

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS, December 2007

We take this opportunity of wishing all residents of Nassington a Very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Replacement Sports Pavilion / Community Centre

Plans for the replacement of the existing pavilion are continuing. The main 'stakeholders' involved at the moment are the Parish Council, as owners of the land and facilities, the Cricket Club, as the main users of the current pavilion and the preschool as the main user of the new facilities. Representatives from each of these groups have been meeting as a steering group to consider all the different needs that the new amenities will have to fulfil and what the community at large will be looking for, as well as looking at the needs of the two main user groups. There will be a meeting in January, probably towards the end of the month, to which everyone in the village is invited to have their say as to what they think is needed – please come. The date of the meeting will be in the next newsletter. If you would like to bring any matter to the attention of any member of the steering group in the meantime, you can contact any of them via the village website www.nassington.org.uk or email or write to the clerk.

Planning

Application EN/07/01941/FUL Garden room and study with conservatory link structure at the Old School House 22 Woodnewton Road Nassington Peterborough Northamptonshire PE8 6QQ

Application EN/07/01491/FUL Single Storey front extension and associated works to roof slope at 2 Westmorland Close Nassington Peterborough Northamptonshire PE8 6QR

In respect of both these applications, the Parish Council had no objection or comment

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WEBSITE NEWS

The village website is up and running at www.nassington.org.uk Check it out and let us know what you think and how we can improve it. Perhaps leave a note in the guest book?

There are all sorts of things on there so far, and it is growing as fast as possible.....

- If you would like YOUR GROUP'S FORTHCOMING EVENT on there, click on the link on the calendar page.

- The CALENDAR page gives details of upcoming things and also details which colour recycling box goes each Monday for those of us not able to keep up with the colour changes. The pub quiz dates are on there, as are the mobile library days.
- Past issues of the NEWSLETTER are on there. They only go back a few months – if there is one in particular you'd like to see on there, click on a link. Please note that all editorial content from the newsletter will go on the website by default. Adverts will not. **If you submit an article, a photograph or a letter to the newsletter and do not want it to go on the website, please make that clear in your submission.** There is a link to follow to email copy to the editor too. Perhaps people who grew up in the village or used to live here and have moved away might be interested in keeping up with Old Codger's views on the world – send them the link -www.nassington.org.uk
- There are links to the doctors' surgeries, the police, bus timetables – as the site grows, it will be a complete reference for life in the Parish and beyond.
- Please let us know what you want on there and email any photos or links you think might be of interest to others
- All village clubs and groups are urged to submit a little bit about their group and its activities – the words will not write themselves, come on – let the world (and the village) know what you're all about!

“NEWS FLASH” – Latest news from your POST OFFICE

We have now started our six week consultation period to save the Post Office.

Although we are not on the initial list for closure, we must not sit back on our laurels. We must be pro-active and write and tell them why it is so important to keep our Post Office.

Please address letters to: - Mark Partington, Network Development Manager, National Consultation Team, Freepost, Consultation Team.

Email: - consultation@postoffice.co.uk

We thank you all for your great support in the first round, but we must keep the fight going, we have only won the Battle, but now we must win the war!

Your Post Office needs you so get writing. Consultation period closes 10 January 2008.

Rita & Stan.

NEWS FROM NASSINGTON SCHOOL

The governors have recently been pleased to welcome two new members to the Board of Governors, Richard Bell and Judith Farrow. This comes at a time when a new timetable of governor visits to the school is being implemented. The aim of these additional visits is to give the governors more first hand experience of the classroom, and to give the pupils a greater understanding of who the governors are, and what they do.

We are now rushing headlong towards Christmas and the children are looking forward to the events planned. Father Christmas is expected to make an early appearance at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24th November and the staff are busy making preparations for the Christmas concert.

Well done to staff and pupils who raised a fantastic £109.83 for Children in Need. Everyone was invited to wear something spotty for the day, and the children enjoyed decorating (and eating!) spotty cakes.

Kate Wyer-Roberts

On behalf of the Board of Governors.

Dear Villagers,

During October half term some un-welcome visitors came on to our school grounds and damaged equipment including outdoor toys used by the youngest children in the school.

