Nash Village Newsletter October and November 2021





All Saints' Church

The Reverend Jacqueline Dove is Rector of the New Blackthorn Chase Benefice. Tel: 01280 817828 and <u>revjdove@gmail.com</u>.

Church Services: Everyone is welcome at these services in All Saints Church.

Sunday 3 rd October	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 10 th October	6.00pm Choral Evensong	
Sunday 17 th October	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 24 th October	10.30am All Age Worship	
Sunday 31 st October	ctober 10.30am Nash Patronal Festival, Benefice Holy Communion service at Nash 4.00pm Service for All Souls, reflection and remembrance.	
Sunday 7 th November	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 14 th November	10.50am Remembrance	
Sunday 21 st November	9.30am Holy Communion	
Sunday 28 th November	10.30am All Age Worship	

Our Prayer Group now meets every fortnight in the church on Wednesday mornings to pray for individuals and for our country. If you have a request, please let Pam King know.

Thinking ahead to Advent – shall we have the Nash Advent windows again? We had some real stunners last year.

Please let Pam know if you are interested in decorating one of your windows, and she will give you a number. Mary, Joseph and the donkey, and the three kings and camels will be doing the rounds again, so if you would like to host for a night or two, again, let Pam know.

Thank you.

Reflection from the Rectory by Rev'd Jacqueline Dove

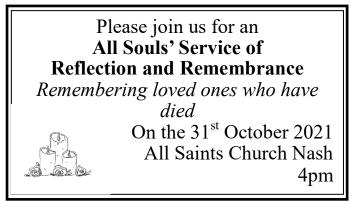
It's Harvest time again in the Church calendar. Thanksgiving ceremonies and celebrations for a successful harvest are both worldwide and very ancient. We read in the bible verses from 6th Century BC, "Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field" (**Exodus 23.16.**) We also read, "When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands" (Deuteronomy 24.19). So, for thousands of years, we have celebrated the harvest and in doing so have also been generous towards those in need of help.

Sadly in 2021 harvests in many countries have been hit by either record heat waves or devastating storms. During September we held a Climate Sunday Service at Nash which focussed on the climate crises, as part of an initiative calling on churches to hold a Climate Sunday Service in the run up to cop26.

The Celts used to talk about the little book - that was the Bible - and the great book - that was creation, and they read God in both. The instinct to worship in response to the beauty and mystery of the universe is as old as the human story itself. Yet our modern secular societies have invested heavily in the material rather than the spiritual. We have tried to fill the internal void with things regardless of the impact of our rampant consumption on planet earth, forgetting our commission given to us at the creation of the world to be stewards of this planet. As we give thanks for the harvest and look at ways we can be generous towards those in need, may we also commit ourselves to care for God's creation by reducing our waste, living more sustainably and valuing biodiversity.

If you are wanting to use the church for a baptism, wedding or funeral please contact either Rev'd John King at john.kingsfold100@gmail.com or myself Rev'd Jacqueline Dove, revjdove@gmail.com, tel: 0120 817828.

The Church is here to care for all.



Harvest Thanksgiving

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Harvest Thanksgiving at All Saints Church. The Sunday morning service was well supported, and the church looked lovely with all the windowsills filled with flowers, fresh produce, and donations for the Buckingham Food Bank.

The sun shone in the afternoon and some forty villagers came and enjoyed tea and home-made cake in the Village Hall car park. The fresh produce and the home-made jams etc were also sold. Every-one was so generous that the event raised £311 for Yemeni children. The church collection will also be given to Yemeni children raising the total that the church is able to donate to over £500.

Thank you so much for your generosity to those at home (Buckingham Food Bank clients) and abroad (Yemeni children) who have so much less than us.

Nash Produce Show 2021

87 entries over 23 classes, Nash Produce Show 2021 brought out the best in our village. With just 2 weeks' notice, Nash residents pulled all the stops out to bring their best fruit and veg, cakes, jams and chutneys; flowers, photographs, art work and other craft from lockdown ... there was no end to the talent on display! The photographic judge was very impressed with the standard of entries this year.

Tea and cakes went down well, and we managed to make £280 to share between the village hall and the church. It was great to see lots of residents out relaxed and chatting together. Well done Nash!



