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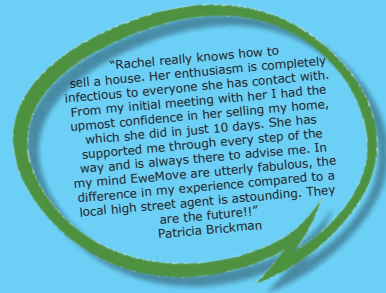
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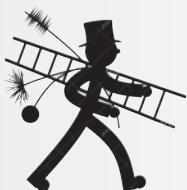
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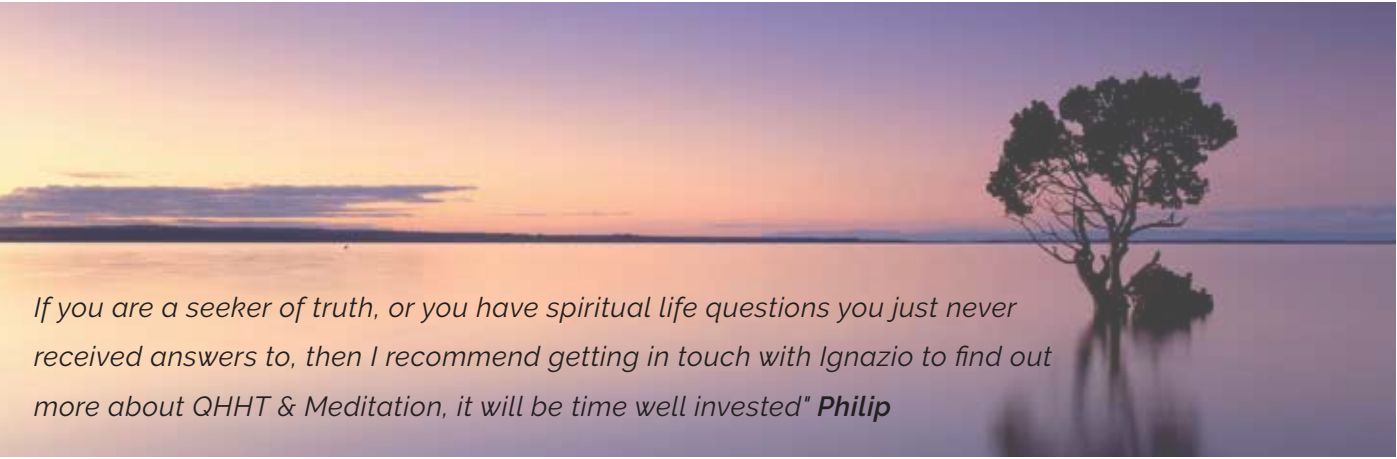
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| Tennis Club - Senior | Sundays 1.30pm | Naphill Tennis Club | Sarah Dengel 563706 sarah.dengel1@gmail.com Jenny Tench 565406 jttench@gmail.com Terry Crooks 562539 ter- rycrooks2001@aol.com |
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| 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 |

Editorial

As we all know, "time flies when one is having fun!" So, this has obviously been a FUN year. The fifth great NAPFEST is with us already! As in previous years, I have spent a lot of time compiling this year's NAPFEST centre fold so time to start on putting in this month's plethora of articles and photographs.

Once again, our community has pulled together to help and support one another. There has been a huge amount of concern over a wandering collie dog with a great number of people trying to get him home. Should he wander again please contact the great "Naphill Hub", alias The Wheel, Claire has all the details and will make sure that he gets home safely.

As you all know, I am a lifelong dog lover. Our two Chihuahuas are not well behaved but they are controlled. The law is very clear regarding controlling our dogs and as owners our dogs are our responsibility at all times. Personally, I firmly believe that as with all our property, our dogs should be insured. Himself, on a photographic course in the Lake District, was less than amused when an out of control hound knocked his camera tripod over destroying several thousand pounds' worth of camera equipment. The owner of the offending dog beat a very hasty retreat, without so much as an apology, and we are left to claim on our insurances.

Over the last few weeks there have been several reports regarding spurious door to door salesmen. There is a new WhatsApp group dedicated to getting news out to us quickly, if you want to join this please let me know, and of course our two community Facebook pages also do a great job. Please keep an eye out for reports and be aware that "vulnerable neighbours" might need a little help to cope. The official advice is still to report any concerns on 101.

I rarely get any comments on the Gazette articles but this month I received a lovely email from a lady regarding the "old Naphill" photograph which space allowing, I will share with you. Thank you too for the missing cat follow ups which I have passed to Jon.

My best wishes for a GREAT NapFest, do please support and enjoy. The deadline for next month's Gazette will be extended for NapFest news and photographs until 18 June. Gary and Tom Britton will be heading my photographic team for Music, the slightly older members of this team are less keen to volunteer for this one and I am hoping that Richard Holroyd will be with us for the Fete and Classics but PLEASE, as always, all your photographs, reports and comments are very welcome!

Sonia

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Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields

Council - Registered charity number 300309

Chairman's Report

The village hall committee meeting was held on 30 April. There was an election for chairman and vice chairman and I was re-elected chairman along with Sarah Bacon as vice chairman. Three co-opted members were also re-elected they were Dave Evans, Tanya Stevens, and Judy Whitehouse.

Jonny Goddard came along to the meeting and was delighted to hear that we are ordering the table tennis table and hopefully it will arrive soon.

There was a debate about the playground and it was decided that we would replace some of the equipment that was removed by Hughenden Parish with a toddler multi play unit made of stainless steel. We have had a quote for this item and it will cost £15,600. If we spend all of our allocated money on this there will not be any more money spent on the hall for this financial year, so we need to raise some money for this equipment. We are looking at some grant funding but even applying for a grant from Hughenden Parish the paperwork runs to 7 pages plus copies of constitution, bank statements, accounts, charity commission return and list of members, quite a folder! We hope to hear whether it is successful after the full parish council meeting. We have applied to three other trusts and await the outcome. The good news is the flat roof over Bon Ami and the changing rooms has been replaced with a rubberised cover and is guaranteed for 25 years. This has cost £17,871.60

The fete, Napfest, will be on 8-10 June. The music evening on the Friday will have some great bands and music to suit all tastes and this year to mark their 100th anniversary the Royal Air Force are sponsoring the bands. There will be a bar and food stall and at the end of the evening, fireworks. The Saturday will see our fete which will start with a procession around the Crick. There will be many funfair rides and inflatable activities, a drum band, flight simulator, Sumo suits and much more. There are 40 different stalls and activities. Do please come along and have a great time. All profits go to help with the village hall costs. There will be donation buckets by the rides for the RAF benevolent fund as the rides are also sponsored by the RAF. There is hopefully a flypast but this is weather dependant so let's hope for sunny weather. On the Sunday of the Napfest weekend there is the Classic Car Show and all the proceeds go to the Air Ambulance Fund. One of the other fundraising events is the fireworks evening in November and the committee has already had their first meeting, we do have a facebook page to keep you informed.