We were very surprised that people from our village would do this. We feel upset and disappointed and hope that anyone with information would contact the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Nassington School Councillors.

NASSINGTON CHURCH

Our New Priest-In-Charge.

As most of you have probably heard already, we have a new priest who will hopefully be joining our Benefice in the Spring. As the Archdeacon said, when introducing Bishop John Flack to the Parochial Church Councils, "This is the worst kept secret in our Diocese"!!!. Bishop John spent two decades as a parish priest in Yorkshire during the early part of his career, before undertaking more serious roles in that area, and eventually arriving in this area when appointed Bishop of Huntingdon. He is at present The Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the Holy See (The Vatican). He leaves his post in Rome in February 2008 and will then move into Nassington Vicarage to become our new Benefice Priest, with responsibility for the newly extended Benefice of Nassington, Yarwell, Woodnewton and Apethorpe. Bishop John will also be acting for Bishop Ian Cundy at certain times while Bishop Ian is having his medical treatment, but Bishop John has said he is very keen to "get started" and become wholeheartedly involved with the community as a whole.

We look forward to next year being an exciting opportunity to continue the recent development of our Church, and for more villagers to enjoy its services and fellowship.

Christmas Coffee Morning.

This is in Nassington Church on Saturday 1st December. It is your last chance to buy last minute cards, jewellery and gifts for family and friends.

Christingle.

On Sunday 2nd December the Family service to be held at Yarwell Church beginning at 9.30am. will include the Christingle service and also the start of the journey of the Posada. Please come and join us for our usual happy, fun service.

Christmas Band Concert.

This is in Nassington Church on Sunday 9th December with a start time of 3pm. This is your chance to get your voices warmed up ready for all the carol-singing over the Christmas period. As usual The Nassington and Yarwell Brass Band will be playing all our favourite carols and more. Come early to get a seat as the Church is always full.

Traditional Carols and Lessons Service.

The lessons and carols service will be on Sunday 16th December in Nassington Church at 6pm. At this service we hear all about the journey to Bethlehem and the Birth of Jesus, and all the people who came to worship Him in the stable. We also sing carols to accompany The Story.

Children's Crib Service.

Although called the Children's service, this is for people of all ages to attend. The children and others tell the story of The Nativity. As with the Band concert the Church is always full to overflowing, so please arrive early to ensure a seat. The service is on Monday 24th December, beginning at 4pm.

Midnight Eucharist Service.

This year, the service is at Nassington Church, beginning at 11.30pm. on Christmas Eve. The service begins at 11.30pm, so that the congregation receive Communion just after midnight, to celebrate Jesus' Birth.

Christmas Day Service.

This will a service of 30 minutes for everyone to come along and sing all the favourite carols, before we all sit down to turkey and trimmings. Do please join us. The service begins at 11am, on Christmas morning.

Fellowship Meeting.

At the moment we do not have a date or venue for the January meeting, please look for the announcements in January's Newsletter.

Songs of Praise.

This is on Sunday 3rd. February 2008, in Nassington Church starting at 6pm. It has been decided that we would like all parishioners to have a say in which hymns are chosen for this. A form is available in Nassington Church until 23rd. December for you to fill in, if you would like your favourite hymn played. Or fill in and cut out the form below. Although this seems early for a service to be

held in February, but we need to make a final selection from your choices and then let Nassington and Yarwell Brass Band have time to practice them.

For Sale.

A "Super Ser" heater, complete with gas cylinder is surplus to requirements in the Church; if anyone is interested in this please ring me on 784937, to arrange collection. We would ask that a donation of £10 for the Church funds is given.

THE NASSINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR.



SONGS OF PRAISE 2008.

ON SUNDAY 3RD February in Nassington Church.

My choice of hymn is:

I would/would not like to explain to the congregation why I have chosen this hymn.

Please return the form to the Church or to a PCC member by 23rd. December 2007.

NAME

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

COMMUNICARE.

The verdict on the ECG is—wonderful, exceeding all expectations! The practice now offers monthly sessions to patients as the services of a cardiac technician have been obtained. We agreed to fund £3000 for a year towards this. It is hoped the machine can be used by other practices and so help to maintain the running costs etc. A splendid single donation was made to pay for a particular probe. For which our grateful thanks to the donors are given.

