

# NAPHILL GAZETTE



JANUARY 1964

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With good wishes for a Happy New Year to all readers.

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Mens Club.	Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday.		B.R.
Library.	January 3rd - 17th - 31st.	6.30.p.m.	C.R.
Whist Drives	" 3rd - 17th - 31st.	7.30.p.m.	Hall.
Infant Welfare.	Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of Month.		

JAN.

Mon. 6th.	Village Hall Council Meeting.	8.p.m.	Hall.
Tues. 7th.	W.I. Drama	7.30.p.m.	Stage.
Fri. 10th.	Darby & Joan.	2.30.p.m.	Hall.
Sat. 11th.	Alan Shrimpton's Party.		Hall.
Mon. 13th.	Young Neighbours Club.	7.30.p.m.	Hall.
Tues 14th.	W.I. Drama.	7.30.p.m.	Stage.
Weds 15th.	Camera Club.	8.p.m.	B.R.
Mon. 20th.	Horticultural Society.	7.30.p.m.	Hall.
Tues 21st.	W.I. Drama	7.30.p.m.	Stage.
Wed. 22nd.	Cubs Party.	5.p.m.	Hall.
Fri. 24th.	Darby & Joan. Church Whist Drive.	2.30.p.m.	Hall.
Tues 28th.	W.I. Drama.	7.30.p.m.	Stage.

VILLAGE HALL NOTES. (V.H.C.)

The November Bazaar, although not patronised by as many as the Village Council had hoped, realised the substantial total of £84. The Council is grateful to all those who helped and those who bought; if only the whole Village could rally round when these functions are held the Hall's future would not cause such anxiety.

WHIST DRIVE - After eleven years unremitting effort by Mrs Jackson she feels that she must give up in the New Year; Mr Parker who has so able helped her is also unable to continue. Is there a volunteer who would take this on? The Drives are held fortnightly on Fridays from 7.30 to 10.p.m. they are pleasurable evenings for those who play Whist and the Village Hall benefits. More members are welcome - at present about 40 meet each fortnight.

ELECTRIC BELL - The apparatus (which appears at the Annual Fete each year) on which one has to try and pass a ring over a copper tube without ringing the bell is missing. It is thought that it must have been lent to someone for some function or other. If any one has it will they please return it to Mr. Rose.

R.C.R.

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for January.</u>	<u>11.a.m.</u>	<u>6.15.p.m.</u>
Jan. 5th.	Sister Sylvia.	Miss Anstey.
" 12th.	Mr. A. Cooper.	Rev. E.W. Crew (Covenant Service)
" 19th.	Mr. Mahoney.	Mrs. Greenstreet.
" 26th.	Rev. E.W. Crew.	Mr. K. Peatey.

A New Year Party will be held in the schoolroom on Friday January 3rd at 7.30.p.m. A collection will be taken for the Sick Fund and a hearty welcome is extended to all.

N A P H I L L M I S S I O N

Preachers for the month of January.

Sun.	5th January.	10.a.m.	Family Service : Stanley J. Baker.
		6.15.p.m.	Evening Service : John Forrest.
Sun.	12th "	10.a.m.	Family Service. : H.S. Sparham.
		6.15.p.m.	Evening Service : H.S. Sparham.
Sun.	19th. "	10.a.m.	Family Service : Stanley J. Baker.
		6.15.p.m.	Evening Service : Kenneth Ives.
Sun.	26th. "	10.a.m.	Family Service : ) Students from All Nations
		6.15.p.m.	Evening Service : ) Missionary College.

-----Sunday School each Sunday Afternoon at 3.p.m. -----

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N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Sun.	January 5th.	Holy Communion.	9.15.a.m.
"	" 19th.	Evensong & Sermon.	3.30.p.m.

Sunday School at 2.30.p.m. on Sundays (other than the First Sunday in the month).

The Vicar apologizes for the confusion his mistake caused by giving the wrong dates for services which appeared in the December issue of the Gazette, and takes this opportunity to wish all readers a Happy New Year. May God bless the Church in the Old School. It is a CHURCH of People - not bricks and mortar - and in this, is very similar to the earliest Christian Church read about in the New Testament.

S.A.C.D.

A Whist Drive was held on December 13th for the New Church; the proceeds of which amounted to £14. 19. 6d. We would like to thank the shops in both Naphill and High Wycombe, as well as the many friends who gave us prizes and refreshments & everyone who through their help and support made this such a successful evening.

M.J.C.

HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH - Services are printed in the Parish Magazines obtainable through Mr W.E.P. Kilby, Headmaster of Naphill County Primary School who has organised distribution in Naphill for many years - and, very kindly, continues to do so.

S.A.C.D.

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"WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE"

It must be agreed that in some ways the youth of Naphill has improved, for not so long ago no-one would have dared to cultivate the ground outside his garden hedge or wall. But more and more householders are trimming their verges and even planting a few flowers. One such as Mr, Len Wrightwho, relieved of the cares of being a sub-postmaster, has become a keen gardener at his new house. Last summer Len planted a new bed of antirrhinumms outside his garden wall, which improved the look of Chapel Lane enormously and gave delight to all. In view of their fate I must stress that the youth of Naphill are guiltless.

The doom of this flower bed was pronounced by a well meaning Sunday School teacher in the East End. As he shepherded his flock onto the coach he told them "when you get off you will be able to run anywhere, and pick the wild flowers and then our good friends in Naphill will have tea waiting for you".

Let us pass lightly over the subsequent details, the childrens joy, Len's anguish, for I am confident that Chapel Lane will bloom again.

R.S.P.

NAPHILL COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The opening ceremony of Naphill's colourful and spaciouly planned school was performed on Friday, 29th of November by Air Chief Marshal Sir George H. Mills G.C.B., D.F.C. Mr. H. Church, Chairman of the Managers, extended a welcome to parents, children and guests and introduced Sir George and other distinguished visitors and School Managers on the platform.

Both Lords and Commons were represted by Lord Curzon and Mr. John Hall respectively, and this assumed added significance when Sir George Mills described in detail, and with great good humour his present duties as Black Rod. He addressed particularly the boys and girls who much enjoyed his description of his official dress and of how the Commons slammed the door in his face and made him knock before allowing his entrance : and this although he represented the Queen. He asked the children to realise that grown-ups alone cannot make a good school. The desire to learn was the childrens' vital contribution.

Mr. W.E.P. Kilby said the new school building replaced one which was 100 years old and which had received a Parliamentary Grant of £72 and cost £236 in 1862. In a speech of welcome on what he described as "This happy Day" he expressed gratitude to those friends of the Church who gave so much financial support. He also thanked all those who were concerned with the building of this new school. Among those present were the Deputy Chief Education Officer, The Divisional Education Officer, The Chairman and Members of the Divisional Executive Committee, The Deputy Chief Architect, the County Officers, the builders and the School, Managers. The Methodist Church was represented by the Rev. W. Ream and the Rev E.W. Crew, two former Headmasters and four teachers were also present. Mr. Kilby also thanked all the members of his staff, the teachers, the catering and ancillary staffs and the caretaker and his assistant, for their co-operation in making the school such a happy one. Mr. Kilby said that the function of the school was not merely the imparting of knowledge, but a preparation for life. He hoped and believed that in the second hundred years they would go from strength to strength. The school choir sang "This Treasured Land" and the Vicar, The Reverend S.A.C. Dickins then performed the solemn dedication. Master Robert Cade, a young fair-haired scholar, aged 10 was called upon to propose a vote of thanks. This he did with such clarity and felicity of expression that the Chairman, Mr. Church was heard to remark that older speakers might have to look to their laurels. The combined singing of the hymn, "O Jesus , I have Promised" brought the gathering to its ending and guests inspected the new building and the work displayed.

J.M.H.

NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Officers and Committee send New Years Greetings to all our Members and to Garden Lovers everywhere.

The year 1964 has some significance for our Society as next October we shall be entering the 21st year of our existance under the present set up.

Of course other organisations have from time to time carried out the work of holding Shows in the Village and it would be of great interest to know when the first Flower Show was held in Naphill. My personal recollections only go back as far as the 1920's when we had the combined Fete and Flower Show.

These Shows often originated in the local Pubs when the allotment holders would hold limited competitions often for outsized vegetables : the biggest onion, marrow, gooseberry, leeks etc., I wonder if they ever did this in Naphill ?

Will members please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Billiard Room on Monday January 20th at 8.p.m. Whether you come as a mark of appreciation of you Committee's work or to criticise it your presence will be welcome.

Gardening time will soon be here again. If you want to get something out contd.

Horticultural Society contd.

of the soil you must put something in.

Last season we introduced to you a very good and cheap organic fertiliser called Chasmoor and we have received many good reports of its benefit to crops. We shall again be received supplies early next month so please let us have your orders as soon as possible. At present last years prices are still in force; 9/- per cwt. Any member of the Committee will oblige with details, and don't forget the Annual General Meeting.

A.H.B.

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N A P H I L L W. I. D R A M A G R O U P

Who wants to sit at home watching T.V. when they could be watching the W.I. Drama Group? Better sound, better vision and compared with some performance on the "telly" much, much better acting were what the Group provided in the play "Night Must Fall" which they put on last month. From the rise of the curtain to its fall they did full justice to a good unusual play and brought out all its spine-chilling moments as well as its humorous ones.

All concerned must have worked really hard to provide such first-class entertainment and they more than deserved the applause so readily given on both evenings.

Those taking part were, Muriel Piercy, Philip Bowel, Carol Wild, Dorothy Smith, Anne Turner, Michael Commons, Maurice Balls and Marion Lovell.

Congratulations to all the players and their producer Blanche Weeks. W.I. Drama Group we are proud of you.

E.M.O.

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T H A N K Y O U BARBARA.

When the Gazette was in difficulties in January, 1962 because professional typing had proved to be too expensive the situation was saved by Mrs. Barbara Stevenson. Since that time Mrs Stevenson has typed the stencils for 22 monthly issues ; a voluntary task requiring skill, patience and enthusiasm which can only be fully appreciated by those closely concerned. Mrs Stevenson has successfully coped with many difficulties including the Editor, the careless and un-punctuated writing of some contributors and the scripts handed in at the very last moment or even later. She has never failed to produce excellent work on time.

Now that she is leaving Naphill for over-seas we say a very big "Thank you" on behalf of readers and the village generally ; and with our thanks go sincere wishes to Mr. & Mrs Stevenson and their family for all happiness and success in their new life in New Zealand.

J.M.H.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

At the December meeting, Mrs Smith, our President welcomed a new member, Mrs Leak. she also said how glad we were to see Mrs Ellis, quite recovered from the slight mishap with her car.

A letter was read from Mr. Kilby thanking us for the donation to the school funds.

The two Drama Evenings had made a profit of £38.10d. which would be divided between the Village Hall and W.I. Funds.

Mrs Jackson and Mrs. Smith will hold Whist Drives in January, dates to be announced at the next meeting.

Mrs Watson and Mrs Maudle-Barnes both gave Coffee Parties in December. contd.

Naphill W.I. contd.

Mrs Smith said that a member had asked if we could do something about the road. One member anxiously asked if that meant we were to attack it with picks and shovels but was re-assured on that point. Another serious suggestion by a member was that we should write to the County Offices in Aylesbury asking for the road to be properly made up instead of just patched. Members agreed with this, so - here's hoping that at some not too far distant date, we may be able to walk down the Main Road, without being splashed from head to foot by passing motorists.

There was a long discussion about the Open Night in February and it was finally agreed to have a Social Evening and Buffet Supper with members providing the food and each paying 1/-d towards the Entertainment.

Dress making Classes will start again after the Christmas break on January 6th and 8th.

After the business we came to the highlight of the afternoon - Miss Avril with her violin and her vigour and vitality. First she got us to sing two carols - "no la-las now, but the right words please" she said. After a rather shaky start we were off and nearly raised the roof with our last carol. Then chairs were pushed back and the country dancers took the floor, - some gladly, others reluctantly at first. But once Miss Avril had given us our instructions, we were off to the magic of her violin and there was no stopping us. Round and round we went, hot, breathless and panting and getting tied up in knots very often, but enjoying every minute of it. Cries of "which way did she say" or "I'm sure I ought not be here" or "No, I'm the man, you're the woman" rang through the air. Never mind if at times it looked as though a rugger scrum had taken possession of the floor, we were actually dancing, some of us for the first time in years. When at last we sat down to tea, served by Mesdames, Brill, Stevenson, Butler and Hayward, we all agreed that it was a long time since we'd enjoyed anything so much and that we could hardly wait for Miss Avril's next visit. She certainly earned the vote of thanks given by Mrs. Kilby.

The afternoon was rounded off by some very Dior-like models from the Dress-making class, showing us some of the wonderful suits and frocks they had been making. Real Cool they were and there is no doubt our dressmakers are "with it". There were more entries than usual for the competition for a Christmas Table Decoration, which was won by 1st. Mrs Pushman, 2nd Mrs Piercy, with special mention for Mrs Smith's entry. Next month our talk will be : An American sees London. Competition - My favourite Christmas Present. Tea Hostesses - Mesdames, Braiser, M. Brown, Blick and Tooby.

E.M.O.

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

A Happy New Year to all Gardeners and may the rains be tempered with sunshine during the coming year.

Many people make good resolutions at this time of year so I will make one and promise the Editor of our Gazette that I will try hard to be more regular with these notes during 1964. It is a little difficult when giving advice as to what should be done in the garden during the winter and early spring because if while writing these notes in December I advise you to plant shallots in January, while you are reading them (the notes I mean) snowstorms may have developed, there may be hard frosts or the garden may be like a quagmire because of heavy rain storms.

Of course, these conditions are all equally against, football, a game of cricket or a day at the races, but as soon as conditions allow we carry on with the game. This applies also to gardening. I hope this will exonerate me from the accusation that at some time or other I have said that this or that month is the right month to plant so-and-so in impossible conditions.

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Gardening notes contd.

There are of course approximate times for sowing the various crops ; onions in February, runner beans in May or spring cabbage in August, but the exact time is decided by the weather and the condition of the soil, that is to use a Naphill phrase when it "digs a treat".

So do what you can during the next few weeks to make sure that your tools are in good condition for another season's work, that all vacant soil is dug over and left rough, that all leaves and rubbish are cleared from the lawns and that dead and decaying leaves are removed from growing crops and from the crowns of plants in the herbaceous border.

A.H.B.

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DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

There was a full house at our Christmas Party and the general verdict was that it was the "best ever". After a short address from our President the little girls from Mrs. Frazers School of Dancing gave us a performance we are not likely to forget for a long time. All the solo and combined dances delighted us old people whose dancing days are over. The tiny mites with their song "I do love my Teddy Bear" reduced us all to laughter and tears and there were pleased to respond to our cries for an encore. Mrs Bayley gave Mrs Fraser a bouquet amid loud cheers. At tea-time the ceremony of cutting the cake was carried out by Mrs Dorothy Smith who had made it and covered it with expert icing and she was aided by Mrs Ernest Smith our former President. Then followed a musical treat provided by Mr. Keith Oliver and his talented orchestra, our only regret being that the crowded programme allowed no time for more. Mr. Sidney Smith thanked them all for giving us so much pleasure at our Christmas Party.

To the accompaniment of "Jingle Bells" from the orchestra, Father Christmas then made a spectacular appearance and distributed gifts of cyclamen plants, groceries, toilet articles and handkerchiefs. Mr Rose in a graceful speech thanked all those who had helped to organise the Party and we departed to our homes feeling that we had every reason to be proud of our seven-year-old Darby & Joan Club.

E.B.

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FROM OUTER SPACE TO HIGH WYCOMBE

"TIROS -8" the United States weather satellite now in orbit, will send cloud pictures of the weather to receivers at some 40 points on the earth's surface and one of these will be in High Wycombe. Presumably this information will be co-ordinated with that giving the field positions chosen by our Agricultural Correspondents cows. From which excellent weather predictions have been made in the past.

J.M.H.

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NAPHILL YOUNG NEIGHBOURS

Our first evening meeting is on Monday January 13th at 7.30.p.m. Mr. Kilby the Headmaster, of Naphill school, will show slides of local interest and also give a brief talk on our childrens' education, followed by questions galore.

New members will be very welcome and will be able to chat with other young wives over tea and biscuits.

Our afternoon meetings will be in the form of discussions and lively debates & the many ladies interested will have full details at our evening meeting 13/1/64.

Please come, Our best wishes for 1964.

N.Y.N.C.

TENNIS CLUB.

Once again our annual Christmas Dance, which we hold jointly with the High Wycombe club "Rio" was most successful, it was voted one of the best for years. Members of both clubs laboured to decorate the Village Hall and with the skilled lighting affects by Don Ing, the hall was transformed into fairy land.

Everybody was kept happy dancing to Ken Madelin and his band, and quite a number of the older members were nursing aching limbs next day, the effects of twisting so much.

The dance was fully carnival, and Auld-Lang-Syne was reached far too quickly. This Social event is fast becoming one of the highlights of the year, and credit must go to all members who made it so successful.

A.H.S.

1st. NAPHILL GUIDES & RANGERS

RANGERS - it is good to report that the re-formed Ranger Company is thriving again. Some of the girls are tackling the Duke of Edinburghs' Award Scheme at Silver Level. The Rangers were able to send a Christmas Donation to the Bledlow Ridge Childrens Home, as the result of a Social held on Dec 7th at the Village Hall.

GUIDES - Although there are less guides than usual in the company at the moment, they do not lack keenness.

Congratulations to the following Badge Winners - Second Class, Penny Heather, Heather Young. Child Nurse, Heather Young. Knitters, Christine Mitchell.

Just for the record the Guides and Rangers were also present at the Naphill Memorial on November 10th and took part in the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

J.M.

No tickets have been returned for Alan Shrimptons Annual Party Dance on Jan 11. All Tickets remain sold. If any good lady in the village who would help make a few refreshments would they please contact Miss Jean Lawrence Tel. Naphill 2134. To the friends who will be coming. Don't forget the Fancy Dress.

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A T T H E V I L L A G E H A L L

Mens Club.	Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday	B. R.
Library.	February 14th - 28th	6-30p. m. C. R.
Whist Drive.	February 14th - 28th	7-30p.m. Hall
Infant Welfare	Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Month	Hall
Social Club-Bingo	Every Thursday	8-00p. m. Hall

FEB.

Mon.	3rd	Village Hall Council	8-00p. m.	Hall
Tues.	4th	W. I. Drama	7-30p. m.	Hall
Weds.	5th	Camera Club	7-30p. m.	Hall
Thurs.	6th	W. I. Monthly Meeting	2-30p. m.	Hall
Fri.	7th	Darby and Joan	2-30p. m.	Hall
Mon.	10th	Young Neighbours Club	7-30p. m.	Hall
Tues.	11th	W. I. Drama	7-30p. m.	Hall
Weds.	12th	Conservative A. G. M.	8-00p. m.	Hall
Sat.	15th	W. I. Open Night		Hall
Tues.	18th	W. I. Drama	7-30p. m.	Hall
Weds.	19th	Camera Club	7-30p. m.	Hall
Fri.	21st	Darby and Joan	2-30p. m.	Hall
		Whist Drive for Blind	7-30p. m.	Hall
Tues.	25th	W. I. Drama	7-30p. m.	Hall
Thurs.	27th	W. I. Committee	2-30p. m.	C. R.
Sat.	29th	Rangers Party		Hall
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MRS. F. M. TROTMAN

Ken and Marie Trotman, of 3 Ash Close, Naphill wish to express their sincere thanks to all the kind friend and neighbours, who sent flowers and messages of sympathy, in connection with the loss of our dear mother, Mrs. F. M. Trotman of 2, Ash Close.

