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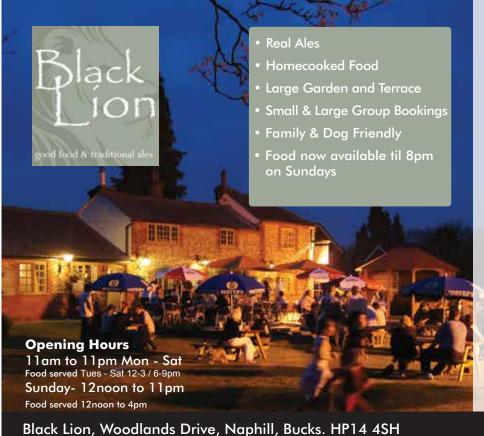
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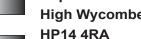


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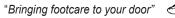
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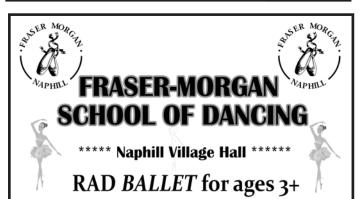
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Tennis Club - Junior	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com Terry Crooks 562539 ter- rycrooks2001@aol.com		
Village Hall Council	First Monday in the month 8.00-10.00pm	Naphill Village Hall	Clive Lawrece chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk		
Help with filling in online forms	Judy Whitehouse 562742 or Sheila Draper 563670				
Naphill Evening WI	3rd Thursday in month 7.45pm	Naphill Village Hall	Juliet Shortall 565018		



#### **Editorial**

This week I received the sad news that Richard Holroyd, my assistant editor, is resigning for personal reasons. Whilst this news was not totally unexpected I am very sad to be losing one of my great Gussetteers. Richard is a superb professional photographer who has always designed the covers much admired by us all. As well as being a great professional photographer, Richard has also been the person I could turn to for advice and support. My sincere thanks to you Richard, you will be very much missed!

Last December Mike Pool, our treasurer, sent out the accounts to our advertisers. If you are an advertiser who has not settled your account yet please do so promptly, if you no longer require your advertising space please inform us as we have a number of people who would like to advertise with us.

Recently our grandaughter has moved to Naphill and we were all delighted when she was granted a place at Naphill & Walter's Ash School. For Naomi one of the major attractions for this move was that she would be able to walk, scoot or ride her bike to school and this morning was the very first morning that she and her Mum decided to take our two Chihuahuas along on this walk with them. One very happy child set off for school, with dogs harnessed, pooh bags at the ready, doggy treats, instructions reinforced as to how to safely hold the leads and to make sure that the dogs did not cause a danger to anything or anybody else.

Owning a dog comes with responsibilities! The law is very clear that these responsibilities are not just to our pet and immediate family but also towards people, livestock and animals who we meet with our dog beyond our home. A dog out walking is the responsibility of the handler at all times regardless of whether that handler is the owner or a dog walker, this handler must be able to control their charge. Recently I have received several distressing local reports of dogs attacking other dogs and the handler of the aggressor not controlling

their dog properly. My own dogs, out walking on their leads, well under the control of their professional dog walker, were victims of just such an unprovoked attack. Fortunately, neither of our dogs or their handler was injured. I am publishing a reminder of these laws in this copy of our magazine. Please see page 32. If you need further help or advice please contact PC Stuart Baron who is the local police officer specially trained to deal with matters. He can be contacted by phone on 101.

The December snow produced some great photographs, some of which I am sharing with you in this issue and there were a few extra days off school for the children to enjoy the snow, but personally, I hope that Spring is not too far away so that not only can we walk our dogs in safety but we will be able to enjoy our glorious countryside as it springs back into life.

Sonia 01494 569428 editor@napillandwaltersash.org.uk www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk

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#### **Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights**

Once again, we were all delighted to see our spectacular tree lights this year. They are not just the talk of the village, but I am reliably informed that the taxi drivers consider them to be the best in the area!

As always, a massive thank you goes to the team, led by Mike Mason, who brave the elements each year to bring us all such joy and cheer up the dark evenings.

However, the biggest thanks must go to everyone who contributed towards the lights by putting a donation in one of the boxes that were in all the local pubs and businesses, or went online to make a donation on our new MyDonate page. You were incredibly generous and the total in the boxes this year was £237.44, and via MyDonate £217. The W.I had a collection at their Christmas party which raised an additional £70, and the last remaining £173.47 of Horticultural Society funds were also donated, giving a grand total of £697.91, which goes a very long way towards the running costs and the essential insurance for Mike and his team.

Once again, we can safely say that our tree's future remains very bright indeed!

Cathryn Carter

#### **Chairman's Report**

On the 8 January we held the village hall committee meeting. There were 12 committee members present. Among the items discussed were the seats that are going to be placed on the crick, the concrete bases for them will be laid soon so the seats can be bolted onto them. The tender for the grass cutting and hedge trimming has been issued to three potential suppliers and we will decide next meeting who the contract will be awarded to. The play area was also discussed and the report from the parish council states that we will have to spend a considerable amount to update the various equipment that is there. Two members of the committee are to meet with the parish council to discuss details in the near future. The flat roof over Bon Ami and the changing

rooms was also discussed and it was agreed that a local builder could tender for the work and we will make a decision at the next meeting.

We do seem as a committee to take a long time to commission the larger jobs that are essential for the upkeep of the hall but being a registered charity we have to get three quotes for the work. This alone can be a time consuming item but as the committee is made up of volunteers who are only available to do this work when their commitments allow. We have much work to do on the hall and crick and some help to do these jobs would be great, so if you think you have the time and skill, be it overseeing the work or giving us advice on building or roofing jobs, you can contact me via the village hall website.

The Christmas tree lights looked great and are always admired by many people from the area but this year the lights have taken a pounding including being hit by a tall vehicle and we will need to replace some of them. Thanks to the team that put them up and take them down.

Clive Lawrence
Chairman, Naphill Village Hall
chairman@naphillvillagehall.org.uk

#### **Co-op Community Fund**

The Village Hall Council would like to thank the Coops at Walter's Ash and Princes Risborough for supporting us as one of their charities over the last 6 months. We have received a total of £2,236.54 which will go towards village hall maintenance and improvements.

We would also like to thank you, the Co-op members, who nominated us as your beneficiary. Your support is very much appreciated.

Judy Whitehouse

#### **Bradenham Parish Council**

#### Happy New Year.

The parish council held its first meeting of the year on 8 January. We were very pleased to have the RAF present at this meeting. In recent months they have raised a number of issues with us i.e. overgrown hedges and lack of street lighting. The parish council in turn had raised some issues with the RAF.

