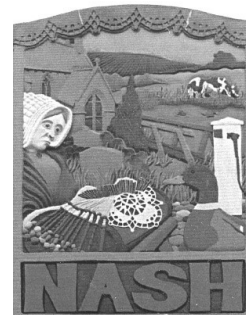


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# Nash Village Newsletter

## December 2020



### All Saints' Church

The Reverend Jacqueline Dove Is the Rector-designate of the proposed new Blackthorn Chase Benefice. Her contact details are: 01280 817828 and [revjdove@gmail.com](mailto:revjdove@gmail.com).

**Church Services:** As the Christmas season approaches it is great that the Government has allowed church services to resume with the “normal” Covid-19 restrictions: wearing masks; two metres separation (apart from household bubbles); use of hand sanitiser; no congregational singing in church; and, registering those present.

We aim to celebrate Christmas as close to normal as possible but Covid-19 restrictions limit the capacity of the church to about 30. We will circulate more details of Christmas services and a possible ticketing system nearer the time. The current plan for services in December is:

Sunday 6 December: Holy Communion 9.30am  
Benefice Advent Carol Service at Thornborough 6pm  
Sunday 13 December: Matins 9.30am  
Sunday 20 December: Holy Communion 9.30am  
Carol Service (outdoors) 3pm  
Friday 25 December: Family Communion 10am  
Sunday 29 December: Compline 4pm

### **Reflections from the Rectory by Rev'd Jacqueline Dove**

I still remember the thrill, when working at Ducklings Montessori Nursery School in Nash Village Hall, helping the children to make advent wreaths, a first for me. Since then my daughter and I enjoy making an advent wreath for our door. I will also be making an advent wreath for the advent candles of hope, peace, joy and love which I will be lighting each week, via ZOOM, with the school children at Thornborough Infant School and Whaddon Church of England School.

I always want to really slow down during Advent, maybe just in stubborn reaction to all the expectations that Christmas can place on us to be super busy. However, I think it has more to do with a spiritual longing for more. I long for more faith, hope and love. For a deeper connection with God and

other people. Advent invites us to prepare ourselves for the extraordinary story of God taking on human form, in the person of Jesus, in order to form a deeper relationship with us. It's an opportunity to be more mindful of how we spend our time and money, of what is really important to us and our world. For me each year I prepare for Christ to be born in my heart once again.

Christmas is also a story about the faith and chutzpa of Mary as she willingly obeys God's call to submit her personal story to the larger one, thereby agreeing to prioritise the common good of all humanity. Mary's faith and chutzpa breaks my heart a little because her sacrifice and courage flies in the face of so much in this world that is cynical and despairing. Yet her story has clearly captured the hearts of many as around the world this Christmas we will gather around Mary and her boy child Jesus Christ presented in various tableaux.

Living through a global pandemic it's easy to despair. Or to grow numb. Or to let exhaustion win. There is the temptation in the face of all the bad news to prioritise our own wellbeing and that of our immediate family. Concern for the common good feels somewhat overwhelming. But it's precisely now, *now* when the world around us feels the most apocalyptic, that we have to respond with resilient, healing love.

Hopefully this Christmas as we gather to sing carols outdoors, we will recall the story of Mary and her boy child Jesus Christ and pray that we too may respond with faith and chutzpa to God's call for each one of us to prioritise the common good.

*Rev'd Jacqueline Dove*

**Advent Windows:** We have 24 windows specially dressed for Advent, and lit up around the village from 4pm - 8pm, starting with no 1 on 1 December, then an extra one lit up every night. You can see the map on <https://nashwinterwonderland.weebly.com/advent-windows.html> and take a walk round to admire them, every day/every week, or of course once on Christmas Eve!

**Nativity figures:** Mary, Joseph and the donkey, and the 3 kings and a camel will be doing their rounds again this year. In order to be safe, we have sterilisable Playmobil figures instead of our knitted set - they will be progressing up the church window sills instead. If you would like to give the nativity figures a home for the night, please contact Pam.

**Carol trail in the churchyard:** We will be setting up a Christmas Carol activity trail in the churchyard nearer Christmas. There are different stations with a reading and a carol to listen to/sing along to (if you can read QR codes on a smartphone), and painted stones to search for.

