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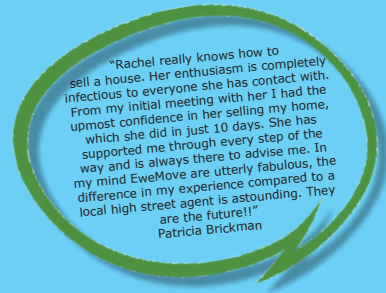
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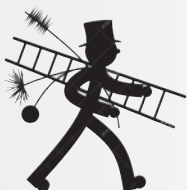
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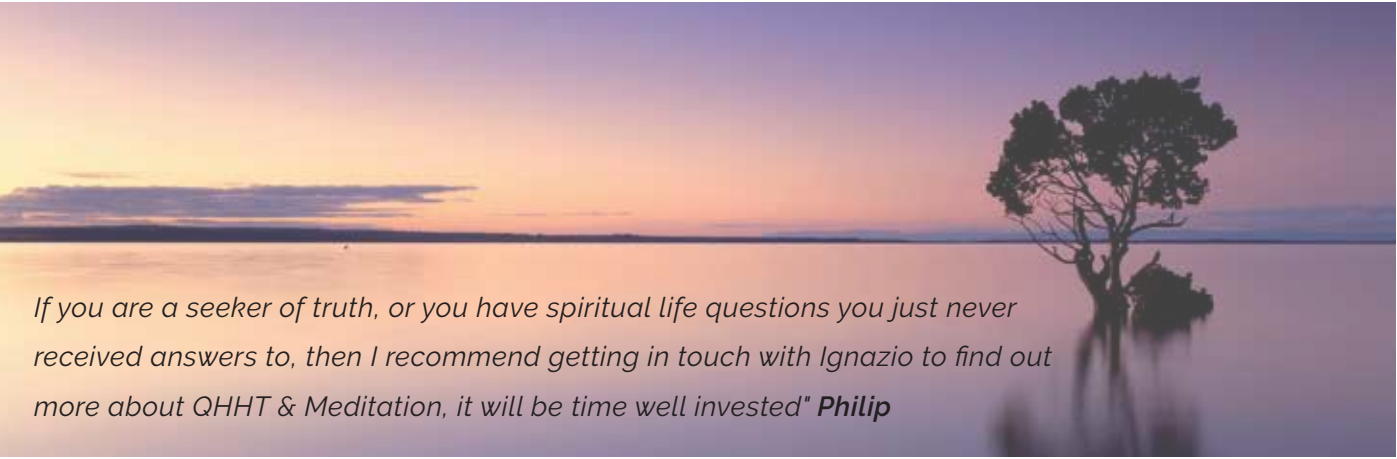
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| Scouts (Naphill) | Thursdays 7.30 -9.15pm | Scout and Guide Hut Naphill | naphillscouts@aol.com |
| Seniors Luncheon Club | Second Wednesday in the month 12.45 for 1 | Naphill Village Hall | Jan Gaunt 562282 |
| Tennis Club - Senior | Sundays 1.30pm | 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 |



Editorial

The Summer sun is glowing and I for one love it! I had placed my order for a blazing August so that, minus the Gazette for a whole month, I could laze in the garden. I am hoping that the glorious July is going to continue through August and not vanish as it always seemed to do when I was a school teacher!

The end of the school year! All the examinations have been taken and it is now the nervous wait for the results for the older children. For the 11 year olds it is off to secondary school and probably a mixture of excitement and just a little apprehension moving on from being a big fish in a fairly small pond to being a little fish in a huge pond. Good luck and best wishes to you all. Special thanks to our young reporters and to the staff at Naphill and Walter's Ash school who have supported their Gazette contributions this year. I look forward to welcoming a new group in September.

This month I received an advertising request from a local charity, "Hearing Dogs" at Saunderton. Unfortunately, I have no spare feature advertisement space, indeed, it is an ever-growing waiting list, but I assured them that subject to space, the Gazette will always support local charitable events. They asked if they could please have a copy of our magazine and so we ventured down there. What a truly inspiring place! The facilities and the staff, many of whom are volunteers, are amazing. Of course, we had to try the new shop and cafe area and we thoroughly enjoyed an excellent lunch. The cafe opens at 9am every day with a breakfast menu, there is a good lunch menu, including Sunday lunch and no doubt cake, beverages

and ice-cream all available until 4pm each day. Well worth a visit!

On the subject of charity, congratulations to James Foster who completed his marathon 54/54 cycling challenge and raised over £2,500 for the Marie Curie charity. Well done James!

Amongst our great village assets are the Village Hall and the Crick! It now seems fashionable to talk about "making memories" for our children, something we have always done but is perhaps made easier with modern technology. Recently we were looking through a file of photographs of our Naomi playing on the Crick and the immediate response from Naomi was "Oh I remember that!" So please forgive Grandma! I have chosen the photo for this month's cover, not for its photographic qualities but just because it captures the moment, the carefree fun of running full tilt through the willow tunnel on a beautiful Summer's day, and it comes too with a heartfelt plea! Happily, the much-loved willow tunnel is still there but a lot of the other playground equipment has been removed and there will be appeals and possibly events to raise funds to replace this. Please support and help to make this play area a safe and enjoyable haven for our youngsters where simple, happy memories will be created. Thank you, Paul Goby, for taking this photograph.

