

# **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

## **Councillor Vacancy**

If you would like to put yourself forward for the vacancy on the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk of one of the councillors..

## **Parish Paths Warden**

Brian Farrow, who resigned from the Council at the end of last year, had been the Parish Path warden for many years and had carried out a sterling job, for which the Council thanked him on behalf of the village when he resigned. However, this leaves the village without a Paths Warden. This is not an onerous undertaking – it's a matter of keeping abreast of any problems with rights of ways in the parish and keeping lines of communication with the County Council as open as possible. The main undertaking is to walk each RoW at least once a year. If this is something that you think you would be interested in doing, the Parish Council would be very pleased to hear from you – please contact the Clerk, details below.

## **Eastfield Crescent**

The County Council has advised that there is to be a temporary road closure on Eastfield Crescent on 6<sup>th</sup> April for one week. This is to enable the contractors, known as MGWSP, to carry out carriageway resurfacing and the closure is for off peak only. Please contact the clerk if you would like any further information

## **Smartwater**

After a number of niggling delays, the first batch of Smartwater has been ordered. Smartwater is an invisible marking system whereby everything that you 'paint' with your Smartwater (similar to nail varnish or clear tippex) can be traced back directly to you. A rather crude analogy is the way that a micro-chipped dog or cat can be traced to its rightful owner – Smartwater has a hidden forensic code that is utterly unique to you. It's visible under certain lights which are used as a matter of course in certain police custody situations and property recovery matters –it's a proven deterrent and increased the chances of you getting something stolen back The special offer price is £20.50 – (RRP is more than double). Please see the village website [Nassington.org.uk](http://Nassington.org.uk) or contact the clerk for more information

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## COMMUNICARE

The bi-monthly meeting of Communicare took place at Wansford Surgery on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Treasurer, Gilbert Markley, is currently recovering at Edith Cavell following major surgery. Best wishes were expressed and sent from all his friends in Communicare for a speedy return home and progress back to full health.

In his absence, Secretary Clare Wagstaffe presented up to date accounts. Several donations had been received including £500 from The Fathers of Kings Cliffe; after payments of £2800 covering purchase of equipment and a contribution towards the Social Group's Christmas lunch, the balance in hand stands at just over £11,000.

On the Transport Scheme, it was reported that some volunteer drivers had been approached by Action Aid of Oundle to join their organisation which provides similar services for local residents. After discussion and comparison of fees paid to drivers and charges to users, it was decided to refer this matter to the next meeting in March. Additional drivers are always needed – if you feel able to contribute a few hours a week or month to the scheme, please contact Clare on **01780 470437**.

The new patient library has been well received with many patients taking advantage of books on offer, their choice guided by the GP – suggestions for further additions would be welcome. All equipment recently purchased with Communicare funds has now been delivered and is in use; however Dr. Takhar reported that training was still awaited for the skin lesion scope but he hoped it would soon be available, possibly at a regular dedicated clinic. There were no requests for additional equipment at the present time.

The meeting was delighted to learn that the practice has been given permission to continue dispensing from the surgery. The result of an appeal against the recent refusal for Drs Takhar and Nally to form a company to run full pharmacy facilities is due by the end of the month.

A new walk-in medical centre at Alma Road in Peterborough opens in April. Both nurses and a doctor will be on hand 8am – 8pm seven days a week.

Mobile equipment for detecting diabetes has recently been available at the surgery and over a hundred patients were tested. It is hoped to repeat this service on a regular basis. Female patients between 50 and 70 will shortly be receiving their call-up letter for mammograms; all are encouraged to take advantage of this important check-up.

The next meeting will be held at Wansford on Thursday 12 March 2009.

The Social Group's post Christmas lunch at the Lady Anne was well attended and enjoyed by all. The next get-together is at Yarwell Village Hall on Friday 20 February for coffee, a chat and the opportunity to hear about plans for the coming summer day trips and the autumn short break holiday.

**Wendy Spencer.**



## **NASSINGTON & KINGS CLIFFE SCOUT GROUP**

### **COULD YOU HELP?**

Would you like an opportunity to be involved in your local community?

Are you a fun-loving and enthusiastic individual who would like to share your time and skills with young people?

We are actively seeking assistant leaders to help with our thriving Cub pack and Scout troop.

If you or anyone you know would be interested please contact our Group Scout Leader, Ian Mackay on 01780 782864.

Nassington and Yarwell Burial Board

There are several grave stones in the Nassington and Yarwell Cemetery that have fallen over, or become damaged.

