

All change on the Parish Council

Following the AGM on May 14th, Barbara Curtis is the new Chairman of the Parish Council. Yvonne Banke remains the vice chair. Sarah Rodger has resigned from the Parish Council and is now acting clerk.

The next newsletter will contain full details of which Councillor is on which committee.

Parish Council Vacancy

There are vacancies on the Parish Council– if you would like to consider putting yourself forward, please contact the acting clerk or any of the Parish Councillors. If you feel that you could contribute a positive affect on life in Nassington, this might just be for you.

Replacement of the Pavilion

A big thank you to everyone who has completed and handed in their questionnaire. There is still time to register your views – please fill in your form asap. (Thank you too to the Parish Councillors (& their families) who distributed the pavilion questionnaires.) Full details of the responses will be published in a future newsletter.

Community Safety

The Police at Oundle continue to have Nassington as one of its high priority response areas. If you want to report a crime, in progress or as having occurred, call 08453 700700 (unless life is in danger, in which case dial 999). The team at Oundle need to be kept advised about problems – you can contact them via the above number and ask for East Northants North Safer Community Team, or email them on SCTEastnorthantsNorth@northants.police.uk. They are not able to build up a picture of what the problems are or what crimes are happening if nobody lets them know. Follow the 'Community Safety' link on the village website (nassington.org.uk) to access the Oundle team's website and newsletter etc. They cannot do their job without our help.

Sarah Rodger
Acting clerk

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NASSINGTON CHURCH

Contribution From Bishop John

Bishop John writes.....

It is now two months since we arrived in Nassington and we have been overwhelmed with the welcome and the many kindnesses shown to us – so thank you very much to everyone in the Village. It's really lovely walking through our streets and lanes finding everyone saying "hello". Julia was brought up in Yorkshire where everybody says "hello" anyway, but it doesn't always happen further south. Nassington is a lovely exception to this and the daily greetings help us to feel included. Thank you so much, and keep on with the "hello's"!!

Our Church Coffee Morning this month is on Saturday 7th June at 10.30am in Church.

St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Church Nassington is linked with St James Church Mapela, in the Bungoma region of Kenya. This month we welcome Rhoda Lusaka who is a visitor from Bungoma. There will be two meetings on 24th June and 1st July relating to Bungoma and you can get details from Mariana Rigg on 783219.

My ordained colleague Revd. Peter Konig has given sterling service to our Parish over the years, especially in the recent interregnum. Peter will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination as a priest on **Sunday 29 June** at 10am in Nassington Church. We hope all who have appreciated his ministry over the years will join us then.

Bishop John Flack.

Visiting By Bishop John.

As Bishop John has written "walking through **our** streets and lanes". He and Julia already feel part of our Village life. Bishop John will visit anyone in the village whether Churchgoers/Believers or otherwise. Just call him on 782271 and he will do everything in his power to accommodate your wishes. However, we must remember that at this time Bishop John is carrying out some of Bishop Ian's work due to illness and is not always available all of the week.

Family Service.

This is held on Sunday June 1st at Yarwell Church and this month will begin at **10am** as there will be a Baptism during the service. Please do come along and join in the Children's service and in welcoming the newcomer to the Church.

Coffee Morning

This is on Saturday 7th June from 10.30am in Nassington Church. Due to popular demand we are reverting to the old format of having all the stalls again at all coffee mornings. We do hope we will see you there to catch up with old friends, meet new friends, and find out what the latest news is in the village.

Bell Ringing.

If anyone is interested in training to ring the Church bells there is a regular practise evening on a Monday from 7.30pm, at Nassington Church.

Bell ringers of many years experience are their to show you the “ups and downs”!! of learning this very skilled but very enjoyable past time. Also, Ladies, it is very good for your waistline, and also for anyone who suffers with back trouble. Please just turn up on the Monday evening, but please note the practise does not take place on Bank Holiday Mondays.

Mrs Edith Shepperson.

This formidable lady was 100 years young on 8th May 2008. Friends and family joined her in a celebration tea at the village hall on 10th May. Mrs. “Shep” is the widow of “Clubby” who was the blacksmith in Nassington for many years, and his smithy can still be seen as you go into the meadows towards the river. Mrs. Shepperson did not wish to receive presents but asked for donations to Nassington Church. We are extremely grateful for this, as there is always some repair or another needed. Everyone from Nassington Church sends their love to “Edie” and pray that she has many more years among her family and friends in the village.

Benefice Sunday 29th June.

As Bishop John has mentioned June 29th sees the 25th anniversary since Peter Konig was ordained into the Church. There will be a service of celebration at Nassington Church at 10am, when we hope to see everyone from all 4 Parishes there to thank Peter and his wife Anne for all their work in the Church. PLEASE be there.