**Christmas Activity email:** We have made up a Christmas Activity family sheet, targetting 4-11 years, with puzzles, songs, craft and cooking (like the Easter one), as unfortunately we are unable to have our usual Christmas Eve activity hour. Please contact Pam King if you would like it sent to you and you aren't already "on the list!"

**Gift Day:** Nash PCC would like to thank most warmly everyone who contributed so generously to the Gift Day on 7 November. The money raised was £4,075. When the Gift Aid has been reclaimed the total will be over £5,000. This is a magnificent effort and the PCC cannot thank the village enough for its support as we begin the investigation into possible problems with the north roof.

**Blackthorn Chase Benefice:** Jacqueline is always referred to as Rector Designate as approval for the new Blackthorn Chase Benefice, comprising Beachampton, Nash, Thornton, Thornborough, and Whaddon, is still working its way through the various legal channels.

A Notice giving the objects of proposed pastoral reorganisation affecting Nash is now displayed near the main door of the church and on the Church of England website. The draft Scheme is on the Church Commissioners' website [www.churchofengland.org/consultation](http://www.churchofengland.org/consultation).

Anyone may make representations for or against all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) preferably by email or by post to reach the Commissioners no later than midnight on Monday 21 December 2020. Please send your representation to (e-mail: [katie.lowe@churchofengland.org](mailto:katie.lowe@churchofengland.org)) or letter marked for the attention of Katie Lowe, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ.

**Other Resources:**

A sheet with a short homily/thought for the day and prayers is produced each week. Please contact Pam King if you would like a copy .

The Oxford Diocese continues to stream a service every Sunday.  
<https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/>

In Nash, the Prayer Group convenes virtually every Wednesday morning to pray for individuals and for our country. If you have a request please let Margaret Hedges or Pam King know.



# Nash Winter Wonderland

Visit the website [www.NashWinterWonderland.weebly.com](http://www.NashWinterWonderland.weebly.com)

## What is it?

While we are still restricted to our homes under the current regulations the Nash Village Hall Social Committee have arranged the following for you all to enjoy..

## Light Up Nash

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November we were able to start things off with the Lions Club of Winslow donating the equipment to enable us to floodlight the facade of the Church. A lovely way to kick things off with plenty of villagers then walking and admiring the early festive lights.

## Quiz Night

Phil Doran organised a Charity Quiz on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November with donations going towards the upkeep of the Hall.

## Christmas Cake Challenge

Ruth and Gi invite you to join them in their annual Christmas cake challenge.

This year we are following a 'Twelve Days of Christmas' theme.

We are decorating our cakes with one or more ideas from this favourite Christmas song. Rules: EVERYTHING must be edible. No inedible props!

You can model, ice, paint etc but you must be able to eat it, even if at the end you don't want to!!

..... "Staaaarrrrt baking!!!!"

## Nash Gingerbreads

Can we create a village from gingerbread? Make gingerbread houses and people from kits, or from scratch, and decorate them with icing and sweets etc.

We will display photos on the web page, so that we can all see everyone's efforts

Please upload a photo by the 6<sup>th</sup> December of your Christmas Cake and Gingerbread creations via the Website so we can add it to the on-line gallery.

## Nash Christmas Post Box

Do you send cards to your neighbours?

At this uncertain time we thought the Village could benefit from an alternative to lots of people handling gates, letterboxes and have their cards delivered safely for Christmas.

For this Christmas period only, the Village Hall is hosting this beautiful post box for you to post your Christmas cards. It will be placed securely outside of the hall.



The post box will be open from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December with last collection at the end of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. All cards will be sorted and delivered to Nash households by a team of Happy Christmas Elves, with head 'Elf' taking the lead from the top of the High Street (thank you James!). Thank you to the NVHMC chair, Mike, for making this fabulous post box.



## Camels & Conversations



This year we have had to be inventive, as we can't sterilise our knitted figures but they will be progressing up the church window sills as usual in Advent.

Instead we have Playmobil figures to be posed and played with. These can be easily sterilised and so should not carry a risk of infection.

