



Naseby Natters

issue 5



Into Our Second Year Already!

Well who would have believed it was a year ago we started Naseby Natters? Time has certainly flown by! We have covered many areas of village life which we hope you have enjoyed and found informative. As we always say - it is your newsletter, so let us know what you want to see in your next edition and we will do our very best to put it in.

Again, a big **THANK YOU** to all those who contribute so much of their own time to help make this newsletter happen. A special thank you to Peter Johnston this issue for his fantastic support in getting this edition complete. As you may or may not know, the editor (Amanda Green) has been somewhat busier than usual, with the arrival of her first child back in November. Without Peter's help this edition would certainly been a little on the thin side!!! (**That is an understatement! Thanks again Peter - and appologies to all for this issue being a little bit later than usual - ed**)

With a new year ahead of us we are on the lookout for new and exciting articles. So get your thinking caps on and get in touch with us!

Natters is put together by a team of dedicated individuals who give-up their own time and offer their skills and resources free of charge each issue. This is why your feedback is **SO** important to us, to ensure that what we are doing is worth all the time and effort it takes to complete each edition.



Happy reading and a Happy Easter from THE NEWSLETTER TEAM



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Deadline

The deadline for the next issue is the **1st of May 2005**

**A PERSONAL
"THANK YOU"
FROM YOUR
POSTIE**

I would just like to say a **BIG** thank you to all for the generosity given to me at Christmas. It is so nice to feel appreciated within the village.

Thank you
Rachel



your newsletter and your village - so get involved



Village Update

Naseby Parish Council

MEETING OF ALL THE CLUBS & SOCIETIES IN NASEBY

This year's Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on the 7th April. It is hoped that last year's successful meeting will be repeated when representatives of the clubs and societies in Naseby will be invited to say a few words about their respective organisations. The result of the gathering last year was a comprehensive list of activities on offer within the village, now on display in the Parish notice board and published in this splendid newsletter.

This is an open and informal evening and will follow the normal Parish Council meeting. Refreshments will be served so please come along and have a chat about what is happening in Naseby or if you have any ideas which you would like to discuss with councillors and fellow residents.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Parish Council will take place the following month on the 5th May. It is at this meeting that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be elected for the following year.

GRASS CUTTING SUCCESS?

The new grass-mowing

contractor has already been at work within the village and it has been noted by many that the green areas of the village especially the Church-yard, are looking much tidier.

IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS ARE STILL AT LARGE!

As has become customary in the village report, I would remind all dog-owners to clear up after their dogs. The dog-warden has been notified that, sadly, we still have problems with irresponsible dog owners and she has agreed to increase her rounds in the village. She has the authority to issue on-the-spot fines to offenders!

IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS
You know who you are and you have been warned!!!!

WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL DOES BEHIND THE SCENES - IT'S NOT ALL PLANNING & DOG MESS YOU KNOW!!!!

The Parish Council has recently written a letter to the County Council asking why on earth the village has been bombarded with timetables and transport guides over the past couple of months. Below is a picture of all the brochures received to date - they actually weigh 2 stone and the postage has been £36.89!!!! They include timetables between



Banbury and Brackley - which is very useful I am sure you will agree.....!

We have commented on this wasteful exercise which has a real cost to the Council Tax payer. We shudder to think how these funds could have been better utilised.

We await their response....

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The Royal Oak is again under new management and we wish Elaine and Trevor all the best in their new venture!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - WHY NOT COME ALONG?

Parish Council meetings take place in the village hall Committee Room on the first Thursday of every month (except, usually, August and January) at 7.45pm and are open to all. The minutes of the previous meeting and the agenda of the next meeting are displayed on the notice board adjacent to the School entrance 3 days prior. At the beginning of the meeting there is the opportunity for anyone to 'have their say'.

TSUNAMI EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

An amazing £3,317 was raised at the fund-raising event held at the Village Hall on Saturday 15th January. What a terrific night was had by all who attended. As expected, it was a sell-out thanks to the presence of Roy Westaway and the Strangers and Barry Furniss the DJ, who were all on top form and provided great entertainment.





There are so many people to thank that I am in danger of sounding like Gwyneth Paltrow at the Oscars but the evening would not have been such a success without a lot of help.

The Village Hall Committee waived the fee for the use of the hall; the 'Panto People' allowed us to use their stage (sorry about the red wine stain!); Bob Steane applied for the all-important licence; Jason and Jack Westaway helped us clear the hall; the Naseby Business Centre kindly donated £100 x 2 as raffle prizes (the first of which was in turn given to the proceeds, the second being used to buy the most expensive case of beer in Naseby - handsome gestures both); Isobel sold raffle tickets; Allan Kirk was a star in the kitchen; many people brought plates of food which were available throughout the evening. A **HUGE** thanks to Roy, the Band and Barry for giving their time free-of-charge and making it a night to remember.

