

Welcome to the Third Edition!!!

Well as another copy of NASEBY NATTERS hits your doormat for you to read through at your leisure another milestone is passed. A big THANK YOU to all those who contribute so much of their time to help make this newsletter happen. Without you all it just wouldn't be possible! (ed - thanks to Wyn & Sandra Sleeman for proof reading each edition for us!)

We have lots of interesting news, stories and updates for you to read about in this edition. We hope you find it both informative and relevant to village life. If you want more or still feel there are particular areas not covered, if you have any questions you would like answering or you want to get

involved but just don't know how - please get in touch! Your feedback is important to ensure that what we are doing is worth while.

ADVANCED WARNING: The next newsletter is planned for the beginning of December but we would just like to warn you that it may be 'some what delayed' due to the editor expecting her first baby on the 12th of November. So please bear with us if we are a little late with the next edition or if it is a bit incomplete!!!

Happy Reading!

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Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is the **1st of November 2004**



Poppy People Wanted

Can you help out with door to door collections for Remembrance Sunday? We are looking for people - **Poppy People** - to join the team of volunteers and help 'The Royal British Legion's' annual Poppy Appeal to keep on growing!

The Poppy Appeal started way back in 1921 and helps thousands of



ex-Service men and women every year. But Poppy power depends on volunteers or it would grind to a halt!

If you can spare a bit of time to help by selling poppies to those houses near to you please contact the local organiser: **Jan Hillyer** (8 Nutcote - Tel: 01604 740662)



your newsletter and your village - so get involved



Village Update

Naseby Parish Council

TEENAGE SKATEPARK COMPLETED!



The Skatepark was completed on the 6th August and seems already to be a success. It is comprised of a 1/4 Pipe, Funbox and Grind Rail for those of us who are not knowledgeable of such things!!!

These components, along with Tarmac area, cost £14,300. The Seating Shelter cost £3,500 and was set into an existing concrete base, thereby saving us some money!

The cost of the Park was covered by an award of £10,000 from Biffa, £5,000 from Sportsawardforall, £2,000 via the precept and £1,300 from fund-raising.

Biffa had asked for a progress report during the construction of the park and this has been written by Councillor Pope, seen on several occasions at the Village Hall clicking away on her camera. An opening ceremony involving the local media is to be arranged.

This project has taken just under two years to complete and I would like to thank everyone for their help and support.

NOTICE TO ALL SKATEBOARDERS

Please note that when using the skate board park facilities the following protective items must be worn for you own safety:

- Helmet
- Elbow Pads
- Knee Pads

HOLIDAY TIME!

The Parish Council is currently enjoying its 'summer recess' and there is no August meeting, which indicates that even the flow of planning applications has dwindled.

PARISH PLAN:

The completed Parish Plan looks and reads very well and I hope that villagers find it useful and interesting. The Clerk has already received some positive feedback especially concerning A14 noise pollution. A new approach on how to deal with this has been suggested by a knowledgeable villager and this will be an item on the next meeting's agenda.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT:

The draft of the Village Design Statement has been sent to Karen Britton at Daventry District Council and we await her response. Further details concerning this are provided separately.

BENCH, TABLE AND BINS:

The bench and table at the Playground have proved to be a success and is well used. The bench and bin, along Thornby Lane should be in place sometime this month. It will be situated further out of the village than the previous bench (about 1/4 of a mile to be more precise) and affords a splendid view over the Northamptonshire countryside. The site was chosen after close liaison with dog walkers and joggers (i.e. Liz Capell told me where to put it!). Thanks to Mel Hoyle for installing the benches.

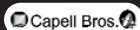
ROY WESTAWAY & THE STRANGERS TAKE TO THE STAGE ONCE AGAIN!

Roy Westaway and the Strangers have agreed to another fantastic performance at the Village Hall. The date is the 20th November - so put the date in your diary! For tickets contact the Parish Council.

DON'T FORGET...

Please remember that feedback of any kind is appreciated and if you have any comments, complaints or opinions on matters concerning the Parish you can contact any Councillor or the Clerk, or better still come to the next meeting. **These meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.45pm and are open to all.**

Alison Stokes
Chairman Naseby Parish Council





A14 TRAFFIC HOT SPOTS

- M** August - September 2004
A14 - J10-J13,
resurfacing between
Kettering and Thrapston
- S** September 2004
Work to widen A14 - J7
slip road & roundabout
Kettering

Full listings of road work and traffic information are displayed on the village notice board

SEVERITY OF DELAY AT PEAK TIMES

- M** - Moderate: 10-30 mins
- S** - Severe: over 30 mins

Members of the Parish Council 2004

- Mrs Avis Aldrich**
18, Nutcote
- Mrs Bridget Baker**
Carvell's Home Farm,
Carvell's lane
- Mr Stanley Barton**
1b, High Street
- Mr Melfyn Hoyle**
14, Nutcote
- Mrs Heather Kirk**
11, Bakehouse Rise
- Mrs Becky Pope**
'Aysgarth', High Street
- Mrs Alison Stokes**
Washbrook Farm,
Cold Ashby Road (*Chairman*)
- Mr Tom Westaway**
'Westfields', Carvell's Lane
(*Vice Chairman*)
- Clerk - Mr Ian Arnott**
Northside House, School Lane

Broadband Success (for some that is!)

On August 11th, as scheduled, the Guilsborough exchange was enabled for broadband internet access giving speeds 10 times faster than ordinary dial up connection. It does seem that there are still problems for some houses within the village however, probably caused by the distance from the Guilsborough exchange.

Before broadband can be ordered, your ISP (Internet Service Provider) will perform an initial test to see if the line is suitable. In Naseby we are right on the 6km acceptable limit. It seems that the majority of 740 numbers will pass this test, but that some 743 numbers will fail. We know of one household which has two lines: The 740 number is fine, but the 743 number fails the test!

If this initial test is passed, the ISP will instruct BT to perform some work at the exchange. As a part of this BT perform additional tests, if these fail, BT will not enable the line for broadband.

Unfortunately this may mean that some houses in Naseby cannot receive broadband at the current time.

