

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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"	28th.	Tuesday.	Scouts.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday Men's Social Club.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful  
New Year.

We would like to express our Sympathy to the family of the late  
Mr. Rolfe on their recent loss.

METHODIST CHURCHPreachers for January.11 a.m.6.15 p.m.

January 5th  
" 12th  
" 19th  
" 26th

Mr.W.J.Parkins.  
Mr.F.Batts.  
Sister Freda.  
Mr.A.V.Brain.

Mr.E.Jarvis  
Mr.A.E.Stevens.  
Mr. Gregory  
Mr.W.Goddard.

THE MISSION HALL.

Preachers for January, 1958.

Sunday	January	5th	Morning 11 a.m.	Mr.R.M.Ingleby
			Evening 6.15 p.m.	Mr.K.H.Wilton of Slough.
"		12th	" "	Mr.E.Free of Maidenhead.
"		19th	" "	Parents Night and Sunday School Prize Giving.
"		26th	" "	Mr.R.M.Ingleby.
Saturday	"	25th	AT 7.30 P.M. -	SPECIAL MISSIONARY MEETING.
			"INDIA IN PICTURES"	(Film Strip)

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NAPHILL TALK.

The Naphill Players are temporarily out of action and the drama is being carried on by the W.I. Drama Group but it is interesting to recall that the Players started nearly 50 years ago. It is a coincidence that Mosely Lodge should be a favourite meeting place of the W.I. for it was here that the Players were born. The occupants were Mr. and Mrs. Dowson and the lady was well known in the West End as Gertrude Robins. A further coincidence is that our present lady of the theatre Miss Fanny Dowson to whom the W.I. owe so much remembers Miss Robins, a great friend of her mother. It's a small world.

Like the Amazons of old the W.I. take their men where they can find them, but whereas the Amazons killed off the men when they were finished with them, the W.I. hang on to their few stalwarts like Grim Death.

The Players first production was "Pot Luck" Miss Robins chose a cast of Village people and rehearsed them in the Old Barn. Charles Lacey was leading man and from my memory of him I'll wager that at least he was audible. Pretty little Molly Lacey took the female lead and "The Star" - giving the event a full column - called her sweet; Molly became Mrs. George Saw. Other parts were played by Ernest Shrimpton described as a Chairmaker and Arthur Smith, who, you will not be surprised to hear was a maker of roads. Miss Robins invited a party of London critics and gave a dinner party before the show. Among the guests were those rising young men of letters John Masefield and G.K.Chesterton. "The Star" man - giving way to the atrocious puns of the period described the journey through Hughenden, behind prancing bays and up to the DIZZY heights of Naphill, where he said the wind was cold enough to take the nap off anything.

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NAPHILL TALK continued..

Miss Edith Kennedy was engaged to cook a goose and used to tell me as a boy how G.K.C. a famous trencherman made short work of it.

The play was afterwards produced with a different cast at The Palace Theatre. The "Daily Mail" called it a riot and "The Chronicle" described it as a genuine bit of Old Buckinghamshire.  
R.P.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual delivery of Lime has been completed and 4½ tons were distributed.

At our Annual General Meeting we received the resignation of two valued committee members Mr. W. G. White who finds that business ties prevent him from helping with the active work of the Society, but we are pleased to say still very interested in all that we do. Mr. Karl Dube who has been a keen committee man has now returned to his home and parents in Germany. He takes with him pleasant memories of Naphill and our Best Wishes.

Don't forget your orders for all garden seeds, fertilisers etc. placed with Messrs. Jones and Rivetts will entitle you to a 10% discount on production of your membership card. The 1957 card will be valid up to February 1st, after which the 1958 card will have to be produced. The annual subs are now due - 2s. 6d minimum.  
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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY & JOAN CLUB.

On December 14th we held our Christmas Party in the Village Hall; the Christmas Tree was a gift from Mr. Busby and it took three men and a boy to erect it in the Hall; the lights were given by Mr. Don Ing. Sixty-three members were present and the Committee greeted with special pleasure Miss Williams, in her wheeled chair, Miss Childs, aged 95 with her sister aged 87 and Mr. Peddle the blind basket-maker accompanied by his wife. The Theme Song was sung and birthday wishes chanted for those babies unlucky enough to have been born in the cold month of December. Carols followed with Mr. Sidney Smith and Mr. Hatt leading the singers and our old friend Mr. Rivett mystified the audience by a clever trick with his magic box; we hope to see more of this conjurer in the future.

The world-famous Cooks of Naphill surpassed themselves in providing luscious confectionery and the grand cake was cut by Mrs. Shrimpton and Mr. Judge with some help from Mrs. Pugh who is O.C. Cakes. The high-light of the afternoon's entertainment was the singing of Miss Janet Tapping; her sweet young voice  
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charmed the Old People who eagerly called for encores. Father Christmas paid a surprise visit and it was touching to note that all present firmly believed in Father Christmas and no one penetrated the disguise to discover who it really was. Each member of the Club received a small gift from the tree and even Father Christmas himself received a handsome walking-stick of cherry-wood. Mr. Lawrence gracefully returned the thanks of the Members to the committee and other kind helpers. Mrs. Ernest Smith, the President of the Club wished the company a Merry Christmas and invited them all to join in singing "For Auld Lang Syne".

Members are reminded that the usual meetings will be held on January 10th and 24th. The Committee cordially invite suggestions or offers of help from anyone interested in the Club; communications should be sent to the Secretary, Mrs. Eric Bayley, or to any of the following members of the Committee:-

Mrs. Ernest Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Smith, Mr. Sidney Smith, Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Ted Brown, Mr. Arthur Busby or Mrs. Pugh.

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#### VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL AND GAZETTE.

The collection for the Naphill Gazette amounted to £27.8.7. which was a splendid effort and shows that our journal is of interest to you all. Possibly some of you may have been out when our collectors called and would like to increase the above amount by giving your donation to any member of the Village Hall Council or direct to D.C.Tooby "Abbotsbury". Donations will be acknowledged.

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#### GARDENING NOTES.

Yes the days are beginning to lengthen and the catalogues are arriving and it is only a matter of weeks before we shall be thinking of getting in a row of parsnips, onions, shallots or broad beans.

Owing to the poor weather at the end of last year the harvesting of some seeds was not good and there may be a shortage of some varieties. If you have not made your seed order out you ought to do so as soon as possible.

Carry on with the digging of all vacant land as weather permits, collect all yellowing leaves from brussels, broccoli etc. and put on the compost heap.

Draw a little earth up to the bottom leaves of spring  
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GARDENING NOTES continued.....

cabbage and any plants or shrubs that have been recently planted should be looked over after spells of frost as sometimes the action of the frost lifts them out of the soil and exposes some of the roots, gently firm them into position and re-cover the roots with soil.

Watch those flowers in pots which were given you as Christmas presents, enough water, but not too much, avoid draughts, and don't keep them in dark corners.

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ALPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

Another Members Whist Party to assist the Club Funds was given by Mr. and Mrs. D. Ing. The party not only enjoyed a friendly game of whist but were entertained with a Tape Recorder and Film which made the evening most enjoyable.

Our Carnival Dance held in the Village Hall, Friday 20th December was most successful. The hall was gaily decorated and the lovely lighted Christmas Tree was most effective as over 100 members and friends danced to Christmas Carols played by Joe Webb and his band.

During the evening, our President, Dr. and Mrs. E. Bayley paid us a visit. Dr. Bayley very kindly presented the Club with two most attractive Stoles he had made - These were auctioned for the Club Funds.

At midnight we made our Christmas draw and several lucky people present went home with prizes. Dancing continued until 1 a.m. when "Auld Lang Syne" completed a most enjoyable evening.

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the dance so successful.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Tea Hostesses this month are Mrs. Block, Mrs. Jack Lawrence and Mrs. Kilby. Miss Avril will be giving a demonstration of Folk Dancing.

January 25th is an Open Night and we do hope that all members will come with a husband - a friend - or anyone who would like to join in our fun.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. S.J.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There are still a few tickets for Alan Shrimpton's Charity Party and these can be obtained from him. The party is on January 18th and the tickets are 5s. 0d including refreshments.

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"	8th	Saturday	W.I. Rummage Sale.
"	10th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	11th	Tuesday	Scouts
"	12th	Wednesday	Old Time Dancing
"	14th	Friday	Women's Institute Drama Dance
"	17th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	18th	Tuesday	Scouts
"	19th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic Old Time Dancing
"	20th	Thursday	A.G.M. of Tennis Club
"	21st	Friday	Darby and Joan Club Whist Drive Library
"	24th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	25th	Tuesday	Scouts
"	26th	Wednesday	Old Time Dancing
"	27th	Thursday	A.G.M. of Cricket Club
"	28th	Friday	2.30 Darby & Joan Film Show Cricket Club Dance

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This month we have lost three friends with whom we can ill afford to part; Miss Ethel Stacey, Mr. Fred Gibbons and Mr. "Brusher" Parslow and to their families we extend our sympathy.

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HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH.

It is a real source of joy to all of us to see something accomplished for our School. The new classrooms are now up and they are really nice. So nice that like Oliver Twist I am very tempted to say "please may we have another helping?" Of course the next step is to try and get a nice new school to house about 250/300 children with proper staff rooms and other amenities, on a really suitable site. Is it asking for the moon? I do not think so if we persist and work together. The new rooms make it possible to use the clause in the 1944 Education Act which allows parents to choose what sort of religious instruction their child shall have. The application forms are on the way round.

Another change has come. Mr. and Mrs. Kilby with their daughter have moved to a home of their own choosing during this month. Mr.

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Hughenden Parish Church - cont.....

and Mrs. Kilby have entered into the life of Naphill so very much that in some ways they will be very much missed, although their interests and activities will continue.

What is to happen about the School House? The Trust deeds lay down that it must be used as a residence for a person who will give Naphill children and people "religious instruction in the principles of the Church of England" Couldn't we have an active but retired Parson living in the School House? Or, better still, a married assistant curate living there. The key to the matter is finance. Whilst the Bishop will help us by securing a grant-in-aid he says Naphill and Hughenden must guarantee a reasonable portion. From the newspapers you all know that it is ridiculous to expect incumbents to find the stipend for an assistant Curate out of their stipends, like Mr. Carew Hunt did in 1899 or thereabouts. The basic stipend for a married assistant curate is £420 per annum or £8. 0. 0. per week. A retired Parson would probably accept one quarter of that, but would of course not be as effective. Will Naphill people please let me, or Mr. Halsey the People's Warden, know their views on this matter - especially if they are prepared to back up their views with financial support.

All good wishes to you for 1958. May it be a good year - and no late frosts. Lent begins on February 19th, special services are advertised in the Parish Magazine. S.A.C.D

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METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for February</u>		<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
February	2nd	Mr. L. Dron	Rev. A.H. Freeman.
"	9th	Mr. A. Hawkins.	Mrs. Gregory
"	16th	Rev. A.H. Freeman.	Mr. D.C. Church
"	23rd	Mr. D. Cross	Mr. W. Smith

The Sunday School Annual prize giving will be on Sunday March 9th, presided over by Rev. A.H. Freeman. We give parents and friends a welcome invitation. Commence at 2.30 p.m.

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THE MISSION HALL

Speakers for February

Sunday	February 2nd.	Morning 11 a.m.	Mr. L. Harlett B.Sc.
		Evening 6.15 p.m	Mr. R.M. Ingleby
"	9th.	" "	Students from the ALL NATIONS BIBLE COLLEGE
"	16th.	" "	"Stories of Portugal" by Mr. R.M. Ingleby
"	23rd	" "	Mr. P. Chandler of Reading.

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NAPHILL HISTORY?

Christmas is perhaps a time when we look back over the past year and remember some of the high-lights. Some even look further back over the years and try to remember happenings in our Village that are almost forgotten, and perhaps will be forgotten ere long if we cannot find a local historian who would record such things as the names and location of the seven pubs that at one time flourished here, the place of the first meeting for public worship; when and where the early experiments in wireless telegraphy were made and the experiments in producing a substitute for coal and the production of under-water ship; when the first Flower Show was held; Naphill Fair; and when the Naphill Silver Prize Band was first formed; how or where our letters were posted before those two letter boxes were installed.

Perhaps these things are on record, if so surely they would form interesting material for the Naphill Gazette, if not then where can we find someone to take on this task of putting Naphill on record.

A.H.Busby.

We would be delighted to receive articles or information on any of these subjects and others. Ed...

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I have noted the discussion in the Gazette of the origin of the name of Naphill, and from the fact that the older buildings in the vicinity are mostly built of flint, which had doubtlessly been excavated locally, it is more than probable that the name originates from the "Stone Age" occupation of "Flint Napping". Flint Nappers broke stone and made axeheads etc., This suggestion was put to me by a friend (an Archaeologist), who visited Naphill. Unfortunately, the name Naphill is not given in the Oxford Dictionary of Place Names. R.H.

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GARDENING NOTES.

Although it is too early to start general sowings and plantings there is always the chance that a gamble with the elements may come off. If you can catch the soil in the right condition a sowing of onions, parsnips, broad beans or early peas could be got in, also a row of shallots. All these except the parsnips could be sown in boxes in a mixture of peat, sand and loam and placed in the greenhouse, frame or shed window to start growth and then transplanted into the garden at a later date.

The planting of roses and shrubs should be completed as soon as possible, also the pruning and winter spraying. There is still plenty of time to plant herbaceous plants and perennials (those flowers which come up each year) Some of you have had trouble with those hyacinth bulbs and in many cases it has been the uneven flowering, the pinks coming out before the blues in a mixed bowl. This is bound to happen and it is always best to put each colour or variety in separate pots or bowls. Nil Desperandum!

A.H.B.

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TENNIS CLUB.

Members and friends spent a very enjoyable evening when they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. K. Stewart of Chalfont St. Giles who very kindly gave a Whist Party to assist the Club Funds.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday February 20th at 8 p.m. We welcome everyone interested in the Clubs activities to come along. L.M.S.

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY & JOAN CLUB.

At the last meeting in December Members told stories about their early days in Naphill and we heard tragic accounts of how some of the had been dug out of snow-drifts by rescue parties and how they walked along the tops of the hedges thinking they were on the road when the snow lay so thick all around. Amusing tales were told about the times when passengers from Naphill to Wycombe were conveyed in strange contraptions drawn by quadrupeds; a board was placed across the cart as seating accommodation and the board might slip and deposit the occupants on to the floor of the cart, but laughter carried them through all such minor disasters. Mr. Tom Judge remembered the funeral of Lord Beaconsfield the great Disraeli and one Member recalled the time when there were seven pubs in Naphill; those were the days. Memories were revived of the Prize-winning band of Naphill whose efforts alternately charmed the inhabitants with their music and drove them half-mad with their rehearsals carried on until far into the night. Oh, where is that band today?

On January 10th we were privileged to have a visit from Mr. Mann who told us of some of his experiences - some amusing, some tragic - when he was serving as Army Chaplain in Ceylon and in Singapore.

On January 24th Miss Smith, the well-known expert in Knitting and a County Judge of all forms of Handiwork, entranced her audience by an account of her experiences when visiting various parts of the country as adjudicator at exhibitions and competitions.

On February 7th, Mrs. John Hall is coming to give us an account of her travels in Gibraltar and the South of Spain. For the meeting on February 21st the Committee have devised an entertainment for us which will contain some surprises and a representative from Messrs. Lyons will attend to give us a demonstration of coffee-making. There will be an extra meeting on February 28th when the British Transport Commission will give a Film Show and we hope for a large attendance; on this occasion each Member may bring a visitor for an entrance-fee of sixpence, tea included. E.B.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The new membership cards for 1958 are now available and from February 1st will be required for presentation to Messrs. Jones & Rivett if cont.....

Horticultural Society - cont...

you wish to take advantage of the discount arrangement.