Clive Lawrance

Chairman Naphill Village Hall

Friends Of Naphill Common

By the time this appears the NAPFEST will be almost with us. We hope to see you at the FONC stall where we will be repeating our Silent Auction. So please come along and bid for something from what we hope will be an attractive array of items.

The Common is in full leaf and well worth a visit. The current phase of felling is over, a few months later than had been planned because of the wet winter we have experienced. The Great Beech has now been successfully removed from Dew Pond and the main trunk has been laid to one side. Its collapse was a big shock and disappointment but at least it will end its days lying near the place it grew for perhaps four hundred years. We hope that the rare fungus that lives in its hollow trunk will continue to live and fruit.

We are very grateful to West Wycombe Estate and Wessex Woodland Management for seeking our advice and involving us in the felling process. Although parts of the Common are unavoidably rutted by the heavy equipment used, we know from experience that it will soon recover, and that the newly opened areas will improve access and eventually, as new growth takes hold, its beauty.

We have five more juniper bushes ready to be returned to a suitable location on the Common. They began as cuttings from one of the few remaining old specimens. Unfortunately, it is likely that they are all males so we need a few female junipers to keep them company. The National Trust has been planting junipers near The Clumps (at the Bradenham end of the Common, near the Manor) and, with luck, there will be females amongst those.

Friends of Naphill Common Forthcoming Events

Marian Miller will lead a walk around the village to discover some of the lost pubs and ale houses of Naphill. This will be on Tuesday 26th June, meeting at 7pm outside The Wheel for a guided walk around the village, which should take around two hours and will include sections of the common, so please choose suitable footwear. The walk is free of charge and open to all.

Our working parties continue to clear footpaths and open areas from holly and other obstructions (remedial work on ponds is suspended for the amphibian breeding season). In addition to the Sunday morning parties led by Peter Davis (for dates, please consult our web site at <http://www.naphillcommon.org.uk/activities.html>), we now have an additional working party every Thursday morning commencing at 9.30am, though anyone wishing to help can turn up at any time during the morning. We are currently working along the area between Chapel Lane and the footpath that comes in off Downley Road and will be doing so for some

time to come. Enquiries to Ron Collins on 01494 562240.

Our walks also continue as usual. 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; 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 at the FETE Silent Auction

Lots of exciting items already donated, including a Wycombe Wanderers package for two hosted by ex players in a box at a league match. You will also meet some of the current stars.

Two tickets to a sell out Wycombe Wanderers ex players dinner at Adams Park on November 24. Mix with great names from the past and current heroes and relive some great moments in the club's history.

Many more wonderful items to auction, so come and bid!

MORE ITEMS WELCOME!

Contact Ron Collins on 01494 562240
or Neil McMinn on 01494 564667

Are there any ladies interested in joining us for some not too serious games of badminton?

We are a small, friendly group of 'mature' ladies who meet on Tuesday afternoons (1.30 to 3.30pm) at Hughenden Village Hall. Please contact: Nancy Hussey on 563767.

Shear Madness

Firstly, I must apologise because when this copy arrives I will already be on holiday! I did try and tell as many of you as possible and there has been a sign on the door. I will re-open 9.30 am on Tuesday 12 June, hopefully by then I will be well rested, relaxed and possibly a little chubbier!

We have had recent reports of "Nottingham Knockers" hanging around our villages, please don't answer the door and if you can report to 101 the non-emergency police line. Please can we keep an eye out for our venerable/ elderly neighbours. Hopefully the knockers will move on so So Napfest is coming up soon and I do hope you all have an amazing weekend and the weather is great, it sounds like it is going to be bigger than ever this year!

Have a great June!

Mandy

Naphill Evening WI

What a lovely day for our Ploughman's Lunch at Jenny's on 14 May. We were able to sit in her and Bill's lovely garden and enjoy the glorious sunshine.



The Annual Council Meeting in Aylesbury was, as usual, a really good day out. We had talks from the High Sheriff of Aylesbury, Professor Ruth Farwell, Stephen Irons, Resilience Officer for Bucks County Council and Joyce Sheard and Martin McElhatton on the charity "WheelPower" based at Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The main speaker was Christine Walkden the horticulturalist and TV gardener, who recalled her rise to fame in a most entertaining and amusing way.

At our May meeting, as well as hearing about 40 Years of Bomb Disposal, we will have discussed and voted on the 2018 WI resolution on the subject of Mental Health provision.

The Craft Group have recently met and are beavering away at various projects, whilst the Food Group have lunch planned for 29 May at the Spade Oak in Bourne End and also on 25 June at Bella Vita, Princes Risborough.

We have a games evening coming up soon, as well as our Birthday Party on 21 June. So, lots to look forward to.

Carol Gillam

Sad News from Naphill Methodist Church



After over 165 years of worship at Naphill Methodist Church regrettably, the final Sunday service will take place on Sunday 1st of July at 10.30am. The service will be led by the Reverend Nick Thompson, Superintendent of the High Wycombe Circuit. All are welcome.

Thank you,

Janice Slocombe

Elliott's Swimathon

So, the time had come - my family and I made our way down to Risborough Springs Swimming Pool, I was nervous as this was the first Swimathon I had done.

I was in a lane with 5 other adults, however they were very nice and kept saying good comments to me as I was swimming.

I had my Mum, Dad, Ellenore, Grandma, Grandpa and my swimming instructor cheering me on. Most of the swim I swam front crawl and two lengths I swam breast stroke.

Once I was in the water and swimming my nerves went and I really enjoyed it. It took me 1 hr and 5 minutes to complete the 100 lengths of the 25m pool. Once I had finished everyone cheered and I got a medal, I was so happy.

A BIG thank you to everyone who supported me and helped me to raise £1,030 for GOSH. Until my next Swimathon, THANK YOU!

Elliott Burggy

Our WI ladies will be
serving tea and coffee
in the Village Hall
at
NAPFEST FETE





Goodbye to Naphill Common's Oldest and Biggest Beech Tree

On the night of 14th November 2015, our oldest and largest beech tree on Naphill Common succumbed to age and a strong wind. Pollarded at an early period in its long life, it had grown into three large trunks, two of which had already fallen. Hollowed out completely at its base, it no longer had the strength to resist a strong wind and fell into Dew Pond, blocking the sun from most of the pond.

The Friends of Naphill Common agreed that it needed to be removed, but there were several problems – it weighed over 6 tons and moving it would be far beyond the capabilities of a working party; its removal must not damage the clay lining of the pond or the adjacent bank and ditch marking the boundary of a Romano-British farmstead; and it was home to the very rare “Lion’s Mane” fungus (*Hericium erinaceus*), which needed to be preserved, if possible.

The recent felling on the Common, paid for by West Wycombe Estate and organised by Wessex Woodland Management, gave us an opportunity to tackle its removal. Through some expert chain-sawing and the use of winches on two tractors, carried out by Roderick Wilson Forestry, the Beech was cut through at the edge of the pond, the branches lopped and removed, and the remaining large section of trunk (around 4 tons) dragged out and placed by the side of the pond.

We hope that the Lion’s Mane will continue to appear as the tree slowly rots down to form once again the floor of the Common. FoNC are very grateful to Sir Edward Dashwood, David Hunt of Wessex Woodland and Rod Wilson for their help and for continuing to consult with us regarding tree management on the Common.

