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## T I M E M A R C H E S O N .

This being our first appearance in 1940, it would in normal times be our pleasant duty to wish all our readers a happy new year. In such times as these we wish it just the same, and most sincerely, but is there any hope of such a wish being fulfilled? We feel that it is not outside the bounds of possibility. Of course none of us can be happy until this war is over and won, and knowledge of the rightness of our cause, together with absolute confidence in the men who are fighting it for us makes us optimistic enough to wish it.

## SOCIETY GOSSIP

Our non-appearance on Jan 1st. caused a certain amount of stir in high places. The fact is that our entire staff was feeling the strain of over-work and took a week's holiday at a very awkward time (as far as publication was concerned). However, here we are again, with renewed strength and vigour, and here we hope to stay for quite a long time yet.

Some of our readers will have noticed that a car-park is in course of construction at the side of the Village Hall. We gather that there is some misunderstanding concerning the cost and payment for this work. It has been said that the money so earnestly solicited before Christmas is to be used for. This is definitely not so. The entire cost of the car-park is paid with money received from the County Council in return for the strip of playing field given to them for the Footpath. This money was tied down by the Public Trustee to be spent on improvement of the Playing Field and its amenities, and anyone who wallowed on that mud-patch a few weeks ago will agree that the Village Hall Council are putting the money to a very good purpose.

The season immediately before Christmas, generally known as Advent, was re-named by one of our visitors as the Season of Touch. Every two or three days it seemed that there was a new call for subscriptions for some good cause or other, to which the people of Naphill, as always, gave generously.

A sudden epidemic of cases of people coming over faint in the street early this month was at first thought to be a new kind of

'flu'. It was later proved to be due to shock at seeing that work on the Footpath had actually begun after all these years.

In spite of weather conditions which were not helpful there was quite a good gathering at the Annual Carol Concert held in the Hall a week before Christmas. Solos by Miss N. Brown and Mr. N. Mead were very much appreciated by the audience, who filled in the gaps with lusty singing of the time-honoured hymns. The work of the Chapel Choir in leading the singing and in giving excerpts from their repertoire was also something to be grateful for. The collection on behalf of the sick and needy in the Village amounted to 33'6, and at a Village Hall Council meeting two days later this was apportioned out to those known to be most in need of it.

On the two nights prior to the Carol Concert mentioned above Ron Wheeler produced his revue 'Milestones' to crowded audiences, who thoroughly enjoyed the varied fare provided for them by a most enthusiastic band of performers. The youngsters of both Schools let themselves go in a number of cleverly-written topical sketches, and provided the greater part of the entertainment, but there was also a very welcome dramatic interlude by grown-ups under the guiding hand of Miss Dowson.

The profits from 'Milestones' were devoted to giving a childrens Christmas party for both Schools combined, which duly came off at the Hall on Saturday Jan 6th. Starting early in the afternoon with fun and games, followed by a grand 'spread' which in turn was

followed by a most mystifying demonstration of the conjurer's art. It can be most truly said, that a good time was had by all, and great praise is due to Mr. Wheeler and all his helpers who did such a noble job of work.

It takes a war to set aside the man-made prejudices of ages. Thus we are getting quite used to seeing ladies in what has always been known as the Men's Club. So far they do not appear to have actually invaded the billiard tables but no doubt they will soon be seen sitting round watching the play, with their fingers busy at the inevitable knitting. And maybe a spot of ironing will appeal to them.

The Annual Mistletoe Social held by the Tennis Club a few days before Christmas was a huge success the Hall holding its biggest crowd for years. We missed this time the battle of 'throwballs' which was such a rousing feature last year and the year before, but in its place we were treated to some rare acrobatic feats by gentlemen eager to get at the Balloons.

At their Weekly Social on Wednesday January 17th., the Tennis Club took the opportunity of making a presentation to Mrs. V. Hussey, who for many years now has been in charge of the refreshments on Wednesday nights. In making the presentation ( which took the form of a tea-service) Mr. Don Ing, Chairman of the Club voiced the gratitude of all the members ( and others) for the work which Mrs. Hussey had so willingly and capably done for so long a period. The whole company accorded the happy recipient three hearty cheers, and Mrs. Hussey

responded briefly. She will continue to carry on with the good work as long as the rationing trouble can be overcome.

At a grand party and dance held at the Hall on Boxing Day under the joint auspices of the Tennis Club and the Men's Club a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Shrimpton, a wedding present in the shape of a handsome fruit bowl. This presentation was made by Mr. Jack Lawrence who spoke of the high esteem in which this popular couple were held.

Building in the Village has not come to the complete standstill that at first was thought likely owing to the war. Mr. A. Shrimpton is well away with his bungalow at the back of Kate Cottage, Mr. E. Shrimpton is getting on well with another on Combe Lane, Mr. Barnes' house next to Highfield proceeds apace, and Mr White's fine building opposite 'Burnhams' is rapidly nearing completion.

It was a great shock to here just before Christmas of the death of Mrs. G.H. Lane, who was so highly esteemed by all who knew her. For many years she had taken her part in Village activities, especially in the Womens Institute, and she will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathy is with Mr. Lane.

The Censor at last allowing references to the weather last month to appear we hasten to give credit where due. On occasion we have had other things to say about Bus drivers and conductors, but this time we do hand it to them for carrying on as best they could in conditions which were about as bad as could be.

## MORE GOSSIP

Mrs. Bowell has given up the post on caretaker of the Village Hall, and has been succeeded by Mrs. J. Maloy.

On January 2 Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Oakeshott celebrated their Silver Wedding. Congratulations!

Mrs. P. Booth (nee Lawrence) presented her husband with a handsome Christmas present in the shape of a bonny son, Ian.

Early in the Morning of January 6th there was an outbreak of fire at Chiltern House, which we used to call the North Dean Club. P.C. Garret was soon on the scene, as was the Wycombe Fire Brigade, and the fire was soon out.

It has been put to us that our friends the lads on the searchlight would welcome some home comforts to help them to while away the hours of waiting between their spells of duties. In particular a wireless set would be very acceptable we understand, although we would like to emphasize that we have not been in touch with the men themselves at all. However, if our readers have anything which they would care to hand over we would be only too happy to assist in any way that we can.

We were glad to welcome home on leave several of our men-folk in uniform, among them Jack Lawrence, Ralph Lacey, Walter Lacey, Eddie Bowell, Ron Payne. Mr J. Maloy was home for a time on sick leave.

We hear that Campbell Coles and Harry Harwood have joined the Air Force Police.

At their recent meeting the Parish Council considered the condition of the Bridle path next to Bristow's brick fields and the path known as Church Lane. It was decided to take action to get them made serviceable. There was some discussion about a Pig Club at North Dean.

The Sunday evening meetings at North Dean Hall continue in all weather conditions to be very popular. Under Mr. Rowntree's fatherly eye a steady stream of speakers of all shades of thought continue to meet large and enthusiastic congregations.

The weekly Wednesday night dances at the Hall run by the Naphill Tennis Club continue to attract large attendances with uniforms playing quite a prominent part. Mr. Alan Shrimpton directs the proceeding in his usual genial manner.

The Naphill Tennis Club are running a Grand Dance on Saturday February 17th., when the proceeds will be handed to Mr. Frank Parslow, who for some time now has been laid low by illness. Tickets bought before the day are 1/3, while admission at the door will be 1/6. The Rural Rhythm Boys will supply music, and Mr. Alan Shrimpton will be M.C. Tickets may be obtained from him.

