

Welcome to the First Edition!

Well here we are the first edition of **NASEBY NATTERS** - as requested by you! We have had a great response and hope to have covered many of the areas of village life, so a **huge** thank you to all those who gave up their time and contributed.

If you have any suggestions for future articles or you have any questions you would like answering please do not hesitate to get in touch.



There is also a "**Feed Back**" form enclosed for you fill in and let us know **exactly** what you think of the newsletter.

We have tried to make sure this gets out to everyone so apologies if we have missed anyone out! We hope you enjoy it and find it both informative and useful.

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Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is the 1st of May 2004 so if you have any suggestions please let us know.

Competition Winner!

First off though - we asked you for a name for the newsletter. We had a great response - with suggestions varying from the sublime to the ridiculous and some unprintable!!!!

The winning name as you can see was '**NASEBY NATTERS**' and was sent in by **Leny Cato**. when asked how she came up with the name she said "It just cameto me really and it rolls off the tongue easy.

Plus I guess we all miss the 'natter' we had in the shop, that kept us in touch with what was going on in the village."

Congratulations Leny - your £5 voucher will be on it's way to you! Well done!



your newsletter and your village - so get involved



Update on Naseby's Parish Plan

We're on the home straight! Now that the summary of the results has been produced and distributed round the village, the Parish Plan Steering Group is concentrating on developing the draft Parish Plan itself for the Parish Council. At the moment the group is working on drawing up a draft Action Plan. This is the key part of the Plan as it will put forward ideas for tackling the issues you identified as most important through the consultation and questionnaire. We're doing this around several themes -

- village community, road and pedestrian safety
- amenities/services
- environment
- recreation/leisure/sports/ education
- development/housing
- heritage
- transport
- employment
- village communications



The overall Plan will also describe the village, its setting, the way in which we set about the consultation, and the outcomes. We expect to have a draft Parish Plan to put to the Parish Council for approval in the spring.

Meanwhile, this newsletter is one thing you said you wanted to see happen!

If anyone is interested in helping with developing the Action Plan or the possibility of being involved with taking specific projects forward, please contact either Paul Kelly on 743778 or Heather Kirk on 743141.

Naseby Parish Plan Steering Group

Invitation to all Clubs & Groups

The Annual Meeting of the Parish is an annual event but this year the Parish Council proposes to invite all the clubs/societies etc. to the meeting where refreshments will be supplied. The idea behind this is to involve

all the different groups who will be asked to give a brief presentation on their activities thus creating a greater awareness of what is available.

Thursday 1st April - 7.45pm - Village Hall.

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Teenage Seating Area Now in Place!

The teenage seating area has been installed next to the Village Hall. This is the first element of the Parish Council led £17,000 Skate Park initiative and has been paid for using part of the £5,000 granted by The Sports Council (National Lottery). Quotes are currently being taken for the preparation and tarmac of the area (128 sqm). This will be paid for using the remainder of the above grant and funds already set aside. We await the outcome of an application for a grant from Biffaward to allow completion of the project. We look forward to your feedback and will update you on the progress of the scheme in the next issue.

Alison Stokes
Chairman, Naseby Parish Council

Calling all Business'

We need your details for the next issues Business Directory. If you would like to enter your company details and a short list of services contact Amanda (01604 743765/aj@ajdesign.biz)

Mobile Library

Did you know that the Mobile Library comes to the village every Friday at 11.00am and parks outside the School?





Your Village Hall

The new Naseby Village Hall was opened in October 1998. The Hall is frequently used for a variety of activities such as Badminton, Five a Side Football, Dog Training, Aerobic Classes, Party Hire and the occasional Wedding to name but a few. Downstairs are two changing rooms with showers and a small kitchen.



An upstairs meeting room is frequently used by local Groups and Committees who often arrange social events at the Hall for fundraising purposes. These are usually well attended and have included Quiz Evening, Cheese and Wine, Travelling Theatre Groups, Variety Evenings and the annual Pantomime.

The Village Hall Management Committee fundraise towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. One of our next tasks is to paint both inside and out and to organise a working group to complete this task. So if anyone has a free weekend and would like to volunteer this would be very much appreciated. The refurbishment of the kitchen is also on the agenda.

One of our main fundraising events is the Pantomime and this year saw us producing our 6th Pantomime: Cinderella. Everyone has great fun, although it is extremely hard work and a great commitment from when rehearsals start (usually in September) to when it goes live in January. We are always looking for helpers and 'Actors'. This year it was great to welcome many youngsters with a wealth of talent.

