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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	Pat Furness 565501
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 of the month 1.15 for 1.30pm	Naphill Village Hall	Janet Judge 563186 Hazel Vickery 563977
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 jttench@gmail.com Terry Crooks 562539 ter-rycrooks2001@aol.com
	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am		
Tennis Club - Junior	Wednesdays 11am Thursdays (April-Sept) 6.00pm Fridays 4.00-7.15pm 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

### Useful Local Facebook Pages

**Naphill and Walters Ash Neighbourhood**

**Naphilland Walters As Community**



# Easter Greetings



## Editorial

Welcome to the April/Easter edition of our magazine which hopefully will be littered with fewer mistakes than my last month's effort! My apologies to you all for the errors, omissions and any offence, inconvenience or upsets these caused.

The Gazette is produced and run by a team of "slightly older residents" all of whom have very specific roles. One of the pivotal roles is our DISTRIBUTION MANAGER. Pauline Pool, assisted by her husband Mike, has fulfilled this role for over fifteen years and now feels that it is time to hand on the baton. Last month I printed Pauline's request for "SOMEBODY" to volunteer to take this role on. Sadly, to date, there has been no response. Without a distribution manager there will be no printed Gazette! The Gazette has been part of village life for some eighty years and apart from a short break during World War 2, it has never missed a publication. I am publishing ANOTHER plea this month and I trust that a very kind SOMEBODY will speak to Pauline and be inspired to volunteer.

On to a brighter subject! We were all very upset when so much of the Crick playground equipment was deemed unsafe and much of it was removed. Last Summer our children's play area was pretty empty and uninspiring. Raising the funds required and buying the new equipment was undertaken by the Village Hall Council. Peggy Ewart was appointed by them to spearhead the campaign and what a brilliant job she has done! The new toddler play area is installed and being enjoyed by some of our youngest residents. My grateful thanks to everybody who has donated and worked so hard to complete this "first stage" of the Crick children's playground refurbishment. Unfortunately the glorious early Spring sunshine vanished and the high winds and rain set in just as Himself was racing up to the

Crick with his camera gear for what we hoped would be a photo shoot with lots of local photogenic toddlers. Well, not lots of toddlers on the day but the delightful, very photogenic Millie was there with her Mum Amanda. SO! to celebrate the new play equipment and to thank everybody involved, we have Millie as the Gazette cover girl this month. The young and equally photogenic Phoebe couldn't make the photo shoot so her Mum very kindly sent me a photo of Phoebe having lots of fun at the Crick which I have included in this editon. Thank you to both Mums.

This month we say goodbye to Group Captain Rob Woods who has been the very popular commander here at RAF High Wycombe. He has been a familiar face at all the major community events during his time with us and leaves us with excellent credentials for opening and judging fetes along with bonfire lighting at firework displays! I am sure you all join me in thanking Station Commander Woods for his work and involvement within our community and wish him well in his new posting. I am publishing an article from Station Commander Woods in this edition along with an RAF article introducing our new base commander, Station Commander Shaun Harris. Welcome to Commander Harris! We hope you enjoy your time within our community and that you too will be fantastic at all aspects of fete opening and judging along with bonfire lighting at our super firework display.

Thank you to everybody who has sent in photographs this month! I will be including as many as I can squeeze in to what promises to be a very busy edition. Any photos not used are in the photo store for use when needed so nothing is wasted! Time to set to work!

*Sonia*

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## **WANTED!**

### **Naphill & Walter's Ash Gazette Distribution Manager**

Sadly there has been no response regarding my recent request for **SOMEBODY** to take over this role!

I want to relinquish this sooner rather than later!

So please **SOMEONE** give me a call on 564226 and find out more.

*Pauline Pool*

Current Distribution Manager  
distribution@naphillandwaltersash.org.uk

## **Naphill Evening WI**

It was when I opened the March edition of the Gazette that I realised I had not done a report for March. My sincere apologies to my fellow WI members. I don't have any excuse, I must have just forgotten.

Our February talk was really interesting with Mr Tyler showing us slides of the countryside throughout the year with lovely close-up photos of flowers and insects as well as telling us where we might find them. Our meeting in March will also have been about the great outdoors, with a talk on the National Open Gardens Scheme by Janice Cross.

We will also have had our Spring Disraeli Group Meeting in March, with Flackwell Heath WI as our hosts.

Unfortunately, the Sew and Chat Group had to cancel their meeting in February due to the snow, but by the time you read this we will have met in March and made plans for the year.

The Food Group have been to The Squirrel in Booker for lunch and will be having lunch at the Black Horse in Lacey Green on 29 March.

I have done this report rather early as I am going away for a few weeks, but I hope to give you more WI news in April.

*Carol Gilliam*

## **Gazette Subscriptions 2019**

Unfortunately, part of my report was omitted from last month's edition of the gazette. This was possibly one of the most important parts of my report and the part that you, our readers, should be most interested in.

We had thought that it would be necessary to increase the subscription rate this year to £4.00 but, in view of our healthy financial situation, we will keep it at £3.00 and then review the situation later in the year when we will have a clearer indication of increased costs.

I am sure you will agree that £3.00 each year is a very reasonable charge for ten issues of a magazine that is very well produced and a pleasure to receive. Our thanks are due to our editor, Sonia, for all the hard work she puts in to improve the quality and content of the gazette.

Please make sure that you have your subscription of £3.00 ready when your deliverer calls in April with the collection box. All too often in the past I have had foreign coins in the boxes and sums which do not add up to exact multiples of £3.00. I am aware that some people donate more than the £3.00 requested and that is very much appreciated.

It may well be that you will have already paid your £3.00 for this year by the time you read this and, if so, thank you and happy reading.

*Mike Pool*  
Treasurer

## **Bon Ami**

Spring is here which is wonderful. The longer days seem to make everyone brighter.

Mothering Sunday is on March 31st. You may like to treat your mummy to a Bon Ami cream tea to help her celebrate this special day. We have cream tea vouchers available. These can be purchased from Bon Ami and arranged for a date convenient for your Mum.

Easter will then be upon us. We are already serving hot cross buns with our signature "honey spiced butter". We will also have a traditional homemade Simnel cake and Easter biscuits on our counter closer to the festival.

Amanda and Ruth would like to spend the Easter weekend with their families. We hope you all have a special Eastertime too.

Our book club continues to grow with four new members this month alone. We may soon have to look for larger premises!

We look forward to seeing existing and new customers everyday.

Best wishes

*Amanda and Ruth*

**Editorial Comment** *Because Mothering Sunday falls on th last weekend of the month and the Gazette is delivered for this weekend, I have included mention of the date in this edition.*



## Naphill Neighbours

The third talk of the year, at the new time of 1.15 for 1.30, was again well attended. I was unable to be there as I was in Cumbria but I know the talk was very well received. Bernie Knill, as well as doing introductory talks at Hughenden Manor, often gives talks to interested groups in the local area. He is extremely knowledgeable about the work carried out at Hughenden Manor during WW II.

It was not until 2004 that the National Trust realized how important the Manor had been to the war effort; this realization came about as the result of a chance remark by a visitor that was overheard by a room guide. Victor Gregory, who had worked as a map maker, was showing his grandson round one weekend and remarked that his desk, in 1943, had been in a particular place with good light. His grandson asked what he did and was told it was top secret.

After this, the Trust, which had taken over the Manor in 1947, started to ask questions. It was known the Manor had been used by the RAF but not what it had been used for. Eventually the Trust was given permission to use some previously secret materials, and developed an exhibition to explain the top secret story. Currently a new exhibition space is being prepared, for opening later this year, that it is hoped will do justice to the remarkable skills intelligence officers, photographic interpreters and map makers used to make maps for bombing raids. The war is believed to have been shortened by the use of this expertise.

The next talk for Neighbours will be on April 8th , 1.15pm for a prompt start at 1.30pm. The speaker is Mike Payne on the subject "Nostalgia and why we love it so much", (illustrated).

*Peggy Ewart*

## Chiltern Hills Arboriculture – Spring Newsletter

Well, we had a mini heatwave in February, plenty of sun and temperatures in the low 20's (mid 70's Fahrenheit, if you are "old school" like me). Swiftly followed by a light dusting of snow (always fun), and then some hail storms. Typical UK Spring weather, four seasons in one day.

Recent storms have caused a bit of distress and damage to the forestry around CHA headquarters. Only the other morning we heard a very large branch "snapping away" from the main trunk of the tree and crashing down. If you have any trees nearby, it would be prudent to have a look at any overhanging branches and survey for any storm damage.

So, what's new?

Well apart from chopping down trees, grinding out stumps, and trimming hedges Danny has been a bit busy on more humanitarian missions.