Mr. H. A. Oakeshott, who saw much service in the last war, will once again be busy soon. He takes up a commission next week.

Mr. Alan Oakeshott, who holds a commission in the R.A.F. and has already been out in France, was home on leave last week.

## SCHOOL NOTES

We still have about 60 of our evacuee friends with us, and they are certainly very impressed with their first experience of winter in the country. The Playing Field at play-time has resembled the battlefield at Waterloo (or somewhere) more than once lately.

We had two very good parties before we broke up at Christmas, one for the Infants and the other for the rest, both Schools combining. At the Infants party besides a Christmas Tree, for which we thank Mr. Preston, there was a visit from Father. R.G.W. Christmas, who was greeted with loud cheers, and proceeded to give out presents to all from a well-filled sack. A number of interesting inter-School games were played by the bigger children at their party. We have to thank all those kind people who made the parties possible by giving food or money, or by coming along and helping with the work.

The Naphill girls have made a start at knitting comforts like mittens, scarves, helmets and caps for the Forces, but are held up at the moment for want of cash to buy wool. An effort by means of a sale of interesting oddments towards the end of February will we hope set their fingers busy again. So when you hear about it, please come along and buy.

After February 1st the hours of work for both Schools will be the same, i.e. 9 a.m. till 12, and 1-30 to 4 p.m. (infants 3-30).

A visit from the County Dental Surgeon is shortly expected, when

all teeth will be looked at. We hope that when the day comes a lot of parents will come too, to hear just what the dentist has to say. They can of course please themselves whether they take his advice.

## I N F A N T W E L F A R E

The next Infant Welfare meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday February 21 at 2 p.m.

The new scales have now been purchased and are a great improvement on the old ones. The Stall still continues as an effort to raise funds for the purchase of Virol, Glucose, Cod Liver Oil, Adexolin, and Virolax, all of which are on sale to mothers at reduced prices.

So bring your babies along and let them see the Doctor, and join all the other mothers in a nice cup of tea.

## V.A.D. H O M E N U R S I N G

A V.A.D. Home Nursing class is now held each Wednesday afternoon at 2-30 in the Coffee Room, and is open, free of charge to all ladies in the Village. A fully-qualified instructress is present, and at the end of the course there is to be an examination. So, if it's home nursing you want to know about, come along next Wednesday.

Hughenden Church now has in its porch a Roll of Honour containing the names of all those of the Parish serving with the Forces.

## BILLIARDS FOR BEGINNERS.

The best advice, I think, for those who are just taking up the game of billiards, is first to get the best stance. By this I mean the most comfortable position for the player which will also give him good sighting and easy cueing.

Personally I find the best position for taking a shot is to stand with the feet fairly wide apart. The left foot is in line with the cue, and the right foot at right angles to it. Keep the head down and turn it to enable you to look along the cue when sighting for a shot. Do not make the mistake of gripping the cue. The butt-end should rest lightly on the four fingers and thumb of the right hand.

Also avoid holding the cue too near to the end, as this has a tendency to make the stroke into a scoop, i.e. instead of the cue moving in a straight line parallel to the table, the tip of the cue moves down to the cloth, and then up again.

As regards the bridge made by the left hand, and on which the cue slides, place the left hand flat on the table, spreading the fingers slightly, then raise the knuckle and place the thumb against the index finger. The cue will slide very easily between the thumb and index finger.

Practice easy cueing and, when you have an odd five minutes, try putting the cue ball on the baulk line and striking it in the centre, endeavouring to make it travel along the line, strike the cushion and come back along the same line. When proficient at this, try the same exercise for straight cueing, using the brown, blue, pink and black

spots on the table; i.e. the cue ball should cross the brown spot on its return.

More next month. N. E. M.

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In spite of wets the work in connection with the raising of funds for the proposed Hughenden Village Hall continues unabated, and on Saturday February 10th a dance is to be held at the Naphill Village Hall for this purpose.

The Naphill Tennis Club organised a coach-trip to the Hammersmith Palais De Danse last month, and the whole party thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant evening dancing to the strain of Oscar Rebin's orchestra. This very popular trip is, we understand, likely to be repeated in the near future.

We very much regret to announce the death of Mrs. F. Beale, of Walnut Tree Cottage, which took place last Monday, and we feel sure that the sympathy of all our readers will go out to Mr. Beale and family in their bereavement.

Naphill sent a large contingent to the Dance at the Wycombe Town Hall on Tuesday last organised on behalf of the Red Cross. All the farming fraternity of this part of Bucks were present, as the venture was sponsored by the local Young Farmers Club.

It is proposed to hold a great Jumble Sale in February in aid of Naphill Village Hall funds. Details will be announced later, probably by circular. Meanwhile if you come across a bit of Jumble, just put it on one side until then.

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## FIRST AID CLASS.

Our class still holds together very well in spite of inclement weather every Tuesday at 8. As one lady was heard to say the credit for this must go to our excellent Teacher Mr. Molden. At any rate we do have a good attendance, and all members are very keen both to learn and to help when necessary. We can but prepare for the worst to happen, while hoping for the best. So far we have had three practice efforts, all rather disappointing, bringing no 'casualties' to Naphill. However, with Mr. Adlam's help we managed to secure a few young folk to endure our bandaging, and so we go on learning.

We decided to finish up the course of classes with a grand finale. Each member voted for four leaders, and then names were drawn out of the hat for teams of four under these leaders to be tested at the end of the course by an approved examiner from the St. John's Ambulance.

Then one member of our class, a leader of a team, surprised us greatly by presenting a beautiful silver cup to be held by the winning team. This as you may guess gives greater zest to the competition. I want to thank Mr. Clarke of Downley Road on behalf of all members and myself for such a handsome encouraging gift.

I also have more praise and thanks to give. Another team leader, Mr. Baynam constructed a stretcher and gave some parts of same. The construction was no easy matter, as he could tell you, and although we are told by those in charge that we shall not receive any case which cannot walk or sit in a car, we

believe in being prepared, and should anyone be lying just outside the post then we could at least bring them in to safety in (comparative) comfort.

This brings me to yet another kind friend, this time not a member of the class, but who is engaged in other important National Service. Mr. P. Millbourn has been more than kind in both giving all wood and making all splints we require, giving and making the stretcher poles, and offering to make more splints as and when required.

All this kind help as you can see makes things so much easier for the Post and for me, and I do thank all who have helped in any way, including Mr. Whyte, who has offered the use of all the First Aid equipment of the Sick Fund should we need it.

We plan to finish for a short while at the end of next month, and when the class opens again all who wish to come along will be welcome whether prepared or not to help in an emergency. Further information on this point will appear in a later issue of the Gazette.

R.P.A.

## F O O T B A L L.

There is practically nothing to report this month. We have played one match only, at Tylers Green, where we lost by 4 goals to none. The other matches which we should have played have been cancelled, so that there will soon be a congestion of fixtures. Military service continues to deplete our playing strength, but in this we are no worse off than the other teams.

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# NAPHILL GAZETTE

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## ANOTHER BIRTHDAY

March, which we are told comes in like a lamb and goes out with your Income Tax, also starts a new year for this journal. We little thought, when we started it that it would still be going strong four years later. The fact remains, however, that it is, and we hope that it will be just as strong four years hence. The Staff feel the work a bit irksome now and then, but so long as it yields a profit for Village Hall Funds they are happy to be irked. Once again we thank our many readers in all parts of the globe for their kind support and for their forbearance in our many shortcomings.