On behalf of the members of my staff - I'm sorry, I mean my fellow councillors and clerk - I also thank everyone who has made such positive comments following the event. We all had a wonderful evening for a worthy cause.

And on a personal note, I would be interested to learn the identity of the gentleman standing at the bar watching me 'at work' who remarked, unwittingly to my husband, "Imagine being married to that lunatic!"

So much for the short-term response to the devastating events. Lesley Campbell and Bridget Baker are currently looking into the possibilities of twinning with a village in the affected area with a view to long term aid. Sue Bradburn is keen that the school becomes involved with such a scheme and perhaps it is something which other organisations within the village would like to consider.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Alison Stokes
Chairman
Naseby Parish Council

Members of the Parish Council 2004

Mrs Avis Aldrich
18, Nutcote

Mrs Bridget Baker
Carvells Home Farm,
Carvells 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', Carvells Lane
(*Vice Chairman*)

Clerk - Mr Ian Arnott
Northside House, School Lane

Naseby Weather



MEASURED IN BAKEHOUSE RISE
COURTESY OF STUART CATO

Month 2004/5	NOV	DEC	JAN
Max Temp oC	12.6	11.8	12.7
Av Max Temp oC	9.49	8.0	8.2
Min Temp oC	-1.6	-2.5	-1.5
Av Min Temp oC	4.4	2.8	2.6
Min Wind Chill oC	-4.1	-6.2	-6.9
Max Humidity %RH	96	94	93
Av Max Humidity %RH	91.5	91.3	90.3
Min Humidity %RH	44	60	60
Av Min Humidity %RH	77.9	82.5	76.6
Max Wind mph	13.1	18.0	21.8
Av Max Wind mph	8.2	10.2	13.2
Max Wind Gusts mph	63.5	74.0	43.2
Av Wind Gusts mph	38.9	23.6	25.3

THANK YOU FROM THE EDITOR



Archie Holt Green was (finally) born at 2pm on November 22nd 2004 - some 12 days late - and weighed in at 7lb 12oz

We would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to everyone who sent cards and gifts and took the time to pop round and see our new arrival! We were overwhelmed by peoples generosity and thoughtfulness.

Amanda & Nic Green





All Saints Church



As you are possibly aware, the Revd. David Faulks has been ill since November and this has resulted in having various clergy taking our services.

The churchwardens would like to thank you all for your understanding and patience during this time. David is hoping to be able to

“resume normal service” as soon as possible. He extends his thanks for all your prayers and good wishes.

SERVICES:

It looks as though another busy time is ahead of us...

- There was a special Mothering Sunday Family service on 6th March at 9.30am
- On Palm Sunday, 20th March, at 4pm in Naseby Church, the combined choirs of Naseby and Church Brampton will be singing “Stainer’s Crucifixion.” Everyone is invited to this
- Details of the services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday are in the March issue of Contact magazine and on the church notice board

We shall, of course, be holding a series of fund raising events during the coming months and these will be advertised around the village, in Contact and in the next issue of Naseby Natters.

A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who donated bedding and warm clothing for the homeless in Northampton. They were very grateful for all the items you so kindly provided.

EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL

Jan Hillyer & Avis Aldrich
Church Wardens

Best Wishes to Jan Hillyer

We would like to wish Jan Hillyer well and a speedy recovery from her recent operation.

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Naseby Methodist Church

Amid the first daffodils and lambs, a flashback to Christmas:

THE MUMS & TOTS CHRISTMAS PARTY FUN!

A visit from Santa - lots of food and fun and carols with Rev John.

CAROL SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE!

The chapel was full, it was a united service, lots of kids, spontaneity, mince pies and coffee and the age old message of Jesus' birth told in a new way. For the 1st time it was the candles alone that gave light - thanks to Chris Nuttall, who put the carols up in a brilliant PowerPoint presentation!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPORT

It's great to report that the Sunday School is still growing and has new helpers!

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE:

We hope every Mother had a great day! A 'Family Time' Service was held on March 6th at 10.45 am.

LOOKING FORWARD TO EASTER...

This year we will join in with the Good Friday [25th March] Service on the



Square in Market Harborough at 11.15 am.

We celebrate Easter in a joyful and informal way in the Chapel. Just to remind you it's March 27 at 10.45 am

ANNIVERSARY!

We are looking forward to our Anniversary on April 24. Dr Price, who will lead us this year, had us all spell bound a few years ago!! So another date for your diary, cos EVERYBODY is welcome at all the services.

The Minister, John Harris, is on sabbatical March April & June. The contact address during that time is: Mrs Christine Hodgson 01858 467666

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Fellowship Meeting:
Wednesdays 7.30pm

Mums & Tots:
Thursdays 1.30 A lively meeting! Lots of mums - even more tots!

Prayer Meeting
Saturdays 9 - 9.30am

OTHER ACTIVITIES:
D[rinks] B[iscuits] & C[hat]
Second Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm. Come along and join a group of

older members of the village who meet and chat about the good old times!