Chris Miller
Chairman Friend's of Naphill Common
Photographs courtesy Peter Davis & Chris Miller





NAPPFEST 2018

**Music
on the Crick
Friday 8 June**



**Fete
on the Crick
Saturday 9 June**

**Classics
on the Crick
Sunday 10 June**





Naphill Tennis Club



Delicious....

**STRAWBERRIES &
CREAM**

at Naphill Fete

and enjoy some fun with the

BALL MACHINE GAME



You will find us
over at the
Tennis Courts!



Naphill Neighbours Cake Stall



Our slightly older
residents need your help!

WANTED

Homemade Cakes &
Bakes for FETE Day!

Please deliver prior to fete day to:



HAZEL
Irving Cottage
89 Main Road
Tel: 563977



WANTED
for the



FETE BOOKSTALL

Good quality second hand books
for adults and children

This year we will be using the cloakroom in the village hall for delivery drops and storage, so please bring your donations to Naphill village hall. It is often open for village activities and bookings and we will be there regularly from Tuesday 8th MAY to Friday 8th JUNE, to accept and sort your books ahead of the Fete on the 9th. If it is closed please drop them into Bon Ami between 10-4 on weekdays or 10-3 on a Saturday between those dates.

*Please come along to the stall
on Fete Day to browse and buy!*

*Thank you,
Sheila Draper*

Tombola

NAPFEST FETE DAY

- WANTED -

Suitable prizes for the tombola, to be delivered please to Andy & Judy Pope, Greenways, Chapel Lane, Naphill (as early as possible). Thank you very much for anything you can give – toiletries, booze and chocolate are the most popular items.

Please visit our **TOMBOLA**
stall on Fete Day!



Welcome to NAPFEST 2018

Friday 8 June – Sunday 10 June 2018

Theme '1928' – Celebrating 90 years of the Village Hall

Wow, another year has passed and here we are at NAPFEST 2018. This year you will see that NAPFEST is much bigger than last year and this is because the Royal Air Force are celebrating their 100 year anniversary and have sponsored the Friday Night Activities. I would like to say a massive thanks to all our amazing volunteers who give up their valuable time every year to ensure that this brilliant weekend happens. I would also like to thank our sponsors and the organisations that have donated prizes and so much more.

The Committee and I cannot wait to see everyone over this amazing weekend, and we are certain that during the three-day event there will be something for everyone. The Theme '1928' was chosen to celebrate the 90 year anniversary of the village hall, so we really hope to see everyone in fancy dress.

We hope you all have an amazing time and enjoy it to the full. Special thanks to my team, they have been fabulous.

Linda

Chairman of the NAPFEST Committee



RAF 100

LFX

California Dreaming

BOULEVARD NIGHTS
DJ Sean Salter

Music on the Crick 2018

'Music on the Crick' (Sponsored by RAF100) will be another night to remember as we watch you all dance the night away. Come and enjoy this brilliant family evening listening to some fabulous music. Just to remind you all the ticket prices will increase on the night so make sure you get your tickets early from either The Wheel, The Black Lion or www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk.

Gates open from 5.30pm

Get your tickets NOW!

**www.napfest.eventbrite.co.uk
The Wheel and The Black Lion
(Cash Only)**

Ticket prices:

£25 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 Children) - £30 on the gate.

£10 per adult - £13 on the gate.

£5 per child (5-12yrs) £7 on the gate.

Under 5's are free.

Music Includes:

Disco by our local DJ Sean Salter.

RAF Cover Band.

California Dreaming - covering music from the golden era of the 1960s/70s/80s.

LFX—LFX - covering the biggest club anthems, from 90s dance to current chart.

There will be a Licensed Bar, Hog Roast, Pizza, Ice Cream, Popcorn, Candy Floss, Large Fairground rides, including Dodgems.

Fireworks at 11pm (ending the evening)

NAPFEST ROYALTY

We are so excited this year to present to you the Naphill Fete Princes and Princesses.



Ladies first, so let me introduce, Jamie Marley. Jamie is over the moon to have been chosen because she just can't wait to put on a pretty frock and parade around the field. "It will be such fun," Jamie told me. Jamie's favourite colour is turquoise, her favourite animal is a dog and she will be flick flacking her way through the future as a gymnast wearing a gold medal.



Keeping Jamie company on the day, and looking equally princess like, is Lucy Dixon. "I am just so thrilled to be a princess for the day as it will give me the chance to wear mascara without getting in trouble! I just love wearing make-up." Lucy's favourite sport is netball and she's enjoyed playing for the school team this year. In the future, Lucy hopes to continue her art by winging her way around the world as a famous photographer.



And now to the Princes. William is delighted to have been chosen to play the role of a Prince for the fete as he has always wanted to be treated like royalty. A regular visitor to the Naphill Fete, William will enjoy being the centre of attention, "I love cars but the whole experience will be great fun." In the future, William hopes to be a number one tennis player. His favourite food is cheese and his favourite tennis player is Andy Murray – watch out Murray!



Last, but by no means least, is Dan Kelly. "Having seen my sister swan about as a princess three years ago, I've always fancied a go myself." Dan is looking forward to being suitably glammed up for the occasion and enjoying himself at the fete afterwards. He longs to be a footballer in the future and loves kicking a ball about at lunchtimes. His favourite team is Manchester United and his favourite animal is a cheetah.

Have a great day, NAPFEST royalty!

NAPFEST FETE DAY

Fete on the Crick is our traditional English Fete which is such a great family fun day with stalls and rides to entertain all ages. The Grand Draw Raffle could win you £200 so make sure you get your raffle tickets. This brilliant day is run by very many volunteers from Naphill and Walters Ash and this brilliant day would not happen without them. So as always I thank them very much.

Stalls and Events - *Subject to change*

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| Cake Stall - Naphill Neighbours (marquee) | Tiger Bouncy Castle |
| St Michael's Church - Children's Activities (marquee) | Gladiator Duel |
| Bar - Men's Club (supplied by "The Wheel") | Soft Play Activity Centre |
| Silent Auction - Friends of Naphill Common | Ice Cream Van |
| Strawberries and Cream - Tennis Club | Cocktails |
| Teas and Coffee - WI (Village Hall) | Candy Floss and Popcorn |
| Tombola - (marquee) | Sumo Suits |
| Dog Show - Sponsored by Jollyes | Dodgems |
| BBQ – the Dads of Naphill and Walters Ash | First Aid |
| Bookstall – Sheila | National Trust |
| Coconut Shy - Naphill Scouts | <i>And much much more.....</i> |

