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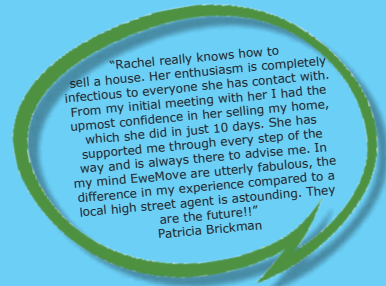
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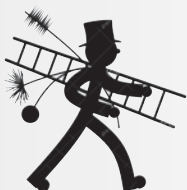
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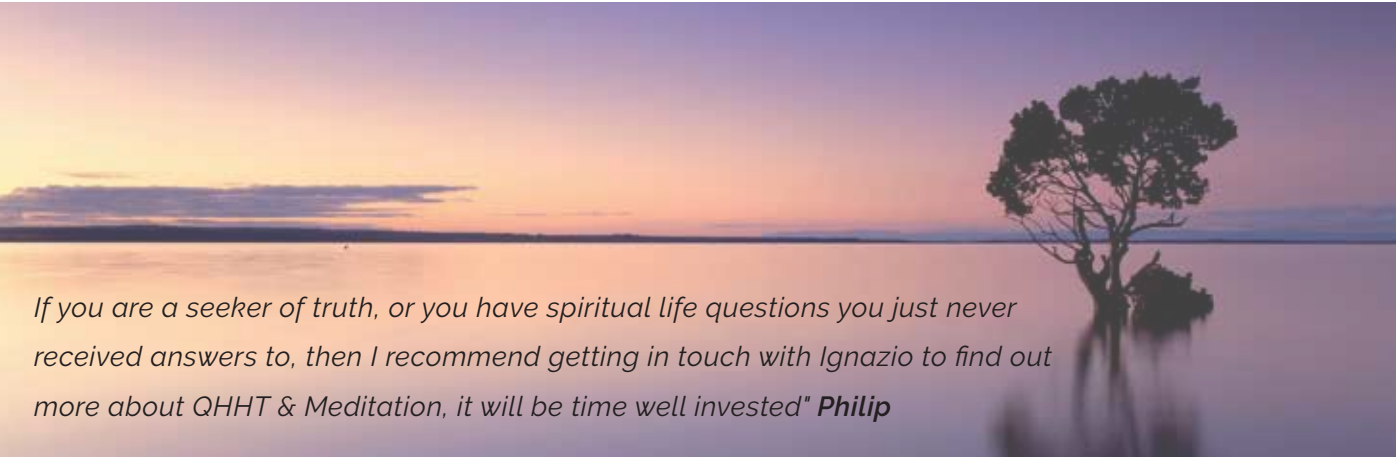
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Editorial

I like to think that March really is the start of Spring and that Winter is on the way out. Hopefully this is a bright and cheerful Spring issue! Amid the cold, the rain, snow, wind and mud, (the mud is definitely some sort of magnet for our long-haired Chihuahua), there are signs of SPRING! Himself took me to Swyncombe church to see the beautiful snowdrops which even on a very grey, rainy day cheered me up, not always easily done I have to admit. I have chosen a snowdrop photograph as our front cover this month to hopefully spread the cheer amongst you all. My thanks to Himself, Paul Goby, for this photograph.

The last two weeks in January and the first three weeks of February are always incredibly busy in the wonderful world of the Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette! Our incredibly efficient treasurer, Mike Pool, sends the advertising invoices out in early December and some of our advertisers, as efficient as our treasurer, pay up in order to book their place for the coming year. Rather a lot of people put their account on the "will sort it after Christmas" pile and some do remember to pay after Christmas. So in January Mike starts the chase to get the accounts settled and he informs me of any spaces which might be vacant so that I can begin to allocate these. By the last week in January I start phoning and texting the advertisers who have still not paid and today we are now saying, to the last three, "please pay immediately or we will remove your advertisement"! Alongside this Mike balances our books and publishes the end of year accounts which we are publishing in this edition. My sincere thanks to Mike for his hard work and ongoing support!

As always, our advertising space is in HUGE demand! Very few people have not renewed their advertising space, I have added two extra colour advertisement pages to accommodate more local advertisers and I still have a waiting list for space. To do this we will always be publishing 44 pages and when necessary we will publish 48 pages. Thank you to all our advertisers, old and new and readers please take time to look through the advertisements and support our advertisers when you can.

Of course, this month we have Mother's Day/Mothering Sunday. Being OLD myself my own dear Mother is long gone but it is an opportunity to remember all the love, care and happy times we shared. For those of you lucky enough to still have your Mums with you please treasure the opportunity to make a special point of telling her how much she is loved. As I say each year, "It is not the price tag on the gift or bunch of flowers that matters, it is the hug, the kiss and being told that you are loved which makes the day!" Happy Mother's Day to all our local Mums.

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Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

The following local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) In the 4 weeks to 8th February 2018 were discussed and any responses by NAWARA appear on the WDC website.

Planning Applications: 17/08435/FUL. 209 Main Road Naphill HP14 4SE. Demolishing of existing two storey residential building (209A&B) and factory/office (Buckshouse) and construction of 5 dwellings (3 x 2 beds and 2 x 3 beds), detached carport with 3 bays, gardens sheds and associated landscaping. Target date for Determination: 07.03.2018 (No Objection)

18/05033/FUL 22 Braeside Naphill HP14 4RY Construction of Single storey rear extension to form Kitchen and conversion of existing Kitchen to Ground Floor Bedroom. Target Date for Determination: 09.03.2018

Wycombe DC Planning Committee on 14.02.2018 considered 17/05605/FUL Timber Yard formerly Shana in GB/Chilterns AONB/on agricultural land. Appn. of 7th March 2017. Reminder. Application included extension of an existing workshop and erection of a new workshop (with all the additional noise neighbours may suffer), new offices for businesses in addition to business of storage and distribution of building and fencing materials, and extra parking.

Strong 3 minute objection by NAWARA voiced at the WDC Planning Committee meeting where Mr Michael Bryant's application was considered. NAWARA pointed out that WDC in allowing change of use from an equestrian establishment to an industrial centre, (which is inappropriate on GB/AONB/agricultural land) had limited its approval in 2014 by Conditions. Condition No.9 stated "...the land and/or buildings shall be used ONLY for the purpose of storage and distribution and FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE." Reason. "...to enable the Local Planning Authority to retain control over the use of the land and in the interests of protecting the residential amenities of nearby residential properties."

During their discussion (a) WDC did not address major breaches of planning controls on the site which NAWARA pointed out. (b) They brushed aside request that opening time at Timber Yard should be moved from 7 to 8am, because WDC had permitted 7am in 2014 (c) Little unease about the added noise residents might suffer from another noisy workshop (noise can be reduced through insulation they said); or the concerns about further businesses on the site and the extra traffic. (d) Not enough people had complained about noise to warrant WDC action. (e) A councillor commented that it was good to have a growing industrial centre in the GB/Chilterns AONB because it could offer more work on the village doorstep. So no councillor objections on that score. (f) Complaints about the ongoing problems and noise of HGVs entering and exiting the site was mentioned but not discussed because it is a Highways problem (g) Mr Michael Bryant's clearance of foliage and trees in GB/AONB mentioned by a concerned councillor was also not discussed because that was

said to be a matter for an environmental department.