We would like to remind all residents that it is the landowners responsibility to make sure that hedges, trees and plants do not overgrow onto the public highway (road, pavement, footpath). It has to be safe to walk along a pavement. It is the County Council's responsibility on main roads to clear mud and leaves, etcetera, from the roads and pavements. Wycombe district council also do some of this work. We have had

reports of persons cycling on the pavement where it is NOT a shared cycle/walk way. Please refrain from cycling on the pavement where you should not.

Fly tipping by the old recycling centre had dropped off but it is occurring again. If you see any please report it on Bucks County Council web site www.buckscc.gov. uk. Supplying a photograph always helps. The County Council is very responsive. Road kill should be reported at Wycombe District Councilwww.wycombe.gov.uk

Flooding in the parish has been a problem for some time, in particular, New Road in Walter's Ash and Rectory Lane, Bradenham. The County Council did come out and investigate. The drain on New Road is due to be cleared, which will help. Capital work is required for the problems on Rectory Lane and unfortunately although the work has been scheduled for some time now, it keeps being put back. There are a number of jobs outstanding which are the responsibility of the National Trust. One of the councillors has been chasing this work. New steps near footpath Br3 have been put in place and the decent/ascent of that hill is now much safer. It was decided that the Bradenham pond needs regular clearance work, councillors are looking into having this work done.

We have requested Bucks County Council to repaint a number of white lines at junctions in the parish and have been told this is now scheduled. The repainting of the pelican crossing in Walter's Ash is also due to be done. Speed data from our MVAS on Bradenham Woods Lane was discussed, in December we had more than 70,000 vehicle movements and more than half of those exceeded the 30mph speed limit. With 230 vehicles exceeding 60mph! It was agreed that speed data will be distributed at every meeting and with the minutes. We regularly have complaints about speeding vehicles. Please watch your speed.

The budget was set and the precept was kept at £7,140 for 2018/19.

## Our next meeting will be on Monday 5th March at 7pm at Bradenham Cricket club.

Deirdre Hansen,

Clerk to the Council. clerk@bradenham.org.uk www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association:

The following local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) In the 8 weeks to 12th January 2018 were discussed and any responses by NAWARA appear on the WDC website

Planning Applications to 14th December 2017: 17/08225/FUL Highfield, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HP14 4QX. Householder application for construction of single storey front / side extension following removal of

existing store. (Validated: Tue 05 Dec 2017). 17/07849/ FUL. Modena, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. HP14 4RJ. HA for raising of roof, roof extensions/alterations, first floor side extension and fenestration/door alterations to dwelling and garage. (Validated: Tue 07 Nov 2017). 17/08149/FUL Fernlands Chapel Lane, Naphill. HP14 **4RB. HA** for construction of first floor side extension. (Validated: Mon 20 Nov 2017). (NAWARA. Objection). 17/08144/FUL. 8 Wellhouse Way, Naphill. HP14 **4QP.** HA for conversion of garage to habitable room. (Validated: Mon 20 Nov 2017). 17/08203/MINAMD. 6 Allen Drive, Naphill. HP14 4SS. Proposed nonmaterial amendment to permission for construction of single storey front extension, two storey rear extension, conversion of roof space to habitable accommodation including insertion of 3 x dormer windows, 3 x rooflights and 1 x Sun Tube granted under householder planning ref 16/05078/FUL (Validated: Thu 23 Nov 2017).

**Decisions Permitted.** 17/07399/FUL. 324, Main Road, Walters Ash. HP14 4TH 17/07926/MINAMD. 17 Allen Drive, Naphill. HP14 4SS. 17/07553/FUL. 25, Ash Close, Walters Ash. HP14 4TR. 17/06605/FUL. 40, Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4QB. Withdrawn. 17/07491/FUL. Hogtrough Smallholding, Louches Lane, Naphill. HP14 4QH.

Planning Applications to 11th January 2018: 17/08333/ADV. 312 Main Road Walters Ash HP14 **4TH** Display of 1 x internally illuminated fascia sign, 1 x internally illuminated projecting sign and 4 x non-illuminated wall/fence mounted flat aluminium signs. 17/08509/FUL The Firs, Purssells Meadow, Naphill Householder application for demolition of existing detached garage and shed, construction of single storey side and rear extensions and associated alterations. 17/08382/FUL 132, Main Road, Naphill. HP14 4PZ. Householder application for construction of replacement entrance porch. 17/08273/FUL Travellers Joy, 157 Main Road Naphill. HP14 4SB. HA for construction of single storey rear extension, second storey front extension over existing garage, front porch, insertion of 3 x windows to side and new render finish/cedar shiplap timber cladding over existing brick finish. (No objection provided there is no overlookiing over adjacent property by provision of frosted glass in line with planning guidelines on side-facing windows. 17/08303/FUL Lark Rise, Stocking Lane, Naphill. HP14 4NE HA for construction of single storey rear extension. 17/08147/FUL Jonathan Cottage, Chapel Lane, Naphill. HP14 4RB HA for construction of single storey and first floor side/rear extensions.(NAWARA objection. Overlooking of Yew Tree Cottage and light intrusion).

**Decisions. Permitted. 17/08144/FUL** 8, Wellhouse Way, Naphill HP14 4QP. **17/08203/MINAMD.** 6, Allen Drive, Naphill. HP14 4SS. **17/07768/FU**L 28, Ash Close, Walters Ash. HP14 4TR

Gloria Leflaive

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#### **Hughenden Parish Council Report**

**Factoid #20 -** Of the 15 Council seats we currently have 4 vacancies. Anyone over 18 who lives or works in the Parish can apply for this varied and rewarding role by emailing clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk or telephoning 715296

#### **Decision on Precept**

In our last article of 2017 we explained about the precept and that the Council would be setting its expenditure requirement for the Apr18-Mar19 period at the end of November.

This money goes directly to providing the services for which HPC are responsible. These include providing and maintaining allotments, public open spaces, bus shelters, dog bins, the Garden of Rest (cemetery), benches and playgrounds as well as significant roadside maintenance within the parish including grass and hedge cutting, clearing the edges of pavements, weed killing and rights of way clearance. The result is an increase of 2% from £207,464 to £211,613. This increase is driven primarily by increasing costs to us and that Buckinghamshire County Council has no commitment beyond 2019 to assist funding us for the roadside maintenance that they devolved to the Parish Council 2 years ago. This increase will amount to approximately an additional £1 per year on a Band D council tax bill for 2018/2019 and still keeps us below the annual national average Parish precept of £61.03.

#### **Dog Bins**

We have recently had two new dog waste bins installed on the Common. This was in response to requests from residents and after consultation with West Wycombe Estate and Natural England.

These are the locations at the end of Downley Road and the end of Chapel Lane. Please see the black rectangles on the map provided (courtesy of Friends of Naphill Common. We will monitor their usefulness (such a glamourous job!) and may look to add a third at the end of Forge Road in the future.