ALL IS NOT LOST THOUGH...
However a recent series of trials in Milton Keynes, which increased distances from the exchange, resulted in the following BT announcement on 18th August: "From September 6, 2004, the reach limit for the 512kb/sec ADSL services will be removed. BT is also increasing the range for 1Mb/sec premium services from 4km to approximately 6km, making 1Mb/sec ADSL available to 96% of homes and businesses connected to a broadband exchange." (source www.bb4mk.org)

This will hopefully mean that everyone in the village will have the option to receive broadband in a few weeks time. More news next issue!

Wyn Sleeman

Naseby Weather



MEASURED IN BAKEHOUSE RISE COURTESY OF STUART CATO

With thanks to **Jonathan Guy** for going up the ladder to fix the equipment. Unfortunately the lightning during the storm of 22nd July interfered with the radio signal, so no adverse wind speed was recorded during that event. I guess it was the highest wind of the period..and I missed it!

Month 2004	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Max Temp °C	23.9	30.3	28.6
Av Max Temp °C	17.3	20.8	22.2
Min Temp °C	3.4	5.3	7.6
Av Min Temp °C	11.1	11.4	11.7
Max Humidity %RH	94.0	91.0	99.0
Av Max Humidity %RH	87.8	84.1	85.7
Min Humidity %RH	35.0	36.0	41.0
Av Min Humidity %RH	55.8	51.9	53.2
Max Wind Speed mph	14	13.6	16.1
Av Max Wind mph	6.9	8.8	8.0
Max Wind Gust mph	62.8	63.5	61.9
Av Wind Gusts mph	29.8	24.8	26.6
Min Wind Chill °C	-1.4	4.8	5.5

APPEAL

I am making blankets and baby clothes for a charity called '**Feed the Children**', to help keep children warm in some of the war torn countries, and to help abandoned HIV babies in Kenya.

If you have any **odd balls of knitting wool** to spare, I would be most grateful. Other items are needed too, such as **towels, nappies and baby equipment**.

If you can help please call me:
Liz Capell
Tel: 01604 740567





Naseby Open Garden Success Helps To Raise Much Needed Funds!

What a wonderful Open Gardens weekend – lovely gardens – lovely visitors. One lady even made arrangements to view a property in the village because she so much wanted to live here after looking at the gardens and talking to us!

Our grateful thanks to everybody who opened their gardens, helped with refreshments, gave scones and jam, donated raffle prizes or helped in any way. A special thank you to Pat & Robin Oldfield for once again organising the event!

We made just over £2000 which has gone towards paying off the loan for the lighting & electrics. There is now only £1,000 outstanding. Hopefully with other fund raising this will soon be paid off and we can obtain quotes for decorating the church and repairs to the windows – get another loan and start all over again!

It's a bit like painting the Forth Bridge – when you get to the end you have to start all over again!

ANYONE UP FOR A BARN DANCE?

Our next fund raising event is a Barn Dance on Saturday 11th September at the Village Hall. Tickets to include a ploughman's supper are £5 for adults and £3 for children and are available from Jan Hillyer 01604 740662 or Avis Aldrich 01604 740532. There will be a Bar. Please come along, it will be good fun!

HARVEST SUPPER:

This year instead of having a Harvest Lunch there will be a Harvest Supper on Saturday 3rd October, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This will include a hot supper, a bar and entertainment. Posters with details will be placed around the village.

MORE CHANGES...

Another change – instead of asking for harvest produce which usually is auctioned off, this year we are asking for donations of tins for the Northampton Soup Kitchen i.e tins of baked beans, spaghetti, meatballs, stew, rice pudding, fruit etc. These items can be left in church on Saturday 3rd or Sunday 4th October or given to Jan or Avis.

HELP!!!!!!

Is there anybody who would like to help with cleaning the brasses in church or providing a flower arrangement?

There are rotas for this and the more people there are on the rotas the fewer times your name comes up! Offers would be very much appreciated (once again to Jan or Avis please)



Sunday Services: 9.30 a.m.

Family Service: 1st Sunday in the month - 9.30 am

5th Sunday – one service in the Benefice – see Contact magazine

Jan Hillyer

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Revd David Faulks
Tel: 01858 525342

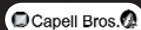
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Mike Hopkins
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Cliff Norris
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Contact Magazine Distribution:
Ann Faulks
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Naseby Methodist Church

Although not much has been happening in the last 3 months - activities come to a halt in summer - we have had a meeting to talk about the future direction of the Church. On the agenda were items such as: what it means to be a church, what is our purpose and how we are hoping to fulfil our purpose.

When autumn comes there are several things we are hoping to do, not just for us, but for everyone. So watch our notice board or posters around the village!



Look out for **ESSENCE**. It's a 6 week course exploring contemporary spirituality, looking toward a lifestyle integrating body, mind and spirit.

Ideas for a regular time of healing - on a weekday evening - are also being pursued.

New Letterbox!

Soon we'll have an outside letterbox.....so if you want us to pray about something that worries you, why not pop a note in the box?

No need to tell your name as God knows & cares for everyone.

Two other highlights in the past month were: **SEASIDE ROCK**: The holiday Club we did together with the Parish Church, and also receiving Ann Punter into membership.

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 4th Sunday of the month

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

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER AGAIN:

Fellowship Meeting:
Wednesdays 7.30pm From Sept 4

Mums & Tots:

Thursdays 1.30 A lively meeting!
Lots of mums - even more tots!
But lots of you know this already.....

Prayer Meeting

Saturdays 9 - 9.30am

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

D[rink] B[iscuits] & C[hat]
Second Wednesday of the month at 2.30. A group of older members of the village meet and chat. Sometimes they bring photos and remember the good old times!

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

The Church is the only organisation that does not exist for the benefit of its members???
[let me know if you can think of others - or if you want to respond/ask questions
e-mail: leny.cato@ntlworld.com]

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE:

The rector, on seeing a small boy trying to reach a doorbell said:
"Let me help you sonny"
So he gave a good ring....
The boy looked at him and said:
"now mister, run like mad!"

A little girl saying her prayers at night was heard to finish them with: "...please God take care of yourself cos if owt happens to you we're all sunk."

Leny Cato

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30 Farndale View Market
Harborough
01858 462889

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Ruth Watson: 01604 740845

Secretary:

Leny Cato: 01604 743166





No Stories of Old...

When we asked at the beginning of the year what you would like to see in your newsletter, many of you said stories from the village as it used to be. Last edition we asked you to send in your stories & memories no matter how big or small they might have been. We unfortunately had no response so therefore we have nothing for this months article.