We have now become affiliated to the National Delphinium Society bringing our total of affiliations to National bodies up to seven. Benefits to you as members? free advice on problems concerning Roses, Sweet Peas, Gladioli, Dahlias, Chrysanthemums and now Delphiniums besides fruit, vegetables and other gardening problems through the Royal Horticultural Society. Free admission to these Societies Shows and loan of their Annual Handbooks as they become available. All of which must be done through our Society by application to committee members or the Secretary.

We have been challenged, and accepted, to a Gardening Quiz by the Monks Risborough Society at their White Cross Hall on Friday February 28th at 7.30 p.m. refreshments will be provided. Quiz Master Mr. John Ellison of B.B.C. fame. Why not come and support your team. A.H.B.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

\* Tea Hostesses this month are Mrs. Drake, A. Brown, Watson and Bowell. \* The talk is by Mr. Percy Merriman on "The Tonic of Laughter". On \* February 8th at 2.30 p.m. there will be a Rummage Sale. S.J.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Madam,

I am sure that all true lovers of sport will want to support me, in asking you to convey, through the medium of the Naphill Gazette, our heartiest congratulations to Ron Syrett, on his being awarded his England International Rugger Cap. This is, indeed, an historic occasion, and one which should make our village very proud. There is not a keen rugger following in the village, so far as I am aware, but none-the-less, all sportsmen, and women too for that matter, will appreciate how tremendously keen is the competition for an international place. It means that, at the moment, you are the best person (in the eyes of the selectors) in the whole of the country for a particular position - what an honour!

Ron Syrett played a jolly good game against Wales to gain his second cap selection against the Australians on February 1st. Good luck, Ron, and all our very best wishes to you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

STANLEY MONKS.

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1ST NAPHILL GIRL GUIDES

A District Rummage Sale will be held on February 15th at Holmer Green Village Hall, opening 2.30 p.m. Offers of Rummage gratefully accepted.

S.A.Didcock, Lieutenant.

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Conservative Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 27th February at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall.

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The Elderly Folks Dinner will be held on Wednesday October 29th, 1958.

H. Tweedale - Chairman.

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On behalf of the Wycombe and District Spastic Society Alan Shrimpton would like to thank everybody who helped to make his party so successful. The result being a record - £58. 4. 0.

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"	25th	Tuesday	Scouts
"	26th	Wednesday	Old Time Dancing
"	31st	Monday	Table Tennis Club

Men's Club every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

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VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

At the meeting for the election of officers last month, it was with regret that the Council received Mr. Oakeshell's resignation and they would like to thank him for all he has done.

The following were elected:- Mr. W.P. Kilby Chairman; Mr. M. Balls Secretary; Mr. D. Tooby Treasurer. The vice-chairman will be announced later.

OUR VILLAGE HALL

At the special general meeting held at the Village Hall on the 30th January, it was unanimously decided that an appeal should be made to all residents for a subscription to our Village Hall funds.

The Council has recently been confronted with the unexpected expense of building a new cesspit at the cost of £62.0.0. and the estimate of the new Ladies toilets is £80.0.0. It is generally felt that the installation of the latter is already long overdue.

The present running cost of the Hall is approximately £10/12 per week, and steadily increasing. For this the Council depends on rents for Hall and Playing Field lettings, and money raising functions organised by or on behalf of the Village Hall Council.

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OUR VILLAGE HALL cont....

We should be justly proud of our Village Hall and we hope that you will all show your interest by giving a donation when the door-to-door collection is made. This will take place on the 6th to 8th March, 1958. The members of the Table Tennis Club have very kindly offered to organise this collection, and we are indeed most grateful to them.

We sincerely appeal for your kind co-operation on this matter and hope that you will give as generously as you are able.

With grateful thanks - W.E.P, KILBY Chairman.  
M.J.Balls. Hon. Secretary.  
D.C.Tooby. Hon. Treasurer.

It has been suggested that there are many newcomers to our village who would be interested to know how the Village Hall Council is constituted, as set up by the Trust Deed of the year 1929. It is as follows:-

One representative of each village club or organisation, one representative of Hughenden Church, the School, the R.A.F.Camp, the Parish Council, and four members elected from local residents. This Council elects its own officers. W.E.P.K. M.J.B.

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"	9th)	2.30 pm Rev.A.H.Freeman.	Mr.F.H.Slade
"	16th		
"	23rd	Mr.F.Collins	Mr.W.J.Parkins
"	30th	Mr.R.P.Keen	Mrs.Greenstreet
Women's Anniversary	} 2.45 pm	Mrs.Foster	
Annual Women's Rally		Wednesday 2nd April-Speaker Mrs.B.Smith of Eastcote	

Sunday School Prize Giving on March 9th, presided over by the Rev.A.H. Freeman, all Parents and Friends invited.

Rummage Sale - March 15th - 2.30 p.m.

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY & JOAN CLUB

On February 7th, during a cold wintry snap, two events of world-wide interest happened; Dr.Fuchs reached his intended destination amid the snows of Antarctica and Forty Old People reached their intended destination at the Village Hall amid the snows of Naphill. They were rewarded for their temerity by an excellent tea and by a visit from Mrs. John Hall. On entering the Hall, Mrs. Hall received a warm welcome and she quickly made friends by going round the room to talk to all the members; she gave a most interesting and picturesque account of her visit to Gibraltar and the South of Spain and she handed to the Secretary some pretty gifts for a raffle. Mr. Hatt thanked Mrs. Hall for coming from London to visit Naphill and expressed the hope that she would come again in the near future.

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Naphill and Walters Ash Darby & Joan Club cont...

On February 21st there was a record attendance of Members on the anniversary of the original public meeting that inaugurated the Club. The Committee staged a number of Mimes illustrating the head-lines used in the Radio Times such as "The Archers", "Workers Playtime" etc. and the audience were asked to guess the answers. "Life with the Lyons" showed a very competent Trainer making agile and well-trained lions jumping through a hoop and "Amateur Boxing" showed a spirited contest between the Naphill Nipper (Rene) and the Walters Ash Basher (Edna) who ended the fight by knocking out the Referee. A representative from Messrs. Lyons gave a demonstration of making Chico and a nice cup of coffee was given to each of the sixty members present together with a sample to take home. Birthday greetings were given to Mrs. Bayley, to Miss Dowson and to Mrs. Shrimpton who celebrates her ninetieth birthday this week. The raffle was for a basketful of groceries and some fresh eggs presented to the Club by a kind friend. E.B.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

At the monthly meeting Mrs. Coplin will give a talk on "Handicapped Children"

The tea hostesses are Mrs. Ansell, Mrs. Biggs, Mrs. Ted Brown Miss J.T. Clarke. S.J.

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The depleted number of contributions this month is no doubt due to the weather, making delivery or collection, if not impossible at least unattractive.

The March 1938 issue of the Gazette was a celebration one; marking the first Birthday of the Naphill Gazette and we would like to quote certain passages from it:-

"We apologise to the Women's Institute for a misprint in our last issue, when we put "Love-making" instead of "Glove-making". We hear there was an extra large attendance on the afternoon in question"

"From an official commentary to vital statistics, published this month we learn that the lanes of the country-side are becoming more and more dangerous for children. For those under five the rural roads are less safe than the urban, and as the school opens the country death risk is higher than in the towns - If this means anything at all it means FOOTPATHS"

Yet twenty years later in 1958 we are still without a footpath down the whole village, and the amount of traffic and its speed have both increased vastly.

"The first issue of the Gazette sold some sixty odd copies" this month, March 1958 we are ordering over four hundred copies.

"MEMORIES OF OLD NAPHILL"

I had an idea after explaining some of the ways Pitch and Toss was played that perhaps it was not an interesting subject but as the footnote said "More next time" here is just a little more. I hope our young men and lads won't take it on - "Better stick to darts", and I shall be sorry if anyone's Anti-Gambling principals get a shock. A variation of the game was called "Shaking" and included Tossing but no Pitching. Still it was "Pitch and Toss" when it came before the "Bench". Each player staked two pence generally and in turn threw the lot up and the one who threw the most heads took the lot. A little party I knew of were having a quiet game one Sunday afternoon after School in the broad path near where Mr. W. Wingroves house is now. One lad, looking round, caught sight of a helmet moving from bush to bush to get near for a capture. "Heres - Old Andrews," said he and there was a rush through the bushes anywhere. Whether the coppers were picked up or not I cannot say. The Policeman did not get hold of any lad, but the story got about and it was well known who they were. Well, either the Policeman was not sure from his own observation at a distance of each of the lads, or though the intervention of a kind friend nothing came of it, but oh! the suspense, the dread, of having to face the Justices. And the heartache through having caused sorrow to loving parents, was punishment enough. I know one lad who never afterwards played the game.

I have been asked about another game we played as lads but never see now, that is just as well because it was sometimes accompanied by a broken window, or glass in the frame in a neighbour's garden, and was called "Catty", "Tip-cat", or just "Cat". You chose sides and each one had an innings in turn, the innings side had a stick and we lads would vie with each other to get the best stick. The right size was about two feet long with a slight curve near the bottom, for which we searched the hedges when the farmer was not looking or had gone to market. The Cat was a small piece of wood about six inches long slightly pointed at the ends, so that it would fly up when struck with the stick. The player then drove it as far as he could. That is where the window sometimes got in the way. Sorry, I am not starting at the beginning. First you make a ring and from a mark an opponent pitches the "Cat" at the ring. If "in" the player is out. If on the mark, one hit. If outside three hits.

When these were completed the striker would call a number according to the distance he had got from the ring. Then if the opposing side could reach the cat in that number of steps with a run to start he was out. If not the number counted in the score. Sometimes a 1 hit would fail to "rise" the "cat". Then it would not be 1 step away. That finished him. "Cat and Congure" next time. A.G.H.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Help is urgently needed - 1st Brownie Pack. Please contact Mrs. Mead,  
57 A.M.Q.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS Cont.....

Methodist Sunday School - Prize Giving on Sunday March 9th at 2.30 p.m. Parents and Friends are very welcome.

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Annual General Meeting of the Naphill Village Hall Council and Playing Fields will be held on April 16th, 1958.

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1st Naphill Girl Guides - I would like to thank everyone that helped to make our Rummage Sale on February 15th a success. We made a Grand Total of £32. 5. 0. Thanks are especially due to Mr. A. Keen for arranging transport.

S.A.Didcock, Captain.

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Conservative Dance - The 6th Annual Dance will be held at the Red Lion on Saturday March 15th, 1958. Tickets are 10s. 6d from Mr. S. Monks or any Committee member. All members, supporters and friends are very welcome. Mr. and Mrs. John Hall M.P. have promised to be there and we expect this evening to be as happy and successful as previous dances.

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL

April	1st.	Tuesday	Scouts
"	2nd	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic Old time Dancing Solo Drive
"	3rd	Thursday	Women's Institute Meeting. Library Whist Drive
"	8th	Tuesday	Scouts.
"	9th	Wednesday	Old Time Dancing Solo Drive
"	11th	Friday	Darby & Joan Birthday Party
"	15th	Tuesday	Women's Institute's Fashion Fair.
"	16th	Wednesday	Village Hall A.G.M.
"	18th	Friday	Military Whist Drive Library
"	19th	Saturday	Drama Festival
"	21st	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	22nd	Tuesday	Scouts
"	23rd	Wednesday	Old Time Dancing Solo Drive
"	25th	Friday	Darby and Joan
"	28th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	29th	Tuesday	Scouts
"	30th	Wednesday	Old Time Dancing Solo Drive

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We read with regret of the death of Mr. Frank Hobson who for so long was a resident of this village.

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HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH

A little bird tells me that people are interested in the next tenant of the School House. So far no one can say, but I am corresponding with a married clergyman who has had experience in Manchester. He wants to leave the active life of the city and still do a little work. Perhaps he and his wife will come to Naphill. He asks the ordinary sort of questions nowadays quite usual about stipend, telephone, repairs of the house. I cannot give him much information because no views have reached me about this matter from Naphill people let alone financial support. There is no mysterious "they" to provide funds.

How interesting the note about Naphill's link with the flint nappers of the Stone Age is! When the sports field on No. 1 site of the R.A.F. Station was being levelled by a bulldozer a rounded stone with a lip really "napped" on one side was turned up. It reminded me of the sling stones used by the Todas in the Nilgris Hills today. Used

properly, sling stones are fine offensive weapons at a range of up to 150 yards. If anyone turns up a round stone with a lip on it about the size of a cricket ball do keep it.

When my present round of visiting is over there is a possibility that one of the five deed boxes upstairs might yield some details about the Naphill Band. S.A.C.D.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for April.

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

April 6th  
" 13th  
" 20th  
" 27th

Mr.K.Lawrence.  
Mr.W.O.Haines.  
Rev.G.E.Firth.  
Rev.A.H.Freeman.

Miss A. Bowler.  
Mr.V.Holt.  
Mr.F.Batts.  
Rev.A.H.Freeman.

April 27th - evening is a request service - come along and sing your favourite hymns

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

Discussing their early memories in Naphill.

On March 14th we had another meeting with a "packed house" showing the ever-increasing interest in our Club. Readers of the Gazette will remember that in a recent number Mr. Arthur Busby who is an active member of our Committee wrote a short article encouraging a study of Naphill History and Geography and our Chairman, following Mr. Busby's advice sought to collect some Naphill Memories. Our Theme Song words composed by Mr. Holmes (a member of our Club) contains the line "Sing and be Happy, Memories entwine" and on this occasion the memories of the members did indeed entwine and they all enjoyed recalling events of their younger days. Great interest was shown in an old Minute Book formerly in the possession of Mr. "Brusher" Parslow, which recounted the foundation of the old Village Hall, commonly known as the Naphill Coffee Room. On the first page is reported the fact that the Naphill Temperance Society, alias the Band of Hope, alias the Blue Ribbon Army had gathered together to celebrate the gift of a site for the building of the Hall by Mrs. Emma Grace who also gave an endowment of £20. 0. 0. The tender of a builder named Gibbons of £105. 0. 0 was accepted and Trustees were appointed among whom were Mr.A.Hunt, the father of our member Mr."Nobby" Hunt and Mr.James Brown, father-in-law of our Committee Member Mrs.Ted Brown. Each Trustee undertook to subscribe threepence a week to pay off the original debt; they paid the Caretaker threepence a time for preparing the room and they charged the Cricket Club sixpence a week. In 1887 a Mr. Free who had zealously arranged the entertainments for several seasons was presented with a book, Farrer's Biblical Dictionary (price 5/-) The presentation was made by Miss Hilda Baldwin who was present at the meeting and is now known to us all as Mrs. Pearson; she confessed that she had no recollection of the event which happened seventy-one years ago. The Village Hall or

Coffee Room was evidently much needed as it became the scene of many activities, Entertainments, Visits from neighbouring villages, Magic Lantern Shows, Billiards, Rifle Shooting, Welfare Baby Clinics, Wedding Breakfasts and Religious Meetings; it was also in this Hall that the first meeting of the Women's Institute was held. In the Rules it was laid down that no gambling would be allowed and the speaker sternly reminded his audience that this Rule still held good and that if he caught any modern members gambling he would be compelled to call in the Police to restore order. One of the most important uses of this Hall was to provide a place for the rehearsals of the Naphill Brass Band who won so many cups in open competition and covered themselves with glory. A Photograph of this Band was handed round; it contained two living members of our Club, Mr. Shrimpton with his Big Drum and Mr. Monger with his Kettle Drum. The Chairman had invited these two instrumentalists to come along and give a duet on their drums but, alas, the drums no longer existed. Mrs. Reed lent an old photograph of an enormous crowd of some hundreds of people from Kingshill and Naphill, taken at a gathering to celebrate the coronation of King Edward the Seventh in 1901; the figures were small but with the aid of a magnifying glass members could recognise themselves or their parents and grandparents. Mrs. Reed also brought us an old copy of the Gazette containing a record of a mid-night walk across the Chiltern Hills by moon-light organised by Mr. Adlam. The speaker suggested that the next Outing for the Darby and Joan Club might be a nocturnal stroll on similar lines but, so far, no names have been handed in.