### NEWS ITEMS IN BRIEF.

The Vicar of Hughenden, Rev. G. Herbert-Jones has been suffering from a torn ligament for the past few weeks following a fall, and will not be able to get about again for a week or so yet.

Mrs. H.A. Oakeshott is also laid up, but is we hear making speedy progress now.

We feel sure that the sympathy of all our readers will be with MR. and Mrs. W. Lacey in their sad bereavement. Their son Frank, who passed away last Saturday was well liked by all who knew him. Mr. W. Lacey is himself suffering with bronchitis from which we wish him a speedy recovery.

Four more evacuees from Marylebone were received one day last week, and billets found for them at North Dean.

Gas masks for babies under five years of age are now available, and mothers who have not yet received them should get in touch with the Chief Warden, Mr. C. Broom-Smith.

There has been considerable comment, we understand, about the fence which has been erected to replace the hedge which was pulled up for footpath-making. It seems that a number of people do not like the look of it and, consequently, that much-maligned body, the Village Hall Council are getting the blame. The actual position is that the Council have spent many hours considering the matter for what should replace the hedge,

and in the end the majority were of the opinion that another hedge should be planted. To this the County Council were agreeable, and they have installed the present fence as protection while the new hedge grows. When the hedge does grow there is no need for it to soar sky-wards as the other one did. Of course members of the Village are fully entitled to think the whole scheme a poor one. At the forthcoming general meeting in April they will be able to come along and say so. But will they? We shall see.

Meanwhile there has been a slight hitch in the footpath as it goes on School property, but here it is not the fault of the School Managers who gave the strip to the County Council for the path. The present difficulties, the nature of which we are not free to disclose, will, we hope soon be overcome.

The Naphill Tennis Club organised a dance last month for the benefit of Mr. Frank Parslow was very successful, and realised a profit of £5-1-8.

Continuing the good work, the Tennis Club and the Mens Club are running a Dance on Saturday next March 2nd to raise money for the provision of comforts for Naphill men who are members of His Majesty's Forces. This is to be a Gale Night, and there will be two Masters of Ceremonies, Ron Wheeler and Alan Shrimpton. The Rural Rhythm Boys will provide the music. Tickets are 1/6 each which includes refreshments, and it is hoped that there will be a big crowd.

## FOOTBALL

Only one match was played in February, on the Rye last Saturday, against Erco's Sports. Our team, after a long rest played very good football and after a well-contested game ran out winners by 2 goals to none. Our scorers were W. Day (from a penalty) and R. Busby. A new member of the team, Len Lewis, of Chiltern House, was quite successful at left half.

There remain four matches to be played, and if Naphill can win them all they should finish up at the top of the League table, which proud position they already occupy. No less than three teams have had to drop out of the League. They are Prestwood, Broomwades and Wycombe Vics. This is on account of the calls of military service. We are pretty sure that this fate will not be the lot of Naphill, for if the younger men have to go several of the Old Guard have indicated their willingness to step into the breeches to keep the team alive.

## WEDDING BELLS

The coming of Easter brings with it its usual crop of Spring weddings, and we hear that among the brides will be Miss Vera Lawrence, who for many seasons has been a regular member of the Naphill Tennis Club.

Mr. Ted Shrimpton is also to be married shortly to Miss Peggy Meeks, and we understand that they will reside in Coombe Lane.

## CHAPEL NOTES

The Annual Sunday School Party was held in the schoolroom on Saturday February 27th. A large number of children, together with parents, friends, and Sunday School teachers sat down to an excellent tea, which was followed by the distribution of prizes and gifts.

Games and competitions completed a most enjoyable evening.

The Annual Choir Festival will be held on Sunday March 10th. Services will take place at 11, 2-30, and 6 p.m. and will be conducted by Rev. William Irving of Marlow.

The soloist will be the boy soprano, Master Jack Vere, and there will be special singing by the Choir, under their leader Mr. Norman Mead.

Among the local lads who have joined the Forces recently are Reg Hunt, who is in the Air Force, and Ron Goodchild, who is now in the Fleet Air Arm.

Cyril Jenkins is the first of the local lads to be sent overseas, and is now somewhere in France.

In response to many requests two later buses are now run from Wycombe to Naphill. Times can be obtained from the Company's timetables.

In connection with the making of the footpath near the Pheyfield a posts and chain fence is to be erected round the War Memorial.

## MORE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Another effort by the Village Hall Council to raise funds takes place on Saturday next March 2nd at 2-30, in the shape of a grand Jumble Sale. Every kind of rummage and Jumble will be on sale, and it is hoped that a useful sum will be obtained.

After a month or two of tribulation and much gnashing of teeth the heating apparatus at the Hall is now doing its duty. In fact the atmosphere there is pretty hot at times lately.

Large crowds continue to attend the weekly Wednesday tennis club dances, and as the weeks go by the number of uniforms increases. As this number increases so does the number of young ladies looking for partners and so we go on and on.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and family who have been living at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Bayley, are shortly to return to London.

Readers of the Gazette who are members of the High Wycombe Memorial Hospital Contributory Maintenance Scheme will be interested to know that the Naphill contribution for the last year amounted to £98-8-5, which is an advance of nearly £10 on the previous year. This does not include the contribution in respect of J. Laing and Son, which amounted to £104-0-4. This very satisfactory result is in no small way due to the efforts of

Mr. W. Pearson and his band of helpers. The number of subscribers apart from J. Laing and Son is 168.

The First Aid Meetings which have been held at the School have been cancelled for the time being, to be resumed on Tuesday March 26th. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance on this and the four subsequent Tuesdays, as they will lead up to the contest for the Inter-team cup which we mentioned in our last issue. We are extremely sorry to lose the services of Mr. N.E.A. Molden, who has lectured each week since the War started, and we take this opportunity of placing on record our very great appreciation of the work he has done. Efforts are being made before March 26th to find someone to carry on the good work.

More and more mothers are taking advantage of the benefits of the Infant Welfare, which is held at the Village Hall on the third Wednesday each month (next meeting March 20th). The Doctor is giving special talks on the subject of injections against diphtheria for small children.

In the Men's Club a Billiards tournament has been in progress recently and the finalists are Mr. F. Blaby (owe 30) and Mr Alf Brown (owe 5). Should the result become available in time it will be found in the Stop Press.

The Village Hall Christmas appeal for funds, which took the place of the Annual Draw, realised well over £24.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

Mr. O. Olover, Headmaster, and Mr. Molden have returned to their School in Marylebone which has now reopened.

Lessons are still given at the Village Hall for both Schools, and we are very grateful indeed to the Trustees of Naphill Methodist Church for the loan of trestle tables.

If anyone knows of a small cupboard which could be used at the Hall for the storage of books and materials, whether on loan or for sale, would they please get in touch with the Headmaster?

A minor sensation was caused the other day when the School photographer called and took a large number of portraits. Parents will have the opportunity of buying some shortly.

Draughts is very much the game of the moment with the children making sets out of paper streamers which they hope to sell at an early date in order to raise funds for the purchase of wool for the knitting of comforts for the Forces.

An attempt is to be made to start a School Pigeon Club. If there is any reader who has pigeons for sale, or who can offer us any advice in the matter, we would be glad to hear.