WDC Planning Committee voted 100% to support Michael Bryant's application 17/05605/FUL for industrial expansion at Timber Yard, Walter's Ash. In doing so it put aside the WDC Head of Planning's overriding Condition 9 of 2014 related to initial application 12/07953/FUL.

Report from Hughenden Neighbourhood Action Group

Fraud (cons and Scams). Last year fraud and cyber offences made up half of all UK crimes (and that is the ones reported!). There were 3.6m fraud and 2m computer crimes up to September last year, resulting in individuals being scammed for £6.8Bn. There are many examples and new cons appear daily. Ones include HMRC Office Gateway fakes seeking your bank details and Debenhams fake on-line shopping receipts allowing damaging software to be downloaded if you click on it. Suspect anything that offers you something for nothing, anything that seems wrong and only click on links you are totally confident with. If in doubt phone the company for confirmation.

Hughenden Street Association

Monday Mingle at Bon Ami 2-3pm every Monday. On a cheerful note, Helen Cavill again invites you to join friends and neighbours at Bon Ami on Mondays for a good gossip with the added pleasure of those delicious drinks and home-made snacks served up by Amanda and Ruth.

Gloria Leflaive 563634

Naphill & Walter's Ash Treasurer's Report 2018

Another year has flown by. They say that a year to a five year old seems a really long time but when you are in your seventies it is no time at all. How true.

This has been another successful year although rather more expensive than previously. Sonia has done a great job by introducing even more colour to the magazine which has created a far more interesting presentation. Whereas the average cost of the magazine each issue in 2016 was £1200 it has risen to £1400 this last year and we have been advised that there will be further increases in printing costs this year. This may be

mitigated by reducing the thickness of the paper in the central part of the magazine. Since we did not increase either the subscription rate or the fees for advertising last year this has meant that we have had a loss of £1595.55. We are not concerned about this as we have sufficient reserves in hand to cover the loss.

Income from subscriptions was very good this year being only slightly less than expected. Of the £2810.85 collected £2764.15 was paid in to the bank account and the remaining £46.70 used to top up the amount of cash in hand. The latter has been used throughout the year for incidental expenditure, such as postage, envelopes etc. We are obliged to send a copy each month to the British Library and The Agency for Legal Deposit Libraries.

In spite of the increased costs we have decided to keep the subscription rate at £3.00 for this coming year but may have to increase this to £4.00 in 2019.

Please make sure you have your money ready when your deliverer calls at the end of March with the April issue of the gazette.

As far as the advertisers are concerned the majority paid up promptly after receiving their invoices last November. Others had to be chased up in January in an attempt to get everything settled by the end of the financial year, but there are still some who have yet to pay. This makes life difficult for Sonia as she is unsure if they will continue advertising and she has to get everything set up by the middle of February. There are people on the waiting list who would like to advertise in our popular magazine and would welcome the opportunity to fill any vacant space.

Donations from the Methodist Church and Hughenden Parish Council were the same as previous years and for these we are most grateful. With the possible demise of the Methodist Church this may not be the same next year.

Interest on the small sum we keep in our reserve account remains at an insignificant amount.

There has been a significant increase in our general expenses mainly to enable our editor to improve the quality of the art work in the magazine.

Altogether quite a good year.

Mike Pool
Treasurer

Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette - Financial Statement 2017-2018					
INCOME	31-Jan-17	31-Jan-18	EXPENDITURE	31-Jan-17	31-Jan-18
Adverts	£ 11,825.70	£ 9,853.90	Printing	£ 13,385.31	£ 13,994.78
Christmas Ads	£ 80.00		Expenses	£ 104.73	£ 679.49
Collections	£ 2,764.00	£ 2,764.15	Web Site	£ 240.00	£ 140.00
Donations	£ 600.00	£ 600.00	Refunds on Ads	£ 328.00	
Interest	£ 1.31	£ 0.67			
TOTALS	£ 15,271.01	£ 13,218.72		£ 14,058.04	£ 14,814.27
			Surplus/Loss	£ 1,212.97	-£ 1,595.55

Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields

Council Registered charity number 300309

Chairmans Report

On Monday the 22nd. of January, Lord Gardiner from the Department of Environment and Rural Affairs visited the village hall as part of National Village Halls week. Lord Gardiner was shown around the village hall and was interested in how the hall was used for the community. The visit was organised by Community Impact Bucks who also later in the week had a meeting of local village hall members that Sarah Bacon and I attended.



At the monthly meeting of the village hall it was confirmed that the concrete bases had been laid for the seats to be installed on the crick. Jonny Goddard came to the meeting to tell us that the fundraising for the table tennis table would start off with a car wash at the village hall. He also said that other fundraising ideas were for a charity football match, a fun run and lawn mowing. the events will be publicised on Facebook. Linda Clark outlined the Napfest programme for this year. As the R.A.F. is 100 years old there will be many R.A.F. personal in uniform at the event and they have donated £1000 for fireworks at the end of the music evening on the Friday and will also fund the bands for the event. The treasurer, Paul Riglar proposed that the Luncheon Club's annual rent be waived and a vote confirmed this. Some of the hall's lets had problems with the heating and steps will be taken to rectify this.

The roof over Bon Ami and the changing rooms was discussed and after a vote it was agreed that WDS would do the work and had agreed to have it finished before Napfest. We have a quote to have the sycamore tree reduced and will ask the tennis club to assist with the cost. The play area was discussed and Hughenden parish council will only pay for the safety inspections and we have been advised that some of the equipment needs replacing. It is hoped that we can apply for a grant to help with the cost as it seems that the total cost may be over £15,000. The maintenance of the hall continues with quotes being sought for repairs to the roof over the scout/guides hall and the guttering. Inside the hall the small hall needs a new floor covering and decorating. The posts in the car park also need replacing and so the list goes on! The village hall is your village hall and without your support we would not have such a great asset.

Clive Lawrence.
Chairman, Naphill Village Hall.

Naphill Brownies

At Naphill Brownies we are busy finding out about Spring traditions from around the world, allowing us to try a variety of international crafts, games and songs. We have looked at New year's celebrations, Australia Day, Chinese New Year, Mothers Day and still have Easter to consider. Not to mention the Scout and Guide's own celebration day – World Thinking Day. If you happen to know a Naphill brownie, she may well have done you a Thinking Day good turn in recent weeks. We are trying to do one a day every day in February until Thinking Day (22nd).

Talking of spring traditions, the Brownies and Guides Jumble Sale is coming up on 3rd March (1:30pm). We hope you have all been doing some spring clearing out and saving your jumble for us. We look forward to seeing you all there. I'm sure there will be plenty of bargains to be had.

National Storytelling Week was at the beginning of February. In recognition of this, we played some creative storytelling games and made puppet characters. We were amazed at the fabulous and imaginative stories and puppets the girls created. This was also part of our Booklovers badge along with making fancy bookmarks and a visit to Wycombe Library in a few weeks time.