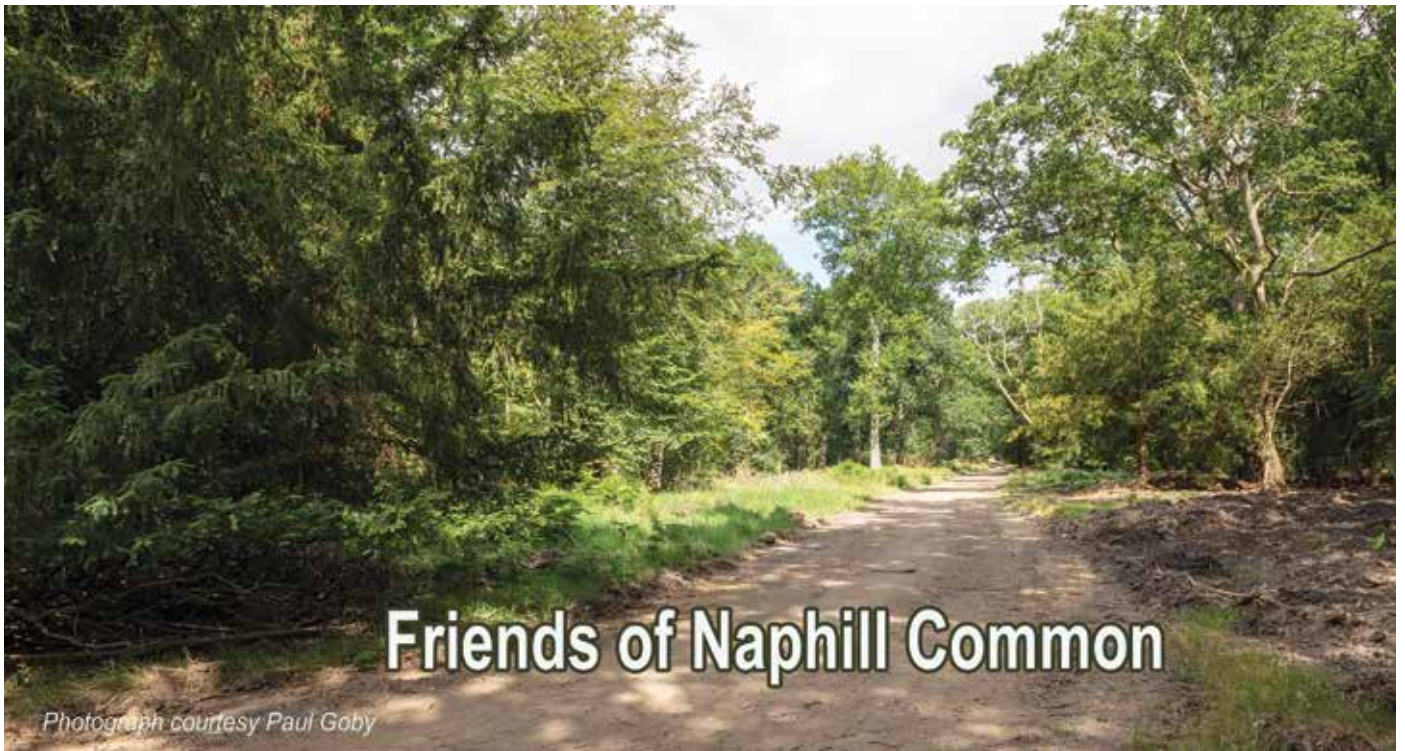
Finally, a happy August/September to you all, may the sun shine and may you all enjoy!

Sonia

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Friends of Naphill Common

Photograph courtesy Paul Goby

The prolonged period of dry weather has been a treat for some and a growing pain for gardeners. With a large area of the Common churned up like a ploughed field the lack of rain has been something of a blessing. Now that most, if not all, of the footpaths and bridleways have been marked out by Wessex Woodland Management's bulldozer we have to wait to see how the vegetation recovers.

This is important. The Common was designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest Grade 1 partly because its soil and vegetation had not been disturbed by ploughing at least since the Iron Age. The ancient earthwork near Dew Pond is thought to be the remains of a farming community who probably ploughed and grazed the land, perhaps 2000 years ago. It seems that it became open grassland dotted with trees – mainly oaks and beech. It evolved slowly while being grazed by cattle and sheep.

Marian Miller has unearthed a delightful description written in 1863 by someone who walked up from West Wycombe: 'Who, in the midst of corn-fields, chalk, flints, and hollow beech-woods, would expect to come on so lovely and wild a spot, on one side of the estate, as Naphill Common? Heather, juniper bushes, and fine oak trees thickly interspersed, and sweet greensward, give the Common all the appearance of an ancient chase; and at every turn the wanderer almost expects to see the antlers of a deer, or if in summer, the graceful doe and fawn grazing in the dewy glades.' Once grazing stopped in about the 1920s the changes accelerated: gorse, juniper and bracken began to overtake the grasses and they in turn gave way to bushes and trees.

The recent felling has changed the soil surface in some areas but has also let in more light. The hope

is that the seeds left in the soil and the surrounding vegetation will heal the wounds. The third phase of felling, planned to start this autumn, will not help. The Friends of Naphill Common has an enormous task ahead to return the Common to a condition where it deserves its SSSI designation.

Meanwhile our activities continue. Both adults and children are welcome to join John Tyler and his Mini-beast Safari on Wednesday 8th August, starting from the Village hall at 2 pm. You are also welcome to join with the Bucks Fungus Group who will visit the Common on 21st October. Details to follow. Our guided walks are open to all. 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 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 (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).

The final reckoning shows that our silent auction at the Naphill Festival raised no less than £2,357, thanks to many generous donations. We will donate £1,250 of this to the Village Hall, leaving £1,107 for FONC to spend wisely. Any suggestions?

Chris Miller
Chairman

Friends of Naphill Common Diary Dates

Mini Beast Safari



Wednesday
8 August
2pm start
from Village Hall

The expert naturalist
John Tyler will lead a
'Mini-beast Safari' on
Naphill Common



Bucks Fungus
Group Walk

21st October

More details to follow
on line and in the
October Gazette

Naphill Fireworks & Bonfire 2018

Despite being in the midst of the longest heatwave since 1976 and having a garden that resembles the Serengeti, preparations for this year's Naphill Fireworks event are already well and truly underway! The Fireworks Committee has been meeting regularly since April to ensure everything is in place for the evening of Saturday 3rd November.

The Committee remains largely unchanged this year, however after 25 years, Andrew Wasilewski has decided to step down as the Chairman (although he still remains a valuable member of the Committee). I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank him for doing such a fantastic job since its inception all those years ago and I really appreciate all the help and support during the handover. So, whilst Andrew readies the pipe and slippers, I'm desperately trying to get to grips with all the tasks in hand!

We really hope to see you all again this year, please head to Naphill Fireworks' Facebook group for all the latest information and updates, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, please feel free to post them there.

Thanks and enjoy the rest of your Summer!

Pete Dalby
Chairman - Naphill Fireworks

A vibrant poster for the Naphill Fireworks Spectacular 2018. The background is dark blue with yellow and white fireworks exploding. The text is in yellow and white. A yellow banner contains the event location and date. Below that, it says 'ALL PROCEEDS TO NAPHILL COMMUNITY PROJECTS'. The timing is 'FIRE LIGHTING AT 6.15PM DISPLAY FROM 7PM'. Ticket prices are listed at the bottom: 'ADULTS £5.50 BEFORE THE DAY £7.50 ON THE DAY CHILDREN (AGES 5 - 12) £2 BEFORE THE DAY £2.50 ON THE DAY (UNDER 5'S FREE)'. The website 'www.naphillfireworks.co.uk' is at the bottom, and a note says 'PLEASE DO NOT BRING SPARKLERS ETC. TO THE EVENT'.

