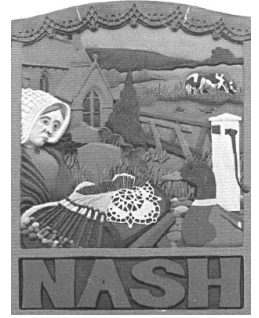


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# Nash Village Newsletter

## October 2020



### All Saints' Church

We are delighted that the Reverend Jacqueline Dove has started as the Rector-designate of the new Blackthorn Chase Benefice, comprising Nash, Thornborough, Thornton, Beachampton and Whaddon. She writes:

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

After two years of being empty the Rectory in Thornborough is at last a home again to myself, Richard, Benjamin and Joanna. Sadly no house warming party, as yet; however, we appreciated the cards, flowers and welcome cake we received from people living in the Benefice. Thank you!

I grew up largely in South Africa where I came across the philosophy of *Ubuntu Abantu* which is often translated as 'I am because we are' – this is the belief in a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity. I think this universal bond was made apparent when we suddenly found ourselves in 'lock down', appalled by the daily death toll and the heart-breaking accounts of key workers losing their lives in 'the line of duty'. We were so obviously all in it together, and our shared humanity caused neighbourhoods to reach out to each other. COVID-19 has reminded us how important it is to be able to connect with each other, as families and friends and communities that gather together at places of worship, various clubs and at the pub.

Scientific evidence strongly suggests that social connection, the feeling when you belong to a group and generally feel close to other people, is a core psychological need, essential to feeling satisfied with your life. Talking to people living in Nash it is clear Nash village seems to recognise this. That we belong to each other is also a core Christian belief. Jesus said that all the commandments could be summed up by the commandment to love your neighbour as you love yourself. I personally find that it is in saying 'yes' to God's love that I am better able to love both myself and my neighbour.

On 2 September I was licensed by Bishop Alan with the plan that I will be Rector of the Blackthorn Chase Benefice which comprises the parishes of Thornborough, Thornton, Nash, Beachampton and Whaddon. My hope is that these Parish Churches will be places of solace and beacons of hope, where people feel they can truly belong. Please feel free to contact me at: tel: 01208 817828 and [revjdove@gmail.com](mailto:revjdove@gmail.com).



## SERVICES

During **October** services will continue to rotate around the four churches in the Benefice and will be as follows:

4 October: **NASH: Holy Communion 10am**  
11 October: Whaddon: Holy Communion and Harvest Thanksgiving 10am  
11 October: **NASH: Evensong 6pm**  
18 October: Thornborough: Holy Communion 10am  
25 October: Beachampton: Holy Communion 10am.

From November, it is planned to have a new service pattern with some changes in the times of services so that Jacqueline can take two services on a Sunday morning. For Nash, this will mean reverting to the former pattern with morning services being at 9.30am with Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays. Morning Prayer (during the winter) on the second Sunday and All Age Worship on the fourth Sunday.

Although services have started, because some members of the congregation are still self-isolating, we are continuing to produce a sheet with a short homily/thought for the day and prayers. Please contact Pam King if you would like a copy.

The Oxford Diocese continues to stream a service every Sunday. If you are interested in the diocese service go to <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/coronavirus-covid-19/livestream/> where you can get a printed copy of the service as well if you wish.

In Nash, the Prayer Group that used to meet physically once a fortnight, now convenes virtually every Wednesday morning to pray for individuals and for our country. If you have a request please let me or Pam King know.

## **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING: Monday 5 October**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in All Saints' Church on **Monday 5 October at 7.30pm**. This meeting replaces the one that we were unable to hold in March because of the lockdown. The proposed new rota for services will be discussed at that meeting. Everyone who is interested is encouraged to come.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL.** We had a successful Harvest Thanksgiving on the afternoon of Sunday 27 September. Because we were unable to hold our usual Harvest Auction, the church was filled with non-perishable goods, and we are so grateful for all the donations which will be taken to the Buckingham Food Bank. The church collection of just over £150 (including Gift Aid) will be given to Water Aid to support parts of the world that don't have clean drinking water. We will continue to keep the box in the porch for donations to the Buckingham Food Bank.

*Margaret Hedges*

## **Nash Village Hall**

Over the last few months the Hall has had to be very careful about what it did and didn't do. It was pleasing that we were able to hold a PUMP and a Community "cake away".

Unfortunately with the change in the law further October events have had to be postponed, but Hall committee is working on a plan to bring back village social activity as soon as possible.

*Mike Williams, Chairman, Nash Village Hall Management Committee*

## **Nash Parish Council**

Nash Parish Council (NPC) met remotely again on 17 September 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.