The School Dentist has not yet been able to make his promised visit, but is expected to come before Easter.

The Village Hall Whist Drives are booming increasingly popular, and last Saturday there were 15½ tables. Mrs B. Jones won the first prize, with Mr. Hall second. The third prize was shared by Mrs F Blaby and Mr Barwell. A ladies consolation prize was won by Mrs. Biggs, of Hughenden Valley, and the knock-out winners were Mrs. Evans and Mr Fielden.

Further Village Hall Whist Drives are to be held on Saturday March 9th and Saturday March 23rd. The Snowball now stands at 35/-

At a recent meeting of the Village Hall Council a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. H.A. Oakeshott, who resigned the position of secretary to take up a commission in the Army. Mr. S. Piercy was elected to take up the post of secretary.

Charlie Geens, of Hughenden Valley, well-known member of the staff of J. Smith and sons is off to make roads for the troops in France.

In the recent slippery weather Mr. Sid North, gamekeeper at Park Farm sustained a broken leg, but is now making good progress.

Joyce Carrington is now a member of the Womens Land Army.

Miss Dowson has let her cottage for six months and has gone to live for the time being at Kirby Green.

We are glad to announce that we have concluded a contract with our paper supplier for enough paper to keep us going for the duration of the war.

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The next meeting will be held  
on Thursday March 7th. at 2-30.

Speaker to be arranged.  
Tea and Social Half-hour.

A very enjoyable whist drive was held at 'Burnhams', the residence of Mr. and Mrs. O. Coles on Thursday afternoon of last week, in an effort to raise funds for the Red Cross. The prizewinners were:-1st. Mrs. M. Thompson. 2nd. Mrs C. Hayward. 3rd. Miss Bagnell. Booby prizes were won by Mrs E. Brown and Miss S. Smart. The lucky Chair prize was won by Mrs. Brooks.

Through the kindness of a lady who wishes to remain enonymous the children at School are able to read the 'Childrens Newspaper' each week. They wish to express their gratitude through this medium.

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## N A P P L E

"The most populous district in the parish is Naphill, which adjoins West Wycombe parish. Its name is derived from the Anglo-Saxon Nap, the peak or summit of a hill, and is sometimes written Napple. A National School was erected here in 1862, and enlarged in 1873, providing accommodation for about 100 children. The building is a neat Gothic structure comprising school and classrooms, with a residence for the mistress adjoining.

Walters Ash, a continuation of Naphill Common, is the extremity of the parish in this direction, and is distant three miles from the Church. Here an excellent, hard, finely grained stone is quarried, which is used for building and paving purposes.

North Dean, as its name indicates, is pleasantly situated between two wooded hills, about two miles from the Church. On or near a manor in this parish called **O**verhall, there has doubtless been a **C**hapel, though the existing notices of it are very slight."

From "The History of Hughenden", by R. S. Downs, 1881.



## SCHOOL NOTES.

At the end of the Easter Term there were two 'Leavers', Daphne Brown and Cynthia Hussey, to both of whom we wish good luck as they go into the world to make their fortunes.

The sale of handwork which was held at the end of the term to raise money for the Knitting-for-the-Forces Fund realised 17/6. Any further donations to this fund which our readers may care to make will be gratefully received by the Headmaster.

A tin-foil collection for the Red Cross has also been started at School, and is doing very well.

Progress prizes for March were won by Rosamond Evans, Joan Gibbons, Pamela Janes and Peter Mines.

A party of 14 made a day trip to Windsor last Friday and enjoyed a very jolly day in spite of the rather inclement weather.

## THE WOMENS INSTITUTE.

The March meeting took the form of a Welsh afternoon, three of our members, Mrs Goodchild, Mrs Bowell and Mrs Payne giving demonstrations of Welsh cake-making. There was later a visit from a lady doctor from the Blood Transfusion Centre, Slough.

The next meeting will be on Thursday next, April 4th., when Miss MacKenzie will talk on Potato Cookery. There will be tea and competitions.

## CHAPEL NOTES.

The annual Choir Festival on March 10th., was very successful. Unfortunately Master Jack Vere was prevented by illness from being with us, but Mrs. Gardener, from Newlands very capably filled the gap with several well-chosen solos while the Choir rendered two anthems. The organist for this occasion was Mrs. Saunders.

Another important feature of last month was the formation of our Womens Own, which meets every Wednesday afternoon at 2-30, under the leadership of Sister Sadie who has come to live at Wycombe and to whom we extend a hearty welcome. The first meeting of the Womens Own was held on March 20th., when the following Officers were elected :-  
President. Mrs. Binks.  
Vice-Pres. Mrs. Hilda Bristow.  
Secretary. Mrs B. Smith.  
Organist. Mrs Lewis.  
Tea hostesses. Mrs Tapping, Mrs Bryant, Mrs. C. Steacy.

A very hearty invitation is extended to all women in the Village to come along to these Meetings, which end up with tea and a biscuit.

The Chapel has received a legacy of £5 to be devoted to Sunday School Funds in the will of the late Mr. J. Williams, a former trustee.

Christening. On Sunday March 10th by Rev. Irving; Barbara Helen Lacey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs Gilbert Lacey.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

ON Saturday March 2nd. a very successful Rummage Sale was held in aid of Hall funds, and realised a total profit of £5.

On the same evening a Dance was held with a view to raising money for the Naphill men serving with H.M. Forces. There was a large attendance, and the profits, together with those at the Dance held on the following Wednesday amounted to £3-5-0. The sum of

5/5 has been sent to each of 12 men by the organisers, Mr. Alan Shrimpton and Mr. Ron Wheeler.

We are glad to report that the Vicar has so far recovered from his recent accident as to be able to take the Church services once again.

In these days of 'Digging for Victory' it is essential that no stone be left unturned. We know of one gentleman living in the village who is himself unable to dig his garden, but is perfectly willing to let someone else do it for their own use. Any gardener ready to take advantage of this offer should get in touch with the Editor, who will give further details.

Mrs. Russell, better remembered in the village as Audrey Mines, gave birth to a son (Nicholas) on March 3rd., while on the following day a son was born to Mrs. Leslie Brown, and will have the names Keith Herbert.

During the past month there has been quite a deal of further comment regarding the fence along the footpath by the Playing Field, and those grouzers mean what they say we can look forward to a lively

evening at the Village Hall Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Tuesday April 23rd at 8-30 p.m.

At the Annual General Meeting an important amendment to the Trust Deed is to be moved, and all those who have the interest of the Hall and Playing Field at heart should make an effort to be present.

The Bucks Constabulary are holding a Dance at the Village Hall on Wednesday April 10th, from 8 till 12. Proceeds will be devoted to the Bucks Constabulary Widows and Benevolent Fund. Every member of the Force contributes to this Fund, but as a large number of the men have been called to the colours the amount of contributions has dropped considerably. We can do our bit for this excellent cause by going to the Dance. Admission will be by ticket only, which will not be sold at the Door on the night, but can be obtained, price 1/6, from P.C. Garrett, or Mr. P. Millbourn, or from the Editor of the Gazette.

We offer sincere apologies to the Choir of Naphill Methodist Church for the unfortunate printers error which crept into our last issue.

We regret to record the passing of Mr. Crompton, an Air Ministry official who died on March 14th after a short illness. Mr Crompton, who leaves a widow and two sons and came from Prestattyn, North Wales, had been residing with Mr. and Mrs Tarling.