RAF High Wycombe News

The RAF Centenary Baton Relay involved a specially designed baton being carried to 100 sites associated with the RAF both in the U.K. and abroad, over 100 days. Some of you may have seen it at Napfest this year.

It began its journey at the Royal Court of Justice on the 1st of April and ended its journey on the 10th of July at Horseguards Parade during the RAF 100 celebrations.

During the relay Lady Hillier, service personnel and their spouses, walked the baton along the banks of the Thames to Marlow where it was passed to Air Chief Marshal Sir Stephen Hillier, Chief of the Air Staff, where it continued along the Thames on a dragon boat on its way to London.



Pictured here is our Station Commander, his wife and some of the RAF High Wycombe team who took part in the relay.



RAF High Wycombe wanted to create a lasting legacy to commemorate 100 years of the RAF, what better way than a community mosaic. Joanna Dewfall from Dewfall Mosaics was commissioned to design a large mosaic based on the RAF 100 logo.

Members of the RAF community were invited to come along and add a piece or two, we had over 200 participants over the space of two days, the youngest was 1 week old!

The first piece was laid by a servicewoman on her first day at RAF High Wycombe and the last piece was laid by Natalie Daly who is due to join the RAF in January,

Group Captain Rob Wood, our Station Commander, joined in too with his family, it was a real community event!

The completed mosaic will be displayed on 1 & 2 Site before finding its permanent home on 3 Site. It is currently 'lodging' in the HIVE beside the Thrift Shop if anyone wants to have a look.

Dani Bowman



The Grange Cafe
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
Saunderton HP27 9NS



Chiltern Hills Arboriculture

So, with the hot weather upon us, it feels important to keep our grass and plants well hydrated (hosepipe bans notwithstanding).

The best time of day to water is late evening once the sun has gone down and the air is cooler. Watering through the heat of the day will just result in surface evaporation, the hydration not reaching the roots of your plants and lawns, and the whole effort being wasted.

Having said that, it is important not to over water. If you grow tomato plants, and your ripe fruits are showing signs of cracking in their skins, this is a sign of over watering, or inconsistent watering. Plants like the "little and often" approach. Over watering or "binge" watering can result in root rot, yellow leaves, and leaf roll (top most leaves turning inwards and upwards, leaving leaves firm, rigid, or crumbly). This condition tends to happen overnight, but does not necessarily mean the death of your harvest.

Down on the allotments, hose pipes are not an option. I tend to look at watering the veg, using cans, as an aerobic exercise alternative to gym membership. It's like lifting weights and using the treadmill at the same time.

If your lawn turns brown, and appears to die off during July and August, worry not. I remember back to the days of my youth. The 'baking' summer of 1976. Temperatures hit record highs, for record durations. On top of this we had the hosepipe ban. Our back garden looked like the outback of Northern Queensland, Australia by early September..... and still the grass was lush and green the following spring.

My advice. Enjoy the weather while it lasts. The rain will be back soon enough.

Mike

Chiltern Hills Arboriculture

Growing Your Own

If you were to ask me, of my 45 years of growing fruit and vegetables in my garden and on my allotment, which was the most difficult year I would have replied without hesitation, 2018. If you recall, we had fairly incessant rain from January to early May, accompanied by very cold conditions. I normally sow carrot seed at the end of March, but by the end of April the soil was still sodden and cold. I knew that if I sowed small seeds they would lie there and rot without germinating.

Then, after a week of May, we had an abrupt change of climate to sunny, warm and dry. I sowed two rows of carrots and other small seeds, then had the opposite problem. They germinated but were immediately in danger of being frazzled by the intense sun and complete lack of rain. So I had to water just to keep them alive!! I never have to do that!! Usually my soil contains lots of water-retentive material and occasional rain helps a lot. At the time of writing I have heard that this hot dry period will go on through July and August and into September, albeit with the odd short period of

rain from time to time. Also, in the south-east of the UK, in June we had 5% of the normal rainfall and it might have been the driest June on record!! That shows how difficult a period it has been when trying to grow your own.

At the time of writing I am ever more grateful for 45 years of applying copious quantities of farmyard manure to my allotment and garden. In addition to valuable trace elements, it has added vast quantities of humus and fibre, which has made my soil very moisture-retentive. The soil level of my allotment has risen 6 to 9 inches compared to the paths both sides. In the past I had an annual load of 4.5 tons of farmyard manure but these days, seeing as my allotment soil is so rich, I have half of a 1.25-ton load, and apply it just where I think I need it most.

Even though I have such wonderful soil, that soil cannot cope with very hot dry conditions where the top couple of inches dries out like dust. I sow seeds by firstly creating a groove with my ridging tool, filling the groove with water, sowing the seeds, then putting dry soil on top and tamping down. If I then have to water for reasons given above I am causing roots to prefer to grow upwards where the water is, rather than down into the permanently-damp soil underneath. I know that watering is all wrong but I have to do it otherwise the seeds would be frazzled. What a dilemma!

Good gardening,

Mike Mason



The Windmill is open on Sunday's 2-5pm. Mike has kindly given me a set of superb photos of the restored interior which I hope to share with you in a future edition of the Gazette.

Sonia



Naphill Village Hall & Playing Fields Council

Registered charity number 300309

Chairmans Report

On Monday July 2nd. The village hall committee meeting was held. Various items were discussed, among them funding for the new playground equipment. I reported that I had attended Hughenden Parish council finance committee meeting as we had applied for a grant to help us buy some more playground equipment that had been condemned and removed, after some discussion the village hall was given a grant of £5000 but with a couple of provisions, that we match fund the amount and organise events to raise £5000. Also, to provide an invoice for the equipment by 31st. March 2019. Some ideas were put forward for fundraising but it would be good if some of the mums and dads whose children use the playground would become involved, so if you have some ideas and can help, please email me at the village hall website.

The roof was also discussed and although the new flat roof was completed and is watertight there is still a small leak from either the veranda or kitchen roofs where they join over Bon Ami. The problem of finding the source of the leak is this great weather we are having at the moment, it has not rained since Napfest and trying to find the leak with a hosepipe does not identify it. So, we await the rain!