Also, as this is the 5th Sunday in the month there will be a Deanery Evensong, and this month it will be here at Nassington at 6pm. This is when everyone in the Oundle Deanery comes together in one Church to celebrate all our Churches in the Deanery, under the guidance of Canon Richard Ormston. As this is a very rare event for our Church, we hope that everyone comes along to welcome all the people from all the Churches in the Deanery.

Fellowship Evenings.

There will be 2 meetings to come together to discuss the Diocese of Bungoma in Kenya especially Mapela, with which our Church has links.

Tuesday 24th June, we meet at Hilary and Brian Hardie’s home, 10 Westmoreland Close, to watch a DVD on Bungoma, taken when Paul Parker visited last September.

On Thursday 3rd July, we will meet at Paul Parker’s home, 11 Westmoreland Close to welcome Rhoda Lusaka from Bungoma who will give a talk about the situation out there and how we are helping.

Both meetings will begin at 7pm with a communal meal and if are coming to join us please ring HILARY for the JUNE 24TH meeting on 783855, and PAUL for the JULY 1st meeting on 782976 if you are attending the meal.

Forthcoming Dates For Your Diary.

Sunday September 21st—Harvest Festival at Nassington

Monday September 22nd—Harvest Supper at Nassington

Sunday September 28th—Back to Church Sunday at Nassington

If anyone wishes to find out more about any of the above mentioned events please contact the numbers given or you can contact me, Wendy Tomalin on 784937 or email me on stanleytomalin@btinternet.com .

NASSINGTON NEWSLETTER

Letter to the Editor

Churchyard Cowslips – How lovely to see the beautiful display of these charming Spring flowers in April and early May. On some of the colder, sunless days we experienced, it was such a cheerful sight.

In 2004 “Plantlife International” published the wild flower emblem of each county, helped by the public and aptly the cowslip was chosen for Northamptonshire. We do however share with two other counties, namely Surrey and Worcestershire.

Doreen Williams.

Thank You

My personal thanks to everyone from the four villages who provided a plate full of “goodies” for Bishop John’s licensing. Also to those who stayed, or arrived, to find possibly to their surprise that they could put up and take down a marquee in an howling gale!

Didn’t we feel proud of ourselves? Well I did when I looked around the marquee at all those tables laden with food and drinks, safely under cover.

Thank you all very much.

Jo Booth.

Many of you are probably aware that after a year of treatment for multiple myeloma, I am feeling much better and taking part in village life again.

Together with Margaret I would like to thank you all for the kindness, help, prayers and understanding you have shown towards us throughout the year.

Your support has been invaluable and we will always be grateful and proud to be members of such a caring community.

God bless you all,

David & Margaret Laking

On behalf of the Nassington Newsletter committee, I would like to thank Margaret and David for their very generous donation of £50 to the newsletter.

Although advertising covers the cost of producing the newsletter, the donations we receive enable us to produce a colour cover on special occasions.

Editor.

Nassington and Yarwell Conservative Branch Newsletter

Once again we had a very successful Winter event with our Curry and Pudding event. This time it was held by the side of the pool at Frog Hall Nassington. Another fantastic time was had by all and, judging by the feedback we have received, our gastronomic fame is spreading. There were curries and puddings a-plenty to suit all tastes with generous helpings too.

Since that time our waistlines have recovered – or others have – and the time is getting near for us to tempt you with Point to Point Supper. This has also become an annual event and we are happy to say that the date has been fixed for Saturday 12th July 2008. Please put this date in you diaries tickets will be on sale by Una Roe 783562 Jayne Thorpe-Codman 784394 or David Sidgwick 782808. By the time you read this Newsletter tickets will be available so ring early to avoid disappointment and to prevent being caught in the rush. Tickets are limited.

The format is as before: - Having purchased a ticket a quick call is made to Prebendal Manor at around 7.15pm where you are allocated the venues for the Starter and Main courses.

Having hopefully enjoyed the Starter at the first location, you will then proceed to the second where the Main course will be taken. Following that all move on to Prebendal Manor where the Puddings are served. By this point in the proceedings it is about 9.30pm

This is the only location where all diners come together and you will meet up with the folks you enjoyed your Starter with and be able to swap notes.

Wine will be on sale but feel free to bring your own to enjoy or share. We do not push the drink side of the event too much because we are aware that there is a certain amount of driving involved.

We do point out that, we are informed, the location for the Puddings – Prebendal Manor – is the oldest building in the county and we are indebted to Jane Baille for allowing us to use it.

David Sidgwick. Secretary

NASSINGTON LADIES GROUP

The Fashion Show to be held on 18th June has been cancelled. A walk will be arranged. Contact June Atkins 01832 226033 or Judy Acred 01780 783279.

