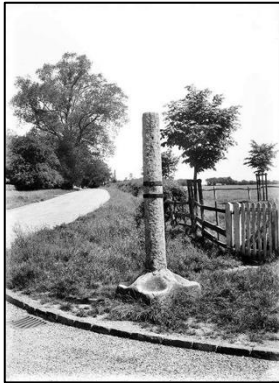


Plate 2: A view of the cross at the junction of Newlands with Haslebech and Clipston roads. Notice how worn the grooves at the base are from 100's of years of people kneeling in them to be whipped.

In 1993, the Whipping Cross was re-sited to its current position at the junction of Church Street and Gynwell, outside the Methodist Chapel (see Plate 3).

Original Remedial Works 2023

The plinth is probably circa 1993 and several of the stones had delaminated and were crumbling. Around thirteen new stones needed to be replaced in the top two courses of the Whipping Cross plinth.

The remedial work required listed building approval by local planning authority, and a planning application was prepared by the Parish Council. Approval was given to replace the damaged stones with an approved Clipsham top bed limestone.

The remedial works were carried out in June and July 2022 and signed off by the Planning Authority.



Plate 3: Photograph of the Whipping Cross taken in 2021.

However, in February 2023 the Clipsham Stone in the plinth began to show signs of degradation and serious delamination, which became worse over the mild winter of 2023/24, and it became apparent the stone had failed (see plate 4).



Plate 4: Failed Clipsham Stone

It became apparent that the vane of current Clipsham stone was not suitable for exterior works, so permission was sought from the Planning Authority to use a different stone. Approval was given to use a harder stone and Portland stone was chosen.

Further Remedial Works in 2025

The remedial work was carried out during the early summer of 2025, with sixteen new stones in the plinth base being replaced with Portland stone (see plate 5).

As this stone is harder wearing and more durable than the previous material, this should now secure the integrity the historical Whipping Cross for years to come.

References

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**Plate 5: Completed remedial works –
June 2025**

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE MAN IS WALKING FOR A CAUSE

A Charity Journey from Vienna to Istanbul



In a world where many suffer in silence, drawing attention to the importance of mental health has never been more crucial. From July 6th to September 1st, 2023, I undertook a life-changing challenge — walking 2,500 kilometers from the vibrant streets of Vienna to the culturally rich city of Istanbul. Over 56 days, my journey was not just about covering distance; it was a powerful statement to raise awareness and funds for the Mental Health Foundation, ultimately garnering £5333.25 for this vital cause.

The Purpose Behind the Journey:

Mental health affects millions globally, yet the stigma surrounding it often prevents open conversation and support. Many of us endure our struggles alone, feeling unsupported or ignored. Throughout my walk, I aimed to combat this silence by sharing my journey, reaching out for donations, and encouraging others to be more open about their mental health experiences.

The Journey Itself:

Starting my adventure in Vienna, I traversed through breath-taking landscapes and diverse cultures, each step resonating with the goal of spreading awareness. While navigating unfamiliar terrains, I not only encountered natural beauty but also the innate kindness of strangers, who often shared their own narratives of mental health challenges.

Despite the physical and mental obstacles that surfaced along the way—from blistered feet to intense weather changes—every hurdle reinforced my resolve to highlight the urgent need for mental health support.

The Community Response:

Remarkably, this journey was not undertaken alone. It was propelled by the unwavering support and solidarity of the community. Friends, family, and my online audience followed my path, offered encouragement, and contributed generously, leading to the impressive £5323.25 raised for the Mental Health Foundation. These contributions are poised to support services that help countless individuals facing mental health difficulties, reminding us that none of us are truly alone in this fight.



Raising Awareness:

One of the most memorable encounters on this journey was with a fellow traveller who shared their battle with depression. Their story illuminated the silent struggle many face, highlighting the necessity for open discussions around mental health. It served as a profound reminder that we must break the stigma, ensuring that individuals feel free to talk about their experiences without fear of judgment.