A safeguarding policy was approved for the village hall after some minor amendments and we are moving forward with the new health and safety policy.

To apply for some of the grants that may be available, the village hall needs to include a dissolution clause in the constitution of the village hall, this clause has to be approved by the committee and then adopted at the AGM when the public can attend. As the constitution says that the trustees only hold the village hall and playing fields in trust for the people of the village of Naphill the clause will identify what happens in the event of the village hall not being able to continue to operate.

The village hall buildings and contents insurance was renewed at the beginning of June and the amounts were increased on both buildings and contents to reflect present day values and this resulted in an extra premium, so the total was £3,400.

The decision was taken to renew the software licence for the village hall booking system and this cost £180.

Some trustees have expressed concern at the level of responsibility that is implicit in being a trustee and one possible solution is for the village hall to have a smaller management committee of trustees to meet monthly for decision making then a larger meeting for all stakeholders that would take place quarterly. All villagers are welcome to express their views on this.

As Napfest was more of an event than usual, the financial result has not been finalised to date as there are still some bills to pay and monies to come in but we seem to have had a bumper year. A brilliant outcome from Linda Clark and the Napfest committee with loads of help from the RAF.

Clive Lawrence
Chairman Naphill Village Hall.

Naphill & Walter's Ash School

July 2018



Goodbye from our School Reporters

As the summer term comes to an end, we are sad to announce that this will be our last addition to the gazette. We have really enjoyed Year 6 and will now tell you some of our favourite moments of this year.

T: For this edition I think we should do something special. So we are going to put **T** for what I (Thomas) say and **O** for what Orlando says.

O: Let's start at the beginning

T: Getting our JLT badges and ties. It felt amazing, I was so happy! Next, we had the 11+ which turned out to be much easier than the hundreds of practice papers our parents had forced us to do for the year leading up to Y6!

O: Then, at the end of March, we went to Rhos Y Gwaliau, an outdoor activity centre – it was an amazing experience. But the best day was on Monday, when my group climbed up a freezing Welsh mountain to explore a Victorian slate mine. We had a great time touring the mine and seeing the tools that the Victorians had used such as the mine cart and pickaxe. But then, as we tried to get out, we discovered that the lock was frozen; we were trapped! Hurriedly, our instructor ran back across the mine to use the 150-year-old pickaxe to break the lock. We were free!

T: There were also evening activities at Rhos, my favourite was swimming because it was nice to relax in warm water after being surrounded by cold water while canoeing and gorge walking. The instructors were awesome and we wrote letters to thank them for what they did.

O: Then at the end of the school year, we started to audition for our play – Shakespeare Rocks! I was lucky enough to be chosen to be Shakespeare.

T: And I'm in the back corner doing sound. That was also quite hard because we had to make the sound effects come in at the right time.

O: Everyone had to learn their lines, dance moves and song lyrics and it was hard work, especially in the heat. I have always enjoyed acting and felt really proud performing.

We have thoroughly enjoyed writing for the gazette this year and telling you about everything we've done this year. We leave you in the capable hands of next year's Media Team.

Thomas and Orlando

Thank you Thomas and Orlando! We have all enjoyed your reports and wish you well as you start the next exciting stage of your school life. *Sonia*





A Journey into a Very Satisfying and Happy Year

A brief request on Naphill fb page started a very happy year. A call was put out for volunteers to listen to the younger children read at Naphill & Walters Ash school. I replied to the 'shout out' saying I would love to help, also confessing at the same time that I am a lady of very senior years. This (kindly) didn't put them off and a couple of weeks into the start of the year I joined this very charming and well-mannered school!

I felt very much a nervous newbie on my first day, but no time to be shy, I was expected, and had been allocated reading with year1 and year 4! I was pointed in the classroom direction and so my adventure began!

The year ones were so sweet, I had forgotten how small they were at this age, yet in the main, quite confident, sizing me up pretty shrewdly to see what this new lady was going to be like!

I have got to know these kids over the year, heard their confidences (don't panic Mums! Nothing awful) rejoiced with them on the birth of new siblings or the acquisition of a pet. The biggest excitement of all has been watching them go up the colour bands of their reading books. It is the most enjoyable thing in the world to be greeted by a very proud and excited child on a Tuesday who can't wait to tell you "I'm now on orange or maybe turquoise" some have even reached the giddy heights of "gold"

I started with reading with year four, but not for long! I was asked if I could sew. I assured them I was no Norman Hartnell but was quite happy to have a go. Year 4 and I spent a term learning to thread needles (unthreading seemed easier!), achieve a basic running stitch (more tacking with some!) We sewed tepees, gave them doors which closed with a hook and eye. Progress was slow so not everyone had a go. Shame but time was short.



But this summer term we were given a project to make two mosaic floors, as the children were learning all about the Romans. Every child had a go this time! And what a wonderful time we all had cutting, sticking and gluing. The result pleased the children, relaxed them, and I think also helped them to talk to a stranger and discuss all sorts of topics while still working.

Never hesitate to offer your services to this school, they are very welcoming, even if you are very mature! It has been a wonderful year and I would love it if they would ask me back again!

Margaret Hunter

Editorial Comment: My grateful thanks to the yr.4 children, Margaret, the school staff and Himself. (Paul Goby. the photographer for this article). *Sonia*

WANSA WONDERLAND Summer Fete 2018



Naphill & Walter's Ash School Association

What a fabulous day at WANSA Wonderland ... the weather was perfect, the burgers were juicy and the Pimms was cold!

It was wonderful to see so many of you come and enjoy the day and support the school, we do hope you had a great time!

Many thanks to this year's sponsors:

Naphill & Walters Ash Out of School Club
Country Supplies
Tyre Team
Coles & Blackwell
Chicken/egg
The Co-Op
The Wye Partnership
Art & Office

We really appreciate the support!

Don't forget to join our WANSA Facebook page so you can find out more of our events.

Karen Davis



Naphill Brownies

We've had a great few weeks at brownies

We were very excited when Merv the horse came to visit: Merv belongs to one of our wonderful young leaders. The brownies were able to learn how to approach a horse and then stroke and feed him. We were impressed that all the girls had the courage to stroke him as many had never been that close to a horse before

We spent a fun evening creating all sorts of bubbles experimenting with various contraptions made from string, bottles, socks...etc – some made gigantic bubbles, some made lots of tiny bubbles.

And then there was our bear adventure.