If anyone would like to join in as usual, and upload a photo, either of the figures in your home, or out on an excursion (we are allowed out for exercise). please let Pam King know. They will start their walks around the village after 2<sup>nd</sup> December, when we may have a little more freedom.

Contact Pam King by text 07884044301 or email [pamking199@gmail.com](mailto:pamking199@gmail.com)

## Image Challenge

Can you create an image that captures the 'Nash Winter Wonderland' theme?

We are looking for a photograph or artwork that can be clearly identified as showing Nash and reflects the 'season'.

Just for fun and for the pride of sharing your work with others.



## Elf on the Shelf

Christmas is just around the corner and the naughty Elves will be causing havoc in some homes from 1<sup>st</sup> December leading up to the special day.

Share your Elves exploits by posting your photos on the Nash Winter Wonderland Website and download a 'Scavenger Hunt' to do with your children and take a trip round the village to see how many you can spot.

## Nash Advent Windows



Nash will be lighting up its windows for Advent – From 1<sup>st</sup> December a window will be lit up each day from 4-8pm

So on 1<sup>st</sup> December no. 1 is lit, on 2<sup>nd</sup> both 1 & 2 are lit and so on, until on Christmas Eve all are lit, and hopefully we can end up in church! Pam King has already coordinated the Windows and a map will be circulated and available to download to encourage folk to get out and have a walk round our beautiful village and spot the 'Advent Windows' for yourselves..

***Have a lovely Christmas!!***

## **Nash Parish Council**

Nash Parish Council (NPC) met remotely again on 19 November 2020. The items of particular interest to the community are covered below. The minutes provide a comprehensive record of the business dealt with at the meeting.

**Winslow Community Police Team (WCPT):** An WCPT officer joined the meeting to talk about its work. Responsibility for Nash has been transferred from Buckinghamshire Community Police Team. Winslow Community Police Team is now responsible for c30 parishes, including Nash. The plan is to increase the team from two to four officers by the end of next year.

NPC was particularly interested to learn about the support being provided by Winslow Community Police Team to enable the Buckinghamshire Council Planning Enforcement Team to take action against Nash Park for breaching the injunction – see below.

**Nash Park:** Buckinghamshire Council Planning Enforcement Team served an injunction compliance notice on Nash Park on 6 November 2020 which essentially required the illegally undertaken work to be made good. The progress reports received by NPC have been positive and we learnt this week that the Planning Enforcement Team is able to confirm the work has been completed. The relevant extract from the notification is provided here:

I would like to confirm the current situation at Nash Park.

With regard to the site to the east of the authorised site (rear), the Court Order dated 15 November 2019 required in brief:

The removal of the hard core type material deposited on or about the 25-29 August 2017 to an approximate depth of 300-500mm covering an area to around 0.9 hectares.

The removal of all of the 6 tanks brought on to and or put under the land on or about the 25-29 August 2017.

To reinstate the land to the condition it was in on 24 August 2017 as field by laying appropriate top soil on the land and by sowing with grass seed.

Two of our planning enforcement officers visited today and were given unhindered access to the land. They walked the perimeter and across the field. Moving soil with their boots at random points to check below the surface. I am able to confirm on the basis of the site inspection together with the documentation which have been supplied during the course of the work, that the terms of the Order have been met and that as a consequence the Council will be taking no further action on the matter.

Turning to plot 1, we are satisfied, again with the benefit of photographs submitted during the course of the work, that the number of service connections have been reduced from the previous 8 to the permitted 2.

Furthermore, the position of the front fence which had been extended to encompass an adjoining triangular shaped parcel of land was discussed



on site, and you have subsequently forwarded photographs showing it to be realigned as approved. Accordingly, I can confirm that the work carried out has addressed both the breach of planning control and of the terms of the probative or pre-emptive injunction dated 13 August 2018.

During an informal discussion on the site, it was mentioned that some of the caravans are now ready for upgrading and would be removed and replaced with newer models. Our officers were left with the impression that the site looked in good order and cared for.

