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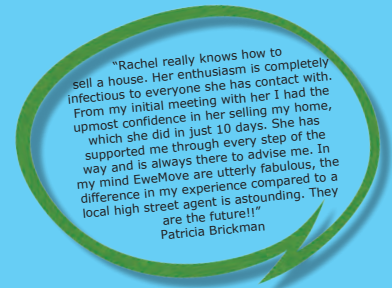
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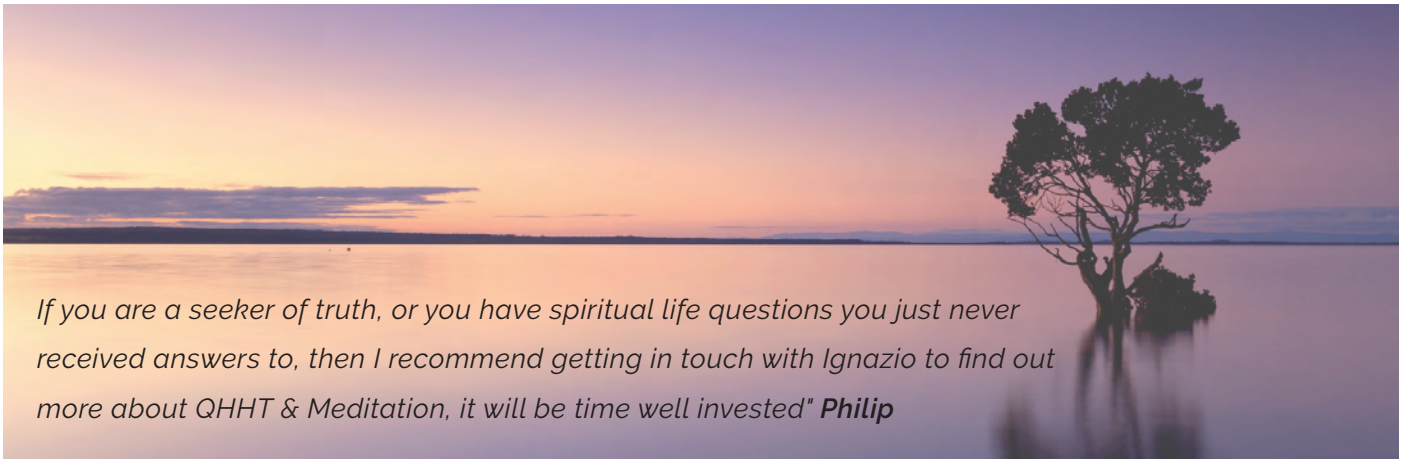
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## Naphill and Walter's Ash Clubs and Organisations

Club or Organisation	Meeting Day	Location	Contact
Beavers	Tuesdays 5.30-6.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Barry Reading 447121
Bridge Club	Thursdays 7.15pm	Naphill Village Hall	Margaret Stagg 530736 Rene Ashby 482933
Brownies (Naphill)	Thursdays 5.45 -7.00pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Ruth Daly 565571 ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
Cubs- Hughenden Naphill	Mondays 6.45-8.15pm Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm	Scout & Guide Hut Naphill Scout & Guide Hut Naphill	handnhcubs@hotmail.com naphillcubscouts@outlook.com
Football Club Naphill Junior Boys Training Sessions	U6, 7, 8, 9 Saturdays 9.30-11am	NWA School	John Hamill naphillfcjuniors@hotmail.co.uk
	U10, 11, 12 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Sports Field	Bob Hathaway 563332
	U13, 14, 16 Saturdays 9.30-11am	RAF Walter's Ash	
Friends of Naphill Common (FONC)	Various	Various	Trevor Hussey 563767
Good Companions	First Thursday every month	Hughenden Village Hall	Sheila Veysey 562332
Guides (Naphill)	Wednesdays 7-8.45pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	Toni Green 562089
Men's Club	Monday to Friday 7.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Andrew Wasilewski 562770 naphillmensclub@yahoo.co.uk
Mobile Library	Wednesday 10.55-11.30am 11.35 -11.55am 12.05 -12..20pm	Naphill Village Hall Forge Road Eastlands, Lacey Green	
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in the month 7.45 for 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Sheila Rolfe 562888 Hazel Vickery 563977
Wednesday Fellowship	Wednesday afternoons 2pm	Methodist Church	Betty Jones 564469
Residents Association	Second Thursday in the month 8pm	Naphill Village Hall	Gloria Leflaive 563634 glorialeflaive@msn.com
Scouts (Naphill)	Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm	Scout and Guide Hut Naphill	naphillscouts@aol.com
Seniors Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1	Naphill Village Hall	Jan Gaunt 562282
Tennis Club - Senior	Sundays 1.30pm	Naphill Tennis Club	Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jtench@gmail.com Terry Crooks 562539 ter-rycrooks2001@aol.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
Tennis Club - Junior	Wednesdays 9.30am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm Fridays 4.15-7.30pm Saturday 9-9.45am under 7s		
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

I seem to remember, when I wrote the editorial last month, that I had placed an order for wall to wall sunshine and I certainly did not mention any "Beast from the East" or anywhere else, blasting "Sunny Naphill" with wind, ice and snow! Obviously fun for some but not for everybody! As always, our amazing community pulled together, those with big 4x4 vehicles helped people home safely and got those in essential roles to work. Neighbours looked out for one another and the RAF base Commander offered their help too. A GREAT community!

As always, I sent out to our regular contributors reminding them that copy date for the magazine is the fifteenth of the month and thankfully the articles poured into my inbox. Now I have to tell you, seeing the inbox filling up with contributions is always a HUGE relief, I rely on all this input and without it there would be a very limited newssheet. However, when I sat down to start collating everything I realised that we were lacking colour and apart from my hair, I really don't do grey, I love to see the magazine with as much colour as possible. Never shy to ask, I sent out a plea on our great village Facebook page and by yesterday evening I was inundated with lots of lovely, colourful photographs from our local dog owners, all the local canines you didn't see at Crufts but all of which are much loved family pets and I look forward to sharing as many of these as possible with you in this edition.

My photographic coordinator, alias Himself, and I had spent some considerable time mulling over the cover photograph for this month. The options were the classic scenic variety with seasonal daffodils, all very beautiful. Quite late last evening I received a series of photos featuring the latest addition to the Dalby family, Chester the Labrador puppy! Unable to resist these I promptly chose one for this month's cover. Thank you, Pete Dalby for allowing me to use this, not quite the traditional Easter photo but one which hopefully still shares the new life and happiness message!

On the subject of the front cover, this is NOT a reserved space for the few! The photographs have to meet some criteria but ALL are welcome. Please send to [photo@naphillandwaltersash.org.uk](mailto:photo@naphillandwaltersash.org.uk). We may not always be able to use them on the cover, we may store them for a later date, but please do send them.

This month I have several charity appeals. James Foster is undertaking a marathon cycling project and 9-year-old Elliott Burggy is undertaking a 2.5km swim for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Please read their stories in this magazine and support them.

HAPPY EASTER!