The residents of Downley Road did us proud. There were bears in the windows, driving cars, up trees, having picnics...the brownies absolutely loved going on a bear hunt. Thank you so much to all who made this so amazing.

And then our bears went on their own adventure in the woods – they climbed trees, swung from rope swings, even went down a zip wire – some were very adventurous.



And all finishing up with a Teddy Bears' (and brownies) picnic. It's great being a brownie leader!

Have a nice summer everyone and don't forget to save your jumble for us for our autumn sale.

Brown Owl

Ruth Daly 565571. ruth.daly3@btinternet.com
1st Naphill Brownies - Thursdays 5:45-7pm

Naphill and Hughenden Cubs

It's been a busy few months for the two cub packs. Once the clocks changed the focus has been on outdoor activities and the recent spell of hot dry weather has allowed the most to be made of the great outdoors and appreciate the beautiful surroundings we live in. In addition to the Crick the cubs have been making use of the Common, the Scout hut in Speen and also with kind permission of the Parish Council, Vincent's Meadow, which is a great asset for running wide games.

Some of the activities the Cubs have done in the evenings include cricket, cycling, gardening (including growing potatoes on our local allotment), navigation as part of walks to and from Hughenden Manor and back woods cooking.

The two packs have also come together for a number of events such as kayaking, geocaching, athletics and

most recently a weekend camp at PACCAR Chalfont Heights. 42 cubs along with leaders and parent helpers took part in the weekend camp. The weather was perfect for camping under canvas. Over the weekend the cubs took part in a number of group activities including adventure trails, archery and caving. All the cubs helped to prepare their own food including the vegetables for their foil packet meals before cooking them on open fires and last but not least, there was singing around the camp fire.

It's been a great summer for the cubs and they've earned lots of badges and hopefully learned some new skills. Naphill and Hughenden has one of the largest group of cubs in the area but this is only possible thanks to all the leaders, committee members and parent helpers who give up their time to organise the activities and share their knowledge with the cubs. Thanks to all those who have helped over the past year.

Thoughts have already turned to next year and planning is already underway for the autumn. If anyone has any interesting hobbies, or are members of sports clubs looking to get new people involved, that they would like to share with the cubs then please let one of the leaders know. Email addresses are in the front of the Gazette

Martin Bedows
Beth Foster

Editorial Comment: *The photographs submitted with both of the articles on this page were lovely but the file sizes were too small to process for printing. They possibly have been processed as "resized for web" and at 72dpi and small files, I cannot use them. I am very sorry, I truly do my best and hate to disappoint!*

Sonia



**Guide
& Brownie
Jumble Sale**

**7th October
Naphill Village Hall
1.30pm**

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

NO ELECTRICAL GOODS PLEASE!

From Sir David Lidington MP

Reflections on two summer fetes

The festival of Eid, marking the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, is one of the most important of the Muslim year. Eid is looked forward to and celebrated by our local Muslim communities in Aylesbury and High Wycombe along with their fellow-believers around the world.

In the last few years, the Aylesbury mosque has made a big effort to invite people from all religious traditions and communities in the town to join in their celebrations. A little while ago, I was delighted to join friends from the mosque and beyond in cutting the cake for the Eid Fayre, an event that's rapidly becoming an annual feature of the Aylesbury events calendar.

What I really like is how the Eid Fayre blends two great celebratory traditions: Eid, with its significance to Muslims, and the English love of summer fetes and fayres. I actually went to both the Eid Fayre and the Speen village fete on the same day (and just caught the end of the Risborough festival too!) and was struck by the similarities. Both had stalls fundraising for charity and others promoting local public services and voluntary organisations. Both were selling food and drink. Both had children's activities. Oh, and both had

lots of people cheering on England in their quarter-final game.

Yes, there were some differences: there was no alcohol and no raffle at the Eid Fayre. But the mood at both was the same: a local community coming together to enjoy themselves and inviting the neighbours to join them.

I went home that evening thinking that, whatever our problems and challenges, there are some things in this country that we are getting right. Of course we need to do a lot more to make sure that we as a country get the right balance between national unity and solidarity and respect for the diversity that is a key feature of modern England and modern Britain, but that Saturday afternoon in July renewed my optimism about the future.

Update on local government reform

The public consultation has closed on the government's "minded to" proposal to accept the plan for a single unitary council in Buckinghamshire to replace both County and District Councils. Due process needs to be observed, but I have urged the new Secretary of State, James Brokenshire, to make his decision as soon as possible.

David Lidington

Naphill Tennis Club

Tennis is in full swing as usual. Our popular Adult Improvers' Coaching on a Wednesday morning has now stopped for the summer holidays but will resume in the Autumn. Meanwhile, we have the following tennis activities coming up for youngsters to enjoy:

Children's Tennis Camps (Tots-to-Teens)
Monday 20th to Friday 24th August.
Come for one session or more.

Cost per day per child

| Time | Age | Tennis Club Members | Non Members |
|-----------------|----------|---------------------|-------------|
| 9.30am -10.15am | 3-4.5yrs | £5.00 | £5.00 |
| 9.30am -1.00pm | 4.5-9yrs | £15.00 | £20.00 |
| 1.30pm - 4.30pm | 9+ yrs | £15.00 | £20.00 |

Please contact our coach, Melanie Burn, on 07949 128195/01844 343478 or email: melebbles@hotmail.com to book your child's place.



Naphill Tennis Club

BARN DANCE & SUPPER

Friday 28 September

Naphill Village Hall

Ploughman's Supper & Puds
+ Dancing to the excellent
Pickled Tink Band

Further details from
Jenny Tench
01494 565406
email:jttench@gmail.com
or see our
website at
www.naphilltennisclub.org.uk

Bradenham Parish Council

At its July meeting the parish council was pleased to see that after many years of flooding problems on Rectory Lane in Bradenham and many years of urging to have something done, the County Council has placed 2 new drains in the road and put a new soakaway in the adjoining field. Now waiting on rain to see if this works.

The parish council had taken on devolved services, for us this is mainly grass cutting in the 30mph zone, from Bucks County Council some years ago and the contract is coming up for renewal. The parish council is pleased with the way we have been able to manage the services and agreed to continue with the delivery of devolved services. The County Council have promised to continue funding this.

The parish council was pleased to see that Wycombe District Council had done a litter pick on Bradenham Woods Lane, as they were planning on organising one themselves.

Soon you will see a dog waste bin by the pond in Bradenham. The problem of bags with dog waste is not getting any less, so the parish council decided to buy and pay for a dog bin and the emptying of this themselves. The National Trust have agreed to this. It is hoped it will be well used.