#### **Playgrounds**

We did promise to update you on Templewood Playground. We had a decent response to our short survey - with 97 (91 from within Parish) of you coming back to us both online and using the flyers that we posted locally around Templewood.

- Redesign the area to include a range of children's play equipment - 69%
- Keep the play area as it is and replace the play equipment - 29%
- Remove equipment and fencing and manage as an open space 2%

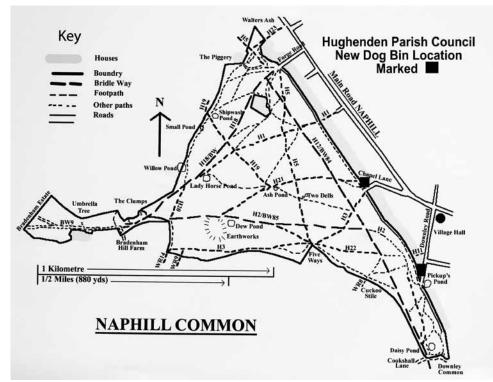
We councillors met to discuss the next steps in January along with Councillor Gieler, Chairman of our Services Committee. A briefing will now be submitted to Council in February with the outline requirements so that we can get an idea of what can be achieved and at what cost.

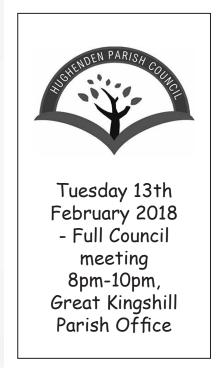
We have also asked separately to understand what remedial work is required to reinstate the wooden bridges, swings, etc for when the better weather arrives.

The Playground on the crick should by now have received another top up of bark under the equipment.

Your Parish Councillors

Martin Burch, Chris Waterton, Peter Williams and vacant seat. email nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk





#### **Points of Interest**

Although February brings slightly longer days they can still be dull with murky mists and overcast skies. In these conditions there are still many car and van drivers who persist in driving without any lights whatsoever and safety is further compromised because many more modern cars are equipped with permanent bright sidelights so that in a line of traffic they are easily seen whilst darker cars without lights become almost invisible. I cannot be alone in seeing the inherent dangers of this situation and I think it is about time that legislation be introduced to make it compulsory for all cars to have side or running lights when moving. It is required when raining but is never enforced by the police and it would not involve expensive technology to link the lights automatically being switched on when the windscreen wipers are operating. Road safety would be improved if all cars had to have automatic running lights.

On the issue of road safety why do some drivers persist in driving too fast in situations of potential danger? Such situations can be regularly witnessed along the Main Road at Walters Ash where cars parked at the roadside should slow down the flow of traffic but there are many drivers who appear to see it as a challenge to pass through this congestion at 30 miles per hour and above. I have never supported a 20 mph limit along this stretch of road as conditions do not always require it but it should be common sense to drive at appropriate speeds when road conditions demand it.

Richard Pushman

#### **Black Lion**

Happy New Year to all of our customers, we hope everyone had a good Christmas. We were busy serving our Christmas menu throughout December and had a great party on New Year's Eve with a free buffet and glass of bubbly to say thank you to our customers.

Food is served 12-4pm every Sunday and throughout February and March we will be offering a roast dinner with all the trimmings for only £8 per person. Come and enjoy roast beef plus either pork, chicken or lamb next to our roaring fires and have a day off cooking! Homemade puddings also available. We regret that this special offer is not available on 11 March, Mother's Day - please see our Facebook and website for menu and booking details for this special day.

We are still serving food early on Friday nights, from 5-9pm. Come in early and feed the children with 20% off the kid's menu between 5-6pm.

We are proud to be hosting a Race Night on Saturday 3rd February in aid of Breast Cancer Care. Food is being served 6-8pm with the children's menu, side orders and bowls of either chilli con carne and rice and vegetable curry and rice for only £5. Horses can be bought before the night for a chance to win a bottle of prosecco. You can also sponsor the race to get a mention on the night. Lots of tote betting on the night with free entry so please come and support this fantastic cause.

#### Food is served

Tuesday – Saturday 12-3pm / 6-9pm (from 5pm on Friday's)

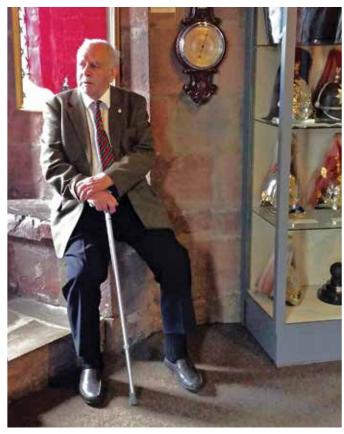
Sunday 12-4.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Jack, Sian and the team.









Ron Crutchfield 1924 - 2017



#### A Brave Soldier Remembered

Ron Crutchfield was born in November 1924, just six years after the First World War. His father had fought in the trenches and was probably somewhat disappointed that his son would be off fighting 19 years after Ron was born and just 27 years after his father had returned from the War to end all Wars.

After the war, Ron married Millie, they moved into Anne's Cottage and gained a Poodle and life was good for some time. Ron drove bulldozers for 50 years, for the local firm, Smiths. They own that yard where the tyre fitters are, opposite the allotments).

While driving bulldozers and clearing old houses and sites, it gave Ron access to unlimited quantities of 'stuff' to accumulate at home! Scrap metal was his favourite, they would weigh it in with the mobile 'Totty Man' and the money it generated paid for a summer holiday every year. His wife was definitely not keen on the rest of the stuff that Ron brought home and she curbed his worst excesses. After Millie died in 1986 (I think), it gave Ron the rest of his working life to accumulate the piles of things we see today, littered

around Anne's Cottage. All of it may 'come in handy' at some point!

Ron's memory never faded, his recall of events from long ago was crystal clear, with his war-time exploits at the forefront. Not many foot soldiers could drive at that time, Ron could, which meant he was selected to drive a Willy's Jeep for the 'Ruperts', much of his war. After fighting his way up Sword beach on foot, June 1944, he was issued his first jeep, with others following in Italy and North Africa.

Ron wasn't always the easiest person to get along with but when you got to know him, he was funny, articulate and had so many good stories to tell. He was always grateful for company and news from the locality and always ready with an opinion! We salute this fine solider from the Kings Shropshire Light Infantry and will miss him!