Extracts from a letter written to Mr. Busby and Mr. Joe Hawes were read out in which he recalled such ancient landmarks as Cuckoo Stile, The Lady's Mile, Bushels Corner, the Plain and the Old Crick. Mrs. F. Shrimpton kindly lent for our inspection a handsome testimonial given to her husband in grateful recognition of his successful management of the Naphill Choir; it bore the signatures of the Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses set out in due order. Major Cakeshott recalled some of his memories with special reference to Mr. Allen, his next-door neighbour, whose funeral cortege progressed through the village headed by the Brass Band.

Mrs. Douglas Tooby in a few graceful sentences thanked the speaker for his interesting discourse and said she wished that more people in Naphill could have been present to hear it.

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On March 20th a party of thirty-five went by coach to Reading to visit the Huntley and Palmers Biscuit Factory; in one department we were shown large water-tanks made by another firm for export and rather than send them on board empty they sent the tanks to H. and P. who fill them with biscuit-tins; they employ little boys to jump inside the tanks through the hole in the top and arrange the tins neatly and firmly. On departure, each member received an ornamental tin of mixed biscuits.

E.B.

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### GARDENING NOTES

It would appear that most of us are a little late with our sowing

Gardening Notes cont...

and planting so far and although an early crop of our favourite vegetable is very welcome our high altitude and the cold clay of our gardens doesn't make this easy.

The drying winds of March should have made it possible to make a start with onions, parsnips, broad beans and shallots, and I know some of you are quite pleased with those rows of early peas.

Mice are again giving trouble by eating peas, beans and even Jack Tappings' onion sets, and it would seem that only mouse traps or giving the neighbours cats the freedom of the gardens will stop this nuisance.

Now for a few other jobs, plant gladioli, a little sand under each corm. Plant out sweet peas, or some seeds for late flowers, some hardy annuals, such as godetia, larkspur, cornflower and candytuft where they are to bloom and prepare the ground for planting out dahlias and crysanthemums next month. Prune roses, sow lettuce, radish, brussels and cauliflower, sweep and roll the lawn and make the first cut, but raise the cutting blades a little for this, watch out for insect pests and weeds, feed spring cabbages with sulphate of ammonia or upstairs water.

A.H.B.

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VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL NEWS

At the Council Meeting on Monday 3rd March, preliminary plans were discussed for the Annual Fete which is to be held on Saturday 21st June. This year, as well as the sideshows and entertainment of the Fete, there will be an added attraction, for Naphill 1st XI will be playing a Cricket Match against Wheeler End on the home field, also Bucks Police are arranging a Road Safety Display. It is hoped that a Dance will be held at the Village Hall following the Fete and also in the evening there may be a Motoring Treasure Hunt. Many helpers will be required for running the Fete, and volunteers will be most welcome. Just tell the Secretary or Treasurer (or any member of the Council) that you are willing to help - The Council will be delighted and we are sure you will enjoy helping your Village.

Your Council have been attending to the appearance of the approach to the Hall and soon a new hedge will be planted either side of the Central approach.

Naphill is to enter this year for the tidiest Village in Bucks competition so please start the tidy habit now and frown on all litter droppers so that when the Summer comes we shall be looking spic and span.

It is hoped that the new Lady's Cloakroom, a long needed improvement will be started in April and should be ready for use by May.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday 31st March.

E.C.

The result of the collection in aid of the Village Hall Funds was £45. 12. 4. Special thanks are due to our table tennis club whose members made the above collection in arctic conditions.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

FASHION FAIR

Murrays of High Wycombe will be staging a mannequin parade on April 15th at the Village Hall. This should be of interest to all the women of Naphill. As well as the parade there will be a cosmetic stall also a jewellery stall, tickets can be obtained from any committee member at 2s. 0d each and this includes afternoon tea.

At the April meeting we are hoping to have Iris Ballard for our speaker, her subject will be "Lets do a Mime". Should she be unable to come we are assured of another speaker, equally pleasing.

The tea hostesses are Mrs. Eric Bayley, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Dunsford and Mrs. Hayward.

DRAMA FESTIVAL - Will be held in the Village Hall on April 19th at 2.30 p.m. our own team will be competing and the festival is open to all Naphill. Tickets 3s. 0d and 1s. 6d. S.J.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

We should like to thank the members who went along to Monks Risborough to support our team in the Horticultural "Quiz". Mr. John Ellison of B.B.C. fame was an excellent Quiz Master and our team, although not on top form just managed to snatch the victory by one point.

The recent Film Show in the Village Hall was well supported and will no doubt encourage the committee to arrange further shows in the future.

We are pleased to report that sixteen new members have joined the Society this year and several old members have renewed their membership after a lapse of years, our roll of Vice Presidents is the largest we have ever had, but there are still a few of last years members who have not renewed their membership.

Time is getting short if You want to take advantage of our 10% discount arrangement with Jones and Rivetts, for all your garden requirements the annual subscription is still only 2s. 6d minimum.

A.H. Busby. Hon. Sec.

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NAPHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

(PRIZE WINNING POEM)

The W.I. has a nice get together  
Once every month whatever the weather.  
First thing-we see the embroidered banner  
Then somebody bangs the old joanaa  
All upstanding for William Blake  
Who sang about something we're trying to make.  
The Chairman presides and with cheerful greeting  
Welcomes the members and opens the meeting.  
The minutes are read and are passed nem.con.,  
Then the agenda's embarked upon;  
Never forgetting we must keep afloat  
By raising the wind and not rocking the boat.  
Reports, resolutions on things near and far  
Rummage and footpaths, a Christmas bazaar,  
Outings and trips and parties galore  
Interest of every kind always in store.  
The Speaker, who now has been standing by  
Is soon introduced and has everyone's eye.  
A talk about travel, or craftwork or food  
All homely hints are sure to be good  
Thanks are then voted with well-chosen word  
And the tinkle of tea-cups, (Most welcome) is heard  
The jolly old cuppa, a cake or a bun  
The social half-hour, a game and some fun.  
There's chatter and laughter and friends to be seen  
And we round it all off with "God Save the Queen."

V.C.H.

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL

May	1st	Thursday	Women's Institute Monthly Meeting:
"	2nd	Friday	Whist Drive
			Library
"	5th		Table Tennis Club
			Council Meeting
"	7th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	9th	Friday	Girl Guides A.G.M.
			Darby and Joan Club.
"	12th	Monday	Table Tennis Club.
"	16th	Friday	Whist Drive
			Library
"	19th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	21st	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	23rd	Friday	Darby and Joan Club
"	26th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	30th	Friday	Whist Drive
			Library
"	31st	Saturday	Table Tennis Rummage Sale

The Men's Club meet every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.

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It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of Mr. Ring and to his wife and daughter we offer our sympathy.

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THE MISSION HALL

Preachers for May

Sunday	May 4th	Morning 11 a.m.	Mr.L.Harlett B.Sc.
		Evening 6.15 p.m	Mr.R.M.Ingleby
"	" 11th	" "	Students from "All Nations Bible College
"	" 18th	" "	Mr.K.Ives
"	" 25th	" "	Mr.R.M.Ingleby

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METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for May

		<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
May	4th	Mr.J.Miller	Mr.Collier
"	11th	Mr.H.Jarrett	Mr.D.S.Howard
"	18th	Mr.K.Lewis	Mr. K. Lewis
		2.45 p.m	Capt. U.S.A.F.
"	25th	Mr.C.Craft.	Mr.A.Slade

Please note - Sunday School Anniversary Services on May 18th - Special singing and recitations by scholars.



GARDENING NOTES.

At last we have been able to get going with a bit of sowing and planting of the earlier crops.

Now comes the turn of main crop potatoes, beetroot and further sowings of peas, lettuces, radishes, spinach and other successional crops. Runner beans after the seventh of May, french beans and marrows. Then of course there are all the summer bedding plants, outdoor Chrysanthemums and dahlias, all waiting to be planted out, but remember that May can be a bit tricky with nice warm days, but cold nights and sometimes a frost, so don't be in too big a hurry in planting out these plants and keep some covering handy for those early potatoes.

A.H.B.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

May we thank everyone who helped in any way to make our rummage sale so successful and raise £20.0.0. for the Club Funds.

We are proud to start another season with two excellent courts and a pavilion.

The cost of resurfacing one court has cost approximately £300.0.0.

We have to work extra hard this season to raise our funds, but together with loans from members and friends and the Club's various activities we hope to succeed in the very near future.

Our Match Secretary has arranged a very interesting list of matches. We are running the members singles and doubles tournaments also American Tournaments.

The subscription remains the same - Seniors £2. 2. 0.  
Semi Seniors 16 - 18 years 15s. Od Juniors 5s. Od (Balls provided)  
L.S.

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VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL NEWS

The Council, at its meeting on Monday 31st March, welcomed two new members - Mrs. Mead and Miss Didcock representing the Brownies and Girl Guides.

Plans were finalised for the Grand Raffle which will be drawn at the Fete in June and by the time you read this, tickets will be available, for they were distributed to sellers at the Annual General Meeting. There are some magnificent prizes - a £1's worth of Groceries per week for SIX MONTHS! a Picnic Set, a Travelling Case and other Consolation Prizes. Everyone would be pleased to win the first on the list and many would like one of the other prizes, so buy your  
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VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL NEWS continued.....

tickets (6d each) as soon as possible while there are some available - and Sellers - don't miss an opportunity of selling.

The new Ladies Cloakrooms should be finished very soon, and we hope the new hedge which has been planted will flourish.

The Council will be very glad of any offers of help for Fete Day - June 21st.

E.C.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

There was small attendance at the Annual General Meeting which was held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16th April. Mr. Kilby, the Chairman in his report, paid tribute to Major Oakeshott, who had retired from the position of Chairman in January due to ill health, and thanked him for all the work he had done for the village. Mr. Kilby also thanked the Council for their support and hard work, and with regard to activities during the year, the Chairman said the Whist Drives and Dances had continued to flourish and the Annual Fete was well attended despite cold weather. There had been an excellent attendance and all present had thoroughly enjoyed the dinner given for the Elderly Folk. The Gazette had again been issued free to some 400 households; improvements had been made to the Gents Toilets and were in the process of being made to the Ladies Toilets; the Nissen Store had been painted; kitchen improvements had been made by the Bucks Education Committee and these had not cost the Village anything and would of course be permanently with us. The Table Tennis Club had been formed and the R.A.F. were now renting the playing field for mid-week football.

In the winter there had been considerable trouble with the heat boosters and the Chairman apologised for the inadequate heating in the billiard room; steps were being taken to overhaul and improve the heating system.

In December the cesspool had collapsed and this had been put right at considerable expense.

The Chairman closed his report on rather a gloomy note but he said it was necessary to bring to the notice of the whole village the seriousness of the financial situation.

Mr. Tooby, The Treasurer, opened his report by saying that he had £13.0.0. in the bank and an account for £14.0.0. waiting to be paid. Over the year there had been a decrease in fixed rentals of £27.0.0. an increase in sundry lettings of £31.0.0. and income from entertainments had decreased by £85.0.0. Over all, the total expenditure showed a decrease over the previous year of £162.0.0. and

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Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Council continued.....

the bank balance was £77.0.0. as against £112.0.0 the previous year. The total cash received as a result of the collection was now £57.19.4.

Mr. Geoffrey Smith raised the question of the way in which the Council was elected and pointed out that the present method was laid down in the Trust Deed. He was suggesting that the members of the Council who represent the general public should be elected at the Annual General Meeting and that inquiries should be made as to whether the Trust Deed could be altered to incorporate this change.

A discussion took place as to the best way to raise funds and the Council will discuss and sort out all the suggestions.

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MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

It is pleasant to note that the Men's Club is once again functioning regularly in the Village. The past few months have been what can only be described as disastrous. After a slow start to the season owing mainly to illness among club officers. The disastrous blow came in the middle of the winter when the central heating system in the Billiard room broke down. An attempt was made to continue the club activities by lighting the fire but the Billiard room resembled a training ground for four minute milers as members dashed from fireside to table and back again.

The response of members when the heat returned was very encouraging.

The Billiard League Cup still has a lot of matches to be played but so far last year's winner of both cups has yet to lose a match. In the Snooker Cup competition V.W.Hildersley has fought through to the final whilst the winner of the match between E. Carrington and J.Tapping has to play A.Reed in the remaining Semi-final.

It is sad that the lighter evenings and warmer weather will turn most members thoughts from potting reds to potting plants. V.W.H.

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY & JOAN CLUB.

At the Meeting on April 11th the First Birthday of our Club was celebrated with pomp and circumstance. Each Member, on entering the Hall, was presented with a button-hole posy which gave them all a festive air and, set on high on a decorated table, the magnificent cake made by Mrs. Pugh attracted all eyes. Mr. and Mrs. Hounslow, visitors from Hazlemere, presented a tin of sweets to the two oldest Members present, Mr. Jugg, and Mrs. V. Shrimpton. On this special occasion a free raffle ticket was given to each Member and the prize, a shawl crocheted by a Member of the Club was won by Miss Fanny Dowson.

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Naphill and Walters Ash Darby & Joan Club continued....

Mrs. Jack Goodchild, who was sitting at a table with her three sisters, rose to speak some very kind words about the management of the Club; bouquets were handed to Mrs. Ernest Smith and to Mrs. Eric Bayley and there was a button-hole for the Chairman, Mr. Sidney Smith referring in flattering terms to the work they had done for the Club. The high-light of the afternoon was the Play presented by the Drama Section of the Hughenden Women's Institute, and produced by Mrs. Weeks. Ripples of laughter came from the delighted audience as the story unfolded of the three elderly spinsters who were leading (apparently) blameless lives while in reality engaged in law-breaking of a most nefarious description; if an epidemic of crime breaks out among the elderly inhabitants of Naphill we shall know whom to blame.

All agreed that it was a very happy party and augured well for the future success and prosperity of the Club. E.B.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We understand that there has been some disappointments for those of you who have been trying to make last minute purchases of seed potatoes, runner beans and some other seeds. We are sorry to hear of this but would again remind our members that our continual reminders to order early are not just sales talk.

There are a few tickets available free to members for admission to the Chelsea Flower Show on May 21st, 22nd and 23rd, early application to the Secretary is important.

The Sweet Pea, Rose and Delphinium Annuals are now to hand for loan to members.

There are a few allotments available at both the School site and at Walters Ash for anyone needing them. A.H.B.

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OLD TIME DANCING

Old Time Dancing Class ended this season in March owing to the lack of support. Many thanks to those who came along in such bad weather to help us carry on, we hope to open again in September for some form of Dancing Club.

Also the Annual Waltzing Cup will be competed for in the first week in December, 1958 with the Revue Orchestra and Mr. and Mrs. Free.

M.R.

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WYCOMBE DIVISION CONSERVATIVE PARTY

A Garden Party, with numerous side shows and other forms of entertainment for old and young, will be held at CLIVEDEN, by kind permission of Lord Astor, on Saturday 31st May, 1958. A coach will leave Naphill about 2 p.m. on that day. Further particulars can be obtained from Mr. C. Halsey, or any other member of the Naphill Conservative Branch. S.M.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The result of the collection for the "National Children's Home and Orphanage" was £22. 15s. 0d

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THE NAPHILL TABLE TENNIS CLUB

A rummage sale will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 31st May in aid of the Club Funds.

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We would like to remind all contributors to the Gazette that articles still have to reach the Editor by the 22nd of the month if they wish them to be included in the next issue.