A little cat got himself stuck up a tree. On receiving a phone call it was "Danny to the rescue". A ladder, some climbing ropes, a bag of cat treats, and a few words of encouragement got him down, safe and sound, and back in the bosom of his family.

In other news, the date for the charity tree climb has now been set for Saturday 13th July starting at noon in the carpark at The Wheel. Danny will be occupying the tree for 24 hrs in support of his chosen charity, raising much needed funding for Westfield School , supporting children with special needs in Bucks. I am sure we can all get behind this.

<http://tinyurl.com/y3fk54x2> is the link you can take to the Go Fund Me page to make a donation.

If you want to know more about what the school are about and what they do, their website can be found at <http://www.westfieldschoolbucks.org>. Good people, doing good things. Any amount would be welcomed. Many thanks to Claire and Mark at The Wheel for helping us with this fundraiser, and to Sonia and The Gazette.

*Mike Beckley*

Chiltern Hills Arboriculture

## **Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council** - Registered charity number 300309

The March meeting of the village hall committee was held on the 4th. We were pleased to say that the new multiplay unit had been installed bringing some colour to the equipment in the playground. The roof water leak has been fixed in Bon Ami and the corridor area has been decorated. Quotes have been received for the front doors at Bon Ami and they will be replaced in the near future. We are awaiting quotes for the soffits and guttering around the scout and guides hall and mens club. The car park posts are going to be replaced shortly. The two trees that were overhanging the gardens on Downley road have been trimmed. They are all the good points!

Now the not so good points. As the village hall is solely responsible for the playground area the cost of adding it to the hall's insurance will be £300 to £400 a year and to comply with the insurance company's policy we will have to have inspections that will cost in the region of £2000 a year. One of the trees on the crick has developed a list and advice has been taken as how we can deal with it.

Just in case you did not realise it, the village hall committee is made up of volunteers who give up time and put a lot of effort into making the village hall an asset for the village. I would like to take time to thank in particular Judy Whitehouse, who as secretary keeps us up to date with not only the minutes but all

the various paperwork, and there is lots including the charities commission, health and safety agendas and other issues as they crop up. Tanya Stevens, who is the lettings secretary and has to deal with all enquiries about the hall letting and also the problems that some hirers have. Paul Riglar, the treasurer who has brought the financial aspect into the 21st Century. Norma Clarke, who makes sure that the hall is kept in good order. Sam Keen, who keeps the hall clean and tidy at some unsociable hours and Peggy Ewart for organising the play area equipment. All of the village hall committee who all help at the fundraising events and help to make sure that the hall is kept in good order. There are 24 trustees of the village hall who are nominated by their organisations or elected by the committee (6 of them) and co-opted members of which there are 3. All the trustees have to abide by the charities commission rules.

Keeping the village hall functioning is more like running a small business and the committee has to try to balance all the aspects of a multi-use facility. The village hall is held in trust by the trustees on behalf of the people living in the area and the amount of volunteers who help at the fund raising events show that it is a well supported facility.

*Clive Lawrence.*

Village Hall Committee Chairman



## **Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council Annual General Meeting Monday 1st April at 8pm**

- Find out how your village hall and playing fields are managed.
- Listen to Our Treasurer explain how the village hall finances work.
- Question the Independent Examiner of our accounts
- Elect the Trustees who will run the village hall for the next year.
- Have a say on our plans for a radical re-organisation of the village hall management structure
- Ask us any questions
- Join us afterwards for wine and nibbles

**Everyone welcome - do come along as you all have a vote**

# EUREKA! The New Toddler Unit Is Here!!

Clive Lawrence officially declared the new unit open at noon on Saturday 2nd March. There were very few small children about at the time but some older ones with muddy shoes had taken the tapes off the entrances and explored it the evening before! It is great that it is proving popular but the tapes were there to allow the cement to set properly before the unit was used. Fortunately no harm appears to have been done as the unit is very well built and should be enjoyed by small children for many years to come.

The entrances to the unit are varied; a curved ladder, a climbing 'wall', steps, a straight ladder. There are two slides to exit by, a tunnel to crawl through, bridges to walk over, and several rotating shapes for matching patterns. All together there are 21 play features to be explored and enjoyed, just the things to promote physical development and social skills.

We have just learned that Cllr Steve Broadbent has donated his WDC Community Fund to us to purchase two seats so parents and grandparents have somewhere to sit until the children are ready to move on. The donation is for just over £1000 so the seats will be very robust, set in concrete, and extremely durable. "Thank you, Steve!". I shall order the benches this week.

*Peggy Ewart*

**Editorial Comment:** *Thank you to Phoebe (and her Mum Vicky) and Millie (and her Mum Amanda) for braving the weather, testing out the new equipment and declaring it FANTATIC FUN!*





## Friends of Naphill Common

Spring is with us, although recent weather makes it difficult to believe. Birds are nesting and buds are bursting. Indeed the vegetable and animal worlds are getting on with what is most important: reproducing themselves. It is time to be particularly careful about disturbing things: either by ourselves wandering into likely habitats or by our dogs. Obviously we can do little or no accidental damage to birds nesting in the tree tops, such as pigeons, kites, buzzards, mistle thrushes and crows, or those using holes and crevices in the upper trunks, such as tree creepers, nuthatches and woodpeckers. But we can seriously disturb birds nesting on or near the ground in holly, yew and brambles; ranging from blackbirds, thrushes, tits and especially such warblers as blackcaps, chiffchaff, willow, wood, garden and whitethroats, some of which are definitely on our common. Our regular working parties (details below) take great care not to disturb any nests. Of course, our mammals, such as mice, voles, moles hedgehogs, badgers and foxes are just as vulnerable. Our common is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, Grade 1 and we have a duty not to harm it.

If possible, keep dogs out of the ponds. Any flea treatments or similar chemicals can cause serious problems for pond life. We are in the middle of a survey, but have already found great crested newts, a rare and protected species, in at least one pond and palmate newts in others. The female newts wrap each of their eggs individually in a leaf of a water plant. There is frogspawn in six of our seven ponds, plus Pickup's Pond at the end of Downley Road, which, strictly, is not on the Common.

Because these amphibians are now active again, we have ceased our winter activities of partial pond

clearance, particularly aimed at reducing the amount of floating sweet grass that is choking our ponds. We will resume this work once the breeding season for these creatures is over.

Unfortunately, we have no power to stop some of the major activities on our common, such as the felling. However, we can ameliorate some of its effects. We have saved trees that are important for wild life or which have historical or local interest, and we will ensure that traditional paths and bridleways are left open and clearly signed. The next phase of felling will include the area of the mysterious earthwork, which has been variously identified as an Iron Age farmstead and a hillfort. We are going to try to ensure that it is not damaged by heavy machinery.

At present we are busy organising a programme of activities including the popular bat walk and bug walk. We also hope to contribute to the 'beating the bounds of Hughenden Parish' project, on its 125th anniversary. All details and dates will be published and we hope you will join in..

We also invite you to join one, or both, of our monthly walks. The short walks are led by Chris Miller and generally involve the Common and they are between 2-3 miles, 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 Ron on the third Monday of each month; meeting at the Village Hall at 9.25am for a prompt start at 9:30am. Members and non-members are equally welcome. These are the usual arrangements, but as there is sometimes a need to make changes it would be wise to consult our website, posters or the two leaders to confirm the details.

*Chris Miller, Chairman*

## Friends of Naphill Common Fete Silent Auction Appeal

Last year Friends of Naphill Common raised £2357 at the fete on a Silent Auction stall. We were extremely pleased with our efforts which were only made possible with your help and support. This year we are hoping we can be equally successful but will again need your help. We are looking for donations or "lots" as we call them.

Last year we had a whole variety of lots, so to give you some idea of what we are looking for, here are just some of them:

Tickets for a Wycombe Wanderers ex-players dinner at Adams Park, a month's family membership at Naphill Lawn Tennis Club, four thirty minute piano/keyboard lessons, an MOT, a pair of Land Rover sun glasses, a tennis shirt signed by Andy Murray, a lawn mower service, six house visits for cats/small animals, a refurb of four alloy wheels, a full foot treatment, a central heating power flush, a House of Commons bottle of whiskey signed by Theresa May, a Shellac Manicure, a voucher for a two course meal, a two hour acupuncture treatment, a lawn treatment voucher, a number of original paintings by local artists, 24 home made mince pies and an Xmas pudding, an introduction to Real Tennis.