**Covid-19 Support Group:** NPC was pleased to learn the Rev'd Jacqueline Dove would be joining the Nash Covid-19 Support Group. Things have changed since the first lockdown in March. Less practical help is needed. The adverse impact of isolation on mental health is the priority now. This is especially true with the onset of winter. The residents of Nash are luckier than many because the village has an exceptionally supportive and creative community as witnessed by the many and ongoing initiatives - aka opportunities for fun to lighten the dark days at the end of an exceptionally bleak year. An updated version of the Emergency Plan will be published.

### **The Play Area: a big thank you and possible future plans:**



NPC is extremely grateful to Format Graphics Ltd [www.formatgraphics.co.uk](http://www.formatgraphics.co.uk) for donating the new Children's Play Area Signs and the semi-permanent Covid-19 Playground notices. The previous laminated Covid-19 signs were unable to withstand the weather. Mindful of the cost of the play area maintenance and the age of some of the current equipment, NPC approved the appointment of a working group to explore

using some of the S106 funding to refurbish the play area and install contemporary play equipment.

**Winslow and Villages Community Board (W&VCB):** Community Boards replaced the former Local Area Forums when the unitary authority was established: [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-and-safety/improving-your-local-community/)

The NPC Chair recently canvassed support for turning the old bus shelter into a book exchange before taking a funding application forward to W&VCB. The response demonstrated widespread support for the initiative.

**Next Meeting:** The next remote meeting of NPC will take place on Thursday 7 January 2021 commencing at 7.30 pm. The January meeting is held in the first week of the New Year to accommodate the annual precept setting deadline. *Alison Robinson, Clerk to Nash Parish Council*

## **Nash Websites**

The Parish Council's website can be found at  
[www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk](http://www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk)

The Nash Village website can be found at  
[www.nashvillage.org](http://www.nashvillage.org)

The village website has separate tabs for the church and the village hall and contains information about the history of the village and village events.

## **Nash Alert**

If you wish to keep up to date with events in Nash and with planning applications that affect the village, then you should subscribe to Nash Alert which keeps every-one informed.

## **Refuse Collections**

The council collect refuse in our area on the following dates but please check on <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/find-your-bin-day> for updates

**Food waste:** Every Tuesday (*EXCEPT* Thursday 31 December, Thursday 7 January & Wednesday 13 January)

**General waste:** Tuesday 15 December, Thursday 31 December, Wednesday 13 January, then Tuesdays 26 January, 9 & 23 February.

**Recycling:** Tuesdays 8 & 22 December, Thursday 7 January, Tuesdays 19 January, 2 and 16 February

**Garden waste:** If you are subscribed to the garden waste service, the collection restarts on 26 January 2021.

If AVDC misses a collection, then report this within 48 hours either by phone to AVDC (01296 585858) or via their website.



## From the Acting Editor

Welcome to the December edition of the Nash Newsletter. Items for the February 2021 edition should be sent to me by email:

The closing date is **Tuesday 26 January 2021**

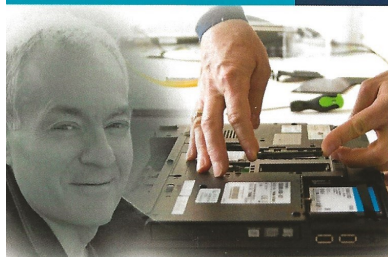
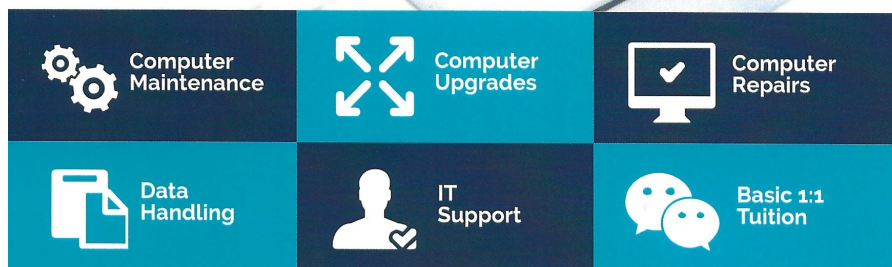
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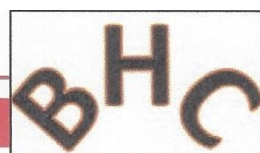
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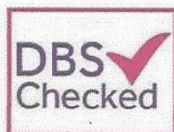
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## Village Fibre

Luis Ponti has been in touch with Open Reach about taking advantage of the Government and Buckinghamshire Council's scheme to install fibre connections in the village. Watch out for the flyer that he will be distributing shortly.