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

June	2nd	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	4th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	5th	Thursday	Women's Institute
"	6th	Friday	Darby and Joan
"	9th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	13th	Friday	Whist Drive Library
"	16th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	18th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	20th	Friday	Darby and Joan
"	21st	Saturday	NAPHILL FETE "Our Fate"
"	23rd	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	27th	Friday	Whist Drive Library
"	30th	Monday	Table Tennis Club

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THE MISSION HALL

Preachers for June

Sunday	June 1st	Morning 11 a.m.	Mr.R.M.Ingleby
"	"	Evening 6.15 p.m.	Mr.S.J.Green of High Wycombe
"	" 8th	" "	STUDENT SUNDAY
"	" 15th	<u>FATHERS' DAY SERVICES</u>	
		3 p.m. Special singing and recitations etc. by the children.	
		FATHERS ESPECIALLY INVITED (Ladies only admitted in company with their husbands)	
		6.15 p.m.	Speaker from Newlands Park College.
"	" 22nd	Evening 6.15 p.m.	Mr.R.M.Ingleby
"	" 29th	Evening 6.15 p.m.	Mr.Hanson from Aylesbury

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METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for June

		<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
Sunday	June 1st	Mr.L.Dron	Mr.E.Jarvis
"	" 8th	Sister Freda	Mr.F.Baker
"	" 15th	Mr.W.Osborne	Mr.K.Lewis
"	" 22nd	Mr.W.Stephens	Mr.W.Stephens
"	" 29th	Rev.A.H.Freeman	Rev.A.H.Freeman

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

are bringing an invitation to all  
VILLAGE DWELLERS, FRIENDS, RELATIVES, and VISITORS to come to the  
MIDSUMMER FETE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 21st at 2.30 p.m. and to support -

OUR EATE!! DAY

Make it an outing for the whole family, come and enjoy yourselves and  
at the same time help to supply the Funds to prevent our Village Hall  
and Playing Fields from ever having to close up.

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FOR YOUR PLEASURE AND ENTERTAINMENT

there will be

A CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PARADE

including decorated bicycles and prams

Prizes for most original boy and girl and consolation prizes for all

CHILDREN'S SPORTS AND PERHAPS ONE FOR MUM AND DAD!

A CRICKET MATCH - NAPHILL 1st XI V. WHEELER END

POLICE ROAD SAFETY DISPLAY - FREE!

CHILDREN'S DANCING

SIDE SHOWS AND STALLS FOR EVERYONE

6.30 p.m. - GRAND ANNUAL DRAW

IN THE EVENING

A CAR TREASURE HUNT - Lots of fun and a tour of this beautiful  
countryside on mid-summer evening. - NO SPEEDING NECESSARY - Starts at  
7.0 p.m. from the Village Hall.

A MODERN DANCE FROM 8 TO 11.45 P.M.

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For your sustenance - TEAS AND REFRESHMENTS from 3.30 p.m. and  
REFRESHMENTS at the Dance

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IF YOU REALLY CANNOT COME ON JUNE 21ST - PLEASE BUY A PROGRAMME - YOU  
MAY WIN THE LUCKY NUMBER PRIZE

VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL NEWS

Eighteen members of the Council attended the monthly meeting on  
Monday 5th May when the chief topic under discussion was the Annual  
Fete to be held on June 21st. The selling of Raffle Tickets is well  
under way - we hope that every member of the village will have a ticket,  
or a book of tickets, by Fete Day. The car Treasure Hunt will start  
from the Hall at 7.0 p.m. and there will be two handsome prizes for the  
first two cars with the highest number of points. The Council will be  
glad of any broken china for one of the side shows and Mr. Wright at  
the Post Office has kindly agreed to collect and store this for us.

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Village Hall Council news - continued.....

Helpers for the Fete are still needed so if YOU would like to help, give your name and address to the Secretary, Mr. Maurice Ball, Westfield, Naphill.

The Tennis Club is running the Tombola at the Fete this year it will be comprised of any type of Prizes from a match box to a motor car. The Tennis Club would be glad of any gifts for this which would be gratefully accepted by any member of the Tennis Club.

The Treasurer reported that a donation of £15.0.0. had been received from the Bucks Education Committee for the playing fields. The Darby and Joan Club have very kindly given to the Village Hall three chairs to match our new ones.

The Council were concerned about damage to the swings on the playing fields and as these provide so much enjoyment for the children of the village it would be appreciated if anybody seeing misuse of the swings would do all they could to prevent it. E.C.

ITEMS FOR DIARY OF EVENTS AT VILLAGE HALL - Council Meeting June 2nd  
Annual Fete. June 21st

GARDENING NOTES

Flaming June! I wonder if this month will live up to that? It would be nice for us and the gardens if it were a little warmer. Anyhow we should now be safe from damaging frosts and get on with the bedding out of summer flowers, planting out runner beans, tomatoes, marrows and similar tender subjects, also brussels, autumn cauliflower, leeks and celery.

Spare a thought for next spring and sow wallflowers, sweet Williams and canterbury bells. When removing polyanthus to make way for the summer flowers replant them in a shady spot, but first split up any large roots to make more plants for putting out next autumn. You can still sow peas, lettuce, radish, beetroot and carrots.

Keep the hoe going, and the weeds down and spray with a good insecticide at first sign of insect pests. A.H.B.

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY & JOAN CLUB

"LACE MAKING"

Sixty Members attended the meeting on May 9th. The Hall looked very gay with the little tables covered by cloths of various colours and set with vases of flowers and all admired the grand new table presented by Mrs. Ernest Smith.

Mrs. Beale gave a fascinating demonstration of her own skill in



Naphill and Walters Ash Darby & Joan Club continued... producing lacquer trays ornamented with floral decorations, and other objets d'art. Mrs. Beale said much interesting and artistic work could be done on plain glass bottles and she kindly volunteered to show anyone interested how to develop this entrancing hobby. It has come to our knowledge that Mrs. Beale recently decorated a set of three chairs for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. She comes of an artistic family and her brother carved the fierce and dominating "Red Lion" of Wycombe High Street. Mrs. Beale's demonstration, all too short, was followed by a talk about Old Buckingham Lace by Mrs. Humphrey. Many of her listeners remembered seeing their mothers and grandmothers sitting at their Pillow Lace and Mr. Day produced a photograph of his grandmother working at her pillow lace. Lacey is a common name in this part of Bucks and there must have been many workers at Lacey Green. Although it is said to be a dying industry, Mrs. Humphrey herself can still make lace with pins, bobbins and a pillow and she brought some of her handiwork for all to admire; she said that it takes about an hour to make an inch of lace. Her collection of old bobbins was examined by all; one bobbin had six rings carved out on it and it was called a Henry the Eighth Bobbin to commemorate his six wives; other bobbins were love-tokens with "I Love You" carved on them by some adoring swain. Some beautiful specimens of old lace were shown and many expressions of regret fell from the lips of the older members to think so few specimens are made today. It must have been hard to make a living from Pillow Lace Making, but Mr. Brown told the story of a fat pillow that had belonged to an old lace-maker and, on her death, her son told someone to take it out and throw it on the rubbish heap and when this was done the pillow burst open and out fell a shower of golden sovereigns. These two demonstrations of Ancient and Modern Art made a most delightful contrast and when the two ladies walked round the room to talk with the Members they were overwhelmed with appreciative thanks from one and all.

It is also worth recording that at the Annual General Meeting of the Buckinghamshire Old Peoples Welfare Committee held at Aylesbury on May 5th the report on the year's work sent in by the Secretary of the Naphill and Walters Ash Darby and Joan Club was thought to be of such general interest and so instructive that Mr. White, the Hon. Secretary of the Aylesbury Committee, read out the whole letter to the assembled multitudes; though this action brought out deep blushes on the modest cheeks of the Naphillians present, it was felt to be a great honour that our report should be picked out for special mention among all those sent in.

E.B.

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At the meeting on April 25th, the Secretary said she had received many congratulations about the First Birthday Party; a very kind letter had been received from Dr. Ernst enclosing a generous cheque. The President, Mrs. Ernest Smith, had marked the conclusion of her first year of office by presenting to the Club a handsome Chairman's table and also a very fine table-cloth of linen with an edging of Buckingham Lace. It was suggested that the Members of the Club might write their names with a pencil on the linen and then embroider

Naphill and Walters Ash Darby & Joan Club continued....

the autographs with coloured silk. The Chairman announced that this Meeting must constitute the Annual General Meeting. Our Club is associated with the Buckinghamshire Old Peoples Welfare Committee of Aylesbury and one of the rules laid down is that at the end of each year all offices should be declared vacant and a new election. It quickly appeared that the general feeling of the Meeting was that the Members were so well satisfied with the Management that they desired nothing better than that the old officials should all be re-elected and this was soon done with smiling faces and a show of hands.

The Members present listened with great attention to the statement of accounts given by Mr. Geoffrey Smith, the Treasurer, and they cheered him loudly when he announced that the finances were sound, that the Club was independent and self-supporting, they did not owe anyone a penny and they had a nice little balance in the Bank at the end of their first year. Needless to say, Mr. Geoffrey Smith, was unanimously re-elected. Grateful thanks were given to the small band of Helpers who have won the D.S.O. for washing-up etc. At the conclusion of the business Miss Dowson rose to thank the Officials and the Committee for all they had done to give so much pleasure to the Old People. Two new Members, Mrs. Ring and Mrs. Jackson, were given a warm welcome. For the information of anyone wishing to make contact with the Darby and Joan Club, a list of names is here appended:-  
President, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Chairman Dr. Eric Bayley. Secretary, Mrs. Eric Bayley, Treasurer, Mr. Geoffrey Smith. Committee:-  
Mrs. Ed Brown, Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Geoffrey Smith, Mrs. Pugh, Mr. Sidney J. Smith and Mr. A. Busby

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our May meeting was rather poorly attended. Perhaps the warm sunshine proved more attractive for some members than the word "Resolutions" which appeared on the Agenda. The absentees, however, missed a very interesting meeting. We had for our speaker Mrs. Williams, who had represented Bucks on the National Committee which had chosen the four resolutions to be voted on at the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall in June. Mrs. Williams certainly knew the "ins" and "outs" and the why and wherefore of the resolutions and led members in lively discussions on them before they decided how Naphill will vote at the A.G.M.

The outing for the Naphill over-65's will be held this year on Thursday 21st August. Further details will be announced later but it is not too early for those eligible to be deciding if they wish to go. This outing is for all over-65's in the Village, not just Institute. members.

Another date to remember is Saturday 19th July when we will be holding our Institute Produce Show. Schedules will be available at the June meeting. Continued.....

Women's Institute. continued....

Heartiest congratulations and the highest praise are due to our Drama Team and their producer, Mrs. Margetson. New recruits had to be pressed into service this year and these were persuaded very reluctantly to enter for the Bucks W.I. Drama Festival as they felt they would lower the standard of the more experienced members. 36 teams entered for the Festival and at the finals, in Aylesbury on May 10th, Naphill were judged to be the winners. This is the third time that they have brought the cup to the Village.

Our next meeting, on 5th June, will be Members' Day, when a new committee takes over the meeting and the old committee sits back and has a day off. As usual the members' committee are keeping secret the arrangements they have made for the meeting. Do come along and support their efforts and hard work made on your behalf. M.B.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

Owing to the cold weather and waiting for our newly surfaced court to settle we appear to have made a slow start.

June will see more activity on the courts as we commence our Tournament 1st - 15th June inclusive.

We would like to see a larger membership with an ever increasing village population. We feel there must be some "hidden Talent" if you are new to the village a warm welcome awaits you to join us. We have decided to hold an Arts and Crafts exhibition in October. We hope everyone in the village will assist us to make it an exhibition worth remembering. Now is the time to start making an exhibit or collecting some "Curio" while on holiday. We hope to have every type of handicraft, also a childrens section.

Result of Matches - Naphill Lost to Aylesbury N.A.L.G.O.  
7 - 2 draws...

Fixtures for June. June 7th (Saturday) Broomwades Mixed. Away.  
June 19th (Thursday) R.A.F. Ladies. Away.  
L.M.S.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Our first Show of the year, Saturday July 5th is only a matter of weeks away now. Although at the time of writing there have been some cold nights, we have escaped (as yet) those damaging frosts that sometimes come in May. Should luck be on our side, prospects are good for early fruit, peas, lettuce etc. and with some warm sunshine the flowers will be in good condition. Reports seem to indicate that sweet peas are doing well but one can never be sure but only hope that all will be well on the day. Don't forget its that little extra attention between now and July 5th that will help you to win the prizes. A.H.B.

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

July	2nd	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	3rd	Thursday	Women's Institute Monthly Meeting
"	4th	Friday	Darby and Joan
"	5th	Saturday	<u>Horticultural Show</u>
			Table Tennis Club
			Village Hall Council Meeting 8.0 p.m
"	11th	Friday	Library 7 - 8 p.m.
			Whist Drive 7.30 p.m.
"	14th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	16th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic.
"	18th	Friday	Darby and Joan
"	19th	Saturday	Women's Institute Produce Show
"	21st	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	25th	Friday	Library 7 - 8 p.m.
			Whist Drive 7.30 p.m.
"	28th	Monday	Table Tennis Club.

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We would like to welcome back Denis Syrett from a successful tour of Nigeria and Ghana and we hope that he will be writing an account of this for us.

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH

There must be a large number of children in Naphill now who have been baptised in Hughenden Church - or in some Parish Church. All of them have one thing in common, namely godparents who took a solemn vow that they would see to it that their godchildren were taught "the Creed, The Lords Prayer and the ten commandments as set forth in the Church Catechism, and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his souls health. That they would be virtuously brought up to lead a Godly and Christian Life, and that they would be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed by him so that they might receive the Holy Communion, after due preparation, and go forth into the world to serve God faithfully in the fellowship of His Church". I have quoted the actual text. There is a whole sheaf of forms signed by parents and godparents accepting these terms of baptism in the safe in our Church.

The School - Its strange how misunderstanding arises! I am not in the least critical of the religious instruction given in school at present. Its very good - as far as it goes. But you all know it is based on an Agreed Syllabus which is basic scripture - not catechism and the other instruction quoted above. In a Controlled Church School parents have a legal right and liberty to ask for their children to receive the full Church teaching from a reserved teacher or the Vicar. By signing those forms parents asked for it. Very few have signed - in view of the solemn vows taken at baptisms I expected more.

English people are proverbially jealous of preserving their

liberties. If the new school is a County Primary School the liberty of choosing the sort of religious instruction for your children is lost. If the school is a controlled school it is preserved. That is the reason why the Oxford Diocesan authorities are anxious for Naphill people to understand the points involved before making a decision. When the official notices are published people can have the option for the new school to have Controlled Status and the liberty to be preserved. The Ministry of Education say plainly it makes no difference - nor will it cause delay. It is not merely a decision for the County Authority. Make up your minds - with the glory of God as your prime motive - and with an eye to the future, and that liberties lost are not easily recovered.

It would be a great joy to me to see a nice 8 or 10 room school built at Naphill in 1960, seven class rooms, an assembly room, a staff room and the necessary cloak and toilet facilities. It is badly needed.

On my long journey to India and back I shall be remembering you and the children of Naphill School.

I am very sorry to say that the Rev. and Mrs.H.Stead have decided not to come and live in the Head Teacher's House. S.A.C.D.

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METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for July</u>		<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
July	6th	Horace Lord.	Rev. Foster
"	13th	Rev. Freeman.	A.G.Thomas
"	20th	F.Dean	Rev. Freeman
"	27th	Mr.Hawkins.	Mr.Edward.

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THE MISSION HALL

<u>Preachers for July</u>			
July	6th	Morning 11 a.m.	Mr.R.M.Ingleby
		Evening 6.15 p.m.	Mr.Keith Lewis of Marlow
"	13th	"	Students' Night
"	20th	"	Mr.R.M.Ingleby
"	27th	"	Testimony night.

Fathers greatly appreciated the service held for them on June 15th.

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GARDENING NOTES.

Although some crops are a little late this year the rains have made most things grow well and some good crops should be gathered later on. Hurry on with the planting out of all types of green-stuff, savoys, winter cabbage, broccoli etc. Don't let wallflowers, sweet williams and other biennials get too crowded in the seed bed

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Gardening Notes cont....

either thin out or transplant them to build up good strong healthy stock. There is still time to sow seeds of these or some of the perennial flowers such as pyrethum, equilegia, lupin and many others, to give flowers next year.

As flowering shrubs go out of bloom prune where needed but don't cut anything off unless you know why you are doing so.