To end with this month no jokes, but a poem written by one of our Sunday School members.

Leny Cato

Poem

Jesus loves you no matter
what you do

Jesus is still thinking just
about you

Jesus is our friend, he still
plays games with us

He loves me and I love him
and he makes the bees buzz

Would you like to meet Jesus
and play with him all day
long?

We would play for hours and
sing a jolly song

by: Lydia Bates

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Naseby School Association Update

What a busy end to the year, finishing with two more successful social events:

CHRISTMAS FAYRE:

The Christmas Fayre was held at the village hall on the 20th November and was very well supported by the whole village. Santa's Grotto proved as popular as ever, a big thank you to our very own Santa!

There were lots of stalls. The Rieker Shoe Stall, run by parents, proved very popular and made a fantastic profit for the School Association. Many thanks to Rieker Shoes.

The raffle was very popular, with some fantastic prizes and raised £611.

It was a big team effort and thanks go to all staff and parents who helped make this event such a success.

HIGHGATE HOUSE BLACK TIE EVENT:

This was a complete sell out and raised £1000 for the school



association! A good time was had by all, dancing the night away to Gary Underwood's Band, Empire and Sarah Capell's Disco. Thanks to both of them.

After a very productive meeting on the 31st January we have lots more dates for your diaries for 2005, so pen and paper to the ready!

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH BACK TO THE 60'S, 70'S & 80'S SCHOOL DISCO!

Naseby Village Hall
7.30pm - Midnight
there will be a Bar & nibbles
Tickets are £5 and available from either Sarah Burdett (tel: 01604 740704) or Julie Westaway (tel: 01604 740885)

SATURDAY 21ST MAY CAR BOOT SALE

School Paddock
10am - 12noon
Cars £5 and Vans £10 There will be refreshments and a Bouncy Castle for the children!

Contact Sarah Burdett (tel: 01604 740704) or Julie Westaway (tel: 01604 740885)

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE BATTLE RE ENACTMENT & HOG ROAST.

Details to follow..

FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER MARQUEE AT THE FITZ

With live entertainment by EMPIRE.!

FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER FASHION SHOW AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Held at the village hall.

We're looking forward to a busy 2005!

Sarah Burdett & Cathy Hoyle

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List of Governors

Dr. Peter Sainsbury (Chair of Governors)

Ian Arnott (Community), Stan Barton

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(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)



A Massive Thank You To Our Sponsor!

Again we would like to thank the generosity of this issues sponsor - Midland Environmental Services - better known as Scott Westaway. If it wasn't for these guys we wouldn't have a Newsletter!

Born in Naseby, Scott has now lived in four different houses within the village, two in Newlands and one each in Church Street and High Street, so there must be something good about the place!

Married with 4 children, his wife Julie and Scott have lived at New Hall Farm since 1999 after renovating the family home his Great grandfather first bought in 1919.

A regular golf player at Cold Ashby Golf Club, he has recently started shooting again and enjoys studying the history of the village.

Scott has been in pest control for 23 years and started as one of the 'ratcatchers' for Northampton Borough Council. This was supposed to be a temporary job until something better came along! He started "Midland Environmental" in 1987 when nothing did!

The company now carries out pest control work on behalf of several local authorities in Northants and Leicestershire as well as private work. Over the years they have been asked to eradicate most pest species including the odd lazy husband or stropky teenager! Working closely with Environmental Health

Departments they provide pest prevention contracts for commercial and industrial premises, utility companies, farms, food manufacturers, pubs and restaurants. And yes - he can tell you where it's safe to eat out!

If you have any kind of pest or damp proofing problem they are always happy to help with free advice (especially if the kettle is on!).

So why not give them a call! They don't bite!!!!

Pest Problems too big to handle?

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING...

- Rats
- Mice
- Wasps
- Ants
- Bees
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- Birds
- Cockroaches
- Fleas
- Flies
- Moths etc...



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The Women's Land Army (WLA)

LIFE AS A LAND GIRL

The Women's Land Army was made up of girls from every walk of life. Posters of smiling girls bathing in glorious sunshine and open fields covered the fact that the WLA often presented raw recruits (many from industrial towns) with gruelling hard work and monotony.



Formed originally in 1917 during the First World War the WLA was reformed with volunteers in June 1939 and built up to a strength of 80,000 by 1944.

Mrs Joan Bailey, born a Cockney in 1925, was evacuated briefly at the start of World War II to Berkshire but after the bombing of her home and school in London in 1941 she went to live with her grandmother in Castle Donnington, returning in 1946.



Joan Bailey in her uniform

Unable to settle back in London she joined the WLA in 1947 and came to Naseby, not unlike an aunt who joined up in WWI.

Around 20 Land Girls of the WLA were accommodated and fed in a WLA hostel on the edge of Manor Farm where Hall Close now stands under the kindly eye of Warden Sylvia Ringrose/ Marlow.