We also regret to record the death at Reading on March 24th of Mrs. Lacey, widow of the late Mr. W. Lacey, who lived formerly in Capel Lane.

## WELL-KNOWN NAPHILL FOOTBALLER

WEDS.

On Easter Monday at Lane End Parish Church the wedding took place between M.r. Edward Herbert Shrimpton, of Brackenside, Naphill, and Miss Peggy Rose Meakes, of Lane End.

The service, which was fully choral was conducted by Rev. T.G. Evans, while Mr. Carr presided at the organ. The hymns sung were 'Love Divine', and 'Now Thank we all our God', and the Wedding March was also played.

The Bride, who looked very charming, wore a blue angora two-piece suit, with fox fur trimmings. She also wore a rope of pearls, the gift of the Bridegroom, and carried a spray of mauve carnations. The Bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. G. Jakeman, of Marlow, while Mr. Don Ing carried out the duties of best man.

At the Church Door the Bride was presented with a silver horse-shoe and a lucky black cat, by her small cousins, and at the reception which followed at the Clayton Arms, Lane End, more than 80 guests were present.

Mr. Shrimpton has for many years been a playing member of the Naphill Football Club, while his wife is well-known as a member of the High Wycombe Ladies Hockey Club, and of the Rio Tennis Club.

## WEDDING OF MISS VERA LAWRENCE.

The wedding took place at Naphill Methodist Chapel on Easter Monday between Miss Vera Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawrence, of Downley Road, Naphill, and Mr. Claude Sharpe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sharpe, of Peterborough.

Rev. J. Binks conducted the service, while Mrs. C. Ginger played the organ for the singing of the hymns 'Love Divine' and 'The Voice that breathed over Eden'. The Bride was given away by her father, and wore

a brown dress, and hat, trimmed with olive green, with a spray of three white carnations. The duties of best men were carried out by the brother of the Bridegroom. As the happy pair left the Church the Bride was presented with a lucky horse-shoe by her small brother Tony.

After the reception, which was held at the home of the Bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.F. Sharpe left

for their honey moon in London, after which they will take up residence at Dartford.

A very successful Hidden Talent competition was held at a Dance at the Village Hall on March 16th. With no less than eight competitors the judges (Mr. Joe Webb, Mr. H. Roberts and Mrs. Kelly) had plenty to do, and the eventual winner was Sergt. Williams, with Freddy Fox second and Mrs. Payne third. Profits of £2 went to the Naphill Tennis Club.

## FRIDAY DANCES

The Village Hall Council are to run Dances on Friday nights, in aid of Hall Funds. Music will be provided by H. J. Adam and his Music, and the price of admission will be 6d.

Dates fixed	are
FRIDAY	APRIL 12th.
FRIDAY	APRIL 19th.
FRIDAY	APRIL 26th.

## HERE AND THERE.

The matter of ventilation of the Village Hall with the black-out has been considered by the Village Hall Council, and it is probable that in the course of the next few days an electric fan will be installed.

We have been told that the reason why certain residents cannot have electric light is because another refuses to allow it to go across the garden.

Residents in the Valley who want allotments should get into touch with Mr. Coker. If there is sufficient demand land will be acquired by the Parish Council for the purpose.

The enormous increase in fast-moving traffic through the Village during the last month has made the need for a footpath right through the Village an absolute necessity. Happily the lighter evenings are now with us, but nevertheless the danger to all pedestrians is very great.

We continue to receive a number of complaints regarding the bus service. Naphill residents are left at Frogmore, while by the time the bus reaches Church Lane on the way to Wycombe it is too full to hold any more. We have every sympathy with the bus company in the difficult task which they have to face, and wish them success in their efforts to give the best service possible in the circumstances.

Interest taken in the Parish affairs was indicated when at the Annual Parish Meeting, held at the Village

Hall on March 18th the attendance consisted of one parishioner and nine councillors.

The Annual General Meeting of the Naphill Tennis Club will be held at the Hall some time in April, announcement of the date and time will be made on the Hall notice board.

Miss Bishop, Head Teacher of the Infants department of our London School, has returned to London, and Miss Wilson is now in charge of the department.

Arrangements are being made for the R.A.F. to use the Playing Field for mid-week matches during the coming cricket season. For Saturday matches Naphill will field one team this year instead of the usual two.

We have just heard that a party of 40 from a large insurance firm evacuated to Great Missenden are making the trip to Naphill for the Police Dance on Wednesday April 10th.

It is expected that the weekly Wednesday Dances, which have proved to be so popular, especially with the uniformed forces, will continue right through the summer.

Mrs. E. Barley, of Plumtree Cottage, who has been on practically continuous duty with the Air Corps since the outbreak of War, was home for a brief holiday at Easter.

Evening Service at Hughenden Parish Church are now taking place at the normal time. (6 p.m.)

Naphill First Aid wardens are to meet at the School on Mondays for the next few weeks.

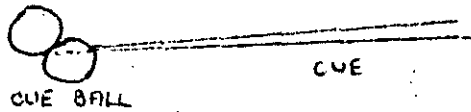
## BILLIARDS FOR BEGINNERS.

Mr. N.E.Molden continues his interesting series.

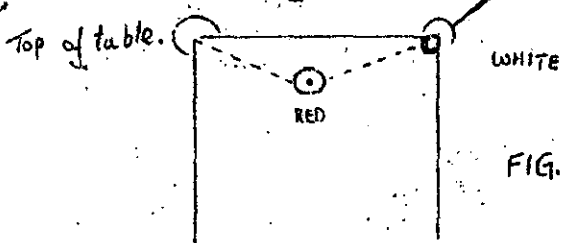
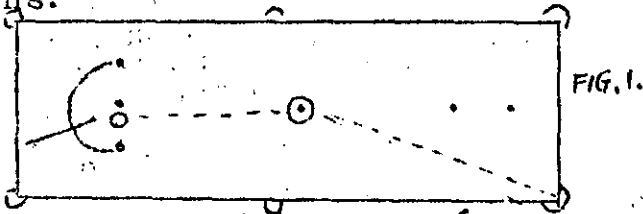
Now that you have a fair mastery of easy and straight cueing, it is essential that the half-ball losing hazard (in off) is next practised.

This shot might well be described as the basis of the game of billiards. It is made by striking the cue ball exactly in the centre and in such a direction that if the cue were to continue it would just touch the rim of the object ball, viz:-

OBJECT BALL



The best way to recognise this angle is to set up the red and white in the two following positions.



In Fig. I the cue ball (the white) is about three to four inches to the right of the brown spot, and the object ball is on the blue spot. If the shot is taken at moderate strength the cue ball should finish in the top right pocket.

In Fig II the object ball is on the black spot and the cue ball right in the jaws of the pocket. This shot should be played a little softer than the previous one owing to the shorter distance which the cue ball has to travel.

Remember that, in general, playing the shot stronger (forcing) means widening the half-ball angle, and playing it softer, narrowing the angle.

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## FOOTBALL.

### SOME INTERESTING MATCHES.

#### NAPHILL IN RACE FOR LEAGUE HONOURS.

In the month of March four matches were played, two of them being league matches which were won by Naphill in very convincing style. There remain but two league matches to be played, and the position at the head of the League table is particularly interesting, for it means that either Naphill or one of their remaining opponents will finish up at the top. The other two teams are Hazlemere, whom we have to play away, and Tylers Green, whom we shall meet at home.