Sonia

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## Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields

Council - Registered charity number 300309

### Chairmans Report

The meeting of the village hall committee took place on 5 March. and we were updated on Napfest. The R.A.F. will sponsor the four bands on Friday night so there will be good music all evening with fireworks to finish off at 11.00pm. The R.A.F. are also providing a ferris wheel and dogems for Napfest as well as a few bouncy castles which will keep the younger ones entertained and possibly on the Saturday there will be a flypast by the R.A.F. The fancy dress parade will start at 12.00 midday. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we all can have a good time.

The work on the flat roof above Bon Ami and the changing rooms will have started by the time you read this and then we have the roof over the scout and guides hall to do some repairs on.

We are waiting for quotes for the outdoor table tennis table and we should be able to order it very shortly and have it installed for the summer. The fund raising car wash was a great success and with online donations the total is just under £1000 with the village hall start to the fund of £500 and we said we will match the amount fundraised by Jonny and his friends so the total fund stands at £2450 and the cost will be around £2650. Well done to all those involved and great to see so many people enjoying themselves and helping to improve our community.

Back to more mundane business, the radiators in the hall need replacing to improve the efficiency of the system, hopefully this will be done shortly. We are still considering the information from the safety report on the playground and trying to obtain more on the status of the equipment, but it looks as we will have to replace some of the equipment at a cost of several thousand pounds. We hope to apply for a grant to help with the costs. There is an update for the data protection regulations and this will have to be reviewed and kept up to date. Health and safety was discussed and it was decided to try to find someone local to help with this. So if you are able to help guide us on this issue please get in touch via the website, any help is most welcome.

Dani Bowman would like us to consider supporting the new 'There But Not There' campaign to recognise the fallen of WW1 and we agreed to consider this. The AGM of the village hall will take place on 26 March, all are welcome to attend.

*Clive Lawrence.*

Chairman, Naphill Village Hall.

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

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

**Planning Applications: 18/05295/FUL.** Barn Hips Stocking Lane Naphill HP14 4NE. Householder application for insertion of new front door and side window and construction of open-sided pitch roof front porch. (Received on 31.01.18 Target Date for Determination: 28.03.2018.) **18/05215/TPO.** Clematis Cottage Downley Road Naphill HP14 4QY. Remove lower branches that overhang Downley Road and crown reduction by removing 4 metres off the height and 2 metres from the side to 1 x Fir Tree (T1) as overhanging road and interfering with electricity cables, crown reduction by removing 2 metres off the height and 1 metre from the side to 1 x Holly Tree (T2) as overhanging Downley Road and driveway and crown reduction by removing 4 metres off the height and 2 metre from the side to 1 x Fir Tree due to branches interfering with electricity wires. (Received on 12.02.18 Target Date for Determination: 09.04.2018). **18/05342/CLE.** Hogtrough Smallholding Louches Lane Naphill HP14 4QH. Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as B8 (Storage and Distribution) for classic cars, their spare parts and machinery (Received on 06.02.18 Target Date for Determination: 03.04.2018). **18/05378/MINAMD.** Land Between And At Rear Of 73 And 74 Woodcock Avenue Walters Ash. Proposed non-material amendment to permission for erection of 2 x 3 bed semi-detached dwellings with amenity space and parking granted under planning ref. **17/05974/FUL.** (Received on 09.02.18 Target Date for Determination: 09.03.2018). **18/05412/FUL** 245A Main Road Walters Ash HP14 4TH Change of use from A1 (Retail) to A3 (Cafe) (Retrospective). Received on 13.02.18 Target Date for Determination: 10.04.2018.

### 5.6 Acres Of Chilterns GB/AoNB Agricultural Land Off Clappins Lane, Smiths Field

There has been significant opposition to New WDC Local Plan Policy RUR 7 in particular section 5.5.51 which states, "The site is proposed to be taken out of the Green Belt and allocated for residential purposes." WDC propose a major residential estate of 64 dwellings on our fragile, diminishing Chilterns Green Belt/Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty outside the village boundary.

WDC inform us the total district-wide number of responses to the Local Plan consultation (closed 4 December): is 2196

**Total responses to RUR7: 189**

**Total number of objections to RUR7: 184**

**Total number in support of RUR7: 5**

**1/12th** of all responses to district-wide policy changes in the WDC New Local Plan were objections to

environmental violation of Smiths Field as set out in Policy RUR7. An unusually high response.

**Finance.** Local donations received to fund opposition to RUR 7 including the Chartered Planning Consultant's fees have reached £3,375 but basic expenditure will amount to £3,953 (excluding unforeseen costs). NAWARA will provide some funds from reserves and has applied for a grant of £700 from HPC to cover contingencies. Any unused grant to be returned to HPC.

**Timetable to Decision Date.** WDC Planning Policy Officer Simon Barlow informs us that WDC will submit the Local Plan to Secretary of State in March. An Inspector, who will set the timetable, will be appointed to hold an examination which might take place in June-July. The Inspector's decision is likely by December.

The WDC Programme Officer will be in touch with all those who submitted representations and will advise on details such as the examination hearing dates. The information will also be on WDC website.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

### Doppler Scanner Appeal

Harrison Gallagher, the son of Dr Anthony Gallagher at the Hughenden Surgery has set up an appeal for a Doppler Scanner. You may be a patient at the Surgery and want to donate to this appeal. A Community Doppler Machine is an important piece of equipment for scanning patients suffering from leg pains who might, for instance, have Deep Vein Thrombosis, and who might have to wait months for a hospital appointment if the scan can't be done at the Surgery. The Doppler Scanner costs £2,700. If you would like to find out more and make a donation please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hughendenvalley>

### Points of Interest

Many readers will already be aware of the Government's decision to be minded to approve the County Council's recommendation that the County become one Unitary Council replacing the four District Councils and the County Council with just one Unitary Authority. I have to admit that this was the scheme that I supported rather than the four Districts submission of two councils which would have split the county of Buckinghamshire into two parts. The savings to be made by just one authority were also greater than the districts' scheme. The savings on staffing and on councillors' costs, by a reduction in numbers, are significant and as council tax payers are to be welcomed.

The detailed proposals will be out for consultation soon and members of the public will be able to have their say and although old loyalties are significant we

live in challenging times and I hope we can all agree that much of our governance needs modernising. The Unitary status will mean a greater involvement and responsibility of Parish and Town Councils to look after local issues affecting our own communities.

Having just returned from a week in the New Forest I envy those who live there on their being in a National Park with planning being strictly controlled to protect that special environment. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty were to have a similar status but I don't think this was ever appreciated by planners and developers and like the Green Belt is forever being chipped away. I appreciate that we need more housing to accommodate an ever-increasing population but building on such an industrial scale by large property developers is gradually leading to a "sameness" throughout the country and local characteristics are fast reducing. You can see this effect at Thame, Aylesbury and soon in Princes Risborough. Let us hope the Chilterns AONB will offer us some protection.

*Richard Pushman*

## Growing Your Own

April is the month of frenetically sowing seeds, trying to catch the season – if the weather is good enough. Getting the plants off to a good start can make such a difference when it comes to harvest time. Meanwhile, let us talk about worms, the friends who dig my allotment for me.