NOTICE : Any complaints regarding the Village Hall or Playing Fields should be reported to the Chairman, Mrs. Hussey or to any member of the Village Hall Council and NOT, Please, to the Caretakers.

EDITORIAL NOTE : In response to a request from a reader, asking that contributors' names should be published, either full names or initials will be given in future according to the way in which the original script is signed.

J. M. H.

THE CASE OF THE BOUNCING PIANO .....

...and the mysterious light in the Billiard Room at 6 A. M. were just two of the many matters which engaged the attention of the Village Hall Council at their meeting on January 12th. The light remained something of a mystery but steps are to be taken to strengthen the platform which has so nobly born the histrionic triumphs of the W. I. Drama Group, the weight of musicians and piano and the youthful caperings of the Darby and Joan Members for so many years. Mr. Toby gave a warning that the under-pinning, although quite sound, was feeling the strain and that the piano might sink through the thin surface of the platform, particularly, perhaps, if it were tuned to the "Continental Concert Pitch" demanded by Mr. Flippence.

Amongst other matters of concern were the telegraph posts which now find themselves dangerously adrift in the middle of new pavements and refusing to give right of way on dark nights. Still more important was the urgent desirability of bus shelters for children at stops near the School.

Colder weather also focuses attention on in-door heating and brings questions as to whether present arrangements in the Hall are obsolescent and un-economic. The relative merits of electricity, gas and oil were considered. Preliminary arrangements for the 1964 Fete included the fixing of a meeting of the Fete Committee under the guidance of Mrs. R. Pushman. The Annual General Meeting will take place on March 16th. Please make a note of the date NOW!

The Chairman, Mrs. Hussey, expressed the warm thanks and appreciation of Members of the Council for a donation of £20 to the Village Hall Funds from the Naphill Cricket Club and for the sum of £3 from Mrs. Maudie Barnes of Lacey Green: the result of a very happy coffee party. The Council Meeting was held on Twelfth Night and, as it ended the cheerful lights of the Christmas Tree outside were extinguished, at least for another year.

J. M. H.

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NAPHILL CHURCH

Sun. 2nd February. Holy Communion. 9-15. a. m.  
Sun, 16th February. Evensong and Sermon 3-30. p. m.

Sunday School at 2-30 p. m. (other than First Sunday in Month)

Saturday 29th February Rummage Sale 2-30 p. m.  
(In the Old Schoolroom - Main Road)

Another successful Whist Drive, was held at the Village Hall, in January in aid of Church Funds. Once again, good friends provided refreshments and prizes and so made the evening such a happy social occasion.

At the end of this month we are holding our first Rummage Sale and shall need a great deal of help. We hope all the menfolk will turn out lofts and garden sheds and bring the unwanted goods along, or we can arrange to collect if we are told in good time. The personal support of any men or ladies on the Saturday afternoon at the schoolroom will be greatly appreciated. Please phone your offers to :- Mrs. Hopkins Naphill 3179, Mrs. Carter Naphill 2269 Mrs. Wood Naphill 3163 Mrs. Simmonds Naphill 2274.

W. W.

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for February

11a.m.

6.15. p.m.

Feb. 2nd  
" 9th  
" 16th  
" 23rd

Mr. Pearcey  
Mr. Goodchild  
Rev. E. W. Crew  
Mr. F. Baker

Mr. Hodgkinson  
Mr. K. Lawrence  
Councillor W. Haines  
Rev. E. W. Crew

A. Rummage Sale will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday, February 1st at 2-30p.m.  
Proceeds in aid of the Sick Fund.

THE NAPHILL MISSION

(Evangelical Services -- All Welcome. )

Sunday Services during February

Feb. 2nd :	10 a. m.	Family Service	Kenneth Brighton
	6.15 p. m.	Evening Service	K. J. Tyler
Feb. 9th :	10 a. m.	Family Service	Stanley J. Baker
	6.15 p. m.	Evening Service	R. A. Ellins
Feb. 16th:	10 a. m.	Family Service	Stanley J. Baker
	6.15 p. m.	Evening Service	D. W. Haddon
Feb. 23rd:	10 a. m.	Family Service	Students - All
	6.15 p. m.	Evening Service	Nations Missionary College.

SPECIAL MISSIONARY MEETING AT THE NAPHILL MISSION

on Tuesday 25th February

3 p. m. Meeting for Women.

7.30 p. m. Missionary Meeting for All.

Speaker : Miss Betty Meadows of the C. I. M. Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

" THE TIME HAS COME THE WALRUS SAID TO TALK OF MANY THINGS OF CAMBRIDGE  
DOUS & CHRISTMAS TREES OF CABBAGES & KINGS

The late Delwyn Knox of Courns Wood was a remarkable man in many ways. Son of an Anglican Bishop, and brother of Monseigneur Ronald Knox and E. V. (Evoc) of Punch, he was a Cambridge Don, Evoc Kings Messenger, and a classical Greek scholar. He Was also made a C. M. G. in the Honours List just before his untimely death. If the people of Naphill knew of these things they have probably forgotten them, for such is mortal fame. But Mr. Knox has a further claim to our attention. In addition to thousands of trees he planted on his own estate, he presented one to the village to mark the George Vth Jubilee. Some years ago Mr. Don Ing suggested at a Council Meeting that this tree should be lighted up for Christmas and I remember that we jumped at the idea. Ever since his firm has carried out this work for the V. H. C. The tree is planted in a splendid position at the Village Hall entrance and this year it was one of the sights of  
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Bucks soon it will rival the one in Trafalgar Square, and ours will be living ! But there's the rub. This tree may well grow in beauty for the next two hundred years, while Don Ing and the V. H. C. most certainly will not. But if future inhabitants of Naphill should ever abandon this lovely custom, they will deserve all the plagues of Egypt, and I for one will come back and haunt them.

Ron Piercy.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

In this fiftieth anniversary year of the beginning of the Kaiser's War in 1914 our local septuagenarians, veterans of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force may be reminded of thrilling moments. A chance to hear of them should not be missed but it is not easy to get veterans to talk of the part they played on heroic occasions.

Mr. G. A. Flippance, of Ash Close, Walters Ash, was in H. M. S. King George V. at the battle of Jutland and played a key part in passing orders from the bridge through to the guns: which brought Mention in Despatches and the D.S. M. Under some editorial pressure he has kindly written the following account for the Gazette During the coming year we should be glad to record other personal experiences. What did YOU do in the GREAT WAR, Grandad ?

THE BATTLE OF JUTLAND, April 30th, 1916.

At last, after eighteen months of war the German High Sea Fleet left its harbours and was reported to be steaming into the North Sea. The British Grand Fleet, under Admiral Jellicoe in H. M. S. Iron Duke, immediately put to sea from Scapa Flow in the Orkney Isles. At the same time the Battle Cruiser Squadron, under Admiral Beatty in H. M. S. Lion, left Queensferry in the Firth of Forth heading towards the enemy. Every man, in all ships, was at his action station with excitement and tension almost unbelievable. The weather was calm but considerable mist prevailed throughout the day and continued throughout the night and the following day. My action station was in the transmitting room four decks down and immediately over a gun magazine. With me were the rest of the ship's band with a Royal Marine Officer in charge. My action station put me in direct communication by voice pipes with both the Captain and the Gunnery Commanders and all orders came through that channel to the gun turrets. This was the method at that time in all big ships. The Transmitting Room was the nerve centre of the guns where all data was collated: its final results being passed to the gun turrets. Let me say at this point that of a ship's company of 1300 men only about 50 were in a position to see what was happening!

Admiral Beatty contacted the full German Fleet, and tried to cut them off from their bases and to force them on a course towards our main battle Fleet. This proved to be a costly operation for both the German and the British Fleets. In the meantime Admiral Jellicoe was steaming south at full speed. The mist turned to fog. Our hopes of a full-scale battle diminished. Night fell with every man still at action stations. The next day hopes were raised on our ship, King George V, when the outline of another ship came into view. Fog made identification impossible so we dared not open fire. It was at this point that the magazine beneath us reported a fire! I passed this on to the Captain. His reply was

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simple : "Tell them to put it out". At intervals men were sent to the mess deck to get something to eat and drink but key men remained at their stations, rations being brought to them. So the time passed. Then, in the late afternoon of May 1st, news was circulated that the German Fleet had escaped out attempt at encirclement and was safely on its way to its bases. We returned to our "Hide-Outs" to face the task of coaling ships, etc. etc. So ended what could have been the greatest naval slaughter in the annals of mankind but not until we were able to read the newspapers did we know what had really happened! Incredible but true.

Opinions differ as to whose victory it was but one thing is certain: the German Navy never put to sea again as a fighting force. So, as I see it, Britain won a glorious moral victory, Heroism belongs to the gifted few, the remainder of us can only do our allotted task.

A. G. Flippence.

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O D E T O A C E S S P I T

We buried them deeply from morn unto night:  
Stones, tin cans and bottles and rubbish,  
An old apple tree with a nasty disease,  
Went in with a bump and a flourish,  
There were sheets of tin and an old dustbin  
And now the clutter is fewer.  
Shall we ever be able to fill that cess pit in  
Now that we're on the main sewer?

We shall miss the aroma at emptying time,  
T'was like "Evening in Paris" or a trip up the Rhine.  
And now every time that we pull the chain  
Its a loss to the village but HighWycombe's gain.  
Now all that is left at the end of the lawn  
Is a rusty iron cover that will soon be withdrawn,

G. Lynch

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N A P H I L L W. I.

At our January meeting, Mrs. Smith, presiding, welcomed members back after Christmas and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The speaker, was Miss Christine Smith, who is a guide to tourists visiting this country. The number that come to this country from America and the amount of money spent really amazed us, as in the case of the lady who spent a £161 for a dinner service and this did not include lackaging and transport charges. Also the Gentleman who wanted a "Doock Suit" from Saville Row. One visitor had relatives in Oban and thought that they could go from London and spend a day with them, as our island looks so small on the map.

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The competition for a favourite Christmas present was won by Mrs. L. Hussey, with a painting of Brill Mill which Mr. Hussey had painted. 2nd was Mrs. D. Smith with a pair of black fur gloves.

A shopping trip is arranged for February 12th, final details will be given at our meeting on February 6th. At this meeting our speaker is to be Miss Millington when she will tell us of 'Old China and Porcelain'. The competition is for the 'Oldest Piece of China'. TEA HOSTESSES: Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Mills Mrs. Kilby and Mrs. Tweedale.

J. M. B.

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O X F A M

The Oxfam Committee send grateful thanks for the help given through our Christmas Carol Concert on the 22nd December. The amount donated was £18. 9. 2.

J. L.

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From the "Guardian ". 14.1.1964.....

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"The British have the highest rate of lung cancer in the world".

HAVE A CIGARETTE ? NOT---LIKELY !

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D A R B Y A N D J O A N C L U B

By courtesy of the Gas Company we enjoyed a film show at our January meeting. The scenes depicting arrangements in the kitchen and methods for bringing cold premises up-to-date was instructive and the ancient films dating from the early days of the century aroused our memories of Queen Victoria and King Edward the Seventh; We saw also the German Kaiser on horseback riding among the other royalties at his Grandmother's funeral.

Mr. & Mrs. Judge received our congratulations and good wishes on completing fifty years of married life, it is always a pleasure to greet any of our members on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. A crocheted shawl was given away with the snow laying around smooth and crisp and even.

E. B.

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T E N N I S C L U B

Another of the popular Whist Parties was held at home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence on Saturday the 18th January. It was given jointly by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Lucy Sharpe and proved to be really successful and most enjoyable.

Prize winners were Mr. R. Piercy, Mr. D. Southam and Mr. A. Shrimpton,

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Mrs. P. Rose, and Mrs. D. Ing. Consolation prizes were won by Mr. A. Sommonds, Mrs. J. Flower and Mrs. I. Simmonds. The annual general meeting of the club, will be held in the Billiard room, on Thursday 13th February at 8 p. m. and followed by a fish and chip supper. So, roll up in your numbers. Come and air your grievancies (if any) and finish up with a good meal.

A. H. S.

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H O R T I C U L T U R A L   S O C I E T Y

At our Annual General Meeting all serving officers and Committee were re-elected for another term of office.

CHASMOOR FERTILISER It is hoped that further supplies will be available the 15th of this month, have you ordered yours yet? A reminder to all Vice Presidents and Members: subscriptions for 1964 are now due. What benefits are available to members? Here they are:  
10% discount on all orders for gardening requisites purchased from Messrs. Jones and Rivetts on presentation of your current paid-up membership card. Reduced prices for Chasmoor Fertiliser, 9/- per cwt.

Ticket giving free admission to the Royal Horticultural Society's fortnightly shows also a few free tickets to the Chelsea and Great Autumns shows and also free admission tickets to the gardens at Wisley. We are affiliated to the following National Societies: Rose, Sweet Pea, Dahlia, Gladiolus, Delphinium and Chrysanthemum societies. Each of these National Societies issues an Annual and other literature also available to members on loan. All this for a minimum annual subscription of 2/6 without the bother of collecting green-shield stamps or milling around a super-market.

Details obtainable from Committee Members Messrs. J. Humphrey, S. P. Elick J. Batts, R. King H. Hussey, W. Parslow, H. McDonnell, L. W. Wright, S. G. Smith, F. Newdick, R. Ginger, C. F. Watkins, G. T. Smith or the Secretary A. H. Busby. Why not join now!

A. H. B.

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Y O U N G   N E I G H B O U R S

The first evening meeting of our Young Wives Club was certainly a success. Mr. Kilby showed a wonderful selection of coloured slides. As well as breath taking scenery, many of us saw our children performing in their school pantomimes, we also saw pictures of the school in construction and completion.

Over a cup of tea with cheese and biscuits Mr. Kilby then answered all the questions that were fired at him on education.

Our next evening Meeting is on February 10th at 7. 30 p. m. The Speaker will certainly be worth a hearing.

We hope to have a demonstration on the Kiss of Life technique at this meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Village Hall on the 10th.

N. Y. N. C.

GARDENING NOTES

Don't miss any opportunity that may present itself during the month to dig and manure any vacant parts of the garden.

Roses would benefit at this time by a dressing of bone meal lightly forked in most other trees and shrubs, whether of the fruiting or flowering kind, would also benefit from this or a dressing of manure or compost.

This goes to for flowers in the border but in each case be careful when forking in, not to disturb the roots.

another job that causes some headaches at this time, is the planting of new shrubs and trees that are arriving from the nurseries. Heel them in if the weather is unsuitable and when you do plant, a supply of dry soil or a bucket or two of peat around the roots will make this job much easier as firm planting is essential but good if it is just sticky Naphill clay in February.

Herbaceous plants such as Delphinium, lupins and pyrethrums which dislike autumn planting can be planted or transplanted now, and if you want to increase your stock of Christmas Rose this can be done now that the plants have finished blooming. Late flowering shrubs such as hypericum and buddleia can be pruned now, and hedges of hornbeam, beech hawthorn and tamarix can be cut back.

In the greenhouse fuchias and ferns can be re-potted, chrysanthemum cuttings taken Dahlias started into growth, if you want to take cuttings. But if you only want to re-plant your Tubers don't do this.

If not already done start up some onion, cabbage, lettuce and brussel seeds; also anterrhinum, lobelia, petunia and salvias. And get those begonias moving!

If you get the chance outside shallots, broad beans, parsnips and onions could be sown. Get those potatoes sprouting and lift and divide rhubarb.

A. H. B.

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CHARITY PARTY

The Annual Charity Party was held in the Village Hall on Saturday 11th January and once again it proved very successful almost £72 profit being made. And 120 people were kept happy dancing to Ken Madelins Band: and Auld Lang Syne was reached far too quickly. Alan Shrimpton would like to thank everybody who helped in any way, most sincerely, for making the party the success that it was.

A. H. B.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Frasers Dancing Classes. Congratulations to Jayne Tunnicliffe on gaining a Highly Commended Grade 1 Certificate, Penelope Thynne a Pass Plus Grade 1 Certificate in the recent Royal Academy of Dancing Examination.

Announcements contd.....

NAPHILL CONSERVATIVE BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting of the Naphill Conservative Branch, will be held in the Village Hall, Naphill at 8 p. m. on Wednesday 12th February, 1964. All Members of the branch are cordially invited to attend.

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"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy"

A T T H E V I L L A G E H A L L

Mens Club	- Every Tues, Weds, Friday and Saturday	B.R.
Library	- March 13th	6 -30p.m. C.R.
Whist Drive-	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	Hall
Social Club--	Bingo Every Thursday	8 --00p.m. Hall

March

Mon. 2	Council Meeting	8 -00p.m. H
Tues. 3	W. I. Drama	7 -30p.m. S
Weds. 4	Camera Club	7 -30p.m. H
Thurs. 5	W. I. Monthly Meeting	2 -30p.m. H
Fri. 6	Darby and Joan	2 -30p.m. H
" "	W. I. Whist Drive	7 -30p.m. H
Sat. 7	Rummage Sale	2 -30p.m. H
Mon. 9	Young Neighbours Club	7 -30p.m. H
Tues. 10	W. I. Drama	7 -30p.m. S
Mon. 16	VILLAGE HALL A. G. M.	8 -00p.m. H
Tues. 17	W. I. Drama	7 -30p.m. S
Weds. 18	Camera Club	7 -30p.m. H
Fri. 20	W.I. Plays	8 -00p.m. H
Sat. 21	W. I. Plays	8 -00p.m. H
Thurs. 26	W. I. Committee Meeting	2 -30p.m. H
Sat. April 3rd	NAPHILL GAZETTE PUBLISHED	

V I L L A G E H A L L C O U N C I L N O T E S

In 1928 the Village Hall was built by means of subscriptions collected from the Village, which was very much smaller than it is to-day. The land on which it stands and the playing fields had been very generously given to us by the late Coningsby Disraeli of Hughenden Manor.

To-day it is kept going by the support it gets from us all and the cost of repairs, etc continues to rise.

This month the Council acknowledges with grateful thanks the receipt of the sum of £17 : 5 : 0 from our Womens Institute which was the profit of one evenings performance of their play. Without these windfalls we should be hard put to it to keep the place going.

On March 16th at 8 p.m. in th Hall we are holding the Annual General Meeting and all the Village is asked to come and offer any constructive criticisms they may wish to make.

Our thanks will then be given to the retiring Chairman Mrs. Hussey and our welcome made to the Chairman for this year, Mr. M. J. Balls, who has given so many years service as Hon. Secretary and Fete Secretary.

Please remember :- Monday 16th March at 8 p.m.

W H I S T D R I V E S

On the 31st Jan. Mrs. Hussey, Chairman of the Village Hall Council, presented Mrs. Jackson with a Life Membership card (kindly designed by Mr. Holmes) and a tray in appreciation of her many years service in running the Drives for the benefit of Village Hall funds.



Children's Playground The Councils thanks are acknowledged to Mr. L. Butler and his sons for re-erecting the swings which have had to be replaced after many years use.