Village Hall meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month, with full agenda meetings and fundraising meetings held alternately. The next AGM will be held on 18th March 2004 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall when the following offices will be up for re-election :-

- Chairman
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Bookings Clerk

If you have skills which will benefit the Village Hall and village residents, or if you just feel you want to contribute, come along and make your voice heard.

Pauline Atkins

Welford



Opening Hours

With the closure of Guilsborough Post Office the nearest Post Office is Welford. They provide normal Post Office facilities including:

- Road Tax
- Travel Insurance
- Banking Services (Lloyds, TSB, Smile, Barclays, Co-op, Cahoot, All & Leics)
- Pensions & Benefits
- Bureau (next day service)
- Mobile Phone Top-up cards

The shop stocks a wide variety of convenience foods along with fresh bread, milk and meat. They rent out DVDs and Videos with free membership. They also deliver newspapers on a daily basis to your door for just 10p per day and free groceries delivery.

Welford Village Stores

29-31 High Street, Welford,
Northants, NN6 6HT
Tel: 01858 575 666

Contact

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

Tim Heydon

01604 740556

£10.00 per hour - large Hall

£6.00 per hour - Upstairs room

Opening Hours

POST OFFICE

Mon - Fri	9am - 5.30pm
Sat	9am - 12.30pm

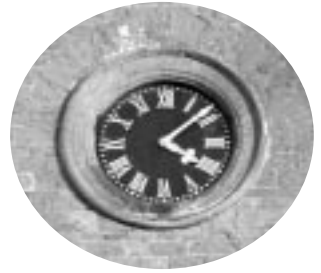
SHOP

Mon - Sat	5am - 9pm
Sun	5am - 8pm





Who's Who & What's on at All Saints' Church



All Saints' Church is part of the United Benefice of Clipston, Naseby, Haselbech & Kelmarsch.

The origins reach back into Saxon times, around 680, when Christianity is first known to have come to the area. The domesday book records a priest, with the title rector, here in 1086.

- Sunday Services

Sunday Services in Naseby are at 9.30 am
Family Services are held on the 1st Sunday monthly.

- Mothering Sunday

On 21st March there will be a Special Mothering Sunday Service.

Further details of these and all the benefice services are on the church notice board and in Contact magazine.

- Easter

At Easter you may purchase a lily in memory of loved ones. The floral arrangements together with a list of remembrance are displayed in church. If you would like a lily please contact either Avis or Jan.

ACTIVITIES

- Mothers' Union Group

We have an active Mothers' Union Group which meets monthly. This is open to all men (yes, men!) and women who have been baptised. The purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

We often have speakers to talk about various aspects of this worldwide organisation and we raise money for Mothers' Union projects including:

- Holidays for under privileged families
- A "drop in" centre in Wellingborough for the homeless
- Disaster appeals
- Overseas projects, etc..

If you would like to join in or find out more please contact Ann Faulks 01858 525342 or Jan Hillyer 01604 740662.

- Church Choir

The church has a small enthusiastic choir - if you are keen to sing, you would be most welcome to join us. Contact Avis Aldrich 01604 740532.

Are you an aspiring Campanologist?

Would you like to give bell ringing a try? Practice night is on Tuesdays. Contact Roger Hillyer 01604 740662.

Everyone is very welcome at any of the services so please come along.

Jan Hillyer

Contacts

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Naseby Methodist Church

Naseby Methodist Church is part of the Market Harborough Methodist Circuit. Other Churches belonging to it are: Market Harborough, Kibworth and Husbands Bosworth. The Rev John Harris - Superintendent Minister - is in charge of us all.

Our services are being led by him and Local Preachers in the Circuit. This brings a nice variety to our worship services, as they all have different gifts and styles of leading and preaching.

If you would like to come along to any of our activities please feel free - our meetings are open to all.

- Sunday Worship

10.45am Worship

- *except 3rd Sunday*

6.00pm Worship

- *3rd Sunday of the month only*

10.45am Sunday School

- *3rd Sunday of the month*

10.45 am Family Service

- *every 4th Sunday of the month*

- Special Services coming up:

Mothering Sunday Service

(Family Worship), and of course the services around Easter-Time.