We are in desperate need for you to help us write something for the next issue! So get your thinking caps on and send in your stories, memories, and funny moments. Here are some ideas:

- The 1977 Jubilee
- The Millennium
- WWII
- The What you did before TV
- What was School life like
- What was it like when the Evacuees arrived during the war?
- Were there any times when the village had to pull together?
- Special village days, fetes etc
- Shops and services that used to be in the village
- Even events that are personal to you...

Please write in and let us know anything about Naseby that is either different from how things are now or memorable to you. We need your help!

Liz Gregory

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Email: ecgregory82@hotmail.com

Mail: E Gregory, Regency House, 10 Knights Hill, Naseby, NN6 6AH

Naseby School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES! QUIZ NIGHT!

Test your brain power at the village hall on the 15th October - Adults only - Teams of up to 6 - Ticket price £5 each in advance - Supper included - Arrive at 7.30 - Quiz to start at 8pm sharp!

All proceeds go to Naseby School. For tickets or more information contact the school 01604 740540 or Julie Fellows 01604 743162.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE!

Village Hall - 20th November

The Naseby School Christmas Fayre is an event that happens every year with increasing success. It is a family afternoon out with craft stalls, tombolas, face painting, mulled wine, mince pies, guess the weight of the xmas cake - and much much more! Without forgetting to mention of course a very special santa's grotto!

Anyone can book a stall at the Fayre for just £10! So what are you waiting for call Jo Davies on 01604 740479 to book your place now!

CHRISTMAS BLACK TIE EVENT AT HIGHGATE HOUSE, CREATON!

Saturday 27th November. Get your glad rags on for this new event! Tickets include dinner and live band and all proceeds go to Naseby School as usual. Tickets are limited however, and there



has already been a very good uptake so give either Cathy Hoyle (01604 740848) or Bridget Baker (01604 740007) a call without delay! £25 per ticket in advance.

Amanda White & Jo Davies

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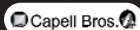
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David Faulks (ex-officio), Sandra Kirkland
(Associate member), Mrs Valerie Latham
(Foundation), Daron Locke (Parent),
Amanda Smith (Parent), Beverley Thornton
(Teacher Gov), Pat Yates (LEA)

WELL WISHES

We would like to wish **Richard Quayle**, the landlord at the Royal Oak, a speedy recovery after his stroke. Our thoughts are with you and Mary and that we hope to see your smiling face back behind the bar soon! (but not too soon though!)





Welcome to The Friendly Fitz!



The Fitzgerald Arms Pub has been in the Steane family for 21 years this coming October. It is a traditional family

run country pub with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Sally Steane has just taken over a major part of the running of the pub after returning from travelling and is often found behind the bar. She is also very busy with the running of a new service that the pub will be providing for functions, events and marquee hiring.



Sally really enjoys living in Naseby, I asked her what she liked about living in the village, she said "I have been living in Naseby for nearly 21 years now, so there must be something good about the place! The primary school was, and I believe still is, fantastic. I loved being part of such a small school. I think the village itself also looks presentable. It is obvious that the village people take care to make their homes look neat and in keeping with its traditional village style. The history is also interesting giving us 'Nasbiens' a place on the map! And although I hate the noise from the A14 I love the fact that we're not too far away from an airport! The pub has definitely been a very important part of why I like Naseby, it has given me and many

others a great social life and many, many laughs over the years. It is a vital part of village life and definitely keeps me from getting bored! We have a real mix of customers, many of whom have been coming here since before we moved here and are a vital part of the pub"

The Fitz (as most of us know it to be called) is a lovely old looking pub with a welcoming bar area stocked up with a good selection of drinks. Next to the bar is the main restaurant serving a range of meals including a fantastic four course, great value Sunday lunch (recommended!). There is also a second bar area to the left side of the pub that has music, discos and other entertainment, including a pool table and a jukebox. To the rear of the pub adjoining the garden is the Stables Restaurant area where food is also served in a non-smoking environment during the weekends. The Stables is a lovely dining room situated in a separate building to the main pub, just off the rear garden.

THINKING OF THROWING A PARTY OR FUNCTION?

The Fitzgerald Arms is now providing an excellent Party & Function service which Sally will be running. Events can be held at the Fitzgerald Arms with the Stables restaurant area becoming the perfect function room, with the added bonus of having its own fully functional bar and toilet facilities so that you can keep your party private from the pub itself. This function room alone is perfect for smaller events such as anniversaries and corporate functions. The marquee can be joined onto the room for larger events such as Wedding

Receptions, Christenings and Birthdays. There are various special occasion menus available on request to suit your needs ranging from 4 Course meals to buffets.



The white marquee used is fully lined and is also available for hire privately, so you can use it for any kind of private function you are holding at home. Along with this there is the option of having a mobile bar and/or cold buffet service as well as assistance with planning your party decor should you require it.

Liz Gregory

If you want any more information on this or on the pub itself pop in for a drink and grab a brochure or leaflet!
Sally Steane - 01604 740273
sallysteane@hotmail.com

Fitzgerald Arms

Opening Hours:

12-3pm Tuesday - Sunday
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7-9pm Tuesday - Sunday

Children Welcome

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Naseby Village Design Statement

WHAT IS THE PROCESS INVOLVED WITH PRODUCING A VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT?
At the Parish Council Meeting in May 2004, volunteers were asked to form a steering group to commence work on a **Village Design Statement for Naseby.**

Following the display, on the village notice board, of the minutes and a specific poster advising the villagers of the proposals a group of interested parishioners (both villagers and Parish Councillors) was formed; their terms of reference being to produce the Village Design Statement.

SO HOW DID IT ALL START THEN?
Prior to commencing the Statement a **Parish Plan** had been produced. This process, which took some 20 months, was signed off by the Parish Council in July 2004. It involved a dedicated team of volunteers to actively seek the views of all parishioners which was done through questionnaires (which were distributed to every household in the parish and returned by 229 residents, about 53% of the electoral roll), regular feedback and consultation. The questionnaire invited people of every age to express their views on

all aspects of village life and how it could be improved.

A **Future Needs Day** was also held in April 2003 which was attended by over 100 villagers (i.e. circa 25% of the electoral roll) representing a good cross section of the village and age groups.

HOW DID YOU DECIDE WHAT IT NEEDED TO INCLUDE?