Worms are the big beasts of the wonderful world of soil. There are around 7 billion species of soil micro-organism in a handful of soil, but nearly all of them are very small indeed, being bacteria and fungi and the like. Worms eat soil and leaf debris and produce castings which are twice as rich in organic material as ordinary soil. The worm casts have 7 times as much phosphate, 10 times as much potash, 5 times as much

nitrogen, 3 times as much magnesium and 1.5 times as much calcium as ordinary soil. Castings are left on the soil at a rate of about 8 ounces per square foot per year, and that means about 0.75 tons per annum on my allotment. Worms have no brains, no eyes, no teeth and breathe through their skin. They need moist soil so there are not many worms in sandy soil. My allotment soil at Walter's Ash is classed as clay loam which, in addition, has clay underneath, and with all the farmyard manure I have applied over the years must be a fairly perfect and moist habitat for worms.

There are believed to be about 7,000 species of earthworm in the World, but we have only 27 species in the UK, with about 8 species in the average garden. Healthy farmland has around 1,750,000 per acre which works out at about 50 per square foot – I probably have more than that in my garden and on my allotment since my soil is so rich. Worms are very good at reproducing, and they reach breeding maturity at only 3 to 4 months. Nearly all species are hermaphrodites (having both male and female reproductive organs). They can live to 15 years old. Their predators are badgers, for whom worms comprise 80% of their diet, hedgehogs and moles. My favourite worms are the great, snake-like creatures up to 9 inches long that burrow deep into the soil and bring up precious trace elements from the depths then deposit them on the soil surface in their casts. I say favourite, but they do cause me angst at times when they pull up my newly-planted onion sets and leave them upside down blocking the entrance to their vertical burrows when the onions are too large to be dragged down. My second favourite species of worm are the brandlings. These are the bright red earthworms about 3 inches long that live in compost heaps and play a large part in breaking down vegetable matter and turning it into compost. Let's hear it for the worms!

Happy Gardening!

*Mike Mason*





The Ones You  
Didn't See  
at Crufts

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Napfest 2018



Music 8 June, Fete 9 June, Classics 10 June



### Proudly Sponsors

#### 'Music on the Crick'

**8 June 18**

Come along to the Naphill Crick on 8 Jun 18 from 1800hrs to see the RAF100 'Music on the Crick', fabulous live bands, large fun fair rides for all ages, incl. Dodgems, Ferris Wheel, licensed Bar, Hog Roast, Pizza, Candy Floss and Popcorn. The evening will end at 2300hrs, when there will be a firework display.

#### Fete on the Crick

**9 June 18**

Saturday 9 June 2018, brings the the Annual Village Fete, starting with the procession from the Scout hut at 1200hrs, where the Princes and Princesses will officially open the Fete. Please contact us ASAP if you wish to be included in the procession. All afternoon the Arena will host various entertainment, and of course there will be the Dog Show and don't forget the amazing stalls and large fairground 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](mailto:nwafete@hotmail.com.uk) for further information.

#### Fete Silent Auction

Friends of Naphill Common (FONC) will be having a stall at the fete and will once again be holding a Silent Auction. Last year, with your help, we were very successful and raised £1173.50. all of which went to the Village Hall, a facility of huge benefit to our community.

We are hopeful we can do even better this year but are very much in your hands. So, what do we need?

Well, what we are looking for is a wide range of items that would appeal to potential buyers. In this regard, you can just let your imagination run riot as the spectrum is really that wide. From simple things like offering several hours gardening or ironing to baking a cake once a month for say three months. If you have artistic skills can you donate a picture or some handicraft or perhaps some tuition to share your skills. Perhaps you, or someone you know, could provide a course of keep fit, yoga or Pilates, a beauty treatment, a hair shampoo/cut. Do you attend a restaurant or pub regularly and can you encourage the owner to donate a voucher? If you own a holiday home would you consider donating a weekend perhaps in an off peak period. Do you know a celebrity who could provide an experience, attendance at a show or an autographed item. If you have a boat could you offer an afternoon outing.

As you can tell from the forgoing if something has value we can auction it! Within the village we have residents who will work in a wide range of professions and industries. So, can you please think whether there is anything you do or are associated with that can be offered to us. If you can't help then perhaps a family member or a friend can. We will be most grateful for your support.

Do ring me 01494 562240, email: [ron13collins@gmail.com](mailto:ron13collins@gmail.com) or Neil McMinn 01494564667, email: [ngmcminn@hotmail.com](mailto:ngmcminn@hotmail.com), if you can help.

We hope to hear from you.

*Ron Collins*

## Quiz Night

in aid of



**Saturday 21st April 2018**  
**Hughenden Village Hall at 7pm**  
**for 7.30pm**

**Tickets £12.50 to include**  
**a 2 course meal**  
**Beef or Veg Lasagne**  
**followed by a selection of desserts**  
**Bar with a selection of beers, wine and**  
**soft drinks (pre-order available)**

For tickets (and details) please call Emma on 07773 270238 or Gill on 07887 691381

## Naphill & Walter's Ash School

On Thursday 8th March, we celebrated World Book Day. Unfortunately, we could not celebrate on World Book Day (Thursday 1st) due to snow but, when we held it, it was a great success!

As always, Mrs Wallace organized the day. She gave us the task of creating sock puppets of our favourite book characters and bringing them in to show in assembly. There was a wide range of different characters from The Invisible Man to Paddington! We also had the name of our new library mascot announced and we can reveal it is Mr Page Turner! His name was created by Emily in Y5.



Different classes partnered up to share their books with each other. The Year 6s read with their Year 1 buddies. This made a thoroughly enjoyable morning. At lunchtime, the library was open for anybody to sit and

listen to stories read by Mrs Wallace. The afternoon was spent 'tasting' each other's books to see if we liked them.



The week after, six boys and six girls from each year in KS2 were chosen to compete in cross-country at Monks Risborough with other schools: St. Johns, Longwick, etc. We are proud to announce that we had two gold medals (Daniel Waterton in Y3 and Nicole Banks in Y4) and Y4 and Y6 won in their respective year categories. Overall our school won the cross-country competition.

This week has also seen our fabulous Y5 children take part in the Energize performance at the Wycombe Swan theatre. The show was called History Matters and featured many famous faces from history like Florence Nightingale and William Caxton. Year 5 danced and sang with fantastic energy about Boudicca. They had amazing blue make-up and fabulous costumes. Well done to both year 5 and their teachers for putting on a spectacular show.





## Friends of Naphill Common

With spring underway there is a lot to enjoy on the Common and an excellent way of doing so is to join in with our walks. The short walks generally involve the Common and they are between 2-3 miles, led by Chris Miller starting at 10.30am from the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. The longer walks are led by Ron Collins and are about 5 miles, generally some distance from Naphill. Join them 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.