Naseby Land Girls were taken by WLA van to work on surrounding farms as far as Thornby, Cold Ashby, Clipston, East Farndon and Haselbech, following requests for assistance phoned in by farmers to a Forelady.

Typical jobs included work with cows and calves, gathering mangel wurzels by hand in frosty weather, hoeing, haymaking, harvesting which involved standing stooks of grain on end to dry before pitching them on forks up onto a cart, threshing (often a very dirty job) and straw thatching.

Joan ended up at Manor Farm in Percy Chapman's time, whose daughter Joyce recalls she applied at the age of 16 to join the WLA but was turned down as "unlikely to be able to cope" !

Life in the WLA in was not all work in Naseby where the favoured pub was the Fitz



Aerial view of Manor Farm before Hall Close was built





Taking a well earned break to pose for the camera!



perhaps because it was the nearest to the Hostel, which had a weekday curfew of 10 pm, extended to 11 at weekends.

Fortnightly the WLA provided a bus to the cinema in Market Harborough. The ride was free for Land Girls but boyfriends were allowed to take up spare seats after buying a ticket.

The Naseby hostel shut in 1949 when the occupants were offered the option of moving to WLA hostels in Thornby or Church Brampton or demobilisation which Joan chose.

Joan met her husband of 55 years here in Naseby. After service as a

UNIFORMS

The uniforms normally consisted of the following: -

- 2 short sleeved shirts
- 1 green pullover
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 pair of shoes
- 1 bib and brace overall
- 1 hat or beret
- 1 pair of rubber boots
- 1 long (very thin!) Mackintosh for the winter

Sapper in the Royal Engineers in the latter days of WWII in Germany, Maurice or "Bill" came to work as a stockman at Brankley Farm, Haselbech, with lodgings in School Lane.

They were married in 1950 and first lived in the High Street bungalow, now the home of Stan Barton, where there was no

Joan with some of the friends she made



mains water – it was not installed in Naseby until 1952.

After a couple of years they moved to a newly built house in Gynwell where they still live today, while their three children and grandchildren are not far away.

Joan and Maurice are a remarkable couple still leading active lives with many memories of times past in Naseby.

I'm very grateful to Joan for sharing some of her memories with us, particularly as a number of more recent arrivals have asked for earlier times in the village to be included in Natters.

Peter Johnston

WOMEN'S LAND ARMY SONG

Back to the land, we must all lend a hand.
 To the farms and the fields we must go.
 There's a job to be done,
 Though we can't fire a gun
 We can still do our bit with the hoe...
 Back to the land, with its clay and its sand,
 Its granite and gravel and grit,
 You grow barley and wheat
 And potatoes to eat
 To make sure that the nation keeps fit...
 We will tell you once more
 You can help win the war
 If you come with us - back to the land





He's behind you!

NASEBY VERY AMATEUR DRAMATICS Presents: DRACULA The Panto
Written by Jim Sperinck - In association with Jasper Publishing



Well, I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did. It wasn't perfect but in our experience our audiences enjoy the unscripted "cock-ups" more than the rehearsed jokes anyway.

We couldn't get Darren Day, Letitia Dean or John Inman but we did have Sean Hayden (right), Valerie Latham and Pete Christer - and a host of other people who like dressing up.



Dracula may be an unlikely story for a Pantomime but as always the ugly blood-sucking villain (played appropriately by a banker) was vanquished, and the good guy got off with the heroine. All held together by an unlikely group of witches, werewolves and sundry chefs with untold acting and singing ability - untold, because it's best left that way.

After three months internment at our own Secure Unit all concerned have been released back into the community - desperately wondering what to do with all their free time!

A full cast and support list is shown opposite and I would like to say a big thank you to all those concerned, with an apology in advance if I've missed anybody (I have enough of a problem typing). So many people have given freely not only of their time but also their expensive equipment.

Most of the behind the scenes stories are unprintable but it is amazing how smoke does not set off the smoke alarms at five rehearsals but does during two out of the three performances!

As a quiet reserved type it was also a joy to witness normally butch "Captains of Industry" having artistic differences when things did not go entirely according to plan. It has also long been a tradition within the profession for "luvvies" to take a stifferner or two to steady their nerves prior to the performance and it was nice to see that several members of the cast took this so warmly to their hearts.

A special word of thanks to the large non-adult contingent, ranging from about 8 to 16 years old. At a time when it is commonplace for the younger generation to be much maligned, ours turned up, worked hard and cheerfully put up with their elders forgetting their lines and becoming more crotchety as the dreaded day arrived.

A final vote of thanks to all those people who cheerfully paid their money for the tickets and

refreshments. Over 250 people attended over the three performances and I am advised that the final net profit will be in the region of £960!!!

All of the proceeds will go towards Village Hall funds, money which is vitally needed to pay for essential upkeep of this marvellous facility. I am advised that on this occasion the proceeds will go towards the cost of redecoration which is now urgently required.