Neil McDonald

#### A Hero of Naphill

At 1000hrs on 6th June 1944 Ron Crutchfield of Naphill stepped from a landing craft into the sea off Sword beach in Normandy. He was in the second wave of British soldiers on D-Day. He carried a 0.303 rifle, 50 rounds of ammunition, two bren gun magazines and a few grenades. He was an infantryman of the Shropshire Regiment. He went on to participate in the attack on Caen, which took six weeks (it was defended by a Panzer division). His regiment then fought the German army through northern France, Belgium and Holland into Germany. He finished up at the end of the war in Bremen in northern Germany. He was aged 19 years 7 months when he stepped ashore. Nearly a quarter of the men in his regiment were killed. Like nearly all the men who fought in the British army in the Second World War, Ron was a civilian conscripted into the army, given a rifle and ammunition and some basic training then sent into action. It was a war to the death and Ron did his duty. He survived to live a long life back here in Naphill. He was a true hero, recently recognised by the award of a Légion d'Honneur medal by the Government of France for his contribution to the liberation of France. The Légion d'Honneur medal is France's highest award. He passed away at the age of 93. We shall miss him.

Mike Mason





Please come to our AGM on Friday 9th February in the Village hall, starting at 7.30pm. Our speaker is Mike Fisher of Fisher's Brewing Co on Bellfield Road. It is also vital that we hear your views about the Common, about our organisation and about what we are doing or not doing. The Common is probably the village's greatest asset – certainly it's most attractive feature. You don't have to be a member to come to the meeting, but we will be pleased if you join.

It is not surprising that with all the felling and dragging out of timber, together with the winter weather, much of the Common is in a rough state with an abundance of ruts and mud. However, this phase of the felling is nearly complete and, with good fortune, the spring will show the Common with much more greenery than we have seen since the 1950's. We will be planting out a few more juniper bushes later in the year. They were grown from berries collected from our existing bushes.

This Christmas there were very few holly berries to gather. This was partly due to the amount of bushes that have been removed, but I suspect that the main reason was that snow just before Christmas encouraged the birds to strip the trees. This is supported by the fact that there were not many bushes with berries in areas away from the Common. Of course, in holly the sexes are on different trees so, as in humans, at least half won't produce fruit.

We hope to address the problem of the Great Beech that has fallen into Dew Pond, completely covering it. Wessex Woodland Management has agreed to attempt to remove the main trunk and larger branches without damaging the pond lining, and we hope to tackle the rest through our working parties. However, there are complications. First, the lower section of the tree contains the rare Lion's Mane fungus, Hericium erinaceus, and that must be preserved if at all possible. Second, the tree has fallen across the ditch of the (probably) Iron Age enclosure and we don't want that damaged when the tree, or part of the tree, is removed. Third, the pond itself may be ancient - a fragment of Iron Age pot has been found in it so we don't want to see the pond damaged. We will consult with various experts, including an ecologist, an archaeologist, and a fungus expert as well as someone from Wessex Woodland Management.

The work parties are continuing to meet to clear paths, remove scrub and maintain the ponds in good order. If you would like to help please check the web site (www.naphillcommon.org.uk) or contact the organiser, Peter Davis for details. Tools and training (where necessary) are provided.

You are also welcome to join our walks. The short walks (2-3 miles) are led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. Ron Collins leads the longer walks (about 5 miles) on the third Monday of each month. Meet at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a prompt start at 9:30am. Members and non-members are equally welcome. These are the usual arrangements, but as there is sometimes a need to make changes it would be wise to consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details.

Chris Miller Chairman













#### The Wheel

We would like to wish everyone in the Village a very Happy New Year and hope you all have a healthy and prosperous 2018. Also thank you to the Christmas Tree lights team. They were amazing as always.

It feels like such a long time since I was last writing an article for the gazette, but that's because so much has been going on. Christmas has been an extremely busy month and we hope we haven't had to turn too many of you away over December due to the Christmas bookings. Its been a strange month with Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve falling on a Sunday which has only ever happened once before in nearly 12 years of us being here.

New Years Eve was a brilliant night with so many of our locals celebrating and dancing lots, (you know who you are)!! Mark and I would like to thank Tony for being our DJ on the night. We would also like to thank Chefkins and all the staff for all their hard work over the festive period. Anyone who works in the hospitality trade over December needs a massive cheer, so well done to all at The Black Lion and all the other pubs in the area too.

It was brilliant to have all the snow and it was great to become the après-ski venue on the Sunday, as our snow boarders were out in force, and then enjoyed the afternoon while the kids kept themselves entertained having snowballs thrown at them by their Dads. Here's to more snow (I know some may not agree, but I like it)

This month it is all about Rugby and The Six Nations, as always Chloe and I are rather excited and looking forward to completing our Risborough Rugby Club Sweep Stake forms. The more that join in the better, and all games will be shown so you know how well you've done. We also need to win the Pub challenge this year.

kitchens annual deep clean and be ready for our new menu for 2018. We also have lots of big Birthday Functions this year, the majority being held on Saturday nights, which should be entertaining. Just a little bit of forward planning for you all, Mother's Day is very early this year and is the 11th March, so remember to book early please.

Once again thank you to everyone who supports us and to all our wonderful staff. We hope the staff enjoy their well-deserved time off this month.

Thanks, and see you soon.

Mark and Claire



## Guide & Brownie Jumble Sale

3rd March Naphill Village Hall 1.30pm

We will be collecting items for the sale around the village on the morning of the sale, and we would also welcome any items you wish to bring to the Village Hall on the sale day.

NO ELECTRICAL GOODS PLEASE!

#### **Bon Ami**

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you have all had a very happy Christmas and are eager for 2018.

On 4 January we started back after an extravagant two week break with our families xx had dropped off. This day is Vera's birthday and this year we were thrilled to celebrate Vera's 97th birthday at Bon Ami. Nineteen of Vera's friends joined her and it was a very happy event. Vera made a short speech thanking everyone for coming and looking forward to her 98th birthday celebrations. We hope you like this special picture of the event.



We have continued to be busy since returning. Our soup of the moment is Tatties & Neeps with Haggis. This is always a huge favourite and in recognition of Burns' Night on 27th January.

We hope that many of you are reading "The Dry" by Jane Harper in readiness for our first book club meeting on Thursday 1st February, 7pm at Bon Ami. If you are planning to come along please do let us know so that we can plan our tables.

As always, we look forward to serving you and meeting you very soon.

Best wishes Amanda and Ruth.

#### 1st Naphill Brownies

#### Happy New Year!

I would like to begin by complimenting Sonia on the amazing job she does in editing our village magazine. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes before we receive our published copies and we are very lucky to have her in the editor's chair. Thank you, Sonia.

Towards the end of 2017, we enjoyed a great evening of Cheerleading with Alice from the Cheer Academy. It was such fun that we decided to show our efforts to everyone at our Annual Carol Service. The Carol service involves much singing alongside short entertainments (on a Christmas theme) from each of the Guiding units of the Hughenden District: A very sociable way to end the year.

The Brownies are now back after the Christmas break and are enjoying all sorts of Spring themed activities and traditions from a variety of different countries – Australia Day, Chinese New Year, Mothers Day and Easter.