Shorten new shoots on trained apple and pear trees also gooseberries and red currants to within about five leaves from the base of each shoot. You may still sow some roundbeet, lettuce, stump rooted carrots, turnips and winter spinach. A.H.B.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our June meeting was well attended when the Members Day Committee took over for the afternoon and gave the old committee an "afternoon off". Mrs. Weller presided and asked Mrs. Bayley to introduce the speaker who was Mrs. Briggs. Some peeps into Samuel Pepys Diary was the subject of her talk, and although some members had heard this talk before they were very pleased that Mrs. Briggs could come to us again.

During tea each member was given a lucky number ticket, the first number drawn belonged to Mrs. Blick who chose a box of chocolates, the second prize went to Mrs. L. Hussy who received a wastepaper basket.

For social time Miss Clarke had arranged a quiz and everyone joined in.

Our Produce Show is on July 19th, some schedules are still available and will be on sale at the next meeting.

The Naphill over 65's outing is on Thursday 21st August. Anyone eligible and who would like to go can give their names to any of the committee.

July 3rd is the date of our next meeting, this is to be a surprise afternoon. J.M.B.

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY AND JOAN CLUB.

On May 23rd Mrs. John Bayley gave us a short talk on her journey to Mount Sinai. She was stationed with her husband, Colonel Bayley, in Egypt and he organised a trip to the Sinai Peninsula as a military exercise and, like all good husbands, he gave way when his wife suggested that the expedition should include soldiers' wives and children.

Greetings were received from Members who had arranged their holidays through the Darby and Joan Club; it is hoped that many more continued.....

Darby and Joan Club cont.....

will follow their example next year.

On June 6th we had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Hobbs from the County Farm, Stoke Mandeville, who gave us a talk and demonstration on the Arrangement of Flowers. We had an audience of over sixty people many of whom had had experience in exhibiting at Flower Shows but they admitted that Miss Hobbs gave them some useful and practical hints.

A Garden Party was held on June 20th at Plumtree Cottage. In the morning the clouds and also the organisers shed a few tear-drops but in the afternoon the Sun (who is also over sixty years old) asked to join in the fun and was warmly welcomed by the Old People. The Members enjoyed having their tea and meeting their friends in the open air in truly rural surroundings of peace and quiet. It was a good idea to bring the school-children under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Kilby to entertain the Old People by dancing on the lawn. No doubt the Old Folk, watching the children, reflected on their own childhood days when they tramped to school, three miles there and three miles back, through storm, rain and snow and perhaps they wondered if the modern children really appreciated being wafted to school in silver-plated motorbuses. E.B.

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1ST NAPHILL GIRL GUIDES

Badges awarded by 17th June.

PROFICIENCY BADGES

Bridget Day	Homemaker	Elizabeth Knott	Laundress
Barbara Weller	Homemaker	Valerie Cooper	Needlewomens
Elizabeth Knott	Homemaker	Elizabeth Knott	Hostess
Barbara Weller	Laundress	Barbara Weller	Mapreader

Enrolled

Daun Oakley

Fly-up from Brownies

Jennifer Smith.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

Our first American Tournament was held on Whit Saturday. Members from Broom Wade Sports Club joined us. Mr.A.Lawrence kindly entertained members to tea.

Prizes were given by the members. Prizes for the highest scores were won by Mrs. Ginger and Mr.A.Shrimpton.

We received six Wimbledon tickets and made our usual draw. Six lucky members look forward to spending an enjoyavle day at Wimbledon during the next fortnight.

Unfortunately the few very warm sunny days affected our newly cont....

Naphill Tennis Club cont....

surfaced court which we had to cease using temporarily. However, the Club tournaments are being played when possible and we hope very shortly to fix a finals day.

RESULT OF MATCHES PLAYED

Naphill beat Broom Wade mixed away 5 - 4  
Naphill beat Broom Wade Mens Home 8 - 1

FIXTURES FOR JULY

Sunday July 13th R.I.O. Mixed Away.  
Sunday July 20th Broom Wade Mixed Home. L.M.S.  
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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Saturday 5th July is the date of our Thirteenth July Show and the 30th Show we have held since our formation in 1944. We are pleased to report that far from 13 being an unlucky number our support from the Village community is higher than in any previous year. We appeal to our members to carry on with the good work (1) By recommending their friends to become members. (2) By putting something in the Show or (3) By bringing something along for the Gift Stall.

There are two important omissions from our schedule - now obtainable from Committee Members - one the class for Committee members and the President, simply one vase of flowers. The other that there will be a Gift Stall, and members or well wishers who have surplus flowers, or other produce they can spare for this, will help the Society's funds, as the goods will be sold for this purpose during the Show.

The Show opens at 2.30 p.m. Sale of surplus flowers and other exhibits at 6.30 p.m.  
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NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB

At the half way stage in our season's fixtures there is every hope that the second team will carry off the championship of their section. Indeed at the moment, they are unbeaten, and great credit is due to them and to the individual players for their excellent victories in the first eight matches. One hears the odd whisper that the cup in question should be filled with 'this and that' sort of brew, but let us not count our flagons before they are corked.

Of the first eleven - a very mixed bag. On paper, quite the strongest bowling side in any of the six divisions, particularly with the inclusion of Dudley Thomas of the R.A.F., a fast bowler of excellent prospect. The batting of our team is an enigma, and several of the recognised batsmen are excellent subjects for the  
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Naphill Cricket Club cont.....

eminent cartoonists of the national press. I am convinced, however, that their day is not long away, when two or three of them will collectively surprise us and make fifty runs each in the same match. Now surely, you first eleven men, you cannot let the second team get away with it all the time. Jump to it and let us produce ten wins in a row, and have a double celebration at the end of the season. Take a page out of John Hussey's book and 'fram' the bowling good and proper. Remember, the bat is to hit the ball with, and when I say hit, I do not mean a 'blind swipe', but neither do I mean a prod.

In conclusion - congratulations to John Cruickshank (and of course his missus) on the birth of their babe. S.M.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

Seventeen members were present at the June Meeting of the Council and Mr.Halsey, who took the chair in Mr.Kilby's absence, welcomed a new member, Mr. Rose. The Hon.Treasurer reported that the General Account was £17.0.0. in debt. The Fete was the chief item on the Agenda and when you read this you will be able to judge whether the Council "did their stuff" well.

The keys of the Village Hall have been kept for many years by Mr. and Mrs. A. Hunt who have now asked to be relieved of this duty. The Council would like to express their very grateful thanks to these two people for helping in this way for so long. The keys can now be obtained from the Caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Read and the Council would like to inform all Hall users that if the kitchen and/or the crockery are booked for use with the Hall, then these places will be unlocked.

NAPHILL "FETE" - At the time this is written the Fete is only just over and all that can be said is that despite precarious weather, a good time seemed to be had by all and the Council are hopeful that the occasion was a financial as well as a social success. All details and prize winners will be published in the next issue as there is not time before going to Press to collect all the information.

The writer has however, details of the Car Treasure Hunt in which 22 cars took part. The 1st Prize was won by Mr.Winter-Taylor and party, 2nd Prize went to Mr.Cox and party and the 3rd prize was won by Mr. and Mrs. Charnock.

The Council wish to thank most sincerely all those who helped in any way with the Fete, and also the public for supporting their efforts. E.C.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE - Parker Knoll Fireside Chair with deep seat and two loose cushions - Phone Naphill 3315.

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

August	1st	Friday	Darby and Joan Club
"	6th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	7th	Thursday	Women's Institute
"	8th	Friday	Whist Drive - 7.30 p.m. Library
"	11th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	15th	Friday	Darby and Joan Club
"	18th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	20th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	21st	Thursday	W.I. Old Folks Outing.
"	22nd	Friday	Whist Drive - 7.30 p.m. Library.
"	25th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	29th	Friday	Darby and Joan Club
"	30th	Saturday	Guides Rummage Sale - 2.30 p.m.

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We would like to congratulate Mr. John Holmes on having an honorary degree of Manchester University bestowed on him.

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HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH

My journey of some fourteen thousand miles is now over and I have vivid memories of other lands. The Mediterranean Countries are all very well but the hillsides are bare as compared with the slopes round Naphill. Egypt may offer sunshine every day but the duncoloured sands and the sparse vegetation, except where "sweet" water is available, makes it a land of flies and intense sun glare. Aden is a land for lizards, not human beings. Ceylon would be very very pleasant doubtless if one did very little but laze. A sensitive person would be appalled by the standard of living endured by the labouring poor of Tamils and Singalex alike. Its a green lush island on the west and south, but as dry as tinder on the east. India! well, the plains are full of interest and activity if one does not mind a temperature of something over 100°F in the shade. The hills and forests are beautiful, wonderfully serene and peaceful away from human habitations. The wild flowers are startlingly beautiful in their natural setting especially the orchids and "flowers of the forest". One could live a good life there. Somehow I think Naphill folk would prefer to stay in Naphill.

If there are any people who would be prepared to sign a public notice asking for a controlled Primary School at Naphill please will they write me a postcard now. To sign would imply that they would like a school where parents have the right to ask for their children to be given Church of England religious instruction

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The Vicar.

METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for August.

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

August	3rd	Supply.	Mr. Smith
"	10th	Mr. D. Barlow.	Mr. G. Howard.
"	17th	Mr. A. Chilton	Miss A. Bowler.
"	24th	Rev. Freeman.	Mrs. Greenstreet.
"	31st	Mr. F. Baker.	Mr. W. Parkins.

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THE MISSION HALL

PREACHERS FOR AUGUST

August	3rd	Morning 11 a.m.	Mr. R. M. Ingleby
		Evening 6.15 p.m.	Mr. Colin Lovell (Yeovil)
"	10th	" "	Mr. Dan Good (Maidenhead)
"	17th	" "	Mr. R. M. Ingleby
"	24th	" "	Mr. Ives (of High Wycombe)
"	31st	" "	Mr. E. Free (Maidenhead)

Sunday School Outing to Littlehampton - August 16th, 1958.

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IN ENGLAND'S GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND

The word Subtopia was coined in a special edition of the Architectural Review of June 1955; the doom of an England reduced to neither town nor country, an even spread of wire fences, traffic roundabouts, notice boards and car parks, a condition in which all the countryside becomes town fringe.

The disease destroys the things in the countryside that everyone longs for, and gives in exchange walls and wooden fences for hedges, overhead wires for a spacious sky, hoardings for trees, monster traffic signs for milestones and traffic sounds for bird song. It brings disturbance in exchange for peace, distraction in exchange for contemplation and ugliness in exchange for natural beauty.

Industry brings a higher standard of life for all and ease of communication alone makes living in the country possible for most of us. Is Subtopia the inevitable price we must pay for these advantages? If not, how is the disease best resisted?

It is only too easy to overlook the early symptoms; but anyone who has lived in Naphill even during the last five years must have noticed manifestations. Once the charm of the country village has gone it is lost for ever, largely perhaps because people have forgotten to care enough about it, and all that is then left is another strip of dreary ribbon development "convenient for through traffic"!

J.M.H.

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GARDENING NOTES.

We have not had much holiday weather up 'til now and there has been much damage by storms particularly amongst the flowers and soft fruits, but as compensation many of the crops are doing well, owing to the frequent rains.

The potato blight has put in an early appearance this season and it will be advisable to harvest the crop a little early as it is possible, unless the weather changes that there will be "plenty of bad 'uns".

With the winter and next spring in mind the following seeds can be sown now:- red cabbage, short horn carrots, cauliflower, spinach, turnip, endive lettuce, onions, radish, parsley and spring cabbage.

Before earthing up celery cut away all suckers or side shoots, feed with manure water, dust with old soot and place some slug bait along the row. Any greenstuff that is "hanging fire" should be dressed with a little nitrate of soda.

Cut out the canes that have born this seasons crop from raspberries and loganberries and all the old fruiting wood from black currants as soon as the crop is gathered. Make up next years strawberry bed.

A.H.B.

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NAPHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Can women keep secrets? The committee members of the W.I. certainly can. Not even a whisper was heard beforehand, of the arrangements they had made for their July meeting to be a "Surprise Afternoon" for their members.

The meeting opened as usual with a short business session, during which a report of the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall was given by their representative, Mrs.M.H.Cholmondley of Princes Risborough. Then out came the secret!

The president, Mrs. Blackwell, read out the July quotation on the programme card, "Bucks, dear Bucks, oh shire so fair, with gratitude your charms I share". This, she said, was what we were going to do, a coach was outside the Hall all ready to take the members for an hour's excursion into lovely Bucks. The party boarded the coach with obvious surprise and delight, and with full co-operation from the sun, had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon, finishing with a dainty tea prepared by committee members who had remained behind. Everybody agreed that it had been a delightful "Surprise Afternoon" and thanks to the committee was expressed by Mrs. Goodchild.

Sick visitors for July and August will be Mrs. Brazier and Mrs. S. J. Smith.

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Naphill Women's Institute cont...

At the Annual Flower and Produce Show flowers, fruit, vegetables, jams and cakes of high standard were shown by a large number of exhibitors. Mrs. E. Hussey will again hold the pewter tankard for the coming year, having gained the highest number of points in the floral and domestic classes.

The fruit cake class was won by Mrs. M. Piercy with Mrs. D. Butler second and Mrs. D. Smith third. The raspberry jam competition for the Grimsdyke group was also won by Mrs. D. Smith of Naphill.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

We hope our newly surfaced court has really settled down since Messrs. Grassphalte have put in final touches. We must realize the court is now our responsibility and it is in the interest of members to take care of the Courts and the Club's property.

This season has been a terrific strain on the clubs funds. We have not yet furnished our pavilion and would be very grateful for any second hand furniture, especially a table.

The Club Tournaments have reached the Semi-finals and it is hoped to arrange a finals day early in September.

Result of Matches:- Naphill Lost to R.I.O. Mixed Away - 2 - 7  
Naphill Beat Broom Wade Mixed Home.- 7 - 2

Fixtures for August-Aylesbury Mixed Home - Sunday 3rd  
Open American Tournament - Sunday 24th  
(Commence 2.15 p.m.)  
R.I.O. Mixed Home. Saturday 30th

August is the month when most of us are thinking of holidays, may we remind you to take your "handicraft" with you, also look out for something you may bring back and let us Exhibit in our Arts and Crafts Exhibition on Saturday 25th October. L.M.S.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

THE "FATE"

You will all be delighted to know that the nett result of the Fete and Draw is £164. 8s. 3d (subject to audit) This is an excellent achievement; it is nearly double the amount made last year when we did not have a Draw, and without the Draw the increase over last year was approximately £34. 0. 0.

The Council would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Fete.

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Naphill Village Hall Council cont....

Below is a list of all prizewinners and we congratulate them on their skill or luck:-

Lucky Programme 218 - Mrs. Fowler, 23 Moseley Road. Treasure Hunt - Helen Lean. Fancy Dress Paul Butler, Wendy Cox and Trevor Mealing. Bagatelle - Michael Broom and Pat Dillo. Skittles Ladies - Mrs. Coleman Gents - Mr. Woodward.

Draw - Groceries 3151 - F. Constable c/o A.O. Brown. Picnic Set 2488 W.F. Cox, Clovelly, Totteridge Lane. Case 1126 - Mrs. E. Lowin "Sunnyside" Trees Road. Iron 3080 - Mrs. Brown, Belmont. Cushion - Mrs. Parslow, Inglenook. Sherry - B. Smith, Victoria Cottage. Port - Hinvers, Stocking Lane. Screwdriver - W.R. Hayward, Burdet House. Cake "Bill" 23 Cambridge Crescent, Totteridge. 50 Cigarettes - S.A.C. Multon, H.Q.B.C Chocolates - T. Shaw, Wynchways. Biscuits - Barnes, Rowan Cottage.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Council Meeting on Monday 7th July heard the result of the Fete from the Treasurer and despite joy at the good news were still concerned to hear that when a builders account for £124. 9. 2. was paid the General Account would be 16s. 5d in debt.