The calls of military service continue to deplete our side and cause considerable re-arrangement. We have received offers from a number of R.A.F. men to play for us.

On March 16th we played a league match against Holmer Green away, and in spite of team changes were soon on top of the opposition and ran out winners by 7 goals to 4. A great feature of this game was the deadly marksmanship of a new member of the team, L. Sapsford, of Chiltern House, who found the net no less than @ four times. Our other goals were scored by H. Cross, E. Shrimpton, and J. Pitcher.

On March 19th., we played a friendly game at home against Chiltern House. The wind was very high and made ball control almost impossible. In the first few minutes

the Chiltern House goalkeeper sustained injuries which required hospital treatment, but even allowing for this, they were no match for our boys, who ran out winners by 7 - 0

On March 28th., a friendly match was played against the R.A.F. team at home. It was a keen and interesting game. A very neat goal by E. Shrimpton for us opened the scoring, and later we got another from our robust centre-forward, D. Brown. But they scored a couple as well, so the result was a draw, a very fair result.

On March 30th., we played another league match, against Terriers, at home. Right from the start Naphill's superiority asserted itself and the issue was never in doubt. D. Ing scored 3 goals, as did also J. Lawrence, while E. Shrimpton brought our total up to 7 against their 2.

It is hoped to arrange a match against Prestwood on April 13th to be followed by a dance at Naphill Village Hall in the evening in aid of comforts for members of our team called to the colours.

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#### TENNIS CLUB DANCE.

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A. G. M.

Those of our readers who are at all inclined to be critical (and we know of at least one) will be saying that this issue is nothing else but Balance Sheets. In spite of this we dare to reply that our head is, at any rate, unbowed. Annual General Meetings and Balance Sheets have the reputation of being dull and uninteresting, but the former usually reveal progress (or the opposite) while the latter tell where the money goes. We are glad to know that the various organisations in the Village are flourishing and will continue to do so in spite of old Nasty and his gang.



# CRICKET CLUB

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

There was a fair attendance on April 16th at the Village Hall, with Mr. George Youens in the Chair.

In presenting the Balance Sheet, Mr. A.G. Brown, Hon. Treasurer and Secretary reported that on the year's working there was a loss of £2-13-8, but this had been expected owing to the expenditure of £12 on redecorating the pavilion. There were also some subs to come in. It was agreed that the Balance Sheet was a good one in the circumstances.

Mr. A.G. Brown in his Secretary's report said that the past season had been very successful from the playing point of view, our first team narrowly missing League honours by losing the Test match at the end of the season. His only regret was that he could not produce a credit balance.

For the forthcoming season we have entered one team only in the League, there being no reserve section this year. This would mean a saving in equipment.

After some discussion it was agreed to lower the annual subscription to 2/-, but the match play subscription would be raised to 1/-.

Mr. C. Stacey was re-elected to be Village Hall representative, and it was agreed to hold a dance at the Village Hall on Whit-Monday, May 13th. Their first match is against Prestwood, away.

# ON TO THE HARD COURT

## TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

In marked contrast to last year when a large crowd turned up the attendance this year was very thin indeed. Whatever it was which drew the crowd last year has, it seems, disappeared from the Agenda. However, the four stalwarts who did make the effort got through the necessary work without any trouble.

The Chairman, Mr. Don Ing presided, and the Secretary, Mr. Alan Shrimpton, in his report, said that the last season had been very successful. Mr. P. Burbridge had won the Gents' Championship, but the Ladies event, unfortunately, had had to be left unfinished. Against other clubs we had played six matches, winning 4 and losing 2. The Wednesday dances had been more successful than ever and would continue until further notice. Mr. Shrimpton complained of lack of support from some members of the Committee in the running of these dances, and said that if they were to have a hard court, everyone would have to do his or her share. He thanked Mr. D. Ing for mowing the court and Mr. J. Lawrence for marking it. He also wished to thank Mrs. V. Hussey for doing the refreshments at the dances.

The Hon Treasurer, Mr. R. Piercy, in presenting the Balance Sheet, said that they had a balance of over £46 in hand, the season's working showing a profit of £31-7-10.

It was agreed to ask Mr. G. Smith and Mr. R. Ginger to act as auditors next year.

VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL MEETING  
MR. PIERCY'S HISTORICAL  
SURVEY.

There was an attendance of 21 at the Annual Meeting of the Village Hall on April 23rd. Mr. H. A. Oakeshott was voted to the Chair.

The Hon. Sec., Mr S. E. Piercy, in his annual report gave a brief survey of the history of the Hall from the very beginning, which was much appreciated by all who were present. He said that on Feb. 27 1924 the first meeting was held to inaugurate a building fund. In October 1927 an offer of land was received, the funds then standing at £666. The stone-laying ceremony took place on July 16 1929, by which time £832 had been raised.

Here Mr Piercy paid a special tribute to the public spirit of the people of Naphill, who at this stage had lent the £300 remaining to raise. This was soon paid back and the Hall was free from debt.

Later land became available and was acquired for the Playing Field. Towards the cost of this £100 was received from the Playing Fields Association, leaving £431 to raise. An appeal was made once more to the people of Naphill, and once more they rose to the occasion and the money was forthcoming at once. The field bought, it had since proved a very great boon to all.

At this stage in the Hall's history there was a change in the Secretaryship. Mr. Oakeshott who had done very noble work and who deserved great praise, was succeeded by Mr. O. Coles, who was

responsible for the launching of the Billiard Room scheme. A tender for £600 was accepted in May 1934. Therefore, said Mr. Piercy, since 1924( and remember that the Chapel had been built during the same period) there had been raised in connection with the Village Hall, for the Hall £1260, Playing Field £629 and the Billiard Room £500. The commercial value of what had been achieved was now probably more than £3000. The real value in terms of the enjoyment pleasure, and recreation which the Hall, Field, and Room had given to many was very high indeed.

Mr Piercy concluded his report with thanks to Mr. Oakeshott for his efforts in the past, in piloting the Hall and Field to a successful conclusion, to Messres J. Smith and Sons, who had been good friends in many ways, and to the successive Councils of Management who had served the Hall so well through the years. "We have done more than make a Hall, Field, and Billiard Room," concluded Mr. Piercy, amid applause, "we have given Naphill a Character and a personality. Naphill is now right on the map".

Mr Oakeshott, thanking the Secretary said that the Hall was here on account of the character of the people. No other village had done what we had. He also thought that the form of government of the Hall was one of the finest things about it. A great debt was owing to the people of Naphill for working the way that they had all these years

The Hall Treasurer next read his report, stating that there had been an income during the year of £335-17-6½, an expenditure of £287-4-8, leaving a balance in hand of £48-12-10½ (applause) There was a debt outstanding to the

Foresters off £462..

Mr. E. Brown, Playing Field Treasurer reported an income of £187-13-0½, and expenditure of £80-18-6½

The Playing Field Debt at the moment was £26-14-0, and Mr Brown now moved that it be paid off. This was agreed, amid applause, and Mr. E. Brown thus finished the job which he had been carrying on so well for the past ten years. He received congratulations. Another milestone was passed.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded to Mr. H. G. Day and Mr D Jenkins for auditing the accounts, and they were appointed to act again next year.