Forthcoming event will be on Wednesday 16th July. An Evening Fete raising funds for 'Volunteer Action', Oundle.



We would like to say a great big thank you to all the people in Nassington who gave so generously and were so kind when we called house to house and raised £200.89. Christian

Aid works with around 600 different partner organisations in nearly 50 countries, empowering some of the world's poorest communities to improve their lives.

Thank you again
Keith Underwood.

Burma cyclone appeal

Christian Aid's local partners are on the ground responding to the needs of survivors. They are distributing water purification tablets, blankets, plastic sheeting and medicines to 200,000 people in the worst-hit areas.

Pre-School - *Summer Ball*

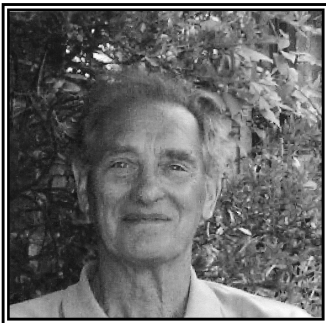
To celebrate the end of the school year, Pre-School is holding a Summer Ball at The Queens Head in Nassington on Saturday 19th July.

The tickets cost £40.00 per person and include a welcome drink down by the river, a three course dinner with coffee and dancing until 1pm. During the evening there will also be a raffle and an auction.

The evening's festivities start at 7.30pm and all proceeds will be going to the Village Pre-School.

If you are interested in coming and would like to book some tickets or you would like some more information then please contact either Debbie on 01780 783936 or Rick on 0790 5522185.

Pre-School is a charity run for the benefit of all local children from the ages of two and a half years until they go to school. It is run by very professional and dedicated staff and supported by a hard working and willing committee - but we all need your help and support to keep us going. So why not get a few friends together and come and have a great evening with us.



Extracts from: -

“Aspects of the History of Nassington”

By Alec Jackson

Fenns normally had about 20 milking cows and Ernie Sharman was the cowman. In the summer he fetched the herd in at six o'clock for milking by hand. They could cope with British Summer Time but not Double BST introduced during World War II, so milking times had to be altered. Most of the time they were accompanied by Tommy the bull, led by Ernie who talked to him all the time. The Fenn's milkmaid, Bella Parish, then Sylvia Goldstone, delivered milk and cream in churns round the village, pouring out pints and quarts into basins left on doorsteps. Ella Rowles delivered for Lock's dairy at the top end of the village. Jack Starsmore from Yarwell delivered in Nassington in the morning, using a horse-drawn boat in snow.

Once milking was done Ernie had his breakfast, then cleaned out the cow shed. At busy times he helped in other work, so his day went on until about 7pm, when he retired to the Black Horse for his daily half-pint, chatted for an hour and then went home to bed. He showed one of the tricks of his trade one day when he was having trouble trying to get Tommy onto the weighbridge at the station. He walked him for a while, turned him so he could see his cows in their field, then led him to the weighbridge with no trouble. Tommy wasn't interested in his weight (about a ton) and was soon off to the field when Ernie couldn't hold him any longer

The most exciting animals to move were young, unbroken horses. Cattle were easier but could be awkward, and sheep were slow to keep going. The worst drive I ever had was taking sheep from Nassington through Apethorpe and King's Cliffe to a field of beet tops near Blatherwycke Lake – we left at 8am and got there at 3.30pm. The trouble was gravel on the roads, which stuck in the sheep's' claws. Every time one went lame we had to trim the clays and get the gravel out. By the time the leading sheep reached the field the laggards must have been half a mile behind. We didn't hurry them. Patience and understanding are necessary when dealing with animals and so is the familiar call from someone whose voice they know. Shouting invariably causes panic. Fowl were moved after being shut up in the evening and let out in a new field next morning. If they weren't disturbed they would find their own way back in the evening, but if they were bothered, often by dogs, they would roost in hedges and trees. One day when this happened my father and Boy Fenn were up until midnight catching them. Some roosting in trees had to be left, but they were safe from foxes.

OVER THE GARDEN WALL



Old codger

Watching a TV documentary about Doris Day made me ponder how much we owe to those Hollywood greats when we were in our salad days. How many teenage romances were given a kick-start in those double seats like sofas in the back row of the local flicks? A warble from Doris, or Frank Sinatra demonstrating what then seemed to be the height of romantic sophistication, saved much time and trouble, even at the risk of a salutary rebuff.