As you walk, listen out for the summer visitors: the song of the Chiffchaff is the easiest, being a repetition of its name. The name of the Willow Warbler is also something of a clue to its song since it consists of a short burst of notes starting high and ending low. The two birds are almost indistinguishable in appearance: both are a muted grey-brown above and pale yellow – almost white – below. The Chiffchaff builds a spherical nest situated low down in brambles, it has a side entrance, while the Willow Warbler builds a little domed nest on the ground amongst grasses or heather. Hence both are vulnerable to being found by dogs. The only systematic bird survey of the Common that I know of was done between 2010 and 2015: it listed fifty species including three warblers – Black Cap, Chiffchaff and Garden Warbler but, strangely, no Willow Warbler. Obviously the Common is a valuable host for birds.

Our Common may be of considerable ecological value for another reason. You may have seen in the press recently a report concerning wood beetles from the International Union for Conservation; an organisation that keeps track of endangered species of both animals and plants world-wide. Their report shows a considerable drop in the number of saproxylic beetles – those that depend on dead or decaying wood. Many

European species are endangered and several appear to be heading for extinction. Part of the problem is the decline in the number of the veteran trees that provide what they need. Commercial industrial forestry is partly to blame. However, here on the Common we have at least 35 veteran trees (23 Beech; 9 Oak and 3 Yew) all with a circumference of over 3 metres. We have recorded them and ensured that they were not included in the trees felled by Wessex Woodland Management.

We have evidence that Naphill Common really does make a contribution. FONC assisted a survey of invertebrates carried out by M. G. Bloxham in May 2009, which found a saproxylic longhorn beetle *Anaglypta mystica*; an uncommon and notable species. (A second notable saproxylic species, the Cardinal beetle *Pyrochroa coccinea*, was found in Stocking Lane Wood.) Among the 62 insect species found during the survey there was also an uncommon brown ant *Lasius brunneus* which inhabits old woodland; two craneflies, the large *Dictenidia bimaculata* (a very local species) and *Prionocera subserricornis* (a Red Data Book species and new regional record), plus a notable hoverfly *Xylota xanthocnema*. The area around Dew Pond was particularly rich. An earlier survey of 1996-7 also found saproxylic species. Evidently it is essential that we preserve our old trees, preferably standing even when dead.

The work parties contribute to maintain and improve the biodiversity of the Common, by clearing paths, removing scrub and maintaining the ponds. If you would like to help please check the web site ([www.naphill-common.org.uk](http://www.naphill-common.org.uk)) or contact the organiser, Peter Davis for details. Tools and training (where necessary) are provided. Whether you are wandering with your head in the air, listening to the birds, or head down searching for insects, or just wandering, we hope you enjoy yourself on the Common; and if it reminds you to renew your membership of FONC, all the better.

Chris Miller. Chairman.

## James Foster's Cycle Challenge

**54 miles a day for 54 consecutive days from Monday 7th May to Friday 29th June 2018 raising funds for Marie Curie.**



### My story:

16th September 2001 and my life was torn apart. My dad passed away after a very short and brave battle with cancer.

He was diagnosed in the May of 2001, and by September he succumbed after an incredible battle. It was hell. I know there is never an ideal way to say 'that final goodbye' to a loved one, but this had happened too quickly. His death literally tore my immediate family apart. As a very young and immature 23 year old, neither I, nor my family, had the skills to cope with his death.

We had experienced an emotional, turbulent, roller coaster ride for the 5 months leading up to his death, then once he had passed away we were left to get on with it. Empty and lost is the only way I could describe how I was feeling at the time. We were not made aware of any resources available to us to help us to cope and grieve his death. For me, my Mum, or my brother to be offered the chance to speak to someone external about what had just happened would have been a godsend. I have since come to learn of the information and support that charities, such as Marie Curie, can offer families at such times.

Ever since he passed away I wanted to do something 'epic' to remember him. Turning 40 last year made

me realise it was time I got my act together.

My Dad, Roy Foster, was 54 years old when he passed away. He was a great man. An inspiration. A loving, and loved, husband and father. A man who, in my mind, requires an 'epic' challenge to make it worthy and to raise money in his memory. I've always liked the idea of cycling Lands End to John O'Groats and back again. End to end to end. But with work, a family and other commitments the idea becomes somewhat unrealistic. If I was to attempt this, I would want to do it solo so I would need back up, volunteers and financial input.

Organised charity rides, as fantastic as they are, for me, seem a bit like cheating given the amount of cycling that I do, so I want something that will challenge me and take me beyond my current limits! I need to feel that for my Dad I have achieved beyond anything else I have undertaken.

After sitting down with my better half, brainstorming ideas and possibilities, we eventually settled on the idea of cycling 54 miles a day for 54 consecutive days. Dad was 54 when he passed away, hence the 54! My daily commute in and out of work is usually around 30 miles. That's 'only' another 24 miles a day. Oh, plus the weekend rides and the fact that I don't get a day off for 54 days. I got the thumbs up and started to plan.

Which charity? As I've already mentioned, reading about Marie Curie and the support their nurses provide has been an inspiration. They give care and support to people living with any terminal illness and their families, bringing light in the darkest hours.



When? Timing is important. May to June, spring and early summer, will hopefully bring some good weather and riding conditions. I can make the most of the long days and the motivation that spring always brings. So what exactly does riding 54 miles a day for 54 consecutive day involve?



It's a minimum of 2916 miles over the 54 days. Each day I must ride a minimum of 54 miles. The 54 miles can be made up of multiple rides. All my rides are uploaded to Strava for 'added proof'! I will have to fit this challenge into my everyday life; family and work.

I'm looking forward to the challenge. The events along the way. The highs, the lows, and the sense that I will be achieving something 'fantastic' in memory of a fantastic and inspirational man.



Please visit my website/blog page to know more about me and how I'm getting on. More importantly there is a link to my just giving page. Any donations, however big or small, will be hugely appreciated.

[www.sittingonwheels.com](http://www.sittingonwheels.com)

*James Foster*

Please join us in The Harrow, Hughenden Valley for a Ladies Afternoon Tea Party in aid of Cancer Research

Saturday 14th April  
2.30pm til 5.30pm

Tickets are available to purchase at The Harrow or Hughenden Village Coffee Shop  
Cost is £25 per ticket which includes a glass of prosecco and entry into the raffle

## Naphill Brownies

Many thanks to all who collected jumble for the Brownies and Guides Jumble Sale at the beginning of March. As you know we had to postpone it due to the snow. The new date is 14th April. We do hope you have saved everything for us and we really look forward to seeing you there.



We were rather proud of our beautiful Mother's Day gifts which involved pottery painting, making paper pot plants and a bit of old-fashioned macramé.

Our thanks must go to Jane from High Wycombe library who gave up her evening to show us all the great things available at the library and talked to us about storing and caring for books. The brownies were really enthusiastic, whilst still being polite and respectful. We were really proud of them.

## Guide & Brownie Jumble Sale

14th April  
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!**

So, little time left before we break for Easter and we still have lots to do including enrolments, egg hunts and more.

**Happy springtime everyone!**

*Brown Owl (Ruth Daly)*

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

## Letter from Hughenden Vicarage

### The Empty Tomb

On Saturday evening, 19 June 1815, a few kilometres South of Brussels in Belgium, the battle of Waterloo was over. The British had won. Wellington needed to send news of his victory to London. Not having the advantage of modern technology, unlike ourselves, Wellington couldn't have a one-to-one with George III on his mobile, or post a victorious message on the internet, via his lap-top – instead his men set up a series of line-of-sight communication stations and a coded message was sent. But, only the first part of the message reached London. Half way through sending the message, the fog set in, and the signallers could not see each other. All the English received was the terrible news: "Wellington defeated..."