Our next meeting will be Monday 3rd September 2018 at Bradenham Cricket club. All residents are welcome.

Deirdre Hansen
Clerk to the Council

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

The following local planning applications received by Wycombe District Council (WDC) between 18th June and 16th July were discussed, and any responses by NAWARA appear on the WDC website.

18/06411/VCDN Stoneleigh Coombe Lane Naphill HP14 4QX. Variation of conditions 4 (plan numbers) attached to PP 16/06817/FUL (Erection of 1 x 4 bedroom detached dwelling with integral garage and construction of new detached garage for Stoneleigh and associated access alterations) To allow for minor material amendments to be made to the external appearance and internal layout of the dwelling. Received 11.06.18 Target Date for Determination: 06.08.2018. **18/06566/FUL.7 Ash Close Walters Ash HP14 4TR.** Householder application for raising of roof, roof extension/alterations in connection with creation of first floor living accommodation. Received 14.06.18 Target for Determination: 09.08.2018.

Decisions. Permitted

18/06278/ FUL 2 Victoria Cottages, Downley Road, Naphill. HP14 4RG 18/06353/CLP Melvern, Stocking Lane, Naphill. HP14 4NE.



REMINDER. Public Examination by Inspector of WDC New Local. The Hearing on Rural Areas. Policy RUR7 for housing development on GB/AONB field off Clappins Lane, Walter's Ash, amongst others,

is taking place at 9.30am in the Council Chamber on Thursday 6th September 2018. Ian Hall and Phil Conran will represent NAWARA. Public may attend but cannot take part in discussions with the Inspector.

NAWARA QUIZ Friday 12th October 2018. Naphill Village Hall. Another chance to take part and enjoy this popular event. Hot meal. Full Bar, raffle and prizes. Teams up to Six - as far as possible. For tickets, £12 per head, please ring 563634 or 07802 235578. Do book early. See poster for details. We look forward to seeing you.

Gloria Leflaive - 563634

Naphill & Walter's Ash Resident's Association

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Shear Madness

Wow, well all I can say is SCORCHIO! but to be fair I'm sure you can all still remember the awful long, long winter so I think we deserve it. Who watched the World Cup ? I think we did really well and we represented our country perfectly, I also thought it was nice that Gareth Southgate gave every one a hug when we lost, it was very touching.

Sorry, holiday time again. I will be closed bank holiday weekend as usual and from September 21st and open Friday 5th October.

Wishing all the little ones good luck starting school, new year 7's be brave, you will be fine and all my Uni/College babies starting off on their grown up world, don't forget to phone your mum ! Yes I worry about you too, I have seen you all grow into wonderful children/adults and I couldn't be more proud of you all.

Here is to a happy, safe long summer.

Mandy

The Black Lion

We are looking forward to our next Macmillan Family Fundraising weekend on the August Bank Holiday weekend 25th & 26th August. Please come and join us for this fun filled weekend for a very worthwhile cause. More details on our Facebook page and in the pub nearer the time.

We are collecting raffle prizes so if you would like to donate any children's or adult's prizes then please pop them to Jack at the pub.

Just a reminder that we are serving a full vegan menu including a starter, 4 choices of main meals and a dessert. Food is served Tuesdays to Saturdays 12-3pm and 6-9pm (5-9pm on Fridays) and Sundays 12-6pm.

We have recently hosted some private parties – if you would like us to host your event and provide the catering then please contact us.

All of our customers have enjoyed watching the football on the big screen – it has been a great atmosphere so thank you! Let's hope It's Coming Home in 2020.

We look forward to seeing you in the garden soon.

Thanks again for all your support.

Jack, Sian and the team

Naphill Neighbours

We had a lovely day for our outing to Eastbourne last month – sunny, sea breezes, relaxed. Now we are looking forward - and hoping for the same weather - to Friday 10 August, when we are off to Saville Garden, Runnymede and a river trip with a cream tea included. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 9am.

Our next club meeting will not be until Monday 10 September, when a very popular speaker, Malcolm Nelson, makes a return visit. His subject on this occasion will be "A NATION OF THIEVES".

Wishing all our members a pleasant and sunny break, whether spent at home or away.

Hazel Vickery - 563977

Bon Ami

The holiday season is about to begin; Amanda is currently packing her suitcase.

We both have annual leave booked, however, we have some brilliant new staff members helping keep Bon Ami afloat throughout the summer. We will be well stocked with cold drinks, iced coffee, and ice creams to keep you all cool.

Although we are not wishing the summer to be over we wanted to let everyone know that our Macmillan Coffee Morning will take place on Friday 28th September 2018. We look forward to a very busy day making lots of funds for this extremely worthwhile cause.

Have a fabulous summer; see you here on the Crick.

Amanda & Ruth

Appeal for Sports Sponsors for Princes Risborough Secondary School

Hoping (and knowing) there are small local businesses, large Corporates and generous people out in our community who consider Sport in our local school PRINCES RISBOROUGH SECONDARY, just as important as the academics taught there - if so, I really do hope you will read on..... Since Government cuts in Education funding, PRS Secondary is unable to give a departmental budget to extra curricular Sport.

Understandably most of the budget goes towards academic / school essentials. I have been 'blown away' with the first class support, teaching & encouragement the entire PRS Sports Department have offered to our own son - for example in Football they regularly win the local District Leagues and Cups, and this year won the U15s Buckinghamshire County Cup! ... It is vital that the school is able to offer our teenagers the extra-curricular activities and sport in particular - We all know that sport helps focus our young children, increase self-motivation and enables them to react well to winning and losing, as well as being good for their health - It also removes them from their gaming devices & phones for a while!

So, my plea to anyone out there who may be able to help by becoming a 'Sponsor' of the all important PRS Football teams - equipment that they desperately require are Footballs and Full Kit for younger and older groups - in return, you will have your logo printed on the kit / teamwear, broadcasting of your company via Twitter @PRSfootball, and your company details would be put up in the PRS Community Sports Hall, along with the knowledge that you are supporting our local youngsters who are eager to compete in fantastic events in the community! (Sponsor Packages range from £100 - £600 with options in between) If you would like to know more, or how you can help, please do contact me by direct message and I would be pleased to give you further details. Many thanks for reading.