R. C. R.

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THE NAPHILL MISSION

Preachers for the month of March

Sunday 1st March	10	a. m.)	Students from All Nations Missionary
	6.15	p. m.)	College.
Sunday 8th March	10	a. m.	S. J. Green
	6.15	p. m.	Bert Witts
Sunday 15th March	10	a. m.	S. J. Green
	6.15	p. m.	Finchley Crusader Choir
Sunday 22nd March	10	a. m.	S. J. Green
	6.15	p. m.	Stanley J. Baker
Sunday 29th March	10	a. m.	Stanley J. Baker
			Kenneth Ives

----- Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. -----

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HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH

Services in Holy Week and at Easter:

March 22nd	Palm Sunday	The usual Services together with the blessing and distribution of Palms.
March 23rd	Monday before Easter	(No services)
March 24th	Tuesday before Easter	Holy Communion 7 - 45 a. m. Midweek Lent Service 2 - 45 p. m.
March 26th	Thursday before Easter (Maundy Thursday)	Holy Communion 7 - 45 a. m. Preparation for Easter Communion 8 p. m.
March 27th	Good Friday	Childrens Service 9 a. m. The Three Hours Devotion 12 - 3 p.m. (based on the Liturgical Services) A Service in the Old School at Naphill 7 p. m.
March 28th	Saturday before Easter	decoration of the Church 9-1

Request has reached me from parents of children at Naphill County Primary School for children to be withdrawn for religious instruction. Bishops Hay stated at the Diocesan Conference in June 1960 that the Diocesan Council of Education was "a responsible body", which wanted the new School to be a Voluntary Church School. None of the invitations to the several authorities the then Secretary, suffragan archdeacon, or even the then local inspector of Church Schools, received even the courtesy of a reply. Both the Headmaster and myself merely asked for one of the several persons to come and see the conditions for themselves.

Now it is up to Church People to show whether their requests for Church Services in the Old School is a steady lasting need and not a whim.

S. A. C. Dickens  
Vicar.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Sunday 1st March	Holy Communion	9-15 a. m.
Sunday 15th March	Evensong and Sermon	3-30 p. m.
Good Friday 27th March	Evensong	7-00 p. m.
Easter Day 29th March	Holy Communion	9-15 a. m.

A very successful Rummage Sale was held at the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd February, nearly £40 was raised for Church Fund thanks to many gifts the efforts of friends.

W. W.

A profit of £13 : 6 : 0 was made, after deducted expenses of £2 : 0 : 0 as a result of the Whist Drive on January 24th many thanks to all helpers and supporters, and to Mr. M. Balls our M. C.

M. T. C.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

<u>Preachers for March</u>	<u>11 a. m.</u>	<u>6-15 p. m.</u>
March 1st	Mr. H. Lord	Mr. W. S. Rose
March 8th	Mr. F. S. Deane	Mr. Alderman
March 15th	Dr. G. Rose	Rev. E. W. Crew
		(a short service followed by refreshments and coloured slides of the Holy Land presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. Blick of Maidenhead )
March 22nd	Womens Anniversary Services	
	<u>2-45</u>	<u>6-15 p. m.</u>
Miss R. Harris	Miss Anster	Mrs. Ellins
	Miss S. Smith and	Miss Janet Tapping
March 29th	Mr. K. Peatey	Mr. A. Goodearl

The Annual Womens Rally will be held on Wednesday March 25th at 2-45 p. m. when Mrs. Vinall will preside. Mrs. Gawthorne will be the speaker and Mrs. Olwen West the soloist. Tea will follow and a warm welcome is extended to all

N A P H I L L V I L L A G E F E T E S A T U R D A Y , 27 t h J U N E , 1964

Only four months to go for Naphill's "Day of the Year", to be enhanced this year by the addition of a Handicrafts Exhibition. All those of you who can use your hands, aid if necessary by saw, hammer or needle, are invited to enter under the following categories :

Woodwork	Under 16 years
	16 years and over.

Needlecraft:	
(Including Tapestry and embroidery )	Under 16 years
	16 years and over.

KNITTING & CROCHETING :           Under 16 years  
   16 years and over  
 MISCELLANEOUS :                    Open  
 SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CLASS         Under 10 years.  
 ( Any item made or constructed  
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First Prize in each class .. .. . 10/-d  
 Best Exhibit in the show .. .. . £1/1/-d  
 Best Exhibit of an Exhibitor aged under  
                                   16 years.     .. .. . 10/-d

The entry fee will be 6d per exhibit, although the Children's section will be free. A more detailed schedule will be available in the near future but in the meantime, would be exhibitors have four months in which to perfect their handwork.

There will be the usual accompaniment of gaiety in the form of side shows and stalls together with the Children's Fancy Dress Parade and Brass Band.

**MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW OF THE DATE, 27th JUNE 1964**

Fete Committee

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THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY

It will not have escaped the readers notice that we in Bucks are having to pay for the Trial at Aylesbury, so the wife and I popped over the other day to see how our money was going. We arrived at 1 p. m. just as a large Daimler came purring out. From somewhere in it's gloomy depths a red robed arm was raised to the policeman on point duty, and then Mr. Justice Davies was on his way to lunch. In the car park we met two friends who had attended the morning session 'Just time for a drink and a sandwich' they said, "and then we must get in the queue." In the little bar parlour nearby were two tables a harrister and his junior had reserved one. A glass of beer and a ham sandwich was their normal lunch. In their frock coats and cravate I thought them very pleasant fellows. We secured front seats and it was fascinating to watch the court assemble Ushers, Police, witnesses and at least twenty white wigged barristers filled the room. Then came twelve good men and true who have been torn away from their jobs for perhaps three months. Across the other side sat 12 more, who, the prosecution says are bad men and false. The other accused are on bail. Suddenly we all rise, twenty white wigs bow very low, and a little man in scarlet takes his seat. It is all very impressive. We are shown three cases in which a hundred thousand pounds were found in a wood. We hear how the "Weasel" was chased over rooftops and arrested. Each defence counsel tries to trap a police witness into a error. 'You saw this man in the street and you arrested him.' 'No Sir.' "Well, you detained him." "No Sir I merely asked him to accompany me to Scotland Yard". "You took him and his van to a police station, and then you left his van, and took him to Scotland Yard in a police car and there he was questioned for hours but you still say you did not detain him". "That is correct Sir". Sometimes a witness can be tempted into a disastrous error" and the counsel has earned his fee. When I saw our lunch companion questioning a sweating witness, I no longer thought of him as a pleasant fellow. The Judge keeps a tight rein on the proceedings. When he asks a question it is very much to the point, and furthermore it is obvious that he knows the answer. His object is to make sure that everyone else does also. I am sure that justice will be done, but will they ever find the money.

Ron Piercy.

" O H A P P Y B A N D O F S T A P L E R S "

There are those who write, those who type and those who print but there would be no Gazette without the Staplers. They bind together the pages and thus, we hope, bind the people of Naphill together through the medium of the press. The Staplers meet once a month to arrange the hundreds of sheets together in their right order and it is our proud boast that so far no page has been stapled out of order or upside down. We began with 550 copies. This has now risen to 700 copies and takes about 2 hours of hard and monotonous work: relieved by local gossip and tittle-tattle! We staplers have no wish to be mentioned by name. By occupation we are a child-welfare worker, a school teacher, a furniture worker, a quantity surveyor and a lady from the W. R. A. F We enjoy doing the job but have now founded a Stapler Union and are definitely a closed Shop rejecting any idea of time and motion study-so Watch Out, Mr. Editor! But more seriously we are all active Methodist Church workers and feel we are giving this service to the Community on behalf of the Methodist Church.

P. A. B.



"Who "Staples the Gazette" as for they laws  
 Makes that and th' action fine "

G. Herbert

On behalf of all readers : Thank you Staplers ! and success to N. S. U.  
 Editor

N A P H I L L W . I .

The well attended February meeting was presided over by Mrs. D. Smith. A letter was read from the Village Hall Committee thanking us for the donation of £17 : 5 : 0 from proceeds of the Drama Evening. There was also a letter from the Aylesbury County Offices saying that the only piece of road which could be reconstructed at present is from Christopher Close to Stocking Lane: with other road reconstruction in the next financial year. This reply met with unanimous disapproval ! We shall keep plugging away until we get satisfaction. Our Whist Drive is in the Village Hall on FRIDAY MARCH 6th and a Rummage Sale on Saturday March 7th Members were asked to bring Whist Prizes and articles for sale to the next meeting. Final arrangements were made for the shopping outing to London. Mrs. R. Piercy told us of plans for a visit to the Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon in June and read letters of thanks from our Adopted Family for the Christmas parcel sent to them. Miss Millington's talk on China and Porcelain was much enjoyed. In ancient Greece marriage vases were made with the head of the bride on one side and bridegroom on the other. Travelling salesman took miniature samples from door to door. And how about this? Bone china is made from bones imported from South America Meat Factories! Miss Millington showed examples of china and judged the large number of competition entries for "My oldest piece of China". Mrs. Ellis won 1st prize and Mrs. Ted Brown, 2nd Prize Mrs. Halsey gave the vote of thanks and tea was served by Mesdames Turner, Mills, Kilby and Tweedale. Next month's talk; "The Royal Archives" with a competition "Something new from something old". Tea Hostesses are Mesdames Jack, Butler Rudd and Ellis.

E.M.D.

W. I. D R A M A

On Friday and Saturday, March 20th and 21st Two one act play's will be performed at the Village Hall, in aid of Naphill Village Hall Funds. All seats 2/6d including refreshments. Doors open at 7-30 p. m. Performance to begin at 8 p. m. Come and Support your local talent and help swell your own hall's Funds.

M. A. P.

OPEN NIGHT WITH THE W. I.

Husbands were welcomed, refreshed and entertained in most generous fashion by the Merry Wives of Naphill on February 14th. There was a crowded floor for Country Dancing. Miss Avril, like the Pied Piper but with her irresistible violin, made everyone want to have to go! It was the sort of scene which Dickens would have liked to describe. A play by the ladies of Prestwood Followed. We found, but did not actually see, Mr. Bloggs enjoying exotic Turkish delights in a Eastern Palace which he had inherited, complete with some 47 wives: until the arrival from England of his mother, wife and daughter; It ended happily with the Englishman's faithful heart triumphant, and continuous laughter and appreciation from the audience.

Miss Jennifer Lee, with Tom-Tom and Fly Whisk, then gave an account full of sparkling wit and mimicry of her tour of Africa as a singer during the war. She sang authentic African songs and delighted everyone with her gaiety, humour and lovely voice.

Naphill W. I. once again showed its apparently effortless powers of organisation and provided hospitality and varied entertainment much to the taste of all. Lucky Husbands! Lucky Naphill!

J. M. H.

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T R I B U T E T O M R S A . J A C K S O N  
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Before the Whist Drive on Friday January 31st a very pleasant ceremony took place at the Village Hall, Mrs. A. Jackson who has organised the Village Hall Whist Drives for the last 12 years, and has now retired, was presented with a Red and Gilt Woodmet Tray by Mrs. G. Hussey, Chairman of the Village Hall Council, in appreciation of her work for the hall. She also received a life membership card, admitting her free to any Village Hall Whist Drive.

Mrs. Hussey said that it was through her hard work that the whist drives were now a very popular feature of the village life and thanked Mrs Jackson for her work over the years. Replying Mrs. Jackson thanked the V. I. C. for the beautiful gift, and said it was a very pleasant surprise to her and she appreciated it very much and would treasure it for the rest of her life. She said that she hoped the Whist Drives would continue to prosper under the new Committee which has been formed under the chairmanship of Mr. R. Watson.

A. S.

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D A R B Y A N D J O A N C L U B  
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On February 21st Mr. Macmillan gave us an account of the work carried on in Jordan and other parts of the world under the aegis of the Institution known as Oxfam, organised with the noble object of bringing relief to undeveloped countries where the people are reduced to starvation level. It is sad to learn that there are thousands of children dying of hunger or, perhaps even worse, continuing to live in conditions of misery which put the natural joys of childhood quite beyond their reach. The task of feeding these deprived multitudes is colossal but Oxfam in co-operation with many other Societies to struggle with the problem and Mr. Macmillan gave us many examples of their success. Oxfam is interested in many schemes such as the provision of a clean water supply, instruction in improved methods of agriculture, building schools and hospitals and making roads but always with the ever aiding determination to bring milk and nourishing foods to the starving children. Mr. Macmillan's words made us wish to contribute our mites to the good cause and a sum of £-12-6d was collected.

We sent our best wishes to Mrs. Caroline Shrimpton who was ninety-six years old on February 28th, visitors to her house find her as sprightly as ever. Marvellous,

The remaining hyacinth bulbs were on view and a prize was given to Mrs. Biggs. Do not forget our Medical Comforts Department if you need anything for the sick room. Through the kindness of the Management our Members are invited to the Dress Rehearsal of "Annie Get your Gun" at the Town Hall High Wycombe on March 27th at 7 p. m. A coach will be provided to take members there and back.

E. B.

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TENNIS CLUB  
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On Thursday the 13th February the club held their Annual Meeting in the Village Hall other there was a good attendance with Mr. A. Shrimpton in the chair. The meeting was followed by a fish and chip supper. New officials appointed for the coming year will be Chairman Mr. V. Hiddlesley. Hon. Sec. Mr. A. Lawrence Treasurer Mr. N. Hubert Smith. The Committee would be very glad to contact any tennis players who have come to live in the village. They can be assured of a very big welcome the Subscription is still only £2-5-0d.

On Saturday February 15th a Whist Party was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. Southam given jointly between them and Mr. & Mrs. A. Shrimpton Prize Winners being Messrs. V. Hiddlesley, A. Shrimpton and G. Flower and Mesdames I. Ing, P. Rose and C. Ginger. Consolation Prize Mr. D. Ing.

A. H. S.

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THE PITY OF IT! Four people brought interesting contributions for the February Gazette on February 24th and 25th. Agonising explanations were again made as to why they must be refused. If the Gazette is to come out on time contributions must be in by midnight on the 23rd of the month.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
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The Society does not carry stocks of that very good and cheap fertiliser called 'Chasmoor' but only orders to your requirements. The first consignment for this season of four tons has been delivered and we are taking orders for the next consignment.

Last Months Gazette contained a list of the names of committee members who will take your orders, or you may bring them to me, Once again the price is 9/- per hundredweight and whether you grow dahlias, crysanthemums, carrots or onions or perhaps want to tone up the lawn this is the stuff you need.

We are arranging for another Spring Show for about the middle of next month, and details of the schedule and exact date will be given in the April Gazette. Meantime we hope you will give an eye to those daffodils, tulips, polyanthus, and other spring bloomers there will also be classes for pot plants, flowers arrangements, and flowering shrubs.

Now as I understand that some readers of the Gazette would like to know the names of contributors, and in case anyone would like to join the Horticultural Society or order 'Chasmoor' the name is Busby A. H. and the address 'Braeside' Chapel Road.

A. H. B.

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OUR LAWN  
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When as a first step you take a portion of God's good earth to call your own and a second World War later move into your Castle on this plot as strangers to the Village you wonder how life will work out. After a night's sleep and a first look out on God's earth, you indeed wonder!!! Not being quite the man you physically were, you wonder how two humans can make bumps and lumps into

a garden and you scratch about in corners to make some impression.

Those who have begun village life as strangers recently, feeling lonely and friendless, would no doubt be interest to know that it can be truly wonderful and that people come forward when least expected, to help and make make friends. One day a near neighbour asked 'I wonder if you would mind if a gang of British Legion and Horticultural Society Men came along and helped you to straighten your front to a lawn and plant the seed? I hope you will not be offended by this offer?' As strangers we felt it just could not be true, but one Saturday about a dozen men came with a lorry, cleared, levelled and planted that front garden, sustained by gallons of tea.

Now sixteen years later, we still do our best to tend this lawn, not only for the great pleasure we get from it ourselves, but as a "Thank You" to those men who still when passing say "Our lawn looks lovely, doesn't it?"

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G A R D E N   N O T E S  
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Although it is not time yet to go full tilt at seed sowing some seeds go in now as soon as the soil is right such as onions, brussels, early cabbage and lettuce with our Naphill clay it is sometimes difficult to get a nice fine seed bed.

Here's a little tip get a bucket of soil from the garden, a half bucket of leaf soil or peat and two or three good handfuls of sharp sand. Mix these together then put through a sieve.

Its time those winter jobs were completed such as fruit tree pruning, digging and generally tidying up; and of course roses can be pruned now.

Later in March gladioli may be planted. Give roses, fruit trees and raspberries a mulch of manure or compost. Failing this a dressing of bone meal or chasmoor.

Most seeds can now be sown in the greenhouse but leave the quick growers like stocks asters zinnias and marigolds till next month.

A. H. Busby

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N A P H I L L   M E N ' S   S O C I A L   C L U B  
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Those who know the game of billiards may be amused to read of a fantastic fluke which ended a billiards league match. Player A needed five to win and scored an in off red but he hit the ball too hard and left a double baulk. The snag was that player B, needed only one for game, A, must play out of baulk but if he failed to contact; the penalty of one point would give the match to B, while it would be just as fatal to leave B an easy shot. 'A' summoned up his courage and played hard up the table, the ball came back over the baulk line and missed the red by a fraction, rebounding from the cushion it missed again by a smaller fraction. 'A' turned to congratulate B who looked a little sheepish at winning in such a manner. But someone called 'Wait' They turned to see the ball coming back again, its force almost spent. Slowly it came on, grazed the red and came to rest touching the white. It was a cannon and A had won! There are those who say that fortune favours the brave; others declare that the devil looks after his own. As I was player A I will express no opinion.

R. S. P.

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F A R E W E L L   T O   N A P H I L L  
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I have been associated with Naphill for a tctal of seven years and closely connected with village life since April, 1961.

I shall always have happy memories of Naphill but the most vivid and lasting will be of cricket with the 'Old Contemptibles' - the 2nd XI.

One game in particular stands; This was the game at Hampden towards the end of last season. It was my third game as skipper (many thanks to the selectors) and, of course, I was keen to get the points. Having made a good score and declared, we seemed to be sitting pretty, but a few hefty blows from one of the Hampden players of

changed all that and we suddenly found ourselves in deep trouble - eight wanted, two wickets to fall. I called up one of our stalwart bowlers for a final fling but he was so overcome by it all he preferred deep third-man. Desperate situations require desperate remedies and so yours truly took the ball. Although I sensed a feeling of justifiable resignation all round me, I let fly. My second ball was hammered for four and my next for two. The last ball - a well-flighted long-hop! - had the batsman in several minds, but unfortunately for him, the ball hit the middle stump before he'd decided between six and four. With only two required and plenty of time, Hampden looked odds-on winners. However, my next bowler, who was still willing to try, sent down a very respectable ball which was pushed for a single. The striker was off like a Hampden Hare but his partner, for some reason, didn't think much of the shot and stood his ground. A lively argument ensued during the course of which the ball was returned to the 'keeper who promptly demolished the untenanted wicket. We were home and dry - and was I pleased! I'm told that since that game all elderly gentlemen are obliged to have a medical check-up before venturing near the ground when play is in progress. You'll be pleased to learn that our reluctant fast bowler recovered quickly and, in the Wheel that evening, was near to remark that I was the best skipper for whom he'd ever refused to bowl.

Well, I've played my last game for Naphill, and, before I go, I would like to pay tribute to all who made my stay such a happy one.

To every member of the 2nd XI - may you always enjoy your cricket and your beer! To the 1st XI too, amongst whom I am proud to number many friends, I wish the best of luck. To the Secretary, who devotes so much time and money to a rather thankless task, a big 'Thank you' from me Geoff. To the ladies - God Bless em - for their hard work and tasty teas - many thanks. To Bill and Beryl, my thanks for all they've done for the Club. To Philip Lean, one of the best and most consistent umpires in the League, my apologies on behalf of a few and sincere good wishes on behalf of all.

To everyone, and I know I've omitted many, associated with Naphill Cricket Club, I would like to say - "Thanks for the memory and good luck in the future".

JOE FOX.