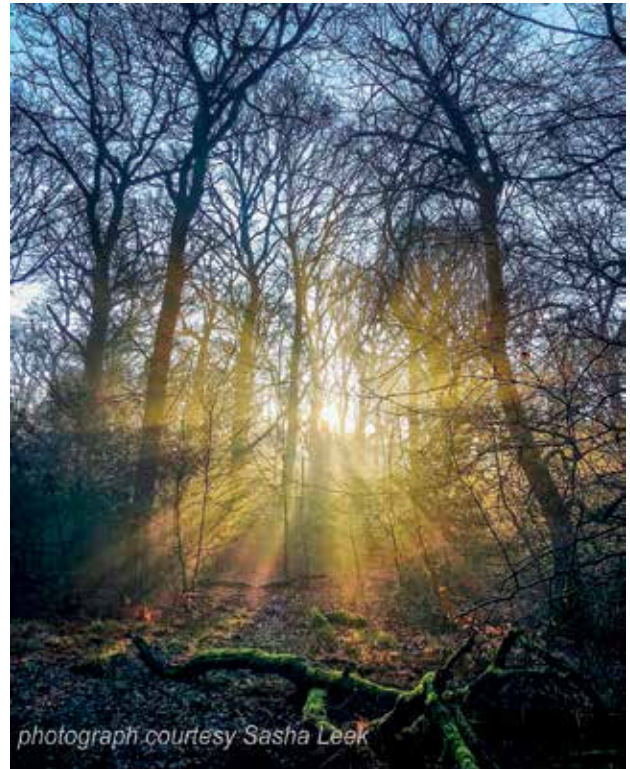
Well I am sure the above will give you some idea of the sort of thing we are looking for. So if you can donate something similar or come up with something totally different we will be delighted to hear from you. Alternatively, if you happen to know someone who, for example, owns a glider, an aeroplane or a boat on the river who would offer to take a passenger or two that

would be ideal. Or perhaps you know a celebrity who can provide an autographed item or provide tickets for a sporting event or show - anything like this will be most welcome.

We do hope you can help. We are hoping to publish a list of this year's lots in the May issue of the Gazette hence this early request for your support. If you are able to assist then do please contact either myself on 01494 562240 or Neil McMinn or 01494 564667

With grateful thanks in anticipation of your support.

*Ron Collins*



*photograph courtesy Sasha Leek*

## Elliot & Eleanor's SWIMATHON Appeal

My name is Elliott Burggy and I am 9 years old. I have a passion for swimming and as you may remember last year I swam 2.5KM and completed it in just over an hour.

This year I have decided to up my game and I have signed up for a 5KM swim (200 lengths of a 25M pool) on Saturday 30th March 2019.

I haven't yet set myself a time target but if the current "in-house" training is anything to go by I am hoping to beat last years' time.

My name is Ellenore Burggy and I am 7 years old. I also have a passion for swimming like my brother, but I have no intention of sitting on the side cheering as I did last year and this time I want to be in the water, so I have signed up for a 1.5km swim (60 lengths of a 25M pool) on Saturday 30th March 2019.

I haven't set myself a time target as this is my first Swimathon and I just want to enjoy the experience.

We would like to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), as Ellenore is a patient of GOSH and we know what great work they do for her.

So please sponsor us (Visit Just Giving -Elliott & Ellenore Burggy Swimathon 2019) and help us raise as much money as possible for this great cause. Team Work!. It is exciting to see just how much money we can raise as a team!

Thanks

Elliott & Ellenore





*Group Captain Rob Woods (left) hands over command of the Station to Group Captain Shaun Harris.*

## **News From RAF High Wcombe**

### **Goodbye to Group Captain Rob Woods and welcome to Group Captain Shaun**

Group Captain Shaun Harris, who has previously served as a Tornado and Typhoon Engineering Commander, took over command of RAF High Wycombe from Group Captain Rob Woods, on completion of Rob's two-year tour of duty.

The official hand over ceremony was held on 4 March 2019 and was attended by The Mayors of High Wycombe and Princess Risborough, who thanked Group Captain Woods for his support and friendship.

Group Captain Woods, who will be promoted to Air Commodore following his successful tour said, "It's been an honour and a privilege to command RAF High Wycombe, the unwavering support and commitment from not only the people I work with but the local community has made it an emotional farewell. I know that they will afford the new Station Commander the very same and I wish him the best of luck for the next two years."

Group Captain Harris, who has recently returned from an Operational Deployment in Iraq, said, "It's a genuine privilege to take over command of RAF High Wycombe – a station that has a very proud history and which

continues to play an important role in UK Defence. Our people have extremely close ties with the local community, and I am excited about working together to build more mutually beneficial relationships over the next couple of years".

Photograph and text as submitted  
*Fg Off Rhiannon Morris*  
 Station Adjutant & MCO, SHQ

### **Goodbye from Group Captain Rob Woods**

I am most grateful to Sonia for allowing me to contribute to this wonderful publication which I believe is one of the best community magazines that I have been fortunate enough to receive as I have moved around the UK during my career. My only regret is that I did not start writing a 'column' sooner during my tour but it is something that I will certainly suggest to my successor, Group Captain Shaun Harris, when he arrives later this month to begin his induction. From my perspective, I would like to use this opportunity to thank one and all for the support and friendship shown over the past



two years. Margaret, my family and I have all enjoyed being a part of this community for the third time and you never know, we may get to come back again one day! I wish you all the very best wishes for the future and I hope you will continue to work together to make Naphill and Walters Ash such a fantastic place to live and work. Before I sign off, I would also like to use this platform to pay tribute to a man who I think needs to be heralded as one of the finest of his generation.

**Service** is a word that is often used but not always supported with metrics that properly convey the enormity of that which has been given on behalf of others. I cannot possibly hope to correct this behaviour in one short article here but what I would like to do, in my final weeks as the Station Commander RAF High Wycombe, is single out one individual. To him I wish to convey, on behalf of many thousands of Service men and women as well as members of the civilian community in Naphill and Walters Ash, an enormous vote of thanks and immeasurable gratitude for his service over decades. Mr Richard Pushman has been a stalwart supporter of this community and the Royal Air Force for more than four decades. While I have only known Richard and his wife Valerie for a mere two years, he has made an unforgettable impression on me and my family. He is a man of wisdom, a man

of humour, a man of generosity. But above all these and many other outstanding attributes he is someone who has believed that serving others is a lifelong vocation. In the infamous poem 'If', Rudyard Kipling paints a picture of some real concerns about the human world and the admirable goals that one must pursue. Richard's stoicism and endeavour bring much of Kipling's prose alive and none more so than the stanza:

*"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch"*

Richard has truly been a man for all occasions, whether this is with members of the local community at Napfest or other social occasions or when presiding officially over Remembrance events. As I leave post at the beginning of March I will reflect on my friendship with Richard since it began 2 years ago, and I will know that I am a better person today having known him and learned from him. He is the epitome of service before self. On behalf of everyone in this community, thank you Richard.

*Non sibi*

*Rob Woods*  
Group Captain

Station Commander RAF High Wycombe & Gp Capt USVF

## Bumps and Babies Group

Whether you're a new mum or going through the baby days again, there's no denying the early months can be tough and lonely at times. Having somewhere welcoming to go with friendly faces can make all the difference.

Bumps and Babies is a relaxed, friendly, drop-in group open to all expectant mums and babies. Although hosted by RAF High Wycombe, it's open to both civilian and military parents and, best of all, it's free! You're also welcome to bring older siblings up to 18 months.

We offer the chance to chat, catch up with other mums and share your baby experiences as well as remember that there is a life beyond babies too! It's a great way to get to know other local mums and discover a new part of the local civilian/military community. The Costa coffee shop is in the same building too so there's always the option for a cake and a brew.

If you want to join us, come along 10-11.30 a.m. every Monday morning in the Oakshott Centre, 3 site, RAF High Wycombe. If you're not part of a military family, please contact Rhianon Webb (rhianon\_lloyd@yahoo.co.uk) or Tracey Clark (tracey.clark100@mod.gov.uk) beforehand and we will arrange an access pass for you to collect at the guard room. You will just need to show photo ID. You can also contact us via the regular Facebook announcements on the Naphill and Walters Ash Neighbourhood page.

Hope to see you soon!

*Rhianon Lloyd*

## Kick Boxing for EVERYBODY

Training is on Friday at the RAF Oakshott community centre, juniors (4-13yrs) from 6-7pm, adults from 7-8:30. It's £35 per month and people can train at various locations (Tuesday's we train at Hilltop community centre, next to T.G.I. Fridays, same times). For more information or to book you on camp, text our instructor Dan on 07917776224.