Anne Graziano
anngraziano@hotmail.com

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Meet the Manager at the Wye Country, Naphill Office



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Firstly, I should introduce myself. My name is Alan Draper and I have lived in Walter's Ash for 8 years, having moved from a nearby village. I have been married to my wife, Joanne, for 33 years, and we have two (now grown up) daughters who unfortunately do not want to leave Walter's Ash just yet! I served in the Metropolitan Police for 30 years before recently taking up my role with Wye Country estate agents in the village. You may have seen me walking our beloved apricot cockapoo, Daisy, around the village and countryside until she unfortunately passed away a few months ago, and as such it gives me great pleasure to watch dogs passing by my new office with their owners (and sometimes without!).

With this in mind, I thought it would be fun to create "Daisy's Diner" outside the office located at 129

Main Road, Naphill. This is where your dog can rehydrate in the hot weather we have been having. A bag of doggie treats awaits for each pooch that pops in to have their photo taken. Each month I will be featuring "Daisy's Dog of the Month" and their photo will be featured on our Facebook page and in the Gazette.

Having dealt with the purchase and sales of a number of properties over many years, I can fully acknowledge how stressful the buying/selling process can be. I also recognise how, on occasions, Estate Agents can appear to contribute to these stress levels. It is as a result of these experiences that Wye run their offices differently, and places the focus on our customers. Whether you are in the market to buy or sell, the service provision will be tailored to make the experience as efficient and stress-free as possible.

As a member of the community myself, I think it is important to stress that as a local and independent Estate Agent, Wye Country can provide a personalised experience, with in-depth area knowledge. It is my intention to engage with community members and to get to know you better. If you are thinking about selling, buying or letting a property, come in and speak to me or give me a call on 01494 565555. I can advise you on the best way forward or your possible options, no strings attached. If you simply have a four legged friend that fancies posing for a photo in exchange for a treat, please pop in.

Alan Draper
Manager Wye Country - Naphill Office
01494 565555



New to Area Business Announcement

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Editorial Comment: *Monika has recently moved to this area and asked for a feature advertisement space. Unfortunately, there are no spaces and the waiting list grows ever longer! Subject to space, I try to fit these business announcements in.*

The Chihuahua in this photo is NOT my Carlos! Anybody who knows Carlos will know that there is no chance of him sitting still long enough to pose!

Sonia

The Wheel

August has now arrived and we all already feel like we've had an amazing summer. I just hope that the sun continues through the school holidays. July has been a great month with fantastic weather throughout and I know many have struggled especially our four-footed friends. I personally really enjoy the sun but have suffered with bee and wasp stings which has not been at all fun (I can definitely recommend you don't put a spade through the middle of a wasp nest)!!

The Wheel is known to be a rugby pub, but we have been supporting the England football team throughout the World Cup. The atmosphere in the front bar has been electric and the addition of an extra TV outside made a huge difference from the quarter finals and onwards.

We have had a busy month improving the gardens and we have bought some great high tables for the smoking area and the front of the pub, they look fantastic and are a great asset. We have also been digging up and paving the back garden, it will have a secluded courtyard feel and is somewhere to hide from the heat of the sun in the early evening. Once all of it has been completed we will be making the back garden an Adults Only Area!!

It is now the time of year that all the staff are off on their holidays so lots of shifts will change, we would also like to welcome Alison Strange to The Wheel team. I would also like to congratulate Annabel on getting a 1st in her degree, and we have our fingers and toes crossed for Annie and Jack on their A level results.

Chef and I have been busy in the kitchen and have finished our Christmas menu, yes, it's early but when you all get back from your summer break we will be ready to take your bookings.

Once again thank you to everyone for their custom and to all the staff for their hard work and we hope you all have an amazing summer.

Claire and Mark

A Message from Bradenham Vicarage

What are we hoping for?

Wow! What a summer we are having. Back in April, when the last of the winter's harsh weather had dissipated, we dared to hope that this year we would finally have a 'really good summer'. At the time of writing, there has been no significant rainfall in the area since 29th May, making some 7 weeks of glorious summer sunshine and heat, with more to come.

Then, as the World Cup football tournament began, we dared to begin to hope, to believe, that this year England might actually win - and for a while it looked as though they actually had a chance. The tsunami of hyperbole that followed their finally being knocked out of the competition highlighted the depth of feeling that can be engendered by 11 men kicking a 16oz inflated ball around a field. Tragic, gutted, catastrophe, disaster

all featured in the reactions - my English teacher always used to tell us off for using such words since, were there to be a real disaster/catastrophe/tragedy, what words would we have left to describe it?

Then there was Serena Williams, who dared to hope, believe even, that she would be able to emulate the record of Margaret Court - and for a while it looked as though she actually had a chance....

'Hope springs eternal in the human breast' wrote Alexander Pope in An Essay on Man (1733), but just what do we hope for? Humanity, it seems, is hard-wired to hope. The altruistic amongst us may hope for world peace, perfect justice, an end to global hunger and disease - most of us just hope to have our bank accounts still in credit at the end of the month. 'Hope springs eternal....' in the ancient Greek story of Pandora's Box, when all the troubles of the world are released, at the end there is hope.

There is always hope, but when we put our hopes in the talents of humankind or the capriciousness of the weather, those hopes will inevitably be dashed. When the end comes for our beautiful summer, it is likely to include thunderstorms and flash floods. When the end came for this summer's sporting heroes, they had quite simply been bested by their opponents.

But there is one source of hope we can be sure of and with it hope's 'sibling' - faith. The Bible talks a lot about faith and hope; when we put our hope in God, he is steadfast and sure. As the Psalmist wrote 'No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame' (Psalm 25:3). Centuries later, Saint Paul wrote 'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see' (Hebrews 11:1) - in other words, by putting our hopes, our faith, our trust in God, we are entrusting ourselves to the right thing.

This is a hope that will not end in defeat but in a glorious face to face meeting with the creator of the universe. Now that's something really worth hoping for!

May you know God's blessing in your life and may his love surround you and those whom you love.

Jenny Ellis

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We allow them just two months off: August and December. This gives them time to rest before not only delivering again but, around April / May, knocking on your door to collect your subscription for the year.

Whilst I truly appreciate being given, with Mike, the Good Neighbour award for 2018, I believe that each of our deliverers, present and past, should hold the title too.

So, deliverers, all 32 of you, whether you deliver 5 or 66 (and all amounts in between) **thank you very, very much**, you are all 'Stars'.