Here's to the next time!! Naseby is a much larger place than when we started six or seven years ago and we would love to see more adults coming

forward to perform or help in the future. Whilst the performances themselves are great fun, the three-month run-up to the occasion can also be hilarious and a great way to make friends and be part of the village.

Don't boo - he doesn't like it!

Allen Atkins

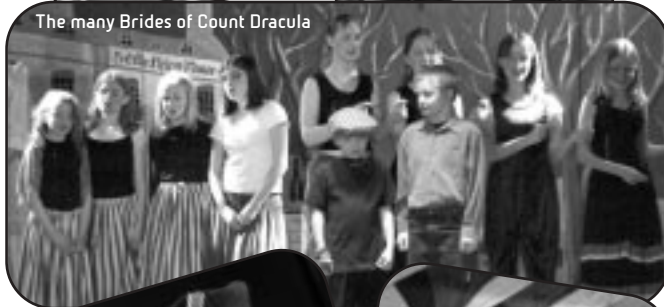




The happy couple - 'Rosie Glow' & The Count



The scary Werewolves!



The many Brides of Count Dracula



'Steak' (under the hat somewhere!) & a puzzled looking 'Kidney'



'Richard' has no idea what's going on either!



The cast in all their finery!

THE CAST

Fairy Garlick	Valerie Latham
Count Dracula	Roger Carter
Rosie Glow	Peter Christer
Jack	Sean Heydon
Sonia	Joanna Guy
Richard	Jane Boulton
Steak	Allen Atkins
Kidney	Gren Bramley
Boris	George Carter
Doris	Catherine Stewart
Brides	Charlotte Brodie
	Cherise Gould
	Danielle Gould
	Catherine Morgan
	Vickie Terry
	Tory Brodie
	Felicity Brodie
	Beth Stacey
Junior Chorus	Rosie Boulton
	Amy Clement
	Rosie Stacey
	Owen Carter
	Jonathan Stewart
	Gabriel Stewart

THE CREW

Director	Elizabeth Burbridge
Producers	Pauline Atkins
	Chris Bignall
Lighting/Special Effects	Geoff Capell
	Ian Parkin
	Edward Christer
Music	Andrew Bransby
Make Up	Hannah Blevin
	Janet Guy
	Ruth Whitehead
Scenery	Amanda Green
	Gordon Davies
	Ruth Bull
Costumes	Sue Davies
	Angela Carter
	Bella Stewart
Props	Mo Christer
Publicity	Gerry Wood
Bar	Tony Hoare
	Martin Guy
	Martina Sedlakova
	James Atkins
Camera	Janet Bignall

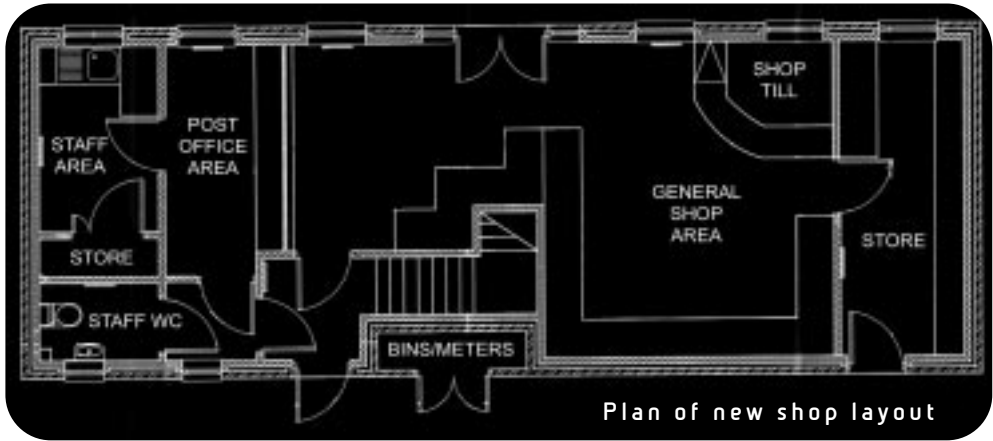




Naseby Shop Update



Front Elevation



Plan of new shop layout

As you will have noticed from the site where the new shop is to be built, not a lot has happened since the last edition of Naseby Natters.

The delay has been down to changes in the plans and all the formalities that it involves with the Council. But - finally - the building regulations for the new village shop have been approved!

During the next couple of weeks the foundations for the building will be put into place and over the coming months we should

all see diggers about the site when work on the structure of the building will actually start!

The new shop will be perfectly in keeping within the village as they will be using the materials from the original old barn that stood on the site.

Behind the scenes Henry Stein, who will be running the shop, is looking into the plans for the deli and other services that the shop will be offering.

We hope to have even more information in the next issue of

Naseby Natters! In the mean time have a look at the plans of our new village shop, to see what it will look like!