It was also agreed that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Treasurers and Secretary for their work. This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. C. Smart gave details of the Whist Drives which had been run during the year. Up till March 23 there had been 13 drives with an average attendance of 14 tables. £37-16-4 had been taken, £20-3-0 had been given in prizes, not including the Snowball, £6-10-0 had been paid to the Hall for rent, and £8-18-0 profits had also been paid to the Hall. Mr. Smart wished to thank the two ladies who had managed the refreshments at the Drives, namely Mrs. Carrington and Mrs. Garret. Mr. M. Thompson was also thanked for acting as M.C. The Whist Drives had given enjoyment to many as well as providing about £15 for the Hall.

For running the Naphill branch of the Bucks County Library a vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Carrington.

Mr. Oakeshott said that there had been talk in the Village that the Village Hall Council were spending a lot of money on a car park but were doing nothing for those who had to walk. Well, they had the footpath. The land for this was sold to the County Council, and the money thus obtained had been used to make the car-park, an improvement to the amenities of the Hall. Thus the Hall Council have not spent any of their income on the park, but just the money obtained from the County Council.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Piercy for taking over the Secretaryship at very short notice from Mr. Oakeshott when the latter was re-called to the Colours.

Mr. R. G. Wheeler also spoke.

#### POLICE DANCE AT NAPHILL.

Organised by P. C. Garret and Mr P. Millbourn, a very successful Dance was held at the Village Hall on April 10th in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the Bucks County Constabulary. P. C. Balliger acted as M.C. and the music was provided by the Rhythm Four Dance Band. From the Balance Sheet which is printed elsewhere in this issue it will be seen that a profit of over £20 was handed over to the Fund, and the organisers are to be congratulated on this fine result. The winner of the raffled chair was Mr. Wareham.

# N A P H I L L V I L L A G E H A L L

BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR  
ENDED APRIL 20 1940.

## EXPENDITURE.

## INCOME

	£	s	d		£	s	d
To repayment of loan	25	0	0	Balance from 1938/39	11	7	3
Interest on same	23	18	6	Hall lettings	91	8	0
Fire Insurance	2	3	3	Canteen receipts	89	8	11
W. Brown & Son, Coal	21	8	1	Billiard receipts	26	9	2
Electric light	16	19	6	Envelope Appeal	26	13	0
Insurances	2	1	8	H. J. Adlam. Gazette.	15	0	0
G. Shaw. Gen. repairs.	9	12	7½	Whist Drive profits to			
E. Shrimpton. Lav. Repairs	1	7	6	March 23.	8	18	10
Dusmo	1	2	0	Mens Club subscriptions	4	7	0
E. Lovejoy, general requirts	1	11½	11½	Library donations	2	0	0
Rates for the year	8	4	8	Rummage Sale	4	17	9
Performing Rights	1	2	3	Council Dances	3	3	7½
Expenses envelope appeal	1	0	0	From Playing Field A/C	52	4	0
Washing		19	3	<u>£335 17 6½</u>			
F. Putnam, cups, saucers	1	6	0	Total Income from all sources			
Printed notepaper, cards	1	3	6		335	17	6½
Donations, Police dance		10	0	Total Expenditure	287	4	8
ditto Red Cross		10	0	Balance in hand	48	12	10½
Postage, cheques, book.		9	8				
Brooms and brushes		6	6	We are asked to point out that the			
Tobacco licence		5	3	above figures give a rather mislead-			
Tilbury, firewood		9	0	ing impression regarding the			
Account book, ink, etc		3	0	Canteen. It would appear that the			
Wages and National Health	31	16	2	profit on the year is only £4-5-7.			
Canteen expenditure	85	3	4	One must also take into account			
Paid to Playing Field A/C	49	1	0	stock in hand to the value of £4,			
	<u>£272</u>	4	8	and also remember that a debt on			
	<u>£ 287</u>	4	8	last year of about £/ 3-10-0 has			
				also been paid.			

A number of chickens in the district having suffered from fox-bite a hunt was organised recently which resulted, we hear, in the death of one badger.

The footpath from the School to the Village Hall is now complete and is generally voted to be a great improvement. Now what we need is a speed limit.

It was with genuine regret that the residents of Naphill learned early in the month of the death of Benny Grimsdell in hospital. For many years he had been one of the "characters" of the Village, and we shall not easily forget his rendering of "The Village Pump" at one of our concerts.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

SCOUTS HELP BRITISH RED CROSS

Officers and Committee, 1940

CONCERT AT NAPHILL

President. Dr. E. Bayley  
Vice-Presidents. As last year.  
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Treasurer. Miss L. Sharpe.  
Committee. The Officers, with  
 Miss F. Wheeler and Mr R.  
 Piercy.  
V. Hall Rep. Mr. R. Piercy.

The 1st Lacey Green Troop of Boy Scouts, which includes a number of Naphill boys, gave a Concert at Naphill Village Hall on April 5 in aid of the funds of the British Red Cross. There was a good attendance and eventually £5-1-0 was handed over to that very deserving cause.

Balance Sheet 1939-40.

Debit	£	s	d
Motor Mower	1	10	0
Stationery		4	6
Balls and Postage		14	0
Rent Smarts Court		17	0
Stamps		6	4
Membership Cards		7	6
D. Jenkins		1	0
Lawn Sand		5	6
Stamps		2	0
Teas	1	0	0
Cup, etc.		15	11
Mr. C. Lacey repairs.		8	6
Motor Mower Dance rent		10	6
Forces Dance rent		10	6
Party Dec 29 loss	1	1	9
Hammersmith trip loss	1	6	0
Court rent	1	10	0
Police Dance Gift		5	6
	£ 11	16	6
<u>Credit</u>			
Balance 1939	14	9	11
Members subs	5	8	0
Dr. Bayley	1	0	0
Mr. Ellis		2	6
Admiral Silver		10	0
Mr. Ivey	2	0	0
Mr. E. Smith		1	0
Mr. T. Smith		10	0
Mr. W. Brown		2	6
Mr. Rowntree		10	0
Commander Cox		5	0
Mrs Hopkins		5	0
Dance June 24	2	4	0
Visitors		1	0
Weekly Dances	630	5	10
	£53	4	3

Leaving a credit balance of £46-7-9

The programme consisted of a number of solo and concerted items with humour as the strong point. The big hit of the evening was a sketch "Cleaners", in which Messres Kerr, Hickman, and Saunders took part, and kept the audience in fits of unrestrained laughter. "The burglar Trap", another item was also very amusing, as was also "Abou Ben Kayshes", in which Raymond Biggs and Robert Clifford took part.

Mr Atwood, guest artist, with songs and jokes was much appreciated and a special word of praise must be given to Miss Pamela Adby for her tap-dancing, one of the most popular items of the evening.

During the interval Mr. L. Newman who acted as Compere, gave a number of life-like impersonations and drew loud applause.

Other items were "The old School", a domestic tragedy, played by S.M. Kerr and Maurice White, "Cats", a mysterious novelty item, and "China Tea", a drama of the East, featuring Basil Rixon. Each half of the programme was opened by songs given by the entire Company, and we must not forget to add praise to Mr. Cecil Saunders for his able work as Pianist for the evening.

Thank you, Scouts, come and give us another show, sometime.