## Naphill Tennis Club

Spring/summer tennis is now well under way and we are delighted to offer the following 'goodies':

### CHILDREN'S EASTER CAMPS

TUESDAY 9 APRIL, WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL and THURSDAY 11 APRIL

1.45 - 3.15 pm 5 years to 9 years

3.15 - 5 pm 9+ years to teenagers

Cost of course per day/per child: £10 Naphill Club member, £15 non-member



### JUNIOR COACHING

FRIDAY EVENINGS DURING THE SCHOOL SUMMER TERM *starting 26 April.*

SATURDAY MORNINGS 9 – 9.45 am Under-7s Club. A *fun* introduction to tennis!

### RUSTY RACKETS & IMPROVERS' COACHING

A 10 week course from WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL TO WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

9 - 10 am. Designed to build up skills and confidence.



### ADULT BEGINNERS

Lessons arranged with our coach. Just get in touch with us.

### NATURE VALLEY BIG TENNIS WEEKEND

**SATURDAY 18 MAY & SUNDAY 19 MAY, 10 – 4 pm**



For people in the community to have a go at tennis **FREE OF CHARGE**. We hope to have a coach available for some of the time. Rackets provided.

For further information on the above or the club in general, please contact the Membership Secretary, Sarah Dengel, on 563706 or the Secretary, Jenny Tench, on 565406 or see our website: [www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk](http://www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk).

We hope you will come and join us

*Jenny Tench*



## Inter-Village Cricket Match

**14 July 2019**

**Location TBC**



If you would like to play for Naphill and Walter's Ash (all ages encouraged), in an Inter-Village cricket match on 14 July 2019, please contact

Linda by email:  
[lindaclark894@Hotmail.com](mailto:lindaclark894@Hotmail.com)



**A Fun day out for all the family, come and support your village in the friendly tournament!!!!**



Music Friday 7 June, Fete Saturday 8 June  
Classics Sunday 9 June  
**CIRCUS THEME!**

I cannot believe that we only have one more gazette entry before the main event. It seems to have come round so quickly. We are almost totally organised with just a few things that need to be put in place or that we need help with.

- As always we are in desperate need for cakes, tombola prizes, books and Grand Draw prizes so if you can help in any way please contact Linda. (lindaclark894@hotmail.com)
- We are always looking for extra volunteers for help to set up and close down on the separate days.

Now I've stopped begging for help this is what's to look forward to during this fun filled weekend.

**Music on The Crick.** Tickets are now available from our website [www.napfest.co.uk](http://www.napfest.co.uk) and are the same price as last year - £25 for a family ticket of four, adults £10, Kids £5, they will also be available at The Wheel, Shear Madness and Carries for cash only. Please be aware ticket prices will increase on the night. There will be amazing music from our bands, (headlining we have 'Sultans on Swings') and the fabulous Kirsty Fuller. You will also be able to get hot food from Yourztoeat providing a Hog Roast and Noodle Nation. Don't forget your refreshments from our famous bar and Topsy Flamingo. This year we will also have 7 inflatables, including a bungee run, and sumo-suits and a fairground ride, these are free to ride. This is a great night but do remember to keep warm even if it is June! **GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY.**

**Fete on The Crick,** we have got so much more for you this year, not only the same inflatables as last year, a fairground ride, we also have a Big Top providing circus performances and workshops. There are even more new stalls (still not too late to book at [nwafete@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nwafete@hotmail.co.uk)) than last year and many more events happening in the arena. Don't forget to come in fancy dress 'Circus Themed' and stall holders please dress your stall, we have more great new trophies that you can win. The procession and flag bearer will happen as last year so please all make the effort again this year. All those organisations wishing to participate in the procession please contact Linda and provide a small narrative, so that our host for the day can read it out, as you proudly parade around the arena.

Can't wait to see you all there.

*Linda and the Napfest Committee*



## Hearing Dogs

### An update from Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

In last month's Naphill and Walter's Ash Gazette, we introduced ourselves and explained that, just a few miles down the road from you are lots of cute, clever puppies being trained to change people's lives. This month we wanted to tell you a little more about what our lovely dogs do, and how we train them to help deaf people.

Imagine living life without your hearing. You can't hear fire alarms in shops. You can't hear a smoke alarm when your meal is burning. You can't hear your baby crying in the night. You struggle to follow conversations. It can be a very stressful and isolating experience.

Our dogs have two important roles – alerting people to important and life-saving sounds and providing constant emotional support and companionship.

The way we train our dogs is instrumental in creating hearing dog partnerships. We make everything as fun for them as possible, using reward-based training. By using different types of rewards, based on what each individual dog responds best to (for example treats, a toy, cuddles etc.) we can build fantastic relationships with our dogs and they will be eager to learn more.

Not only will a hearing dog need to feel confident in going everywhere with their deaf partner, it will need to be highly trained to alert them to sounds. They do this by nudging the person's leg or touching them with their paw when a sound goes off, then leading them to the source of the sound. In the case of a danger sound - the smoke alarm for example - the dog will nudge the person and then lay down on the ground, signalling that something is wrong.

In order to be able to do all of this, our pups go through certain stages, starting with basic training and socialisation. We gently introduce them to the world and teach them to listen to basic instructions, so that they have a solid foundation to becoming well-adjusted, happy dogs who feel comfortable in a variety of environments. We have a number of wonderful volunteer puppy trainers in Bucks who give up their

time to take a puppy into their home and get them started with this. These volunteer puppy trainers are incredible – without them we couldn't train as many dogs as we do.

Each of our dogs goes through a four 'star' system – Puppy One Star, Puppy Two Star, Puppy Three Star and finally, Puppy Four Star. As they progress through each level, they are taught different things, and it is all kept incredibly fun for the dogs.

You can find out more about how we train our dogs by visiting [www.hearingdogs.org.uk/training-our-puppies](http://www.hearingdogs.org.uk/training-our-puppies).

We hope you have enjoyed this insight into our dogs' training. Next month we will tell you all about how a dog is carefully matched with the deaf person whose life they will change.

Until next time, take care.

*The team at Hearing Dogs for Deaf People*

## From Our Wye Correspondent

Winter seems to be making a bit of a come-back after a lovely warm period a couple of weeks ago. Let's hope the warm weather returns soon. My thanks to all of you who took the time to participate in my little quiz last month. I would like to congratulate Sarah Styles-McCoy, Richard Dressel and Helen Campanini who all correctly identified the object as a "hole" for playing disc golf. Apparently you have to throw a Frisbee type object so it lands within the chains. This explains why they were spread all over Valley Gardens.



My featured canine friend this month is Bertie, who is a very handsome young man. He belongs to a lovely family for whom I recently sold their house, but stayed in the village. He still pops in to see me, or is it the treat jar!!

I thought I might share an old police story with you. When I joined in the early 80's as a young PC, I, like all new probationers sought acceptance from our fellow Constables. Far more important than what the Inspector thought of you! We all had to undergo some sort of initiation prank but the one played on a young, over confident officer was particularly cruel as he was convinced he was part of the team executing the trick. He was persuaded to go down to Fulham Mortuary where he was put in one of the drawers in the body store. The plan was that a new WPC (permissible in those days) would be brought down to deal with what she thought was a sudden death and as she searched

the body (which you had to do), he would sit up and shout something suitable and consequently scare the poor young girl half to death. So picture this, he is lying in the fridge, basking in the glory of his acceptance, chuffed that he has been given this important role and deciding on a few chosen words to utter (or should he just scream) when he feels a hand on his leg and hears the words "cold in here isn't it". I can assure you that the scream we all heard was for real.

I thought it would be a good idea to keep the quiz element going for a bit of fun. Please find attached two objects that all have a common usage. If anyone is able to provide a specific answer for each one I am sure I will be able to find a bottle of "Merlot" in the cupboard as a prize. I am always happy to volunteer as quiz master for local good causes. I have a large bank of questions ready to go.



Anyway back to my monthly housing update. It has gone quiet as the Brexit debate rumbles on but we are, as a group, managing to sell the houses if priced realistically. I have been on a number of valuations recently so am hoping to be able to offer some new properties soon. To conclude, I have recently been left some very complementary reviews on Google against Wye Country Naphill so please check these out if you are looking to sell or just want some advice.

*Alan Draper*

## Medical Matters

### Changes to Primary Care - NHS England's Long Term Plan

Primary Care Networks to be called "Locality Networks" in Buckinghamshire

There is a mandate to Practices to form Primary Care Networks.

The county is split between north and south. The Hughenden and Chequers Surgeries will join 9 other Practices to form the Chesham and Amersham Locality Network. The 9 Practices will serve approximately 77,000 people.

The Practices will be required to work together in expanding integrated teams with a range of staff comprising G.P's, nurses, pharmacists, district nurses, physiotherapists, podiatrists and paramedics working with social services, dementia workers and voluntary services.

### General Practices will play a leading role in the Locality Networks.

Each network is to appoint a Clinical Lead.

Primary and Community care will receive an extra 4.5 billion pounds by 2023/4 to facilitate this.