Liz Gregory

Fitzgerald Arms

Opening Hours:

12-3pm Tuesday - Sunday
7-11pm 7 Days a week

Food Served:

12-2pm Tuesday - Sunday
7-9pm Tuesday - Sunday

Children Welcome

Tel: 01604 740273



The Royal Oak Reopens!

After the departure of Mary and Richard following his serious illness, The Royal Oak reopened in the middle of January under new licensee Elaine Higgs.



Elaine (left) & her daughter Nicola (right)

She and her family have long been residents of Market Harborough where much of Elaine's thirty years experience in the licensed trade was gained at 'The Cherry Tree' in Little Bowden and latterly at 'The Bell' in Northampton Road.

Daughter Nicola is a hairdresser and used to run her own business but serves behind the bar four evenings a week along with help from her husband Daren, while Elaine's son Nigel may sometimes be seen around to help on the odd occasion.

Husband Trevor prefers to stick with his Motor Repairs Garage at 'The Boundary' behind the Farm Shop in Farndon Fields when not go-carting at weekends.

Elaine's aim is to turn The Royal Oak back into a traditional country village pub where Guest Beers and Real Ales will be one of its features!

The building is not big enough to have a restaurant but Elaine plans to offer Bar Snacks from Spring onwards when the weather improves and to make use of the large garden which is being restored to its former glory.

Children under parental supervision are very welcome in the Children's Room with TV and games. Well behaved dogs on a lead are also equally welcome!

Due to disconnection of the telephone landlines at the turn of the year, the numbers in the directory and previous Natters no longer apply. If you wish to call Elaine until a landline is restored, please ring her Mobile number 07985 408240.

We wish Elaine and her family a warm welcome and every success!

Peter Johnston



Wots On...

QUIZ NIGHT!

Last Friday of the Month
Hosted by Naseby's very own Stan the Man!

ST GEORGES DAY Saturday April 23rd

Come celebrate St Georges Day
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The End of an Era...

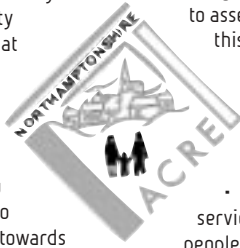
As you may or may not know, Eric Westaway passed away recently. At the time of going to print we were unable to put together a suitable tribute to him and his long service to the Parish and District Councils. We will however ensure a suitable tribute will appear in the next edition of Naseby Natters. Our condolences to all the Westaway family.





Your View!

I would like to introduce myself as the new Community Development worker at Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England).



I am appealing to you 'the reader' in order to gauge public opinion towards a service that I am currently researching and looking to develop if we feel that there is a need.

The proposed service would include a confidential support telephone line with links to all specialist advice organisations within Northamptonshire. This could also be developed as an Internet

service, as B.T. is now extending broadband into rural areas. This would allow people with busy lives to leave a message anytime.

Partnering this service would be a team of volunteer befrienders who can give a home visit in special circumstances. A Community Development Worker would also be working in the community in part to assess the effectiveness of this service and to continue gaining local knowledge.

The questions I pose you 'the reader' are:

- Do you think that this service would be useful to people living in your village?
- Do you think there is confusion over where to get localised help? By localised I mean being able to talk to someone who has knowledge of your area and what is available for you.

I am looking for people to take part in this research project. Anyone

giving information will remain anonymous.

Please let me know if you can help in this matter and if you have any comments about the two points listed.

Contact: Camilla Cobb,
Northamptonshire ACRE
The Hunsbury Hill Centre
Harksome Hill
Northampton
NN4 9QZ

Tel: 01604 825 889

or Email:

camilla.cobb@northantsacre.org.uk

We shall, at a later date, be looking for volunteer befrienders, who will be given training. We will also be looking for Professionals such as Solicitors who can give a little time to those who are experiencing disadvantage. If you are interested then please drop me a line.

CAMILLA COBB
Community Development Worker
Northamptonshire A.C.R.E.

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NASEBY

Historical Society

Naseby Historical Society continues to forage in the rich deep loam of the nation's history. Since the last Natters we have had a number of excellent talks, including one given by Naseby resident Patrick Crecraft on the History of Canals in the UK and another on Market Harborough

Shop fronts given by Stephen Barker. Both events were very well attended, with a significant number of questions asked throughout the talks.

Our programme for the rest of the year covers a wide variety of topics and includes walks with a historical

theme, a visit to a local stately home and a number of interesting talks. Most (but not all) events take place on the first Wednesday of the month and everyone is welcome.