Nash Parish Council (NPC) Report

NPC met on 23 September 2021. The minutes are published on the NPC noticeboard and on the NPC website: <u>http://www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk/</u> <u>meetings_17039.aspx</u>. The newsletter reports are intended to highlight matters of particular interest to residents.

The Best Ever Pond Volunteer Weekend

Thank you to the 20 volunteers who participated and of course a special thank you to Robert Meardon for his leadership on the day. The work was completed by 11.15 am on the Saturday which meant the Sunday was cancelled. Admittedly there were a few early starters who enthusiastically got to work on Saturday before 10 am. However, this year's success was mainly down to the hard work in 2019 and 2020, plus year on year efficiency improvements. And a big thank you as always to the Nash Paparazzi for the photos published on Facebook.

Refurbishment of the Pond Bridge and Knee Rails

The much needed refurbishment work is now underway. Nash faces the same challenges as other small rural parish councils when it comes to maintaining the much loved village assets with finite financial resources. The work at the pond required and is being undertaken by a skilled contractor, however, there are always opportunities for volunteers, please do get in touch if you can help: <u>https://v6-5admin.visionict.com/Sites/2419/NewsUseful_Info_17187.aspx</u>

The Play Area Refurbishment

NPC has now given the go ahead to the S106 funded Play Area Refurbishment Project. After much research and consultation, NPC has awarded the contract to Kompan <u>https://www.kompan.co.uk/</u>. NPC is proud to be in a position to provide play facilities for both current and future generations of village children and grandchildren. Although there are various administrative requirements to be completed before the schedule for the refurbishment will be known, we are confident the project can be completed in advance of summer 2022.

Causal Vacancy

NPC still has a casual vacancy and is keen to encourage residents to come forward to serve the community and make a difference. Please contact Cllr Mike Williams, Chair of NPC, to discuss what's involved - email: <u>m.williams@nashvillage.org</u>.

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The Parish Council members:

Cllr David Carter	
Cllr Rhys Collins	
Cllr Kathy Hickey	
Cllr Sally Howard	
Cllr Mike Williams	
Cllr Barry Wyke	
Cllr Len York	

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Changes at the Village Hall - A message from Mike Williams

After nearly 7 years as Chairman of the Village Hall management committee I have reached a point where it is appropriate for me to stand down and I have resigned as Chair and also from the committee.

I would like to thank all those who have supported me in the role over the years and who helped me to bring about and facilitate the external renovations, the PUMP, the sound baffles in the main hall, a new and long term social committee, the Nash Festival, the community café, a purpose built bar, new facilities in the kitchen and a new High Definition projector. I have enjoyed being able to help.

The Village Hall is always looking for residents that want to take an active part in the stewardship of the Hall and all the events that it either runs or supports through the year so please get in touch with any of the committee members and join in the fun.

Thanks again Mike Williams

Church yard Clear-up, Church Clean and Gift Day

The churchyard clear-up and church clean will be held on Saturday 13 November before Remembrance Sunday the next day. As this is close to the church's patronal festival that Saturday will also be our Annual Gift Day.

Fibre To The Premises

Dear Nash Residents

After nearly a year of liaising with Openreach, we've finally done it. Our Gigabit Voucher Pledge Site is finally open for us to pledge our vouchers. Now we all need to get pledging as we only have 12 weeks to pledge enough vouchers for the scheme to be implemented.

There are 189 houses in the scheme and each household can pledge one voucher worth \pounds 1,500 or \pounds 3500 for a business which the government pay for. As there is currently no top up from BCC, we need 115 households to pledge their vouchers to reach our target of £173,000

As a reminder, this scheme will bring Fibre Broad Band to your house thus future proofing all 189 Nash houses in terms of connectivity. This will probably be our one and only chance to carry out this work at no cost to the village and villagers. Openreach have stated that once we reach our target, they will carry out the work within 12 months.