With World Book Day and National Storytelling Week also falling this term we will be working towards our Booklovers badge. I am hoping the girls have read some good books over Christmas which they might tell us about. Wycombe Library has kindly agreed to show us around the library to find out more about the range of resources available and how to care for these resources. There is a lot for us to look forward to.

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly) 565571:ruth.daly3@btinternet.com

#### Thank You!



I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who visited our tacky Christmas lights at the top of Coombe Lane this year. Unfortunately, they were late going up due to illness but with the help of John Evans we were able to get them ready in time for Christmas.

The windy weather was a challenge this year, trying to keep all the inflatables upright felt like a full time job. It was great to see so many of you and to get to have a chat with a few people who ventured down the drive. We are always amazed at how generous people are for our charity collection: thank you for your kind donations. This year you've helped to raise £90 for BURPS at Stoke Mandeville to help support the work they do for premature babies and their parents. Many of you will be aware that our granddaughter was born prematurely and had to spend 12 weeks in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit The whole family were very grateful to them for looking after her so well and giving her a great start in life. Over the last 4 years you have raised over £320 for the baby unit. I know they appreciate the help you give them and so a big thank you to all of you and have a great 2018.

Further information on BURPS can be found here: http://burps-smh.btck.co.uk/

Janet & Trevor May

#### A Great Naphill Artist Remembered

#### Susan Wharton 1926-2017



Susan was a very gifted and accomplished artist. Her great drawing skills were strong and exhibited her renowned draughtsmanship style. For many years she took part in the annual Bucks Open Studios Exhibition and the public enjoyed visiting her in her woodland based studio which was crammed with her wonderful work. I so well remember that there were always cups of cold tea on the side which she had made but forgotten about because she was engrossed in her work! Her printing press was in constant use! The visitors to her studio spent ages looking around as there was so much to see.

Susan was enthusiastic and helpful to new artists, she always had an encouraging comment. We often met her at a local life drawing class in Stokenchurch. She would end up with charcoal and carbon over her because she was so engrossed in following a contour.

Susan will be sadly missed by her artist friends, the Bucks Open Studios and the Bucks Art Society where she regularly exhibited.

Veronica Wilkins

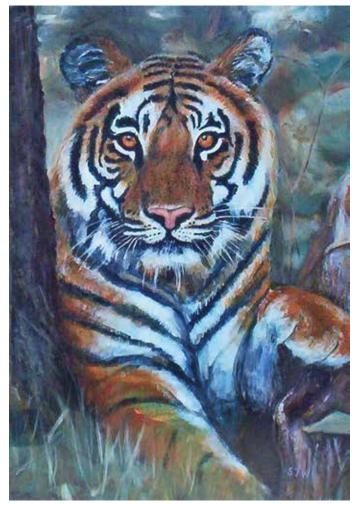
Photographs of Some of Susan Wharton's Paintings - internet site Susan Whartion.co.uk



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Otter



Thats Far Enough

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Napfest 2018



Music 8 June, Fete 9 June, Classics 10 June

NAPFEST 2018 is here (well nearly), book the dates in your diaries. This year the theme is '1928' Celebrating 90 years of the Village Hall, so Charleston down to the Naphill Crick for a weekend of family fun and entertainment.

Starting Friday evening 8 June 2018 at 6pm, we have Live Music on the Crick. The music is suitable for all ages, from toddler to grandmother, so come along and strut your funky stuff. Don't forget that there will be a bar and food stalls. Tickets can be purchased online or through local businesses.

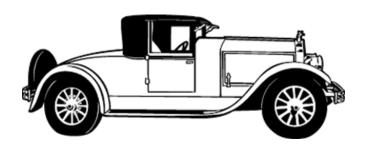
Saturday 9 June 2018, brings the Annual Village Fete starting with the procession from the Scout hut at 1200hrs where our Fete Prince and Princess will officially open the proceedings. Please contact us ASAP if you wish to be included in the procession. All afternoon the Arena will host various entertainments, and of course there will be the Dog Show and don't forget the amazing stalls and rides.

If you would like to hold a stall at the Fete, no matter how big or small, or if you have any form of entertainment that you would like to showcase in the arena please email the Fete Committee on nwafete@hotmail.com.uk for further information.

Linda Clark

Chair of the Napfest Committee





## Chiltern Hills Arboriculture – Seasonal Notes

Well, Christmas is well and truly over and if you are anything like us at CHA you have probably gained a pound or three around the waistline. Time to catch up on the gardening and start preparing for the beginning of Spring. It's just around the corner.

With the leaves gone it's a good time to check your larger trees for any structural damage/split limbs/ pests and diseases. The correct time of year for trimming beech trees is between November and February (Dormant Period), so it's pretty much the last opportunity before next winter.

February is an excellent time of year to prune some of your fruit trees. Apple and pear trees are dormant now, and the lack of leaves makes the job easier. Next month the sap will start to rise. However, leave any plum trees, cherry trees and apricots until summer, as pruning now will leave them susceptible to Silver Leaf disease. This is a fungal disease that enters the tree through cuts and wounds, causing a "silvering" of the leaves, and the death of the affected limbs.

If you have any deciduous hedges now is a good time to trim them back. They will "green" up during spring and it will ensure you don't disturb the birds during the nesting season.

Happy gardening!

Mike & Danny
Chiltern Hills Arboriculture
07961 825814

#### **Growing Your Own**

February is the month for enriching the soil by the application of farmyard manure. I obtain a load of 1.25 tons, some of which goes on the back garden and in the greenhouse but most goes on the allotment, a different patch of soil receiving this "manna from heaven" every year. So, after a few years, nearly all of the allotment soil will have been manured. I spread and leave the manure on the surface of the soil and plant out larger vegetable plants such as brassicas and leeks directly in it. By the second year the manure on that patch of soil has rotted down and one can grow most crops in it. The worms take it down into the soil; there is no need to dig it in (digging destroys the soil structure and the habitat of our precious soil micro-organisms). In February I shall be finishing off any fruit tree and fruit bush pruning and generally get ready for the challenges of another gardening year.

The news that the price of vegetables rose by 5.7% in October 2017 compared with a year earlier improved my morale. It meant that my efforts to grow my own

have been rewarded with a 5.7% pay increase, with no extra income tax or national insurance to pay. Whilst that gives me great satisfaction I am still affected by the increase in meat prices of 3.9% over the same period. I could become a vegetarian and live completely off the land but I don't intend to!

Regarding my crops in storage or still on the allotment or in the garden and greenhouse, there is a mixed picture. The extreme drought in the winter and spring of 2017 and right up until the last week of July meant that my potatoes were deprived of water at the most vital part of their growing period. The abundant rains of August and autumn came too late, so my potato crop was not as large as usual. Ditto my cucurbits (the marrow and pumpkin family). My onions rotted in storage and I don't know why; all those problems could be the result of the most unusual weather in 2017. On the other hand, I have had a massive crop of carrots and the soft fruit in summer was exceptional (we put a lot in the freezer for winter). My crop of parsnips was very good with virtually no canker and my salsify were good. My sprouts were very late in cropping and all my leeks bolted; again, I suspect the unusual weather pattern. The overwintering salad plants (lamb's lettuce, Chinese mustard Green in Snow, mizuna) in the garden have done very well despite being buried in snow and being subjected to severe frosts. The watercress in the greenhouse has been rampant, even climbing the tomato plants - yes, watercress as a climber!