Imagine, if you will, how the closest friends and family of Jesus Christ felt after witnessing his brutal death on a cross, on a hillside outside the city of Jerusalem. Devastated, lost, numb. Understandable

feelings for those who mourn the loss of a loved one. But Jesus had claimed to be different, and he had left such an impression upon those he met that they truly believed with all their hearts that he was the one who had come to save them.

In the time between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, friends and family of Jesus probably gathered together in hushed groups in private, to comfort one another. They would probably have been too afraid to be seen in public – was this really the end of the story?

On the Sunday morning, first a few and then many met with the risen Christ, and their mourning turned into dancing – hope restored, faith reinvigorated – men and women who would follow Christ for the rest of their lives, and in many cases would become martyrs of the early Christian church. All because they not only believed in what Jesus Christ said, but they witnessed how he backed up his words with actions.

Back to the story I began with... later the fog lifted and the whole message could get through, "Wellington defeated Napoleon at Waterloo!"

Christians believe that the horror and the apparent failure of Christ's crucifixion turned into the hope of resurrection, and you and I can also share in that risen life, if we put our faith in him. God does not ask us to be perfect, just as well, or I wouldn't be doing the job I do! God invites you and I to share in a personal relationship with him, through his Son Jesus Christ – why not ask him to come into your heart and life and experience that risen life too!

**Christ is risen! He is risen indeed – Hallelujah!**

*Rev Keith Johnson*

## **Message from Bradenham Vicarage**

### **Spring cleaning and other 'stuff'.**

How's it going for you? Have you finished it yet?

Spring cleaning I mean.

Do you still do it?

Traditionally, now is the time to have a good sort out of clutter and get to grips with deep cleaning the house (you know – toothbrush around the window pane type of cleaning)

The origins of 'spring cleaning' may have their roots in the thorough ritual cleaning Jewish households did around this time of year in preparation for Passover. Alternatively, in some parts of the world, spring cleaning is associated with the new year, clearing out the old and making way for the new. In the northern hemisphere, before cleaner forms of energy arrived, coal and wood were the principal sources of heating. They inevitably left deposits of soot, so households were deep cleaned when the weather became warmer and the need for heating was reduced.

If you look up 'spring cleaning' on the internet, the definition is 'the practice of thoroughly cleaning a house

in the springtime. The term is also used metaphorically for any kind of heavy duty cleaning or organizing enterprise. A person who gets their affairs in order before an audit or inspection could be said to be doing some 'spring cleaning.' It is good to make space and clear away clutter – TV programmes that show the lives of compulsive hoarders highlight the effects of allowing stuff to accumulate.

Just what is our fascination with 'stuff'? The modern west is living in an era of unprecedented affluence. Levels of disposable income are high and global trade ensures there is an unending supply of merchandise, the acquisition of which is supposed to make us happy. Much of it is 'stuff'. How many of us ever used that 'must have' popcorn machine (a heavy lidded saucepan works just as well) or that trendy doughnut maker (gift, used once – the doughnuts were rubbish!). Just what do you do with all those logo bearing mugs that Easter eggs/shaving sets/pampering kits came in? If you are like me, those mugs go unused because I already have a favourite mug and tea really does taste different when made in it (scientific fact – it's actually to do with the way different types of pottery and china conduct heat). Our modern world encourages us to gather more and more stuff, feeding us with it at every marketing opportunity, and convincing us it will make us happy.

But having everything we thought we wanted isn't making us happier. It's bad for the planet. It's cluttering up our homes. It's making us feel stressed.

Trend forecaster James Wallman has a word for this. He calls it 'stuffocation' and in his book of the same name, he explores the world's growing sense of 'stuffocation'. We have more stuff than we could ever need - clothes we don't wear, kit we don't use, and toys we don't play with. Wallman's solution to our clutter crisis suggests that we have to transform what we value. We have to focus less on possessions and more on experiences. Rather than a new watch or another pair of shoes, we should invest in shared experiences like holidays and time with friends.

Wallman's work is considered trend setting, up to the minute, popular philosophy. Funnily enough, it's not actually that new. Two thousand years ago, an itinerant preacher and healer in a troublesome (to the Romans) province of the Middle East spoke much the same message. Jesus urges us "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:19-21)

Acquiring 'stuff' may be a temporary feel-good fix, but far better are the treasures we create for ourselves and others in the simple acts of kindness, consideration and love that is the only valid currency in heaven.

Every blessing,

*Rev Jenny Ellis*



# Hughenden Parish Council

## Spring Report - Part 2

The Council is responsible for the delivery of many services and as such it needs to finance these through what is called the "Precept". This is added to your Council Tax bill each year and although it represents the Council's main form of income, it is also supplemented by rental income from Allotments & fees for burials at the Garden of Rest. Despite increasing costs, the Council has worked hard to minimise this increase by keeping it below the current rate of inflation. At the annual Precept meeting in November, Council decided that the precept would be increased by 2% for the year putting the cost per household up to £52.99 per year, still significantly less than the average for Buckinghamshire.

One of the main areas of expenditure for the Council is "devolved services". These services include the cutting of grass verges in urban areas, maintenance of hedges on Bucks County Council land and prevention of verge encroachment onto footpaths. These services were devolved from Bucks County Council in 2016 and whilst we are very much learning as we go, grass cutting has been the main area of focus and expenditure for the Council. This year we have cut the verges six times but next year we will be increasing that to eight times to help maintain the appearance of the Parish that is so important to everyone. We will also focus more on the hedge-cutting element of these services.

Road Safety is a high priority with all residents and this year the Parish Council has, with the help of a donation from Cllr Steve Broadbent, purchased a new MVAS unit to help monitor traffic speeds around the Parish. Of course, these MVAS units do not operate themselves so a huge thank you must go out to all the volunteers who go out in all weathers to ensure they are working and to download the data from each unit. A special thank you also to John Marchant from Widmer End who has been the driving force behind the ongoing success of the scheme over the past few years. The Council is committed to continually improving the services it provides throughout each of its communities. In the past few months the Council has invested in two further dog bins on Naphill Common. And over the coming weeks there is going to be a programme of works focussed on trimming back overgrown hedges and trees under the devolved services contract.