The Burial Board have taken some advice as to the best ways of trying to avoid accidents, both to visitors to the cemetery and to the memorials. After consultation we propose to lay any that is already detached onto the grave to which it relates. This should prevent further damage to the stones, and make sure that they are retained should they be re-erected in the future.

Obviously, we would welcome it if any family who wishes to reinstate their memorial.

Please note that we have no intention to move any of the stones, nor to lay down any that are askew but are still in the ground

If anyone has any concerns or just wishes to speak to the board, please contact the clerk; Yvonne Banke

01780 782841

## NASSINGTON CHURCH.

**Family Service.** On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009. This will NOT be in Church as the Church is closed for 2 weeks for electrical works to be carried out. The Family service will be in **Nassington School Hall** at the usual start time of 10am. As always everyone is welcome to attend, so why not join us in our “alternative” Church.

**Camera Found.** A camera was found in Church after the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. If anyone thinks it may belong to them please ring Alan Rodger on 01780 782736.

**Church Chairs.** This appeal has been very well received by everyone. At the moment we have money given to buy 69 chairs, either in memory of someone or as a donation. However, the PCC have decided to purchase 100 chairs at this beginning of this month, so you still have time to buy one if you so wish. Please contact David Laking on 01780 782025 or Bishop John 01780 782271 if interested.

**Songs Of Praise.** This takes place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3pm in Church. The Yarwell and Nassington Britannia Band will again be leading us for the singing. This year Bishop John Flack will be our compare, and there will be a theme of “Hymns through the Church Year”. So please do come along and join us, admittance is free of charge.

**Fellowship Meeting.** This month the meeting is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Ann and John Marriott’s home, 35 Church Street. Bishop John will be giving a talk on “The Life and Times of Jesus Christ”, as part of the preparation for Easter. If going please contact Ann on 01780 783603 for catering purposes.

**Launde Abbey.** The Abbey has again arranged a full programme of events for the summer months, please check the listings which are elsewhere in the booklet. Volunteers are always welcome for helping with these events, or just turn up and support them. The Abbey house will be closed next year for refurbishment, and the proceeds of some of the events will go towards this.

**Coffee Mornings.** These will begin again in the late Spring. If you have read the “Your local choice” booklet, you may have seen the advert for Nassington Church coffee mornings now being held. Please ignore this as it is incorrect.

### **Oundle Church Youth Association.**

We have been asked to advertise this as some of our younger villagers may be interested. ALL DETAILS are available from David Gent 01832 273491, so please contact him if interested in any of the following.

“The Point” this meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday evening of every month, in Peterborough. Transport is available from Oundle. There is a café/bar area, bookshop and chill-out zone along with other interests.

Letton Hall, a Georgian Country House in Norfolk, is home to “God’s Hall of Fame” from 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February. The cost of the stay is £78 inc. with transport from Peterborough. For more info either contact David Gent or [www.crops.org.uk/lettonhall](http://www.crops.org.uk/lettonhall).

“Soul Survivor” holiday for OCYA is on 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> August. The cost will be £140 inc. Details from David or [www.oundlebaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.oundlebaptistchurch.org.uk)

## **A LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN**

LENT begins in February. The word itself is an Old English word meaning "Spring", but at church it refers to the 40 days and 40 nights running up to Easter. During Lent we prepare ourselves to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and discover how those great events affect our lives as individuals and as a community.

Traditionally Lent is a time for "giving up" something as an act of self-discipline. I rather prefer the idea of "taking on something extra". So you could try attending our

Lent Meetings which are going to happen on Tuesday evenings throughout March when we shall be getting to know each other and looking at the Bible together. Full details will appear in next month's newsletter.

LENT starts on Ash Wednesday, 25th February. There will be special services that day at 9.30am (Nassington) and 7.30pm (Woodnewton). We hope you will join us.

With warmest good wishes to you all

**+JOHN FLACK**

### **Joan (Barbara) Sharman.**

Connie Moisey, and Bill and Grace Black would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages and visits during their sister Joan's illness and her passing away on 13th December. Special thanks to Pat and Janice, Wendy and Tom and Jane and Jim for all their help and support in recent weeks. To the staff of Peterborough District Hospital and Wansford surgery for their care and kindness. To Bishop John Flack for his support before and during the moving funeral service. And a very big thank you to Barbara and Dennis Rycroft for being such marvellous neighbours to Joan and Connie over the years at Apethorpe Road.

### **NASSINGTON CRICKET CLUB**

Nassington Cricket Club have organised indoor nets for the U9's at Queen Eleanor School, Stamford from the Sunday 15th Feb to Sunday 19th April at 1.30 -3pm. There will hopefully be a couple of coaches there so that should get the boys into peak condition come the start of the season!