Anyone interested in joining or contributing ideas about our activities and talks please contact:

Contacts

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

Chris Murphy

NASEBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 2005 TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME & VENUE	DESCRIPTION
2 March 2005	8.00 Naseby Village Hall	Women in Northampton Villages after the Black Death Mike Thornton
6 April 2005	8.00 Naseby Village Hall	Annual General Meeting
4 May 2005	8.00 Naseby Village Hall	A South Devon shipwreck and sunken treasure by Jim Tyson
8 June 2005	7:30 Brixworth	Walk around Brixworth led by John Dawkins, Secretary of Brixworth Historical Society
June 2005	Battle Site	We will be trying to arrange a walk round the Naseby Battle site
July	No Meeting	-
August	No Meeting	-
7 September 2005	8.00 Naseby Village Hall	TBA
5 October 2005	Kelmarsh Hall 7.30	A guided Tour round Kelmarsh Hall. Cost will be £5.50 per person (need minimum of 18 people).
2 November	8.00 Naseby Village Hall	History & Work - A talk by Barbara Hewitt from the National Trust. This will focus on Lyveden New Bield
7 December	8.00 Naseby Village Hall	History of the Postal Service 1635 - 1840 Derrick Smeathers. Derrick has letters sent from Naseby that we can look at.





Neighbourhood Watch News



I'm sorry to report that for once all has **NOT** been quiet on the streets of Naseby.

Just three weeks before Christmas many of you will have heard the Police helicopter flying over the village at 3:00 a.m. This was in response to a call from a member of the public living in Knights Hill who spotted two men in his back garden. Unfortunately nothing was found.

I say unfortunately because the next night another house just across the road was broken into early in the morning, whilst the family were asleep upstairs. The criminals gained access by removing a window from its frame. Various items were stolen. Needless to say the family was quite surprised and upset about this.

Then two weeks later the house next door to them suffered an attempted burglary at 3:00 a.m., but because of the previous incidents the owners had begun to set their alarm at night - the alarm went off and the attackers fled empty-handed.

As a result of these events the residents employed a private security company to keep an eye on their road during the night. No further incidents have occurred.

Equally worrying was an attempted "Distraction" burglary in Nutcote in early February, when two men persuaded a lady in her 80's that they were from the Water Board, and gained access to her house. One went upstairs, but the lady caught one going into her handbag and they fled. Nothing was taken, but it very easily could have been.

SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

One or two simple prevention measures will reduce the risk of a burglary greatly:

- **Secure your perimeter:** If a burglar can get into your back garden easily he then has time to break in without being seen.
- **Use your alarm system if you have one:** It should be maintained regularly to avoid false alarms, especially if there is a power cut. The back-up battery will need to be changed every five years or so.
- **Check ID:** Don't let unknown people inside your house before you have checked their identity. If in doubt keep them out!

Let's all hope that I have nothing to write about in the next issue....

BE VIGILANT!

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
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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*





Gardening Club Update

When writing this article it really appears that Spring has Sprung early this year. Amazingly Garden Centres are selling bedding-out plants. If you plant them out now, you surely won't see them again! The best thing is to curl up round the fire, study a seed catalogue and see if you can grow some of those exotics from seed!

At our first meeting this year, David Penny (Waking up the garden) gave a good tip for getting rid of ground elder. He recommends planting nasturtiums in amongst it. After a couple of seasons the ground elder will be no more. Wonderful! Any ideas on how to get rid of nasturtiums?

Due to the success of the bulbs we bought in bulk and sold to members at wholesale prices we will looking at doing the same again next year!

Below are details of our next 3 meetings to be held as usual in Clipston Village Hall.

- **Tuesday 24th March** - Bees and Flowers - Brian Dennis (honey, bees wax and candles for sale)
- **Tuesday 26th April** - Dahlias - Richard Chambers (plants for sale)
- **Tuesday 24th May** - Demonstration on hanging baskets and planters - Richard Moss

Richard Moss is from Welland Garden Nurseries and was one of the many people behind the winning display put on by Market Harborough's "Britain in Bloom 2004". Should be a good evening!

Gerry Wood - Chairman
Tel: 01604 740444



Anyone for Tennis?

Does the Village want a Tennis Court?

The Village Hall Committee are interested in furthering the idea, but require interested Tennis Players to form an informal Club, so that fund raising/Lottery Grants etc, can be initiated.

People interested are asked to phone Mike Hopkins (Chairman) on 01604 740309.

It is felt that Tennis Courts would add to the amenities of the village, especially for the younger people.

Villages surrounding us such as Welford, Clipston, etc, already run successful Clubs and it's possibly something we would like to be part of.

ADIDAS FLORA LONDON HALF MARATHON 2005

Amanda White is once again writing to ask whether you will support her attempt at this years Adidas Flora London Half - Marathon, held at Silverstone on the 13th March.

She is running again for "Children With Leukaemia" - the leading charity dedicated exclusively to the research and treatment of childhood leukaemia and to the welfare of

Panto Tests Village Hall Amenities!!!

The Pantomime was - as always - a great success, raising £960 for Village Hall Funds.

When Count Dracula appeared in a cloud of smoke we all experienced a loud ringing in the ears - proof that our smoke alarm was working satisfactorily!!!

Well done and thank you to everybody concerned for a great effort.

Are you handy with your hands?