Arena Display and Schedule

- 11:30hrs - Procession of Participants to arrive in Village Hall car park and be alphabetically ordered.
- 11:45hrs - Judging of Procession Costumes
- 12:00hrs - Procession starts led by Princes and Princesses
- 12:00hrs - RAF Fly-past (to be confirmed)
- 12:10hrs - Fete opened by Princes and Princesses
- 12:15hrs - Procession Prize Presentation by RAF High Wycombe Stn Cdr Gp Capt Rob Woods
- 12:20hrs - RAF 332 Sqn Air Cadets Marching Band (TBC)
- 12:30hrs - Children's Sack Race
- 13:00hrs - Adult Sack Race
- 13:15hrs - Iron Man - Timed Obstacle Course - Continuous throughout the Day
- 13:15hrs - HUW Drums
- 13:30hrs - RAF Halton playing in Marquee for an hour
- 13:40hrs - Zumba/Fitness with Sal Higgins
- 14:00hrs - RAF Fly-past (to be confirmed)
- 14:05hrs - Children's Egg & Spoon Races
- 14:30hrs - Tiger Martial Arts Performance
- 15:30hrs - Iron Man Prize Presentation

Judges for all Fete events: RAF High Wycombe Stn Cdr Gp Capt Rob Woods and Clive Lawrence, Chairman of the Village Hall Council

Dog Show Timings (Timings amended from those previously published)

Entries taken from 12:15hrs

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| 13:00hrs - Prettiest Bitch | 14:00hrs - Best Rescue Dog |
| 13:20hrs - Most Handsome Male | 14:20hrs - Waggiest Tail |
| 13:40hrs - Veteran | 14:00hrs - Dog the Judge would most like to take home |

Classics on the Crick

Raising Funds for
Thames Valley Air Ambulance



Classic Car entry 10 am -12.00 midday
Show open to the public from 12 noon to 4 pm

Public Entrance Prices

Adults £5.00, Children £2.50

Once again we promise a fantastic display of Classic cars and bikes on the Crick.

Entries are coming in from across the South East as the reputation of the show continues to grow. However, we are keen not to rest on our laurels and we have added several other attractions to this year's event. The Wycombe Remote Control Racing Club will be setting up their mobile racing track and inviting all visitors to try their hand at this exciting sport. For slot car racing enthusiasts, we shall also have a 6 car scalextric track with an exciting prize for the best time of the day.

2018 sees the return of the very popular tribute Artist, G Elvis who will sing the King's greatest hits. Also taking the stage will be Kirsty Fuller, who will sing a lazy afternoon set of familiar acoustic covers.

Finally, as the show grows, we need more help to make the show run successfully. If you can spare a few hours to help out with various tasks, please click the volunteering link on our website, www.classicsonthecrick.co.uk.

We look forward to seeing you all on the 10 June,

The Classics on the Crick Team.



Naphill Brownies

Naphill Brownies are doing their 'Out and About badge' this term. So far the weather has been kind to us and we have managed to get out and about every week

We have navigated our way around Naphill following written directions. We practised our compass skills with a game out on the Crick. These new skills were put to the test when seven of our girls took on the County Competition Hike. This is the first time Naphill brownies have taken on this challenge and I am delighted to say that the girls worked together to navigate the whole of 5km route without getting lost and without needing any help. As well as navigation games, we have been out on the Crick playing all sorts of other games – Capture the flag, Parachute, etc. – I expect many of you have seen us out there.



May would not have been complete without a bit of May Day 'knotting' – brownie style.



*Ruth Daly - 565571.
ruth.daly3@btinternet.com*

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

**See Our
Naphill Brownies
in the
NAPFEST Parade**

**Visit Naphill Scouts
on the
COCONUT SHY
Napfest Fete**



Naphill Scouts

Thirteen intrepid Space Cadets were up bright and early to catch the coach to Leicester for our visit to the National Space Centre.



Fortunately none were blasted into space and all made it back to base in one piece.

We invested one scout underneath a Soyuz space capsule. Not sure how often that happens.



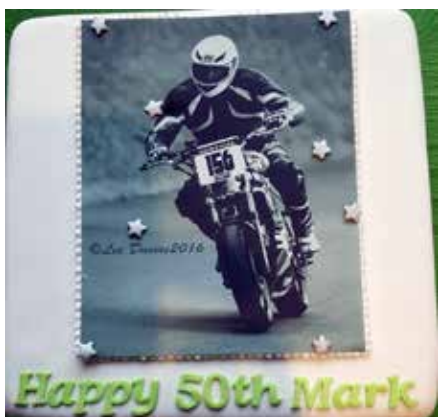
Back on earth we have been practicing our fire lighting skills over the past few weeks, and I can report that it is now possible for the scouts to light a fire with two sticks. (As long as one of them is a match!)

*Adrian Curtis
naphillscouts@aol.com*

The Wheel

What can I say... The first two weeks of May have been mayhem (excuse the pun)!

The Bank Holiday weekend was amazing due to the fabulous weather and instead of relaxing on a beach or getting caught up in loads of traffic, you all enjoyed a full weekend of sun in our beer garden. The VIP area was well used again, and it was great to see everyone smiling, it's amazing to see what a bit of sun can do for us. I am really proud of Maxii who seems to be getting the rule of not leaving the garden although I think that may have more to do with the food being eaten (fingers crossed she's learning).



So on to Marks 50th Drinky Poo Party...What a night!!! Firstly, Mark and I would like to thank everyone who came and also for all the cards and gifts (he's liked more than he thinks)!! We had loads of friends

who came from all over and it was especially great to see Mark Chambers and Bristol. The night was cracking and definitely jumping. Shaun Salter put on an amazing disco to which everyone danced, some more than others (you know who you are). The drinking was plentiful by everyone and as you can expect Mark was a little wobbly although he says the doors and walls were moving on their own. Lastly thanks to all the staff for their hard work during the evening.



NAPFEST is this month and we cannot wait to get involved and be here to support the whole weekend. The Wheel staff will be manning the bar again on Friday night, so if you run out on the night there will be plenty of choice. As always the staff are busy putting costumes together for the parade on Fete day and are going with the theme of 'Peaky Blinders'. Our flag bearer this year will be Adam Creech who gets this great honour after winning the team bowling, back in Feb at our Christmas party. For Classics on the Crick we are open as usual, and this can be a very busy

lunch so it's always worth booking tables especially if the weather isn't great.

The main event coming up for us now is the Dog Photography Day on the 21st July. This is a great opportunity to get a professional photo of your dog by Nick Ridley. If you want to take part you need to book your dog in with me at the pub, to get your slot. If you don't have a dog it is a very entertaining day in the garden anyway!!

Mark would like to thank everyone again for his Birthday, and we would both like to thank all the staff and customers for the last month.

Cheers and here's to the summer months.

Claire and Mark

Children take part in Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle Walk for Save the Children

"If you want to jump in muddy puddles, you must wear your wellies"! This is Peppa Pig's favourite catchphrase and what child doesn't like wearing their wellies and jumping in muddy puddles?! Add the opportunity to raise money for a worthwhile charity and we are on board of course! Save the Children hold an annual sponsored walk raising ever needed funds where the youngest are encouraged to take part. Nurseries, toddler groups and childminders can all register and on a chosen day between 23-29 April were able to take part in an indoor or outdoor walk.

