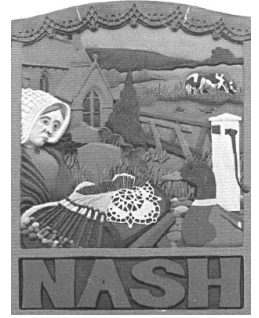


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# Nash Village Newsletter

## February 2021



### 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:** Reluctantly, when the latest lockdown restrictions were introduced, the Church Council decided that it was prudent to stop having services in All Saints' Church. The "Church at Home" sheet continues to be produced and circulated. We also have a Zoom service at 11am on Sundays and anyone is welcome to join. We are planning to have an Ash Wednesday Service at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 February. Please contact [Buckinghamvillages@gmail.com](mailto:Buckinghamvillages@gmail.com) for more information.

The Oxford Diocese continues to stream a service at 10am 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 Pam King know.

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

Happy New Year!? I say this with defiant hope rather than any expectation that the new year is a happy one. So far it has been a very sad new year with the horrifying daily death toll from COVID and yet another lockdown disrupting our lives, and endangering the lives of those reaching breaking point. I don't think we even dare think about the state of the economy as a result of all this.

Of course, there have always been difficult times. Life is rife with tragedy. Lives turned upside down by a diagnosis, divorce, death of a loved one, debt, being made redundant, dormant dreams. However, there is something about the pervasive nature of this pandemic which is particularly depressing. I think this is why we feel like we are beginning to run on empty. I hold onto the hope that the suffering is not in vain as we re-evaluate what it is we truly value. That perhaps humanity might be wiser when we come out the other side of this.

What has the Church got to offer in these times? February sees the start of Lent and I'm wondering if Lent can help us through lockdown. I found it interesting to learn that fasting during Lent stems from a time when the winter food supplies were at their lowest. People fasted to make the food supply last longer. If everyone fasted together the community had a better chance of surviving.

So, in the past Lent gave spiritual significance to a time of physical hunger, and in doing so helped enable people to co-operate together for the common good. Though some people are facing hunger due to COVID, I think in Nash the key hunger is for connection. Perhaps this hunger for connection reveals a spiritual hunger for God, after all we are all made in the image of God.

I'm concerned that we are beginning to suffer from 'lockdown syndrome' rather like 'Stockholm syndrome'. The more we live cut off from each other the harder it is to reach out and connect. Especially as our energy levels are low. Maybe the discipline of keeping Lent provides an opportunity for us to connect with each other.

I'm still at the brainstorm stage regarding what shape this might take. I have a book: 'Candles in the Dark – Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic' which is full of short reflections. This could form the basis of a book club where we meet once a week via ZOOM. I also have a book called: 'Wild Lent – discovering God through Creation'. The Oxford Diocese is providing a daily reflection through Lent which you can sign up for. They are also providing weekly visual and audio material looking at the fundamentals of the Christian Faith, this could form the basis for a weekly group (see *below*). Whatever form it takes there will be the opportunity to connect with God within us and between us and all around us as we look at lessons in Lent for surviving lockdown.

*Rev'd Jacqueline Dove*



## **EXPLORING FAITH WITH THE OXFORD DIOCESE DURING LENT**

Many people are asking deep questions of faith. Did you know 1 in 5 people watching church online during the pandemic didn't regularly attend before the crisis? Come and See is a free online experience to help you find out more about the Christian faith.

Register at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/> and the Oxford Diocese will send you some helpful information each week through to the end of March. They will also put you in touch with your local church, if you would also like to join a group exploring the Christian faith together, probably on ZOOM, once a week.

## **Nash Parish Council**

Nash Parish Council (NPC) met remotely on 7 January 2021. The matters of particular interest to residents are covered below. The minutes provide the formal record of the business and are published on the NPC website <http://www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk/>. A copy of the minutes is also published on the NPC noticeboard at the Village Hall.