We are still looking for an odd-job man (I'm sure that's not very P.C.) to work on an 'as & when basis' for the Village Hall.

No electrical work, just general maintenance, if you think you can help out give Gerry Wood a call on 01604 740444.

Village Hall Committee

leukaemic children and their families. Your fantastic support last year was greatly appreciated.

She is now in full training mode - although she is hoping she hasn't left it too late - too many doughnuts in Florida at Christmas! Sprint, jog, hobble, limp or crawl...She will make it round.

Please email her if you would like to pledge a donation..... so what are you waiting for - do it now!!!

Amanda White
<amandawhite@onetel.com>





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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

Call for confirmation

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!





The Naseby W.I.



First and foremost, on behalf of all the Naseby W.I. members, I congratulate Amanda on the safe arrival of her son, Archie. We hope he continues to prosper and to be considerate enough to allow his mother time to carry on the sterling work she does as editor of 'Naseby Natters.'

Since my last report, members of the W.I. have held three meetings, which although totally different in content, were very successful. In November we had a thought provoking and inspirational talk about Autism. In December our President, Pat Yates, gave an excellent cookery demonstration, this time with an Italian flavour. We got lots of ideas and thoroughly enjoyed sampling the many dishes which Pat prepared for us. In January we held our annual party at the home of Alison Stokes. This was great fun; after feasting on delicious refreshments, we were entertained with some humorous poems and monologues provided by some of our own members.

The subjects to be covered by speakers at our meetings in the near future will be equally varied, but should be just as good. On Thursday, 10th February, our speaker will be Mr. Michael Davies from West Haddon, who will be telling us all about pot plants. Mr. Davies was to have come to Naseby last year, but was unable to do so; his talk this time promises to make up for this!

A complete change of subject for the meeting on Thursday, 10th March, when June Perkins will talk about the 'Pleasures of Poetry.' Something very different again on Thursday, 14th April, when Christine Blyth's subject will be 'The Incas of Peru.' In May we shall not have a visiting speaker, but will be getting down to the serious business of voting on the various resolutions to be put forward to the national annual meeting in the Royal Albert Hall. All of these meetings will be held in the village hall, starting at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to come along to all or any one of the meetings would be made very welcome.

Those who attended the W.I. 'Bangers and Mash' lunch in the village hall last year, will remember how good it was! It was so successful, that it has been decided to repeat it this year. The menu will be very similar, (i.e. various types of sausage, including vegetarian and gluten free, and different mashed vegetables, followed by puddings). The prices will remain the same at £5.00 per adult, £2.50p for children, or £12.00 for a family ticket.

This will be a fund raising event. Some of the money raised will go as donations to Air Ambulance, and to the Workbridge Centre in Northampton which works with handicapped youngsters. Both of these organisations are providing speakers for meetings during 2005, and as they will not be charging fees, we shall give them donations instead.

Do please come along and support us again this year – you should enjoy a good lunch and good company, all at a reasonable price!!!!

Tickets will be available from the last week in February.

Mary Hackett
Tel. 01604 740657

AND LAST BUT BY NO MEANS LEAST - 'BANGERS AND MASH' LUNCH to be held on SATURDAY, 5th MARCH from 12 noon.

KIDS QUIZ ANSWERS (from back page)
Q1: Jim Carrey
Q2: Daniel Ratcliffe
Q3: Beauty and the Beast
Q4: Home
Q5: Julia Roberts





Kids Corner!

MOVIE REVIEW

The Magic Roundabout

Zebedee, Dougal, Dylan and the gang are back! The new movie is out now and has a great cast, including Robbie Williams playing Dougal! The story loosely resembles that of Lord of the Rings, with a slightly comical twist. The gang have to find 3 diamonds, Dougal then vanishes... can they find Dougal and the diamonds in time and still get home before bedtime???



A must see for families. Suitable for all ages.

BOOK REVIEW

Bertil and the Bathroom Elephants
1st American ed:
Lindahl, Inger;
Lindstrom, Eva



"It's not Bertil's fault that the bathroom gets so wet. It is the elephants that are splashing and spraying. There is no end to the mischief they cause! At first Bertil loves his new friends, but when he is not allowed any peace and quiet in the bathroom, he has a change of heart. Problem is, just how do you get rid of naughty bathroom elephants?"--Cover jacket

This is a great, fun new book, recommended for younger children.

Joke Corner

Why did the Easter egg hide?
He was a little chicken!



Why does the Easter bunny have a shiny nose?
His powder puff is on the wrong end!

Kids Quiz!

- Q1: Who played the character of Count Olaf in Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate events?
- Q2: Who Played Harry Potter?
- Q3: In what film did Mrs Potts and Chip appear?
- Q4: Where was Macaulay Culkin left alone?
- Q4: Which famous actress played Tinkerbell in the film Hook?

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

Don't Forget!

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday 27th March



'Kids Corner' by:
Lucy Henderson &
Elizabeth Gregory

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