All local enhanced services will be funded by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) through the Networks.

The aim is to extend access and reduce pressure.

#### Meeting

**3rd April from 2 – 4 pm**

**Curzon Centre, 43 Maxwell Road,  
Beaconsfield.**

*The CCG has arranged a meeting to advise and discuss the new NHS England Primary Care Network changes to representative patient groups.*

#### What does it mean for patients?

1. There will be very little change in medical care for patients.
2. It will provide a wider range of professionals who will be available to help with our care in an integrated service.
3. The Hughenden and Chequers Surgeries have already trained "care navigators" to direct the patient to the correct professional.
4. A physiotherapist has been employed to triage muscular/ skeletal problems and direct them to the right professional or department. These appointments represented 40% of all G.P. appointments in our Practice. This has enabled the Practice to make available 20% more appointments on the day.
5. Access to clinical expertise of a Locality G.P who has a special interest and training.

#### Extended Hours Saturday and Sunday Appointments

The CCG has funded additional G.P hours on a Saturday and Sunday to provide appointments for non -urgent cases. You will be seen by one of the G.P's in the Locality Network in a selected venue. These appointments can be made through your G.P reception or by dialling 111.

*Elizabeth Carless*

## The Horse Trust

The Horse Trust would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who attended our re-opening weekend on 2nd March. We were thrilled to see so many old and new faces alike enjoying the horses, ponies and donkeys who were in the yard, getting involved with some grooming or taking part in Teddy's Golden Carrot Hunt! We hope you all had as much fun as we did.

To tie in with our re-opening weekend we re-launched our new look Horse Sponsorship Scheme. We have 20 horses, ponies and donkeys available for you to sponsor from as little as £2 per month. It costs us over

£4,500 to look after a horse in our care for a year and as a charity we rely 100% on public donations to support our work. Please visit our website [www.horsetrust.org.uk](http://www.horsetrust.org.uk) and click on the sponsorship link for more information or to sponsor one of our residents!

We are open to the public every Thursday-Sunday from 2-4pm as well as bank holidays. Please do come down and see our residents and stop for a bite to eat in the Black Beauty Tea Room!

## One Ribbon

*Have you been or are you affected by cancer?*



# ONE RIBBON

We are a relaxed cancer support group, running once a month at a local cafe, outside of normal operation times so that you can feel safe in the knowledge that everyone there understands.

This group is open to absolutely anyone who has been affected by cancer, whether you are newly diagnosed, receiving treatment, have a loved one who has been diagnosed or even if you are in remission.

Cancer does not discriminate and so neither does this group. We all need support.

For dates and location, please email [oneribbongroup@gmail.com](mailto:oneribbongroup@gmail.com) or join the Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/OneRibbon/>

## Naphill and Hughenden Cub Scout Groups

It's been a busy start to the New Year. The dark nights and cold weather haven't stopped a packed program of activities for the cubs. We have had a change of guard with some of the older cubs leaving to move up to Scouts and some new Cubs swimming up from Beavers after Christmas.

The garden benches that the cubs refurbished before Christmas were delivered back to the Princes Centre in Princes Risborough along with a cheque for nearly £60 from the collection at the Christmas carol concert. The cubs are looking forward to being able to do further work with the Centre over the coming year.

So far this term the cubs have been learning about first aid, navigation including a night hike, ropework and pioneering along with some pancake making recently on Shrove Tuesday.

Thoughts are already turning to warmer days and longer evenings with a pilots and pillows sleepover being planned at RAF Cosford museum in May and a weekend camp at PACCAR near Chalfont St Giles in June.

We are delighted to welcome Tim and Tracey to the leader team as well as young leader Ben who is helping as part of his Duke of Edinburgh award.

## Black Lion

We would like to let you all know that we will be leaving the Black Lion at the end of April, after the Easter Holidays. It's been a difficult decision to make but ultimately spending more time together as a family with our children is more important for us. We are going to miss each and every one of you and we thank you so much your support. We are just putting together the final touches on our Beer and Gin festival which will be across 3 days on the 19/20/21 April (Easter weekend) 20 Gins 12 Beers and a different Live Band each night. We hope to see you all for one last knee's up! Thank you so much again for all your support.

*Jack and Sian*

## GOODBYE Jack, Sian and Family!

*So sad to see you go!  
We will miss you!  
Wishing you all the  
very best, success  
and happiness in all  
you do!*



*photograph as submitted by contributor*

*Martin Beddows*

*"One of the cub leaders"*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash School

**Year R** - In this year group, they have been learning about a new book called "Whatever Next?" and it's about space. The children have been using junk to make rockets. They have also been making lists of what they would take to space. The Forest School is still great fun!

**Year 1** This half term, in Year 1, their topic is titled "Out and About". They have been reading a story called "Three Little Pigs". They have also been doing some drama with it. Linking to their topic, Year 1 went on a trip to Beckonscot Model Village.

**Year 2** The children have been learning about fractions and how to simplify them. In English, they have been learning about "Little Red Riding Hood", creating actions that describe the story. They are still learning lots of new things at Forest School.

**Year 3** In Year 3, their topic is "The Stone Age". In Maths they have been learning about bar charts and moving on to lengths and measurements. In English they have been working on rocket descriptions and connecting with this they built rockets themselves - future spacecraft designers in the making!

**Year 4** This half term, the Year 4 topic is "The Romans". In Art and DT they have been making Roman Shields. In Science, they have been learning about the human digestive system and made poo! In RE, they have been making pancakes to celebrate Pancake Day. Finally, in Maths, they have been creating Lava Lamps using fractions.



**Year 5** In Year 5, they have been practising their assembly and showed it to the rest of the school- it was a blast! In Maths, they have been studying fractions. In English, they enjoyed watching a clip from "Avatar" which helped them with their scientific writing.

**Year 6** In Year 6, they have been learning about "Extreme Earth" as their main topic. In Art they have been studying the artist Katsushika Hokusai, recreating his famous painting "The Great Wave". In English, they have been writing their own newspaper report on the 1953 flood in Canvey Island, Essex. In their class assemblies, they have been learning how to keep themselves and others safe online. In RE, they are learning about religious weddings. In PE, Year 6 have been very busy as they have been to the Year 5/6 basketball tournament, in which one team came 2nd and the other 4th; it was very tense, as in the final match the two teams had to play each other!

**Bird homework** This half term, we had to make something along the theme of birds. It was great to look at as everyone did something different. There were brilliant bird houses, paintings, sketches and one person even made a giant flamingo! Year 6 made a large peacock where each child contributed with their own feather design.

*Evie, Austen, Nisham, David*



## From Hughenden Vicarage

Imagine that you were one of the close friends of Jesus, who had cruelly and shamefully been crucified on a cross by Romans soldiers just two days ago. His tragic end was brutal. You had caught a glimpse of the punishment inflicted by his captors from a distance for a while, until the physical spectacle become too much, at which point you went home to hide, in fear of your life.

Darkness fell, in more ways than one. Hope and joy disappeared, and all that remained was an indescribable anguish – why has our rabbi been killed? Why did they do this to him?

Two days pass like a blur, before a bright new dawn rises, accompanied by unconfirmed reports that Jesus was in fact alive, and not dead. Do you dare to believe it? Some have even claimed to have encountered him face-to-face.

What does this all mean?

You and a friend leave Jerusalem that afternoon, and begin the familiar walk home to Emmaus, when you are joined by a stranger.

You have become so caught up in discussing all that has taken place in Jerusalem over the last few days, that you barely notice him approach you and join your conversation.

In a short space of time the confusion of disbelief and uncertainty is clarified as the stranger explains what has happened and why. “The prophets told you it was going to happen – the Christ must suffer and then enter into glory,” he declares.

Suddenly the stranger’s words begin to make sense, as the full significance of Christ’s death and resurrection is

laid before their hearts to fully embrace. Yet, they are still prevented from recognising the true identity of the stranger.

As they arrive at their final destination, as it was by now nearly evening, they offered him hospitality, which he accepted.

Finally, as they sat at a meal table, and the stranger took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, they recognised Jesus in front of them, at which point he disappears!

Full of questions, and an inexpressible joy, they abandon their supper where it lies, and return to Jerusalem at once, to share the Good News that they had met Jesus face to face! He’s alive!

As we reflect together through Holy Week this Easter, I invite you to journey with Christians across the world, as we remember all that Jesus said and did, from washing his disciples feet at the Last Supper, to healing the ear of Melchus, as the temple guard was about to arrest him.

Once Jesus set his face towards Jerusalem, there was no turning back. He remained faithful to his mission, and it is by putting our trust in his life, death and resurrection, that we too can become Easter people.