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Conclusion:

As I reached the historic city of Istanbul, I carried with me not only the physical memories of the journey but also the personal stories, struggles, and hopes I encountered along the way. My walk from Vienna to Istanbul is a testament to the power of community, empathy, and awareness. Together, we can shift the narrative surrounding mental health and empower those who suffer in silence to seek help and speak out.

Call to Action:

I invite everyone to reflect on their own mental health and those of loved ones. By fostering open conversations and supporting mental health initiatives, we can create a better understanding of this critical issue. Don't hesitate to reach out, be a voice, and remember that together we can break the silence and champion the cause.

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SAT 22ND NOV
12:00



WELFORD
CHRISTMAS
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SUN 30TH NOV
1:30PM

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SUN 14TH DEC



THE ROYAL OAK
NASEBY



THURS 18TH DEC
7:15 PM

THE RED LION
THORNBY



SUN 21ST DEC
5PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – VILLAGE HALL

Get Involved – Help Support Your Village Hall

Can you spare just a few hours each month to make a difference in your community?

If so, we'd love for you to consider joining the Naseby Village Hall Committee.

We're currently a small and dedicated team—many of us working full time—which means we simply don't have the extra time or resources to organise the kind of community and fundraising events we know the village would enjoy and benefit from. While we're fortunate to have some regular bookings, these alone aren't enough to cover the ongoing upkeep and improvements the hall needs.

With more helping hands, we could not only secure the hall's future but also bring it to life with more events and activities for everyone to enjoy. After all, it's your hall!

We're ideally looking for at least three new volunteers to help fill key roles. Don't worry—when the workload is shared among a full committee, no single role is too demanding or time-consuming.

Interested in finding out more?

Please get in touch with **Paul on 07481 636773** or email: nasebyvillagehall@gmail.com – we'd be delighted to hear from you!



CLIPSTON SHOOTING CLUB

Sunday 26th October was the first monthly shoot of the new season for Clipston Shooting Club and was held at one of our favourite locations - a really pretty spot between Clipston and Marston Trussell. Everyone seemed to agree it was a good layout with some varied targets across 4 stands. We were blessed with dry weather and a light wind which always makes the targets more interesting. It was great to see some new faces with two non-members shooting with us for the first time. Julian Rogers took a very narrow victory from runner up Graham Hill.

Earlier in October the club held its AGM with around 20 members in attendance. Thank you to Phil for hosting us again at the Bull's Head. We've had another good year but unfortunately had to cancel two of our monthly shoots due to bad weather. Although this impacted our finances, we were still able to make our annual charity donations which remained the same as last year: Air Ambulance and Clipston Consolidated Charities. Despite a small increase in costs, the club decided to keep all fees the same for the second year running, hoping to ensure we remain the best value option for clay shooting in the local area.

During the meeting, the Committee was re-elected with Tom Robinson remaining as Chair, Tim Westwood as Treasurer and Julian Rogers as Secretary. The AGM is also the time to award trophies - Ladies High Gun went to Megan Haynes with overall High Gun awarded to Julian Rogers. John Phillips was the season runner up.

As a grass roots club, encouraging youngsters to try the sport has always been our objective. However, with cost of living increases it can feel expensive for parents to bring along the family. We decided to seek out sponsorship for young shooters and Pugh's of Market Harborough have kindly made the first donation. We will use this money to fund accompanied under 16s who would like to come along and have a go. Please contact Julian to find out more. If anyone knows of any other local businesses who would be interested in supporting us, please get in touch. Donations of any size will be put to good use.

Clay shooting is a rewarding hobby which is accessible to all skill and fitness levels. Our meets are a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while learning a new skill. We are open to all abilities and have members who will support beginners as they learn the basics while assisting with vital skills such as gun safety.

We meet on the last Sunday of the month from 9.45am. Members £15/ Non-members £20. Regular shooters traditionally meet for a drink at the Bull's Head afterwards, but this is not compulsory! The location changes monthly – a huge thank you to local landowners for hosting us and allowing the club to continue to run. There will be a what3words code on our Facebook page in the week prior to each shoot.