Mums & Tots Group



Though Family Worship is on the 4th Sunday of the month, children are made very welcome at all services.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

- Fellowship Meeting

Wednesdays 7.30pm

@ 12 Bakehouse Rise

We read the bible together - our latest series was trying to make sense of the book of Revelation - but we also watch an occasional video about what God is doing in the rest of the world or discuss questions we may have.

- Mums & Tots

Thursday's 1.30pm

A lively meeting! Lots of mums - even more tots! But lots of you know this already!

- Youth Club

Fridays 7.15pm

(year 7 upwards) numbers are

limited, apply to Jenny Nuttal

tel: 01604 740269

****The youth club is badly in need of helpers so we can keep it going. So if you have a heart for youngsters why not come along - if 4 or 5 do so a rota can be set up!! Why not give it a try??****

- Prayer meeting

Saturdays 9 - 9.30am

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- D B & C

(Drinks Biscuits & Chat)

Second Wednesday of the month @ 2.30. A group of older members of the village meet and chat. Sometimes they bring photo's and remember the good old times!

Did you know a Doctor, from Guilsborough, holds surgery in the Chapel on Mondays at 11am?

Leny Cato

Contacts

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Ruth Watson

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Secretary:

Leny Cato

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Naseby School



Naseby C. E. Primary School, built in 1843, is a Church of England controlled school and is attended by children from surrounding villages aged 4+ to 11+. The school is an important part of the village community and links are fostered between the churches, community groups and residents, parents and the wider community.

It consists of a School Building and a SchoolHouse. Within the School Building are three classrooms and their own library with an additional activity room used principally for the Reception children. The School House accommodates the school kitchen and a conservatory both of which are used by groups of children under adult supervision.

Outside the children have access to a large enclosed grass paddock with climbing equipment and a playground used for PE lessons

and at playtimes. They also have an extensive garden which the children are involved in developing and maintaining.

EVENTS & REQUESTS: Hog Roast - Friday 14th May

The Hog Roast was so successful last year they are doing it again! It will be held on the School paddock and will have a Licensed Bar. Everyone is welcome. Tickets will be available from the school nearer the time. (Tel: 01604 740540)

Sports Club:

The N.S.A. (Naseby School Association - the parents fund raising association) run a Sports Club for all children who live in the area age 4-11 at the Village Hall from 4-6pm on Friday evenings. They cover a wide range of sports in half term blocks run by trained coaches. If anyone would like further information please contact Jo on 01604 740479 or Liz on 01604 686595.

Request for Tokens & Vouchers:

The School collects most tokens and vouchers for equipment for schools - Persil, Tesco, Nestle Cereal Box Tops, Kingsmill Bread

(but NOT Walkers Crisps or Cadburys Chocolate). As they are a small school they are grateful for any help in collecting them.

Help Required!!!

From time to time small repair jobs need to be done at the school and as they do not have their own caretaker they would be very grateful if anyone can spare some time to help. If you can help contact Sue Bradburn on 01604 740540.

Andrea and Sue

Contacts

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List of Governors

Dr. Peter Sainsbury
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Ian Arnott (Community),
Stan Barton (Vice Chair & Parish)
Nadine Blakesley (Parent)
Sue Bradburn (Headteacher)
Rev David Faulks (ex-officio)
Sandra Kirkland (Associate member)
Mrs Valerie Latham (Foundation)
Daron Locke (Parent)
Amanda Smith (Parent)
Beverley Thornton (Teacher Gov)
Pat Yates (LEA)

WANTED: Sponsors For The Next Issue!

Westaway Motors kindly sponsored the first issue of **Naseby Natters** so a huge thank you to them for their support in making this newsletter happen! However, we now need a new sponsor for the next issue!

We felt the most successful way to fund the newsletter was for individual companies to sponsor an entire issue (or even 2 companies as joint sponsors) contributing enough to pay for it's complete

production. Don't be fooled into thinking it will cost hundreds and hundreds of pounds - it is very reasonable and is much needed! Please contact **Gerry Wood** Tel: 01604 740444.



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Naseby Heritage



The Battle of Naseby 1645

Tell virtually anybody that you live in Naseby and they will almost certainly mention "The Battle".

1645 - One of the most important dates in our country's history but one which passes with little recognition in and around the village itself. Most of you will be aware that this hugely important piece of history is currently commemorated by the Obelisk on the Clipston Road and the Monument on the Sibbertoft Road.



The Parish Plan Steering Committee recently surveyed the residents to canvass their views on this subject and the overwhelming view was we should do more to celebrate our history and ensure that this was more formally recorded.