The Council have plans for your future entertainment, one item being a Christmas Bazaar on 13th December.

A Fete Secretary is required for the 1959 Fete and the Council would be glad if some resident of the village would come forward and offer to do this work.

Owing to the wilful damage to the new drinking fountain at the Village Hall, installed at a cost of £9.0.0. it has been decided to stop the water supply until further notice.

TREASURE HUNT.

Another car treasure hunt is being organised for September 20th at 5 p.m. On return from the hunt which will last about two hours a Barbecue is being planned for those taking part and this will be held on Naphill Common. All further details will be issued in the September Gazette but keep the date free. Entrance for this Treasure Hunt will be by ticket.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE

A VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB is being formed and will start operating in September and full details will be given in the Gazette.

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1ST NAPHILL GIRL GUIDES

BADGES AWARDED ON JULY 15TH, 1958

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Little House Emblem - Elizabeth Knott

PROFICIENCY BADGES

Elizabeth Knott - Cooks  
Barbara Weller - Cooks  
Barbara Weller - Childnurse.

Guide Meetings finish on July 22nd and re-start on September 9th for the Summer Holidays.

There will be a Rummage Sale on AUGUST 30TH in aid of Guide and Brownie Funds. S.Didcock.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We do appreciate the many kind remarks we have heard about our July Show, we also thought it was very good under the circumstances. Although there have been some first class Sweet Peas this year, bad weather and bud drop came along just at the time of the show and once again we were unable to stage a very large number of vases but great credit is due to those exhibitors, particularly Harold Smith and George Hussey.

It was very encouraging to see the keen competition in the Rose classes, the more so as all the prize winners except two came from the Village. Further, we are pleased to record that although our Show is open to all and that a total of 51 exhibitors won prizes, 42 of them came from the Village.

Financially the results were satisfactory there being a loss of only £4. 0. 0. A.H.B.

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY & JOAN CLUB

The outing to Woburn Abbey will long remain in our memory; the pictures and the ducal gold plate were much admired.

Fifty-eight members came to the meeting on July 4th. Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Blaby provided the entertainment and the billiard tables shook when the bursts of merriment broke out. Miss Ethel Wave the artist living on Naphill Common has kindly presented one of her own pictures to be raffled for the benefit of the Club's funds.

On July 18th we had a visit from Policewoman Sergeant Harrison who told us of the many and varied tasks that fall to the lot of one in her profession. The meeting on August 1st will be a Members Day when they will provide their own entertainment; we expect an exciting programme. On August 11th there will be a visit to Messrs. Job's Dairy in Feltham; they are kindly sending a motorbus to hold 33 to carry us there and back. At our fortnightly meetings we have an attendance of between 55 and 60; there is still room for a few more and new-comers will always be welcome.





HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH.

This notice from the Bishop of Buckingham and the Diocesan Council of Education reached me on August 1st:-

"Naphill people will be interested to hear that the Oxford Diocesan Council of Education after consultation with the Bishop of Buckingham gave notice to the County Education Authority on July 1st that their objections to the new school at Naphill being a county primary school were withdrawn. The decision was reached after considering the best interests of the community on a wide scale, and to convince people that the Church had no intention of delaying the building of the new school which is urgently required in view of the increasing number of children in the area. Furthermore the Church Authorities reached their decision on the understanding that the County Authority intend to provide the new school in 1960 in spite of their recent expenditure in providing "Terrapin" classrooms."

Mr. and Mrs. Page with their three children are now residing in Naphill School House. Mr. Page has been accepted for ordination by the Bishop of Birmingham after he has completed a year of preparation at Wycliffe Hall Theological College, Oxford. He will be visiting in Naphill as a representative of your Parish Church. He and Mrs. Page have promised to re-open the Sunday School in Naphill also. Both of these activities will give me great satisfaction, and I trust will be appreciated by Naphill people. My appeal earlier this year for contributions towards a stipend have not evoked a response so far. In Mrs. Page we have a fully qualified teacher and she has been appointed to Naphill School. This also should be a great advantage to Naphill. I trust these arrangements will commend themselves to everyone concerned, and I devoutly hope that the County will provide the new school in 1960. S.A.C.D.

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FOOTBALL IN NIGERIA AND GHANA

Football is fast becoming a major part of life to the natives of Nigeria and Ghana. Their enthusiasm for the game can only be matched by the wonderful welcome we received on our recent tour. We were feted wherever we went.

The natives came in their thousands from all over the country to see the games, travelling in open lorries filled to over-flowing or by the slow train which travels once daily through hundreds of miles of jungle, or by any other available means of transport. Queues form outside the stadiums the night before important matches. Supporters take a very light hearted view of the game laughing and joking and giving spontaneous applause to any show of brilliance but giving the referee more than his fair share of criticism as is usual in all parts of the world.

We played seven games, winning six and drawing one. All games were played in temperatures around ninety degrees in the company of  
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scuttling orange and grey lizards up to one foot in length and many colourful butterflies.

Our last game was played in Northern Nigeria at Kand an ancient city situated on the edge of the Sahara Desert. It was the hottest place we had visited, temperatures rising to one hundred and twenty degrees during the day. Throughout the game countless vultures soared above us looking so ominous that I think we were all relieved when the game was abandoned after a terrific sandstorm which was followed by a thunder storm, with the score standing at a safe 2 - 2. D.S.

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### GARDENING NOTES.

The continued wet weather has not made it easy for digging up the potatoes but any and every opportunity should be taken to get them out before slugs and disease ruin the crop. Don't leave them too long exposed to the light or they will go green and this will greatly affect the flavour, causing them to taste bitter. Carrots are another crop likely to spollin wet weather, lift them and store in boxes of dry earth or sand.

We shall soon have to make preparation for next years spring display, apart from the wallflowers, sweet williams etc. there are the snowdrop and daffodil bulbs that ought to be planted this month and all other bulb requirements ordered. A.H.B.

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### NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB

Heartiest congratulations to the Second Team in winning the Championship of their Division. Indeed, this was an accomplished fact several weeks ago, and it would be interesting to know whether this performance has been bettered or even equalled before. There has been an excellent team spirit all through the season, and the talk of the "veterans" in the side (those wise old owls) has been good to listen to from time to time. Such a side to be played on the forthcoming Saturday - well, "They've only got old so and so, and if you bowl this way to him, then he's certain to do that and get out" - and so it has proved all along the line. Never a doubt about it at all, and that's the way all matches should be approached and won. Only two more games to go, and as far as the team is concerned the spirit is there to overcome the last hurdles.

The First Eleven is running a good second to the above mentioned team. Indeed, it is not beyond hope that the First team might even yet bring off a belated surprise and win their division. Team spirit is high, and all the players are pulling together - an excellent example was last Saturday when Hazlemere (the league leaders) were thoroughly trounced. Only two games to play - Wheeler End away and Downley at home, and one point out of the two games will ensure promotion to the First Division. Hazlemere, the leaders, are two points ahead, but the way they have been playing the last three weeks, then Naphill has a good chance of making the grade and becoming leaders.

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NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB Cont.....

No boquets for any individuals. Each and every one has pulled his weight, particularly in the second half of the season - both teams - and our sights are fixed on two cups (empty at the moment), and the necessary accompanying medals! S.M.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

We had fewer entries for the Junior Tournament this season, they all played extremely well, Denise Preston the only girl to play held her own with every opponent. It was very encouraging to see these youngsters play so well and we hope if the weather improves to hold another Tournament later on.

We have arranged to hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday 4th October. Within the next few weeks the committee hope to call on everyone personally to arrange for all to enter something in our Arts and Crafts Exhibition on Saturday October 25th. Mr. Kilby has kindly promised to enter a school section.

Result of Matches: Naphill beat Aylesbury N.A.L.G.O. 5 - 2  
In a mens match Broom Wade won 4 - 3 1 draw.

Fixtures of September: Saturday 6th - Turners - Mixed Home.  
Sunday 21st. - Turners - Mixed Away. L.S.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

A Special Council Meeting was held on Monday 28th July, 1958 to review the serious state of the Council's finances. It was decided, with regret, the owing to the heavy running expenses of the Hall and Playing Fields, the Council had no alternative but to raise the rent both for fixed and casual lets, and also the fees charged for the use of the playing fields.

CAR TREASURE HUNT AND BARBECUE

The above events will take place on Saturday 20th September, 1958. The Treasure Hunt will start at 5 p.m. from Naphill Common at the end of the Short Road opposite Russells Garage. It will take approximately 2 hours and entry will be by ticket price 5s. Od per car. Tickets can be obtained from:-

- The Post Office
- Healeys Stores
- Syrett - Butcher.

Music and Refreshments - Barbecue style - after the Treasure Hunt either on the Common, or if wet, in the Village Hall. E.C.

SOCIAL CLUB

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB - GRAND OPENING NIGHT -

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SOCIAL CLUB cont....

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH - Doors open 7.30 p.m. admission 2s. 0d. Members entertainment - Dancing, Ringo, Darts, Billiards. Come along and bring your friends and join in the fun and become members of your own Village Social Club.

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BROWNIES

On a bright sunny afternoon the Brownies of Naphill held a special gala party in the garden of Plum Tree Cottage; about twenty uniformed Brownies attended under the leadership of Mrs. Mead (Brown Owl) and Mrs. Watmough (Tawny Owl) who provided a scrumptious tea of sandwiches, cakes, jelly and ice-cream, finishing up with cherries picked from the trees in the garden. A Treasure Hunt caused great excitement; a group of Brownies was taken by a photographer who made them all say "Cheese" to give them the right expression. The grand finale was a Three-legged Race; most of the competitors fell over but with a little practice they became expert and they ought to go to the Isle of Man for a holiday.

After a round of games, the official ceremonies were carried out and Jennifer Moss, Sandra Roche and Kathryn Watmough were enrolled; there is still room for a few new members and Mrs. Mead or Mrs. Watmough would be glad to receive names.

The 1st Naphill Brownie Pack wish to convey their appreciation to Doctor and Mrs. Bailey for their generosity and help, without which the party could not have been a success.

Congratulations to Jennifer Maloy and Helen Lean on passing their 1st Class (Golden Hand) B.J.M.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH DARBY & JOAN CLUB.

Among the most popular events in our Summer Programme should have been the Garden Party at Gable Cottage by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney J. Smith but, alas, when August 15th dawned the Clerk of the Weather poured cold water on the whole scheme and the Meeting was perforce held in the Hall. However, Mr. Smith, quite undaunted by the general disappointment about the weather, kept us all happily amused by his very clever lightning sketches. Mrs. Dyer's recitations were as popular as ever. After tea the Sun appeared and all our Members were transported to Gable Cottage where they were able to admire the trim lawns and well-kept flower beds in the pretty garden.

On September 12th we expect a visit from Chaplain Bird of the American Air Force stationed at Daws Hill Lane. On September 13th the Horticultural Society is holding a Show in the Village Hall with a special Class limited to Members of the Darby and Joan Club; there is no entrance fee; prizes will be awarded to the winners; a special appeal is being made to every member to bring a Pot Plant, either a  
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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH DARBY & JOAN CLUB Cont....

flowering plant or a foliage plant such as a Coleus or Fern.

On September 26th we have arranged to take all the Members for a coach ride round the country-side arriving back at the Hall for Tea.

A Hyacinth Bulb is to be presented to each Member, the mature flowers to be shown in due course at a fortnightly meeting. E.B.

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On August 11th the Club visited Messrs. Job's Dairy in Feltham by special invitation. The inspection of the factory was full of interest and it was gratifying to have ocular demonstration of the infinite care taken by the Farmers and by the Milk Trade to provide pure and germ-free milk. We were most hospitably entertained at tea by the Management who spared no effort to make us all happy.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

On Saturday September 13th we shall be staging our Autumn Show in the Village Hall. Schedules are now available, please ask for a copy if you have got something to exhibit.

We are now making arrangements for a Quiz, some film shows and gardening talks for the winter months and if you have any ideas on these matters tell your nearest committee member about them and we will do our best to follow them up in the interests of the Society. A.H.B.

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ADVERTISEMENT.

TODAY!

NORTH DEAN IS HOLDING THEIR FETE ON SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST AT 2.30 p.m.

THERE ARE STALLS, COMPETITIONS ETC. - A CRICKET MATCH AND AN

ENTERTAINMENT BY THE MASQUE PLAYERS AT 8.0 P.M.

TICKETS, PRICE 1s. 6d HAVE A LUCKY NUMBER.

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL

October	1st	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	2nd	Thursday	Women's Institute Social Club
"	3rd	Friday	Whist Drive 7.30 p.m. Library
"	4th	Saturday	Tennis Club Rummage Sale 2.30 p.m.
"	6th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	9th	Thursday	Social Club
"	10th	Friday	Darby and Joan Table Tennis Club Dance
"	11th	Saturday	Rummage Sale Elderly Folks Dinner Fund. Harold Mead's Pupils Recital 7.30 p.m.
"	15th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	16th	Thursday	Social Club
"	17th	Friday	Whist Drive 7.30 p.m. Library
"	20th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	23rd	Thursday	Social Club
"	24th	Friday	Darby and Joan Conservative Dance
"	27th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	29th	Wednesday	Elderly Folks Dinner
"	30th	Thursday	Social Club
"	31st	Friday	Whist Drive 7.30 p.m. Library

It is with great regret that we learnt of the death of Mrs. Holland and of Mrs. Payne and to their families we extend our deep sympathy.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for October.

		<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
Sunday	October 5th	Mr. W. Smith.	Mr. N. Thorne.
"	" 12th	Mr. D. S. Howard	Mr. D. Barlow.
"	" 19th	Mr. W. Osborne	Mr. N. Thorne (Choir Sunday)
"	" 26th	Mr. A. Cooper	Mr. C. A. Cole

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH AT 11 A.M.  
2.45 P.M. and 6.15 P.M. - ALL ARE WELCOME

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SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER - A song recital by Harold Mead's pupils will be given in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. - Programmes 2s. Od - Proceeds in aid of the Methodist Church.

NOVEMBER 1st - Bazaar at 3 p.m. Opened by Mrs. E. Smith - Various Stalls, Refreshments etc.

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THE MISSION HALL

Preachers for October

Sunday	September	5th	Morning 11 a.m.	Mr. R.M.Ingleby
			Evening 6.15 p.m.	Mr. R.M.Ingleby
"	"	12th	" "	STUDENTS from ALL NATIONS
				BIBLE COLLEGE
"	"	19th	" "	Mr. R.M.Ingleby
"	"	26th	" "	Missionary Night.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL NEWS.

At the Council meeting on September 1st thanks were expressed to Warrant Officer Yates for the splendid work he has done in repairing the childrens' swings in the Playing Field.

In order to keep these swings in a good and safe condition the Council asks that only children of under school-leaving age should use them.

During the next month a letter, from the council, will be sent to each house in Naphill. Please do read and consider seriously the contents. The Village Hall Council is striving to do its best for the community in keeping together the centre of activities in the village - The Hall and Playing Fields - Here is your chance to do your bit! R.B.

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CAR RALLY AND BARBECUE

If you had taken a walk to the Common on the evening of September 20th, you would no doubt have savoured a delicious smell of cooking. Many villagers did find their way to the Barbecue and partook of wonderful Hamburgers and Eggburgers cooked on an open charcoal fire near the old oak tree in a really gay setting, with floodlights, music, flags, brassiers for warmth, and a fully licensed bar.

This novel event for the village followed a car treasure hunt thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part. Prizes donated by the two local garages were won by Mr. L. Cox of Princes Risborough and Mr. C. Charnock of Naphill. A third prize was won by Mr. G. Nicholls, Naphill and a Booby prize by Mr. D. Jones of Slough.

All profits from this very enterprising entertainment will be given to the Village Hall Funds and full marks go to the organisers - and all their numerous helpers for putting on such a really grand show. E.C.

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GARDENING NOTES

Although there are still some bright patches in the flower borders the summer bedding plants near the end of their display, but cont.....