The extensive and detailed outcome from the Parish Plan exercise forms the backbone of the Village Design Statement which will be used in conjunction with Daventry District Council's existing guidance notes on design to identify in greater detail the design criteria against which proposals will be judged.

Several meetings of the steering group have taken place over the past couple of months to enable the Statement to be compiled and an Open Day (advertised via a Parish Council Meeting/poster on the village notice board and mention in the Harborough Mail) was held on 17 July, when further village input was sought.

WHY DOES THERE NEED TO BE A VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT?

The Countryside Agency has long supported the rich and varied nature of the countryside and the rural settlements. The Agency strongly believes that this richness and variety forms an important part of the beauty and distinctiveness of the English countryside and heritage.

In more recent years the Agency has become increasingly concerned

about the threat to this variety from standardisation and poor design. In answer to this threat, one of the ways that has been proposed, tested and now launched on a national scale is the 'Village Design Statement'

Development has to proceed. Much of what we see today is very different from the shape, form and purpose of the original settlement. However there is much about our village that we wish to retain. Future change needs to be managed to protect local distinctiveness.

The Village Design Statement will assist in the management of change and ensure that new development is appropriate to its surroundings and in keeping with local character.

WHAT IS THE THE PURPOSE?

A Village Design Statement aims to describe the distinctive character of this historic village as it is today, and highlight the qualities that are valued by the villagers. It is researched, prepared and written by villagers. This ensures local knowledge, views and ideas are contributed to and incorporated in the Village Design Statement.

The Statement is intended to apply to all scales and types of development ranging from new build to small-scale alterations and extensions as well as highways, traffic and safety matters.

WHO IS THE STATEMENT AIMED AT?

- Statutory Bodies and Public Authorities
- Planners, Developers, Builders





- Architects and Engineers
- Local Community Groups
- Village Residents and Businesses

The Village Design Statement is to be used as a planning tool - it can help to improve the design in the village by being incorporated as Supplementary Planning Guidance. Whatever it covers must be relevant and complementary to the local planning situation.

A Village Design Statement should contain descriptions of the visual characteristics of the village in terms of:-

- The countryside and landscape setting
- The form of the village as a whole
- The characteristics and details of the buildings and spaces within the village

The Statement should also answer the key questions of-

- What does this say about the character of the village?
- Will this help to inform the design decisions of designers and developers?
- Will this be compatible with local planning policies?

SO WHAT'S NEXT?

A draft document has now been completed and forwarded on to Daventry District Council for their comments and feedback. We will update you in the next issue - so watch this space!

The VDS Group

A Huge Thank You To Both Our Sponsors!!!

Mel Hoyle and **Geoff Capell** have kindly sponsored this - the third issue of Naseby Natters! So a massive thank you to both of them for their support!

Mel set up the business in 1990 supplying fencing materials to farmers, then had a concession at Harleston Garden Centre until it closed for re-development when he moved to his current site at Althorp Station. He has lived in Naseby for 13 years with his wife Cathy and have 2 children, Katie & Will, who both attend Naseby School.

Geoff set up his business in 1971 with his brothers when colour TV was in it's infancy! He has seen many changes with the advance of technology over the years. In 1971 a new aerial could be installed for under £5 and a colour TV set would cost about £350! He has lived in Naseby for over 18 years is married to Liz and they have 2 daughters, Vikki and Sarah. He has been the Governor for Naseby School and helped with Youth Clubs and the village Hall Committee.

Interested in sponsoring? Contact Gerry Wood on 01604 740444



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NASEBY OPEN GARDENS SUCCESS!



The annual Naseby Open Gardens took place on the weekend of 10/11 July.

At 1pm on the Saturday we watched as a large gathering of very black weather approached the village, then at the last minute decided to turn left and drown Market Harborough instead!

Although the weather was never great for the remainder of the weekend, we actually escaped the rain and the visitor numbers were probably the second largest in recent history.



They were treated to 12 lovely gardens, ploughman's lunches, cream teas, plant stall, raffle and tombola. An additional feature was the art exhibition organised by Roz Bradshaw, and although only a few paintings were sold it attracted much favourable comment.

To cap it all, two medieval minstrels strolled around and treated us to some delightful

songs. Over £2,000 was raised for the fabric fund of the church.

A huge thank you goes to all openers and especially all the helpers, without whom the event could not take place!

Robin Oldfield

The Art Gallery

First of all I would like to thank all Exhibitors for entering their work for show or sale. There were a total of **81 paintings** which made a respectable 1st Exhibition and the standard was high. We had many favourable comments to verify this!

Most of the work was done in Watercolour, there were a few Oils and a few done in Pastel and there was one 'Encaustic' (a method of paint, wax and heat). The Subjects were varied from Still Life, Life Study (nudes), Wildlife, Landscape and Street Scenes, Boats on Waterways and Seascapes, Flower Studies, Abstract Landscapes and Surreal paintings. One subject was missing and that was 'Portraiture' There was also an absence of 'Young Artists' hopefully they wont be so shy next year! Although there was a lot of interest in the paintings - only three were sold and the Commission on these was £26.00. The Entrance Fee on each painting was £1.00 so a total of £107.00 was raised.

The Screens were loaned to us by Clipston Art Society to whom we are indebted and thanks go to Bim Fowler from Clipston and Norma Simons from Spratton who gave so much of their time in helping me to hang the paintings. Our respective husbands Mike, Alan and Pete also deserve thanks for the transportation and setting up of the screens.

I think for a 'First' the inclusion of the Art Exhibition in the Open Gardens Weekend was a success and hopefully we can 'do it again next year'!

Roz Bradshaw

POLITE NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

Although the introduction of the doggy bins in Naseby has been a great success there is concern from parents about the amount of dog mess still being left on and around the green areas near Naseby School. Not only is it unsightly, it is a serious health hazard to the small children of our village.

Please help Naseby be a safe place to live by being a responsible dog owner

From the children at Naseby School

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO REPORT TO THE DOG WARDEN?

Contact: Sue Winters
Tel: 01327 302277





New Village Shop!

If there is one thing that Naseby village is lacking it is a local shop. I am sure many, if not all, of us have heard about the plans to build a new and much needed village post office store.

The store will be located to the left of the Fitzgerald Arms on Church Street and will be in perfect keeping with the village as the materials used to build the new building will be from the old barn that was situated on the site. This has now been knocked down and building work has begun.