We are currently putting together our recommendations as part of the Naseby Parish Plan Action Plan which will be presented to the relevant



authorities for approval and published locally in due course. However, I would briefly mention work which has been and is currently being undertaken by an independent body.



Some of you may have heard of The Battlefields Trust. I confess that I had not until I began to take an interest in this last year. The Trust is "dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and presentations of battlefields sites as educational and Heritage resources" and Naseby is high on their list of priorities. Members of the Trust and others have quietly been working behind the scenes for some time but this is a time-consuming process and changes do not happen overnight. The Trust's Naseby Working Party will shortly be putting plans before the District Council in respect of a Viewing Platform to be sited on the Clipston Road, together with another near East Farndon. Plans are currently being drawn up to seek planning permission for the work and it is also hoped that the Interpretation Boards at the two existing sites will be suitably enhanced.

One of the Trustees has kindly offered to lead a party to view the potential sites (when the weather improves!) and if anybody is interested perhaps they would contact me on the number below.

The recent Survey suggested there was very strong support for the formation of a formal Heritage Group. As a first step towards this please ring me on the number below to register your interest. Specific objectives would be down to the participants to agree, but broadly speaking we would help to publicise and preserve the history of the Village and the Battle. So, don't delay, call me now and I will arrange the inaugural meeting.



Allen Atkins
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Cinderella Panto Success!



The 6th annual Pantomime was performed at Naseby Village Hall at the end of January to rapturous applause!

Once again the Panto was a great success and it seems every year more tickets are sold than ever before - this year was no exception! Nearly every performance was sold out, **raising over £1,000!** So a big thank you to everyone involved and to those who came along to watch and lend their support.

The funds raised will be going towards the refurbishment of the Village Hall. Focusing on the kitchen, general painting (both inside and out) and, since the recent downpours, the leak in the main hall.

The Naseby (very) Amateur Dramatic Society brought to life the story of Cinderella (dazzlingly played by Becky Shoare) and a cast of 27, with almost as many helping out behind the scenes. Direction was by Elizabeth Burbridge and Production by Pauline Atkins & Chris Bignall. A fabulous all round performance was born with magical scenery to match.

Buttons - Naseby's very own magician extraordinaire (Sean Heydon) provided us with card tricks galore, selecting victims from the audience with the help of a rubber chicken and a tin of magical pineapple chunks!!!!

The (very) Good Fairy (Chris Murphy) and so called 'helper' Penny Piece (played by Katherine Stewart) managed to turn all the Junior Fairies into frogs! Fortunately all was not lost, as the 'The Frogs Chorus' (Phoebe Davies, Annabel Smith, Rosie Boulton, Alix Nicholson, Amy Clement & Gabriel Stewart) gave an outstanding show!

The Ugly Sisters comedy duo (played by Gren Bramley & Allen Atkins) had the audience in tears of laughter throughout! "Were they really that ugly under all that make-up?" I hear you cry? The answer is of course not!

The chaotic triple act of Short, Back and Sides (aka Roger Carter, Peter Christer & George Carter) had the house in hysterics with their onstage antics, almost bringing the entire set down at one point!

A fantastic performance was given by Prince Charming (Charlotte Brodie) and Dandini (Lucy Astley) together bringing the whole Panto to life.

An eccentric performance was given by the Baron & Baroness (Bella Stewart & Jane Boulton). Likewise the King & Queen (Cherise Gould & Danielle Gould) and Lord Chamberlain (Joanna Guy) put their all into their characters.

The angry, unpaid Shopkeepers (James Barker, Jonathan Stewart, Victoria Brodie & Felicity Brodie)

gave a very realistic performance!!! And finally but most importantly, the Palace Assistant (Owen Carter) had the very prestigious job of carrying Cinderella's glass slipper making sure that it stayed intact!

The star attraction of course, was the 'Automatic Curtains' lovingly engineered by Chris Bignall and Geoff Capell for this years production - what will be in store for us next year ?? A laser show!!

Apology! We would like to apologise to the small child who was scared into tears by the big-hairy-scary-fairy-god-mother on the Saturday matinee performance! We would like to make it clear that he's not that scary in real life - we promise!

We would like to thank the whole team for all their hard work - the producer and directors, all the performers, the make-up, costume, props, scenery and lighting teams, camera crew, promoters and of course music - because without all your hard work, none of this would be possible.

Till next year...

Pauline Atkins & Amanda Green



Get involved!