## BUCKS CONSTABULARY

Balance Sheet of Dance held at Naphill on 10th April 1940 in aid  
of Widows and Orphans Fund

### RECEIPTS

	£	s	d
Donations.....	6	17	6
Sale of tickets....	13	1	6
Competition.....	3	10	0
Sale of Ice Cream, ,	1	9	0
Refreshments.....	1	2	0
	26	0	0

### EXPENDITURE

	£	s	d
Hire of Hall .....	1	1	0
Band.....	2	10	0
Printing and Postage....	14	9	0
Refreshments(purchased)..	9	7	0
Decorations.....	4	0	0
Cost of Prizes.....	8	0	0
Sundries.....	2	8	0
	5	10	0

Albert Garrett  
P.C. 85  
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Balance to Widows and Orphans Fund	20	10	0
	26	0	0

### NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

The big event this month is Sunday School Anniversary, which will be held on Sunday next May 5. As is usual on these occasions the services will include special singing by the Sunday School scholars. The morning service, at 11 a.m. will be conducted by Mr. Dean, while those at 2-30 and 6 p.m. will have Mr. R.B. Smith in charge. These services in the past have always proved to be very popular, and a hearty invitation is extended to one and all to come along and hear what the children can do.

### Naphill Womens Institute.

If this issue should appear in time (which at the moment seems unlikely) members are reminded that at the meeting on Thursday May 2nd there will be a talk by

Mrs. Chard on War Economy Hints. This will be followed by tea, which in turn will be followed by Sing, Say, Whistle, or Pay.

In our last issue we referred to Mrs. E. Bayley as a member of the Air Corps. Unfortunately we had been misinformed and hasten to offer our apologies. Mrs. Bayley belongs to the Mechanised Transport Training Corps, which means that she works a great deal harder than the ladies of the Air Corps, and moreover the work is voluntary.

Mr. and Mrs Anderson and Doris, formerly of Walnut Tree Cottage have left Naphill and gone to live at Raynes Park, London.

## NAPHILL VILLAGE SICK CLUB.

### IMPORTANT MEETING.

For about the last two years the Naphill Village Sick Club has been allowed almost to drop. The Club, to which a very large number of Naphill residents have subscribed in years past has done great work in the way of loaning out nursing apparatus and giving grants in needy cases. Some time back we published a list of the articles available to anybody in the Village having need of them. This list has since been added to, and the Club is financially very sound.

It has been decided therefore to call a general meeting of supporters to decide whether or not the Club will once more be put on a flourishing basis, and if so to appoint Officers and a Committee to work it. This meeting, to which all who are interested are invited, takes place at the VILLAGE HALL on MONDAY NEXT, MAY 6th at 8 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

## NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### A CORRECTION.

The figures given by Mr. E. Brown, Playing Field Treasurer, as given on another page, are incorrect. They should read as follows:-

Income £187-13-0½

Expenditure £106-14-6

In hand ££80-18-6½

Plus £1-18-1 from Coronation

Total Balance £82-16-7½

After paying of £26-14-0 debt the rest will go towards paying for

the Car Park for which purpose it was received from the County Council.

### DANCE IN AID OF THE LIFEBOATMEN.

A very successful Dance was held at the Hall last Saturday, organised by Mr. Alan Shrimpton, who was also M.C. There was a large attendance and as a result this deserving cause benefited by about £12.

### DISTRICT NURSE LEAVING.

We understand that the District Nurse will be leaving, and her place taken by Nurse Johnstone as from June 1st.

### COMFORTS FOR THE TROOPS.

A whist Drive held recently at 'Burnhams', Naphill, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs O. Coles attracted a large attendance, and as a result £1 has been handed to the Schoolmaster for the purchase of wool with which the senior girls will knit comforts for the Troops.

### ROOMS TO LET WANTED.

There is quite a demand for rooms to let in the district and we are asked to find out through these columns whether there are any more available. Would residents prepared to let rooms please get into touch with H. J. Adlam, School House, Naphill?

### THIS ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

At the moment of writing this it appears that this issue will almost be a double number. We are cutting down the number of copies to 230, but paper is getting short so we may have to miss a month soon.

# N A P H I L L   C R I C K E T   C L U B

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Hon. Assistant Sec. J. Tapping.

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## FIXTURES   1940

### THE   LEAGUE   DIVN.   II.

May 4	v	Prestwood	Away
May 11		Speen	Home
May 18		Penn Street	Away
May 25		Hazlemere	Home
June 1		Hampden	Away
June 8		Little Kingshill	Home
June 15		Downley	Away
June 22		Prestwood	Home
June 29		Hazlemere	Away
July 6		Downley	Home
July 13		Speen	Away
July 20		Penn Street	Home
July 27		Little Kingshill	Away
Aug 17		Hampden	Home.

### BALANCE   SHEET   1939

<u>Income</u>	£	s	d	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	s	d
Balance in hand 1938	2	1	4	F. Adams & Co Materials	11	1	10
Pres. and Vice Pres.	9	16	6	C. Harvey, painting pav.	6	12	0
Members Subscriptions	3	6	6	Ground Rent	3	0	0
Box Collections	5	4	2	To Motor Mower Fund	3	0	0
Profit from teas	3	0	0	Rates and Tax on Pav.	1	11	6
Whist Drive	3	0	0	Insurance	10	6	0
Deficit on years wk.	8	13	8	League Account	1	16	10
	<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	Fixture Cards	18	0	0
				Postage and envelopes	5	0	0
				Wreath	7	6	0
					<u>29</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>



## FOOTBALL

### The end of the Season

The last month of the season brought results not so good as earlier on. Nevertheless Naphill can be said to have done well on the season as a whole, in circumstances which, to say the least, were unhelpful. One team only has been run this year, yet no less than 27 different players have been called upon to play at some time or other. Thus it is obvious that changes have been many, and the team has not had anything like a fair chance to settle down. Prospects for next season will be discussed when the Club hold their Annual General Meeting.

On April 6th we played Tylers Green at home in a match which was to decide our hopes of League honours. It did. Our team was weaker than usual, and although we seemed to have our fair share of the game the goals just would not come for us and we lost by 3-0. Tylers Green are a fortunate team. They have not had one man called up from their team for Service with the Forces.

A week later we played Prestwood at home in friendly match. It was a good even game, with the visitors just winning by 2-1. Our goal was scored by E.F. Shrimpton, who took a shot from about 40 yards out, beating the Prestwood goalie hands down. P. Prior, R.A.F. who played for us at right back gave a fine display, holding the Prestwood starwinger Tanner in check.

On April 17, in mid-week, we played a strong R.A.F. team, and after a good fast game, managed to win by 2-1, the scorers being L. Sapsford and J. Pitcher.

ON April 20 we were to feel the effects of the strenuous match of two days before. Our hopes of League honours were gone, whereas those of our opponents Hazlemere were on the up and up, and we lost by 1-8, our sole goal coming from L. Sapsford

Last Saturday we played a return friendly against Prestwood, away, and although Prestwood led by 3-0 at half time, we got going and soon put in a couple, and time alone robbed us of the equaliser. The rain seemed to stimulate our boys and we had Prestwood well penned in, but there just was not time for another goal.

## CRICKET

The season opened last Saturday, April 27th with traditional cricket weather, which meant that the game was ruined by heavy rain. We played a practice match against our old friends from Westbourne Street, and going in to bat first we scored 29 only, with G. Brown top scorer with 7. The wicket did wonderful tricks, for when Westbourne Street went in they could only get 20 for 9 wickets, and then it was tea-time, during which the rain came down cats and dogs. There was no more play that day. J. Anderson has not lost any of his skill with the ball, for even on a day when the Ball was on top all the time he had the fine figures of 5 for 6.

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