As it currently stands
(or not as the case may be!!!)

The store will be owned and run by the Steane family who own the Fitzgerald Arms pub next door. Henry Steane will be the man in charge of the main running of the shop and most of you will have seen him behind the bar in the Fitzgerald arms.

FRESH HOME MADE PRODUCE

Hopefully there will be an in-store Baker occupying the flat above the shop who will be providing fresh bread and cakes regularly! There are plans to also incorporate a delicatessen concentrating on providing fresh produce including fresh and healthy ready meals such as curries.



As it was...

LONG NEEDED POST OFFICE

As well as this there will of course be the Post Office providing postal services as well as selling your usual everyday basics, saving us all the trip into neighbouring villages or Market Harborough just to grab a pint of milk or the daily newspaper.

AND THERE IS MORE...

There are also hopes of providing various other village services. A couple of things that have been mentioned as a possibility are a video rental service and the ordering of Christmas Turkeys for customers. I asked why they have decided to run a village store; "there is obviously a huge demand for a local store and we felt that we had wasted space, with the barn, in a perfect location on the main road. I think a local shop will be a good thing for Naseby and will do really well".

The shop will hopefully be up and running with in the next 6 months and I am sure it will be a great and much needed addition to the village!

So watch this space! We will update you in the next edition of 'Naseby Natters' where we will give a progress report with visuals of what the new shop will look like!

Liz Gregory

DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION?

In the meantime if you have ANY suggestions for the name of the shop, what you would like to see in the shop and services you want it to provide get in touch!

Henry Steane at the Fitzgerald Arms on:
01604 740273.





Parish Plan Completed!

A milestone to report! - Naseby's Parish Plan, first mooted back in autumn 2002, has now been completed!



Following its sign off in July by the Parish Council, the full Plan, together with a summary version for residents, has now been received back from the printers and distribution is underway. Both the Plan and the summary are printed in colour and have benefited from the professional

design skills of Amanda Green, who works so hard to make Naseby Natters look so good! A copy of the summary has already gone to each household, so that everyone knows how the issues raised during last year's consultation process have been, are being, or will be tackled. Anyone who wants to see a copy of the full Parish Plan document is welcome to do so, and should contact Ian Arnott, our Parish Clerk, on 01604 743199.

The main Parish Plan document is being sent to the Countryside Agency (who supported the whole process with a grant) alongside the Parish Council's

support. It is also being sent to some local organisations and to our district and county councils. Some of the material in it has proved relevant to the draft Village Design Statement for Naseby, which is now with Daventry District Council.

Naseby is one of over 900 rural communities to produce a Parish Plan, with its focus on tackling the issues that local residents view as important. Hopefully residents will see benefits from our Parish Plan, and thank you again to all of you who contributed in so many ways to it.

Heather Kirk

Royal Oak Events



The Oak has been busy over the past few weeks holding various events.

Pub Quiz: The fortnightly pub quiz has gone down very well and regular teams are now forming. To take part just show up on a **Wednesday night at 8pm** and put your general knowledge to the test.

Psychic Night: There was also a

psychic night held in July with Tarot and Palm reading. This will hopefully be held again at the end of the year as it was a massive hit!

Morris Dancers: Possibly the biggest and busiest event held within the last couple of months was the Morris Dancers meeting. Every six months 'sets' of Morris Dancers from all over the country meet up for a get together. This time they chose the Royal Oak pub in Naseby for their venue. They showed up by the bus load from places such as, Cornwall, Devon, Burnley and Derbyshire. Over 140 Morris men and women showed up in full costume to the Oak, bells

jingling at all times! It was a very hot day and both the garden and the pub were packed full of brightly dressed dancers. There was live music and dancing going on throughout the entire day.

A marquee was set up in the garden for some much needed shade, where people could sit and watch the dancing. Food was also provided throughout the day for the dancers.

The event was such a success that the Royal Oak is hoping to hold a meeting for the Morris men and women next year.

Liz Gregory

The Royal Oak

Opening Hours:

12am - 11pm 7 days a week • 12am - 2pm & 7pm - 10.30pm on Christmas day - All day and night on New Year!
Mary and Richard Quayle • Tel: 01604 740533





Calling Panto Production People!

It is coming to that time of year when Panto season preparations will need to be made. Some of the existing members of the 'Naseby Very Amateur Dramatics Society' are no longer able to commit to January's Panto. So we are desperately looking for some fresh blood in the form of

production crew to help out behind the scenes to enable us to continue with this much enjoyed tradition! If you think you might be interested in helping out - please get in touch!


Contact Chris Signal: 01604 743009

PS: Auditions for the cast will be held shortly - notice will be given!

Can you help brighten someone's day?

Do you have any **old magazines** that you don't know what to do with?

Perhaps you have some **jigsaw puzzles** that you have finished with - or some **paperback novels** taking up space?

 Would you be prepared to pass them on to someone in the village?

You may even be willing to **visit someone** occasionally, or if you spend time alone, perhaps you would like a visitor yourself.

Perhaps a **game of cards** or **scrabble** would be nice or just a friendly cup of tea!

Ring me if you can help. I will collect and distribute magazines etc if you have any to spare, or let me know your interests and I will see what I can do.

Liz Capell
Age Concern Village Contact
Tel: 01604 740567

NASEBY Historical Society

Naseby Historical Society has got off to a fine start with a very interesting tour of the Naseby battlesite, lead by Martin Marix-Evans, a member of the Battlefield trust. We didn't just learn about the battle, for example did you know that there is a nuclear bunker in a field in Clipstons?

The group will meet around 8 times a year and we hope to undertake a variety of events, such as:

- Setting up talks on aspects of local history,
- Setting up a website,
- Visiting some of Northampton's most interesting buildings (we are hoping to go to **78 Derngate in October, the house designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh**),
- Undertaking guided walks round local villages (we'll be descending on Brixworth next year!)
- Attempting to organise exhibitions of Naseby photographs.

If you have any other ideas - shout!

Our next full session will be a talk on **British Battlesites** which will take place on **Thursday 30th September** in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, details to be published shortly on the village noticeboard.

If you are interested in helping, would like to contribute a few ideas about what we should be doing, or would just like to attend the meetings please get in touch!