### **Planning and Planning Enforcement**

There is increasing evidence that, despite the pandemic, the effectiveness of the Buckinghamshire Council Planning and Enforcement Teams has improved significantly under the unitary authority. The officers are working hard to achieve the objectives put in place to improve the service. The enforcement of the injunction and the restoration of the land to open countryside near Nash Park was a significant achievement. The Planning Enforcement Team has been congratulated and thanked on behalf of NPC.

### **Financial Year 2021/21 Budget and Precept Setting**

The January meeting is held in the first week of the New Year to accommodate the annual precept setting deadline. The budget for 2021/22 has been set at £16,597 to cover NPC's known financial commitments. The Nash tax base for the next financial year is reduced because the number of people qualifying for council tax relief has increased. The pandemic means most local councils and principal authorities are facing reductions in their tax bases. To keep the precept at its 2020/21 level (£16,480) would have meant an increase of 2.95%. NPC approved the Finance Group recommendation for an increase of 5.01% to £16,810 for 2021/22. This represents a council tax increase of £3.74 (32 pence pcm) for a band D property. Any unspent funding will be transferred to the general reserve to help recoup the planning consultant costs incurred in the last 18 months and rebuild the reserve.

NPC is currently seeking to recruit a new internal auditor – please see the advert (on page 4 overleaf). And do get in touch if you may be interested and want to know more about this opportunity to contribute to your community by helping NPC.

### **Flooding**

The flooding just before Christmas was compounded by the ineffectiveness of the culverts on the Winslow and Stratford Roads. The problem has been reported to Transport for Bucks. The ongoing problem of the drain on the Stratford Road bend has been reported again and Transport for Bucks has also been asked to clear the adjoining drain network. NPC is currently investigating possible flood prevention measures.

## **Nash Parish Council Next Meeting**

The next meeting of NPC will take place on Thursday 15 March 2021 at 7.30 pm. At this point it seems safe to assume the meeting will again be held remotely. The agenda will again include the Zoom link to allow members of the public to attend.

*Alison Robinson,  
Clerk to Nash Parish Council*

## **Internal Auditor Vacancy**

Nash Parish Council is recruiting a new internal auditor and has agreed the vacancy should be advertised in the village in the first instance. Although this is essentially an honorary position, a small fee can be paid - any expenses that are incurred will be covered.

The role requires experience in book-keeping and/or accounting and the person appointed must be independent.

Parish councils are required to undertake an internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of their risk management, control, and governance processes. The Nash precept is currently £16,480 - the auditor process for small parishes is not onerous. The internal auditor completes a proforma for the internal assessor report which is then approved by the parish council for onward transmission to the external auditor. Prior to completing the relevant sections of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, s/he is required to use the checklist to review the following systems and processes:

1. Book-keeping / cash book
2. Payment controls
3. Income controls
4. Payroll controls
5. Asset controls
6. Bank reconciliations
7. Year-end procedures; and
8. Exercise of public rights.

The deadline for applications is **Thursday 18 February 2021**. If you wish to assist your community by helping the Parish Council in this way and be considered for the vacancy, please send an email to the Clerk with your curriculum vitae or details of how your experience fulfils the requirements.

**Alison Robinson**  
**Clerk to Nash Parish Council**

## Nash Parish Council and Nash Village Hall



Mr Keith R Hofgartner  
Nash

15th January 2021

Dear Keith,

As the Chair of both the Parish Council and the Village Hall I am writing to you on behalf of a very grateful village.

During the festive season and beyond in the last year you have brought everyone in the village the opportunity to interact and share their gardens, lights, windows, trees, cakes, gingerbread men and much more.

Over and above your fantastic stewardship of the village "show sites" you gave us you have also been a creative "tour de force" in thinking of things that the village and its residents could do in order to remain engaged with each other through very difficult times and as your gift to the village this has been greatly appreciated by everyone.