Nets will be £2.

Please speak to Jonathan Potter on 07789400121.

## Advertisement

We are seeking a lively and enthusiastic person, professionally qualified in the practice of child protection, to develop the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults within the Diocese of Peterborough. This will include supporting and helping our churches in Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Rutland as well as advising diocesan staff. The position is part-time (25 hours per week) with an annual salary of £18,000 (equivalent to a full-time salary of £25,200) and is based in the Diocesan Office in Peterborough.

For more details and an application form please contact Richard Pestell, Diocesan Secretary, The Palace, Peterborough PE1 1YB (Tel: 01733 887002, e-mail: [richard.pestell@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto:richard.pestell@peterborough-diocese.org.uk) ).

The closing date for applications is Friday 13 February, with interviews on Tuesday 24 February

### **WANTED CLEANER FOR - VILLAGE HALL**

**ONE HOUR PER WEEK, DAY AND TIME NEGOTIABLE**

**CONTACT:- Sue Payne 01780 782747  
Ann Bainbridge 01780 782426  
Chris Keighley 01780 783662**

## THE TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS OF ALLOTMENT LIZ



Welcome to the world of allotmenting! I am comparatively new to this game so walk (and dig) with me for a while. I took on one of the Nassington allotments last March and when I started it was just what appeared to me, a field! Grass as far as the eye could see.

Andrew Codman kindly came along and ploughed it for me quickly followed by my much put upon son-in-law Richard who followed the ploughing with his trusty rotavator, 'now we are off' says I. How lovely it looked all brown, fertile soil begging me to plant away – which I did. Two raised beds were put in place, a selection of brassica were planted, potatoes chitted and popped into holes with a little compost and fertilizer to get them going and seed liberally strewn. 'Stand back and wait' says I; I waited and waited. Now at this point I will have to state that I am a very impatient woman, true Arian that's me. I talked to the plants, covered them with nets to stop marauding birds, not that it stopped them forming an allegiance with the local rabbits who, in the dead of night blacked their little whiskery faces and lifted, oh yes, lifted my nets. Very clever the Nassington rabbits don't you know, so some plants were lost to this unholy alliance. However in due course they started to show, but so did the weeds. Now I know that rotavating is a quick relatively easy way to prepare your allotment but my advice is **don't do it**. Rotavating chops all the weeds into minute pieces which then go on to produce thousands of other weeds, so back breaking digging and lifting of invasive weeds is the only way; unless you have a go at what I am going to have a go at – **no dig** vegetable growing. More of that later!

The weather in early 2008 was not good for the gallant allotmenters; it was cold and wet, wet and cold so things like potatoes did not fare too well, not for me anyway. They came up here and there and I began to suspect that the dastardly rabbits and birds had been at it again and were at the very moment I was trying to locate the first little green shoots that promised a bumper crop of spuds, were rolling on their backs with feet in the air having a fit of the vapours at me expense. However, not to be put off, I put my shoulder to the wheel and I must say that for my first year I was well impressed, 'a pat on the back for Liz' says I. Carrots, cabbage, swede, turnips, beetroot, marrows by the wheel barrow full came forth from my shaky beginnings of self veg' sufficiency. A shed followed, together with an old leather sofa which was brought out during the good days to recline upon and plan my plot for the coming year. Which is going to be a good one – mark my words?

It now of course is a New Year and I must take this opportunity to wish all residents of our lovely village a happy and healthy one and thank the new owners of the Black Horse for staging and helping sell raffle tickets for me. The proceeds from the raffle will enable all allotment holders to benefit from joining the "Kings" seeds discount scheme, more details next month.

I hope to take you step by step through my gardening year which is going to start with my "no dig" plan. The first step is to lay down cardboard, which will provide a barrier to the weeds and eventually rot down as it is bio-degradable. On top of this I shall place a mulch of spent compost from my pots, well rotted leaf mould and the contents of my allotment heap, wonderful stuff it is. This will then lay dormant during the late winter/early spring months and be ready for planting come the new season.

**Wish me luck!**

**Allotment Liz**

## **“Local Gossip” .....**

### **The Moores Family**

After 15 very happy years, Lynne, Philip, Michaela and Dominic Moores have left Westmoreland Close for new adventures.

Michaela and Dominic have ventured off to university and Lynne and Philip have moved to Grantham (temporarily, although Edinburgh is next and then.....who knows???)

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our life in Nassington so wonderful. We take with us grateful memories of lovely neighbours, terrific school, playgroup, Scouts, Garden Shows, May Day and May Pole dancing and so much more. The new residents of our house have much to look forward to and we wish them a happy time.