Easter people are not perfect, but we seek to live out our lives in the light of the hope, love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ that took place between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Please do join us for our Community Day at St Michael’s on Saturday 11 May, between 10am – 4pm!

Happy Easter!

*Rev Keith Johnson*

## An invitation to you from Hughenden Church

On May 11th, from 10-4 Hughenden Parish Church - your ‘Church in the Park’ - invites you to a completely free day of friendship, fun, food, music, history, a hidden gem or two and perhaps some food for thought.

This will be a Community Day: we invite all our parish neighbours to come and explore the buildings and grounds of your Parish Church. This is open to all, of all faiths and none, churchgoers or not.

There will be treasure hunts, exhibits, inflatable obstacle courses, choir, organ recital and live bands, tours of the church and to Disraeli’s newly refurbished grave, visits to the Bell Tower to ring a bell, choirs and an organ recital.

Children may like to explore the church yard with an exploration and survey of the wildlife that lives there.

Dogs are welcome- perhaps before or after a walk in the Park! There will be ‘dog activities’ and may be a treat or two.

There will of course, be refreshments for all: human or canine. St Michael’s, Hughenden, set in the grounds of

Hughenden Manor, is a community resource, existing in and with a mission to serve the community it is part of. If you have never visited the Church, if you do not know what we have to offer: now is your chance to find out more and to combine a visit with fun and informative activities.





## The Easter Hope

21st April, Easter Day – a day I have been looking forward to since 6th March ( Ash Wednesday). The discipline and sombre abstinence (or in my case sober - I gave up alcohol for Lent) is left behind. Easter Day celebrates the Resurrection of Christ - a day on which the world changed forever. Christmas marked the beginning of that change with the birth of Christ, but that was only the introduction to the story – Easter sees its fulfilment, a surety and promise that there is hope and, as they say, ‘more to life’.

But what is there more to? National and international events over these past months have left people hurting, confused and fearful. As I write, we still do not know if we will actually leave the EU at the end of March. My Greenpeace newsletter contained an account of a whale starving to death with its stomach full of plastic. Conflicts continue to take their toll on combatants, civilians and the planet.

Guidelines regarding the amount of poison we pump into our planet remain just that - guidance - try to do it (so long as it does not interfere too much with company profits).

Attempts to counter terrorism are met with further outrages, yet to not do so invites more extreme acts in order to provoke a response.

A bottle of the world’s most expensive perfume currently costs over a year’s wages (Clive Christian No 1 £36,000/500mls), Basquiat’s painting ‘Apex’ sold for £7,000,000 at Sotheby’s on March 3rd, yet thousands of families rely on food banks.

Our world is broken. Our best efforts to fix it are not working.

What hope then, is there?

Easter Day is the hope.

The woes of our world are caused by what the Bible terms sin – humanity’s disobedience or indifference to God. Jesus’ purpose was to deal with sin and offer humanity a way back to God. For this, he was crucified - the victim of a politically motivated murder. But Christ’s death was not the end – after three days, he came back to life. This Resurrection is what Christians celebrate on Easter Day.

There are no easy answers to what continues to happen in our world, but Christ does at least offer some hope and promises those who follow his way that there really is ‘more to life’.

Every blessing,

Rev Jenny Ellis

## Naphill & Walter’s Ash Residents Association

**Planning:** The Following are local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) between 14th February and 11th March 2019. Any responses by NAWARA appear in full on the WDC website.

**19/05253/FUL Stoneleigh, Coombe Lane, Naphill. HP14 4QX.** Erection of 1 x 4 bedroom detached dwelling and associated access alterations (amendment to pp 16/06817/FUL

**19/05264/FUL. 133 Templewood, Walters Ash. HP14 4UF** Householder application for construction of part two storey, part single storey front, side and rear extension.

Received 11.02.19. Target Determination: 08.04.2019. Officer. Valerie Bailey

**19/05300/TPO. 279A Main Road Walters Ash. HP14 4UU.** Dismantle 1st branch back to main stem, reduce side lateral limb by 1-1.5m and reduce remaining overhanging branches to 1 x Scotts Pine to reduce the weight of branches and to prevent branch failure. Received 07.02.19. Target Determination: 04.04.2019. Officer. Alastair Cunningham.

**19/05316/FUL. 27 Main Road Naphill. HP14 4QD HA** for construction of single storey front and side extension and orangery at rear. Received 11.02.19. Target Determination:08.04.2019. Officer. Matthew Jackson.

**19/05378/FUL. 150 Templewood Walters Ash. HP14 4UF HA** for construction of 1 x rear dormer window, 2 x roof lights to front roof slope in connection with loft conversion, insertion of window to side elevation and construction of outbuilding for use as garden store and gymnasium. Received 12.02.19. Target Determination:09.04.2019. Officer. Matthew Jackson

**19/05387/FUL 6 Main Road Naphill. HP14 4QB HA** for construction of single storey rear extension, creation of new steps and paved terrace area to rear. Householder application for construction of single storey rear extension, creation of new steps and paved terrace area to rear. Received 18.02.19. Target Determination:15.04.2019 Officer. Matthew Jackson. 19/05397/FUL 155 Main Road Naphill, HP14 4SB

HA for construction of 4 x dormer windows and 1 x roof light in connection with loft conversion. Received 18.02.19. Target Determination: 15.04.2019. Officer: Matthew Jackson.

**19/05379/TPO Naphill Barn 232A Main Road Naphill Bucks HP14 4RX.** T1 Lime - Crown thin by 30% and remove deadwood. T2 Lime - Reduce lateral branches growing towards the garage and over the driveway only by up to 2m (no other crown reduction). Crown thin by 30%. Received 25.02.19. Target Determination:22.04.2019: Officer. Sally Clark.

## Weight Restriction on Clappins and Stocking Lanes

At Last! David Cairney of Transport for Bucks has written to say that a 7.5 Tonne weight limit restriction is to be imposed on Clappins and Stocking Lanes. By the end of March notices to that effect will be placed at either end of both Lanes. Vehicles ignoring the restriction can be prosecuted by Police who would find it useful to have photos of offending vehicles.

## Best Kept Village Competition

The Residents Assn. is once again entering Naphill in the Best Kept Village Competition. We only came 2 marks below the winners last year, so let’s win the trophy this year. Judging will take place between 1st June and 7th July.

Amongst other things, Judges will look at the state of the Crick and children’s playground, the Village Hall, hedges and verges, Bon Ami, the area around shops and pubs, bus stops, bus shelters, notice boards, and our War memorial. They will consider the general appearance of Naphill, take note of lack of litter, and evidence of our community effort to keep our village looking splendid. Oh! and floral displays in hanging baskets, tubs, etc, could win us a few more points.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

# Hughenden Parish Council Report

## New Councillor

The Parish Council welcome their fourth councillor to represent the Naphill and Walters Ash Ward. Rameshwar Prashar (Ramesh) comes from a background in Local Government having worked for many years in City, District, County and Unitary Councils as well as London Boroughs and Transport for London. Having lived in Naphill for over six years, Ramesh is keen to put his personal and professional skills and experience to good use to assist in the workings of the Parish Council and also to support and help residents in Naphill and Walters Ash.

## Re-development of Templewood

An exciting new project is about to begin at the Templewood playground area. The council have worked collaboratively with a local group of parents from the area and at the recent council meeting it was agreed to set aside £40,000 for the redevelopment of this site. There is a desire to create an inclusive space offering play equipment and seating whilst retaining a sense of openness without adversely affecting personal safety given the proximity to the main road. Watch this space regarding further updates on the progression of this project.

## Precept

Council Tax statements for the next financial year have now been issued and you will notice that the amount you pay to the Parish Council has actually increased by 0.2% despite us informing you previously that the precept would not increase for 2019/2020. The reason for the increase is due to the change in our tax base. The tax base in our area has reduced by 9.39 band d equivalent dwellings which equates roughly to 0.24%. Unfortunately, we do not control our tax base. It varies depending on whether there are more or less people in our area receiving single person discounts or other forms of discounts (unoccupied property, etc) and as such, the tax base may increase or decrease in the year for setting tax.

## Annual Parish Meeting

A reminder to all that the Annual Parish Meeting will this year take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Widmer End Village Hall. This is an opportunity to meet your councillors and to hear about the activities of the council in the previous year and it's plans for the future. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Shona Hadwen*  
Clerk to the Council

## The Wheel

Well, after the weather got our hopes up in February, March was definitely a let down with all the high winds and lots of rain. The 6 Nations saw us through, and the results of the Sweepstake will be in the next gazette as I am writing this before the final weekend.