Chris Murphy

Contacts

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

BATTLEFIELD BRITAIN

Battle of Naseby
Friday 3rd September 9pm BBC2
Presented by: Dan and Peter Snow

BATTLE OF NASEBY RE-ENACTMENTS

Festival of History: 7th - 8th September 2004 Stoneleigh Park, Coventry
Tickets & Information: 0870 333 1183

Battle of Naseby: 4th - 5th September 2004 Audley End House & Gardens, Essex. Tickets at the door. Information: 01799 522399





Wildlife Support



John Hargreaves of Meadow View in High Street, Naseby, has farmed 300 acres between East Farndon and Marston Trussell for 22 years. His participation in the Countryside Stewardship Scheme was featured recently in Northampton Chronicle and Harborough Mail articles.

Under this Scheme he receives an annual subsidy from Defra (Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs) to encourage a beneficial habitat for wildlife by keeping 100 acres free of cultivation, added fertilisers, lime or general spraying. These 100 acres are kept for grazing cattle on land grassed down from the 16th Century on the rig and furrough principle. Mapboards on nearby footpaths indicate how to obtain access to these acres.

Birdlife is encouraged by not cutting hedges too low – not always easy to reconcile with modern farming. One example is the Blackbird which prefers to nest 5-6 feet above ground so needs a minimum hedge height of 7 feet to provide cover above a

nest. The desired hedge height increases to 10 feet for Goldfinches, Greenfinches and Linnets, while Warblers prefer to nest in brambles or grass near ground level so are affected by mowing of verges.

John's reported interest in **Tree Sparrows** originated almost by chance, when trying to discourage crows and magpies from damaging crops. The only bird apprehended was an unusual sparrow which turned out to be the rarer Tree species. These are shy of human contact, but are flock birds often nesting near water. They normally live round grain in the farmyard, but disperse for breeding. One such flock of 200 have been noted near Welland Park in Harborough. A family of Spotted Flycatchers has been seen around the farm, also Green and Spotted Woodpeckers, while Painted Lady Butterflies are attracted by the clover.

John's garden at Meadow View is a paradise for bees, butterflies and insects with foliage and grasses deliberately left long. In addition to old fashioned phlox and roses for scent he has planted a variety of nectar plants and wild flowers like lady's bedstraw, meadow cranesbill, harebell and teasles.

Peter Johnston

FACT FILE



TREE SPARROW

Scientific Name: *Passer montanus*

Status: Widely but locally distributed in England, Wales and lowland Scotland. Marked decrease in population in recent years.

Habitat: The tree sparrow is mainly a bird of open farmland with hedgerows and free-standing trees or small isolated woods.

Food: Seeds and insects

Description: Sexes similar. Smaller and shyer than a house sparrow and more active, with its tail almost permanently cocked. It has a chestnut brown head and nape (rather than grey), and white cheeks and collar with a contrasting black cheek-spot.

Size: 14cm

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For anyone interested in obtaining wild flower seeds, a nearby source is **John Chambers at Irthingborough - Tel: 01933 652562**

Two sources of information to encourage birdlife in or around a garden:
British Trust for Ornithology (www.bto.org)
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (www.rspb.org.uk).



Digital TV Entertainment for all the Family with

We are forever being told that "Digital viewers can Press the Red Button" for interactive services on the main terrestrial channels (on my TV remote pressing the red button switches the thing off!!!).

Digital TV can be received via the following two options:

1. Sky Satellite - for a monthly fee
2. Through a conventional TV aerial - without paying a monthly fee, using a service called 'Freeview'

If you go to the Freeview web site (www.freeview.co.uk) and enter a Naseby postcode, you will be told that the service is not available. WRONG! Several people in the village have found that they can receive Freeview signals.

We were advised to buy one of the more expensive decoder boxes (expect to spend £80-£100) rather than the cheaper (£60) ones, and that we may need a new TV aerial. Luckily for us (but not so good for Capell Bros - sorry Geoff!) the existing aerial worked fine!

FREEVIEW CHANNELS

Entertainment for everyone:

BBC3 • BBC4 • ITV2 • FTN
SkyTravel • UKTVHistory
UKTVBrightIdeas

Childrens Channels:

CBeebies • What'sOn

Music: TheHits • TMF

News: CBBC • BBCNews24
ITVNews • SkyNews

SkySportsNews • Community
Channel • BBC Parliament

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Bid-Up.tv • Price-Drop.tv

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You simply connect your decoder box to your TV and aerial, switch on and enjoy more quality TV choice! Geoff Capell is undoubtedly the expert on this, and will be able to advise on all aspects. Geoff can be contacted on 01858 465555 or 01604 740 568.

Wyn Sleeman

POLITE NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

We all know that parking in Naseby is far from ideal, but consideration by us car owners needs to be made for the safety of those who live in or travel through the village.

PARKING ON THE PAVEMENT:

Sometimes parking with 2 wheels on the pavement is the only option, but this can be a danger to children (and us adults!) who are forced to walk into the road when there is not enough room on the pavement to get past.

NARROW ROADS:

When cars park opposite one another on narrow roads this causes other hazards. Wide loads such as emergency services, lorries and farm vehicles simply cannot get through.

THIS COULD BE POTENTIALLY LIFE THREATENING!!!

Fire Engines could be forced to find an alternative route or have to stop to find the owner to move one of these vehicles causing unnecessary delays!

Please help Naseby be a safer place to live by being considerate to others when parking your car
- Thank you -

Village Hall

The village Hall now has a new, upgraded kitchen installed last month by a local builder Andy Begley (let's hope it gives better service than the last one!).

The number of organisations that use the village hall on a regular basis is gradually increasing and now includes: Keep Fit, Dog

Training , Badminton, Table Tennis, Yoga, Kids Tennis, WI, Heritage Group, After School Club, Parish Council Meetings, as well as Cycle & Caravan Club Rallies, Rounders League, and hopefully the annual Pantomime - but only if enough volunteers are found. (see p.13)

We are always on the look-out for further uses so please call Tim Heydon 01604 740556.

We are now concentrating on raising further funds for general maintenance, painting and decorating. We are also in the process of a feasibility study being carried out to see if all-weather tennis courts are a possibility on the Village Hall grounds. We will keep you informed of our progress!

The Village Hall Committee





Neighbourhood Watch News



FIRST THE GOOD NEWS!