Roll on the growing season of 2018. I wonder what the weather pattern will be like this time?

Happy gardening!

Mike Mason

#### Wycombe Photographic Society

New Year, New Opportunities to get out there and start taking those photographs.

So what is going to happen in February 2018 at Wycombe Photographic Society?

Thursday 1st February there is a talk all about "The Art of Monochrome" by Micki Aston.

Micki is a prominent figure in the world of photography. She has been widely published in a variety of books and other photographic publications, as well as having had her work regularly exhibited in the Cotswold Monochrome Exhibition. She judges both inter-club and county competitions throughout southern England, as well as lecturing extensively on her travel photography.

Micki works as a professional stock photographer and, while specializing in landscape photography, she will happily shoot any subject that she finds interesting. Micki has travelled to many parts of the world, and has an eye for the beautiful and the unusual.

This is one talk not to be missed particularly if you like taking Monochrome images or are thinking of taking monochrome images.

There is no cost to visitors to attend the talk.

There is an away inter club competition and an internal club competition in February.

Do not be put off by the word "competition" think of it as an opportunity to learn some "tips and tricks" about taking that photo which your friends will go "wow" over.

As always for full details of what is going on at Wycombe Photographic Society please look at our website – www.wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk

We would love to see more members from Naphill and Walters Ash so please come along to one of our evenings.

David Greenwood

Membership Secretary

Wycombe Photographic Society

#### Letter from Bradenham Vicarage

#### Food for the Soul

A young, charismatic leader discovers a message that changes his life and has the potential to change the lives of everyone who embraces the word. He sets about recruiting a group of around a dozen followers to teach the message to, to help them live the message, and when they have learnt it, to share the message with others using all the means available to them.

As this letter is from a priest, you probably think I am referring to Jesus. Actually...... being a part of Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good programme has been literally life-changing for those of us who took part. There can be no doubt about Tom's passion and sincerity regarding healthy eating and gaining control over weight issues. Twelve of us were chosen to take part for our love of food and the diversity of our backgrounds and 'stories', thus making the message relevant to as many people as possible. And now Tom's message is out there on the TV, the internet, in a book and by word of mouth – being spread by all means possible.

During the making of the programme, I gained a brilliant insight into the world of film......5 hours

shooting in front of the camera might end up as 5 seconds of screen time. How to dress correctly - nothing too busy as it messes with the pixels in distance shots. Having a 'costume' to make identification easy (guess which one I am in the programme!). Having to put everything back exactly as it was for 'continuity' when re-filming a muffed shot. Filming for the BBC had added complications - no mention of any brand names, so you could not talk about doing the hoovering - you had to talk about the vacuuming....and branded products had to be displayed so the brand wasn't fully visible. Then there's all the permissions – someone might walk past in the background whilst you were filming their permission needed to be obtained to be shown in the shot. If they refused, the shot had to be refilmed.

The twelve weeks of filming went by in a flash, I lost a whole stone in weight and have embraced a new way of healthy eating that is actually easy and FUN! I made new friends and got to try out some great new recipes. Did I get paid? No – expenses only and a very fine piece of beef to cook for a specific episode. Did it cost a lot, cooking all this gourmet stuff? This blew me out of the water – our weekly housekeeping bills actually reduced by around 40%! Would I do it again? In a heartbeat!

Like Tom's assorted 'volunteers', Jesus' disciples were a disparate bunch. We don't know too much about most of them, but we do know that amongst their number was an accountant (Matthew the tax collector) and the heir to a prosperous fleet of fishing boats (Peter – there is reference to his fathers' boats). They heard and embraced Jesus' message and it changed their lives for good, spurring them on to spread the word to all they met.

Just hearing the word is not enough. Just reading Tom's recipes would not have helped us to lose the weight – we had to work on the ideas, cook the meals, be active in participating in the programme. Only by so doing, would we see the benefits of his message.

And so it is with the Christian faith. Knowing the Bible stories, studying theology or going to church is not enough. We need to embrace the teachings, the ethos, the whole being of Jesus, incorporating them into our lives to fully see the benefits of Christ's message and know the joy that the Christian life can bring.

May you know the joy and blessing of Christ in your life.

Rev Jenny

Tom Kerridge's Lose Weight for Good is on BBC2, 8pm Wednesdays or available on BBC iPlayer.



**New to Area Exercise Class** 



The class is held at Hughenden Village Hall weekly on a Thursday night 5.30pm. Exercise session starts at 6.15pm & finishes at 7pm, 45 minute workout. The class offers an optional weigh in section from 5.30pm to 6.10pm when we have a brief talk on various things to improve for a healthier lifestyle. This is followed by the exercise which people can just come and join in and avoid the scales. I would say the average class age is between 40-70, although we do have a lovely member in her 80's. The class accommodates different levels of fitness, health problems, etc, giving lots of adaptations

throughout, so no-one feels inadequate. We have people that are fit and go for it and others that take it at their own level. This is what I love about the class. It can be challenging enough for the fitter and the not so fit to be all in one class without out anyone feeling intimidated. The class is about the individual "living well & ageing well" by moving the body and encouragement to "fuel the body well" for a healthier lifestyle. Exercise releases happy hormones, helps to change body shape, improves general fitness levels and makes you feel much better! Our bodies are meant to move, so it's important to keep as much range as possible in our joints and keep our muscles strong as we get older and our bodies naturally decline! So why not help yourself to "age well".

I have been in the fitness industry for many years and have been running classes in the High Wycombe and surrounding areas since 1989!! Over those years many trends have come and gone but the most important thing is fitness for your wellbeing. It's not about killing yourself with the hardest hardcore exercise you can do. It's about improving your fitness, to have strong lean muscles to support the joints, feeling good and looking good from the inside to the outside...after all, we all age, it's something that we can't stop but we can slow it down!!

Rachel Burton 01494 452286, 078984 167016rachel@ rachelburtonfitness.co.uk

#### **Naphill Neighbours**

The decorations have been taken down for another year and our Christmas dinner, delayed by one week due to the heavy snowfall, is a distant memory so our thoughts have now turned to forthcoming events for 2018, particularly to plans for our outings. If any members have suggestions for destinations please let us know. One problem we always have is the need to avoid the dreaded M25 which rather limits our choices.