Now we need you to get your thinking caps on because we need ideas for next years Panto! So if you have an all time favourite let us know. We also want you to get in touch if you want to help in any way with next years production - either on stage or behind the scenes. (Rehearsals start in September.)

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The Scary-Hairy-Fairy God-Mother



Buttons pointing...?



Those ugly sisters!



Backstage antics!



Cinders meets her Prince charming



The slipper!



Penny

(The Fairy God-Mothers 'Helper')



Cinders' carriage awaits



Frogs prepare to go on stage





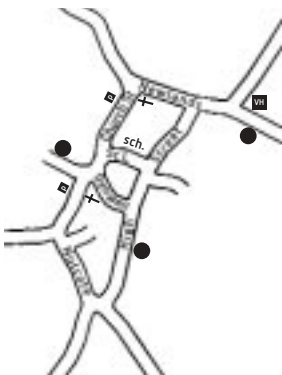
Scoop That Poop!

We ask that all dog owners be vigilant and clear up after their dogs by using the new Doggie Bins in the village!!



Acting in response to frequent complaints, the Parish Council voted at its meeting last November to buy three of the red bins at a cost of £480 with free installation by Daventry District Council.

The bins have now been set up at strategic locations convenient for dog walkers – by the



footpath entrance opposite the Village Hall, the allotments off the High Street and a short distance down Carvells Lane. They are emptied once a week by Daventry District Council free of charge.

Dog fouling is not only unsightly but it also spreads a disease called 'Toxocaria'. Humans can be at risk from this disease, which can cause blindness. We ask that dog owners be responsible and

make sure they clean up after their dogs using the new bins and that all dogs should be wormed regularly.

But it is not only health and safety issues that you need to be made aware of – you could also be fined if you don't clear up after your dog.

Daventry District Council has implemented 'The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act' which covers all managed verges and footpaths within our village. Owners must clear up after their dogs or face a £50 fixed penalty fine if caught by a dog warden or up to £1000 fine if successful legal proceedings are taken.

THE LAW: Dog (Fouling of land) Act 1996

Wardens issue £50 fixed penalty spot fine notice to dog owners who do not clean up after their dog in the designated areas. This act covers all council owned and maintained lands within the 40 and below speed restriction. Failure to pay the fine will result in legal proceedings with a maximum fine of £1000 upon conviction.

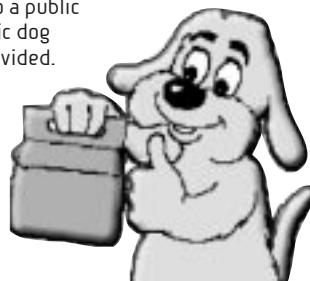
So help keep Naseby a nice place to live - GRAB IT, BAG IT AND BIN IT!

1. GRAB IT - Always keep a supply of plastic bags near your dog's lead - supermarket carrier bags make great poop scoops - so you don't forget to take a poop scoop with you on every walk. Simply insert your hand in the plastic bag and pick up your dog's waste. It's easy and not as bad as you think.

2. BAG IT - Carefully turn the plastic bag inside out and your dog's mess will then be 'bagged'.

3. BIN IT - Dispose of your bag in a 'Poop' bin. Contrary to popular belief, dog waste can also be put into a public litterbin if a specific dog wastebin is not provided.

Let's hope the new bins will lead to a cleaner Naseby!



Contacts

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Daventry District Council
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Healthimprovement@daventrydc.gov.uk



Water Works at Naseby – The Continuing Story



Most of you will be aware that Naseby is high up on a hill. In fact it is the second highest village in the county, just ten feet lower than Cold Ashby.

You will also know that water runs downhill. To counter this our drinking water is provided by Anglian Water, who pump it up the hill from Ravensthorpe. They also pump it uphill to Cold Ashby, where there is an underground reservoir near Honey Hill just beyond the village.

You might not know that several houses in Naseby have been suffering from poor water pressure for years. The worst affected are the newer houses

which do not have cold water tanks in the loft, reliant only on the mains pressure. This has often faded away to nothing, especially in the morning 'rush hour' between seven and eight o'clock.

The Parish Council requested Anglian Water to attend their February meeting to get them to explain what is going on. Two of their senior engineers came along and gave details about the redesign of the pipe network. As this problem has become much worse in the past 18 months they have put in a programme of works that is almost complete. The pumps that supply Naseby have been replaced with more powerful versions, and are being commissioned this week. In addition new pipes have been laid at Cold Ashby, so that Naseby will also be fed by gravity from the Honey Hill reservoir instead of being reliant on the pumps alone.