Myself and another childminder from the village, Sarah Matthews, thought it was a good idea to bring the village community together and do our walks through the week at the various groups we help to run with the little ones at the RAF Oakeshott centre. Luckily for us everyone who attended were enthusiastic and loved the idea, so we started with the baby group on Monday where we had an indoor little circuit walk/crawl for the babies ending in their own "puddle" for a splash! Babies and water was a definite win and we were off to a great start raising just over £15.



On Wednesday's Stay and Play session we organised a scavenger hunt where the children had to walk all

around the Oakeshott Centre, including the café, where they made many customers smile as they looked for their favourite Peppa Pig characters. It was a long walk for little legs and hard finding all of Peppa's friends but they did it and were rewarded with a certificate while the mummies and daddies generously sponsored their efforts, bringing our proceeds up to £35.



Thursday's Toddlers session was our last opportunity to reach our aim of £55 and this time we went for a walk outside in the playground by following and counting George Pig's dinosaur's footprints and finishing with a splash in a muddy puddle! The children also painted their own puddles and this time to reward them there was a "Muddy Puddle" chocolate cake waiting at the end which was shared with the parents.



Our biggest surprise was when we counted all the money and realised that we had surpassed our original aim and the total raised was £85, which with gift aid is over £100!

From children for children, isn't that a lovely thought. Little feet walking, splashing, having fun and from their efforts if we raised £55 we would have supplied a food basket for family caught in a disaster feeding them for a month and the £100 they actually raised would provide a family in Iraq with clean water for a month.

Every child should get the chance to learn, play and grow up healthy and happy no matter where they are born. We are proud to have helped change lives and hopefully while doing so we are teaching our little ones to be kind, considerate, thoughtful and caring for the world around them.

The Oakeshott Centre on the RAF base have 3 different playgroups where civilians are welcome. Please come and join us with your little ones. It is a great community welcoming new friends. For more info on how to join in please feel free to message Gordana's Childminding on Facebook or send me a message 07531273942. The groups run on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Gordana Tranceva Cobley

You Don't Have to be an "Oldie" to Join - Everybody is Welcome!

A little bit of history! Naphill Neighbours started life in 1963 as a group of Young Neighbours who used to meet in a house on the common. Over time they out grew the space and the club moved to the Village Hall, eventually meeting in the evening as their members' families and commitments grew.

The club still meets regularly and they always have interesting speakers, events and outings! We are about to lose the last church in Naphill let's not lose our Naphill Neighbours Club too!

New members will be so very welcome. The annual subscription will be £15 and the club will meet in the Village Hall on the second Monday of the month at 1.30pm for two hours with a speaker, a cup of tea and a sociable get together. During the year various outings are organised.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Hazel 563977.

Hughenden & Prestwood Patients' Group

Talk on Pain Management

by

Dr Krishna Bakhshi

Consultant Anaesthetist & Pain Specialist

26 June at 8pm

doors open 7.30pm

Prestwood Village Hall

Admission FREE - Refreshments Provided

Hughenden Parish Council

Factoid #21

- A Parish Councillor must be at least one of the following:
- A UK or Commonwealth citizen
- Citizen of the Republic of Ireland
- Citizen of another member state of the European Union
- and qualifies for election, by being at least one of the following
- they are an elector of the parish
- during the whole of the last 12 months they have occupied, either as owner or tenant, land or other premises in the parish.
- their principal or only place of work is in the parish
- they live within 3 miles of the parish boundary

Sadly, we had to say our farewell to Cllr Martin Burch who has worked tirelessly these past 18 months representing our local community, helping deliver services to meet local needs, and improving quality of life. During that time, Martin has made a valuable contribution to the Parish. As well as participating in a number of our working groups, such as Playgrounds, Road Safety and Communications he was heavily involved in drafting a number of the Council's essential policies. Being a Parish Councillor is almost always squeezed into any number of other responsibilities in life. It has been a pleasure working alongside him.

One of the areas in which Martin had been engrossed was our playgrounds. Cllr Williams is now part of the Working Group focussed on redeveloping the Templewood play area as well as partnering with Naphill Village Hall (and 3 other Village Halls in the Parish) to maintain theirs. A small team of residents have volunteered their time to help with the design and costings for Templewood for which we are very grateful given the task facing us. If you too would like to help out then please do get in contact.

We held the Council's Annual Public Meeting this year at Naphill & Walter's Ash School. The Chairman gave an update on the past 12 months and an overview on the next. The biggest challenge facing us is what will happen with the other elements of Local Government that serve us all, as they attempt to modernise. Attendees also got an update on the state of the Parish Finances which are generally healthy, with funds in place to help realise both short and long term plans. There was a useful presentation on Permitted Development given by Mr Charles Power of Wycombe District Council's Planning Department. We were also delighted to welcome a number of representatives from local organisations and groups who have received grants from the Parish Council. Each of them gave a short presentation on what they do and what they plan to do with the money they receive from us.

It's Napfest time again. This is a fantastic opportunity to come out and show your support for where you live,

have a good time, meet up with friends and neighbours, as well as raise funds for one of our vital and thriving community assets - the Village Hall and playing fields. See you on the Crick!

Your dwindling Parish Councillors,

Chris Waterton & Peter Williams.

email nawa@hughendenpc.org.uk

website www.hughendenparishcouncil.org.uk

HPC Diary Dates

Tuesday 12 June - Full Council meeting 8pm-10pm, Great Kingshill Parish Office

Thursday 21 June - Planning Committee meeting 8pm-10pm, Great Kingshill Parish Office

Wednesday 27 June - Finance & Policy Committee meeting 8pm-10pm, Great Kingshill Parish Office

Letter from Sir David Lidington MP

The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty probably has more people living on its doorstep than any other protected landscape in Europe. It's official guardian is the Chilterns Conservation Board.

The Chilterns AONB straddles Oxfordshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire as well as Bucks, and covers many different local authorities. The Conservation Board's Chief Officer, Sue Holden, explained to me that she and her colleagues are trying to think about the future of the Chilterns as a whole. With population growth and new housing in London and all the Chiltern counties, it'll be more important than ever to look after the "green lung" provided by the AONB.

That means ensuring that people can have access for recreation (few new homes these days have large gardens) while at the same time giving proper priority to conservation and the need for tranquillity.

I was pleased to see that the CCB has developed good ideas like Chilterns vineyard and brewery trails. I've suggested adding a political trail in too! There's Disraeli's house at Hughenden, his father's home in Bradenham, and connections with Hampden, Wilkes and Burke, not to mention Chequers. Perhaps even Clement Attlee's and Harold Wilson's retirement homes in Prestwood and Missenden respectively might be added to the tour. (One of my favourite Attlee stories is of when, by then in the Lords, he excused himself early from a Lord Mayor's banquet- white tie, medals, Garter and all- to catch the last Green Line bus back to Prestwood!)

The National Trust is of course one of the most important guardians of our countryside and I welcomed

the chance to visit Hughenden Manor to discuss their latest plans for our area. While I did know that Naphill and Bradenham Commons are hidden gems of the Chilterns, I hadn't realised quite how much land around the Hughenden Valley was owned by the Trust or affected by covenants.

The NT told me that they were trying to think holistically about the land for which they have the responsibility of stewardship. They are working out a long term strategy that strikes the right balance between different interests: access, biodiversity, sustainable and profitable farming.