Isn't it great to see the evenings starting to draw out? Soon we will be able to get out for egg hunts and lots of other spring fun.

Happy springtime everyone

Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)

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1st Naphill Brownies meet Thursdays 5:45-7pm



**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!

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

On the 18th March, Year 6 are going to Rhos y Gwaliau (an outdoor activity centre in Wales) for a week! After a six hour coach journey, Year 6 will arrive and stay there till Friday 23rd. There are a variety of different activities: rock climbing, canoeing, gorge walking, orienteering and map reading, and mine exploration. The week helps the Y6's independence and fitness as well as being fun!

In past years, pupils and instructors alike have been very polite and the food is delicious! Every year, whoever has gone has thoroughly enjoyed the experience and relished the tough challenges at the centre.

Y4 also spend 3 nights at Woodrow High House. They also have many challenging activities such as archery, low ropes, orienteering etc.

On the 9th February, we dressed up for Be Bright Be Seen. This is an event which encourages children to

dress up in their brightest clothes as they would when crossing the road in the dark. Our Junior Road Safety Officers, Finn Dalby and Ishi Burmi decided we would do this and Mrs Cooper, our lolly-pop lady, joined us for an assembly.

Thomas and Orlando



The School Half-term Holiday

When the school holidays come around it is so tempting to fill the children's days with outings, activities, clubs... all in fear of them getting bored. But on the contrary, I am starting to realise that what my own two children need to do is to slow down a little and reconnect with themselves, with us and with the world around them. So, we have spent this half-term holiday at home. We have friends visiting from abroad and so, with the children, we have enjoyed cooking lots of delicious food using different recipes from many parts of the world, we have played games, drawn pictures, read lots of books and gone for walks in the beautiful countryside on our doorstep. We have been feeding the body and the soul!

Here are my favourite photos:

One of my daughter looking at the beautiful sky ahead.

One summing up our very European group made up of French, Czech and Slovakian friends who live in Berlin accompanied by us Macedonian/English and all agreeing unanimously how lucky we are to live in this beautiful place!

Gordana



Our School Reading Challenge

These dark months! The days are short and the evenings are long but little minds are always hungry for adventure and learning. This year Naphill and Walters Ash School are running 'Reading Challenge 2018' to stimulate the children's minds, develop their reading skills and encourage them to read for pleasure and for purpose. As a busy Mum I groaned at the idea but set about reading THE CHALLENGE!!

The ability to read is something that, as adults, we pretty much take for granted but I stopped for a moment and thought that without this skill I would not be able to help my boys with this challenge, and if I did not read to them, then they would not grasp the importance of learning to read for themselves. Learning to read is not an insignificant skill but one which can be overlooked and has to be taught. So, this half term holiday, time to make a start, twenty-five steps in all, so take a deep breath and ON WITH THE CHALLENGE!

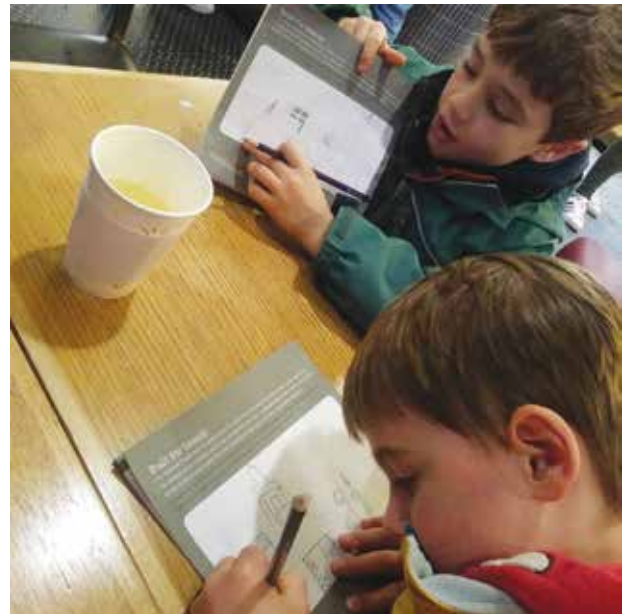
Our progress so far! The easy ones!

1. Read a picture book
2. Read a book and watch the film version
3. Read 2 books by the same author
4. Dress something as your favourite character from a book
5. Take a photo of you doing 'extreme reading'
6. Re-design a book cover

Six done without much effort, so nineteen to go! On to choosing and following a recipe next.

I love watching and helping my sons learn and I cannot wait to see how far these two young minds will grow!

Beth Foster



Friends of Naphill Common



Thank you to all those who came to our AGM. I hope you will agree that it was a good evening with an interesting and informative talk by Mike Fisher of Fisher's Brewery in High Wycombe. It was enlightening to learn of the skill, enthusiasm and perseverance needed to produce just the right range of beers: and if you got a chance to taste some I am sure you will agree that Mike has succeeded.

But it was not all about beer; we had some business to do. The existing committee was re-elected, consisting of Chris Miller Chairman and leader of our short walks, Sheila Draper secretary, Peggy Ewart treasurer, Lynn McMinn membership secretary, Ron Collins leader of our long walks, Peter Davis leader of our work parties, Philip Hussey and Trevor Hussey. Our Chairman sketched out what we have done over the last year and some of our ambitions for the next twelve months. Lynn reported that our membership stands at 118, which is slightly down on last year. If you would like to join or re-join please do. Our large membership is our main strength in negotiating with those who have power over the fate of the Common. In her treasurer's report Peggy explained that we had a lot of expenditure over the last year, mainly on equipment needed by the work parties – but if you have seen the what they have achieved, especially the transformation of our ponds, I think you will judge the expenditure to have been worthwhile.

With spring coming we will soon have to cease work around the ponds. Frogs will already be preparing to spawn in late January and newts will start to re-emerge in February, while toads spawn in March. Frog spawn is familiar and easy to spot, but toads lay long strings of eggs, up to 3 m long, wrapped around the stems of plants. Newts lay up to 300 eggs but each is laid individually and wrapped in the