GARDENING NOTES cont...

there are two very good reasons for digging up the annuals and getting chrysanthemums, begonias, fuchias and similar plants under cover. First we can expect frosts at any time now and second the spring bedding plants should now be planted out and of course you want to make room for a few bulbs. As the gladioli go out of bloom the corms should be dug up and dried off in an open shed, greenhouse or cold frame, ready for storing. October is a good time for sowing sweet peas to get some nice early blooms for our show next year. Seeds can be sown in boxes or pots in some nice open soil and put in a cold frame; when they have made sufficient growth they can be potted off into single pots to stand the winter.

Carrots, beet, etc. should be dug up and stored in boxes between layers of dry soil or sand. Take a few of the bottom leaves from brussels to allow free flow of air around the plants and prevent mildew setting in and get rid of some of those weeds. It is not too late to pot up some bulbs for flowering early next year. A.H.B.

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THE MISS CHILDS

I would like to pay tribute to two wonderful old ladies who have lived in the village since they came for refuge during the last world war. I refer to Miss Elizabeth Childs of Daisy Cottage aged 96 and her sister Miss Sarah aged 88 in October. They have lived in perfect harmony each doing their own little jobs, the room they live in is always spotless. The burden of shopping is getting too much for them now, and they are ready to go into a home of rest. They are hoping to go before the coming winter and arrangements are being made for them. They have always been so grateful for any kindness shown them. The other day on paying them a visit Miss Elizabeth was busy washing the teacups and I said "You are always busy when I call", "Yes my dear" was the reply, "it keeps you fit". She is still able to read and sew without the aid of glasses and has a wonderful memory, I am sure we would all like to wish them happiness and peace in their new surroundings when they leave us. E.G.

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MEN'S CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday September 30th, commencing with the presentation of the Snooker and Billiard cups at 8 p.m. It is hoped that this meeting will be well attended so that a suitable programme of events can be discussed.

For the benefit of new arrivals in the Village and in order to let Club members know that the Secretary has a long memory the club meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays and all are welcome.

We sadly miss our Treasurer and trust that it will not be long before he again visits the Club room. V.W.H.

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ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on Wednesday October 29th, 1958 and invitation cards will be in your hands by 15th October. If you do not receive one by that date please contact D.C.Tooby, "Abbotsbury", Naphill 2308 or any member of the Village Hall Council. H.T./D.C.T.

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NAPHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

After the holiday break, the meetings were resumed on September 4th. Attendance was good and as it was Harvest Festival day, members brought along with them, a fine array of fruit, vegetables and flowers for the stalls. Later in the meeting, this produce was sold, the proceeds going towards the cost of making winter garments for their adopted family in Austria.

A new member, Mrs. Guthrie, was warmly welcomed by the president Mrs. Blackwell.

A sad note was struck when the members stood in silence as a tribute to the memory of one of their number, Mrs. Holland, who died on August 16th.

The meeting concluded with a demonstration on Beauty Culture by a representative of Max Factor Ltd. Mrs. Reed volunteered to be the "Beauty" - and also to be the sick visitor for September.

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NAPHILL TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The Club has been running for about a year now and has proved to be most popular. New members will be made welcome over the age of 15. There is no age limit and older people are cordially invited to come along and show their skill. We hold the Club on Monday evenings from 7.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. Apart from Table Tennis we also have a record session with all 'pop' recordings. Light refreshments are served during the evening also.

We have entered into the Table Tennis League which is to start shortly and notices will appear in the Gazette from time to time giving details of the matches. During the winter we are holding dances every month which we hope will be successful, so watch out for our posters. The first dance is on October 10th. B.S.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

October usually sees the end of our Summer season and we completed our list of matches when we played Turners Sports Club away on Sunday September 21st. NAPHILL 1. TURNERS 1. Unfinished owing to the weather. We now look forward to a successful winter season.

Saturday October 4th - we hold another of our ever popular

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Rummage Sales in the Village Hall commencing 2.30 p.m. Come early to secure the best bargains.

A most important date is Saturday November 8th when we hold our Arts and Crafts Exhibition. With an ever increasing village population this exhibition should be most interesting. Mr. Kilby has kindly promised a school section and we hope to see the Women's Institute and Darby and Joan Club represented.

If you have not already been approached personally we do hope you will make a Special effort to assist us with any arts and crafts you may have in your possession you think will be of interest. The Committee will be pleased to collect exhibits if you are unable to bring them along. For further particulars and grand opening see posters. L.M.S.

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### NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

On September 12th we were honoured by a visit from Chaplain Bird of the U.S.A. Air Force at Daws Hill Lane. He showed us a series of wonderful coloured photographs taken by himself in the Rocky Mountains. We saw the colossal heads of George Washington and other Presidents carved by man out of the living rock and also rocky shapes of incredible variety carved by Nature through countless centuries of weathering by storm and tempest. One very impressive picture was the celebrated Grand Canyon of Colorado; the story is told of one tourist who, gazing at the scene exclaimed about the wondrous works of the hand of God while another, less imaginative, could only say "Golly, what a Gully". Of special interest were the forests where the wild bears are tame enough to be fed by tourists from their cars. The ancient dwellings of the Indians were shown, together with more modern structures of dams and man-made lakes. The geyser nicknamed Old Faithful kindly appeared to have his photograph taken; he bursts up out of the ground every hour almost to the minute. It was great pleasure to us all to meet Mr. Bird with his warm and friendly personality and when the Chairman in thanking Mr. Bird suggested that the next Outing for the Darby and Joan Club should be an aeroplane trip round the Rocky Mountains the proposal was carried unanimously on condition that Mr. Bird would act as guide and leader of the party.

At the Show given by the Naphill Horticultural Society on September 13th there was a special Class for Members of the Darby and Joan Club; over twenty entries were exhibited and the prizes were won by Mrs. Wooster, Mr. Newall and Mrs. Ring. We wish to thank the N.H.S. and trust that they will make this Class a permanent feature in future shows. E.B.

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### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our September show is now history and although good vegetables  
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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY cont.....

were not very plentiful some very good flowers and fruit to say nothing of the splendid array of cakes, jams and home made wines made it a very worth-while event. Entries were slightly up on last year in part due to the new class put on for the first time at this show and sponsored by our Village Darby and Joan Club. It was good to see that some of the "Olduns" still know how to grow things even if they can't tackle a lot of digging.

Don't forget that we shall be delivering lime in due course so make up your minds on the amount you will require.

We are pleased to report that our paid up membership for this year shows an increase on 1957. We shall welcome any new members who care to join us during 1959. A.H.B.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Elderly Folks Dinner Committee.

A rummage sale will be held on Saturday 11th October at 2.30 p.m. and we will be grateful if you will let any member of the Village Hall Council have any rummage or bring it to the Village Hall on the morning of the sale.

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

November	1st	Saturday	Methodist Bazaar
"	3rd	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	3rd	Monday	Council Meeting 8 p.m.
"	5th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
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"	17th	Monday	Table Tennis
"	19th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	20th	Thursday	Social Club
"	21st	Friday	Darby and Joan
"	24th	Monday	Table Tennis
"	27th	Thursday	Social Club Xmas Evening
"	28th	Friday	Whist Drive 7.30 p.m. Library.

Men's Club - Every Tuesday, Wednesday (Solo Drive) and Saturday.

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We would like to extend our sympathy to Mr. F. Lawrence and his son on their recent bereavement.

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HUGHENDEN CHURCH NEWS.

The season for Confirmation Classes has begun. On Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. there is one for adults at the Vicarage and another on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. for teenagers: a third on Fridays at 1.30 p.m. is held at Pipers Corner School.

Perhaps some of you notice that I am slowly visiting my way through Naphill from door to door, leaving my card when no-one is at home. Anyone who knows anything about pastoral visiting of this nature knows that it takes a very long time. Mr. and Mrs. Page now have a Sunday School of some 18/20 children meeting in the school and I have every hope that every child baptised in an Established Church now living in Naphill will find their way there. It will, after all, enable parents and godparents to keep the solemn vows made before God at the Christenings. Perhaps too it will give teenagers, and others too, not yet confirmed an opportunity to remember that they are pledged to Confirmation and full membership of the Church as communicants. So far there is no hope of starting services for we lack a suitable room or small hall.

It was a very heartening thing to receive two donations from  
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Hughenden Church News cont.....

Naphill people for the lay workers stipend. Oh that Naphill with its 400 or more houses could have an Assistant Curate!

I have been looking over my list of fruits and flowers from the Holyland that actually grow in Naphill. I see apricots, cucumbers, leeks, mint, rue and Star of Bethlehem amongst others. The last is a white flower often turning blue in this climate with a small white bulb which is edible. Poor people in Palestine and the middle East still make a coarse flour from it mixed with a little ordinary flour and baked in cakes it is quite nice. The common name for it is Dove's Dung it is referred to in 2 Kings 6 v. 25 and a Kab is three and one third pints - a standard Hebrew measure. S.A.C.D.

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METHODIST CHURCH.

Preachers for November

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

Sunday November 2nd	Rev.A.H.Freeman.	Rev.A.H.Freeman
" " 9th	Mr. K. Lawrence.	Mr. G. D. Gregory
" " 16th	Mr. K. Lewis.	Mrs. V. Holt.
" " 23rd	Mr. W. S. Rose.	Mr. Keen.
" " 30th	Rev.A.H.Freeman.	Mr.E.M.Andrews.

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THE MISSION HALL.

Preachers for November

Sunday November 2nd	Morning 11 a.m.	Mr.R.M.Ingleby
	Evening 6.15 p.m.	Mr. Gordon Ingleby
" " 9th	" "	of Newlands Park College
" " 23rd	" "	Students from "All
" " 30th	" "	Nations" Bible College.
		Mr.K.Ives, High Wycomb
		Mr. Len Goddard
		Children's Evangelist.

SPECIAL NOTICE:- Special children's services conducted by Mr. Len Goddard from Monday 24th to Friday 28th at 6 p.m. ALL CHILDREN INVITED.

NOTE: No attempt will be made to take children away from the Sunday School to which they belong.

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R.A.F. STATION CHURCH.

A Sunday School is now held in the Station Church at 3.0 p.m. There has been a very good response from children from the Camp and others but we are always glad to see new faces. Padre Baker is in charge and is assisted by Mrs. Mead and Mrs. Hedgeland and several of the older girls.

On Sunday, November 2nd (as on the first Sunday in each month)

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R.A.F. Station Church cont.....

there is a Family Service at 10.0 a.m. On this Sunday the Sunday School does not meet but it is expected that the children attend the morning service and it is hoped that they will bring their parents. The Station Church is just inside the Lower Gate of the Bradenham Site.  
A.S.K.B

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GARDENING NOTES.

Thank goodness we can now clean and oil the lawn mower and put it away till next year, but there is still plenty to do with fork and spade. Cleaning up the borders and completing the spring bedding schemes, the sooner you get these plants and bulbs in the better the display next spring.

Keep going with the winter digging and leave the soil rough to allow the frost and wind to penetrate. Dig in as much manure or compost as you can get hold of and a good dressing of bone meal will be a great help. Remember if you manure now don't put that Lime on till at least six weeks after, but if you are not manuring till the spring then Lime as soon as you dig.

Talking of Lime, all stone fruit, plums etc. will benefit by a dressing all round the trees as far as the branches spread. Make up new compost heaps there is plenty of stuff available now, anything that will rot can be put on, leaves, annual weeds, old clothes or newspapers, the latter should not be put on too thickly. Sprinkle with any of the advertised compost makers or even lime, sulphate of ammonia or nitrate of soda.

Don't let those bulbs in pots that you put away in the dark cupboard get dry.  
A.H.B.

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FARMING NEWS.

Let us forget the past summer and begin these notes without a grumble. All that could be saved of the harvest is now in the barns. I have been told that at Mr. Ernest Smith's new drying plant there is corn to be seen as bright and golden as we got in a hot dry season. I hope to be allowed to inspect this plant and describe it in the Gazette. Autumn draws on, and the young bullocks have had their tonsils out and are in their winter quarters, eating ravenously and gaining more than a lb a day. The best of their older brothers are being prepared for the Christmas Shows. Linseed cake to make their coats shine and barley to make them fat. The pampered ladies of the cowshed can be seen on almost every farm munching the Kale behind the electric wire, stuffing themselves to the limit and lying down with a sigh and a belch, filling the air with the reek of digesting cabbage, The more Naphill becomes like a town the more its last few acres must produce.

A thought from the Dairy Show. Once the public has tasted  
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Farming News cont.....

real cream teas, they wont have the synthetic stuff - (Refer local shopkeepers to me if they howl.) "Ploughman"

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL NEWS.

The Council Meeting held on the 6th October discussed the financial situation and a letter which is to be sent to every household in the Village. The Council hope that this letter will receive your attention and that you will give them the support which they need. If £100.0.0. could be raised in the next month the whole outlook would be different.

It is hoped that every organisation in the village will help and contribute to the Christmas Market which is going to be held in the Village Hall on December 13th. It would be grand if every Club or Group would have their own stall. Gifts of any kind that can be sold will be welcome from any villagers and it does not matter how small or how large! You can give these to any member of the Council. E.C.

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MEN'S CLUB

The Annual General meeting was held on 30th September and was not very well attended so far as mere numbers went, but the enthusiasm of those present made up for those absent.

The main topic of the evening was the lack of members throughout the village especially among those people who have come to live among us in the more recent years. It was thought that many newer residents did not realise that in the Club room, situated at the side of the Village Hall, are two full size Billiard tables which are in particularly good condition, as vouched for by Horace Lindrum on his last visit to the club. Alas most club members are renowned for their enjoyment of the game rather than their prowess with a cue.

Although the main pastime is the playing of Billiards and Snooker the club has other activities one of which is a Solo Whist drive held under the fatherly eye of Mr.R.Piercy every Wednesday evening through the winter and the remark of "ave yer done", is once more resounding across the club room after the summer break.

Visitors to the club are always impressed, so they tell us, by the friendly atmosphere which prevails inside the billiard room and we should like everybody over school leaving age to come along on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday evening and join the members in a pleasant evening.

The rest of the meeting was concerned with the election of officers for the coming year. We have a change in Chairman with Mr.R.Watson now holding this office whilst the Secretary is unchanged. Members were sorry to learn that Mr.C.Smart after eight years as treasurer had declined to continue in office owing to ill health, but Mr.A.Reed was  
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Men's Club cont.....

the popular choice to fill this office.

Owing to the breakdown in the Village Hall heating arrangements last year, during which time the club was unable to meet, there was a deficit of fifteen pounds on the years' activities. V.W.H.

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NAPHILL TABLE TENNIS CLUB.

We would like to congratulate our Table Tennis Team for their excellent start in the League. We all hope they will continue this good beginning. The results, up to the 13th October, are as follows:-

Redfords	v	Naphill	Away.	Won	10 - 0
Naphill	v	Ward House	Home.	Won	10 - 0
Nomads	v	Naphill	Away.	Lost	9 - 1
Turners	v	Naphill	Away.	Won	8 - 2
Naphill	v	C.F.E.	Home.	Won	7 - 3

We will be holding a dance on Friday 7th November with Derek Lynn's Band. Why not make it a date and bring along your friends for an enjoyable evening? We are relying on your support. B.S.

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DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

On October 10th Mr. Ronald Rose gave us an exhibition of coloured transparencies projected on to the screen. We were taken to some beauty spots in Scotland and the sky, the blue lochs and the mountains were brought to Naphill before our very eyes. The most striking of all the views were those taken in Italy in the bright sunlight. Mr. Rose ended by showing us some familiar places in Naphill.

On November 7th Mr. Arthur Busby is to speak to us on some horticultural theme and there will be a competition for Jam Jars decorated with autumnal leaves and berries. On November 21st Mr. Kilby will entertain us with the help of the Nightingales from his school. Our numbers at the fortnightly meetings are between 50 and 60 and there is still room for more.