At the end of February, we held our Christmas party and we would like to congratulate Kyle and Chloe for winning this year's cup giving them the honour of being our flag bearers on Fete day during the Napfest weekend. We are now also the proud owners of two skittles to go with the bowling ball and shoes from previous years, and all the staff have signed them too.

What's coming up;

- Easter weekend is the next main date, so just a reminder we are open all day on Bank Holiday Mondays.
- For all you motorbike fans out there the MotoGP has started, and we will be showing all the races as usual.

The pub's pet scanner has come in handy again as we have been able to get two separate dogs back to their families after they got themselves lost, once scanned here they were reunited within half an hour. It is such a useful piece of equipment and a great asset to the local dog community, as yet I haven't scanned a cat but who knows in the future.

On a sad note, Dave Howell passed away on the 10th March at home. Dave (Five-O) was a larger than life character who was very partial to our ales and he frequented many of our local hostelrys to ensure we were all keeping up to standard. During the day the snug bar is now feeling very quiet, Dave you will be truly missed, and our thoughts are with your family.

Rohan is leaving us at the beginning of April to go off travelling, we wish you all the best and hope to see lots of great photos during your adventures. Mark and I are very jealous of you visiting Nepal and Everest Base Camp. It is also well known by now that Jack is leaving the Black Lion and we would like to wish you all the best in your new endeavours.

By the time you are all reading this the clocks will have changed, Mother's Day will have gone and hopefully we are on the home straight towards the summer. Here's to some warmer weather and longer evenings.

See you all soon and thanks for your continuing support.

*Claire and Mark*

## Poppy Appeal

The money collected in the 2018 appeal in the village and RAF High Wycombe was £1,774.41, and congratulations must go to the Wheel public house which raised £344.77 Well done the Wheel!

Kind Regards  
Dave Brown

## Shear Madness

### HAPPY EASTER !

Let's hope that the worst of the weather is behind us now and we can look forward to a lovely spring. Fingers crossed it will be a lovely summer again.

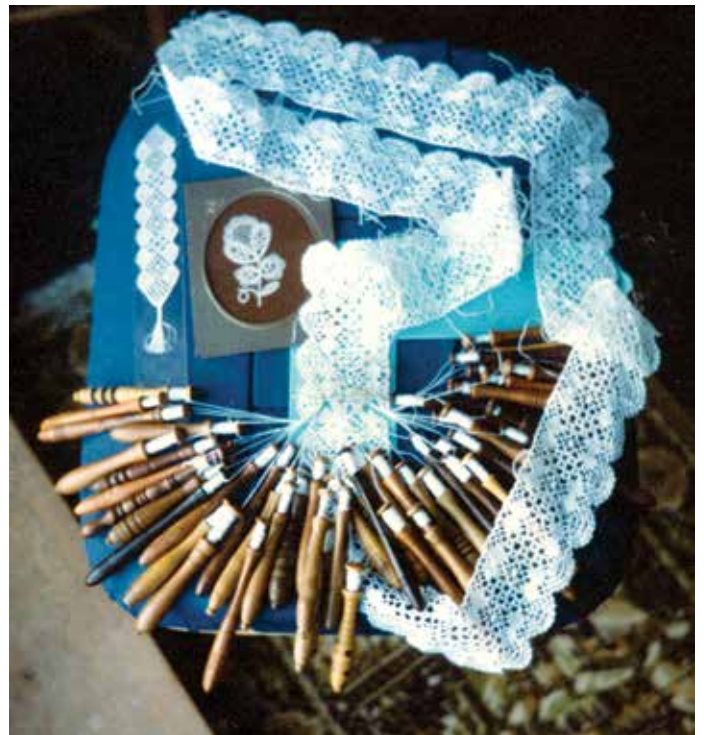
I was very sad to hear that Jack and Sian are leaving the Black Lion but it must be so very hard to run a busy pub and look after the family ! I would like to thank them for all they have done for the community and I wish them well for the future and at least they are going out with a bang ! I'm going to miss you guys, don't be a stranger.

I will be closed Easter weekend to enjoy a bit of family time myself and have a week's holiday booked for the end of May.

Happy egg hunting!

*Mandy*

## Naphill's Most Senior Lace-Maker



The busy hands of Elsie Hussey are seldom idle! She is happy to still be creating beautiful Honiton lace in her 96th year. Elsie is a remarkable lady who has lived in our community for most of her life. She was born in London but grew up with her brothers and sister in the house her father built when he brought his family to Marlow Bottom to benefit from living in the countryside.

Elsie attended Marlow's Infant School, she recalls riding to school in a lorry each day having walked about a mile to the point where it picked the children up. The school building still stands on Oxford Road today. Elsie

tells of missing the lorry one day and having to walk all the way with an older pupil. She says the Headmistress was so pleased with her because she had walked over 3 miles to get to school that she let Elsie put her hand in the Big Sweetie Jar and take out a sweet as well as giving her a penny .... worth a lot more in the 1920s and a huge reward for a small girl!

From Infant school Elsie progressed to the school in St Peter's Street. Elsie learnt to read and became skilled at Mental Arithmetic. During her last 3 years there the curriculum included housewifery skills including laundering, cookery, sewing and knitting. So Elsie's craft skills were kindled. Being left handed caused a problem. The teacher was right handed and in those days left handers just had to conform! Elsie was given a ball of wool with four knitting needles, and made to sit on the wooden knitting box in the corner so that she could concentrate on following the sock pattern which was written on the blackboard. Elsie remembers the struggle to turn the heel on the socks. With the help and encouragement of her sister she mastered knitting and went on to knit more complex garments and she has been a keen knitter ever since.

Next came the sewing classes! The first sewing lessons focused on learning the different seams through making by hand a kimono style jacket for a baby. Next the girls learnt to use a hand sewing machine, The class progressed and they used their skills to each make a pair of pink, double seated, calico bloomers. Their final project was to make a pretty flowered summer dress.

The skills Elsie learnt at school laid a firm foundation for her lifelong interest in handicrafts. She developed her dressmaking and ventured into tailoring. Over the years, she has made many items of clothing for her family from everyday dresses to a sports jacket for

her husband and her daughter's wedding dress. She also turned her hand to crochet and spinning along the way.

In 1937, aged 14, Elsie left school and just four days later started work in a local furniture factory. When the 2nd World War broke out Elsie was just 16 and she continued to work at the chair factory for a while.

One of Elsie's favourite jobs was the nine months that she spent working in Lyons Tea Shop in High Wycombe. From there she moved on to a job with Ernest Turners Electrical Engineers where she spent twelve and a half years working with copper, brass and aluminium strip, which were used in the aircraft industry.

In 1951 Elsie married John Hussey and they started their married life in a caravan in Naphill. It wasn't long before they found living with a baby in a small caravan challenging, so they were delighted when they were offered a brand new house in Risborough, and over the moon when they moved to Naphill in 1954, into the house that has been Elsie's home ever since. Elsie and John had three children, two sons and a daughter. While the children were young Elsie did some home-work assembling thermostats for fish tanks and as they grew older she did two home-help jobs.

Finally, aged 49 Elsie took on her first 'office' job just down the road at Trada and, in her own words, 'loved every minute of it'. She worked in the offices there for about sixteen years and even after she retired she returned to "help out" when they needed help to collate paperwork.

In retirement Elsie took up hardhanger and lace-making, crafts that have given her much pleasure and through which she has made many friends; she joined local groups for both and developed a whole new social life. But it is making Honiton lace that has given her the most joy! Elsie is a regular and much loved participant in Elizabeth Trebble's Workshops at Missenden Abbey. She is also a member of the Risboro' Lacemakers' group attending their monthly Do Days and the weekly-during-term-time Downley Lacemakers' group. This is where I first met Elsie, when I started making lace five years ago, and once I had mastered the basics of lace-making she soon introduced me to the magic of making Honiton lace .... I too am hooked!

An inspirational Lady, despite failing eyesight Elsie is still making lace and keeping us entertained with stories recalled from her own rich history.

*Alex Adkins*

**Editorial Comment:** *Sincere apologies to Elsie and Alex for shortening this article! The full version is available on the village website [www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk](http://www.naphillandwaltersash.org.uk).*

## Naphill Brownies

We have now finished our Engineering badge. It has been great fun.

In the past couple of weeks we have made zip-wires, towers and boats. We learned to use a hammer and nails and have found solutions to a whole selection of problems and challenges, All of this alongside doing all the regular brownie crafts, games, songs etc

With Spring heading our way, we have made birdseed cakes to feed our feathered friend and pancakes to feed ourselves. Next, we are planning an evening to celebrate Mothers Day. The brownies have tons of great ideas.

We are really looking forwards to the lighter, warmer, drier evenings and the chance to get outside soon.