N A P H I L L Y O U N G M E N S C R I C K E T C L U B

At the February meeting for young wives details of future meetings were given, including demonstrations by Yardley and Stork and a Social Evening in May. The Keep Fit classes will not start this Spring, Alas! the hall is fully booked, Arrangements are going ahead and our fingers are crossed for September.

Our Speaker Mr. Tuckett of the B. B. C. gave a lively talk on the preparing of the news and life in general behind the scenes at the B. B. C.

At the request of many of our members the 'Kiss of Life Technique', was demonstrated by the Red Cross on their Life like model, Then it was our turn to practise; how we puffed! But soon we had the idea and left, confident that we could act in an emergency.

Our next meeting March 9th at 7-30 in the Village Hall, Mr. Jeffries of Jeffways Coaches will show films to set us dreaming of sunny holidays on the Continent.

N. Y. N. C.

The gross takings at the Charity Party in January were £91-19-4d with expenses of £20-2-10d leaving a profit of £71-16-6d. The committee of the Muscular Dystrophy Group would like to thank everybody for their very generous help.

A. H. S.

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- Mens Club - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
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- Whist Drives 10th and 24th
- Welfare - First and Third Wednesday.

APRIL

- 1st Camera Club 7-30 p. m.
- 2nd W. I. Monthly Meeting 2-30 p. m.
- 3rd Darby and Joan Club 2-30 p. m.
- 4th Cricket Club Social
- 6th Council Meeting 8-00 p. m.
- 10th Library 6-30 p. m.
- 11th Drama Festival
- 13th Young Neighbours Club 7-30 p. m.
- 15th Camera Club 7-30 p. m.
- 17th Darby and Joan Club
- 18th Rummage Sale 2-30 p. m.
- 18th Dance 8-00 p. m.
- 24th Library 6-30 p. m.
- 25th Jumble Sale 2-30 p. m.
- 25th Dance 8-00 p. m.
- 30th W. I. Committee Meeting 2-30 p. m.

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 I N L O V I N G M E M O R Y

I think we shall never forget that Sunday morning when it seemed as if the whole village went into a state of suspended animation as we waited and hoped for news of the Innsbruck plane. But the one o'clock news killed the last hope, and Naphill seemed a poorer place. We could hardly believe it; we who grew up with Don, who made despairing tackles as he went by with the ball, who yelled to one another, "Keep it away from his left foot". And now we shall never see that left foot swing again, not even in the "Married v Singles" on Boxing Day. Unbearable thought!

We had come to regard Don as a confirmed bachelor until he brought Iris to live amongst us; and how quickly she settle in to village life. For weeks the ladies of the Village Hall sewing class, had been watching and helping as Iris made clothes for her winter holiday: Clothes which she was never to wear! As an air gunner during the war Don had probably flown over those same mountains more than once. After the war he came home and was soon elected Secretary of the V. H. C., a post he held for some years. A life member of the Tennis Club, he wrote to accept the Presidency only the night before the fatal flight. Always ready to give generously of time and money he will be sadly missed. It will be a long long time before we can pass the Ings bungalow without a lump in the throat.

R. P.

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 The relatives of Don and Iris Ing who lost their lives in the tragic Innsbruck Air Disaster wish to thank the very many friends in the Village for their kind messages of sympathy and overwhelming offers of help.

It has helped to sustain us during these awful days to know that our sorrows have been shared by so many in our Village; of which Don and Iris were so much a part.

.....A. H. Busby.....

MAJOR HAROLD ALAN OAKESHOTT

The death of Major Oakeshott on March 13th at the age of 82 might be said to mark the end of an epoch in the history of Naphill, covering as it does a period of some 43 years of development from scattered houses along the main road and the edge of the open Common to a village with some 1000 inhabitants and a strong sense of community life. With this development Major Oakeshott and Mrs. Oakeshott who died 15 years ago, had much to do. He played a leading part in the building of the Village Hall, of which he was one of the original trustees and in the aquirement of space for the playing fields, in the building of the War Memorial, and in many local activities including the British Legion, He was Chairman of the Village Hall Council for several years. Mrs. Oakeshott was Chairman of Wycombe Rural Council and a Magistrate. Both will long be remembered in Naphill for their devoted work for the Village.

Major Oakeshott served in both wars; in France with the Artists Rifles and the Machine Gun Corps and later in the Royal Berks Battalion, and was mentioned in despatches. The family is commemorated by a plaque in the Village Hall and the naming of Oakeshott Avenue.

Mr. Oakeshott's eldest son, Wing-Commander Alan Oakeshott was killed during the war while serving with the R. A. F. He was the youngest wing-commander in the service, and the Times described him as one of the best bomber pilots.

The youngest son is Mr. Keith Oakeshott, who is now Consul-General at Hamburg.

Mr. Oakeshott also leaves a daughter Mrs. Colin Hayward, wife of the well known designer, who is also active in local affairs.

VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting March 16th 1964.

The wind had a 'keen tooth' for the snowy night of the Annual General Meeting. The poor attendance, about 30 people only, might seem to be an example of 'Man's ingratitude' for the years conscientious work of the Chairman and Council and certainly does not adequately reflect the very active community life which resulted. Outside bookings of the Hall had been more numerous than ever. We print the report of the Chairman Mrs. Hussey, in full for the benefit of the many who were not present to hear it.

After the Minutes of the Last General Meeting, read by Mr. Geoff Smith, and the years financial Statement, reviewed by the Treasurer, had been generally approved Mr. Pushman, the new Chairman took charge and a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Hussey was unanimously carried. Mr. Pushman said that when, a year ago, he had not suspected that circumstances would precipitate him to the Top Table in such a short space of time. He would do his best to maintain the Village Hall tradition and was greatly comforted to know that Mr. Rose would be on his left hand. The coming year would meet financial hazards. The Fete was the Village Hall's main source of income and he appealed for renewed enthusiasm. Mr. Dorian Williams, the B. B. C. Commentator had already promised to perform the Opening Ceremony, subject to B. B. C. commitments. After the election of new Council Members a cheque for £100 was handed to the Chairman from the Social Club as a donation to the Village Hall Funds and the organisers were thanked for this generous and very oppotune gift. The officers for 1964 are:-

Chairman : R. Pushman. Vice-Chairman : M. Balls. Hon. Sec. : R. Rose. Assist. Hon. Sec. : G. Smith. Hon. Treas. : D. Tooby. Bookings Sec. Mrs. J. Balls.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT for 1963

I think that 1963 will be chiefly remembered by all of us helping to run the Village Hall for three reasons. Firstly, the long, arctic winter, when thanks to Mr. Gibbons, the Hall was kept comfortably warm. Secondly, the departure of the School, and with it, the loss of the Rent of £300 per annum. Thirdly, the awful weather on the day of the Fete. That we managed to make a profit of £120 was a tribute to the Villagers who supported it, and to the helpers who worked as if their lives depended on it.

1963 also saw the completion of the Children's Playground Equipment at a total cost of over £400. Grants from the County Council and Playing Fields Association met half the cost, while the rest came from the Village Organisations and individual donations.

I am sure that Council members will wish me to mention the ability and patience of Mr. Rose in his successful efforts to persuade the Official Bodies to part with the money they had promised us towards the cost. I believe I am right in saying that the negotiations extended over nearly two years, and were at times both laughable and frustrating. Mr. Rose also helped with the Stocking Corner negotiations.

Two fine seats, donated by the Social Club, are close by the Children's Playground for the use of parents and elderly folk.

The Financial Report shows that we have made a profit, and a closer examination will reveal that but for the £216 received from the School Rent, we should have made a loss. Well, we have had our difficult times in the past, and I am sure that with an enthusiastic Council and the support of the Village, we need have no fears for the future.

I would like to thank our two Caretakers for the continued interest they have shown in keeping our Hall in such good condition.

The Autumn Bazaar realised a profit of £82. As the result of some constructive criticism we hope to do better next autumn.

The Social Club has continued to function, and although our income from this source has fallen by more than £100, we thank them for their help.

Mr. Holmes and his Gazette Staff, continue to earn our praise for the interesting chronicles of Naphill Village activities, and every issue is eagerly awaited.

The monthly Council meetings have been exceptionally well attended, and I do thank the Officers for their support, and the Members for their interest.

Mrs. Jackson, as everyone knows, has run the fortnightly Whist Drives with the help of Mr. Parker for a very long time, has had to resign for health reasons, and we send her our warm thanks for her efforts over the years, and best wishes for a speedy return to her bright and cheerful self.

I know you will join me in expressing our sorrow and condolences to the relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ing, who lost their lives in the Innsbruck Air crash. Mr. Ing was one of the pioneers of the Village Hall in the early days and since returning to Naphill, continued to give his help in many unobtrusive ways. He will be sadly missed. A letter of sympathy has been sent from the Village Hall Council to Mr. and Mrs. Busby.

We also express our deep sorrow on the more recent death of Major. Oakeshott who signed the original Deeds for the Village Hall and who was active in the Village Hall affairs as Chairman, and in many other ways, over a long period of years.

E. A. Hussey

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1963

In presenting the Financial Statement for 1963, Mr. Tooby reported that the profit on the Village Hall A/C was £145, which was £57 less than in 1962. On

the face of it, this would appear to be satisfactory, but on looking closer at the income, it would be seen that £216 had been received from the School Rent, which had ceased in 1963, and means would have to be found to make up this loss of revenue in the coming year.

The terrible weather on Fete day had cut the profit down to £121, as compared with £252 in 1962, and the Social Club Bingo income had declined by £124. On the brighter side, however, £82 had been made from the Autumn Bazaar, and sundry Hall hirings had increased by £42.

Considerable economies had been effected in expenditure, but the Hall would soon need decorating and this would be costly.

Thanks to Grants received, the Playing Field A/C had held it's own, making a small surplus of £13.

The Gazette, after many years of striving, and thanks to volunteer help, had built up a fund to cover advance printing costs for one year. There had been two collections in 1963. The Editor rightly sounded a note of caution, when he pointed out that the money in hand would have to hold out until October 1964, when the next collection would be made.

The Childrens' Playground Equipment had been completed and paid for at a cost of over £400, and it was worth noting that all but £6 had come from donations and grants.

After a few questions on the Accounts, they were unanimously adopted.  
G. S.

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N A P H I L L V I L L A G E F E T E  
Saturday, 27th JUNE, 1964.

There are now barely three months left before Naphill's Fete Day; still long enough however to prepare those items of handiwork for display in the Handicraft Exhibition. Just in case some of you did not make a note of the classes under which you can enter they are repeated for your benefit. These cover every item, and whatever you can make, or have made, may stand a chance of winning some worthwhile money. A special note for mothers - DON'T FORGET THE FANCY DRESS PARADE - open to children of all ages.

Most important of all - DO NOT FORGET THE DATE - 27th JUNE, 1964.

The classes for the Handicrafts Exhibition are as follows:-

Woodwork	Under 16 years
	16 years and over.
Needlecraft:	
(Inc. Tapestry and Embroidery)	Under 16 years.
	16 years and over.
Knitting and Crocheting:	Under 16 years
	16 years and over
Miscellaneous	Open.
Special Children's Classes:	Under 10 years
(Any item made or constructed by their own hands)	
First Prize in each class	.. .. 10/-
Best Exhibit in the show	.. .. £1. 1. Od.
Best Exhibit of an Exhibitor aged under 16 years	.. .. 10/-

FETE COMMITTEE

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The following Societies and Organisations are always glad to welcome new members. If you are interested please contact the undernamed who will give you all particulars :-

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- Whist : Mr. R. Watson, 11 Mosely Road.

Mens Club : Mr. G. Smith, Waldens, Main Road.  
 Football : Mr. T. Lovell, Main Road.  
 Womens Institute. Mrs. M. J. Balls, Westfield, Main Road,  
 Darby and Joan Mrs. E. Bayley, Plumtree Cottage, Main Road.  
 Tennis : Mr. T. Lawrence, Auchinyell, Downley Road.  
 Horticultural. Mr. A. H. Busby, Braeside.  
 Methodist Church. (Womens Own) Mrs. Bowler, Stonefield Road.  
 Boys Scouts Assn. Rangers, Guides, Scouts, Cubs and Brownies  
 Mr. R. C. Wells, Oak Cottage, Christopher Close.

Camera Club : Mr. M. J. Balls, Westfield, Main Road,  
 Church of England. Mrs. M. T. Carter, School House,  
 Young Neighbours. Mrs. Gedge, Silva, Stocking Lane.

IF NEW TO THE VILLAGE : MAKE YOUR CHOICE AND JOIN NOW!

N A P H I L L S C H O O L S U C C E S S

Congratulations to Naphill School 1st. XI who won the West Central League of the High Wycombe and District Schools Football Association this season with 14 points. They played the season without losing a match winning six matches and drawing two.

Goal Scorers were:- Martin Roach 10, Christopher Cann 4, Brian Ing 2, and Richard King and David Brown one each.

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

<u>Preacher's for April</u>	<u>11 a. m.</u>	<u>6-15 p. m.</u>
April 5th	Mr. Nickless	Mr. Chilton
April 12th	Mr. A. Kinch	Mr. K. Lewis
April 19th	Rev. E. W. Crew (Holy Communion)	Miss Anderson
April 26th	Sister Darwent	Mr. W. Parkins.

A collection will be made in the Village during April for the National Childrens Homes.

T H E N A P H I L L M I S S I O N  
 Preachers for the month of April

Sunday 5th April	10. a. m.	Stanley J. Baker
	6.15 p. m.	E. P. Thompson
Sunday 12th April	10. a. m.	Peter Mitchell
	6.15 p. m.	John Forrest.
Sunday 19th April	10. a. m. )	Stanley J. Baker
	6.15 p. m. )	
Sunday 26th April	10. a. m.	Students from All Nations Missionary College.
	6.15 p. m.	Roy Purton.

-----Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. -----

N A P H I L L C H U R C H  
 S E R V I C E S

Sunday 5th April	Holy Communion	9-15 a. m.
Sunday 19th April	Evensong	3-30 p. m.
Sunday School at 2-30 p. m. (Other than First Sunday in the Month)		

Gifts of Flowers and loan of vases for Church Decoration will be welcome on Saturday 28th March at the Church.



HUGHENDEN PARISH CHURCH

I received an apology from the Editor of the Naphill Gazette at the beginning of March for an article which appeared above my name. At the time I did not understand. On Thursday March 19th after the School Managers meeting a copy of the March number was shown me for the first time. All is now clear. Several omissions from my script makes nonsense of the whole article. A common human mishap.

No requests at all have reached me from parents with children at the New Naphill County Primary School for their children to receive denominational teaching. This proves beyond doubt that they are satisfied with the Religious Instruction given in the school. It answers my request for applications, which appeared in the Naphill Gazette last autumn.

I have a complete file of letters from the Diocesan authorities and the County authorities over the business of Naphill School which the Churchwardens have seen. My urgent requests to my superiors to come and see the conditions in the old school were unsuccessful. They were very over worked in those days.

The Secretary of the O. D. C. O. E. advised Hughenden P. C. C. what to do, they agreed with him, and empowered their two representatives on the School Managers to act in accordance with that advice. I proposed the scheme and got no support, locally.

I hear from Mr. Kilby that he has forgotten whether or not he wrote and invited the Suffragan Bishop to visit the school in actual fact. Carbon copies of my letters are available.

The whole situation is altered now in Bucks.

Bishop Hay's remarks in 1960 were quite accurate. The Diocesan Council of Education is a responsible body who I hear are now investigating elsewhere how attendance at Church Schools - as opposed to County Schools - or Schools under other management, effects childrens behaviour after they have left school their sense of civic responsibility - and their attendance at public worship. Now, Bishop Savage and Archdeacon Pratt visit any school or Parish in Bucks in difficulties over anything. Now, the Rev. Vaughan Wilkes (in this deanery) visits any Church School that invites him to come. Very, very, different from 1957.

I felt betrayed in 1958 when the whole policy I had been hidden to press for - (contrary to my own personal judgment, and public opinion)- was reserved by the two Authorities involved, during my absence, and without any notification to any of the interested parties in Hughenden Parish. It had involved financial loss, personal feelings, and endless trouble. But this has achieved a changed situation. Other parsons may have suffered similar experiences! This is Christianity. Good can come out of Suffering born prayerfully and patiently. In our case - a new Church. This ends my articles. My sincere thanks to the Naphill Gazette.

S. A. C. Dickins.  
Vicar

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F R I E N D S   A N D   N E I G H B O U R S

'The village is also remarkable in that it publishes its own Bulletin called the Naphill Gazette'. This is a quotation from the 'FAMILIES MAGAZINE', published by the Royal Air Force, High Wycombe. The March number assumes a new and very attractive form and includes a description of the many social activities in the Naphill Village Hall to which visitors from the R. A. F. are cordially invited by the Village Hall Council.

The Naphill Gazette takes this opportunity of welcoming the 85 Officers and Airmen who have now become regular subscribers to the Gazette; and for the new arrangements kindly made by the R. A. F. for distribution and collection

J. M. H.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

After the singing of Jerusalem members stood for one minutes silence in memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. Ing.

Mrs. Smith welcomed a new member, Mrs. Harries and Mrs. Clark, who is rejoining the Institute.

Womens Institutes are regarded as 'Charities' and the B. F. W. I. suggested that when raising money we should forward small donations to the office.

Several members would like Classes in Art and Country Dancing in the Autumn and the idea of our arts and Crafts Exhibition in September met with approval.

Miss Price-Hill gave an interesting talk on the Royal Archives and entertained us with her tales of Royalty. We were amused to hear that George Vth's nickname was Sunbeam and that Miss Price-Hill saw, from her window in the Round Tower at Windsor, Prince Philip's red Helicopter 'touch down' for a second. A member of the staff said indignantly that Prince Philip had no business to land there and had been told not to do so!

Mrs. Mitchell gave the vote of thanks and Tea was served by Mesdames, Jack, Butler, Rudd and Ellis.

The Competition was won by 1st Mrs. Shrimpton, 2nd Mrs. Shaw.

Next Month there is a demonstration on "How to Trim a Hat". The Competition is 'An Easter Bonnet'.

Tea Hostesses are Mesdames Biggs, Drake, Cross and Dunford. Don't forget the Area Drama Festival at the Village Hall on April 11th and the Finals at Aylesbury on April 25th.

E. M. O.

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Y O U T H ' S            S T U F F   W I L L   N O T   E N S U R E  
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The following timely reminder to young people who feel compelled to smash up public property has been sent to the Gazette by a dear old lady:

"I hope that the Hooligans who have destroyed the seat, bit by bit, in the bus shelter near 'The Wheel', which Mr. Sydney Smith took so much trouble over, will live and GROW OLD... and know what it is like to feel a tired old-age pensioner."

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N A P H I L L   S C O U T S   a n d   G U I D E S  
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Now that the new headquarters building is complete, the following will be the new times of meeting for the various sections of the movement:-

Brownies	Friday	4.00 to 5.30
Guides	Friday	7.00 to 8.30
Rangers	Friday	8.30 to 10.0
Cubs	Wednesday	6.30 to 7.45
Scouts	Thursday	7.30 to 9.00
Senior Scouts	Wednesday	7.45 to 10.0

The new headquarters building is situated immediately behind the Village Hall at Naphill and is in full use now.

There are a number of vacancies in both the Guides and the Rangers and anyone interested in joining should contact Mrs. Mitchell, Baltic House, Naphill. There are also vacancies in the Senior Scout Section, applicants should contact S. A. C. J. Looms, Unit Equipment Section, R. A. F. Walters Ash. At present the other sections of the movement are full but immediately vacancies arise they will be notified through the medium of this Bulletin. The official Headquarters Opening Ceremony will be held later in the year.