Because the council has rejected the application for extra parking, the practice has engaged an architect to make a traffic flow survey, and further proposals for entrances and exits, a possible drop off point etc. The urgency for more parking space is becoming obvious with extra clinics and surgeries, and more in the future and the need to plan for the.

Wansford Reception/Dispensary is now open all day from 8am to 6.30pm. Access to the dispensary directly from the car park is from 9am to 5pm. There is internal access outside these hours.

The Patient Touch Screen Auto Arrivals are now in use. Just follow the instructions on the screen, take a seat and wait until you are summoned in the usual way.

Remember the CSG lunch is on 11th January at Lady Anne's Stamford, and the next Communicare meeting is on 15th January, at Wansford at 12.45pm.

Communicare wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Di Jones.

NASSINGTON NEWSLETTER

The Nassington Newsletter committee would like to wish its readers and subscribers a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.



Colour Cover.

Once again we wish to say a big thank you to Tristan Phipps age 8 for spending the time to design our seasonal cover. Well done Tristan, I feel sure our readers will be pleased to receive their December edition.

If any other youngsters would like to display their art work on our cover would they please email me (my address is on the back cover of the newsletter) or snail mail to 22 Eastfield Crescent, PE8 6QL.

January 2008 Edition

I would be most grateful if subscribers would let me have their copy for the next edition before the 20th of December. This will facilitate me being able to reach the printers before the Christmas holiday.

Maureen Underwood
Editor.

ADVERTISING RATES FOR NASSINGTON NEWSLETTER

EIGHTH PAGE - £2 MONTHLY OR £24 FOR 15 MONTHS (IN ADVANCE)
QUARTER PAGE - £3 MONTHLY OR £36 FOR 15 MONTHS (IN ADVANCE)
HALF PAGE - £5 MONTHLY OR £60 FOR 15 MONTHS (IN ADVANCE)

Community Car Scheme, Oundle Volunteer Action

(Registered Charity no. 1056760),

Volunteer Action, a **local** charity, drove over 65,000 miles last year to ensure that the elderly, infirm, the disabled and young people can access some of the vital services they need. It serves a large rural community including **Nassington and Yarwell**. The volunteer drivers, who give up their own time to help the community, drive those with no other reasonable means of transport to the doctors, hospitals, clinics, dentist and other activities. It is a wonderful Community service and one we are very proud of. It is a door to door service and transport tokens are accepted. The cost is currently 0.40p per mile, minimum charge is £2.50p. We would be delighted to help more people in the villages with their transport needs. Please try to give 48 hours notice. To use the service please ring Joy or Erica in the office 01832 **275433** from 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday to register and obtain details.

If you would like to become involved as a Volunteer Driver, please ask to speak to Nancy Taylor 01832 275433 the Manager of Volunteer Action. Or email volunteeraction.oundle@virgin.net. It is a very flexible way to Volunteer, you can do as **little or as much as you like** and it is very worthwhile.

From Rachelle Mould

I would like to express my gratitude to everybody for their kindness both during Richard's illness and since his passing, also for the support of family and friends. Living in such a close community has been a tremendous help as have the many cards and thoughtful letters.

I'm sure all those who came to church for Richard's farewell will agree that the service given by Peter Konig gave a sense of peace and comfort and I'd like to say thank you to him for that. I also offer my appreciation to The Band for giving their time and making a difficult day a little more bearable; to Kieran and his friend for playing their guitars so beautifully; to Susan for her poem and to Justin who showed courage and pride when he shared some of his memories of his Dad with us.

Finally, thank you to all those people who gave so generously - the donations amounted to around £1200 and this will be split between Wansford Surgery and Hospital at Home.

Valley Volunteers Celebrations

The Wildlife Trust are celebrating the launch of the Valley Volunteers Project, supported by Natural England through Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund. Rosie Blackman has recently been employed through the project and said *“This is all about involving more people in protecting and enhancing their local environment, the launch is the perfect opportunities for those who want to come along and get involved in wildlife to find out about the different opportunities the Trust can now offer thanks to this funding”*. The project aims to encourage local people onto nature reserves and contribute to its management and monitoring, they have already run a very successful Bat Pathfinders project.