These two changes, once settled down, should improve the situation markedly, so two cheers (so far) for the men from Anglian Water.

Allan Kirk

A Canned History of the Mast Application

Back in September a mobile phone mast application was made by 3G to erect an 18m mobile phone mast in our village. The application was very low key with only a very small number of residents being informed. The village school has also NOT been consulted - even though 3G said that they had!

At the eleventh hour an action group (NRADER - Naseby Residents Against Dangerous Electromagnetic Radiation) was set up to oppose the mast - over the following weeks an active membership in excess of 20 residents lobbied against the mast. They sought and obtained support from the District Council (Pam Betts), County Council (Chris Millar) and local MP (Phil Sawford). All 3 were behind the opposing residents. Support from anti mast groups such as 'Mast Sanity' was also sought and obtained.

In order to better ascertain levels of village support (to lobby the Parish council) a ballot was held with around 210 households being invited to vote. Of these, 140

households voted AGAINST the mast, there were only 2 returns of 'No view either way', the balance were not returned.

All in all, a unanimous response against the mast. At the campaigns hiatus and 2 days prior to the planning decision, a meeting was organised with 3G's Public Relations officer. On the afternoon prior to the evening meeting with 3G, we received a statement from 3G stating that 'Due to Technical reasons' they would not be pursuing the mast application in the village and would also not be pursuing installations in the vicinity of our village (read into that what you will).

We are sure that other applications will come in the future, but next time we will be better prepared and hopefully we have now set a precedent to any mobile company of what to expect in the future.

Greg Pritchett





Who's Watching Your House?



The Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Naseby has been running for a good number of years, with a few changes of personnel in that time. I volunteered in 1998, and took over the job of Co-ordinator a year later. For a village the size of Naseby (600 people or so) the scheme is of an appropriate size, with ten formal members and a few other useful contacts such as members of the Parish Council. Our main aim is to promote crime prevention, and to improve liaison with the Police, so getting a good share of their scare resources.

It is worth saying early on that this part of England has the lowest recorded crime figures of all of England and Wales, so there are indeed few safer places to live than around here! In particular we do not seem to get problems from "home-grown" criminals, but are vulnerable to gangs from nearby towns such as Coventry, Northampton and Kettering.

For many years the village 'bobby' was WPC Liz Thomas, who now looks after Guilsborough and other villages further west, and still

helps from time to time. More recently our village policeman was Andy Bailey, well known to many. He spent all day at the village hall last April when the Parish Plan group held their Open Day, and spoke to many people from the village.

In the past few months there have been several significant changes. Back in May 2003 Northamptonshire appointed a new Chief Constable, who has instigated a complete review of how the County approaches policing. One result of this that affects us is that resources have been switched to tackle crime in Northampton town. The Beat Officers covering 60 villages in Western Northamptonshire have been reduced from 6 to 4, although a new unit targeting "Prolific Offenders" has been set up and is already getting good results. Six people from Coventry were arrested in December.

Because of these changes our Beat Officer is now PC Gary Wright, who already covers from Holcot up to Lamport and Maidwell, and comes highly recommended. In addition a new Community Support Officer is being recruited to replace Amanda Hollis, who is now training to become a full WPC. Next issue: More crime

Contacts

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

Community Beat Officer:
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Deputy Co-ord.
Andy Austin
'Ceybirds', 38 High Street

Members:
Maggie Draper
- *Shannonside, Carvells Lane*
Ray Ellis - *65, High Street*
Peter Johnson - *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*

Other volunteers are always welcomed into this informal group, especially those who work in the village or who are out and about regularly, such as joggers or dog walkers.

Give Allan Kirk a ring - duties are not onerous!

Prevention tips and news about the new Ringmaster system which alerts N.W. members to recent incidents. Also an interview with our very own PC Gary Wright

Allan Kirk

If you haven't got a sticker displayed in your window already contact Allan Kirk

Top Tips

If you have a cat flap, DON'T leave the key in the back door lock! There have been several cat flaps incidents in nearby villages - so be warned!





Broadband for Naseby

better for home - better for business - better for you

Hopefully like fellow villagers, you would like to have the opportunity to access a Broadband Service high speed connection to the internet that is on 24 hours a day, and allows you to be on the phone at the same time as surfing the net.

What is Broadband?