Once you pledge your voucher, you must take out a contract or upgrade with your provider to meet the criteria below:

- A minimum speed of 30 Mbps or double speed if the speed received today is greater than this, i.e. if you receive 40 Mbs today, you will be expected to take 80Mbs
- Your new connection must be for a minimum of 12 months and taken within 2 months of the scheme being completed

A list of providers that can provide this super-fast service once the infrastructure is built can be found here:

https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/fttp-providers

You will see familiar names such as BT, Sky, Talk Talk, Vodafone and Zen. You can chose your provider which was our main reason for building the infrastructure with Openreach.

How do I pledge my voucher?

The next step is for us to pledge our free £1,500 vouchers. To pledge your voucher, go to this link: https://www.openreach.com/connectmycommunity

You will land on an Openreach page where you can check your eligibility. Enter your postcode and the site will check you are one of the 189 houses on the scheme. You will then see a screen which says, "Your area is eligible!" Now simply click on the green button which states, "Pledge for KEYNES Ultrafast Community Project" and complete the details.

Your details are required so that the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) who fund the scheme can check you are part of a scheme and hence release the funds to Openreach. It will also ask you to "Accept our pledge terms" which are the two bullet points above in relation to taking out a 12-month contract and speed.

That's it!

That is all you need to do, and it will take you about 5 mins. This is a great opportunity for the village and will ensure we are not left behind in terms of connectivity. If we do not take advantage of this scheme now, it may be the last chance we get to get it free. If we have to pay for the scheme, it will cost the village at least £173,000 which I think we all agree would be impossible to raise.

So please get pledging now. It's simple, quick and easy.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on this email: <u>Luisp.carpediem@gmail.com</u>

Thanks

Luis

Poppies

Back in February we invited knitters and crocheters to make poppies to decorate the church doors at Remembrance time.

As November 11 approaches we would like to gather all the poppies together – please let Pam King or Margaret Hedges have your poppies by Friday 15 October.



The Righteous Pathways of Nash

At the most recent Nash Parish Council Meeting, at the point where members of the public are allowed to raise matters of concern, I pointed out that a tree has continued to grow across the path which links the High Street to Holywell. By now it blocks any light from shining west down the path from the single light near the High Street. The PC agreed that they would fix this as soon as possible.

Having solved that, I felt moved to point out to the PC that in my short time in the village one asset which has improved hugely is the quality of the footpaths. First the PC cleared the path from the High Street to the pond, more than doubling its width and removing the grime. Fortunately, in good time for 2020's lockdown and the villagers' regular sanity walks.

Next, some locals, led by Elwyn Harker, with John Chaplin and others, did an exceptional job clearing the path by the Village Hall to the Recreation Ground. Whole trees were removed, branches and briars cut back, and even new surfaces flattened and laid. What was once a barely passable track has been turned into the access of choice for pedestrians with young children and pets

Finally, at some point during lockdown, the path from Hollywell to the High Street mentioned above was transformed. A cramped muddy track became twice the width and tarmacked. I thought the council had sent a team, but Adrian pointed out to me that is wrong. In fact, it is due to the work of Robert Mearden, who just decided to get on with it. He was encouraged by the recollections of one of our longest-serving residents, Henry, who remembered cycling two abreast with a friend up the path. It turns out the path was, and is, a wide tarmac path for its entire length, which had gradually decayed into a muddy track. Robert scraped it back and even dug drainage channels in some parts to force the water away. Well done Robert.

There is some work to be done to return it to the wide path it has been for its entire length, but maybe that would be something for a large group of us to do together next spring, before new growth takes hold ? After the exceptional work on the pond, where two days' work was done in less than one morning, with Luis Ponte shredding the reed bed, literally leading from the front, it would appear that there is nothing we Nashites cannot accomplish when we plan a job and get together. We all remember the emergency efforts to stop the stream flooding Weir Cottage just a few days before Christmas in that bizarre and torrential downpour. How the whole village did not end up with a "COVID Christmas" we will never know. But the job, yet again, was done. The same spirit and effectiveness are clear in the annual spring litter clean up, where 2019's expanded group showed that work done previously remains obvious for years after.