### **Planning**

The most pressing current priority for NPC is mounting robust opposition to the planning application (20/02755/APP). This is the latest planning application to extend Nash Park. It is similar, but not identical, to the unheard appeal (19/00061/NONDET). NPC has again employed Walshingham Planning to help develop its response to the consultation. A meeting is being arranged to brief Gregg Smith MP. NPC is extremely

grateful to those residents who have offered NPC their assistance. Buckinghamshire Council has approved an extension to the consultation deadline which is now **31 October 2020**. Final confirmation is currently awaited that residents who respond may do so anonymously – there is every indication this request will be granted. NPC is keen to encourage as many people as possible to respond to the planning application consultation. Residents who would like further guidance are asked to contact Trevor Elworthy who is coordinating residents' responses.

NPC discussed the White Paper – Planning for the Future at its recent meeting and heard concerns from Buckinghamshire Council Cllr Llew Monger about some of the changes to permitted development rights already introduced with minimal consultation. For those interested, here is the link to the white paper:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>.

## The Pond Volunteer Weekend

An enormous thank you to Robert Meardon for co-ordinating the operation and to all the volunteers who turned out to help clear the pond. Both our expectations and the capacity of the grab lorry were certainly exceeded, which meant the grab lorry had to return to collect a second unscheduled load.



**Nash Allotment Committee:** NPC approved the re-election for a further three year period of the following Trustees to the Nash Allotment Committee: Rev John King; Mr Henry Eggleston; Mrs Sarah Denne; Mr David Weatherhead and Mr Miles Hedges.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of NPC will take place on Thursday 19 November 2020 commencing at 7.30 pm. In view of the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this week, the meeting will almost certainly be held remotely.

*Alison Robinson, Clerk to Nash Parish Council*



## **Nash Park Extension**

### **Planning Application Consultation 20/02755/APP–Comments required before 31 October 2020**

Dear Nash Resident,

I am hoping that you will have received my **Call to Action** email and leaflet this week, and I can call upon your support (if not already done so) to upload an objection to Buckinghamshire Council (BC) (see details below). BC has confirmed that an extension for comments has been granted until the 31 October and it looks favourable that residents responses can be anonymous.

A reminder that the proposal is for an extension to the existing Nash Park (NP) traveller site, changing the use of 0.89ha of agricultural land to provide a further 13 gypsy/traveller pitches with associated works including, 13 mobile homes, 13 touring caravans, 13 day rooms and 13 cesspits. As NP has currently 11-pitches, and only been approved for up to 15-pitches, this would far exceed the local services available and have a major impact on the village and surrounding environment. If allowed to proceed it could lead to much greater expansion onto adjacent vacant land, potentially as many as 75 pitches.

You can upload your comments to:

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or by email to: [devcontrol.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:devcontrol.av@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) , especially if they exceed 6000 characters and you are OK to use your email address (or can use a different one).

Multiple objections can be made from the same household, which I would encourage to further bolster numbers. If anyone would like a copy of my leaflet and suggestions for points to consider for your objections please contact me. We are also reaching out to Great Horwood Pash Council to coordinate our responses. Thank you for your support.

*Trevor Elworthy*

## **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.

## **Nash Neighbourhood Plan - back in action.**

The NP Committee were able to update the Nash Parish Council, through their Zoom meeting on 17th September, with the progress of the Nash Neighbourhood Plan, since the last meeting.

Given society has been able to open up and the summer holiday rush - if it ever existed this year - was ending, we contacted the Planning Office of Bucks CC (same people as Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC), just different email addresses) in the middle of August, to see how we should restart our NP.

Our first query was on the progress of their plan, the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP), as our NP is now tightly coupled to it. BCC told us that they are still at examination on the VALP so adoption is unlikely any time soon, but there will be an update on VALP timetables in a few weeks. Therefore, there is no point in Nash waiting for the VALP to be agreed before restarting.

On Neighbourhood Plans and consultation, BCC pointed us at their latest guidance which was updated on 10th of August. Consultation can now proceed as long as it's done safely. One change is that the actual work will be done mostly by officers with experience of neighbourhood planning from the other former districts in the County. Time will tell if that brings changes.

The advice on referendums is that all neighbourhood planning referendums recently cancelled, or scheduled to be held, between 16 March 2020 and 5 May 2021, are postponed until 6 May 2021 at the earliest and the Council's Electoral Services team will arrange an alternative referendum date after that time.

On decision-making, where a decision statement has been issued by the LPA to send a neighbourhood plan to referendum, that plan can be given significant weight in decision-making, as long as the plan is material to the application.

On Examinations, written representations to be used. Video conferencing or other suitable technologies will be used as advised by an independent examiner should oral representation be necessary.

This information could be very useful to Nash as we will definitely not have a Referendum before May 2021. Given there will be a host of "electoral events" queued up for this start date (not least the postponed Nash PC election) I assume it will be well after this date.

Added to that, there was a feeling, when discussed, that holding the Referendum in July and August in Nash would lead to a poor turnout, due to holidays. Assuming we are not still in lockdown !

Other than that, it has been an interesting few months for those responsible for planning at a local and national level. "Interesting" in the sense of "epoch defining". We have a new MP, Greg Smith, who has explicitly stated that he is hostile to his government's policies on both HS2 and the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway. We also have a fundamental shift in the way business works and the way "people manage their work-life balance", so profound as to be of the sort which normally happens only in wartime. The world will never be like February 2020 again.