Whether you've shot in the past and fancy meeting a new group of people or you're a complete beginner interested in trying the sport for the first time, please follow our Facebook page (@clipstons shooting club), email Julian Rogers at julianrogers@gmail.com, or say hello in the Bulls Head.



NEWS FROM WNC WARD CLLR CHRISTINE WARE



Hello everyone,

It's been a while now since the local elections and I am honoured and delighted to be representing the villages in the Naseby Ward at West Northants Council.

The summer is well and truly over and now it's the time of year when the leaves are falling and an extra jumper is a good idea as the weather changes. Road repairs become a little more difficult to schedule for the Highways team as it's difficult to fill potholes and paint lines in pouring rain or howling winds! Of course,

problems still arise and you can report a variety of issues, for example, fly tipping and highways issues, through the West Northants Council website (westnorthants.gov.uk) whatever the weather. If you aren't an internet user then do get in touch with me, and I'll do what I can to help.

It has been Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day recently and my challenge was to be in all of the Naseby Ward parishes at the same time on Sunday 9th! An impossible task obviously! This year I attended the Remembrance Service at St Mary the Virgin Church in Welford. A parade, made up of Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and residents made its way from Welford Congregational Church for the service at St Mary the Virgin Church. A poignant and lovely service. I'm just sorry that I couldn't attend everywhere.

Council business progresses; committees, meetings, casework and parish council meetings. By the time you read this we will have had another Full Council Meeting - it's schedule for 27th November. Work is progressing on next year's budget, and we will have more news at the West Northants Cabinet Meeting on 22nd December. Your own Parish Council is working hard on the parish budget too. Keep an eye on the Parish Council Meeting Minutes for the latest news.



The Shopper Hopper bus is going well and here is the December timetable.

CommMiniBus will operate the trips below in December 2025:

Zone	Day	Date	Trip / Destination
Brixworth <i>(Plus villages up to Welford)</i>	MON	Every Monday	Shopper Hopper - Weston Favell / Aldi
	WED	03/12/2025	Christmas lunch @ George Inn Brixworth
	WED	17/12/2025	Rugby (Elliot's Field)
Haddon <i>(villages served by bus 52)</i>	THU	04/12/2025	Aldi-Overstone / Xmas lunch @ George Inn
	THU	18/12/2025	Rushden Lakes (Costa)
	WED	03/12/2025	Corby, Asda
Mawsley <i>(villages served by bus 78, 78B/C/D).</i>	WED	10/12/2025	Wellingborough / Xmas lunch @ George Inn
	WED	17/12/2025	Weston Favell Shopping Centre
	WED	24/12/2025	Rushden Lakes (Costa) – 10:30
	WED	31/12/2025	TBC
Nene Valley S <i>(Thrapston, Islips, Titchmarsh, etc.)</i>	MON	01/12/2025	Weston Favell Ctr. / Riverside Retail Park
	MON	15/12/2025	Seasons Garden Centre (Burton Latimer)
Oaktree Court, Kettering	WED	-	-

First pick-up: 0930, return from destination after min. 2 hours of stay / 1pm

The service for Naseby is the Brixworth one. You may know that this is an 'on demand' bus service rather than a 'scheduled' service. If you want to join a trip then telephone 0333 188 0591 or go online to cmbus.org or email bookings@cmbus.org.

Please do get in touch if you have issues to raise - my contact details are below.

All that remains for this issue is to wish you all a very happy and peaceful festive time.