To help with the running costs, a grand Jumble Sale will be held on Saturday 25th April at 2.30 p.m. at the Naphill Village Hall. The house to house collection will be made from the R. A. F. married quarters, but we shall be pleased to

receive any unwanted articles at the Hall on the morning of the Sale or to collect if notification is given to R. C. Wells, Oak Cottage, Christopher Close.

The Committee's Annual General Meeting will be held at the new Headquarters on Monday 13th April at 8.00 p. m. and we shall welcome anyone interested. As Well as the short business meeting it is hoped to have films, slides and an exhibition.

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1st N A P H I L L C U B P A C K

At last we are enjoying the amenities of our new headquarters. The pack would like to express its thanks to the Hughenden Church Wardens for the use of the old School. Two new Cubs have been invested Douglas Barnes and Michael McMohan. A second Star has been awarded to Richard King. David Mistledeane won the Model-making competition. The pack put on a good show at the District Handicraft exhibition; Our boys taking a leading part in the sing-song.

We shall be notifying all Parents of the Annual Group and Parents meeting. When we shall give a progress report. May I take this opportunity of expressing my grateful thanks to my hand-working assistants at Pack Meetings. David Clive and Tony Good lads! Keep it up. Once again the troop will be wanting a Scouter as Keith has been posted. So what about it Naphill? Surely there is someone in the Village.

Kim

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N A P H I L L T E N N I S C L U B

We mourn a member and our President of but a day: a sportsman and a sport: kind, helpful, generous, gay: a man who brought sweet reason and sound judgement to our meetings, practical help to all our activities. He made a great success of life, in marriage and in business, and yet he remained a modest man - modesty that went hand in hand with a tremendous sense of humour. Where he was there was always laughter. We mourn his wife - his gay and lively companion. She supported and encouraged her husband in all his interests, and was indeed his complement. Ours not to question the cruelty and the senselessness of the fate that was theirs! We are grateful for the privilege of having known them. We hold dear and honour the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ing. Naphill could ill afford to lose them.

The committee hopes that the Easter Monday Tournament will set the season going with a swing. Much of course, depends on the weather, but much also on the players - and may I here put out the Club's yearly plea for new members from among Gazette Readers. All clubs have their shortcomings, but aloofness and the cult of the clique are not among ours. If you are interested please 'phone Mr. Tony Lawrence at Naphill 2134.

Tuesday evenings from 6.0 till 7.30 p. m. have been set aside for Junior Coaching, given by Mr. Vic Hildersley. The rest of the evening will belong to beginners and those who have not played for several years and who want to get to know the feel of the racket again.

On Saturday April 18th the Club holds its Spring Rummage Sale in the Village Hall. It is hoped to maintain the high standard for which the club is reputed. Rummage and volunteer helpers welcomed. Door open at 2.30 p.m.

A.M. Lawrence.

At our March Meeting Mr. Jeffries of Jeffways Coaches, came along armed with three films and a projector. Oh! those views of Switzerland, wē soon forgot about Naphill and imagined ourselves ski-ing on those slopes. We saw two Swiss industries at work the making of Lace and cheese; There were holes in both cheese and Lace:- The result of the evening was wholly satisfactory.

Our April meeting should be of great interest; "Beauty Preparations", or "War paint" to our husbands. For this meeting we hope all members will bring friends along. Yardleys of Bond St., are our visiting demonstrators.

We 'The Gay Young Wives of Naphill' welcome new members. Have you trained your Husband to look after junior? You have? Well done! Come and join us on Monday Evening April 13th at 7.30 p. m.

N. Y. N. C.

G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

Although we may expect plenty of April showers this year we must hope to have some dry spells in between so that we can get on with some sowing and planting because April and the following months of May and June are the busiest months in the garden year. I find that many of you complain that your beetroot tend to run to seed rather than produce bulbs. This could be caused for any one of three reasons : Too earlier sowing-mid April is soon enough, too rich a soil so sow in ground that has been manured the previous season for some other crop, or loose soil, so make this reasonably firm at planting time. Other crops that can be got in straight away are Onions, parsnips, broad beans, early peas, shallots and onion sets.

Home grown new potatoes are something most of us enjoy and there is the temptation to plant the whole crop too early which often results in frost damage. Why not risk a short row for early lifting and leave the rest until fear of frost is gone? It is easier to protect a small amount against frost and the rest will in no way suffer because planting has been delayed a few weeks. If you haven't got a greenhouse or other glass protection (where brussels, summer cabbage, lettuce and cauliflower should be growing well by now) you can make sowings of these in the open garden. For pruning Roses, I find that early April is as good a time as any because the sap is rising fast and there is less likelihood of hard frosts retarding new growths. Don't sow all your lettuce radish and similar salad crops all in one go. A small batch every two or three weeks will maintain a supply over a long period rather than a glut for a few weeks with none afterwards. Prepare runner bean trenches by digging out a couple of spits wide and one deep. Throw in plenty of manure. Then dig this in before returning the soil. Work in some Chasmoor into the top spit and all will be ready for the May sowing or planting. Sow hardy annuals outdoors at the end of the month also the first batch of Gladioli. Clean up the lawns and grass paths and dress with Chasmoor. Try to maintain a even temperature in the greenhouse and prick out all seedlings as soon as they are large enough to handle.

A. H. Busby.

M E N S   C L U B   N O T E S

This year the club welcomed a new member, one Peter Bristow a snooker player of great skill was apparent to all except the handicappers, 'God bless em', who put him down as a scratch man. So peter has had little trouble in reaching the final where he meets Albert Reed. There are times when the ball runs very sweetly for Albert, and this will need to be one of them. Peter knows very little about the game of billiards, he pots the red, of course, like an angel, and knows where his white will finish. He knows the angles, and can draw back or run through at will, but that's about all. Unfortunately its quite enough for some of us. So its on the cards that he will carry off both our cups, in which case we can only say,

"It could'nt happen to a nicer fellow". GERTCHA!

R. S. P.

THE CUP OF KINDNESS

Being confined to my bed for only six days recently. I send a contribution to "Our Gazette" and say "Thankyou" to our kind friends and neighbours. We received gifts of eggs, milk, books, Devonshire Cream, Sweets, a delicious apple pie, a pork pie, cups of tea, (brought steaming hot to my bed) Offers to do laundry, shopping, and lots more too numerous to mention. We didn't realize such kindness existed in Naphill. I have mentioned no names as I feel sure they would not approve. and will sign myself "SONGTHRUSH".

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Spring Show last year proved quite an enjoyable evening. We are hoping the second effort, to be held in the Billiard Room on Monday April 13th will be as good and even better.

The opening is at 7.30 p. m. for the staging of exhibits. Judging will start at 8.30 p. m.

There will be no entry fees, no charge for admission and no money prizes. This is just a little 'get together' before we get down to gardening in real earnest, so please come along, bring an entry or something for the Auction at the end of the evening. Non-members are welcome.

The Schedule of classes is as follows:-

- 1/ A vase of Daffodils. 2/ A vase of Narcissi. 3/ A vase of Tulips
- 5 blooms in each case. 4/ A vase of Polyanthus. 5/ Vase of any flowering
- Shrub or Shrubs. 6/ A vase of flowers to face front. 7/ A bowl of flowers
- arranged for effect. Other decorative plants may be used in classes 6,7 and 8,
- which is three blooms or spikes of flowers arranged for effect. 9/ A spring
- Posey. 10/ a Cactus or succulent plant in pot. 11/ Pot or bowl of any growing
- plants or bulbs. 12/ A specimen plant in pot.

I am sure most of you are able to make at least one entry so don't leave it to others. Bring yours along. Orders for Chasmoor will be taken at this meeting.

A. H. Busby.

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

We always look forward to the annual event when Mr. Kilby and Mrs. Griffiths bring their choir of boys and girls from the school to sing to us, They gave us a full and varied programme of songs and recitations, including old favourites like 'Waltzing Matilda' 'The Mermaid', ending with the School song 'This Treasured Land' Mr. Peddle thanked them all for their delightful entertainment. Some beautiful needle-work from Mrs. Jermy's clever hands was on exhibition.

On March 6th a pleasant but rather cold afternoon was spent in the Billiard Room which was more cosy than the main hall. Mrs. Piercy read a fanciful story about a Welsh family starting a business on the moon. Mr. Sidney Smith read a fascinating occupation of life in Naphill with special reference to Jack Goodchild and his beautiful chairs. A crocheted shawl was given away and we enjoyed a suprise visit from our Treasurer Mr. Geoffrey Smith. We gave him our best wishes as it was his birthday.

The visit to the Town Hall for 'Annie Get your Gun' was much enjoyed by twenty-five members with free tickets generously given by the Management of the Dramatic Society. Some of the members waiting in the bitter east wind had their noses vigorously rubbed with snow by the doctor to prevent them falling off, but inside the bus we were all nice and warm. The performance was produced in grand style with an accomplished orchestra led by Mr. Keith Oliver. All our members including

those from Bradenham were taken home by the coach.

E. B.

ANNOUNCEMENT

NAPHILL WHIST DRIVES

Our Military Whist Drive for the Silver Cup will be held on Friday 10th April at the Village Hall. We would like to see a large gathering of Naphill people to compete at this annual event, but of course visitors from other villages are equally welcome as at all our Whist Drives. The cup was won by a Naphill team last year for the first time for six years, so Naphill - please come along and make sure that we keep it.

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 Camera club - 6th and 25th  
 Library - 8th and 22nd

MAY

Mon. 4	Camera Meeting 8.00.
Tues. 5	Drama 7.30
Thurs. 7	W. I. Monthly meeting 2.30
Mon. 11	Young Neighbours 7.30
Fri. 15	Darby and Joan 2.30
Thurs 28	W. I. Committee 2.30
Fri. 29	Darby and Joan 2.30
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V I L L A G E H A L L C O U N C I L

The subjects discussed at the April Council Meeting, with Mr. R. C. Pushman in the Chair, included new cupboards for the Village Hall kitchen, the general heating arrangements, the platform and stage lights, the perplexities of the lighting switchboard for the uninitiated and the one surviving tea-spoon! Mrs Pushman gave further details about arrangements for the Pete on JUNE 27th, and about the Tug-of-War Cup and equipment for Roll-a-penny and other games for the Pete. At the instigation of the Chairman it was decided to give further consideration to the possibility of providing a Youth Club for Teen-agers of both sexes. Although some facilities for youthful leisure activities are already provided by the Men's Club (the Scouts and Guides) and for Table Tennis, Naphill has no mixed club similar to those sponsored successfully in other Villages. Help in organisation would be most welcome. A gift of £15 from the Naphill Womens Institute to the Village Hall Fund was accepted with thanks amidst a general expression of appreciation.

J. A. H.

The Editorial Board of the Naphill Gazette, consisting of Mr. A. H. Lawrence, (Printing), Mr. R. Piercy, (Manager), Mr. D. C. Tooby (Treasurer) and Miss Phillips (Typing) with the Editor, met on April 7th. Mr. Warner (Distribution) was unable to be present. Various ideas for future articles etc. were discussed and the financial position reviewed. Money in hand was considered to be adequate for carrying on the Gazette until the end of its financial year in October when the annual collection is due.

Increased appreciation has necessitated enlarging the Gazette in recent issues, with pressure on typing and in the printing dept. The Board welcomes this increased participative and thanks contributors and readers for supporting its efforts in the interest of community spirit in the Village.

T H E R. A. F. T H R I F T S H O P

The gazette has been notified that this shop is open from 2 p. m. to 3 p. m. on Thursdays and that civilian customers are welcomed. To visit the THRIFT SHOP take the first turning on the right after Mr. Lealey's shop towards Lacey Green. Enquire at the office opposite the NAAFI. Articles for sale cannot be accepted at present because of limited storage space.

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS

ANNUAL FETE

Saturday, 27th June

To be opened by the well-known Commentator ; DORIAN WILLIAMS

Which young lady of the Village would like to be FETE QUEEN this year? The Fete Queen and her Attendant will be elected at the Village Hall Social Club meeting on Thursday 4th June. Entrants must be resident in Naphill or Walters Ash. All young ladies of 16 years and over are invited to apply and names can be handed to any of the following before 23th May. Mr. M. Balls, "Westfield" Lain Road, Mrs. E. Hussey, "Bramley" Stocking Lane., Mrs. J. Lean "quayloo", Pursells Meadow., Mrs. V. Pushman "Umtata" Naphill Common (NAPHILL 3122)

Once again our GRAND PROCESSION with Fancy Dress will be headed by the Ellesborough Silver Band but this year the procession will be from the School Playground in PURSSELLS MEADOW leaving at 2.00 p.m. Come on children. Get mum making up those costumes for you. There is no excuse for not having time - you still have 9 weeks to go.

We hope that you are all getting your entries ready for the Handicraft Exhibition. Detailed schedules are shortly to be circulated. Continuous entertainment will be available all afternoon: HORSE RIDING DISPLAY, DOG OBEDIENCE DISPLAY, TUG OF WAR for the NAPHILL FETE CHALLENGE CUP, CHILDREN'S SPORTS AND DANCING, PURCH AND JUDY AND ALL THE USUAL SIDESHOWS AND A FEW NEW ONES!

Is there anyone in the Village who would like to donate a small Silver Cup to be called the "Naphill Fete Challenge Cup"? This is to be presented each year at the Fete to the winning Tug of War team and will be held by them for a year until the next Fete Day. Anyone willing to donate this Cup, please contact Mrs. V. Pushman, "Umtata", Naphill Common (NAPHILL 3122). Refreshments this year will be in the Village Hall so make a date with all your friends to meet for tea. Any offers to make cakes and sandwiches or to donate butter and fillings etc., will be gratefully received by Mrs. M. Piercy at nosely Lodge Farm (NAPHILL 2137).

This year it is so important that we must all do our best to make this "Naphill's Day of Day's". We do therefore appeal to everyone of you to help in the following ways (and to help swell our Village Hall funds): Take a book of Draw Tickets and sell them to your friends and neighbours. Contribute a small gift (we need about 400) which can be used as a prize etc., on one of the many stalls. A collection will be made by members of the Village Hall Council during the last fortnight in June.

Fete Committee

NAPHILL CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 3rd May Holy Communion - 9.15 a.m.  
Whit. Sunday 17th May Evensong - 3.30 p.m.  
Sunday School at 2.30 p.m. (Other than the first Sunday in the month)

It is with great regret that we record the death on April 17th of another much-loved figure of Naphill; the Revd., P. R. G. Carter B. A.,

Although he had lived amongst us for only five years since retirement in 1959, he had become well known through visiting, and meeting people during evening walks on the recreation ground. The people of Naphill Church will always remeber him with affection as their resident priest who took most of the services at our newly-established Church. He brought to the Church profound learning, the experience of 29 years as Vicar of Seacroft, in the North, seven years at North Stainley-Ripon, and a wonderful sense of humour. He was a true champion of the Anglican Faith and its traditions and it gave

him much joy to live hear his Church.

An example of the affection in which he was held is shown by a suggestion from a young member of the congregation, that we should purchase a gift for use at the alter as a permanent memorial to the REV. P. R. G. Carter.

We are sure that many who know him will wish to be associated with this tribute. Donations to the church wardens or any member of the Naphill Church Committee will be gladly acknowledged. W.W.

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N A P H I L L   M E T H O D I S T   C H U R C H

<u>PREACHERS FOR MAY</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
May 3rd	Mrs. Neville	Mrs. Pike
May 10th	Sunday School Anniversary Services conducted by our Former minister Rev. A. H. Freeman The Scholars will present "Children of Canaan" at	
	11 a.m.	2.45 p.m.      6.15 p.m.
May 17th	Mr. C. Craft	A. Student
May 24th	Mr. Beech	Rev. Crew (Holy Communion)
May 31st	Mr. Gregory	Mr. D. Church B. A.

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T H E   N A P H I L L   M I S S I O N

(Evangelical Services - All Welcome)

Preachers for Sundays in May

May 3rd	10 a.m. & 6.15 p.m.	
	Reginald Ingleby ; Former Minister	
May 10th	Youth Sunday	
	10 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.	Tony Cooper
	6.15 p.m.	Robert H. Rumens
May 17th	10 a.m. Students - All Nations Missionary College.	
	6.15 p.m.	Stanley J. Baker
May 24th	10 a.m. Stanley J. Baker	
	6.15 p.m.	E.W. Bond
May 31st	10 a.m. & 6.15 p.m.	
	Uxbridge Youth for Christ Team.	

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F R I E N D   O R   F O E ?

May time is blossom time and it is also the first opportunity that the gardener's friend, the Honey Bee, has of replenishing her stores after the long cold winter. By this time the bees are active; rearing young in preparation for the main honey flow which starts at the end of June and which is collected from the clover fields.

Unfortunately many owners of orchards, and even the keen gardener who is the proud possessor of a few well cared for fruit trees, unwittingly kill these helpful insects by spraying their trees with solutions which are deadly to bees. If you feel it is essential to spray your fruit, please ensure that it is done before the blossom opens or leave it until after petal fall.

There is no more tragic sight than to see bees returning home in their thousands fatally poisoned whilst going about their lawful business of pollenating our crops for us.

N A P H I L Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

The beauty demonstrations by Yardley were a great success, The hall was full; The consultant gave us a lively and amusing account of her own trials and errors when experimenting with make-up and her experiences training model girls; as well as explaining the need of caring for our own skins .

I am sure that many of us felt a twinge of guilt when remembering the haste in which we had applied our own make up when seeing the skill our demonstrator used in making up two of our members;

MONDAY evening MAY 11th is our first SOCIAL evening. We look forward to seeing all members and prospective members at 7.30 in the Village Hall  
A Buffet will be served during the evening.

N.Y.N.C.

H U G H E N D E N P A R I S H C H U R C H N O T I C E

At a full meeting of the Parochial Church Council it was unanimously decided to give public notice that neglected graves would be levelled and a date fixed before which relatives or interested parties could see the Churchwardens, either to make arrangements for maintenance in future, or guarantee maintenance. Will interested parties please note that they have until June 30th '64 to make up their minds and take action. After June 30th in 1964 silence will be taken to mean consent to levelling. Mowing machines can be used to keep down weeds and mild growth once the neglected mounds and monuments are laid flat.

N. Arthur  
E. C. Halsey  
CHURCHWARDENS

F. N. Cooper  
Hon. Secretary of Hughenden Parochial Church Council.  
20th April 1964.

S. A. C. Dickens  
Chairman.

N A P H I L L T E N N I S C L U B

The members of the Tennis Club are patiently waiting for the weather to improve, so there has been little activity on the courts. Ten souls - three of them visitors, braved the chill wind of Easter Monday when we had hoped to have our opening American Tournament.

Fortunately the weather did not affect the success of our Spring Rummage Sale and the splendid profit of £23 was added to club funds.

An interesting list of friendly matches has been arranged for the summer and of course we wish the men every success in the Shield Matches.

FIXTURES FOR MAY

May 3rd	Away Men's to Bomber Command
May 10th	Away Men's to Hazlemere
May 16th	Home Mixed to Hazlemere
May 18th	AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Visitors Welcomed)
May 23rd	Home Men's to Glory Mill
May 31st	Home Mixed to Denham

A.M. Lawrence.