Broadband is an easy-to-install, always on internet connection that gives you high speed access and downloads for a fixed monthly charge of around £20 per month. Broadband is the common term for any high bandwidth internet connection one that can transmit or download information up to 40 times as fast as a standard telephone and modem. You can do everything you need to do online more quickly and more easily with Broadband. BT are committed to enabling every exchange in the country, but have decided that some exchanges can 'jump the queue' by getting 200 individuals to register an interest.

Naseby is linked to the Guilsborough telephone exchange and BT require 200 households to register interest in Broadband before the exchange is switched on to make Broadband available. As of the 25th Feb 2004, there were 130 registrations so we only need 70 more to get our exchange upgraded for Broadband!

A campaign already exists for Hollowell and Guilsborough, who are on the same exchange as us. We have contacted the campaign manager to offer support on behalf of Naseby. If you are interested in helping please contact us.

If you would like to have Broadband sooner rather than later, then please follow the instructions at:

www.naseby.plus.com

(If this page is not available to you then please try:

www.btopenworld.com/votebroadband)

Registration is very easy, requiring only your phone number, post code and address. You can also pre-register your interest by phone on:

FreePhone 0800 800 060

Select: **Option 1** (Broadband products & services), then: **Option 1** again (information and pre-registration)

Alternatively, complete the slip at the bottom of the "Feed Back" form and we will submit your details for you! Couldn't be easier!

Registering your details DOES NOT commit you to buying or using Broadband, but your vote will count towards getting the Guilsborough exchange enabled. Simply by registering you will be helping your household and others have the option for faster internet access, sooner. Anyone with teenagers will I am sure be very keen for this!

Please contact us if you wish to help spread the word, and we will update you next issue!

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We Need Your Gardens!



But only for a day or two, on the weekend of 10 and 11 July, for Naseby Open Gardens. We need 12 to 15 gardens, small and large, new and established. It's great fun, and proceeds from entrance fees, teas, cakes, plants and other attractions go towards the upkeep

of our beautiful church. If you don't want to open, why not just help towards making it an enjoyable and worthwhile event?

For more info speak to Pat Oldfield on 740145 or Jan Hillyer on 740662.





Interested in Joining a Games Club?



There is a small Games Club meeting in Naseby and Wigston, that you might be interested in joining.

We play what are known as "Role Playing" games, such as Dungeons and Dragons, where players create fantasy characters and take part in their own fantastic adventures. People who enjoyed the recent "Lord of the Rings" films would be right at home!

Want to explore forgotten ruins? Lead the King's army into battle? Sneak into a vampires castle? Journey to a city in the clouds? Do you want to be a wise wizard, an Elven bowman, a princess, a thief? What you can do and who you can play is limited only by the imagination!

Equipment required: Beer, wine, etc, nibbles, paper, pencil, active imagination. Occasional requirement for funny shaped dice (which we can supply). No costumes or plastic swords, no devil worship, no beards!!!

Where we meet: We meet on Friday nights, but we're flexible. We play at members houses - anywhere with a large table will do. Minimum four players plus a referee (called a gamesmaster, or GM).

We are a friendly, informal club who welcome new players, no experience required! Look forward to hearing from you!

Mark Potter
01604 743 821

Tuesday Night is GET FIT Night!

7-8pm is the time for a fun FITNESS CLASS taken by a fully qualified and experienced instructor in Naseby Village Hall.

A friendly group of regulars with a wide range of ages and fitness abilities, will always welcome new faces. Whether you are familiar with group exercise or not; this class will encourage everyone to work at their own level.

Naseby Village Hall is the perfect environment for a fitness class - spacious, bright, clean, safe, with sprung flooring to absorb lots of impact!

Why not make Tuesdays 7-8pm part of your existing fitness programme or use it to jumpstart you into a more active lifestyle.

Come along and give it a try. In just 60 minutes you will have fun, feel great and be on the way to the best you can be!

Contact: Susan Locke 07817 077921

Bridge anyone?



We have a number of social Bridge players in the village but probably not enough to start a Bridge Club. I would be pleased to hear from anyone wishing to play.

Mike Willis Tel: 01604 740437

Naseby Table Tennis Club



The Club playing matches at the Village Hall on Monday nights

continues to progress. We have three teams which play in the

Daventry League against local villages such as Long Buckby, West Haddon and Barby.

The A & B sides start the second half of the season in Division 1 and the C side in Division 3.