Our February club meeting will be held on Monday 12th when Peter Mussett gives his illustrated talk on THE PRE-RAPHAELITE BROTHERHOOD'S LOVES AND LIFE. If you are interested in this subject but are not a member of Naphill Neighbours, you will be most welcome to this meeting at 8pm in the village hall.

A reminder to members – if haven't already paid your subscription for 2018 please remember to bring your cheque for £15 to the meeting.

Belated wishes for a healthy and happy new year,

Hazel Vickery, 563977

#### Naphill Evening WI

Our Christmas Party was one of the best. Great food, great company, and a lot of hard work from our Committee.

Now on to 2018. Our first meeting on 18 January will have been Mike Dewey talking about Ordinary People of High Wycombe who led Extraordinary Lives. Then on 15 February we will have a "Virtual Backstage Tour of the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury" with Cath Campbell. The competition is for an old theatre programme or ticket. (I wonder how many members have spotted the rather amusing error in the February section of their programmes.)

We have a full and varied programme for this year, including Group Meetings in April and October.

The Food Group's programme for the first half of the year starts with brunch at the Black Horse, Lacey Green on 31 January and then lunch on 20 February at the Red Lion, Great Kingshill.

Quite a large number of members met at Bon Ami on 4 January to wish Vera Burgess a very happy 97th birthday. The café had made some beautiful cupcakes for her (and some very tasty cheese scones for those of us who preferred something savoury).

Lots to look forward to in the New Year.

Carol Gilliam.

I have an overarching responsibility in government for constitutional affairs, including devolution, and for the implementation of government policy. Oh, and I shall also stand in at Prime Minister's Questions on the rare occasions when she is unable to be there.

I feel excited and honoured by the appointment, and a little apprehensive too at the responsibilities that I have been asked to shoulder.

For those interested, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster is an ancient title that nowadays is given to a senior Minster without specific departmental responsibilities. It is granted by The Queen in her capacity as Duke of Lancaster, the title having been held by the sovereign since Henry Bolingbroke became King Henry IV. I had to go up to Sandringham to be sworn in by Her Majesty.

It's a feature of our constitutional system that Ministers are also Members of Parliament with individual constituencies. Not every democracy works like that. In the United States and the Netherlands, Ministers are not members of the legislature. In others, MPs are elected on regional or national party lists not single-member constituencies.

The Friday after my new appointment I was in Aylesbury hearing from constituents about problems affecting social care and the impact of the closure of RAF Halton. Our system loads more work onto Ministers, but it really does keep your feet on the ground!

David Lidington

#### Letter from Hon. David Lidington MP

Well, politics can certainly be difficult to predict! I had not expected to be moving posts in government again after less than a year at the Ministry of Justice. But resignations before Christmas meant that the Prime Minister had to make changes to the government and so on Monday 8 January I was asked to go to Number 10.

The Ministry of Justice was a challenging brief but I enjoyed my time there. Part of me was sorry to leave, but the new role as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office takes me to the heart of government.

The Cabinet Office is responsible for the coordination of government business across departments. It services the Cabinet and the network of Cabinet committees through which much of government business is done. The Prime Minister has asked me to chair a number of committees and deputise for her when she is away from others where she would normally take the chair herself.

#### Letter from Hughenden Vicarage

As I put fingers to the keyboard to write these words, a new year lies ahead. I wonder what 2018 will bring. If last year was a difficult or painful one for you and your family and friends, then you will no doubt be hoping for a better time in the months which lie ahead. Perhaps you have made a new year's resolution to give something up, or start something new, to become healthier, adopt a better work/rest life balance, book that long-awaited holiday which you can tick off your bucket list, or vow to catch up with old friends before you completely lose touch.

As I look at the months ahead, I am mindful of a landmark I will be reaching in May – as I celebrate my 50th Birthday... [pause for sharp intake of breath and pleasant comments, such as "Gosh Vicar, you don't look a day over 40!"] I am looking forward to celebrating my half century by watching my favourite cricket team, Somerset, at some stage, and spending some time away with my wife, to mark the occasion together.

This year, I hope to make walking a bigger part of my life – after all, living in such a beautiful location, I have no excuse not to! However, I will be still regularly found in coffee shops to keep a visible presence in the community (Mondays in Hughenden Valley Village Café & Wednesdays in Bon Ami at Naphill – from 10am – 12noon) – but I shall endeavour to exercise some restraint when it comes to the cream cakes and bacon sandwiches.

As Vicar, my hope and prayer is that St Michael & All Angels Church will continue to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus Christ in our wonderful community, during 2018, both through word and deed. If you have any suggestions how we might do so, I am always delighted to hear from you, [email: keiththevicar@gmail.com] or to meet you in a café. Perhaps you know of a friend or neighbour, in need of a home visit, or other support, or of a young family who have recently moved into the area, who would like to find out more about our church activities.

As I mentioned previously, Bishop Steven has tasked the Oxford Diocese to become a more "Contemplative, Compassionate & Courageous Church" – and my aspiration is that we might embrace these worthy qualities, just as Jesus Christ modelled for us, and see our communities transformed. Amen

Rev. Keith Johnson

## Overview of Law: Controlling your dog in public -www.gov.uk/control-dog-public

It's against the law to let a dog be dangerously out of control anywhere, such as:

- · in a public place
- in a private place, eg a neighbour's house or garden
- · in the owner's home
- · The law applies to all dogs.
- Some types of dogs are banned.

#### Out of control

Your dog is considered dangerously out of control if it:

- injures someone
- makes someone worried that it might injure them

A court could also decide that your dog is dangerously out of control if either of the following apply:

- it attacks someone's animal
- the owner of an animal thinks they could be injured if they tried to stop your dog attacking their animal

### A farmer is allowed to kill your dog if it's worrying their livestock.

#### **Penalties**

You can get an unlimited fine or be sent to prison for up to 6 months (or both) if your dog is dangerously out of control. You may not be allowed to own a dog in the future and your dog may be destroyed.

If you let your dog injure someone you can be sent to prison for up to 5 years or fined (or both). If you deliberately use your dog to injure someone you could be charged with 'malicious wounding'.

If you allow your dog to kill someone you can be sent to prison for up to 14 years or get an unlimited fine (or both).

If you allow your dog to injure an assistance dog (eg a guide dog) you can be sent to prison for up to 3 years or fined (or both).

**NB** If you need further help or advice please contact PC Stuart Baron who is the local police officer specially trained to deal with such matters. He can be contacted by phone on 101.

#### Naphill Tennis Club

The Club held a very enjoyable festive tennis event in December with plenty of 'festive spirit' in all senses of the word to keep everyone happy! The first bout of winter snow then arrived which limited play for a few days. During that time, we discovered that a prospective new member had turned up to play!

The new tennis season starts on 1 April and our 2018/19 Annual Newsletter will be available from early March with details of membership, coaching and social events.

If you would like further information, please see our website: www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk or contact myself on 01494 565406 or the membership secretary on 01494 563706.