M E N S C L U B N O T E S

I suppose we expected too much from our Snooker cup-final. Our brilliant newcomer Peter Bristow forgot all his lovely shots and played with painstaking carefulness, while competent old-stager Albert Reed was floundering like a novice at first. Slowly Peter built up a lead 23-2 became 41-7 and then at last Albert found his form. A couple of blacks, followed by the first three colours, made the score book respectable. Meanwhile Peter's brilliance

was shining with all the power of a consumptive glow-worm. First he went in off, and then he set up the blue over the middle pocket. Pink and black were 'on' and Albert gratefully bagged all three, to gain by the narrowest of margins, a victory that had looked impossible. Not a great final, but it was nice to see all the other lights out, and everyone taking a keen interest.

R. S. D.

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N A P H I L L W. I.  
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In spite of the cold day the April meeting was well attended. Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. Rose Hunt.

Several members are going to Bomber Command Wives Club on April 14th and we are inviting members of the club to our meeting in July.

Resolutions were read and agreed for the A. G. M. at Aylesbury. Mrs. Kilby will attend as delegate. £15 had been sent to the Village Hall Council part of the proceeds of the Drama Evenings. Names were taken for Cert Classes to be held in the Autumn.

There is a show of Handicraft in High Wycombe this month and our new Banner will be exhibited. Good luck to it!

Mrs. Piercy read letters from our Adopted Family in one of which they said how sorry they were to hear of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Ing. A parcel of clothing had been sent to the family and the mother said that she thought vanity must be good for the soul. She felt much more cheerful wearing the nice clothes. Mrs. Westley gave us a demonstration on hat making and when all the members who said they were going to try their hand at it have finished their efforts, Main Road should look like the Royal Enclosure at Ascot.

Tea was served by Mesdames BIGGS, DRAKE, CROSS and DUNFORD and the competition 'An Easter Bonnet' was won by 1st Mrs. G. SMITH 2nd MRS. BRILL Next month the talk is on The Romance of the Diamond and the Competition is a Grelus Sponge Cake.

Tea Hostesses are Mesdames GILSON, G. HUSSEY, BUTLER AND STRANGE.

Don't forget the outing to Windsor on May 6th. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 10 a.m. returning 4 p.m. E.M.O.

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N A P H I L L C R I C K E T C L U B  
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A very enjoyable evening was had by members and friends of the Cricket Club, dancing to Derek Lynn and his Band at the Village Hall on April 4th We sincerely hope that an enjoyable Saturday afternoon will be had by all at our matches on the Playing Fields every Saturday afternoon.

To all batsmen and bowlers who wish to partake in the fine Old English game, there is Net Practise every Tuesday evening on the cricket field and every night of the week, weather permitting.

Our first game of the season is on May 2nd. Our 1st eleven are at Home to Hazlemere and the 2nd eleven are playing Wheeler End away. J. Evans is to Captain the first eleven and J. Trimmer the second eleven. Frank Bidcock is our Sunday eleven Captain. All success to them in the forthcoming season!

Will anyone interested contact G. L. Brown, Rosewood, Downley Road, Naphill. We welcome anyone to the Club who would like a game.

MATCHES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

<u>1st XI</u>		<u>2nd XI</u>	
May 2nd	Hazlemere - Home	Wheeler End	- Away
May 9th	Prestwood - Away	Prestwood	- Home
May 16th	West Indian S.C. - Home	Winchmore Hill	- Away
May 23rd	Hampden - Away	Hampden	- Home
May 30th	Gt. Kingshill - Home	Gt. Kingshill	- Away

SUNDAY FIXTURES

May 18th	Peppard Sports - Away
May 24th	Wye Valley - Home
May 31st	Maiden Erlegh - Home.

G.L.B.

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 H O R T I C U L T U R A L    S O C I E T Y  
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Superstitious people might say that we chose the wrong date for our evening Spring Show on Monday 13th April. The following Monday there would have been more flowers out. With fewer entries than last year those that were brought were very good and those who came along enjoyed a pleasant hour. Will those members who have ordered "Chasmoor" fertiliser please collect as soon as possible from "Braeside" there are a few bags still available. Now some reminders for 1964 . Saturday July 4th is the date of our next Show and we have been chosen to inaugurate a new competition in which members of other societies will be competing with our members. The most successful Society will be awarded a Trophy for one year, so it is important that as many of our members as possible should make at least one entry for this show. More details next month. Our other Show will be held on Saturday September 12th

We have been pleased to note a slight increase in the number of members putting entries in our Shows recently and to welcome Six new members this year. Well done. Keep it up!

A.H. BUSBY

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 M E M O R I E S    O F    T H E    1 9 1 4 - 1 9 1 8    W A R    (No. 2.)  
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Kaiser Wilhelm remained quite calm when I enlisted in a London Territorial Regiment in 1915. The blow was softened, at least for my mother, because I volunteered for "Home Service" only although this was changed to "Foreign Service" after a few weeks of parading at the headquarters near St. Pancras Church. Conscription was unheard of at that time and it came as a surprise to learn that the regular Army urgently required civilian help. We volunteers felt rather proud in our ill-fitting uniforms as we "Fell in" in the side street off Euston Road and marched behind a band to dig practice trenches on Hampstead Heath. Young women were offering white feathers to youths in civilian clothes. The idea that one day they would themselves join the fighting forces would have seemed fantastic. Their function then was to kiss the soldiers Good Bye and to weep at the Casualty lists.

After years of service, on a day in June 1918, I was perched on the back of a farm cart on a road lined with poplars. It was a hot summer's day and I was clutching a kit bag and a small bull terrier on my way to join the company of the 9th Tank Battalion as a Reconnaissance Officer. The dog had been given to me by a Nurse after a spell in hospital at Le Treport and short home leave. I was drowsy after a meal in an Estaminet of "Pomme de Terre Fritz" and vin rouge at the rail head. Wearied by a train journey in a horse van; but I managed to locate the tank section before nightfall, report to the Major in charge, and to sleep peacefully beside one of my tanks which were hidden in a cutting.

My next day was spent with the tanks moving in a well-spaced file towards the rumble of gunfire, either on the top of the leading tank, or riding a horse, while trying to identify the battered countryside from neat peacetime maps provided by the War Office. At night we left the track, hoping to hide the tanks in a small wood but the trees were shattered stumps like those in Paul Nash's paintings. Those early Mark IV tanks were so made that the lower plates between the tracks could be pressed up by tree stumps. The clearance was so small that the crown wheel became jammed and the tank put out of action. At the first tank inched its way into the wood a German plane spotted us and delivered its three bombs in a neat line;

missing by 'about thirty yards. We spent the night in three deserted and very smelly German dug-outs by the side of the track. Water was scarce but we had a supply of rum.. passed round in an earthenware jar until the last man slept. We were making for the Headquarters of a French battalion south of Amiens to join them in action which proved to be part of the prelude to the final offensive further north. The countryside here was still green and beautiful. In a derelict chateau the Major discussed the coming action with a French General before walls covered with huge maps. It is difficult to believe that, with vague memories of secondary school French lessons, I acted as interpreter! On returning to the tanks in a wood after night-fall we were visited by a British General and treated to a "Pep" talk, being told to "Blood our tracks" in the forthcoming battle at dawn. My job during the night was to "lay the tapes" This consisted of setting out with two men laden with sacks of tape set down to mark the route on the morrow. Instructions were to take the tapes up as near as possible to the German line without, of course, being seen or creating suspicion. We moved as quietly as possible, dropping down whenever the enemy put up star-shells and taking whatever cover was available from the machine gun bursts with which Jerry greeted any sign of movement. I threw the last spools of tape towards the enemy trenches rather like streamers at a wedding, before turning with my two companions on the half-mile journey back towards the comparative safety of our tanks in the wood.

This was to be a surprise attack and there was no preliminary bombardment. A little uneasy sleep and then, at the dawn zero hour the tanks set off on their individual routs into action. The noise of their exhausts, seemed loud enough to awaken the entire German army. French troops in their picturesque red trousers were close behind.

Not long afterwards the air was suddenly full of shell fire and the phut-phut-phut of machine guns. I remember walking across a field of standing corn in the sunshine with the Major, after being sent back to find a lost tank. There were already some Poilus sprawled in the awkward attitudes of death amongst the yellow corn. The Major suddenly stopped, looked down at one of them and said quietly "A b..... horrible thing : War !"

The rest of the day passed in a nightmare of weary confusion. The difficulty was to keep contact with the tanks and the French. At one point a long single file of Frenchmen walked slowly into action. They seemed to be all very old men, infinitely bored and resigned. It had been a long, long war! One of our tanks received a direct hit. The crew, with one exception, spilled out. They were told to take out the Hotchkiss guns and go forward. Shelling was now pretty constant but machine gunfire gradually died down. We crossed enemy trenches. In one a German lay back with his grey face still half-covered with shaving soap and a razor gripped in a lifeless hand. Our attack had been a successful surprise! The long, hungry day came to an end: and we had won! The Bosch had been cleared off a plateau and driven across the bend of a river which partly enclosed it and my bull terrier survived! Some days later, in a field near the village of Picquigny, behind Amiens, we stood on parade for a ceremony. In due course a care came over the ridge and out stepped a diminutive French General. He was splendidly groomed with medals red knee breeches and highly polished leggings. We were called to attention and listened to an impassioned oration. We recognised occasional words : "Grande Bretagne" "La France", "La Gloire" and "La Victoire". and were so overcome that when the Major called for three cheers we were at a loss: only recovering sufficiently by the time the General had reached his car to strike up a chorus of "Good Bye Good Bye. Wipe a tear, Baby dear from your Eyee".

And so he disappeared, standing and bowing gracefully but with difficulty because of the bumpy road. Our tank section had received a Croix de Guerre from the French Government. A minor attack was over. The Great Offensive which ended the war developed in the following months.



(NOTE): FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The above is the second of the Gazette's "Memories of the 1914-18 War" Series. Further Contributions will be welcomed. Please send us yours: remaining anonymous if you so wish.)

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

The month of May is a real headache for gardeners because of the fickle weather.

It could be wet windy, cold and frosty, even snow, or a real touch of summer with warm sunshine and the occasional shower to freshen things up.

Perhaps it would be adviseable to delay the planting of the half-hardy annuals, the cucumbers, tomatoes and the runner beans till the end of the month unless you can give them protection.

Some country people say you should never sow runner beans (in the open) until the ferns on the common start to shoot.

It is better to concentrate on sowing and planting the hardier stuff like peas lettuce, beet, turnips, brussels plants also cabbage, cauliflower leeks and celery. Then prepare the places for tomatoes, marrows, the half hard annuals, geraniums and begonias, and leave till the end of the month before planting out.

The rest of the potatoes can be plated also gladioli and even dormant tubers of dahlias if they are covered with three or four inches of soil.

Make sure that any plants grown under glass has had a week or two of hardening off in outside conditions before planting them out in the open.

They should be short, stocky and a nice dark green colour. A good test for a box of plants is to lightly brush them with the back of the hand, good strong plants will spring back straight away into place.

A. H. BUSBY

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P A R A P L E G I E   S P O R T S   E N D O W M E N T   F U N D

National spinal Injuries Centre Stoke Mandeville Hospital  
The Collection in Naphill amounted to £25. 2. 0.

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D A R B Y   a n d   J O A N   C L U B

An Annual General Meeting is an occasion demanding dignity and decorum, but our Seventh A. G. M. was conducted in an atmosphere of light hearted gaiety as the records of past activities were cheerful and our Treasurer Mr. Geoffrey Smith, announced that our financial condition would delight the heart of any Chancellor of the Exchequer. The offices of the Club were, by rule, declared vacant and then by general consent the former officials were re-elected with many kind and appreciative references to the services rendered during the past year. The president is Dr. Eric Bayley, the Chairman Mr. Sidney Smith, the Treasurer Mr. Geoffrey Smith, the Secretary Mrs. Eric Bayley. the assistant Secretary Mrs. Dorothy Smith and the Committee include Mrs. Ted Brown, Mrs. Tooby, Mrs. Read, Mrs. Piercy and Mr. Arthur Busby. The refreshments were on a grand scale under the management of Mrs. Read and other good friends who provided white and brown bread and butter, home made jam and several kinds of cake. In the centre of the Hall, the place of honour was occupied by a magnificent cake made and profusely ornamented with artistic icing by the clever fingers of Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mrs. Muriel Piercy and Mrs. Hilda Hayward. This cake in the shape of a half-opened basket filled with roses was photographed in colours and will (we hope) be presented in a coloured supplement in the next issue of the Gazette. Names were taken for the summer holiday at Torquay arranged by Mrs. Rutland of Lacey Green. Two new members who are sisters were welcomed Mrs. Wheatcroft and Mrs. Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Smith, in duet, gave an amusing account of the life led by their married son Christopher in Southern Rhodesia, a region far removed from little Naphill. The young people were enjoying life in spite of the presence of terrifying lizards, bats, beetles and snakes and we were interested in the experimental work being carried out with the object of discovering the best variety of grass to grow for cattle and sheep to bring prosperity to a hither-to undeveloped country. At the end of the meeting we felt that there was every reason to expect the coming year to be even more successful than its predecessors. Mr. Howinson holds the post of Warden to an Institution known as The Ockenden Venture, for rescuing neglected children from the dismal camps for displaced persons in Germany and bringing them to England where they are given Home, Health and Education. Mr. Howinson brought back pictures of the primitive shacks in Europe with no amenities of comfort, furniture or sanitation and we saw contrast with the lovely house and grounds in Barmouth where the children are given everything to make them happy and healthy. The splendid work done by the Ockenden Venture was interesting and inspiring. Mr. Peddle thanked Mr. Howinson and wished him continued success in his noble efforts on behalf of the children.

Mrs. Rutland of Lacey Green told us of her plans for summer holidays in a Hotel at Torquay and was thanked for reserving twelve places for members. The coach will pick them up in Naphill and take them to Torquay and a welcome fit for a King or Queen. We record our warm thanks for a handsome cheque from the Womens Institute for our general funds.

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 NAPHILL SCOUT AND GUIDE JOINT COMMITTEE

A very successful Annual General Meeting of the Joint Committee was held at the new Scout/Guide Headquarters at Naphill on Monday 13th April and was attended by nearly 40 people. The Chairman Mr. J. Howland reviewed the years activities culminating in the bringing into use of the new building.

A satisfactory balance sheet was reported by the Treasurer, Squadron-Leader Millett and with the aid of grants from the Ministry of Education all invoices have been paid for its construction. Running costs will be met from the proceeds of jumble sales and bazaars to be arranged during the next twelve months. In addition to the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, the following Committee members were elected: Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Finch-Savage, Mrs. Simmonds and Mr. Flowers. Other parents and friends are always welcome at our meetings.

Reports were given by the leaders of all sections of the Scouts and Guides.

After refreshments and exhibitions of work by the boys and girls two extremely entertaining colour films were shown.

R. C. Wells  
 (Secretary)

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 NAPHILL SCOUTS AND CUBS

The Scout Troop is now meeting again after the Easter holidays. Clive Hall has agreed to become Assistant Scoutmaster and will be running the troop with the assistance of Dave Burrage, until a Scoutmaster can be found. The Troop will play the 1st Marlow Troop in the County Scout Quiz on 27th April and by the time you read this we hope our team will have won through to the semi-finals. Good luck to our team, Kevin Butler, Robin Mitchell, Bob Bush and Geoff Hennessey.

We had a good turn out for the annual District St. Georges day Parade at the Town Hall on Sunday 19th April. The rain made us rather damp as we marched from Newlands Car Park to the Town Hall but the very moving service made it all worth while.

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All contributions for the July Number must be in by June 20th because the Gazette will be published on June 27th : the day of the FETE

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 N A P H I L L C H U R C H J u n e  
 S E R V I C E S

Sunday 7th June	Holy Communion	9.15 a. m.
Sunday 21st June	Evensong	3.30 p. m.
Sunday School at 2.30 p. m. (Other than the first Sunday in the Month )		

We are grateful for the support already given to the appeal for the Revd. T. R. G. Carter Memorial Fund, and sincerely hope that many more Naphill people, who have happy recollections of this genial priest, will contribute something to the fund. Any member of the Church in Naphill and Mrs. Gooding of Heatherlands, will be pleased to receive your contribution, which will be acknowledged. The Church bell rang once again on Whit Sunday morning for a few minutes, not very tunefully perhaps, because a certain skill has to be acquired even to ring a single bell.

When was it last rung ? : in 1939 perhaps, to call Naphill children to school and some of those children, now grown-up, are called by the same bell to church.

Much has happened since that day and we all have our own recollections of the intervening years, but without being too sentimental, let us hope the old school bell is ringing in a new era in Village Church life.

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 F A T H E R T. R. G. C A R T E R

Mrs. T. R. G. Carter and Family are deeply grateful for all the expressions of sympathy in their great loss, and for the beautiful wreath from the members of Naphill Church also for the kind and loving tribute paid to Father Carter in the Naphill Gazette .

School House, Naphill, High Wycombe



N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Preachers for June

11 a. m.

6.15 p. m.

June 7th  
June 14th  
June 21st  
June 28th

Rev. Alan Cox  
Mr. Osborne  
Miss Anstey  
Rev. E. W. Crew  
(Holy Communion)

Mrs. Cooper  
Rev. E. W. Crew  
Mr. Rundle  
Mr. F. Baker

The Collection in the Village for the National Children's Homes amounted to £47. 18. 1. Sincere thanks are extended to all donors and collectors.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

At the May meeting Mrs. Smith welcomed three new members Mesdames, Rogers, Paton and Gosling, also Mrs. Gray President of Hughenden W. I. who had very kindly come to judge the competition.

A letter was read from the Drana Sub. Committee thanking us for the refreshments provided at the Area Festival and congratulating the members who took part in "Othello".

Letters of thanks had also been received for donations sent to the Darby and Joan Club and the Village Hall Council.

Resolutions for the Albert Hall A. G.M. were read and thoroughly discussed.

Mrs. V. Pushman asked for entries for the Handicraft Exhibition at the Village Hall Fete and Mrs. Piercy took names of those willing to help with Teas. The W. I. are having their usual Produce Stall so, members, please bring as much as you can.

Our new banner gained a Blue Star at the Handicraft Exhibition and we hope it will do even better at Aylesbury.

Mr. Dyson gave an interesting talk on the Romance of the Diamond He was thanked by Mrs. Pushman.

The Competition for a Green's Sponge cake was won by 1st Mrs. Mitchell 2nd Mrs. Wood Tea was served by Mesdames Biggs, Drake, Cross and Dunford. Next month the meeting will be held in the garden at Waldens - if wet in the Village Hall. Tea Hostesses are Mesdames Hopkins, James, Parslow and Page.

The Coach going to Stratford on June 6th will leave the Village Hall at 9 a. m.

E. M. O.

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War Memories No. 3.

T H E P E T E P A R S L O W S T O R Y By Ron Piercy .

The Japanese are now our allies and we would not wish to revive old hatreds ; so those who read this story should remember that Pete himself can now speak of his former captors without rancour or desire for revenge. Let us take our cue from him. The youngest of a large family and therefore the apple of his mother's eye. Pete was born in Moseley Cottages and there his old mother is still living. Lucy Parslow was the hardest working woman I have ever known. Bringing up her family was not enough for her. In the Spring she would be out picking stones off fields of young corn. In June, with bonnet and fork she would be in the hayfield. July and August would find her cherry picking. September harvesting and the Autumn months would see her following the threshing drum from farm to farm.

His father was a typical hard-working countryman and I am sure that

it was this good Buckinghamshire stock that gave Pete the power and the will to survive three years of hell; while athletes and boxing champions were often dead in three months.