I had the pleasure of meeting two of these idols, both female. One was Jane Fonda, a class act as a sex symbol. She looked magnificent as she told me that the night before, in Rome, she had enjoyed the most expensive dinner in her life. This grated a bit, which may have prompted a question which hadn't occurred to me until then. She had just issued a Jane Fonda keep fit video, so I asked if she felt a twinge of conscience at persuading girls that for £15 they stood a chance of looking like her: about as much chance of me being picked for England after reading Wayne Rooney's How To Score Goals in Six Easy Lessons. Things went rather quiet after that. So quiet, in fact, that here didn't seem much else to say.

But Kathryn Grayson was a delight, both at long range every time I watched her in those gorgeous musicals, and much later when I met her when she sang at the Cresset – just me and her over a cup of tea. Forty years previously as a schoolboy I suffered agonies of jealousy as she sang and danced with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Gene Kelly and the rest. Every time I moodily came out of the cinema I planned to sell my bike, roller skates – anything I owned – get to Hollywood, climb up her drainpipe and rescue her. I didn't know what kind of a life she was having, but knew it would improve with me. And there I was, talking to this unattainable creature.

After four decades she was no longer the Kathryn I remembered (fortunately she didn't know how I'd changed) but she was a joy: a small, homely lady, a bit like my mother, very proud of children and grandchildren and totally at ease that she was now singing in the likes of the Cresset and not the MGM studios in Hollywood. That put paid to a question I had in mind. Was it true, I meant to enquire, that when you were filming The Toast of New Orleans with Mario Lanza, you armed yourself with a knuckle-duster to stop his wandering hands? But I just couldn't do it. It would have been like telling a mucky joke to my mother.

NASSINGTON CHURCH LINK WITH MAPELA, KENYA

For some time now our church has had a link with St James', Mapela. Mapela is a village in western part of Kenya. If you look on a map it is fairly near the border with Uganda. If you can find Mt Eldon, the second highest mountain in Kenya, Mapela is between Mt Eldon and Lake Victoria. It is in the district of Bungoma. Bungoma is roughly the equivalent of a county in the UK and Bungoma is part of the Western Province of Kenya. Our link comes about because the Peterborough Diocese is linked with the Diocese of Bungoma. Mapela is almost on the equator but because it is about 7000ft above sea level it is not as hot as you might expect.

Our link consists of supporting them financially in the building of their church, praying for them and corresponding with them.

Last September I was fortunate enough to be able to visit Mapela for a few days and meet some of the villagers. I lived on a farm within the village. Our host was Rhoda Lusaka who is a Lay Cannon within the Anglican Church of Kenya. I say our, because I was with Geoff Brown who is from Crick whose church has a link with another village, Chebukutumi, in Bungoma. We both spent a few days in each of the villages. Neither village has running water or electricity. Most of the inhabitants are subsistence farmers. This means they grow food for their family's use with, hopefully some left over to sell for those things they have to buy. Many have only an acre although some have more; the largest farm was about 30 acres. A family would consist of several generations.

We were able to find out what they consider their main needs other than the completion of the Church. Top of the list was a well for community so that they could more easily have clean water, particularly in the dry season (normally September to May). At present they have to travel 3 kilometres to get water which is not clean. Fortunately, Geoff Brown found the 'Wilmslow Wells for Africa' charity on the internet, which helps fund wells and we have recently sent £1500 from the charity so that they can build a well.

At the Tuesday Evening Fellowship on 24th June I shall talk about my visit to Mapela and show a video of the visit. Details are elsewhere but everyone is welcome. Also, on the Thursday 3rd July at 7.00pm Rhoda Lusaka, who will be in the country for the Lambeth Conference, will be talking to us. It is expected that we will meet her in the Vicarage, with a supper beforehand. Full details will be in July's magazine. If it seems more people want to come than can be accommodated in the Vicarage the venue will be changed so it would be useful if you are interested in coming to that meeting to let me know beforehand **01780 782976**. It would be helpful if you left your phone number if you only get my answer phone.

Paul Parker.

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 JUNE 2008

1st June

8.30am	Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
10.00am	Family Service with baptism	at Yarwell
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	at Apethorpe
6.00pm	Evensong	at Nassington

8th June

8.30am	Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
10.00am	Holy Communion	at Nassington
11.00am	Matins	at Apethorpe
6.00pm	Joint service of Evening Prayer	at Yarwell

15th June

8.30am	Holy Communion	at Nassington
10.00am	Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	at Apethorpe
6.00pm	Evensong (Methodist led)	at Yarwell

22nd June

8.30am	Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
10.00am	Holy Communion	at Yarwell
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	at Apethorpe
6.00pm	Evensong	at Nassington

29th June

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

6th July

8.30am	Holy Communion	at Woodnewton
9.30am	Family Service	at Nassington
11.00am	Holy Eucharist	at Apethorpe
6.00pm	Evensong	at Yarwell