Our lovely Tiger Turf courts can be played on all year round – though I have to admit snow can be a little limiting – and provide an excellent source of activity to chase away those winter blues. Do come along to one of our club sessions and give them a try.

Jenny Tench

#### Sad News

It is with sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of Gill Church,

Gill has been a very reliable deliverer of the Naphill and Walters Ash Gazette for more than twenty years, a voluntary job she enjoyed, often being helped by her Granddaughter.

Our sympathy goes out to her family at this very difficult time, and our thanks for all Gills' hard work.

Michael and Pauline Pool

#### **Lunch Club**

As always, the seniors lunch club is held on the second Wednesday of the month and open to all residents of Naphill and Walters Ash who are 70 years and older.

We enjoyed a belated Christmas meal this month, the snow and ice having caused us to cancel in December. The whole team are now looking forward to the coming year when we hope to cook and serve more tasty meals for you all.

Due to rising costs of food, and rent for the premises, we need to increase the cost each month to £5.00 per person. However, I am sure that everyone who comes will agree it is good value, and enjoyable company.

If anyone wishes to join us please contact Jan Gaunt on 562282.

Good wishes for 2018 from 'The Lunch Club Team'

Pauline Pool

#### Naphill and Walter's Ash School

One of the greatest things about our school is the Y6 Buddy Squad.

Run by Mrs Chick, Aisha Liquat and Lucy Pease (the buddy captains), The Buddy Squad makes sure that children always have fun at breaktime and lunchtime by running Positive Play. Positive Play is an area at the top of the playground where the buddies run games such as: Cross My River; Dodgeball; Foxes and Farmers; Stuck in the Mud and other fun games for kids of all ages to play. They also supervise children at the table tennis table and help out in the lunch hall; the midday supervisors are very grateful for their help.

Alongside our Buddy Squad, all of Year 6 are partnered with a Year 1 child to help them in their first proper year at school. For example, the Year 6s helped the Year 1s create Christmas cards for their parents before the holidays.

Thomas, and Orlando

#### **Shear Madness**

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and new year and have survived the snow and the January blues. Thank you for your patience during the festive period as the queue was horrendous at times.

At last we now have a real proper phone!! As you know the mobile phone signal in the village is awful and I'm fed up with hearing Dawn say "can you hear me now?" whilst pacing up and down the shop so we got rid of the old number and put in the new one 01494 563006.

I was very sad to hear that dear old "Deaf Ron" as we called him had passed away. I will always have very fond memories of him and his cheeky chats and that twinkle in his eye. I would like to personally thank Eric for bringing him up to the shop, you are a true friend.

I'm sorry to say that there will be a price rise of 50p on the 1st March as my rent has increased, sorry but it can't be helped.

I've no holidays booked in as yet so keep your eyes peeled for notices on the door or on our Facebook page.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2018

Mandy

#### **Notes to Photographers**

My apologies to Alan Ross for not crediting his photograph on the Firework page correctly in the last edition of the Gazette. To help avoid mistakes I would ask that in future photographers, who require their work to be credited to them, should please digitally sign their photographs when submitting them for publication.

My husband, Paul Goby, referred to by his everloving wife as Himself, is the newly appointed Gazette photographic coordinator. He will be working closely with our web master, Peter Davis, another brilliant local photographer, to ensure that our cover photographs continue to be of the same high standards set by my retiring assistant editor, Richard Holroyd. If you wish to submit a photograph as a possible Gazette cover please contact Paul email: photo@naphillandwaltersash.org. uk.

Paul and Peter will be publishing general guidelines regarding Gazette photographs in the near future.

Sonia

#### **Last Word**

My thanks to Richard Holroyd for this month's "Dragon Tree" cover which I love. Our new photographic coordinator has a hard act to follow!

As always, my thanks to all our contributors and advertisers. A polite reminder! Please do not send in formatted articles with beautifully cropped photographs. Photographs in this format will not print properly! Thank you to those who made hardcopies of their map and poster available so that Himself was able to photograph these with some high-tech equipment and so make them to the required print specification. He is able to do this upon request.

Copy date for the March issue is 15 February and I look forward to receiving all your contributions for what I hope will be a bright, cheerful SPRING issue!

Sonia



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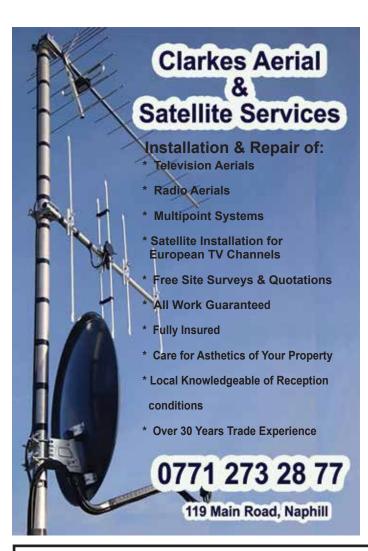
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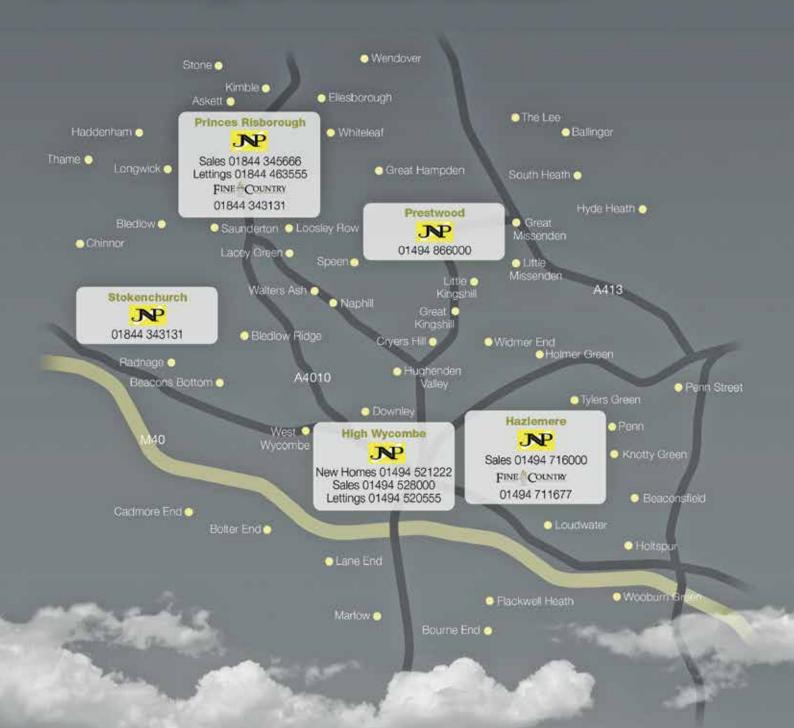
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