As boys, he and his brother Les were my constant bird-nesting companions and later on Pete and I became fierce rivals on the billiard table. In those days he had a wonderful eye for a fine cannon, but though he stole a march on me by practising in his dinner hour in Wycombe we were always well matched. But there was one lad in the club whom neither of us could keep up with. Fred Blaby was Hughenden born and moved up to Naphill on his marriage. His skill at billiards and table tennis was the envy of us all. By an irony of fate, while Pete was being hounded by the Japs in Malaya, a few miles away just off the coast, poor Fred was going down to a watery grave in the "Price of Wales".

Pete's elder brother, Albert, had been Naphills goal-keeper, but Albert died tragically in the full flower of his youth, Pete now began to show signs of his brother's skill and when a team of under 18s was formed in 1932 to challenge for the Wycombe minor Cup he was first choice for the position. Naphill did well and reached the final at Loakes Park. Here they came up against the finest Minor Team that has been seen around Wycombe. Known as Desborough Minors they were the pick of the local talent and coached by an expert. By sheer guts and determination Naphill held them to one all till near the end when a hard waist-high centre came over from the right. Lurking in the middle was Tommy Andrews who became one of the best inside-forwards in England. Tommy took this awkward ball on his instep and crashed it into goal. Pete got his hands to the ball but it was too hot to hold. So Naphill came home with the runners-up medals: and half the village came home with them. It is worth mentioning that a few years later a Naphill team carried off this cup.

But soon a certain Adolph's patience became exhausted! "Now thrive the armourers", wrote Shakespeare, "And gone the piping times of peace". "Gone indeed! So Pete was called into the R.A.F. and became an armourer. But whereas Shakespeare's heroes fitted helmet and breast plate to knights on horseback Pete fitted bullets and bombs into air-craft.

In due course came embarkation leave and then after a long period of silence, a letter to tell his family he had landed in Malaya. "I remember a sentence from one of his letters. "They can't do enough for us out here I am sitting on the verandah of a rubber planters bungalow drinking ice-cold beer as the sun goes down."

Well, Thank God he had something pleasant to remember in the living death that followed!

The Japs came leap-frogging down the coast and every man was a trained jungle fighter. Our out-numbered boys, fresh from home, hardly knew what hit them. Pete's aircraft were shot down or destroyed on the ground and the British were gradually forced back to Singapore. Here all the big guns faced the sea! Land defences were almost non-existent. Lord Wavell sent a message to Churchill: "Singapore is indefensible". We used to laugh at Hitler biting the carpet but I'll wager the old man chewed up a few cigars when he heard that message!

Across the Straits in Sumatra there were still a few Dutch air-fields usable and here Pete was flown with the remains of his squadron. But soon their only remaining officer told them. "The Japs will be here tomorrow! Destroy Everything! A favourite word of Churchill's springs to minds. It must have been a "sombre" moment for these lads as they fired petrol dumps and smashed up the last of their own planes.

Now they reached Java. Every ship has left; crammed with people who hoped to reach Australia. Few did so; for the Japs now had complete control of the sea. The last troops were founded up and Pete found himself a prisoner of war.

(To be concluded in the July Gazette).

A French boy and Girl (aged 14 and 15) wish to stay with a family for two weeks from July 16th (Could be seperated). Please contact Mrs. Jack NAPHILL 2310

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

The first 3 weeks of the cricket season have not been very successful for both our teams. Our first team drew their fixture and lost the two following games. The second eleven had their first game rained off and lost the next two games. On Sunday June 14th Naphill Sunday Eleven are playing Wycombe Wanderers F. C. Eleven. The proceeds are for the Don and Iris Ing memorial. Raffle tickets are being sold for an autographed cricket bat. Fixtures for June are as follows:-

	<u>First Eleven</u>	<u>Second Eleven</u>
June 1st	Bradenham - Home	Holmer Green - Away
June 13th	Booker - Away	Booker - Home
June 20th	Caribbean Club - Home	Loudwater - Away
June 27th	Lacey Green - Away	Lacey Green - Home

SUNDAY ELEVEN

June 7th	Harrisons - Home
June 14th	Don and Iris Ing Memorial Match Naphill v Wycombe Wanderers Eleven
June 21st	Age v Youth

G. L. B.

NOTHING IS MORE CHEERING than to receive letters from Readers.

Mrs. A. Hawes writes from "Heather Cottage, Downley Common".

"Would you pleast post the NAPHILL GAZETTE to me each month. I have had it and enjoyed it so much I could not miss it".

Thank you Mrs. Hawes. We Will.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

It is only about five weeks now, before our Show on Saturday July 4th.

As pointed out in last months Gazette there will be something special about this Show as we shall be priviledged to stage the first of what is hoped to be an annual event in local horticultural circles; The Inter Society Trophy competition.

Members of other Societies will be coming to the show to compete with our members for the prizes and the Society whose members gain most first, second and thirds will be counted the winners of the competition.

Therefore it is up to our members to make a real effort to put at least one good entry. If you are not already a member join and help Naphill put up a good show. Only points gained in the fruit, flower and Vegetable classes will count, but we hope this won't stop the Ladies doing what they can to fill the Domestic classes.

Please note that when you fill in your entry form state that you are a member of the Naphill Society. This is important and will help the Adjudicators in their task of counting up the points of each Society.

A further 2½ tons of Chasmoor "has just arrived and as this may be the last delivery for this season we advise you to get in quick!"

A. H. BUSBY

D A R B Y A N D J O A N C L U B

Some people are not attracted by the word Museum but our members were unanimous in their approval of our plan for visiting the High Wycombe Museum. A coach took us from the Village Hall to the building in Priory Avenue. The sun shone in unclouded splendour and the garden and grounds were at their best, we sat in the sun admiring the flower-beds and smooth lawns kept in perfect order by the head gardener who evidently loves his work, The exhibits of tools used in the time of our grandparents were full of interest, some of our members recalling how their parents had been employed as chair-makers, as hand sawyers in the timber-yards or as straw splitters

for the firms who made ladies hats. The two arm-chairs with no bar for the left arm were puzzles; the explanation being that they had been made to the special order of the Colonel of a regiment whose officers were incommoded when their swords caught in the left arms of the chairs in the mess.

Naphillians were gratified to see the chairs made by Mr. Jack Goodchild, so well remembered by many of us, occupying a prominent position. Gazing from the lovely gardens to the woods on the opposite side of the valley the bricks and mortar of High Wycombe were hidden and we seemed to be buried deep in the country. Returning by coach for tea our Secretary announced that at the Exhibition of Handicrafts held at Aylesbury by the Old Peoples Welfare Society, the first prize for basket work had been won by Mr. William Peddle who is blind. We gave him a good cheer for having won this distinction in a competition open to the hundred Old Peoples Clubs in Buckinghamshire. The warm sunshine was a welcome addition to a very happy afternoon. On May 1st Mrs. Marsoan came to the Village Hall to give us another of her popular musical afternoons, playing a few classical items including one of Mendelssohns "Songs without words", and then encouraging us to sing familiar choruses dating from the Boar War down to modern times. We wound up, appropriately, with "She's a jolly good Fellow".

Mrs. Marsoan with her skill as a pianist and charming manner is an ever welcome visitor.

E. B.

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M E N S C L U B N O T E S  
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Arthur Flippence has now been declared the winner of the billiards league. He richly deserves to hold the title as the most consistant player this year. What a pity that so many players only played a few matches! One wonders why they bother to enter. In the darts final a confident Tony Lovell came up against his wartime foster parent and received a bigger thrashing than he ever got in those days from .....

R. P.

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N A P H I L L C U B S A N D S C O U T S  
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The Scout Troup won the quarter finals of the County Scout Quiz against the 1st Marlow after a terrific struggle. The score at the end of the final round was equal and four extra rounds had to be played before a winner could be found. We won by one point. In the semi-finals at Great Missenden we were narrowly defeated by the 1st Aylesbury Troop by one point.

John Looms, our Senior Scout Leader, is being posted to Bahrein in July and once again we are in dire need of a Scouter. Any volunteers? Good luck and thank you John, for all the good work you have done for the Group and the Senior Patrol in particular.

The Cub Pack continues to flourish and a welcome is extended to Andrew Seager, Trevor Keen, Gordon and Richard Bird and Robert Hepburn who have recently joined the Pack. Cub Proficiency Badges gained recently are:- Entertainer - Richard King, Book Reader - Robert Brown, House Orderly - Peter Gostlow, House Orderly - David Miseldene. R Cade has been made Sixer of Tawny Six and Robert Brown of Brown Six. Bob-a-Job was an even greater success this year. Approx. £40 was earned by the Group and may we take this opportunity to thank all the people who gave the Cubs and Scouts jobs to do.

B. J. S.

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G A R D E N I N G N O T E S  
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There are still a few days of May to come at the time of writing and I do hope that we get no frost between now and the time the "Gazette" appears, in June.

I know many of you have got potatoes well up, runner beans planted and lots of summer bedding plants put out, so I am keeping my fingers crossed for you.

The recent rains have set the weeds going nicely so keep that hoe going as its

much easier to cope with them when they are small.

Now is the time to sow Wallflower seeds; also Sweet Williams, and of course there are many of those flowers that most of you say you like; those that come up every year, the perennials, they can be grown easily from seed, such as Lupins, Aquelegia, Rudbeckias, Delphiniums, Most things that grow in our gardens can be started from seed-even the many flowering shrubs and lillies.

There is much planting out to be done this month as apart from the summer bedding flowers there are vegetable plants, marrows, cucumbers, tomatoes, runner beans and leeks. Chrysanthemums, Dahlias, Delphiniums and other tall growing plants should be provided with some supports because, sure enough, wind and rain will get them on the floor later on. If any of your crops are not doing very well, find out why, as usually it is one of two things: either they are being crippled by pest or disease or they want a better living - its up to you!

A. H. Busby.

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JULY

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Friday 10th

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Come and see the TUG OF WAR competition, all teams pulling this year for the NAPHILL FETE CHALLENGE CUP.

We hope all children are entering for the Fancy Dress Parade - this will leave the School Playground, headed by the Fete Queen and the Ellesborough Silver Band, at 2.00 p.m.

There will be the HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION to visit in the new Scout and Guide Hut and the favourite side-shows and games to play.

A CIVIL DEFENCE EXHIBITION is being arranged with Signals and Walkie Talkie equipment.

TEAS will be arranged this year in the Hall, and please, all ladies who have promised to make cakes for Mrs. Piercy, will you ensure that these are taken to the Village Hall this morning, Saturday; the earlier, the better.

The Village Hall Council looks forward to seeing you all on the Playing Fields (or in the Village Hall if it should be wet!) to-day.

" THE BEST IN BUCKS "

NAPHILL FETE has a long history and a great reputation. The fete of 1938 was no exception ; judging from the following account which appeared in the Naphill Gazette for July, 1938.

"Huge Crowds gathered on the Playing Fields on Whit Monday, showing once again that Naphill is THE place to come to for a good Fete. The buses ran in threes so great was the rush. The Committee of the Village Hall is to be congratulated and the financial result, a profit of over £ 37, is a tribute to their hard work.

The Cricket Match attracted many visitors and after some very bright cricket Naphill proved to be too good for the lads from Downley. The Tennis Club did very well and beat a strong team from Marlow. There was the usual large entry for the baby show. Joy Aldridge, a bonny Naphill girl of eleven months won the Cup. Nine Elms Works journeyed from Battersea to win the Tug of War Cup with a fine pull : beating the team from Glory Mill, Wooburn. The lucky Programme Prize went to Pamela Janes. Mr. E. Brown won the Billiard Table for 3d. Mr. Alf Parslow won the clock for Mens' Skittles and Miss Burdett won the tea service. A lily in a pot was won, by Mrs. Ring while Mr. Claude Dampier of Messrs. Walls Ice Cream won the £1 prize for Darts : celebrated later in no uncertain manner.

The high spot of the Childrens Fancy Dress Competition was " The Tall Boy of Naphill " : presented by the brothers Braisher. Maypole Dancing by the Naphill girls was much appreciated as was the Boxing Display by Lane End boys. The Hall was packed for a Ron Wheeler Revue and later crowded again for a Dance, with Miss Fay Morgan judging a Waltz Competition.

During the Day a RADIOGRAM supplied music and announcements and greatly helped to make the 1938 Fete the best in Bucks ! "

Huge Crowds are again expected on the Playing Fields TODAY for the 1964 Fete. DONT BE LATE FOR THE FETE, MATE !

J.M.H.

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N A P H I L L R E S I D E N T S A S S O C I A T I O N

No one could claim that Naphill, as a village, has any particular architectural beauty but it does have a strong sense of community - a living spirit which is more important than bricks and mortar. It is the wish of many residents to protect this valuable amenity and to prevent the Naphill we knew and know from becoming a sprawling outer suburb of Wycombe and losing, for all time, its identity amongst the debris of development.

To this end, and indeed in support of all local and village interests, such as rating, roads, etc., a strong body of local opinion is required by whose strength of one-ness the powers of the Bureaucrat, developer and planner might be curbed.

Therefore residents of Naphill, let us unite, for Unity is Strength ---- an inaugural meeting of the Association will be held in September at a date to be announced later.

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N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Preachers for July

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

July 5th  
July 12th  
July 19th  
July 26th

Mr. D. Browning  
Mr. A. Brown  
Miss Pemble  
Mr. H. Aldous

Mr. N. Thorne  
Rev. E.W. Crew  
Mr. B. Sutcliffe  
Mr. C. Cole

N A P H I L L C H U R C H

S E R V I C E S

Sunday 5th July	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.
Sunday 19th July	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays	Sunday School	2.30 p.m.

Negotiations are well in hand for the appointment of a Priest to take services at Naphill Church, but at the time of writing no decision has been made. An advertisement in the "Church Times" brought replies, which are being considered by the Vicar of Hughenden and the Trustees.

In ecclesiastical circles, much is being spoken and written nowadays about church unity between Anglicans and Methodists, great efforts being made towards resolving the various differences which quite naturally exist after so many years of separation. We did, however, have an example of practical unity recently, when Naphill Church was invited to help the Methodist Church with the village house-to-house collection for Christian Aid Week. May we thank all those who gave, as well as those who worked

The Father Carter Memorial Fund will be closed at the end of June, so we hope that all those who intend donating will pass their gift to Mrs. E.G. Wood, Christopher Close, or Mrs. M. Gooding, Downley Road, within the next few days. Many small donations can yield a large sum of money, even gifts of unwanted jewellery will be welcome, for they will be sold for the benefit of the Fund.

Buckinghamshire's saint is St. Birinus, a Benedictine Monk, created Bishop of Dorchester around A D 639, long before we had a Bishop of Oxford. When he died in A D 650, with a considerable reputation for sanctity and missionary zeal, he was buried at Dorchester, but as the years passed, doubts arose as to where his body actually lay. Cardinal Stephen Langton was sent to Dorchester Abbey and the Tomb opened in his presence. Fragments of a red chasuble, two stoles, a small chalice and a silk burse with gold embroidery, confirmed the actual burial place of the Saint.

The Shrine at the Abbey, neglected for 400 years, but reputed to be the scene of many Miracles of Healing, is restored to something of its former glory, and was dedicated by The Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, June 20th after a week of festivity in Dorchester, culminating in a pilgrimage from all parts of the county.

Thus we have a link, with one who made the perilous journey from Italy, 1,330 years ago, to bring christianity to southern England.

W.W.

D O N & I R I S I N G M E M O R I A L C R I C K E T M A T C H

On Sunday 14th June 1964 a Cricket Match between the local team and a Wycombe Wanderers XI was organised to raise funds for a memorial to Don and Iris. The success of this venture was assured from the outset by the splendid response and co-operation of all concerned. Although our local team proved 'worthy losers', the victory was gained by, we hope, an early installation of two outside illuminated clocks at either ends of the Village Hall.

Although the final cost is not yet known, it is felt that there may be one or two people in the village who would like to subscribe to this fund. Should this be so would they please contact any of the undermentioned persons.

Tony Lawrence : Tony Lovell : Stanley Monks

N A P H I L L S O C I A L C L U B

The 4th June, 1964 was an important date in the calendar of the Social and Bingo Club for it saw the resignation, as Organisers, of Mr. Ken Timberlake and Mr. Arch Curtiss. These two stalwarts had run the Thursday

Bingo session for many years and this has been a valuable asset to both the community and the Village Hall funds. The Village Hall Council's grateful thanks are extended to Messrs. Curtiss and Timberlake for their efforts.

Thursday, 11th June, saw the start of "new management" and we were all encouraged by the number present and the many offers of help. A committee was formed and continuity is now guaranteed. On Thursday, 18th June, over 100 players were present and an enjoyable evening was had by all. In September it is hoped to re-introduce refreshments in the interval.

Remember, every Thursday evening is Bingo night. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. - Eyes down at 8.00 p.m. Come along - you too can win a prize.

R.C. Pushman

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War Memories No. 3

THE PETE PARSLOW STORY By Ron Piercy  
(continued)

Never having been used to luxury Pete bore his captivity with resignation and lived on hope. To earn their little food the prisoners had to work, making roads and filling bomb holes : and, in fact any menial task their captors could devise. Meanwhile, at home, his mother worried and fretted for news.

After many months came a Red Cross card to say he was alive, which brought relief and gave his family an address to write to. But after nearly a year in Java he was one of 2000 prisoners who were shipped off to a small island out in the Pacific Ocean.

The island could just about maintain its few native inhabitants so even the Jap guards went short of food. What happened to the prisoners can be imagined. Let us just say that they died at the rate of about ten a day !

Now Pete contracted dysentery and also a disease, caused by shortage of vitamins, called Beriberi. He had done his last hard day's work and from now on was a helpless invalid. The amazing thing is that in this condition he survived for another two years and came out of it all with a tiny spark of life still flickering.

When they had finished making an air-strip on this island they were shipped up to Amborg in the Phillipines. Here he discovered that his 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  stone body was reduced to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ . What weight he finished at we will never know !

In order to give the invalids something to do the medical orderlies would set them to kill a few hundred flies a day. With the open latrines and the heat this was probably not difficult. A little tobacco was sometimes smuggled in. One man who had a Prayer Book sold the leaves at 10 cents a time to roll cigarettes.

But by now Pete's fingers could not control anything so delicate as a cigarette. His method was to lay it on a spoon and then convey it to his mouth : and with luck he could enjoy a few puffs.

So the months slipped by, and now came the final horror of which he must have been only partly conscious, for they were locked down in the hold of a ship and taken back to Java. The rations were half a mug of water in two days and a handful of rice. Every morning the dead were dragged out and thrown overboard. He remembers little of his arrival and cannot understand how any of them had the strength to carry him off the boat. In Java he found himself in a Dutch hospital and owes his life to an unknown Dutchman who gave him a pint of his blood.

Now came the news of the atomic bombs and the Japanese surrender. After a time medical supplies were flown in and Pete was given injections of vitamins and other things his wasted body so badly needed. Soon he was flown out to Singapore and thence to hospital at Bangalore in India.

At this time he was blind, deaf and helpless. Even his sense of touch was gone, and this has never returned. But the slow progress back to something like normality had begun and at last he arrived at the R.A.F.

Hospital at Cosford near Wolverhampton. Now came a fateful moment when he was put in the personal care of a young W.A.A.F. medical orderly whose name was Joan.

On her he leaned to take his first faltering steps around the bed. Although his feet pointed North and South when he was heading West the slow improvement went on. She took him in a wheel chair down to the Village and on the way he would get out and walk a bit. His hands could manage neither braces nor belt, but his gaunt hip-bones kept his trousers up. Gradually a little flesh covered his bones. Oneday he called out in great distress, "Joan; I can't walk, my legs have gone ! " and Joan collapsed, laughing, into the chair, for he was staggering across the road with his trousers around his ankles ! So they made light of things and his condition improved to the point where he could go to St. Dunstans to see what could be done about his sight.