Thanks to the On-line newsletter we will be able to keep in touch with what is happening and we wish everyone in Nassington the very best for 2009.

### **Lynne and Philip Moores.**

lmoores@btinternet.com

## **NASSINGTON NEWSLETTER**

### **Letter to the Editor**

A brief farewell to all I have met during my time in Nassington as Manager at The Queens Head, many have become good friends and will be missed. Thank you for all your support over the two and a half years and hope our paths cross in the near future. Very best wishes to you all.

**Zena x**

### **Donations this month**

£10 gratefully received from Judge and Mrs Morrell.

£5 gratefully received from the family of Mrs Joan Sharman.

### **Spring**

Spring is on its way (sooner rather than later we hope) and that means spring cleaning! If you are having a good clear-out of your junk this year why not recycle here in your newsletter.

Remember, your junk might be just what our reader is looking for; so let me know and I will place it in the March edition.

**Editor.**

## FRIENDS OF NASSINGTON SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who has supported FONS over the autumn terms. The Christmas Fair and the sponsored walk each raised over £600. We are still collecting mobile phones; which are recycled and this raises some funds for the school. So if you have any old unwanted phones please bring them into school. The children designed a school tea towel before Christmas and there are still some available to buy. Please contact the school if you wish to purchase one.

We are spending all the money you help us to raise. Each of the classrooms has some extra resources to enhance the children's learning. Reception class will soon have a new carpet (we are simply waiting for some other work to be completed in there before laying the new carpet). The children had a great day at Stibbington Outdoor Education Centre before Christmas and FONS were pleased to be able to help with the funding of this trip. They also enjoyed their annual trip to the panto, always funded by FONS.

Of course after spending we need to continue raising money; so can I appeal to everyone's generous nature?

Please make a note in your diary for **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** when we are holding an "Auction of Promises". Do you have anything to offer that others can bid for? It need only cost you your time – gardening, housework, car cleaning, etc. Or absolutely anything you can donate that others might bid for, ordinary or unusual – we've had a trailer of manure in the past!

Please contact Sue Rickwood on **783790** for information about the evening or if you are willing to offer a 'promise' to support this event. We shall be extremely grateful.

Thank you

**Sue Rickwood.**

For more information about the school and FONS go to the website, [www.nassingtonschool.org.uk](http://www.nassingtonschool.org.uk)

### WASTE BOX COLLECTION 2009

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Green & Blue Box
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Red Box
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Green Box
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Red Box

*Green Box = Empty Cans, Plastic Bottles, Clothes, Cardboard etc*

*Red Box = Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogues, Junk Mail*

*Blue Box = Glass Bottles and Jars*

# Nassington Pre School

**Village setting offering a 3 hours  
preschool education every day for pre-  
school aged children**

**FROM AGE 2 ....Open from 9am**

**Contact 07742 056127**

**[info@nassingtonpreschool.org.uk](mailto:info@nassingtonpreschool.org.uk)**

**Places available now**

**Free Places Available \***

**Glowing Ofsted inspection report – ‘strong provision’ in all areas**

\* Free places to children who qualify for government funding

[www.nassingtonpreschool.org.uk](http://www.nassingtonpreschool.org.uk)



**Bishop John Flack**, telephone 01780 782271, Priest-in-charge of the Benefice of Nassington, Yarwell, Woodnewton and Apethorpe. **Pastoral Assistant** Jo Booth 01780 783060. **Churchwarden** Alan Rodger 01780 782736

## CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2009

### 1<sup>st</sup> February

9.45am Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
10.00am Family Service	<b>at Nassington School Hall</b>
10.30am Holy Communion	at Yarwell
11.00am Holy Communion	at Apethorpe
6.00pm Benefice Evensong	at Woodnewton

### 8<sup>th</sup> February

9.45am Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
10.00am Holy Communion	at Nassington
10.30am Family Service	at Yarwell
11.00am Holy Communion	at Apethorpe

### 15<sup>th</sup> February

9.45am Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
10.00am Holy Communion	at Nassington
11.00am Holy Communion	at Apethorpe
3.00pm Methodist Service	at Yarwell

### 22<sup>nd</sup> February

9.45am Morning Prayer	at Woodnewton
10.00am Holy Communion	at Nassington
10.30am Holy Communion	at Yarwell
11.00am Holy Communion	at Apethorpe

### 25<sup>th</sup> February **Ash Wednesday**

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7.30pm Holy Communion	at Woodnewton

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## Flowers

Is there anyone who would like/be willing to join the rota to do flowers in our church? Just once a year, two weekends.

Contact: - Jo Booth **783060** or a note through the door.