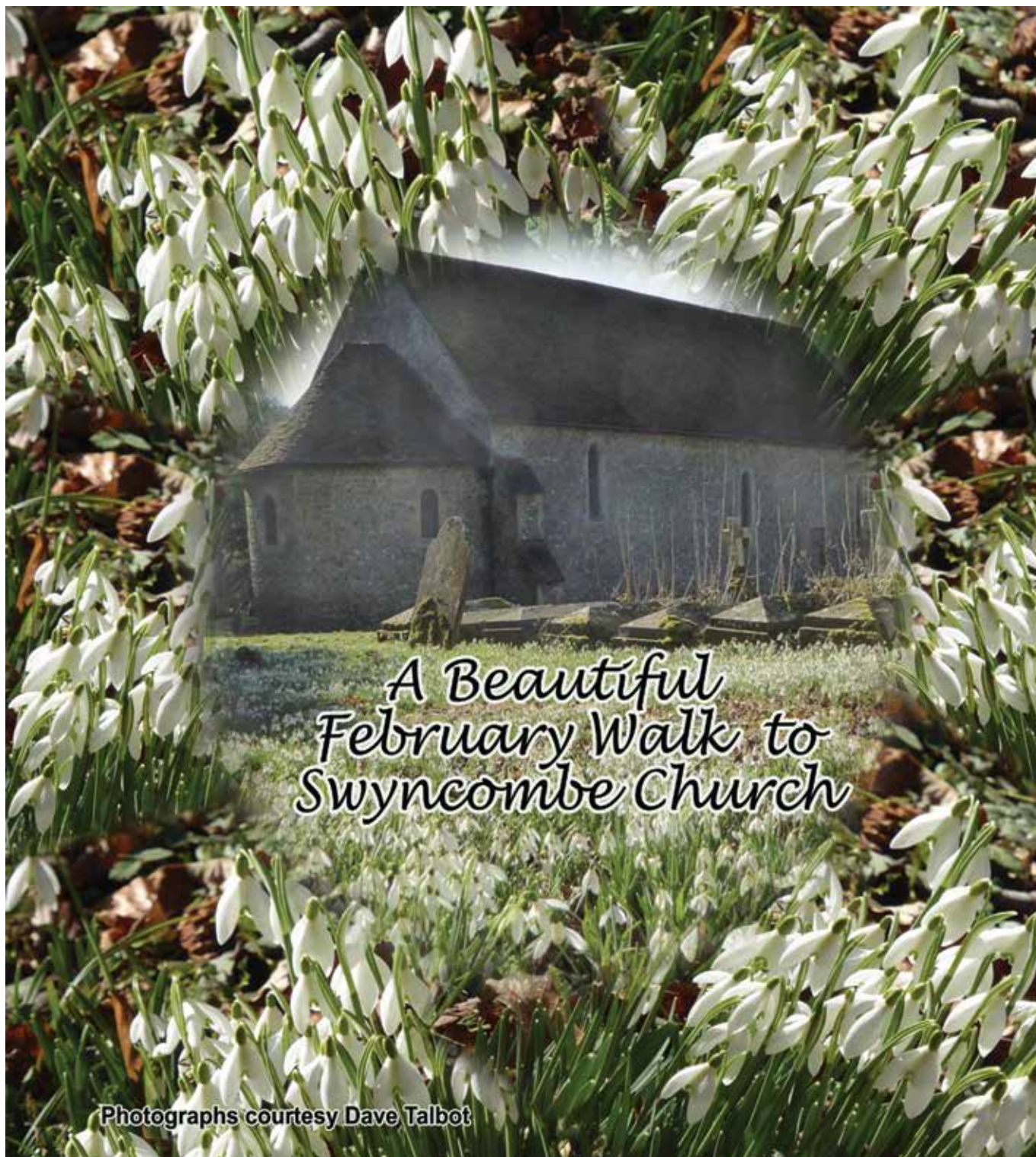
leaf of a water plant. Later dragonflies will arrive. Some species inject their eggs into the stems of plants while others scatter them into the water. You can see why we have been careful to leave plenty of vegetation in our ponds.

We can look forward to our migrant birds returning. We should have at least three of the commoner warblers: chiffchaffs, willow warblers and blackcaps (some of the latter have been with us all winter), but our more open woodland might eventually attract wood warblers and garden warblers. Greater spotted woodpeckers will soon be drumming and we also have green and, perhaps lesser spotted woodpeckers. Look out too for nuthatches (with their heads down) and tree creepers (heads up) working their way up and down the main limbs of the trees.

Wessex Woodland Management have almost finished this session of felling and, after the common has had a chance to dry out a little, they will try to level some of the ruts and clean up the area. Once the worst disturbance is over and our open areas become green we should see more deer – not just muntjac, but also roe and fallow deer. Hares often visit the Common and more low vegetation may encourage them further. The changed conditions may help hedgehogs to find a living – they have declined dramatically in recent years and need all the help they can get.

The last major task remaining is to remove the Great Beech that has collapsed into Dew Pond. Let's hope we have a fine spring during which the Common can mend itself with a little help from us. Please enjoy its recovery.

Chris Miller.
Chairman



A Beautiful February Walk to Swyncombe Church

Photographs courtesy Dave Talbot

The Friends of Naphill Common host two regular monthly walks which meet at the Village Hall. All are welcome to join us on these friendly and enjoyable events.

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.

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.

Our latest walk, led by Ron Collins, was from Ewelme to the church of St Botolph at Swyncombe. We enjoyed wonderful sunny weather and the famous Snowdrops in the churchyard were in full glorious bloom.

Ron Collins



Hughenden Parish Council Spring Report

Belated Happy New Year to everyone. It does seem like it has been a very long winter and I know everyone is looking forward to longer days and hopefully better weather. The winter months have brought about some challenging weather conditions meaning the Council had to deal with several fallen trees due to the weight of the snow and high winds. Thankfully no injuries suffered, only the usual inconveniences that these conditions bring.

With Spring just around the corner, the start of the Allotment season is fast approaching. There are several vacant plots on both the Louches Lane & Walters Ash allotment sites and to help new tenants get off to a better start, the Parish Council is investing considerably in a much needed “clean-up” of all vacant plots. This will make it much easier for new tenants to get started on working their plots. The Council is also upgrading the water supplies at each allotment site meaning all taps will comply with health and safety standards.

If you would like to become part of the ever increasing “grow your own” population, then please get in touch with either Jill (Deputy Clerk) or myself in the office and we will be more than happy to help you. There are so many benefits to being an allotment holder not least that you get to enjoy the great outdoors and you also enjoy your own home grown fresh produce. The cost for half a plot is £23 and a whole plot is £35.

The Council have been busy over the winter months in Cockshoot Woods. In January, The Chiltern Rangers with the help of volunteers, cleared holly & laurel overgrowth as well as moving some saplings and dead trees to let more light into the wood to stimulate healthy growth. Cockshoot Woods is a beautiful little wood situated on the outskirts of Widmer End. The Council also owns and maintains three ponds in the Parish, Cockpit Hole in Great Kingshill, Vincent’s Pond in Naphill & Walters Ash Pond. Work is about to begin on the Winter maintenance of these ponds - cutting back overgrown shrubbery and clearance of debris in the ponds to ensure they are in good condition for the rest of the year.



Black Lion

Firstly, we are so pleased to finally announce that we have our new playground! The new playground has been installed and we look forward to seeing lots of happy children playing on it when the weather improves. The playground has smaller slides for little ones plus a tower, play frame and swings for older children.



We were delighted to have raised £700 for Breast Cancer Care at our Race Night on 3rd February, thank you to everyone who came, it was a great night.

Mother's Day is Sunday 11th March, please book early to avoid disappointment. We will be serving food 12-6pm and there will be Roast Rib of Beef and Leg of Lamb to tempt you plus Mums get a free dessert.

All other Sundays we serve food 12-6pm. Roast Dinners are available with all the trimming for only £8, we also serve homemade puddings for only £3.50.