With kind regards
Christine

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MIKE WILLIS OBITUARY

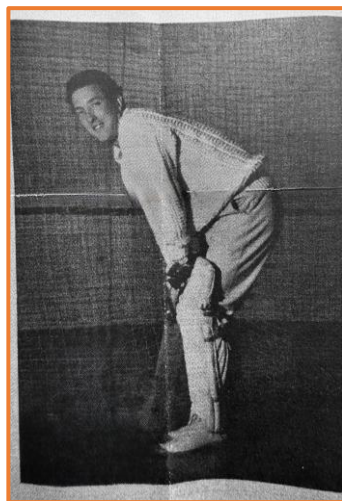
(09-06-1936 to 21-10-2025)

My mother Wendy, brother Alister and myself (Dan), wished to extend our thanks to friends, neighbours and all the residents of the village who have shared such warmth, kindness and good wishes after the passing of my Dad, Mike Willis of Newlands last month.

Though originally both from Westcliff in Essex, Dad and Mum moved to Naseby in late 1974 from Yorkshire due to Dad's work relocation from Leeds to Northampton. Intending to stay only for a short period before returning North, they quickly became part of the community, much enjoying village life, and remained to the present day.

Dad will probably be remembered most for his love of sport, and was a great sportsman – we have a number of his trophies from both individual and club achievements in pride of place, and though he turned his hand to virtually every team game and he excelled at Squash, Badminton, and Football, (I've also recently discovered he was also on the Hong Kong Military Police Basketball team, whilst on his National Service in the 50's!) his true loves, and those that he will be known for in the village, were Cricket and Table Tennis.

Cricket became such a big part of family life for all of us – each season, we would follow Dad to the home and away games throughout the county, plus there was assistance with maintaining the pitches up at the recreation ground using the huge old iron roller, mowing with the tractor, and getting the old Cricket Pavilion into a fit state to welcome back both the Naseby Team and visitors.



As we got older, attending weekly 'Nets', scoring for the team, and helping prepare a superb cricket tea, were added to our hobby lists. I think Dad was probably sad that my brother and I never made the team, but I know how much he enjoyed the comradeship and the (occasional!) successes of the Naseby side!

The Table Tennis club was also a real passion of Dad's, shown by his association with it over 4 decades. Many of the village youth came to sessions at the village hall, and the Villages first and second sides achieved great success in the county, and at one point I believe nationals. It was great to see some of his co-players and team mates at the Funeral.

In addition to village sports, Dad was also very keen to help out within the community – he worked with the Parish Council, on the Village Hall Committee, was a village Tree Warden and I remember the organisations of Dinner Dances, Whist Drives, the Village Fetes at Ivy Dene and numerous events on the sports fields – he was always keen to bring people together.

Though Dad's mobility in recent years became much reduced, he tried to keep as involved with the locality as possible – he loved a good pub meal, and enjoyed visiting those in Naseby, Sibbertoft, Welford, Clipston, West Haddon & Oxendon to name a few, and was always sad when anywhere closed.

Also, he was a brilliant Bridge player, and until a couple of weeks before his passing away, enjoyed playing several times a week both in Naseby and in the neighbouring villages. It was always great to hear of another win!

Dad's Celebration of Life was held on the 13th of November at The Counties Crematorium, followed by a reception and Cricket Tea at the Walnut Tree in Blisworth.

We would like to thank all who attended, sent cards, or kindly made donations to The Marie Curie Trust. Thanks too to the Parish Clerk, Josie, and members of the Parish Council for helping us to let people know and publishing this memory of Dad.

With best wishes, Wendy,
Alister and Dan Willis.



NASEBY

~ 1645 ~

THE MORNING THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

A brief history of the battle

380 years ago, on 14 June 1645, an army hid in the nooks and crannies of the surrounding fields of Naseby. This whole area was a key battleground where approximately 25,000 men were engaged in battle with 1,000 losing their lives and many sustaining life-changing injuries. Arguably, the most important morning in English history, the Battle of Naseby was the decisive battle of the Civil War.