I have been in the role of Clerk now for over a year and I can say that I have very much enjoyed the

diverse nature of the job and of course meeting new people and understanding their concerns. Assisted by Jill, we aim to ensure the ongoing delivery of all services and the ongoing improvement of services too. Please do feel free to contact us if you have any questions at all, we are always happy to help.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held this year on Wednesday April 25th at 8.00pm in the Naphill & Walters Ash School. This is an opportunity for the public to hear reports from the Chairman and also from organisations that have received funding from the Council in the last year. It is also a great opportunity for you to meet your local Councillors, ask questions and hear what the Parish Council has been up to throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, would you like to be involved in decisions that affect your local community? By becoming a Local Councillor you can do just that. There is currently a vacancy in the Naphill & Walters Ash Ward so, if you want to find out more about how you can become a Councillor, what it involves and how you can make a difference not just to Naphill & Walters Ash but to the whole of the Parish, then please contact me or one of your Local Councillors to find out more. Your Naphill & Walters Ash Councillors are: Cllr Martin Burch, Cllr Peter Williams and Cllr Chris Waterton. You can reach them via their contact details on the council website: [www.hughendenpc.org.uk](http://www.hughendenpc.org.uk)

*Shona Hadwen*

The Clerk, on behalf of Hughenden Parish Council

### **Naphill and Walter's Ash Ward Councillors Report**

#### **Templewood Playground:**

Following the responses to our local survey, a brief has been developed for the redevelopment of the Council playground at Templewood. Council will now be looking at potential partners and suppliers for this project as well as investigating alternative sources of funding in order to expand what can be achieved. This is a significant project and will take some considerable time to complete. It is planned to have some initial thoughts on design by late summer and we will canvass opinion on these as soon as they are available. The current timing plan would have the

project completed in the Spring of 2019. We will be investigating low-cost, interim options for improving the facility for the coming Summer season.

You may be aware that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has announced that he is minded to proceed with a single unitary council to replace the current two-tier structure of Buckinghamshire County Council and the district council of High Wycombe. There is now a further period of consultation until 25th May 2018, during which representation can be made and the proposal may be amended before going to parliament for approval. At this stage, it is not clear what effect this major change would have on parish councils and the provision of local services and facilities. We will be keeping a close eye on developments and trust there will be more clarity soon. It does seem likely that there will be significant change. If you would like to be involved in helping to manage that change, we are still short of Parish Councillors. Anyone over 18 who lives or works in the Parish and is interested can apply by emailing [clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hughendenpc.org.uk) or contacting one of your local councillors.

Your Parish Councillors,

*Peter Williams, Chris Waterton, Martin Burch*  
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website: [www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Hughenden Parish Council**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Wednesday April 25th 8.00pm**  
**Naphill & Walters Ash School**

## Message from Hon.David Lidington MP

Local government in Buckinghamshire faces its biggest shake-up for decades following the decision by Communities Secretary Sajid Javid to abolish the current County and District Councils in favour of a single, unitary council for the whole of Bucks.

All the existing local authorities had agreed that the current two-tier division was unsustainable. The debate was not whether to keep the present system but whether to have one unitary council or two (one for Aylesbury Vale and the second covering the other three Districts).

The argument for a single council was partly financial. The management and administrative costs of one council will be less than those of two, let alone the five we have now.

A unitary council will also be more clearly accountable for its policies and decisions. Under the present system, the District Council bills us for our Council Tax even

though most of the revenue from that tax goes to the County. The District takes decisions about housing and planning but it's the County Council that has to plan for roads, schools and social services. Our rubbish is collected by the District but it's the County that has to dispose of it and which runs the local recycling centres.

Getting rid of that confusion will be a good thing. With a unitary authority we will all know exactly which council to praise or blame for our local services.

The strongest argument made by the champions of two unitary authorities was that the extra cost of their preferred option was outweighed by the greater sense of local identity and accountability that having two councils would bring. The new single unitary council will need to make it a priority to ensure that every parish and neighbourhood has a voice.

Another key objective must be to improve further the links between county social services and the NHS in Bucks. A lot of good work has gone into this in recent years but there is more still to be done. I'm frankly relieved that we are not facing the challenge of trying to split social services into two.

The Government's decision to opt for one council rather than two will please some and disappoint others, but I hope that all our local councils and other organisations will now get on with making the transition as smooth as possible and ensuring that the new system works well.

*David Lidington*

Email: [david.lidington.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:david.lidington.mp@parliament.uk)

## Bradenham Parish Council

**Bradenham Parish Council**  
**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**14 May-7pm**  
**Bradenham Cricket Club**

At the March meeting the parish council looked into a proposal from the R.A.F. on installing some sort of lighting to light the footway along Bradenham Woods Lane from No 2 site to the junction with New Road/Main Road. They had already approached the parish council about street lighting, but the parish council had asked for details before they would discuss the matter. We have had a few requests during the last 20 years for street lighting, but they had always been turned down as we are a "no street light" parish. After hearing from the public at the meeting, the parish council discussed the proposal. It was decided not to support the proposal for street lighting and the RAF was advised to make private arrangements concerning street lighting. The parish is in the Chilterns AONB and the parish has always valued 'dark skies'. There have been a few flooding problems in the parish, the county

council has been informed and they are surveying the drains. We have asked for the drains to be cleared.

To commemorate the end of World War One the Council have decided to purchase a Royal British Legion "Silent Soldier" silhouette as a tribute to those who did not return home and to those whose lives would never be the same again.

The Chiltern Conservation Board have instigated a conservation project entitled "Chalk, Cherries and Chairs – Rough Around the Edges" which is aimed at finding ways the community can help to look after wildlife by creating and developing wildlife habitats. The council discussed this project. At present, there are no concrete plans as to how our community will be involved in this but we would welcome public participation so please do send your ideas to our council clerk, contact details below.

Various other events and concerns were discussed:

- As part of the Wycombe Arts Festival pupils of John Hampden School will be performing a concert on 17th May at 7.30pm in St Botolph's Church Bradenham, details available nearer the time.
- The increase in visitors to Bradenham is causing parking problems and we will ask the National Trust to look into this.
- The National Trust had carried out some footpath repairs, but these now need to be completed.

Our next meeting will be Monday 14 May at 7pm in the cricket club. We will hold our Annual Parish meeting and our Annual Parish Council meeting on the same evening.

*Deirdre Hansen,*  
Clerk to the Council  
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[www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council](http://www.bucksvoice.net/bradenham-parish-council)

## Naphill Neighbours

Last week our outings for this year made an excellent start with a small group of members visiting the Magistrates Court in High Wycombe. It was very informative and enlightening and we were made very welcome.

Plans are finalised for our theatre trip to Milton Keynes to see the much acclaimed "The Play That Goes Wrong" on Wednesday April 25.

Everyone will be welcome to join us on a day at the seaside on Tuesday June 19 – we will be taking bookings on a coach to Eastbourne next month so put the date in your diary.

Our next club meeting will be on Monday April 9, when we are looking forward to a return visit from Diane Hayes. This time we will be seeing her illustrated presentation "BRANDYWINE VALLEY, DELAWARE AND PENNSYLVANIA, U.S.A."

### Diary Dates:

- **9 April** Next Club Meeting
- **25 April** Theatre trip, Milton Keynes
- **19 June** Coach Trip to Eastbourne

*Hazel Vickery - 563977*

## THANK YOU !

This community really is very special - we have always known how fortunate we are to be living here but, as some of you will be aware, recently we have had cause to be especially grateful and appreciative of the very many kindnesses of friends, neighbours and other villagers. We are truly thankful for all your support.

*Sheila, John and Meredith Draper*

## A Great 9yr Old's Swimathon for Great Ormond Street Hospital!



My name is Elliott Burggy and I am 9 years old. I have a passion for swimming.