Although there are no regular evenings available for practice we could organise this before matches start on the Monday. The club contact is **Mike Willis** Tel: 01604 740437





The Naseby W.I.



The NASEBY W.I. is a thriving organisation, which meets in the Village Hall, on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7.30.p.m.

There is a guest speaker each month, and their topics cover a wide range of subjects, some serious and others not so serious...

Programme of Events:

11th March - Peculiar People

8th April - The Cullinan Diamond

13th May - Resolutions

10th June - Bansang Hospital Appeal

Later in the year there are talks on 'Pot Plants', 'Autism' and a Christmas Demonstration of 'Seasonal Recipes', to name but a few!

During the course of the year, they aim to have at least one outing, and one fund raising event. For the record, this year's event will be a **'Bangers and Mash' lunch on Saturday 6th March**. Further details will be available shortly, and your support for this would be very much appreciated.

They always welcome new members so if any ladies would like to join or attend any of their meetings, they would be most welcome. If you would like further information about the W.I., please speak to their President, Pat Yates (tel. 01604 740657) or to one of the members.

Mary Hackett

Raising £££ for a Good Cause...

We would like your backing and support because Amanda White is attempting to run the 2004 Flora London Marathon on April 18th! She is helping to raise funds for a charity

called "Children with Leukaemia". The Charity has become the leading charity dedicated exclusively to the conquest of childhood leukaemia through pioneering research, new treatments and providing support to leukaemic children and their families.

Leukaemia is cancer of the blood. It's not hereditary. You can't catch it. Yet it kills more of our children than any other disease and it is on the increase.

Calling all Gardeners!



For those of you with green fingers or an interest in gardening there is a **Clipston & Naseby District Gardening Club**. They are friendly group with over 75 members and meet once a month at the Clipston Village Hall where different speakers talk on a wide variety of useful and interesting topics. There is also the usual raffles, tea/coffee & biscuits and at some events there are plants for sale.

List of Events over the next few months:

February 25th - Roses

March 24th - Growing  Showing Vegetables

April 28th - The Gardens at the Paddocks

May 23rd - Clipston Open Day

May 26th - Hostas

June 30th - Garden Design

Membership is only £6 for the whole year and entitles you to 10% at off Clipston Nurseries and The Plantsman at West Haddon.

As a new member you are also given a free plant and encouraged to grow it on to create new plants to pass onto other new members and the local schools.

If you are interested in attending the talks and becoming a member give them a call.

Gerry Wood - Chairman

01604 740444

"It has so far been one of the most challenging tasks that I have ever taken on. With the challenges of the weather and school holidays - I have hired a treadmill to keep up with the training."



She has set a target of raising £3,000 - so please... DIG DEEP! She needs all the encouragement she can get and the charity certainly needs your help!

You can donate or make a pledge via the website: www.bmycharity.com/amandarunningmarathon or you can pop a note through her door. We will let you know how she got on in the next issue!

Amanda White <6, Hall Close>





Items For Sale:

Oak Bookcases

For Sale a matching pair of good quality light oak bookcases. 37 inches wide, 30 inches high, 11 inches deep. Adjustable central shelf. Good Condition. Will separate.

Price: £25.00 each or near offer
Tel: 01604 743475

Oak CD storage unit

For Sale good quality light oak CD storage unit. Bow fronted. Holds up to 350 single CD's. Adjustable spaces. A very attractive piece of furniture

Price: £50.00
Tel: 01604 743475

Double Glazed Patio Door

Double glazed sliding patio door for sale with 4 point locking and night vents. Door can be made to open left or right handed. Photo in-situ available.
Width: 1790mm (70½") Height: 2090mm (82¼")

Price: £125 ono
Contact: Nic Green on 01604 743765

Items Wanted:

Wood Burning Fire

Wanted - woodburning fire, will collect if suitable. If you don't use yours and are interested in selling

Contact: Ruth Bull on 01604 643061

Services:

G. Wood Turner

- Wood Turned items - Decorative Pieces -
- Bird Tables - Commissions Undertaken -
- Wide variety of woods in stock -

Contact: Gerry Wood on 01604 740444

To advertise contact:
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Will there be a next instalment?

Only with your help! Remember if you don't supply us with information, we won't have a newsletter to produce! So if there are any budding reporters out there or if you simply have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter - e-mail us or pick up the phone! We also need to hear from any more local clubs and groups within and around Naseby. We also keen to involve you kids - so if you have any ideas let us know. You have seen the sort of thing we are after so please get in touch.

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