Our popular Beer and Gin Festival will be held on Friday 20th – Saturday 21st April. There will be live music both nights and a large range of gins, beers and ciders. Free entry. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Bring on the sunshine and we look forward to seeing you all in our garden and new playground.



Jack, Sian and the team.

 Year of Adventure 2018

Hughenden Cubs

The beginning of 2018 for Hughenden Cub Scouts has flown by. We meet at Naphill Scout hut on Monday nights along with the dedicated troop of parents who help the leader achieve the nightly program. The hidden skills that parent have and share with the pack are amazing! We have had parents in to show how to make bird feeders, carry out pioneering badge and knot skills and a parent Doctor came in to talk about keeping fit and healthy. As the half term breaks, our last session was a trip to a Mosque.

Hopefully, the diversity of our Scouting program and the skills of the community have stood the second year of the pack in good stead. The two packs, Hughenden and Naphill Cub Scouts, joined forces to have a go at Airsoft. Again, with the help of the volunteers, these moments of learning in a safe place are priceless. I would like to thank everybody who helps the Naphill and Hughenden Cub Scouts run as such a happy and successful group.

Beth Foster

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High Wycombe Gang Show

***It's nearly time for the 32nd High
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Contact us: info@highwycombegangshow.co.uk

Once again its time for 100 local Scouts and Guides to have fun on stage and raise money for Young Carers Bucks

It is said that somewhere, everyday of every year, a Gang Show is being performed. Sometimes this is in a Scout Hut, a village hall or a local theatre and here in High Wycombe we use the superb facilities of the Lancaster Arts Centre at Wycombe Abbey Girls School.

Now in it's 32nd year, High Wycombe Scout and Guide Gang Show will be taking place from 28th to the 31st March 2018

Our Gang consists of over 100 local members of the Scout and Guide Associations who produce, manage and perform the entire show with a live band and having made all their own props and scenery. If you have never been to one of our shows before, let us amaze you with the enthusiasm and talent of our local cast.

Gang Shows have a rich history, from their London show beginnings in 1932 under the direction of Ralph Reader, to shows of today which combine new and original material, popular music and dance with old Gang Show traditions.

We give local members of Girl Guiding and The Scout Association the chance to have lots of fun, make new friends whilst having a go at singing, dancing and acting simple routines on stage in front of a live audience. We are able to give young people the opportunity to become more confident, learn to work as a team, improve co-ordination and gain a whole myriad of personal experiences.

Our show here in High Wycombe is officially recognised by the Scout Association to be of such a

high standard that it meets all of the criteria for both on-stage performance and back stage management.

Our amazing group would love to welcome you to our show this year. Come along and enjoy the talent of local youngsters and help them raise money for Young Carers Bucks

Naphill Scouts

We have had an exciting start to the term. We have welcomed six new scouts to the troop, all of whom are settling in well. Our main thrust this term is the astronautics activity badge. For this we will be looking at the theory of rocket propulsion and this will eventually lead to us making water rockets which will be tested on the Crick later in the term. Other aspects of the badge will be covered by a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester.



We have also managed to squeeze in traditional scout activities such as cooking over fires, and knot tying. The annual pancake decorating contest has also taken place with the Tiger Patrol, led by Jonny Goddard, winning the patrol competition and Dan Crinyion the individual competition. New scouts who have now cooked in the hut and outside over fires will be eligible for their chef activity badge.

Adrian

I am so pleased to have Naphill Scouts back in the Gazette! We have missed you!

Sonia

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

We took down the lights on 27th January. My report was therefore too late for the February Gazette, so here it is in March.

The lead climber was Mike Leggett, who has completed 27 years in this role. We had a stroke of good luck in that Paul Johnson of Louches Lane offered the free use of a cherry picker, so we used it on this occasion and have been assured it will be available in future. We are extremely grateful to Paul's company Upward Powered Access Ltd of Oxford and Slough for the loan of the cherry picker. For the second time Daniel Smith was the operator and was assisted up on high by Stephen Fountain of Lacey Green. Neil McMinn was up a tall ladder for some time and the rest of the team on the ground comprised Gary Putnam of Lacey Green, Peter Davis, Ron Collins, John Harris, Kevin Oxnard, Glenn Gavin and myself. We took down the lights in record time (rain was expected and started to fall just as we had finished, so we were lucky).

You will have read in the February Gazette that some of the lights were damaged by a high-sided vehicle. Ross Greenlee and myself have inspected and tested the 23 garlands. The ends of three garlands had been ripped off. Fortunately, it was just the ends, with few sockets lost, and Ross was able to effect repairs so we do not need to purchase replacements. The garlands are now in storage, ready for putting them up again in November!

Mike Mason

Growing Your Own



One of the delights of March is to savour delicious "allotment soup". This is where I make use of various root vegetables which are reasonably immune to the effects of snow, frost and incessant rain. I start the cooking off with finely chopped leeks, browned in the pressure cooker along with some garlic and perhaps the odd onion. Then I add whatever is to hand, such as carrots, turnips if available, a few parsnips, perhaps a few potatoes, celery, perhaps salsify, and complete the mixture with pieces of cooked chicken. After the pressure cooker has done its work I have

the most delicious soup one can imagine. Apart, that is, from simple leek and potato soup with a little garlic added, plus crème fraîche at the end of cooking. Two soups to die for!

I have found a way to stop Muntjac deer from eating my carrots, which I leave in the ground all winter. I simply cover the row with a roll of wire chicken netting and that always works. As for celery, I protect the plants against frost by putting fleece over and that seems to work most winters. Some of my celeriac this winter were about twice the diameter of the largest I have grown before; I cover them with fleece and reserve the celeriac to be eaten as a salad as céleri rémoulade, finely grated along with carrots in a food processor, and with mayonnaise, olive oil and capers added before serving. What joy! After all, the whole point of growing your own is to be able to eat really fresh vegetables and fruit which is rich in nutrients and free of man-made chemicals.

As for work on the allotment and in the garden, March is a month for tidying up and completing the spreading of farmyard manure. The greenhouse should be clean by now and all ready for the new growing year. On one side of my greenhouse there is a deep bed in which I grow tomatoes. The soil, over 12 inches deep, consists of almost pure farmyard manure which has been applied over 30 years, so providing a growing medium which is water-retentive and very, very rich in nutrients. On the other side of my greenhouse I have raised staging on which I place 75-litre bags of multi-purpose compost and use them as grow bags for peppers, aubergines and cucumbers. Before planting out I add generous quantities of slow release fertiliser pellets, since garden centre compost has only a small amount of plant food in the mixture. I start off all my greenhouse crops in a dark, warm place and bring them out into the light as soon as they have germinated, then place them on a warm, sunny windowsill. Some other crops such as celery, celeriac and parsley are started off on the windowsill since they seem to need light to germinate.

Happy gardening!

Mike Mason

Points of Interest

Writing these notes on a beautiful morning in February, cold and frosty but a beautiful blue sky, even more appreciated now that the trees in front of my house have been considerably thinned out allowing the sunlight to shine through on my garden again. I say again because having lived in the house for over 55 years I have seen the beech and oak trees become very overgrown and with holly and

yew blocking out the light. Photographs taken of the common in 1902 show the frontage of the "Lady's Myle" (spelling as written on Deeds of my house, Middle English, from Old English and from Latin *mīlia* (passuum), as being open common land with few trees. My Great Aunt, Miss Edith Kennedy, could walk along Number One footpath in her Sunday best, to St Botolph's, Bradenham, for both Matins and Evensong Services.