Naseby has had NO recorded incidents of Crime during the past three months!

This is how it should be, and how we all wish it to be. Other villages near us have not been so lucky, or perhaps so vigilant.

Let's keep it up!

STOLEN PICK-UP TRUCK RESCUED!

You may have heard about a pick-up truck being stolen in Naseby some months ago. The police recovered this vehicle in Manchester some time later, and have confiscated it from its new "owner".

NOW ONE OR TWO WARNINGS:

There are still criminals at large in the county. Some simple tips may prevent you becoming a victim.

- Car keys get bigger and heavier every year. Please **DON'T** leave them on the hall table by the front door when you get home. Because car security systems are now so good it is much easier to steal the keys than to try to break into the car! In the words of the current campaign "Take your car keys to bed with you!"

- Did you know that a third of all burglaries during the summer months are committed by climbing in an open ground floor window?

BE SURE to close all those lower windows when you go to bed, or when you go out during the day!

- Other villages have been plagued by several 'Distraction' burglaries, where someone pretends to be from the Water Board or other utility and asks to come in. If you are not sure **DON'T** let people into your house!

AND FINALLY...

Finally a big welcome to new village resident **Steve Clark**, who read the last issue of 'Naseby Natters' and has volunteered to help the local Neighbourhood Watch team! Newlands should be well looked after from now on!

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 a ring - remember duties are not onerous!

Allan Kirk
Tel: 01604 743141

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:

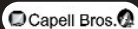
Andy Austin
'Ceybirds', 38 High Street

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*

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE THEN?

Look out for a full profile of Glyn Lewis, our 6' 4" genial Welsh Community Support Officer, already a figure seen frequently in Naseby!!!





Naseby Rounders Team

Here we are nearing the end of our first season, most of us feeling a lot fitter and some of us a little worse for wear! The injury bench has been getting bigger in the last few weeks!

Lynda and Bridget set about setting up a team in the spring and approached the Market Harborough League, which we joined.

We were lucky enough to find two sponsors, Westaway Motors and Naseby Business Centre - our thanks to them both for enabling us to purchase our kit and equipment.

The village hall gave the go ahead for us to use the playing field where we've played all our home matches and held practises on Sunday mornings.

We played our final match of the season on Wednesday 18th August 2004, which was at home and was played in fancy dress! There was an array of clowns, nurses and nuns to name but a few! It was followed by our usual



trip down to The Royal Oak afterwards where we have always been given a huge welcome providing refreshments for both teams and supporters. A huge thank you to Richard and Mary for being such excellent hosts (we all wish you a speedy recovery Richard).

Thanks to our "fan club" who have supported us not only at home matches but also away, the support is always most welcome!

Thanks also to Westaways for cutting the grass on the playing field and keeping it in such good condition for all our matches.

Weather permitting, we will continue to practise on Sunday mornings at the village hall, any new players are very welcome. Contact Bridget on 01604 740007.

Bridget Baker & Lynda Harrison

BUPA Great North Run



Mike Baker, Mel Hoyle and Duncan and Richard

Wheatley will be running the Great North Run in Newcastle on September 26th, 2004 for the Bobby Moore Fund for Cancer Research UK.

All four men are most definitely novice runners and any sponsorship and encouragement would be most welcome!!!

Please contact the individuals if you would like to sponsor them.

Mike Baker - Carvell's Home Farm, Carvell's Lane - Tel: 01604 740007

Mel Hoyle - 14 Nutcote - Tel: 01604 740848

Duncan Wheatley (via Mike Baker)

Robin tried... and Succeeded!

Robin Oldfield of 44 High Street competed in this year's London Triathlon and raised over £1,600 for the Prostate Cancer Charity.

Over the two day event a total of over 8,000 people competed in sprint and full triathlons, both individually and in relay teams.

Entering for the full Olympic distance as a novice triathlete, and concerned that he had done nowhere near enough cycle and run training, he nevertheless completed the 1500 metre swim in the Royal Docks in 25 minutes, the 40 kilometre cycle in 1 hr 19 minutes and the 10 kilometre run in 49 minutes. Adding on the transition times (getting the wet suit off, putting on shoes etc) his total time of 2hrs 43 minutes completely exceeded his expectations and the reward was a 14th place in his 55+ age group.

A big thank you to all friends, neighbours and business colleagues who enabled the original sponsorship target of £1,000 to be easily surpassed.



(Robin is in there somewhere!!)





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Tel: 01604 743765

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TV and Aerial specialists - Contractors to Trade & Local Authorities

Contact: Geoff Capell

Tel: 01858 465555/01604 740 568

G.Wood Turner

Wood turned decorative pieces to bird tables - commissions taken

Contact: Gerry Wood

Tel: 01604 740444

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Tel: 01604 740043

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Simply e-mail Amanda at: aj@ajdesign.biz with your company name, contacts details and a short list of services. It's easy and it's free (although we do except any donations - huge thank you to Rachel & Glen of 'FUN ON THE RUN' for their kind donation this issue!).

FUN ON THE RUN!

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Bouncy Castle Hire!
Bubble Machine - Balloon Typhoon - Slides -
Castle and Ball Pit - Indoor or Outdoor -
Toddlers to Early Teens - 7 Days a Week
Tel: 01604 743195 - Mobile: 07939 936978



CLUBS, GROUPS & SOCIETIES TO JOIN IN NASEBY!

Yoga

Monday 1.30-3pm in term times

Contact: Mike Willis (01604 740437)

Table Tennis

Meeting on Monday evenings

Contact: Mike Willis (01604 740437)

Cricket Club

"friendlies" to be played

Contact: Mike Willis (01604 740437)

Bridge Club

Purely on a social basis

Contact: Mike Willis (01604 740437)

Cribbage

Monday between April to October

Contact: Phil Brewin or Ray Ellis
(01604 740442 or 740562)

School Football Team

Wednesday afternoons

Contact: Mel Hoyle (01604 740848)

Rounders

Games will be home & away

Contact: Bridget Baker (01604 740007)

Age Concern

Contact with the other agencies

Contact: Liz Capell (01604 740568)

Clipston & District Gardening Club

Monthly meetings with speakers

Contact: Gerry Wood (01604 740444)

Womans Institute (WI)

Second Thursday monthly

Contact: Pat Yates (01604 740657)

Neighbourhood Watch

Team of 10 plus other helpers

Contact: Allan Kirk (01604 743141)

Keep Fit

Village hall during term time

Contact: Susan Locke (01604 740935)

Naseby Historical Society

New group just set up

Contact: Liz Crowley (01604 740448)

Youth Club

Friday 7.15-9pm in winter months

Contact: Stewart Nuttall (01604 740269)

Mums & Tots

Thursday 1.30 to 3.30pm - term time

Contact: Ruth Watson (01604 740845)

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)

Badminton Club

Meet at the village hall

Contact: Tony Hoare (01604 743136)

Village Hall Committee

Always looking for new users

Contact: Tony Hoare (01604 743136)

Riding for the Disabled

Mondays 4-5.30 pm/Apr-Oct term time

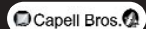
Contact: Tina Fanshawe (01604 740308)

Dog Behaviour & Training

Variety of services for dogs & owners

Contact: Shelley Purdue (01604 743037)

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





So Many Green Fingers!