They are also planning a new exhibition to highlight Hughenden's wartime role and the secret work done at the Manor to analyse aerial photographs of occupied Europe. It should be well worth a visit.

David Lidington

Points of Interest

The Council for the Protection of Rural England or CPRE as it more usually known, was founded nearly a century ago to protect the Green Belt from ribbon development. Never has an organisation been more needed than in today's environment where there are more pressures on our countryside than ever before. Ribbon development was rife in the 1920's as can be seen locally along Risborough Road out of West Wycombe known locally as "Pictonville", named after the builder. There are many other examples throughout the country. The Green Belt Act was created to introduce Local Planning powers to thwart this type of development and CPRE was instrumental in ensuring local plans were adhered to by local authorities and developers. The name of CPRE has been changed in recent years to become the Campaign to Protect Rural England. The organisation is funded entirely by membership subscriptions and voluntary donations and bequests and its small staff fights well above its weight in lobbying parliament and its members. It is a well-respected organisation, as it is not against required housing need but it argues that buildings must not destroy the countryside by inappropriate over development. I thought it pertinent to make this the subject of my notes this month as we are facing local pressures in Clappins Lane and land at Air Command. Readers who would like more information should visit the Buckinghamshire Branch website on www.cprebucks.org.uk.

The decision on the future of local government in Buckinghamshire was expected last Easter but is now further delayed by the recent change in the Secretary of State who will make the decision. In the meantime, councils are awaiting their fate and decisions regarding the next District Council Election due in May 2019 are in abeyance as the new Unitary would be expected to start in 2020. Parish Councils remain unchanged although I expect them to have increased powers and responsibilities after the re-organisation of Districts and the County.

Richard Pushman

Growing Your Own

June is the month when we are finally free of the fear of frosts. We can now sow anything we like in our gardens or on our allotments without the worry of losing the lot. Successional sowings throughout the warmer months are a good idea, for example radishes, dwarf French beans and spinach, so that the crops are young and fresh when picked. The brassicas should all be planted out into their final positions by mid-June so that they can grow on slowly and be really big at the onset of winter. Towards the end of June one can sow Florence fennel, a great favourite but difficult to grow since it can bolt if the weather is hot and dry – but they taste so good, either raw or cooked. On the allotment in early June I plant out my outdoor tomatoes (variety "Outdoor Girl"), peppers, aubergines, pumpkins, marrows, courges of various kinds, vegetable spaghetti and courgettes. As for crops in June, one can continue to take asparagus until the end of the month, the first strawberries should be available - and rhubarb in profusion.

Can plants move? Well, they have not got little legs but they can certainly pivot daily about their roots. A good demonstration is to sow some cucumber seeds in 3 inch pots on the windowsill. As soon as they are up they consist of a very thin white stem and two leaves which unfurl and turn towards the light during the day. At night they turn the opposite way to point at the electric light. Then, next morning, as soon as the curtains are opened they turn back to point at the daylight. All the time they are very mobile, desperate for the light which will turn their two initial leaves green as they seek sunlight for their chlorophyll, taking the Sun's energy, turning it into more fibres from carbon dioxide in the air and water and nutrients in the compost. Another example of plants being able to move are climbing French beans and runner beans, also planted out in early June. They climb up the canes, winding round in a clockwise direction (viewed from above) as they chase the sun as it moves daily from north-east through south to north-west. And there is the example of sunflowers moving their massive heads as they chase the sun during the day. Yes, many plants chase the sun to maximise their daily dose of energy from the light. The plants' leaves take in carbon dioxide from the air and give off oxygen (almost all the oxygen we breathe comes from plant leaves).

Good gardening!

Mike Mason

Allotment Vacancies

There are none on the Walter's Ash allotments at Clappins Lane but the following plots are available on the Naphill allotments at Louches Lane: 2, 3B, 7, 11B, 12B, 13B, 15B and 16B. Please have a look and phone the parish clerk on 01494 715296 if you would like one.

Bon Ami Gazette

The sun is here and we are loving it at Bon Ami. Iced coffee, cold drinks and ice creams are proving as popular as our clotted cream teas. It is always lovely to have a full terrace of customers of all ages.

We are getting ready for Napfest. Although we are not able to open on Fete day we are preparing for the busiest day of the year; "Classics on the Crick". This is our local classic car and motorcycle show organised to raise much needed funds for the Air Ambulance charity. We will be open all day on the Sunday providing hot and cold drinks, bacon baps, sandwiches, cakes and pastries. We look forward to seeing our regular customers and many more!

Our book club is going really well. At our last meeting, everyone expressed their individual views on the book that we had read. They were varied! Our next book is "If nobody speaks of remarkable things" by Jon McGregor. We will meet on Thursday 14th June at Bon Ami at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, however, please do call in and let us know so that we can have sufficient refreshments ready for a small charge.

As always, we look forward to welcoming you to Bon Ami anytime, whenever you are free.

Ruth & Amanda

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning: *The following local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) between 16th April and 10th May 2018 were discussed, and any responses by NAWARA appear on the WDC website.*

18/06037/FUL 58 Main Road Naphill, HP14 4QB Householder application for part single storey part two storey extension partly over existing ground floor extension including change of flat roof to pitched roof, insertion of Sun Tube to main roof and insertion of two windows to first floor south east elevation. Received 19.04.18. Target Date for Determination: 14.06.2018.
18/05714/FUL: 314 Main Road Walters Ash. HP14 4TH HA for construction of front porch and erection of 1.8m high fence to side boundary Received 16.04.18 Target Determination: 11.06.2018.
18/05903/FUL Oak Cottage Christopher Close Naphill. HP14 4SF HA for erection of single storey side/rear extension with raising of roof & insertion of a dormer window & new window to gable & velux window to front, a dormer window to each side & two dormer windows to rear, all in connection with loft conversion. Received 17.04.18 Target Determination: 12.06.2018.
18/05954/FUL. 60 Main Road Naphill. HP14 4QB. HA for construction of single storey rear extension and associated external alterations. Received 12.04.18. Target Determination: 07.06.2018.
18/05961/FUL Chiltern Cottage 101 Main Road Naphill. HP14 4SA HA for construction of first floor side extension Received 12.04.18 Target Determination: 07.06.2018.

Decisions Permitted: 18/05515/FUL.1 Cherrycroft Drive Naphill. 18/05412/FUL 245A Main Road Walters Ash. Change of use from A1 (Retail) to A3 (Cafe) (Retrospective).

Decisions Refused by Natural England and WDC 17/05586/FUL .Heatherlands, Naphill Common. "Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 3 x 4 bed detached dwellings with double detached garages and creation of new access." WDC found no problem with the proposed dwellings. WDC Reason for refusal. "The proposed development would involve the creation of a new access across a currently undeveloped portion of the Naphill Common Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Chiltern Beechwoods Special Area of Conservation.....and also have a detrimental impact upon... local ecology and wildlife, as well as the Green Infrastructure Area." This decision by WDC followed an ecological survey by Natural England and a determined effort by many local residents over 14 months to safeguard Naphill Common with some 100 written representations following the application(s).