I can still remember patches of what we called Cumberland grass, a very fine dwarf species which was well grazed by rabbits. I always understood that the Naphill Cricket wicket was created from this turf. Sadly, that patch of grass is now a patch of deep mud and the path is impassable. The similar situation two years ago, turned out not to be so bad after the paths and bridleways were "levelled" and the summer sun dried up the mud and restored a semblance of grass and vegetation. Last year I thought that the Common had benefitted from the thinning and I am hopeful that the present muddy morass will again be just an unpleasant memory when Summer returns!

I read recently that Buckinghamshire was the 'pothole' capital of the Country which I think was rather unfair as all local authorities are struggling to maintain their roads on very reduced financial support. What a difference could be made if the 50 billion pounds to be expended on HS2 were used instead on our existing failing infrastructure. I feel sorry for the County Council as it struggles with an ever-increasing need for social care and the funding of both adult and children's services whilst at the same time facing severe cuts in central government support. One certainty I can foresee, is an increase in Council Tax from April onwards!

Richard Pushman

Naphill Neighbours

At our February club meeting we announced that Naphill Neighbours would be changing to an afternoon club from January 2019. Your committee has been aware for some time that members are finding that it is becoming less "enjoyable" to attend evening meetings during the winter months, hence the change. Hopefully, too, this might attract new members to the club. Something to look forward to.

Meanwhile, our next club meeting will be on Monday 12 March when Alan Jaycock will entertain us with his intriguingly entitled talk "FUR, FEATHERS AND FINS".

Plans are afoot for our 2018 outings:-

- **March (date to be clarified)** Wycombe Magistrates Court. (a.m.)

- **Wednesday 25 April.** Theatre trip to Milton Keynes for "The Play That Went Wrong". Tickets £35. (There are still a few tickets available). If you have already booked, please remember to bring along your cheque to the March club meeting.
- **Tuesday 19 June.** South coast day at the seaside (destination to be decided). Cost-coach only.
- **Friday 10 August.** Saville Gardens – Runnymede – boat trip with cream tea. £22.50 plus coach.

For further details about all these outings, please ring me.

Hazel Vickery, 563977

Shear Madness



Happy birthday to us!

Wow, 7 years, can you believe it? Thank you so much everyone for your love and support over the years, it means so very much to me to have great customers and true friends. The villages are amazing at pulling together as a community during good and bad times, it's nice to know that there are people willing to help in all kinds of matters. Keep up the good work !!

Cheers, here's to the next 7 !!

Mandy

The Wheel

As I write this we have finally made it into February and my word, has January been a very, very long month, and the wet weather hasn't helped. Thankfully we are now in Feb and 'Dry' January is over so hopefully we will be seeing more of you back out again! This is one of my favourite months as it's the start of the 6 Nations Rugby season and we have had lots of entries into our sweepstake, it will be interesting looking at all the results as they unfold, as the competition between everyone in here is so strong.

Mark and I would like to thank Chloe, Julia and Chef for looking after the pub when we went away to Pembrokeshire, which was a much-needed break and greatly enjoyed. As always you and the team did an amazing job, thanks again.

The week we were away was not an easy week in

so many ways, but most importantly the sadness and shock that the village has had to endure with the passing of Roscoe and Seth. Our thoughts are, as always, with the families and everyone affected.

We have been very busy over the last few months as we have been doing a fair amount of improvements to the pub and its grounds. Lots of tree work has been done (thanks Chiltern Hills Arboriculture), we have also had the side carpark improved (Thanks Coles Gardens) and Mark has been very busy painting in the pub.

March is going to be a busy month as we still have all the 6 Nations games, Mother's Day and then Easter! Let's hope the spring weather starts soon. For everyone who is organising Mother's Day please remember to book so you're not disappointed.

- **Book early for Mother's Day 11th March**
- **Easter weekend Fri 30th March – Mon 2nd April**

We would like to thank Chris Marshall who left us in Feb to go into the Army, we wish you well and good luck. As Chris leaves we welcome Jack Spice to the team and hope you all give him a proper Wheel welcome.

Thanks, and see you soon.

Mark and Claire

Naphill Tennis Club

Spring is here and a new tennis season is on the horizon!

Our Annual Newsletter for 2018/19, giving details of membership, coaching, club sessions and social events, is sent out to members in early March. Copies are available in the clubhouse or from myself (jttench@gmail.com).

Please note the following:

- Membership fees paid before 1st April attract a discount and there is a special rate for new members.
- Junior coaching will take place on Friday evenings starting 20th April.
- Under-7s coaching will be on Saturday mornings starting 21st April.

Our Annual Newsletter has all the details.

During the autumn/winter, the courts were smartened up by our **billy-goat** which enjoyed eating the leaves and seedpods that fell from the nearby trees. A *billy-*

goat did I hear you exclaim? Whatever next! I have to say he has proved to be cheap to maintain and most efficient in gobbling up the debris on the courts. The only additional food he requires is a little petrol.

Come and join us on the courts and see for yourself.

Jenny Tench

Naphill Evening WI

Mike Dewey started our year with a most interesting talk on three ordinary men from High Wycombe who led extraordinary lives, including a newsagent, Jacob Popp, who flouted Sunday trading laws to bring us our newspapers, etc. The name Popp can still be seen above what is now a "Subway" in Frogmore.

February will have seen us having a virtual backstage tour of Aylesbury Waterside Theatre and in March the talk will be "One Woman and her Sheepdog – and no sheep" by Dinah Latham. I hope she brings her dog.

The Food Group are looking forward to an evening meal at The Boot in Bledlow Ridge on 23 March and the Craft Group have met and started to plan projects for the year. Some of us will be making an 'animal' for a competition at the Annual Council Meeting in May and more cushions have been made for the chairs in the Village Hall, as they have proved very popular.

The committee are hoping to organise a garden visit in June and a couple of members are off to see "Strictly Sequins", organised by the BFWI, where they will see costumes from Strictly Come Dancing.

We will also be back at Bon Ami at the end of February for another member's 'special' birthday.

Carol Gilliam.



Letter from Bradenham Vicarage

Our calendar year literally Marches on. Named for Mars, the god of war, the third month of our year sees the Spring Equinox – from now on there are more hours of light in our day than dark. This day marks the astronomical beginning of our Spring. The long dark days of winter are gone and bright, happy days now lie before us, to be followed by the lush, bountiful days of summer. The sun will not be at this height in the sky again until September 21st.

The Spring or Vernal Equinox was a cause of great celebration in ancient times. The pre-Christian community of Britain called it Ostara, from where we get our word Easter. The word Easter also has associations with Eostre, the Germanic goddess of the spring. The new season marked the time of planting and new crop cycle. In a world that lived much closer to nature than we do now and where life and death depended on the fertility of your soil and livestock, appeasing the deities was vital. If you didn't make the right offering, a god could be offended and withdraw their blessing.