I particularly like swimming long distances and timing myself with my new swim watch, so I have signed up for a 2.5km swim on Saturday 28th April 2018.

I would like to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), my sister is a patient of GOSH and I know what great work they do for her.

So please sponsor me and help me raise as much money as possible for this great cause and obviously so that I can brag not only about my swimming prowess but also my money raising prowess.

*Elliott*

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/elliott-burggy>

## Naphill Evening WI

The "Strictly Sequins" day was great. After learning how the costumes for Strictly Come Dancing were made and how many hundreds of sequins and beads are either sewn or glued on, we were able to try the dresses on! One very slim lady looked great in Debbie McGee's tiny outfit.

The virtual backstage tour of Aylesbury Waterside Theatre was very interesting and we were told snippets about the trees etched on the underside of all the seats and the reasons for the lovely autumn colours. Our speaker also told us that it was a very eco-friendly building.

Our committee are hoping to arrange an outing to a water mill at Mapledurham later in the year, which could also include a boat trip.

The Food Group's outing to The Boot was changed to the Grouse and Ale but I'm sure they had a good time. Their next event is lunch at The Swan in Kimble on 26 April.

The Craft Group are making plans as well as chatting over our own knitting and sewing. It was quite fun reminding one member how to cast on. She hadn't knitted in a while but it was like riding a bicycle – you never forget.

We have Resolution Briefing Meetings coming up soon, when one or two members will hear about the 2018 resolutions in more detail prior to our voting in May. We also have our Annual Council Meeting in May to look forward to, when the main speaker will be Christine Walkden on "The Life and Times of a Gardener". This is always a great day out.

*Carol Gilliam*

## The Wheel

As I sit here writing this it is noticeable the nights are getting lighter and when I walk the dogs it is great to see some colour with the daffodils and crocuses appearing. It's been a brilliant month with all the Rugby and you have been out in force, no matter which Nation you've been supporting. The atmosphere has been amazing, and we need a bigger front bar for all you fans. It has also been the time of year that we are all trying to get our holidays in, thankfully I think we've all achieved it now so we should be fully refreshed and ready for the summer.

March has been filled with family events, with a very busy Mother's Day and of course Easter. I would like to thank Karen Elliot for the lovely flowers that we gave to all our well deserving Mums.

A not so family event was St Patricks day and the Guinness was flowing and lots of silly hats were worn, it still makes me smile how much we celebrate this whether we are Irish or not (hopefully we will see you all out this month for St. Georges Day). We are really

proud of our new menu and the great new design, so much time and effort was put in, it does feel like it taken ages to finalise. It's now here so do come down and join us for a great meal and a drink, where you get the choice of the dining room or the bar, whatever suits your needs most.

During April we have very little planned as we will be getting ready for May and the summer months. On the 12th May we will be closed from 5pm for a very important private function (Marks 50th Birthday) and this party is invitation only. We will also be planning on having a party at the pub for the Royal Wedding, so watch this space for more information.

Here's our usual overview of the dates for your diary;

- 12th May – Marks Big 50th Drinky Poo Party
- 19th May – The Royal Wedding
- 8th, 9th, 10th June – Napfest
- Sun 17th June - Father's Day

As always there is so much to look forward to, not just with us, but throughout our fantastic village. I hope you all enjoy the start of spring and let's keep our fingers and toes crossed for a blazing hot summer. Thanks as always to all our customers for your support and to the staff for their hard work.

*Claire and Mark*

## Pony Espresso

**Happy Easter everyone!** Let's hope Spring arrives soon, after the long, grey winter and the outside chairs and tables will be in the sunshine!

There have been some changes at Pony Espresso that the keen-eyed may have noticed. Firstly, we have new staff. We welcome Samara, Lorna and Shelley who have been thrown in at the deep end, but have coped admirably to keep things running smoothly. Thanks to all the customers who somehow knew to come in one after the other instead of all at the same time while they were finding their feet. And a big thank you to Laura and Junita, the Saturday girls, who never get flustered however busy we are.

Secondly, the opening hours have changed slightly and I have decided to close on Sundays. I realise we have our regular Sunday customers but this has been carefully decided - for the time being. It's not set in stone but right now there is a work/life balance that had to be struck! For those who enjoy their Sunday breakfast/coffee and read of the papers, hopefully one of the other six days will suffice.

Thirdly, well.... there is no thirdly! We are into our 6th year now so a huge thank you to everyone who has made us a success! Come and eat, drink, use the free Wi-Fi, play a board game...and meet the new team!

We look forward to seeing you.

*Blaine*



## Naphill Tennis Club

*Naphill Tennis Club, situated on The Crick, has 3 all-weather artificial grass courts, a practice wall and a clubhouse.*

Our new tennis season is well under way and we have the following delights to offer you:

**CLUB SESSIONS:** SUNDAYS – 1.30 PM  
 WEDNESDAYS – from 11 AM  
 TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS – 10 AM  
 THURSDAY EVENINGS – 6 pm (starting 5 April)

Event	Date	Comment
<b>RUSTY RACKETS/ IMPROVERS' COACHING</b>	Wednesday mornings <i>starting 25 April</i>	9 – 10 am. Not played for a while? 6 week course £30 members/£50 non-members
<b>EASTER TENNIS CAMP</b>	Friday 6 April and Friday 13 April	5 year olds – teenagers.
<b>ADULT TENNIS CLINIC</b>	Saturday 14 April	2 pm – 5 pm. All standards of player welcome. Members/non-members
<b>JUNIOR COACHING</b>	<i>Starts</i> Friday 20 April	4 pm - 7.15 pm during the school summer term.
<b>UNDER-7s CLUB</b>	<i>Starts</i> Saturday 21 April	9 am - 9.45 am during the school summer term.
<b>FUN FAMILY adult/child TOURNAMENT</b>	Saturday 28 April	4 pm – 6 pm. £5 per member pair/£10 non-member pair
<b>GREAT BRITISH TENNIS WEEKEND</b>	Saturday 12 May Sunday 13 May 10 am – 4 pm	For members of the public to <b>have a go</b> at tennis FREE of charge.

**Come and try out our Tiger Turf courts!**

*For further information and details of membership, please see our website: [www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk](http://www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk) or contact our Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, on 01494 563706.*

*Jenny Tench*

### Squash and Racketball

April is a busy month for Holmer Green Squash and Racketball Club (HGSRC). The club finals take place on Friday 6th April and then two weeks later we are holding our charity event. This year we are holding a 24hr Racketathon (24hrs of continuous squash and racketball) and raising money for local charity Arctic One. Arctic One aims to give opportunities to disabled people to "Get Involved" in sport. The event starts at 17:00 on Friday 20th April. Please do come along to support the players and also to try squash and racketball (all equipment provided).

For more information visit [www.hgsrc.co.uk](http://www.hgsrc.co.uk) or contact Lynn O'Regan ([membership@hgsrc.co.uk](mailto:membership@hgsrc.co.uk)) for more information on the free one month trial membership.