The night before the battle, the two armies were 14 miles apart. By breakfast, they had moved to within 5 miles of each other. By 8am, Fairfax and Oliver Cromwell could see the Royalist army on the distant ridge to the north at Farndon. Wanting to draw the Royalist into a fight, they moved their troops from an advantageous hilltop position westward towards Broadmoor. By 10 am they were just within 1,000 yards of each other. Rupert's cavalry formed up on the right near Sulby Hedges. The Royalist army, in battle order, marched from Farndon, and deployed on Dust Hill. Cromwell ordered Colonel Okey, in command of the dragoons, hiding behind Sulby Hedges to fire on the Royalist cavalry.

After a morning of hard fighting the Royalist began to surrender or retreat. By lunchtime the battle was over, the King had fled and neither horse nor man belonging to his army could be seen, except for those taken prisoner, wounded or dead. Those who had died on the battlefield were buried close to where they fell in shallow mass graves in the fields. Those who died later from their wounds were given a church burial, many nearby.

Why is Naseby so important

Naseby can genuinely lay claim to be the birthplace of our modern parliamentary democracy, proving to be the model for the modern world to follow. The shift in power on that day in June 1645 unleashed political, economic, military and social changes that propelled Britain to world dominance over the next 100 years. It gave birth to the modern British Army. And it gave a voice to the notion of freedom that led to the establishment of the USA.

Our charity

The Naseby Battlefield Project is a small local charity with the aim to educate, communicate and amplify the importance in world history of the Battle of Naseby and its consequences to a global audience. It works to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources associated with the battlefield and the surrounding landscape. We are very fortunate to have some great relationships with the many landowners who own and farm the area where the battle took place. With thanks to the players of the National Lottery we are able to provide educational visits to schools and youth groups free of charge.



To find out more go to see our 5 star ratings

www.Naseby.com, or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and on TripAdvisor.



Looking for a Christmas Gift Experience

The perfect present for history lovers!!

Buy a friend or relative our Battle of Naseby book and book a 5 star rated Battlefield Tour for them available at Naseby.com.

Books also available at the café 1645 at the yard



NASEBY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location
22 Nov 2025 (Sat)	12:00	Daventry Christmas Market	Daventry
30 Nov 2025 (Sun)	4:00pm	Naseby Tree Lighting Ceremony	All Saints Church
3 Dec 2025 (Wed)	Morning	Village Coffee Morning	Methodist Chapel
12 Dec 2025 (Fri)	5:00pm	Santa's Tractor Run	Carvellis Lane, Naseby
14 Dec 2025 (Sun)	From 3:00pm	Naseby Christmas Window Trail	Around Naseby Village
25 Dec 2025	–	<i>Bin collection moved to 27 Dec</i>	–
26 Dec 2025	–	<i>Bin collection moved to 28 Dec</i>	–

Jan 2026

1 Jan 2026	–	<i>Bin collection moved to 3 Jan</i>	–
5–16 Jan 2026	–	Real Christmas Tree Collection	Kerbside
30 Jan 2026 (Fri)	7:00pm	Peter Pan Pantomime	Naseby Village Hall
4 Feb 2026 (Wed)	Morning	Village Coffee Morning	Methodist Chapel
7 Jun 2026 (Sun)	All day	Proposed Naseby Open Gardens 2026	Across Naseby
Monthly	First Thursday, 7pm	Parish Council Meeting	Methodist Church
Monthly	Last Sunday, 9:45am	Clipston Shooting Club Meet	Various locations

Time for a trip to the tip?
From 3 November 2025, you will need to



Book before
you visit

Our booking system opens from 20 October 2025

Secure a slot at your local recycling centre.
Scan the QR code, visit: westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc
or call us on **0300 126 7000**



WASTE AND RECYCLING ARRANGEMENTS THIS CHRISTMAS

With the festive season fast approaching, West Northamptonshire Council is advising residents of the arrangements for waste and recycling collections over the Christmas and New Year period.

Collection changes

The public holidays will affect households on a Thursday or Friday bin collection this year, as follows:

Daventry area

Collections due Thursday 25 December will take place on Saturday 27 December

Collections due Friday 26 December will take place on Sunday 28 December

Collections due Thursday 1 January will take place on Saturday 3 January.