In our modern world, we no longer appease the gods of nature – we have created our own nature. If apples fail in England, we buy them from South Africa or France. Strawberries, tomatoes, grapes and avocados are now plentiful throughout the year. For most of us winter snow is a mere inconvenience – our cosy, centrally heated homes see to that. Reservoirs and our water agencies ensure that long, dry summers (remember those?) do not end in crop-devastating droughts. Yet in taking for granted our modern lifestyles, have we lost something?

The Christian Church challenges us to view our lives through the lens of eternity. It will hold its most important celebration at the end of this month and the beginning of next – Easter. During the final weeks of March, we will retell the story of how a young, outspoken teacher in a small outpost of the Roman Empire was hounded to death as a matter of political expediency. A sad story that has many echoes for us now in the stories of those such as Thomas More, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Ken Saro-Wiwa to name but a few. But where the Christian story differs is in what happened 3 days after Jesus was put to death. In a world-changing event that no one at the time saw coming, Jesus Christ overcame death and returned to life – an event known as the Resurrection. This event means that Christians no longer need to live in fear of the capricious gods of nature, but can now live in friendship with the one God of the whole universe.

With every blessing and wishing you all a very happy Easter (in case you get your Gazette after 1st April!)

Rev Jenny Ellis

Letter from Hughenden Vicarage

Lent is here. Are you ready?

Lent is most commonly associated nowadays with the giving up of something (usually chocolate, TV or Social Media for 40 days) – I even spotted a British Heart Foundation advert that nimbly tiptoed around the topic of Lent and didn't mention it, but still encouraged people to give up chocolate for a month – in support, of course, of a very worthy cause.

It is quite common for Lent to catch us rather unawares, and we are often several weeks in, with Holy Week in sight, before we begin inviting God into our hearts and lives in a manner which befits such a holy season which has been observed by Christians for centuries.

I would like to invite you instead to prayerfully consider taking up something new for Lent this year. Why not do something which improves your spiritual wellbeing or leaves footprints upon the earth and the lives of those around us, which are a blessing to others?

I took an assembly in a local school recently and gave the children this very same challenge. Doing something new can seem like a novelty at first, but repetition can become a godly habit which enhances our character and blesses others. I encouraged the children to perhaps be nice to their brother or sister, to tidy their bedroom (neither of those suggestions went down terribly well!), make a new friend at school who is lonely and doesn't have anyone to play with, and so on. Afterwards, one girl who had been concentrating very hard throughout, declared to me that she was going to pick up litter every day during Lent – my heart was warmed to hear that, and I praised her – acts of kindness can replicate and spread.

I wonder what you and I might embrace this Lent?

The most important thing we can do in order to prepare ourselves before almighty God, is to admit how we might be in need of him in our lives, how often we shut him out, and soldier on alone, and how much better our lives are with him at the centre.

If home life is busy, or you fancy a change of scenery, then perhaps you can set time aside with God by going for a walk, a bus or car journey to somewhere peaceful for a period of quiet contemplation, or pop around and spend some time doing so with a like-minded friend.

My hope and prayers are that you will find that place of quiet contemplation this Lent and give the Lord the space to speak words of love, peace and reassurance in your hearts and lives.

Rev Keith Johnson



Local Children Raising Funds for an Outdoor Table Tennis Table on the Crick

Last September, I had the idea of getting a table tennis table installed onto the Crick as another fun addition to things that people can play on. After consulting with my family, friends, and people in the community, I joined in a Village Hall Committee meeting to ask if they would allow the idea to go forward.

The request turned out to be positive and the Village Hall Committee all thought that this was a good idea. They were pleased that we offered to do some fundraising to help with buying this because these tables are quite expensive. We had had several ideas to help fundraise, so I used the most popular one: the charity car wash and I got lots of uptake for helping out with it. A couple of weeks before the event I held a planning meeting with my friends to work out how we would run the day. And we still have many other great fundraising ideas left!

From 1pm to 4pm on Saturday, people drove their cars into the Village Hall car park to get them cleaned by a large group of us, and so in the 3 hours that the car wash was on, we managed to wash around 50 cars (that was many more cars than I was expecting to come!) Whilst people waited for their cars to be washed, they went into the Village Hall to enjoy the café which was selling hot drinks and delicious homemade cakes. There was also a bouncy castle and a visit from the RAF fire engine to keep visiting children entertained.

By the end of it, everybody was exhausted! But we had some great news: we managed to fundraise

£713, which is over halfway to our target. Thank you to everyone who came and supported us! We are sorry if you were turned away when we had to close to more cars.

A huge thank you to all the amazing children who cleaned the cars. We couldn't have done this without the help of all the parents and are very grateful for their hard work before and on the day. We would also like to say a big thank you to our sponsors for funding the bouncy castle, tea and coffee supplies and car washing equipment:

- Karen Davis at Chicken/egg
- Volvo
- Coles & Blackwell
- Planet Wheels
- Co op
- Manor Garage

Still to be counted are the generous collection buckets from The Black Lion and The Wheel.

We are happy for anyone to run a fundraising event for the table tennis table! The Girl Guides have kindly offered to raise money at their jumble sale café .

We have set up an online donation link at:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/naphillvillagehallplayingfields>

Thank you

Jonny Goddard

Hughenden Street Association Celebrates its 1-Year Anniversary!

Hughenden Street Association launched in February last year with a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner and now has 89 Street Members covering 59 streets in Hughenden Parish with a third of members from Naphill and Walters Ash.

Members serve as the eyes and ears on their street working together to keep their neighbours safe and well. They receive up-to-date information from professionals about scams and isolation along with a toolkit to direct their neighbours to specialist support if needed. The Street Association has worked with Naphill's Bon Ami to establish Monday Mingle coffee meet-ups encouraging residents to get to know their neighbours and enjoy company over a cuppa. Meet ups are 2-3pm every week.

If you'd like to start a conversation with your neighbours or help build an even stronger community where neighbours look out for each other, get in touch with HughendenStreetAssociation@gmail.com or call 07392 683500 for an information pack and join a growing group of residents who care.

Helen Cavill

Squash and Racketball

Welcome to your local Squash and Racketball Club. Whether you're looking for a new sport for yourself or the family, or simply wanting to get back into the game, Holmer Green Squash and Racketball Club (HGSRC) is offering a free one month trial membership which will give you a chance to see the club, meet some members and hear a little more about this friendly community club. We are also holding a taster session on Saturday 24th March between 14:00 and 16:00.

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The club is managed by an enthusiastic group of local volunteers. Please contact Lynn O'Regan (membership@hgsrc.co.uk) for more information on the taster session and free one month trial membership.

David Albin

HGSRC Chairman (chairman@hgsrc.co.uk)

Bon Ami

We had a great first book club meeting. There were sixteen in attendance and we reviewed the book "The Dry" by Jane Harper. Everybody had different opinions of the various aspects of the book. We discussed the setting, the plot, the style of writing and many other aspects. Thank you very much to Sue Chalker for the idea and guidance.