Pauline Pool
Distribution Manager

Naphill Evening WI

Our birthday party on 21 June came up to its usual high standard, with members bringing a savoury or sweet dish for the buffet table. We always have such a delicious variety. The hall looked lovely too, set up by the committee with table decorations by Joan.

We have also had our Croquet and Games evening, hosted by Richard and Valerie Pushman. No cardigans needed this year as it was another lovely warm evening. There were not so many of us at this event but we had an enjoyable evening and tried our hands at croquet, clock golf and darts. (Not that many of us managed to hit the dart board.)

As you read this we will have already heard our speaker Peter Hague talking of Yorkshire, Food and Traditions. The Food Group will also have lunched at the Three Horseshoes and be looking forward to afternoon tea at the Red Lion Café in Bradenham on 29 August.

The Craft Group have recently met, but it was rather hot for sewing and quite a few of us were away or unable to attend. However, we will meet again in September when we will be designing a pennant to represent Naphill WI. All WIs in the county have been asked to make one and they will be displayed at county events.

We do not meet in August but our meeting on 20 September will be an open meeting when everyone is welcome. The talk will be on the Work of the Wycombe Homeless Connection, and donations of suitable clothes or food by members would be appreciated.

Hoping everyone has a lovely summer.

Carol Gilliam

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Last Word

This edition of our magazine is a bit sad as we have said goodbye to our regular school correspondents, Thomas and Orlando. They have done a fantastic job! I wish all our "school leavers" every success and happiness as they move on.

Thankfully, with the goodbyes, we have a "hello". The manager at Wye Country promises to become a regular Gazette correspondent so, welcome Alan Draper! I am assured too, that when the new yr6 children settle back to school, we will be welcoming new school correspondents so more good news!

As always, my sincere thanks to ALL our magazine delivery team and our contributors! Sometimes I worry that there won't be enough to fill the magazine but you never let me down and I still deem it a huge privilege to be your editor.

There is no September Gazette so the delivery team and contributors get a well earned rest! Copy date for the October edition is 15 September.

Happy, sunny holidays everyone, keep safe and I look forward to talking to you all again soon.

Sonia

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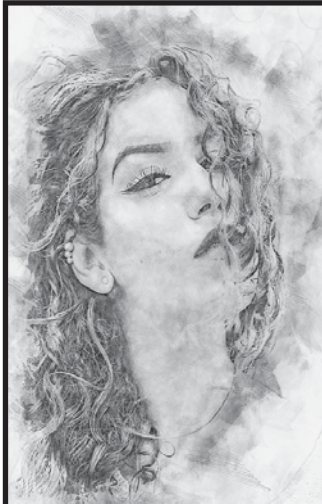
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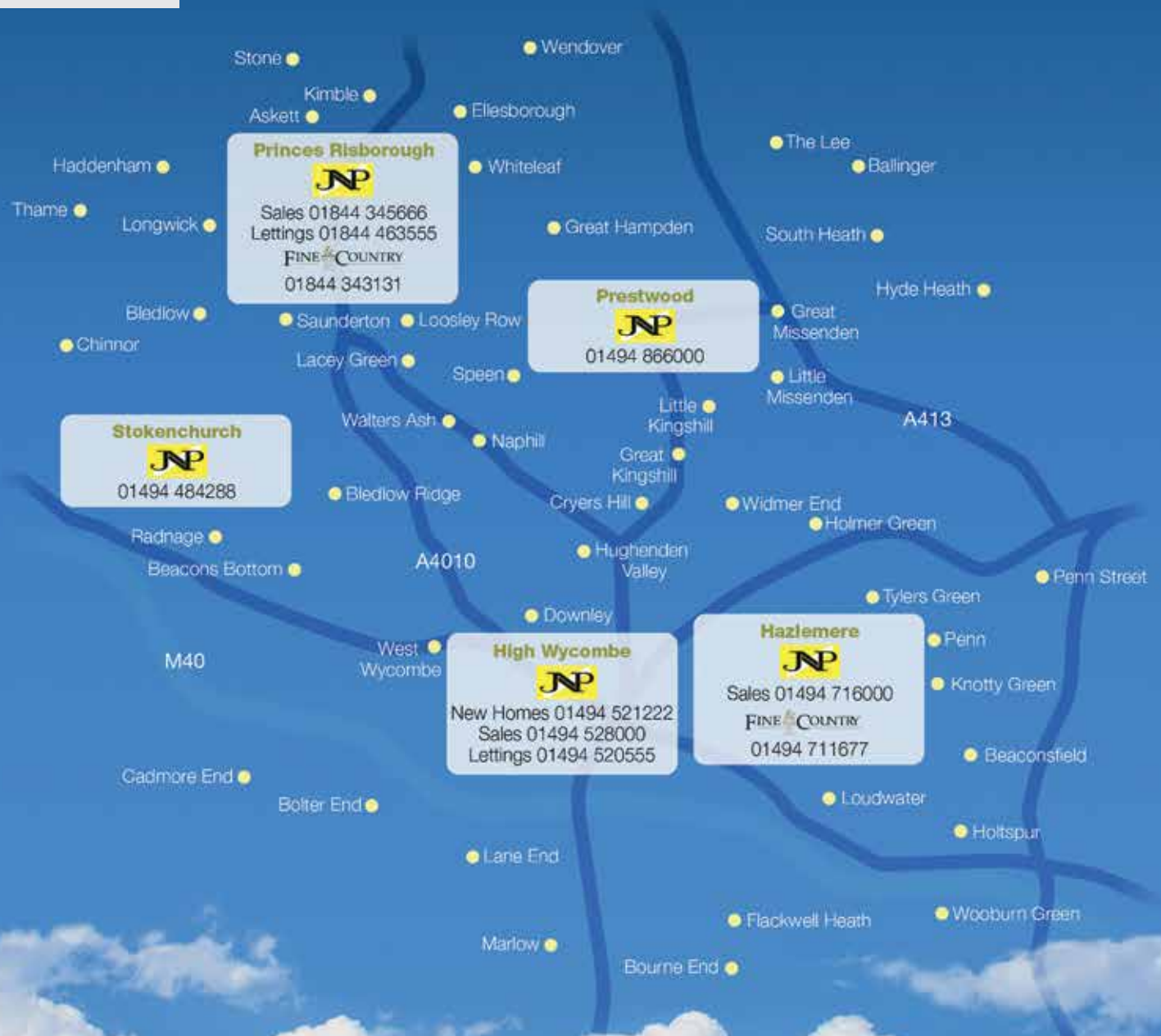
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