*David Albin*

HGSRC Chairman ([chairman@hgsrc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@hgsrc.co.uk))

### Wycombe Photographic Society

March and going into April sees the end of our internal competitions for the competition year which winds up at the end of May.... but.... there are still activities and events happening throughout the coming months – workshop evenings, outdoor photoshoot days, so plenty still happening.

April is the month of our biggest event in the year – our Annual Exhibition which over the past couple of years has been held in the Eden Centre in High Wycombe.

The Annual Exhibition is where all members have the chance to show to the world, yes we do have overseas visitors to the exhibition, their photographs consisting of prints and projected images.

The exhibition runs from the 28th of April through to the 5th May and is open from morning through to late



afternoon, so if you are in town during these dates please drop in and have a look at our talented members' photographs.

Gentlemen, looking at great photographs is far better than standing watching clothes being bought – trust me!

There is no cost to come and have a look. A number of the prints will be for sale by the members as well as a large collection of gift cards.

April's workshop will be all about Creative Techniques using Photo Enhancement Software.

How to get rid of that protruding "selfie stick" or perhaps the very happy "Photo Bomber" that appeared as you were taking your shot, maybe lightening up the very black shadow right across the foreground.

For full details of what is going on at Wycombe Photographic Society please look at our website – [www.wycombephotographicsociety.org.uk](http://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

## Black Lion

It was fantastic to see a packed restaurant for Mother's Day, we hope you all had a lovely afternoon.

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. With a bigger range of drinks and fantastic live music this is an event not to be missed! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Over the Easter bank holiday weekend we will be serving food on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday 12-4pm.

Another date for your diary is Saturday 9th June – we will be hosting a hog roast family day with free entry from 1pm. Come and enjoy the sunshine (fingers crossed!), a hog roast and the children can play in the garden.

The new playground is settling in well and looking forward to some nice weather! I'm sure the children are too.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

*Jack, Sian and the team.*

## Shear Madness

### *Happy Easter one and all !!*

Thankfully we have all put the snow and sicknesses firmly behind us and thank you for being patient with me when it was my turn to be poorly. I am now fully recovered and back to business as usual, until my next holiday of course. I still haven't got round to booking one yet but it will probably be sometime in May so keep your eyes peeled for notes on the door.

Let's hope that we have a gorgeous spring and we can get out and about once more, I feel like I've been cooped up for so long and hopefully the dog will be less muddy !

Sending my love to the families of the ones we have sadly recently lost, Seth, Roscoe and June, all such lovely people who will be missed by all.

Fingers crossed for some good weather and a decent summer this year.

Take care!

*Mandy*

## Last Word

SPRING? Sat here with a healthy covering of snow glaring at me through the window, I have my doubts and I can certainly get by without any more of it!

As always, my grateful thanks to all this month's contributors and my sincere apologies for not managing to fit all the great dog photographs in, they are safely stored and I will use them in the near future.

Please do not send in LAYOUTS! I do understand that you want to see the finished product and perhaps you feel that I won't get it right but the carefully cropped, tiny photographs come in at 70dpi. All photographs have to be 300dpi to print hence why I need the large file from your camera, logos, clipart, etc, not resized to fit so that I can scale them to the printer's specification. There are several layouts in this magazine which look so simple but have taken me a lot of time to sort!

I really do hope that we have seen the last of Winter and that you all have a lovely Easter.

*Sonia*

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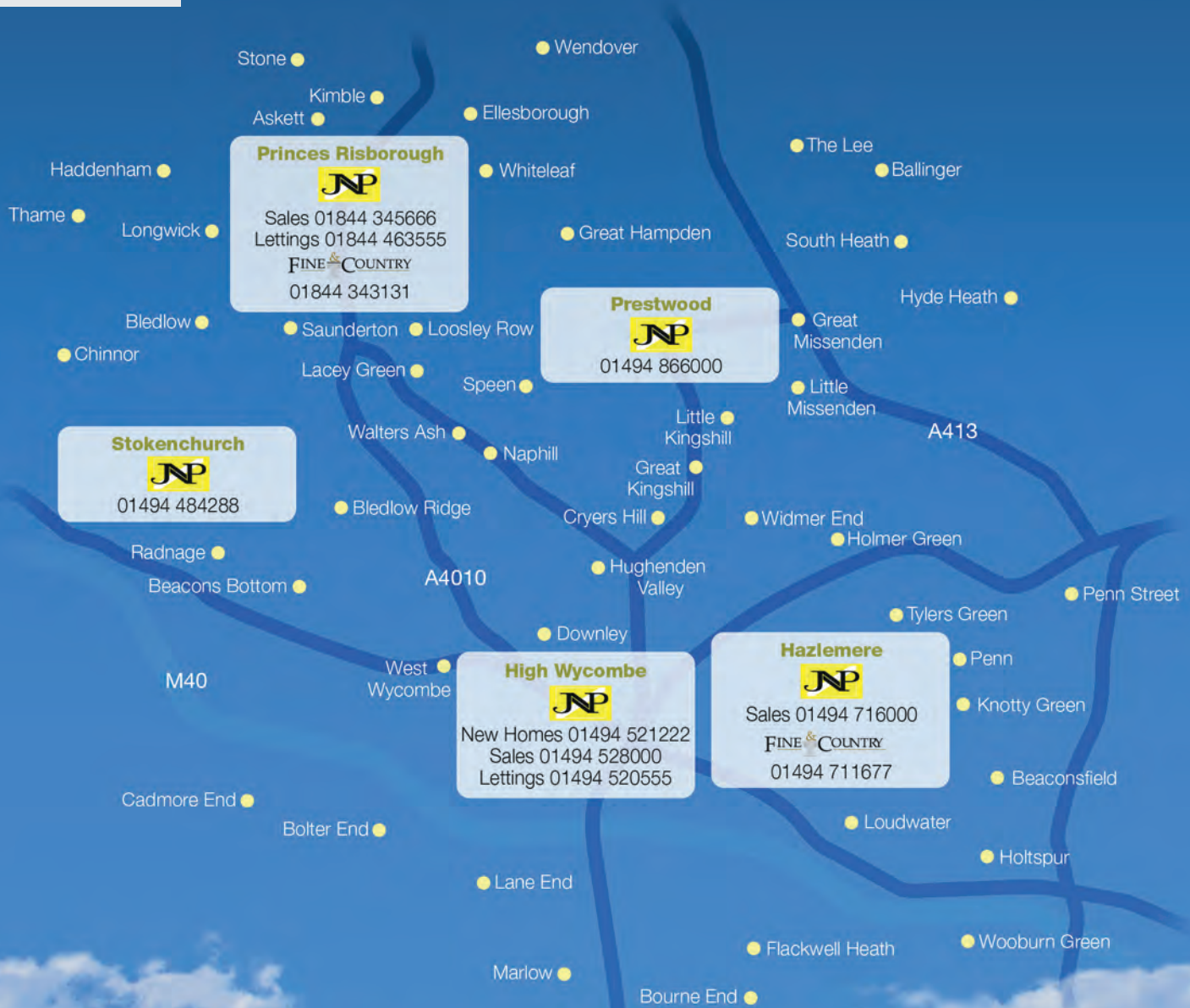
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