We are now all reading "The Farm" by Tom Rob Smith and look forward to discussing it on Thursday 1st March at 7pm in Bon Ami. Everyone is welcome. If you cannot make it but would like to be included then please do call in and add your email address to our correspondence list.

We have had a very busy half term despite lots of rain. Lots of walkers have needed warming up with homemade soup or cakes. Not to mention the hundreds of hot chocolates that have been served with or without cream and marshmallows!

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards,

Amanda & Ruth



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Linda Clark

Chair of the Napfest Committee

Classics on the Crick is BACK!

Hello all, just a quick word this month to let you know that preparations for Classics on the Crick 2018 are well under way. The main change this year is that we are now officially an Air Ambulance fund raising group. This means we are covered under their insurance and have a lot of back room support as well as on the day assistance.

This year we hope to be bigger and better than ever with some interesting attractions, great food stalls and of course the bar. Let's hope the sun shines!

As always, I will beg for volunteers on the day, without your help we cannot put on what has become a great day.

Thank you in anticipation of your support

The Classics Team

Wycombe Photographic Society

It seems that February is the month for our new members to show the members who have been in the club for some time that they "mean business" when it comes to their photographic skills. Last year the new members "rocked the establishment" and at the last competition night for February 2018 the "2017 newbies" did the same thing with high scores and the "establishment" were left "back in the pack".

Our guest speaker in February was Micki Aston who gave a talk on "The Art of Monochrome" which "opened many an eye" of those present. There were a number of visitors to the talk and some of the visitors have decided to join Wycombe Photographic Society.

Our March program includes a couple of internal competitions, plus a number of external competitions where we go to other clubs and let them see the high quality of images taken by our members. I know that it appears to be all about competitions but these are a great way to improve your photography as judges do make suggestions and comments about the images they are judging and if you listen it is amazing what little hints and tips you will pick up.

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

Come along to one of our meetings where you will be made very welcome and as I always say in these articles..... every member started off as a "club

newbie" at one point in time so do not think that your photographic skills may not be that good.

We all learn something each meeting which helps our photography.

David Greenwood

Membership Secretary

Wycombe Photographic Society

Last Word

My congratulation to Jonny Goddard and his team on their fabulous car wash day! There are certainly some gleaming vehicles in Naphill this morning and hopefully you have raised lots of cash towards your goal, an all weather table tennis table on the Crick!

Special thanks to the two Mums who wrote articles and supplied photographs about their children's half term holiday activities. My thanks, as always, to all our contributors.

Copy date for the April, Easter edition of our magazine will be 15 March and I look forward to receiving all your contributions on or before this date please.

Sonia

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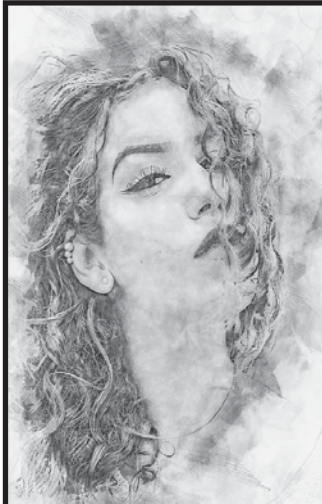
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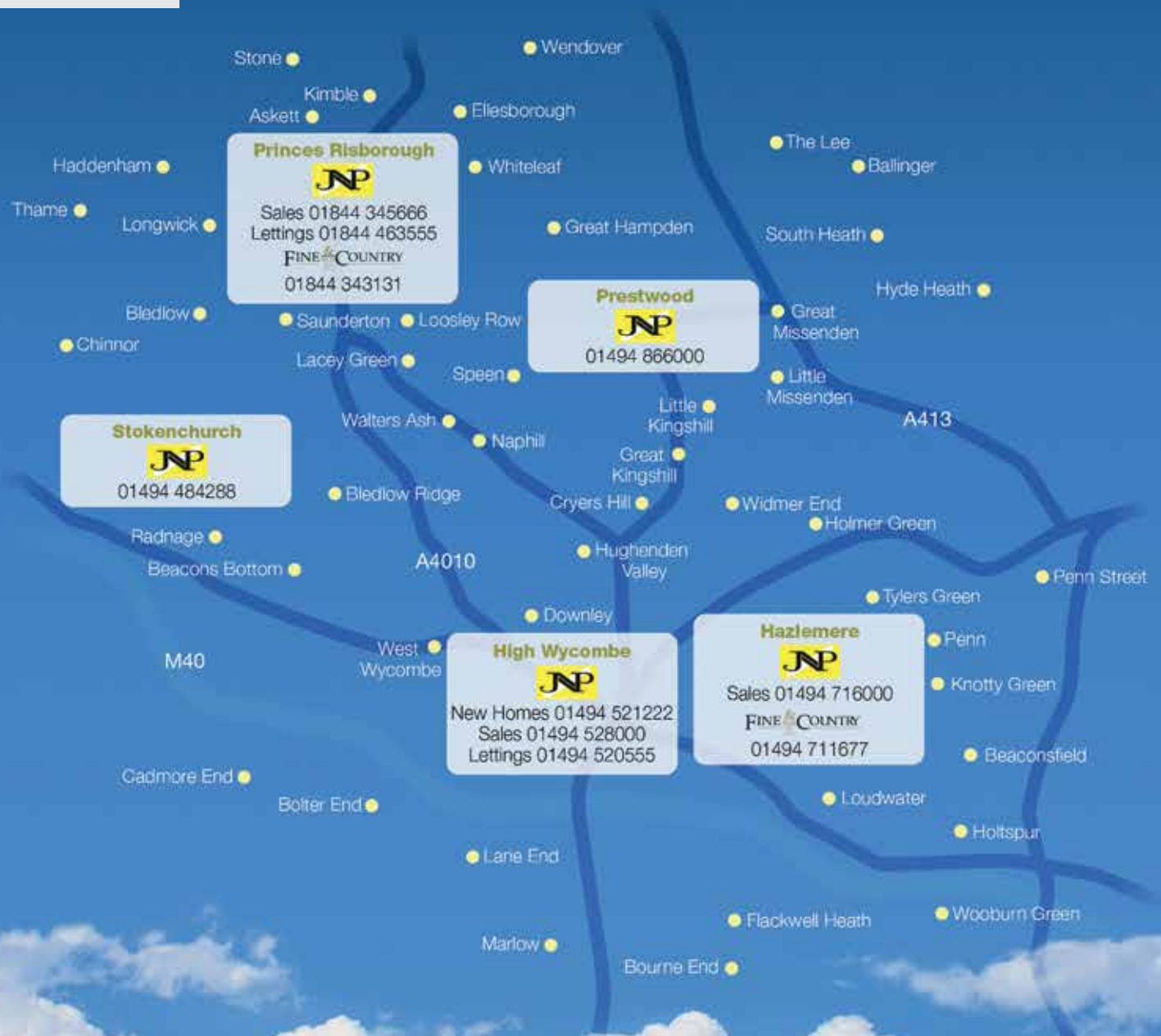
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