On October 24th Mrs. Parry-Jones of High Wycombe gave us a most interesting description of how she had initiated the scheme for employing Old People to undertake various tasks in her Work Shop. Starting from zero and, at first, with very little encouragement, she and her friends built up a flourishing institution where Old People of both sexes could find enjoyment and a new life while making a little money for themselves. A generous gift of two thousand pounds gave them the chance of buying and equipping a building for their permanent use. Mrs. Parry-Jones said visitors would be welcomed at their premises in Easton Street. A pleasant feature of this meeting was the gift of a number of books and magazines sent by the friends of Mr. Douglas Tooby in his office in London: a box of cleaning materials was offered as a raffle and flowers and fruit were on sale. E.B.



NAPHILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the October meeting we celebrated our 36th birthday. Mrs. Blackwell presided and members were asked to stand for one minute in memory of Mrs. Payne. Members from neighbouring Institutes were welcomed.

A letter of thanks was read from our oldest member, Miss Child who had received gifts on her 96th birthday. Mrs. Piercy read a letter from our adopted displaced family and we were very pleased to hear they had been granted Austrian citizenship.

Mrs. G. Hussey organised an interesting quiz, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Kilby being the winners. Tea was served by the committee, and the birthday cake made and iced by Mrs. Piercy was cut by Mrs. Humphreys and Mrs. McCue. After tea Mr. Kilby showed coloured films of the pageant held at Hampden in June. Mrs. Weeks gave a vote of thanks.

Our next meeting is on November 6th. It is the Annual General when voting for the new committee will commence at 2.15 p.m. Mrs. Bakewell V.C.O. will be the speaker. J.B.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB.

With only a very short while before our Arts and Crafts Exhibition Saturday 8th November may we once again remind everyone if we have been unable to call on you personally we do hope you will bring your exhibits along just the same. We shall be at the Village Hall from 9 a.m. - 12 noon to check in exhibits. The Exhibition will be opened by Mrs. E. Smith at 2.30 p.m. There will be special sections for the School children, also Naphill Darby and Joan Club. During the afternoon there will be demonstrations, Tombola with valuable prizes and teas at moderate prices. Admission to Exhibition 1s. 0d. School children 6d. It will be worth making a special effort to come and see what talent we have in the Village and District.

May we thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Rummage Sale so successful and raise £26. 0. 0. for the Club Funds. L.M.S.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Just another word or two regarding our September Show. As reported in the last issue of the "Gazette" we considered this a worth while event, but our Treasurer has now presented his accounts for the Show which reveals a financial loss of almost £15. 0. 0. Once again we would like to say that this is not written in the form of a complaint but as a statement of fact, and for the information of our members. We know of at least one neighbouring Society that lost £60. 0. 0. on a similar event, so you see by comparison we did not do too badly.

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Horticultural Society cont.....

We hope to deliver your Lime during this month but many of you have not let us know your requirements, please help us by doing so at once - price 5s. 0d per cwt. half cwt bags at 2s. 6d delivered to your door.

Please remember these dates. Wednesday December 3rd challenge return match with Monks Risborough, Horticultural "Quiz". Come and cheer your team. Full details next month. We won last time! Wednesday December 10th. Horticultural Film Show by Mr. J.W. Hill, County Farm which will include a series of colour slides on Flower Arrangement or Home Decoration with plants and flowers with a recorded commentary by Miss Violet Stevenson. Book these dates and bring your friends. Everybody welcome. A.H.B.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mr. E. Lawrence and Son wish to thank their many friends, who sent them kind letters of sympathy and lovely flowers at the time of their sad bereavement. They were greatly appreciated.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL CLUB wishes to thank everyone who has helped in any way with gifts, and for supporting the evenings on Thursdays. One hundred and ten folks enjoyed Bingo last week and there is seating room for many more. On Thursday night NOVEMBER 27th it will be an Xmas Fair so come along and win all you need for Xmas at the Social Club 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. M.I.R.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL OLD TIME DANCING VELITA WALTZING CUP COMPETITION will be held on Saturday December 6th 8 p.m. Come along and help the Hall Funds on that date. M.I.R.

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1ST NAPHILL GIRL GUIDES need two new Guiders to take over as Captain and Lieutenant. Anyone interested apply to:-

Miss Didcock, 19 Moseley Rd. Naphill.

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A RUMMAGE SALE in aid of the Spastic Children will be held on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4th at 2.30 P.M. in the METHODIST SCHOOLROOM.

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

December	1st	Monday	Council Meeting Table Tennis Club
"	3rd	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic Horticultural Quiz
"	4th	Thursday	Women's Institute Monthly Meeting. Social Club
"	5th	Friday	Darby and Joan Table Tennis Club Dance
"	6th	Saturday	Old Time Dancing Cup Competition
"	8th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	10th	Wednesday	Horticultural Film Show
"	12th	Friday	Whist Drive Library
"	13th	Saturday	Christmas Market
"	15th	Monday	Table Tennis Club
"	17th	Wednesday	Infant Welfare Clinic
"	19th	Friday	Tennis Club Dance 8.30 p.m.
"	20th	Saturday	Darby and Joan 2.30 p.m.
"	23rd	Tuesday	Carol Concert 6.30 p.m.
"	29th	Monday	Table Tennis Club

Men's Club - Every Tuesday, Wednesday (Solo Drive) and Saturday.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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THE MISSION HALL

Preachers for December

Sunday	December 7th	Morning 11 a.m.	Mr. Jeffs
"	" 14th	Evening 6.15 p.m	Mr.R.M.Ingleby
"	" 21st	" "	Students from "ALL NATIONS" BIBLE COLLEGE
"	" 28th	" "	Christmas Carols Mr.R.M.Ingleby
<u>Wednesday</u>	" 31st	" "	Missionary Service
			Watch-night service 11 p.m.

Friends of the Mission Hall wish all readers a "HAPPY CHRISTMAS"

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METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for December

		<u>Morning 11 a.m.</u>	<u>Evening 6.15 p.m.</u>
Sunday	December 7th	Mr.H.Aldous	Rev.A.H.Freeman
"	" 14th	Mr.D.E.Church	Mr.F.Howard
"	" 21st	Mr.Jarrett	Mrs. Gregory
"	" 28th	Rev.A.H.Freeman	Mr.W.Smith

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METHODIST CHURCH cont.....

We wish all our Members and Friends a Very Happy Christmas.

Friday December 12th Film "BRIGHT DIADEM" will be shown in the Sunday School Room at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday December 14th Collection in aid of Overseas MISSIONARY WORK. Scholars Prize Giving and Christmas Gift and Carol Service - 2.30 p.m. presented by Scholars and Teachers.

Sunday December 21st PARENTS AND FRIENDS INVITED. 6.15 p.m. we invite you to join us in our CAROL SERVICE

DECEMBER 25th Christmas Morning - Short Service 11 - 11.30 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME

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HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH

May your Christmases be very happy ones - and good fortune follow you through 1959! An exceedingly good recipe for making both of those wishes come true is to prepare for the Feast of Christmas (all twelve days of it) by making a good and careful selection of goods for people less fortunate than yourselves and seeing they get them before December 25th. Select recipients who cannot possibly repay you for preference.

Christmas services at your Parish Church are:-

Christmas Eve: 11.30 p.m. Blessing of the Crib and a Celebration of the Holy Communion with Carols sung.

Christmas Day: Holy Communion 8 a.m. and 12 noon  
Mattins and Sermon with Carols 11 a.m.  
Evening Prayer 4 p.m.

There are so many people in new houses and people new to the Parish now living in Naphill that it might help them to know that the Tithe Map and Awards Maps and papers under the Enclosures acts of 1857, 1859 are in my keeping. Under the Tithe Act of 1836 there is a fee of 2s. 6d payable for consulting the maps and awards. Some very useful information about boundaries, maintenance of hedges and title to land is to be found in these documents. Its a quick easy way of settling a number of debated points which can grow into sharp differences. Please use these readily available means to promote the harmony of your Village.  
The Vicar - S.A.C.D.

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GARDENING NOTES

Although we have escaped a really damaging frost until now all those vegetables which have been grown for storing and use during the winter should now be safely inside. Of course, parsnips and swedes will be quite safe in the garden but celery should have a covering of fern or straw in the event of bad frosts.

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GARDENING NOTES cont.....

Keep an eye on potatoes in store also dahlia tubers and remove all diseased specimens; a light dusting of lime will help to keep mildew in check. Towards the end of the month clean up gladioli corms by removing the old flower stems if not already done and also the outer skins and any part of the old corm that may still be adhered to the new ones. If you want to increase your stocks save the largest of those little cormlets clustered around the parent, some may bloom next year, and most the year after.

Catalogues for next season are arriving so why not make out the order for next years requirements now. Seed potatoes may be difficult to get at planting time and remember how short runner bean seeds were last time? Harvesting has been difficult this year, there may be shortages later on. You have been warned! Happy Christmas. A.H.B.

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THE SIXTY FIVE PLUS DINNER

Once you are sixty five and if you have the good fortune to live in Naphill the good fairies get to work; A sumptuous car calls, however foggy the November night may be, and you are welcomed at the Village Hall as if the achievement of that age were a unique accomplishment. This in spite of the fact that the Hall is already almost filled with the smiling faces of ladies and gentlemen with an age range up to the nineties.

The light sparkles on the flowers, the cutlery and the white table covers. After your choice of drinks the banquet begins; and never was service more rapid and considerate. Kindly ladies magically produce, apparently from behind a presceniun curtain the deliciously cooked turkey and other dishes.

Conversation temporarily dies down. Some food deserves concentration and we realise that this is such an occasion.

Through the different courses to pastries, sweets, coffee and cigarettes; and we begin to feel ten years younger and that growing elderly is well worth while. Such generous hospitality spreads a warm glow of happiness and contentment.

The loyal toast, a speech of thanks to those who have organised it all and remained largely anonymous and then some brilliant staff work whisks the tables away. The Hall is darkened and from the rear a group of minstrels sing their way on to the stage. Memories are recalled and feet begin to tap to the rhythm of happy tunes before "Rock and Roll" was thought of. Lovely old songs and some new ones sung with deep feeling or infectious gaiety and then we are driven home after a lingering Good Bye.

A truly wonderful and enchanted evening in the best of all possible worlds; and our kindly hosts assure us that we have only twelve months to wait before enjoying it all over again!

VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL NEWS.

Mr. Halsey presided over the Council Meeting held on November 3rd and welcomed Mr. C. Stacey the representative of the newly formed Social Club. Although it has been in existence for only a few weeks it is already attracting well over a hundred visitors to its Thursday meetings. Extra helpers are wanted to assist with the organisation and volunteers should contact Mr. Stacey or Mrs. Reed.

The arrangements for the Christmas Bazaar to be held on December 13th are in the care of Mr. Rose and a small sub-committee. Readers are asked to pay special attention to the announcement regarding this important event elsewhere in this issue.

The Village War Memorial and its surround has been well tended by the Horticultural Society who have undertaken responsibility for its upkeep. A wreath was placed there on Remembrance Day on behalf of the Council.

The coloured lights on the tree outside the Hall last Christmas time gave a seasonal air of gaiety and Mr. Ing has been asked to repeat the display this year.

The next Council meeting is on Monday December 1st when all members are particularly asked to attend. G.S.

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FARMING NEWS

The Gazette rather made nonsense of my remarks from the Dairy Show by printing cream teas instead of cream ices. The point is that the Dairy industry regards the word cream as its copyright and declares that a product made of vegetable fat should not be called ice cream. So far the Government has refused this request, for the manufacturers are powerful, but the fight goes on.

Chief topic amongst farmers is the scheme to aid small acreage men. Everyone was in favour at first, believing the Government was going to inject some new capital into the industry, but this is not the case. The money is to come from grants and subsidies already available. Someone is going to get less, and some larger farmers are not too pleased. Even those eligible are wondering how much independence they will lose by joining the scheme. At least we must give the Minister credit for trying.

From our agricultural correspondent.

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MEN'S CLUB.

Had the great Joe Davis entered the billiard room on Saturday evening 15th November he would surely have been amazed at the abundance of trick shots being performed. Both tables were in play and the members were left gasping at the fantastically clever shots, first on  
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MEN'S CLUB cont....

one table and then on the other. Who gave this fine display? Why the ladies of course, for the men had invited the ladies along for the evening and their handling of the cues had to be seen to be believed! They left the men speechless with their cue work during a knock out Billiards competition in which the men were handicapped by having to play left-handed.

The ladies were now challenging the men to games of snooker and just to help things, made up their own rules as they went along. In conclusion one can say that a good time was had by all and owing to the generosity of members in giving refreshments and raffle prizes a small profit was made towards club funds.

CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE - The club is hoping to hold a drive before Christmas but final arrangements had not been made at time of going to press. SO WATCH OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS. V.W.H.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

At our A.G.M. held on November 6th Mrs. Blackwell presided. Outings for next year were discussed and one to see "My Fair Lady" was a popular suggestion.

Mrs. Bull presented the financial report for the year and was pleased to tell us we were in a better financial position than last year.

Mrs. Jack gave the Secretary's report and it appeared we had had a busy year with all the activities. Mrs. Blackwell gave her address and thanked everyone for their help during the year. She then introduced Mrs. Batewell V.C.O. who gave an interesting and amusing talk. Then came the result of the ballot for the new committee, those elected were Mrs. Piercy, Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. M. Bayly, Mrs. E. Hussey, Mrs. L. Hussey, Mrs. Tooby, Mrs. L. Shrimpton, Mrs. Balls, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. D. Smith, Mrs. Piercy was elected president.

After tea a team game was played which was most amusing. Our next meeting is on December 4th when our speaker is Miss Welsford with a travel talk and films.

The following is our programme for next year, when we shall be pleased to see any new members. Our meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

January 1st - Mrs.S.L.Wright M.A. Talk on "Family Life in India"  
February 5th Miss Iris Ballard Talk on "Behind the scenes in Radio and Television"  
March 5th Miss E. Hammond - "Home perming and care of the hair"  
April 2nd Miss Swires "Land under the Southern Cross"  
May 7th Discussions of National A.G.M. resolutions led by V.C.O.

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Women's Institute cont.....

- June 4th - Mrs. Newey - "Seasonable Floral Decoration"
- August - Holiday
- September 3rd Harvest Festival
- October 1st 37th Birthday Party
- November 5th Annual General Meeting
- December 3rd Mrs. Wright - "A Christmas in Ceylon"

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

On November 7th Mr. Arthur Busby, the Secretary of the Naphill Horticultural Society and a member of our own Committee, gave a practical demonstration entitled "Soil, Seeds and Suchlike" which was followed with great interest by his audience; he gave hints on growing the bulbs which had been distributed to every member for showing next February. On the same occasion there was a competition for the decoration of Jam Jars with autumnal leaves and berries and prizes were won by Mrs. Shrimpton, Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Sheldon. E.B.

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- Diary - December 5th - Friday - Darby and Joan
- December 20th. Saturday Darby and Joan Christmas Party.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

The first of our members whist parties was enjoyed by members and friends when Mr.R. Piercy and Mrs. Simmons organised a very successful effort held at Moseley Lodge.

We were delighted to receive so many exhibits for our Arts and Crafts Exhibition. We are very grateful to everyone who sent exhibits or helped in any way to make the Exhibition so successful and raise £35. 0. 0. for the Club Funds. Given more time to prepare we hope to stage an even larger Exhibition in the near future.

December usually sees very little activity on the courts but we continue with our Winter programme.

When we hold our Annual Carnival Dance on Friday December 19th we all look forward to this occasion when we greet old and new Friends and dance to the music of Joe Webb and his Band. M.C. Mr.C.Castle. The Club's Challenge cups will be presented during the evening by our President Dr.E.Bayley. We have a limited number of tickets price 5s. Od each (including refreshments) Double ticket 8s. Od. Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary, Miss L. Sharpe, Phone: Naphill 3193. or any Committee Member. Make a note of the date and come along and bring your friends. We can assure you that you will have a very enjoyable evening and find a real Christmas atmosphere.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and may the coming year bring every Happiness. L.M.S.

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