Naphill Has Entered The Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition

Naphill Was Highly Commended Last Time. Let's Go For A Win In 2018!

The Judges will inspect Naphill any day between 1st June and 7th July. I've requested they avoid the Napfest weekend.

The whole village will be judged but the Judges will look critically at the Village Hall; the Crick (playing field); the VH children's playground; Naphill Common; Vincents Meadow and Pickups Pond; the areas round The Wheel and Black Lion pubs as well as the shops; the bus shelter; notice boards; the War Memorial and small garden around it; the green area on the corner of Chapel Lane/ Main Road and the area surrounding the Methodist Chapel. I am sending the groups responsible for those parts of Naphill the comments by the Judges of the 2016 BKVC so any problems they found can be sorted out before judgement day.

The Parish Council is going to make sure the road signs, dog bins and notice boards are cleaned. As it is the nesting season HPC can't do any hedge trimming just now and their contractors are due to do only one more verge trim before July. However, if each of us can keep our front gardens looking neat, the verges in front of our houses trimmed, the pavement and roadway adjacent to our properties clean and free of rubbish, we could get an even higher mark than we did in 2016 for "Overall effort, lack of litter and evidence of community effort."

With luck, we could even find ourselves at the BKVC Winners ceremony at the Village Hall in August!!

Gloria Leflaive - 563634



Message from Hughenden Vicarage

On Sunday 22 April, our annual meetings took place at St Michael & All Angels Church. We welcomed Nick Devlin as a new churchwarden, and Julia Grant was re-appointed as a churchwarden, during our annual vestry meeting. Our annual parochial meeting included the appointment of sidesmen, PCC members, a financial report by our PCC Treasurer Ian Faulkner, and an annual report by the Vicar.

This was an ideal opportunity for us to look back over 2017 as a church, to reflect upon all the good things that God is doing in and through our church and its members, to consider those significant moments which help to define us, and to consider what our challenges are likely to be during 2018 and beyond.

Please do request a copy of our annual report if you are interested in reading more about the life and worship of our church but haven't done so yet.

I sought to evaluate the health and wellbeing of our church family through the lenses of two documents – a passage of scripture from the book of Acts, as well as our Mission Action Plan.

Acts 2:42-47 recounts a remarkable and unique time in the life of the early Christian church, after the Day of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, when Christian believers met together daily, were united, committed, shared sacrificially with one another, without restraint, enjoyed the favour of all the people, thanks to God, and so the Church grew anew daily, as new members were drawn to the attractiveness of the Christian faith, and the remarkable lifestyle adopted by those early believers.

In May 2016, the PCC approved the following three key mission priorities for the following 3-5 years:

- Catering for and finding roles for our teenagers;
- Finding new leaders and new ideas for evangelism and growth;
- Developing pastoral support for important life events such as baptisms, wedding and funerals.

A family service planning group, chaired by my colleague Rev Helen Peters meets regularly to plan our all-age services, and one of the primary aims of the group is to facilitate and encourage more active involvement from young people. This has begun happening more so in recent months, and we intend to continue developing this crucial goal. I have often stated that our young people are not just the church of tomorrow, they are the church of today and tomorrow.

Early in 2017, I set up a new Discipleship strategy group, whose primary remit is to seek to consider our overall strategy for community engagement, mission and discipleship within our church. This includes facilitating social events to which we can invite guests, providing a warm welcome to all those who attend a service at our church, Alpha and other courses to introduce people to the Christian faith, housegroups which meet regularly in members' homes in the area, with the hope that individuals might then become active members of the body of Christ.

I encourage you to attend one of the wide variety of events on our social calendar this year and get to know other members of our church family.

Our next Alpha course will be running from September 2018 – more details to follow in due course.

With regard to pastoral support, Helen and I have expanded the Marriage preparation to two Saturday mornings, with the extra morning set aside so that couples can be given the space to think about their relationship, using some excellent material from the Marriage Preparation Course by HTB. Ben & Jo Sharp are now running the Marriage Course for the second year running, and Baptism Preparation now takes place on a Saturday in Church House and has been well received by those who have attended.

I consider it a huge privilege to be the leader of our wonderful Church in Hughenden, as well as part of our local community. If you have suggestions about other ways in which the Church can do community and mission engagement in our parish, then I would be pleased to hear from you.

Rev. Keith Johnson

SERVICES AT ST. BOTOLPH'S

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| June 3rd | 11am | Eucharist | Rev. Jenny Ellis |
| June 10th | 11am | Eucharist | Rev. Jenny Ellis |
| June 17th | 11am | Eucharist | Rev. Allan Barton |
| | | Patronal Festival | |
| June 24th | 11am | Matins | Rev. Allan Barton |

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Welcome to summer! The sun is burning our eyes out and the smell of sun cream is wafting through the air. The school will be going through the busiest time of the academic year.

May 22nd will have been a fundraiser for UNICEF (an international children's charity) and it will have been Star Wars themed following our visit from Jez Alinson (a marathon running StormTrooper) who received a Guinness World Record in 2016 and kept it in 2017. UNICEF is a charity that vaccinates, educates and protects less fortunate children in need of help; it currently works in 190 different countries. There will be a treasure hunt organized by the JLT that was voted for by the school and we are hoping to raise around £400 in total.

The YRs are also doing their first assembly on the 23rd May themed on princesses and pirates; they have been looking at Cinderella and the jobs she had to do as well as the jobs pirates had to do. They have prepared a lot of songs to show their parents.

Having studied The Greeks for a term, Y5 will be doing an assembly on them. Y6, who have done their SATS, have a busy half term ahead of them and the production name has been announced: Shakespeare Rocks! The lead roles have been assigned and we will be working very hard to perfect it.

On May 9th, for two nights, Year 4 went to Woodrow High House. For some it was the first time they'd been away from their parents, and they thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.

Black Lion

I am writing this in the sunshine in the garden, long may the summer weather continue!

Our new Spring Menu has been very popular including vegan dishes such as leek and cheddar sausages and butternut squash, avocado and beetroot salad. Come in and try some of our new dishes as well as traditional favourites of steak and rebellion ale pie, Goan prawn curry or beef burger with all the trimmings. From 1st June food is served until 6pm on Sundays. Food is served Tuesdays to Saturdays 12-3pm and 6-9pm (5-9pm on Fridays) and Sundays 12-6pm.

We are all looking forward to another fantastic Napfest weekend 8-10th June. For more information on what is going on and to book tickets visit www.napfest.co.uk.

On Saturday 9th June come and join us for a Family Pig Roast Day. We are pleased to welcome Leni Buckle to the Black Lion who will be cooking us a pig roast on the day as part of her new company. It is free entry with a Hog Roast and pick & mix sweet trolley available so please come along 1-4pm.

We are recruiting for bar staff – if you are over 18 then please email a copy of your CV to info@blacklionnaphill.com or bring a copy into the pub.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who made the Beer & Gin Festival the best one yet! Thanks to the amazing weather the pub was packed both days with people enjoying the beer, gin and of course the great music. We are already planning the next one!