I wanted the PC to record in their own minutes how much this "path finding" has been appreciated, but modesty, and possibly Local Government rules, don't allow such displays of emotion. So let us all give a big collective pat on the back to the Parish Council and those entrepreneurial volunteers who have, over the last few years, both literally and figuratively, laid out a path to a better Nash

Des HICKEY

Hello to one and all, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who made my retirement such a wonderful event, so Thank you very much.

To those who couldn't make the evening thank you for your texts, messages and congratulations.



To all that attended thankyou very much too, it was great to talk outside of working hours although it was a shame that there wasn't enough hours to talk to everyone, the gifts were incredible and the cards so numerous. I only recently finished my thankyou cards and unfortunately some of the tags of the gifts had become detached so i was unable to thank you personally.

Thanks to you all for such a memorable evening Andrew

Nash Neighbourhood Plan

The Nash NP Committee Chairman was please to address the meeting of Nash Parish Council, held on September 23rd 2021

The Committee recently contacted Buckinghamshire County Council to see if there has been any progress with our NP. In fact, there has been no progress with any NP awaiting external examination in Buckinghamshire. BCC are very hopefully that matters will improve in the near future as an additional member of the planning team has just been hired, whose time will be assigned exclusively to managing NPs within Buckinghamshire.

BCC has promised to inform us immediately of any progress.

• Des Hickey, Chair, Nash NP Committee

Nash Village Hall Social Events Update

Nash Village Hall social team ran two cinemas in August and September and raised £115 towards the upkeep of the village hall. Thank you to the Williams and the Hickeys for hosting both events.

Andy the Postman's farewell event on 4th September was a brilliant farewell with a fantastic number of Nash villagers, current and previous residents, turning up on the night to say farewell to Andy. Thank you to Phil Doran for helping making this a special event for Andy and for enabling the village to be involved in personal thank you's and farewells to Andy.

Planning is now starting for **Autumn and Winter** events with the return of the Nash Community cafe, on a smaller 2 hour cake and drinks only basis, from October onwards, once a month, as per previous years.

Look out for updates on a **Halloween pumpkin carving** competition and best scariest decorated house at the end of October, for the **Halloween Pumpkin Walk**.

The **Lights of Nash** evening is back on, on Saturday 20th November, timings to be confirmed nearer the date. We hope to serve warm spiced drinks at the hall, alcoholic and non, to keep you warm, as you walk around the village and enjoy the lights. Plan you lights and decorations to make the village glow!

Keep an eye out for a Autumn/Winter website as per last year as well, to see how you can stay involved with activities in the village.

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 5 & 19 October, 2, 16 & 30 November *Recycling*: Tuesdays 12 & 26 October, 9 & 23 November *Garden waste*: If you are subscribed to the garden waste service, the collections take place on the same days as general waste. The last garden waste collection for 2021 is on the 16th November.
If a collection is missed, then report this within 48 hours either by phone (01296 585858) or via the website.



NASH VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

EXTRAORDINARY AGM 8TH NOVEMBER 2021 19:30 NASH VILLAGE HALL

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- Opportunity to be part of the Nash Village Hall Management
 Committee
- Vote in all members of the Nash Village Hall Management Committee
- More details to follow on Nash Alert, Whatsapp and Facebook

For more details, contact:

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Nash Websites

The Parish Council's website can be found at www.nash-bucks-pc.gov.uk

The Nash Village website can be found at

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. If you are not already on the system please email alertfornash@qmail.com

Social Comms Channels

Whatsapp Social Group - social group for the village sharing, information, community activities and silliness https://chat.whatsapp.com/IJppMeRTzte4tODzmifBiL

Facebook Group - village Facebook group with village activities and information

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1799625100337639/



FIREWORK DISPLAY Saturday 6th November

Winslow C. of E. School Lowndes Way

Gates open at 6:00) p.m		
Bonfire Lighting at 6:40 p.m			
Fireworks start at 7:00 p.m			
Adults	£ 5.00		
Children (5-15 years of age)	£ 2.00		
Under 5's	Free		

Hot Dogs & Drinks will be available We are unable to accept any materials for bonfire

Safety Notice

For the safety of others, personal fireworks including Chinese Lanterns, and Sparklers will **NOT** be allowed in the school grounds.

From the Editor: Anna White

Welcome to the October/November edition of the Nash Newsletter.