Many people in the village welcome the better quality of life which working from home brings. We are staying home and ordering in - I can look at my Amazon delivery map from one end of the village, saying the driver is 7 stops away while still being on the High Street. And that might not be the only driver that day. The NP's emphasis on improved broadband, encouraging work from home, and better access within and to the village by foot and bicycle have proved prescient and compatible with our future world. Will there be more changes in the world between now and the Referendum ? Who would bet against that?

*Des Hickey - Nash NP Committee*

### **From the Acting Editor**

Welcome to the October edition of the Nash Newsletter. I only see myself as a short-term stop gap editor. If any-one with suitable desktop publishing skills is interested in taking over please get in touch.

Items for the December edition should be sent to Margaret Hedges

The closing date is Wednesday 25 November 2020

*Margaret Hedges*

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Tuesdays 3 & 17 November

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Tuesdays 10 & 24 November

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collection dates are the same as those for general waste.

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





The Chairman of the Whaddon and Nash Branch of the British Legion has said that there will be no house to house collections as these can't guarantee social distancing but there will be manned stands in most supermarkets and street collections where effective distancing can occur.

We wish and hope to have a short remembrance service, probably outside, at each of the churches where we will also have a collection plus poppies in a tray for those who haven't managed to get one.



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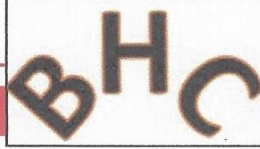


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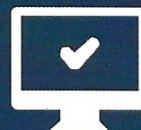
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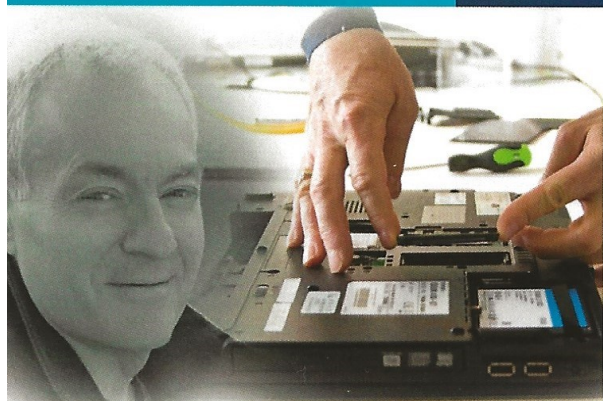
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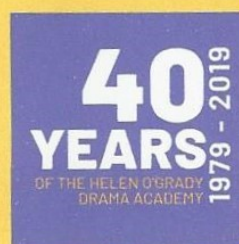
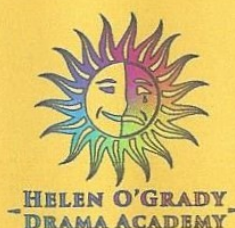
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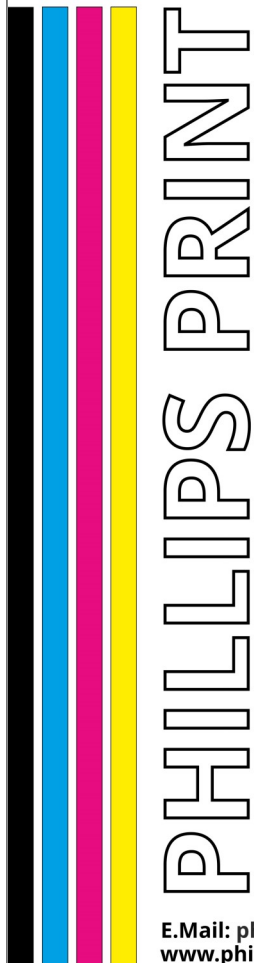
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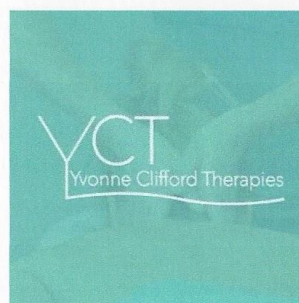






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**Good -Bye**

**Good luck**

**“Thank you” and “Farewell”**

John and Vicky Southby write:-

It is with a huge mixture of emotions and heartfelt thanks that we leave this amazing village of Nash, which has been our home for twenty nine years. We are moving to Gloucestershire to be nearer to our daughter Sarah and her family, as we get a bit older and may need a little more care!

We had hoped to have a “Farewell party” before leaving but unfortunately this is not possible due to Covid restrictions.

We have always found Nash to be a friendly and caring village with a great sense of community spirit. We have loved and enjoyed being part of all that goes on and we will miss you all but it is time to move on, whilst we are able.

We do hope to come back and visit when circumstances permit, but in the meantime thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for the great times we have had here.

**Best Wishes**

**Thank You**

**Come back and visit Nash**