### *Do you like to chat on the phone?*

*If you have time to make a regular telephone call to someone who would really welcome it, please read on...*

As part of an NHS initiative we have a team of volunteers covering the north Buckinghamshire area. They are an important part of the '**Patient Support Service**' that works with your GP surgeries in the area and help maintain a vital link between the 'Team' and some of our patients.

We would like to expand this very successful scheme and we are seeking volunteers who can assist us to reach even more people. *All you need is a phone and time for a short chat!*

#### *What do we need?*

Anyone who is happy to chat, on a regular basis, with a person who will welcome your call.

These calls can be to any part of the region which means your location is not important. However, we will try to match you with local people who have similar interests.

We hold regular local volunteer led training and support with, currently, a team of over thirty volunteers.

#### *Are you interested and would like more information?*

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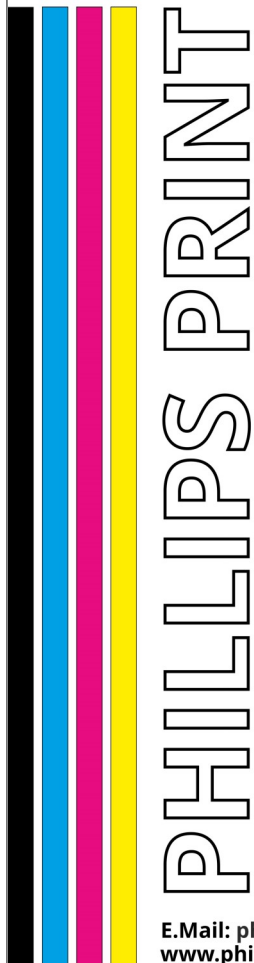




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## **HOW TO ACCESS AND USE THE NASH VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR**

### **WHAT IS A DEFIBRILLATOR OR AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)?**

A defibrillator or AED is a portable defibrillator especially designed for people with little or no medical background. It is a computerised medical device that delivers an electrical current through the chest which aims to shock the heart back into a normal rhythm allowing it to pump again. Rapid response using automated technology can significantly improve the quality of life of a survivor. The longer the brain is starved of oxygen, the more damage can occur.

### **WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES FOR ACCESSING THE DEFIBRILLATOR?**

In an emergency you must **call 999** making sure that you give the address from which you are calling. If you use your mobile telephone, this will access any network it is able to link to, regardless of the carrier. Your mobile will transmit your GPS position.

The Nash village defibrillator is located on the wall to the right of the village hall main entrance.

### **HOW IS THE DEFIBRILLATOR ACTIVATED?**

**In all cases dial 999 first. It is really important to know that the professionals are on their way. The ambulance service will give you the access code to the defibrillator box.** If you are willing, they will ask you to get this and commence the relevant actions. If you are on your own, ask friends or neighbours to collect the defibrillator from the village hall. When applied to the patient, voice commands, and screen messages will guide the user step-by-step through the process and its intelligent technology will only allow it to shock a 'shockable' heart rhythm.

### **DO I NEED INDEMNITY INSURANCE TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR?**

No. The patient is for all intents and purposes 'dead' when you arrive. Using cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) with a Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) will hopefully bring them back to life. No one will complain about that! However, calling 999 and taking instructions from the ambulance service will automatically cover you anyway under their insurances. *Remember that you must call 999!*

### **DEFIBRILLATOR MAINTENANCE**

The village defibrillator is checked every month by the Village Hall Maintenance Manager. The results of the checks are then recorded on the Community Heartbeat Trust website.

**NOTE:** These access instructions can be used anywhere. Calling 999 from your mobile will give your location. The local ambulance service will guide you to the nearest CPAD.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR FUTURE REFERENCE** – Hopefully you will never need to use a CPAD.