I am pleased to report that the number of members in the Gardening Club is increasing with a sizeable number coming from Naseby! After the show on 5th September our next meetings are:

- 29th September - If you want to obtain plants cheaply then this is the place! Members are invited to bring along any surplus plants and sell or swap them with other members. Any cash raised you can keep or donate to a specific charity (usually Cancer Research or Macmillan Nurses).

- Tuesday October 26th - "Gardens of the East Midlands"

Talk given by Hazel Kaye who is very knowledgeable and runs her own nursery at Rearsby, Leics

- November 24th - "Kiwi Experience" Stuart Dixon of 'Hebbs Garden' will be talking about the gardens of New Zealand

Remember membership entitles you to 10% off at 'Clipston Nurseries' and 'The Plantsman' at West Haddon. For more information:

Gerry Wood - Chairman
Tel: 01604 740444



PS: We are looking into the possibility of buying bulbs in bulk and selling them to members at wholesale prices. Watch this space!

The Naseby W.I.

At our May meeting Members debated and voted on the three Resolutions to be put before the National A.G.M., held in Sheffield in June. These Resolutions sought to urge the Government:

1. 'To put into place legislation to combat trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation and forced labour'
2. 'To prohibit the cultivation of GM crops in the UK'
3. 'To make substantial funds available annually to the Air Ambulance Service.'

Naseby Members voted in favour of all three Resolutions, having no problem with the first two, but some considerable difficulty with the third. At the A.G.M., the first two were passed with majorities of 95% and 88% respectively, but the third was defeated with only 49% voting in favour. Obviously, the feeling of Naseby members was very much on a par with that of the Nation's members.

In June, Members enjoyed a visit to Harborough Theatre, where they saw Alan Ayckbourn's 'A Chorus of Disapproval'. The Speaker at the monthly meeting was Anita Smith who spoke about the Bansang Hospital Appeal and the problems she had encountered since her involvement with the hospital 12 years ago. As a result of her wonderful work raising money and getting second-hand equipment, much has been done and is still being done to alleviate many of these problems. Anita didn't charge any fee for her talk, and so we were delighted to give a generous

donation for the appeal (part of the sum raised at the very successful 'Bangers & Mash' lunch in March). Anita has informed us that it will be used to buy equipment for administering drugs to seriously ill children.



The subject of the speaker at the July meeting was totally different. Christine Blyth came to talk about 'Eleanor Crosses.' Not only did she tell members about the crosses, but also covered many aspects of Queen Eleanor's life and of the journey made by her funeral procession from Harby on the borders of Nottinghamshire/ Lincolnshire down to Westminster Abbey. Crosses were erected at each of the places where the cortege rested, but only three now remain - two of them being in Northamptonshire.

Following a very successful barbecue last August, it was decided to have a similar relaxing, informal event this year. We were invited to the home of our President, Pat Yates, for food, drink and conversation, and it is safe to say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening!

- 9th September - 'Pot Plants' Talk by Mr. Michael Davies from 'The Plantsman' in West Haddon

- 14th October - AGM

- 11th November - 'What is Autism?' Village Hall, 7.30.pm

- 9th December - 'Seasonal Recipes.' (final meeting of the year) Methodist Chapel, 7.30.pm where Pat Yates will be giving a cookery demonstration!

As always, any lady who would like to attend any (or all) of these meetings, would be most welcome.

Mary Hackett (Tel. 01604 740657)

A1: Danni Mingue
 A2: Can you feel it
 A3: True
 A4: Blue
 A5: Rachel Stevens
KIDS QUIZ ANSWERS (from back page)





Kids Corner!

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night by Mark Haddon:

This book is a murder mystery like no other! It is about a 15-year-old boy who suffers from an illness that makes it hard for him to understand people. He finds a neighbour's dog murdered and sets out on a funny and moving adventure to find the truth. This is a really heart warming story. When I read it I couldn't put it down! Even my parents thought it was great! It has a fascinating plot and I recommend this to children aged 10+.



Lion Boy by Zizou Corder:

This is the first book of three. It is about a boy who can speak to cats in their own language. When his parents are kidnapped he has to speak to the cats so they can help him find them. At one point in the book he works with a floating circus cleaning up after the lions. This is just one of his many adventures in this excellent, colourful story! I recommend this book to children aged 7+ and I can't wait for the other books to come out!



Spider-Man 2 - In cinemas everywhere now!

It has now been 2 years since Peter Parker first started being Spider-Man. He is now finding it extra hard to keep his social life whilst being a superhero. He especially wants the girl of his dreams and best friend Mary-Jane to fall in love with him. This is all made even more difficult thanks to his new rival 'Doc Ock'. Spider-Man must muster up phenomenal strength to defeat his titanium tentacles. This film is brilliant and the effects are excellent! Go and see it!



Kids Quiz!

- Q1: What is Kylie Minogues sister called?
- Q2: What song have FIVE and the Jackson 5 both released?
- Q3: Britney Speares has a younger sister - True or False?
- Q4: What colour were the suede shoes Elvis Presley wrote a song about?
- Q5: What is the name of the successful Ex-S Club member who is now topping the charts?

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

Don't Forget!
31st October
Halloween

'Kids Corner' by:
Lucy Henderson &
Elizabeth Gregory

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Knock, Knock
Who's there?
Littleman!
Littleman Who?
Littleman who can't reach the door bell!

!Knock!
!Knock!



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