The Wildlife Trust will be holding a morning of guided walks at Old Sulehay Nature Reserve on the 11th December from 10:00 -12:00am, the walks will cover a range of topics from habitat management, Vision for the Valley and volunteering opportunities in your area, these will be led by staff and volunteers, there will also be a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie or two to round up the morning!

If you would like to come along please contact Rosie Blackman on 01954 713519 or ecologygroups@wildlifebcnp.org

This is a message from Northamptonshire Police to all Neighbourhood Watch Contacts.

Postal Scam. As Christmas is fast approaching a postal scam has been confirmed by Royal Mail, where a card is posted through the door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service), suggesting they were unable to deliver a parcel and to contact PDS on Tel 09066611911. **DO NOT CALL THIS NUMBER AS THIS IS A MAIL SCAM.** If you call the number and a recorded message is heard you will have already have been billed £15 for the phone call. If you do receive a card from PDS, please contact Royal Mail Fraud on Tel 02072396655 or email www.icstis.org.uk or call Northamptonshire Police switchboard on 08453 700700

OVER THE GARDEN WALL



Last week my Sunday newspapers weighed in at 6lb 15oz. I binned 2lb 8oz, (totalling 21 leaflets advertising stuff to re-equip the entire house) without reading it and then there was a CD quiz offering the chance of winning £250,000. The rest I skimmed through and put aside for more leisurely reading. A week later it's still there, untouched. This happens each Sunday and each time it costs me £3.50. I must be mad. I don't like to think of the daily paper bill.

At the same time I read that paid-for newspapers are not doing very well. They can't keep up with free sheets, the internet, 24-hour television news and local radio. We are just not reading enough. The first question is; how do the media barons expect me to read all their newspapers, which I don't anyway, and simultaneously find even more time to do a CD quiz?

Newsprint used to be at the top of a paper's budget. It was so precious that at one time radio programmes were printed in the "gutter" – that's the vertical space between a folded page. Today, TV takes up page after page. My broadsheet Sunday last week devoted three pages to one football match.

That never happened years ago, but the old-timers knew how to produce football editions fast enough to be bought by fans leaving the match they'd just seen. Nobody does that today, and neither does any newspaper have a "stop press." That was the first thing most readers looked at.

It was a primitive affair, looking like the hastily-cobbled job it was. But it was news, something that had happened within the last hour. I remember one of the street cries of yesterday (before "Big Issue" took over). "Nottingham Evening Post special" the lad shouted as he raced through the streets on his bike. You'd rush out with two pence and discover that your neighbour had fallen off his bike. Trivial, certainly, but it was news.

The trouble today is newspapers give us too much non-news. They're full of gossip about people who just don't matter and I don't know, anyway. (Could be a sign of age). They're weighed down with stuff about what not to eat and what to wear, written by people who know no more than you or I.

What am I doing? I might be talking myself out of a job.

The Reverend R.A.Loveless has retired; in the absence of a priest, contact
Reverend Canon Richard Ormston 01832 273595 **Pastoral Assistant** Jo
Booth 01780 783060. **Churchwarden** Alan Rodger 01780 782736

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2007

2nd December

8.30am Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
9.30am Christingle Family Service	at Yarwell
6.00pm Evensong	at Nassington

9th December

8.30am Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
10.00pm Holy Communion	at Nassington
3.00pm Band Concert with Carols	at Nassington

16th December

8.30am Holy Communion	at Nassington
10.00am Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
3.00pm Lessons & Carol Service <i>(Methodist)</i>	at Yarwell
6.00pm Lessons & Carol Service	at Nassington

18th December

7.00pm Carol Service	at Woodnewton
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23rd December

8.30am Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
10.00am Holy Communion	at Yarwell
6.00pm Evensong	at Nassington

24th December

4.00pm Crib Service	at Nassington
11.30pm Midnight Mass	at Nassington

25th December

8.30am Holy Communion	at Yarwell
10.00am Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
11.00am 30 minute Carol service	at Nassington

30th December

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion	at Nassington
6.00pm Deanery Evensong	at Warmington

6th January 2008

9.30am Family Service	at Nassington
10.00am Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
3.00pm Evensong	at Yarwell