Thanks again for all your support.

Jack, Sian and the team.

Wycombe Camera Society

Our Annual Exhibition held in the Eden Centre is over for another year with Cups and Trophies won by members for the many different classes.

The Naphill Horticultural Society donated two cups to the Annual Exhibition this year - the best Digital Image of a Cultivated Plant and the best Print of a Cultivated Plant.

The two cups will ensure that Naphill Horticultural Society will always have a place at the Annual Exhibition.

Over 100 prints were on display, as well as over 100 projected digital images. Look at our website to see the stunning winning images.

We are now entering our "quiet season" with the finals for the best prints of the year as well as the best digital projected images all happening before the end of June.

This means that July and August are busy times for our members out taking those great photos ready for the start of our new year at the beginning of September.

June is the month when all gardens of Naphill are in full bloom so out with your cameras and take that photo of the colours of Naphill... then send it to Sonia for inclusion in a future edition of The Gazette.

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

David Greenwood

Membership Secretary - Wycombe Photographic Society

What Will You Celebrate Today?

As Multi-faith co-ordinating chaplain at Bucks New University, I publish a weekly news sheet. This contains details of how to contact the chaplaincy team, where we will be serving hospitality during the week, a relevant 'thought for the week' (accompanied by suitable picture) and a list of the religious observances during that week. Some weeks are very 'lean' on the religious observances, so I have taken to adding UN days. Some weeks are 'lean' on UN days too. Browsing the net for something else suitable, I found a veritable goldmine – www.daysoftheyear.com. It appears there is a day of the year dedicated to almost anything you can imagine!

June's list includes the whacky 'Thank God It's Monday' (1st Monday in June), Hug Your Cat Day (4th) and Fairy Day (24th of course – Midsummer's day). More seriously there is also World Environment Day (5th), Magna Carta Day (15th) and World Refugee Day (20th). There are foodie days – Rocky Road (2nd), Sausage Roll (5th) and Falafel (12th). There are boozy days – Moonshine Day

(5th), World Gin Day (9th) and Beer in Britain Day (15th). There are days encouraging us to embrace positive life habits, to be aware of our work environment, to champion the underdog and so forth. You get the idea. A personal favourite is 'Numbat Day' which is not in June at all, but 3rd November. The numbat is a critically endangered, squirrel-like marsupial that on a cuteness scale of 1-10 rates about 72! Look up numbat on Google images and see if I am not right!

These 'days' serve to promote ideals, encourage awareness and provide inspiration. Hands up who is thinking 'I like falafels – what a good idea to have them for dinner on 12th June'...or 'I'll bake some rocky roads and take them to work on June 2nd' ...or 'I like gin...'

Fun or mindful as these observances are (the whole of the month of June is given over to awareness of PTSD), the calendar contains no religious feast days. Perhaps the compilers feel that listing ALL the saints and every feast day, alongside fasting/feasting/pilgrimage observances of other faiths would be overwhelming. Perhaps they feel that religions have their own, well defined, accessible calendars and this one would be superfluous. Or perhaps they think that faith is irrelevant to the modern world. The problem with the latter view is that if you remove faith from the life of the world, you remove much of the motivation for the acts of kindness, generosity, altruism and sacrifice that make this world a much better place.

At its core, the Christian faith can be summed up in what is known as the 'Great Commandment' - Jesus calls us to love God and love our neighbour. This boils down to a life centred in prayer, study and action. St Paul tells us that faith without works is useless, but that good works alone are not enough. We need the balance of a relationship with God to temper our relationship with the world he gave us. How that works out will be different for each of us, but difference is essential to making the world the glorious kaleidoscope that God intended it to be every day of the year.

May you know God's blessing in your life and see it in the lives of others.

Rev. Jenny Ellis

Associate Priest, West Wycombe Team

Chiltern Hills Arboriculture – Tree Maintenance During Summer

Many gardeners assume that pruning has to be done in the dormant season, and certainly if you want to create vigorous bursts of new, rejuvenated growth, then winter pruning is probably the answer.

Usually winter pruning is done when the coldest part of the year has passed and particularly on mature trees when there are no leaves, because removing huge limbs then is lighter, easier work.

People worry about the risk of "bleeding" if they leave winter pruning too late: trees start to bleed if pruned when the sap is starting to rise in February and March and you can see unsightly amounts of liquid leaking from the cuts. But it is extremely rare that this will

weaken older trees. The general consensus is that the sap removes harmful fungal spores and bacteria from the wound site, so bleeding can actually be beneficial.

The worst bleeders are *Carpinus*, walnuts and vines: these are best pruned in late summer or winter, avoiding the rush of sap in spring.

At Kew they do a great deal of summer pruning of trees, partly to avoid spread of disease (disease-spreading spores are most active from September to early spring). However, summer pruning is most often done to slow growth, and is best carried out when the early summer's growth is complete. This reduces the amount of leaf growth, which reduces the food produced, helpfully slowing the plant down. *Prunus* trees and members of the *Rosaceae* family are pruned in July and August to reduce the chance of silver leaf.

At Kew, many other young trees are formatively summer-pruned now, so you can see exactly what you are removing. Long lengths of new growth can be shortened back to reduce the risk of being torn about in autumnal gales. If you are just removing the odd stray shoot or bit of diseased or dead wood you can do it whenever the mood takes you.

Wisteria is a great plant to prune in summer. Train-in your main horizontal and upright shoots where you want them to go, but shorten back all the side shoots to four-to-six leaves from the main framework.

With shrubs, flowering comes into the equation, too. Summer flowering shrubs such as *Philadelphus* and *Weigelas* can be cut back, thin-out the shrubs by removing maybe a third of the older stems at ground level after flowering to encourage a fresh flowering growth.

Mike Beckley

Last Word

As you will see, NAPFEST has taken centre stage in this edition and will almost certainly do so again in our July publication. This great 3 day event involves a lot of work and they certainly deserve our support! Welcome too to our NAPFEST Royalty! Himself very much enjoyed photographing them.

My apologies for the omissions this month! James Foster is well into his 50 miles a day for 50 consecutive days bike riding challenge raising funds in memory of his father for Marie Curie. You can follow his progress at www.sittingonwheels.com and there is still time to sponsor him. There are also a few photos and smaller items missing but if I don't stop "trying to fit things in", the very small fonts will get even smaller and this edition will not be delivered to our printer on time!

My thanks to Peter Davis for another beautiful front cover and for his ongoing work and patience with me on the village website.

ENJOY NAPFEST EVERYBODY!

Sonia

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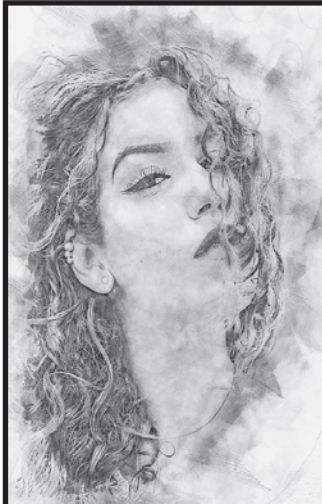
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