Thank you very, very much for all you have done and what I know you will continue to do for us all. I look forward to buying you and Rita a beer and wine at the first PUMP we are able to hold this year.

Yours Sincerely



Michael Williams  
Chairman -Nash Parish Council and Nash Village Hall.

### 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. If you are not already on the system please email [alertfornash@gmail.com](mailto:alertfornash@gmail.com)

**QUIZ QUESTION: What's the best village in Buckinghamshire?**

**ANSWER: Nash of course!**

On Saturday, 28th November I ran the first ever 'virtual' Nash quiz. Normally the Village Quiz is run in the Village Hall - but that pesky Covid had put paid to any such frivolity.

Nevertheless, it seems that nothing was going to dampen the spirits of the villagers - as well as people further afield. In excess of 100 people attended the quiz - mostly from the village, but with other attendees from Manchester, South Wales, Bournemouth and even St Paul, Minnesota in the United States.

As part of the Nash Winter Wonderland festivities, there was a Christmas theme to the quiz. I conducted it from my dining room and had the surreal experience of talking into a laptop for nearly two hours without the possibility of hearing or seeing anyone!

That said, I hear people enjoyed it - and found it to be a welcome relief from Brexit, Trump and Coronavirus!

I want to thank you for attending. The bigger the audience, the better. I was delighted so many people took time to join. Thank you, it really makes compiling and organising these quizzes a worthwhile and rewarding exercise.

I also want to thank those that made a donation to the Village Hall fund. There was no charge for the quiz - though I did know that some people wanted to donate. That said, I really did not expect to raise anything substantial. How wrong I was. I am told we raised just over £360.....which is both brilliant and very humbling.

I've said it so many times before. This really is a lovely village with exceptional people.

*Phil Doran*

**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.



## From the Acting Editor

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

The closing date is **Friday 26 March 2021**

*Margaret Hedges*

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## 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

**General waste:** Tuesdays 9 & 23 February, 9 & 23 March.

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## Poppies: Are you a knitter?

Some of us are looking for things to do as the lockdown stretches on and on, and it isn't really gardening weather. So a group of us from the Knit and Natter Group are planning to knit poppies to put on the outer church doors for Remembrance 2021. It is a long way ahead but perhaps now is when you have some spare time. The internet has lots of different patterns but the link below gives two straightforward ones (which don't involve much sewing up!). Both patterns are shown knitted up. Do join us and knit a few poppies (from any pattern) if you have some spare red wool. We will collect the poppies in the second half of September. For more info contact Margaret Hedges, Ruth Meardon or Pam King. <http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/arnold/remembrance/knitted->



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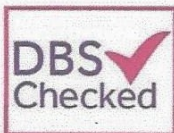
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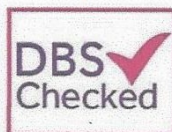
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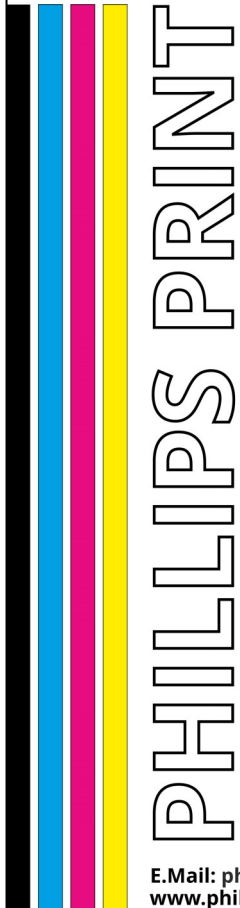
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There is something to suit all ages and abilities. This is a great opportunity to set yourself a challenge for 2021 and have some outdoor fun.

By taking part in the BIG Walk, you will not only have the opportunity to explore this beautiful countryside in a completely unique way, but you will also be helping us to provide life changing support to the children and young people who access Pace services.

To sign up visit <https://thepacecentre.enthuse.com/cf/bigwalk2021>

## **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.