Items for the October-November 2021 edition should be sent to me by email: annajmwhite@gmail.com

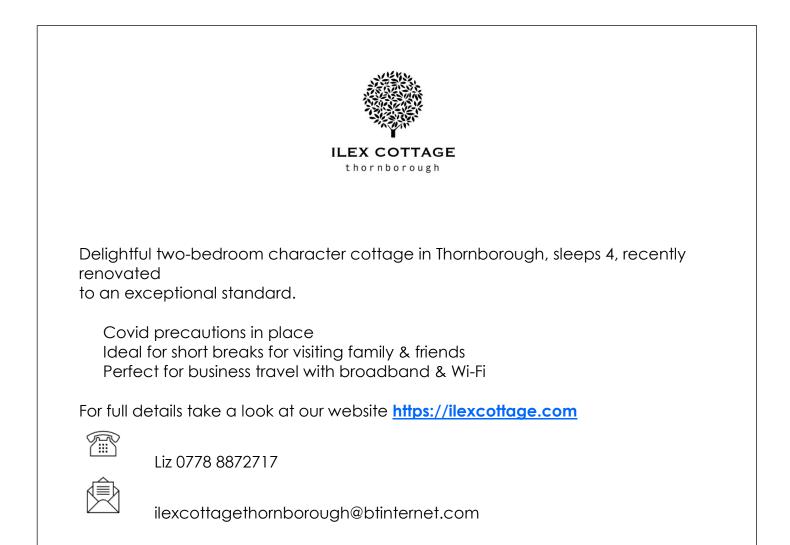
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Winslow & District Community Bus Needs Volunteer Drivers

The Winslow & District Community Bus relies on volunteer drivers to run its services, excursions and hires.

We are always in need of volunteer drivers, especially at the moment! So, if you have a D1 on your licence, and have some spare time, please consider becoming a driver for your local Community Bus.

You can do as much or as little as you like, from our shorter local runs to some of our longer day trips. We visit all kinds of places, including garden centres, stately homes, shopping centres, countryside drives as well as our regular scheduled bus services, and the people who use the bus are a very friendly crowd!

We offer certificated training to MIDAS standard, and pay out-of-pocket expenses. Please call or visit our website for more information.

We are now running the following services:

<u>Aylesbury Market Bus</u> - runs every Friday and Saturday morning —- from Winslow, through Gt Horwood, Nash, Whaddon, Mursley and Swanbourne, arriving in Aylesbury just after 10am and departing at 12.15pm. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return.

Winslow Market Service 54abc - runs every Wednesday morning

This service picks up in the surrounding villages and then into Winslow, (Swanbourne, Mursley, Great Horwood, Whaddon, Nash and The Claydons). Pick up times vary according to village. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £3.00 return.

Buckingham Bus Service - runs on the first Tuesday of the month

Picking up in Winslow and surrounding villages. 1 hour in town then 1 hour in Tesco, or 2 hours in Tesco. Door to door service. Bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return.

<u>Westcroft Shopping</u> – runs every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month

Picking up in surrounding villages. Morrisons, Boots, Aldi, etc., bus passes accepted, otherwise £4.50 return. Ring to book.

Despite the government lifting restrictions, we still have the following guidelines in place to help keep yourselves and our drivers safe:

- Please call and reserve your seat in advance. All 16 seats are back on board but the double seats are still for single occupancy only unless agreed in advance with the coordinator.
- We ask that all passengers wear a face covering while travelling on the bus.
- We also ask that all passengers use the hand sanitiser provided on the bus.

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Great Summer Crossword ANSWERS

Across: 5 Avalanche, 6 Frost, 8 Puddle, 11 Mild, 16 Drizzling, 17 Sun, 18 Rainbow, 22 Humidity, 23 Forecast, 24 Hail, 25 Hurricane, 26 Suntan

Down: 1 Scorcher, 2 Overcast, 3 Shower, 4 Flood, 6 Flurries, 7 Cloud, 9 Blizzard, 10 Heatwave, 12 Drought, 13 Chilly, 14 Degrees, 15 Raindrop, 19 Breeze, 20 Umbrella, 21 Lightning