The new brownie programme with it's themed approach has changed the way in which badges are done at Brownies. We complete a variety of skill-based activities for each badge doing a little here and there until all parts are completed. Achieving a badge is quite a challenge, as the brownie must complete every activity as opposed to a number of activities from a choice of many.

The Brownies and Guides Jumble Sale a couple of weeks ago was a great success, As ever, we would like to thank all who support us, by helping on the day, providing jumble or buying.

Brown Owl

Ruth Daly, 565571,

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

## Growing Your Own

At the time of writing it is not clear whether we are going to have a sudden shortage of food after 29th March, but whenever it happens the following may be helpful. We import 40% of our food, but in "the hungry gap" of April, May and June we import more - lettuces, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, etc from southern Spain and Morocco - and nearly all of it comes in by ferry from Calais to Dover and there may be big problems there. So what can we do in our gardens and allotments to supplement our food?

Well, not a lot is the answer. We cannot simply turn on a tap and out comes food. Most things take at least three months to grow, but there are certain actions we can take to speed things up. The first thing is to invest in horticultural fleece to protect young seedlings from frost and to help with germination in cold conditions. Do not buy 17 grams per square metre - it is far too fragile. Buy 30 grams per square metre and that should last for five years. I buy such fleece 2 metres wide, 50 metres long from Harrod Horticultural, 0333 400 1500 [www.harrodhorticultural.com](http://www.harrodhorticultural.com), at £45.75 plus £4.95 p&p for the 50 metres which I then cut to length. The second thing we can do is to sow plants which will

grow rapidly under the fleece, such as radishes and lettuces of various kinds. I shall be starting off dwarf French beans in the airing cupboard and greenhouse, then putting them out under the fleece (I was able to crop them much earlier than climbing French beans and runner beans in 2018). We can expect frost up to the end of May, but the fleece can remain on longer to bring extra warmth to speed up growth. Also, an electrical propagator can raise your seedlings in just a few days.

Another thing one can do is to buy plug plants to gain an early start. The range of plug plants is very large these days. Kings Seeds' catalogue has 28 vegetables and many varieties of those vegetables. Delivery of the plug plants is usually May, June and July, so that is one way of getting ahead – but they are expensive. [www.kingsseeds.com](http://www.kingsseeds.com), 01376 570000.

As for fruit, rhubarb should be available in April. I shall be forcing mine under large buckets with a heavy brick on top to stop the bucket being blown away. If you don't have any rhubarb, ask a friend if you can take a few cuttings from crowns which may be overgrown. The next fruit is strawberries which should be available at the end of May if covered with fleece nice and early. All other fruit will take much longer.

Good luck!

*Mike Mason*

## 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.

Something for your diary occurs in May, yes I know this is the April edition of The Gazette but a chance to get some dates booked in your diary, and that is 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, we do have overseas visitors to the exhibition, their photographs consisting of prints and projected images.

The exhibition will be opened by the Mayor of High Wycombe on Saturday 4th May and is open to the public on 4th, 5th & 6th May (Bank Holiday Weekend), 11th & 12th May and 18th & 19th May from morning through to late afternoon, so if you are in town on any of 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.

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

## Last Word

My fifty sixth edition, as the volunteer, amateur editor of our magazine completed and as always, proof read by my volunteer, amateur proof reader. The only aspect of our magazine which is done professionally is the printing. I do my very best to maintain a high standard and produce a magazine which I hope our community can be proud of but I do occasionally make mistakes. When this happens, when this annoys or upsets please do contact me personally before you take to social media.

Thank you to all our contributors. Copy date for the May edition is 15 April.

Happy Easter to you all and best wishes to Sian and Jack as they leave the Black Lion!

*Sonia*

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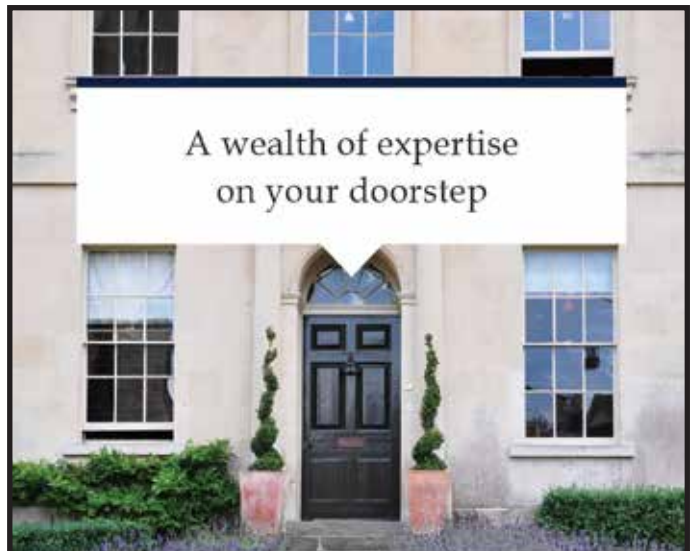


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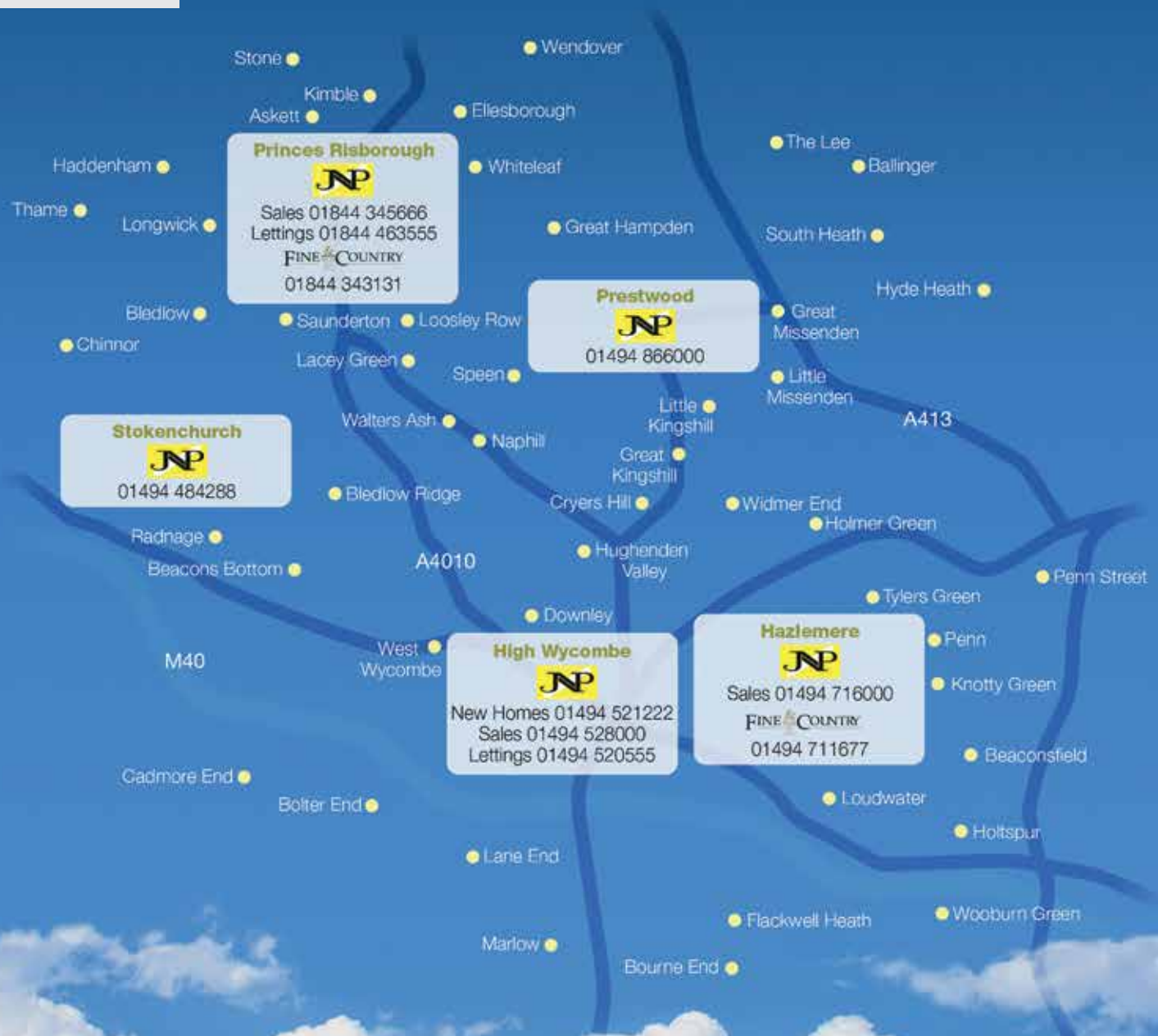


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