Garden waste

Subscribers are advised there will be a short break in the garden waste collection service, which will be suspended from Monday 22 December through to Sunday 4 January. It will resume its usual schedule from the week beginning Monday 5 January.

Household Waste Recycling Centres

Recycling centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day, and will close early on Christmas Eve, at 2pm.

With those exceptions they will be open from 10am to 4pm as usual, offering a great way to dispose of a range of materials, from excess household waste, to recycling and larger items that can't be collected as part of your kerbside collection service.

Please remember if you are visiting any of our sites on or after 3 November 2025, you must book a slot in advance.

Additional recycling

If you have more recycling than your bin can handle, you can put it in clear plastic bags or boxes and present it alongside your recycling bins or boxes. You can also take this to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre

Real tree collections

Crews will collect real Christmas trees from Monday 5 January through to Friday 16 January. You do not need a garden waste subscription to take advantage of this.

Residents in the Daventry and South Northants areas should put real Christmas trees out on the day garden waste is due to be collected in their area.

In the Northampton area trees should be put out next to recycling bins, while those on sack collections can present trees beside their recycling boxes.

Please ensure trees over 6ft tall are cut in half so they fit in the lorries safely. They can also be taken to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre

Food waste

Food waste bins will continue to be collected on their usual weekly schedule. Please remember you can recycle leftover raw and cooked foods, including veg peelings, eggshells, out-of-date food, plate scrapings, solid fats, meat and fish bones.

Do not put in any liquids and don't forget that when it comes to lining your caddy - any bag will do!

NASEBY AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY
presents

PETER PAN



Written By James Barry
Directed By Jo Clarke & Musical Direction By Tina Harker

FRI 30th JAN
@7pm

SAT 31st JAN
@ 3pm & 7pm

NASEBY VILLAGE HALL

Haselbech Road, Naseby,
Northants, NN6 6DE



TICKETS FROM NASEBY HQ,
NASEBY VILLAGE HALL
FACEBOOK PAGE OR EVENTBRITE



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washing up service





Santa's coming to... **NASEBY!!!**

**Santa's
Tractor
Run!**



‘Tis the season for giving and receiving! And what better way to do it than to bring together the Naseby community, Naseby Primary School and spread some Christmas cheer with a visit from Santa and some help from the **Magical Elves!**

Donations welcomed with gratitude

The Elves will have their magical buckets!

Sweets for the children!

This event is donation based and for every £1 raised for Naseby Primary School for much needed activities, resources and projects, 30p will be donated to a chosen charity TBC.



1) Carvells Lane

4) The Royal Oak

2) Naseby Church

3) High Street





NASEBY CHRISTMAS WINDOW TRAIL

**SUNDAY
14TH DECEMBER 2025**

FROM 3PM



**COLLECT YOUR MAP FROM
NASEBY METHODIST CHAPEL**
Maps £5 per family, with proceeds going
to the Naseby School Association

**TEA, COFFEE, CAKE AND FESTIVE TREATS
SERVED AT THE METHODIST CHAPEL
FROM 3-5PM**

**AN INFORMAL, FAMILY CAROL SERVICE
TO FOLLOW AT 5PM**



**TO VOLUNTEER TO CREATE A
WINDOW, PLEASE EMAIL:
NASEBYXMASTRAIL@GMAIL.COM
OR MESSAGE 07783257333**





 @1645attheyard

 1645 at The Yard

OPENING TIMES

Monday - Thursday
9.30am - 6.30pm

Friday
9.30am - 4.00pm

Saturday
9.00am - 4.00pm

Freshly brewed coffee

Selection of homemade bakes

Local butcher's sausage rolls

Handmade baguettes

Iced drinks / Milkshakes

Dogs welcome

Huge carpark


The Woodyard, High Street, Naseby



Learn to Meditate

WEEKLY DROP-IN CLASSES

Wednesdays 7.15 - 8.15pm
with Kadam Bridget Heyes

NKT-IKBU National Spiritual Director for the UK



Mondays 7.15 - 8.30pm

Weekday lunchtimes 1 - 1.30pm

Term dates:

13 October - 10 December < CHRISTMAS BREAK >

2 February - 1 April



Nagarjuna Kadampa Meditation Centre
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www.meditateinnorthants.com



Half-day meditation courses

with Kadam Bridget Heyes

NKT-IKBU National Spiritual Director for the UK



Calming your mind in chaotic times

Date: Saturday 6th December 2025

Time: 10.30am - 1.15pm

Cost: £31 including a light vegetarian lunch

Two sessions of teachings and guided meditations on how to maintain a feeling of inner peace in these challenging times.

How to live your best life

Date: Sunday 25 January 2026

Time: 10.30am - 1.15pm

Cost: £31 including a light vegetarian lunch

Two sessions of teachings and guided meditations to help you make this year meaningful and fulfilling.



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NASEBY OPEN GARDENS 2026

We last held a Naseby Open Gardens event in 2024. I would like to arrange to do it again next year, with the potential date of Sunday the 7th of June.

To make it attractive to visitors I would be looking for around 10 gardens to open to the public.

I realised last year though, that it is equally important to have a band of volunteers to help with planning and preparation before the event, as well as sufficient helpers on the day to make it a success.

If you would be willing to open your garden or help in the organising, please let me know by **Friday 9 January**, at which point a decision will be made as to whether or not Naseby Open Gardens 2026 will go ahead.

Let's hope it can!

Janet

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COMPASS ENERGY COMMUNITY BUYING SCHEME

Compass Energy sends a big THANK YOU to Everyone in the Community Buying Scheme.

Buying Results for Naseby for the 12-month period 1/11/24 to 31/10/25

Year	Buyers	Volume	Community Payment (£)
To 31/10/25	50	81,373	406.87
To 31/10/24	36	50,847	254.40
To 31/10/23	28	46904	234.52

The logo for Compass Energy, featuring the text "COMPASS ENERGY" in white, bold, uppercase letters, followed by a white right-pointing chevron symbol. The logo is centered on a dark blue rectangular background.

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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

USE THE CLUES TO COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across

1. One of Santa's Reindeer
3. Santa's Helpers
5. December 25th is _____.
7. Christmas Drink
10. The name of a popular snowman.

Down

2. Christmas Month
4. He hates Christmas!
6. You hang them by the chimney.
8. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____.
9. ___ to the world!



How many sprigs of Holly Berry can you find throughout this edition of the Newsletter?

NASEBY'S WHATSAPP GROUPS



Naseby Village: great for asking for help, appeals, support, lost/found, donating or selling items, recommendations plus village or local events.



Neighbourhood Watch: purely for alerts about village or local crime, concerns, scams or suspicious activity.

GROUP RULES: Be kind and respectful. No bullying, politics, spam or controversial posts. Take conversations outside the group.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

MARKET HARBOROUGH

Opening Hours:

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	10am to 4pm
Friday	10am to 4pm
Saturday	10am to 4pm
Sunday	CLOSED

Address: Riverside, Market Harborough, Leic, LE16 7PT
(8 miles away)

No appointment needed.

BRIXWORTH

Opening Hours:

Daily 10am to 4pm

Address: Scaldwell Rd, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9YE (8 miles away)

Appointment needed – Pre-book your appointment at:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/hwrc-booking-system> or by calling 0300 126 7000. Bookings can be made up to 2 weeks ahead of your visit and up to 30 minutes before your visit, subject to availability.



NASBEY HQ

Opening hours:

Monday	7am–7.30pm
Tuesday	7am–7.30pm
Wednesday	7am–7.30pm
Thursday	7am–7.30pm
Friday	7am–7.30pm
Saturday	7am–7.30pm
Sunday	9am–3pm