When two people have been thrown together so long and so intimately as this, nature sees to it that Goodbyes are difficult to say. The more Pete thought about this parting the less he relished it. As for Joan : she wondered how empty her life would be without him.

I will not keep my lady readers in suspense. I don't know exactly what Pete said : and would not tell you if I did. But it was NOT Good-bye ! Before long Joan was spending her leave and her pocket money travelling to Brighton to see him. The Braille alphabet was out of the question in Pete's case but improving health brought improvement in his sight. After a year at St. Dunstans his name was put forward for a little sweet and tobacco business in London and Pete and Joan were married.

But he hankered after the scenes of his youth and in due course they bought a business in Wycombe. Here their daughter was born. Here they still remain and here the whole of Naphill will want to wish them the very best of luck.

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19 TH H I G H W Y C O M B E S C O U T G R O U P

The Cub Pack had a very enjoyable afternoon competing in the annual District Silver Totem Competition on Slough Hill, Saunderton on 30th May. Fifteen Cub Packs took part and we did very well and came second with 186 points. The Oxford Road Pack were first with 200 points.

The following Cub Proficiency Badges have been gained during the last month :

- Bookreader - Brian Ing, Ian Coles, Phillip Winter-Taylor.
- Handcraft - D. Glenister : House Orderly - Ian Coles, N. Upchurch
- Sportsman - R. Cade, R. King: Swimming - N. Gooding, Richard Barnes

We extend a very warm welcome to D. Steele who was a Cub in Lincoln before moving here. B.J.S.

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1ST N A P H I L L B R O W N I E P A C K

At the recent Local Association A.G.M. held in High Wycombe, two Naphill Brownies, Caroline Brown and Penny Proffit, took part in a short demonstration of the Brownie tests given by the Brownies of the Wycombe District to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Brownies.

During the past few weeks we have welcomed the following Tweenies to the pack:

- Hilary Lacey : Fiona Watkins : Joanna Mines : Sarah Viccars and Linda Bowell.

We are also very pleased to welcome Pack Leader Jane Bebb, who has been transferred to us from Singapore.

This month Joan and Iris Featherstone, Penny Proffit and Paula Hennessey have gone up to Guides. We hope they will do well and become useful members of the Company.

M.S.

N A P H I L L T E N N I S C L U B

Membership of the Tennis Club is smaller this year than it has been for many years. It was with agreeable surprise, therefore, that I report the following success. In the Shield Matches the men have played three and won three : Against Hazlemere 9 - 0, against Chesham 9 - 0, and against Chalfont St. Giles 7 - 2. So far, very good and may the success continue.

A Mixed Friendly match against Hazlemere was won by 5½ - 3½, and two other friendly matches against Turners and Denham had to be abandoned on account of the rain.

The Club is still eager for new members, and for anyone interested the courts are in the corner of the Playing Field, where the grass, weeds and gorse have been left to grow thick and deep.

The Tennis Club will, as usual, be in charge of the Tombola Stall at the Fete. Donations of small prizes will be most acceptable. With everyone else who has the interest of the Village Hall at heart, the Tennis Club is hoping for an extra fine day and an extra profitable Fete.

Fixtures for the following Month are:-

- June 28th : Wolverton B.R. Mens Shield - Away
- July 4th : Gerrards Cross Mens Shield - Home
- July 5th : AMERICAN TOURNAMENT (Visitors Welcome)
- July 7th : R.A.F. Bomber Command Mens Friendly - Away
- July 11th : Rio T.C. Mixed Friendly - Home
- July 19th : Turners. Mixed Friendly - Away

A.M. Lawrence

N A P H I L L W. I.

The June Garden Meeting was literally "washed out" and we met in the Village Hall as usual.

Mrs. Smith welcomed a new member, Mrs. Kevin.

The B.F.W.I. had asked for suggestions for entertainment at the Golden Jubilee Meeting in 1965 and three ideas for this are to be sent to them.

This has been a busy month for us with a Whist Drive, the Finsbury Old Folk coming for their annual visit and, of course, our Produce Stall at the Village Fete.

Names were taken for Dressmaking and Art Classes. We are still looking for a teacher for the Art Classes, so, if anybody knows of one, we should be glad to hear from them.

Final plans for the visits to Stratford and to the Royal Ballet were discussed.

It is sometimes difficult to make the report on a Half-yearly Council Meeting both interesting and amusing, but Mrs. Kilby did just this and we enjoyed her description of the hats which seem to have vied with the business.

At very short notice a member stepped in, in place of the speaker who was unable to come. She gave a demonstration on the making of loose chair covers and, although she told us we could "nod off" if we get bored, we were all too spellbound watching her clever fingers and listening to the stories of her days "in the trade". At the end of her demonstration, members plied her with questions, and we are looking forward to seeing many new covers on chairs in Naphill.

The Vote of Thanks was given by Mrs. Shrimpton.

Next month we have a demonstration of Flower Arrangement by Mrs. Gutteridge and the Competition is a Minature Arrangement, less than 2½ inches square.

There will be a Bring and Buy stall.

Tea hostesses are Mesdames Hampton, Lorriman, Watson and White.

E.M.O.

N A P H I L L P R I Z E W I N N E R

Mrs. W. Parslow, of "Sunbronze"; Naphill, has chosen an electric refrigerator as her prize in a recent nation-wide competition. She was one of 401 winners in the "£20,000 Bacon Beanfeast" competition held by the Heinz and the Danish Agricultural Producers' Information Service

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

Our Show on Saturday July 4th with your help should be a good one. Apart from the usual classes, members of the Loudwater, Booker and Broom Wade Societies will be competing with our Society for the Inter-Societies Shield which has been kindly donated by the Loudwater Branch of the British Legion.

There is nothing complicated about this Competition, as each member of the competing Society will enter his exhibits in the normal way, but it is most important that he or she fill in the name of his or her Society in the space provided on the entry form.

Members of other Societies who are not competing but are also members of a competing Society may nominate that Society if they so wish.

The Competition only applies to fruit, flowers and vegetables and not to the Domestic Classes.

Another feature of this Show will be a demonstration of Cake Decorating by members of the Naphill Womens Institute. There will be two demonstrations lasting about half and hour each commencing at 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

This is your Show, so please make an entry or at least visit the Hall during the afternoon, and don't forget the Auction of flowers etc. at 6.p.m.

If any of your crops need a further boosting for the September 12th Show, we can still supply you with "Chasmoor".

Schedules for the July Show are now available

A.H. Busby

D A R B Y A N D J O A N C L U B

Mrs. John Hall's annual visit is an event to which we always look forward in confident anticipation that she will keep us amused and instructed by her talks, and on this occasion she surpassed all her former standards. In her well-known breezy manner she told us of her visit on holiday to her native Devonshire which evidently holds first place in her heart, although she assured us that she also has a warm corner for Buckinghamshire.

Mrs. Hall organised a competition for hat-making, providing the pins and coloured paper, and the results, greeted with cheers and laughter, would have done credit to any Ascot milliner. On this occasion we ~~were~~ robbed of the company of our Members who were on holiday basking in the sunshine of Torquay.

Needless to say, the success of a Garden Party depends on the weather, hence the previous mental perturbations of the organisers as they listen to the forecasts. Luckily for us the weather at our Garden Party at Plum Tree Cottage was perfect; the sun shining the whole afternoon while a gentle breeze fanned our cheeks; a few hours later a terrifying thunder-storm with torrential rain burst over Naphill; we had a narrow escape. Our Members arrived in good numbers and sat in the shady spots on chairs transported to the garden by the kindness and muscular efforts of Mr. R.C. Wells, the leader of the Scouts. The great attraction of the afternoon were the dancers from the Naphill County Primary School under the guidance of Mr. Kilby and Mrs. Griffiths. The girls offered a charming spectacle with their pretty young faces, their hair ornamented with circlets of flowers and their gay summer dresses; their nimble feet twinkled as they danced bare-foot on the lawn. After country dances



of set pattern they danced round the Maypole to the tune of "Come Lasses and Lads" and other familiar ditties. For hundreds of years the country-folk of England danced round the Maypole and it is a pity that this healthy pastime is extinct except among the children who are doing their best to preserve the choreographic traditions of their ancestors. Well done, Girls, it was a treat to watch you and those of us who are seventy, eighty and ninety years old wanted to join in. Owing to the generosity of Mr. J.H. Harper we were able to distribute a quantity of fresh eggs among our Members as they departed. So ended a very happy afternoon.

E.B.

N A P H I L L Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

Tunisia was the subject of our June meeting. Mr. Harper gave a descriptive and amusing account of his holiday there, illustrating every venture with coloured slides.

Our next meeting should be of great interest to everyone with a love of flowers. Mrs. Goodchild who demonstrates the art of floral arrangement all over the county is coming to our next meeting on Monday Evening July 13th to give her expert knowledge and demonstrate to us arrangements that will enhance our homes.

We look forward to seeing Members, their friends and many more house-bound wives.

N.Y.N.C.

G A R D E N N O T E S

Plant out wallflowers and sweet williams in a nursery bed to give the plants room to develop, and if the previous sowing failed there is just time to sow more seed; also pansies and violas.

If you want to grow some autumn crocus now is the time to plant them.

An important job at this time is the staking and tying of all tall growing plants particularly chrysanthemums and dahlias.

Don't waste those lawn clippings - they make a good mulch for decorative and fruit bushes, the runner beans and the peas.

Sow carrots for storing, round beet and endive. Earth up potatoes and spray with bordeaux or dithane against blight.

Before earthing up celery remove any side shoots.

Those tomatoes in the greenhouse haven't been getting any of the recent rains so water regularly and rub out side shoots while they are small, you are less likely to damage the stems that way.

Summer-prune gooseberries and red currants by shortening the new growths, also apples and pears grown as cordons, espaliers or fans.

Sow border carnations and brompton stocks in frames to flower next year, and sow dwarf peas and beet in the open for cloching in September.

Re-pot cyclamen and water well to restart their growth.

A.H. Busby

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

Mr. & Mrs. J. Fowler would like to thank all the residents of Naphill and Walters Ash for their messages of sympathy and floral tributes received. Our special thanks to Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Timberlake and the Rev. Dickins. We shall remember with gratitude everyone's kindness to us.

During the week 18th - 23rd May the Naphill collection in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, amounted to £15. 10. 0.

The "Christian Aid" Collection in Naphill and Walters Ash organised jointly by Members of Naphill Methodist Church and Naphill Church of England, assisted by Naphill Rangers realised £30. 13. 4½.  
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AUGUST

Wednesday	5th	Dance	8.00
Monday	10th	Village Hall Council Meeting	8.00
Wednesday	12th	Dance	8.00
Friday	14th	Library	6.30
		Whist Drive	7.30
Wednesday	19th	Dance	8.00
Friday	21st	Darby & Joan	2.30
Wednesday	26th	Dance	8.00
Thursday	27th	W.I. Committee Meeting	2.30
Friday	28th	Library	6.30
		Whist Drive	7.30
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- Mens Club - Tuesday, Friday, Saturday
- Welfare - 1st and 2nd Wednesday
- Bingo - Every Thursday 8.00

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OBITUARY : On June 23rd 1964 at Amersham Hospital, John Henry Riley, aged 79 years passed peacefully away, after a long illness, patiently borne.

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THE ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER will be held on WEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER 1964. Full details will be given in the September Gazette.

D.C.T.

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REMINDER : The next Village Hall Council Meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday 10th August. All members are particularly requested to attend.

R.C.R.

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V I L L A G E H A L L C O U N C I L

With a rather thinner attendance than usual because of absentees on holiday, Mr. R. Pushman took the Chair at the usual monthly Council Meeting on July 6th.

There were pleasing reports on the Fete and also upon the re-organised Social Club Bingo meetings, which have been well attended.

There was a general expression of thanks to the many people who had made the Fete such a success, with particular appreciation of the work done by Mrs. R. Pushman, Mr. Wells and Mr. Tooby. Thanks were also to be conveyed to Mrs. R. Piercy and her helpers for providing such excellent refreshments. The Chairman also expressed thanks to the donors of prizes which, this year, were

conspicuously numerous and valuable. Once again the people of Naphill confirmed, in no mean fashion, the significant part which the Village Hall plays in their interest.

The date for the 1965 Fete was fixed as 19th JUNE.

Mr. Rose had received a reply from the Electricity Authority regarding the Council's complaint of all too frequent cuts in supply, especially during thunderstorms. The letter stated that the greater frequency of cuts in rural as compared with urban areas, is inevitable.

The Chairman reported that two persons had expressed willingness to help run and organise the Youth Club and it was hoped to have an inaugural meeting during September.

.....J.M.H.....

N A P H I L L ' S . F E T E

With the sun shining and the band playing, Naphill's Fete day proved once more to be a great success, and will greatly help our Village Hall and Playing Field Fund. The exact profit made is not finally known, but will be published in next month's Gazette.

So many were the various stall helpers that I would be grateful if this article could be taken as an expression of the Fete Committee's, and especially my own, appreciation of all help given both on the Fete Day and during the period of preparation for the Fete.

Special thanks however are due to Mrs. Lean for once again running such a successful Grand Draw; Mr. Wells for arranging the erection of the stalls, the layout of the ground and for the many other tasks he so kindly undertakes; Mrs. Piercy and Mrs. Brill for their achievement in providing such tasty teas; Mr. Lean for his beautifully coloured posters; Mr. Tooby for being Chancellor of the Exchequer, ably helped by Mr. Mitchell and lastly, but by no means least, Mrs. G. Hussey and Mrs. R. Brown for spending such a lovely afternoon in the Billiards Room looking after all the exhibits in the Handicrafts Exhibition, a feature which proved to be very popular in the Village judging by the many and varied entries.

Now make a note in your diary of next year's Fete Day - 19th JUNE 1965.

V. Pushman

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T H E N A P H I L L M I S S I O N

Sunday Services:	10 a.m.	Family Service
	3 p.m.	Sunday School
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service

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N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

<u>Preachers for August</u>	<u>11. a.m.</u>	<u>6.15. p.m.</u>
August 2nd	Mr. W.S. Rose	Rev. E.W. Crew (Holy Communion)
August 9th	Mr. Ellis	Mrs. Greenstreet
August 16th	Mr. W. Parkins	Mr. E. Steevens
August 23rd	Mr. Burrell	Mr. W. Smith
August 30th	Mr. Mayo	Mr. F.G. Horne

On Saturday August 29th the Methodist Sunday School will be entertaining about 40 children from the Whitechapel Mission to tea and then to join in games on the Common.....

N A P H I L L C H U R C H  
S E R V I C E S

Sunday 2nd August Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.  
Sunday 16th August Evensong 3.30 p.m.  
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N A P H I L L B I R D L I F E

The experts forecast that after two breeding seasons the wild bird population would be back to full numbers after that death-dealing terrible winter of 1962/63. After one normal winter and two summers we can now take stock and generally speaking our village birds are at normal strength again.

There have been changes in some breeds however. It was good to note that the pigeon flocks last winter were smaller than for some time but particularly distressing to realise that the tiny Jenny Wren is almost a rarity. How many have you seen or heard during the last two years? And long-tailed tits? These tiny insect eaters suffer in any winter but a severe one kills them in quantity. They just cannot find enough food in the short hours of daylight to provide heat to last the bitter long nights and just never wake from sleep. Goldfinches are really quite common at this summer's end. Not only are these beautiful birds, they have a most attractive tinkling as well. Chaffinches appear to be less common recently. The drastic change in the owl population, especially of the Barn Owl and the Little Owl was a process that started long before the big freeze. This change is, I believe, a subtle side effect of myxomatosis. The foxes that ate rabbits had to turn to rodents and rodents are the staple diet of the owl clan.

We are lucky in Naphill in that the village straggles with countryside close to on both sides. This ensures a large variety of birds in our gardens. Please do all you can to encourage them and remember to feed them and provide unfrozen water when winter comes again.

Mention of the wren just now brings to mind a boyhood incident when one of these tiny birds indirectly caused me to hold what is probably the record for traversing Hollow Lane (running parallel with Hamilton Road, from the Grammar School towards the Beaconsfield Arms.) I was well towards six foot tall even in school days and I could move my long legs with commendable rapidity. I was roaming the lane and spotted a wren's nest in a cluster of shoots from the base of a cut-down elderberry bush. I climbed the bank, hanging on with one hand, and pushed two fingers of the other hand into the nest to ascertain if it contained eggs or young. The stabs of pain I received in my finger tips felt as if needles were being driven into them. Simultaneously the inflictors of the pain became apparent. It was a last-year's nest taken over by a wasp colony and I had stuck my fingers right into the middle of it. This story ends in two words - I fled.

R. Bull  
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N A P H I L L W. I.

At the July meeting Mrs. Smith welcomed three new members, Mesdames Finch - Savage, Bateman and Dibbon.

A letter was read from one of the Finsbury Old Folks, thanking us for the good time they had enjoyed when we entertained them last month.

Mrs. Williams of Lacey Green gave an interesting report on the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall. Mrs. Bull admirably and clearly explained to us how our yearly 5/- subscription is spent.

It was announced that our stall at the Fete had made £40.

We were reminded of our Produce Stall in September. Last year the lack of entries was very disappointing and we are hoping that members will make a really big effort so that we can have a bumper show this year.

Mrs. Gutteridge gave us a demonstration on Flower Arrangement, and how lovely those flowers looked when she had finished with them! She was thanked by Mrs. Rixon.

After tea the Dressmaking Class modelled the things they had been making and as usual we marveled at their cleverness.

There will be no meeting this month, and we wish everyone happy holidays and good weather.

.....E.M.O.....

FOR LADY GARDENERS : "No more weeding on hands and knees. Sprinkle Weedon weed-killer on flower beds and shrubs and the weeds will stay down. While you're at it, ask about the weed killer for your husband - Boy! Will your husband stay down ! "

.....From "The New Yorker".....

H O L I D A Y N O T E S

I suppose most people have decided what to do with their holidays by now. I shall hope to pay at least one visit to the lovely City of Bath. Most visitors have a look round the old Roman baths which those wonderful people built over the hot springs they found there, but few seem to know that it is possible for the public to swim in this same water. Personally I know of no more blissful sensation than jumping into six feet of lovely warm water. A curious experience happened to me here one day. The system is to let in a certain number of people who are given 40 minutes to enjoy themselves - after which a whistle is blown and its "everybody out". The whistle had gone and I was at the deep end and hanging on the rails. I set off on a last swim back to the steps and noticed something on the bottom in front of me. As I came overhead I saw that it was the body of a boy about 10 years old lying calm and still with closed eyes. "Oh Lord, I thought, this means staying for an inquest. But even as this selfish thought crossed my mind I plunged to the bottom, seized him by the elbows and yanked his head above the surface. So there I stood in five feet of water, holding him with his poor drowned face just in front of my own ..... I must admit he was a very nicely spoken little boy. He spluttered

out "I'm awfully sorry Sir, I thought I was alone in the bath and was just trying to see how long I could stay under."

.....Ron. Piercy...

THE GAZETTE MARCHES ON. Behind the smooth monthly appearance of the Gazette lie hidden crises. One of these occurred when Miss Phillips found that she could no longer continue the voluntary typing of the sheets for printing: but the outlook is again bright. Mrs. Audrey Russel volunteered to take on the work in time for the last issue. Our thanks are expressed on behalf of all readers to both Miss Phillips and to Mrs. Russel for their important part in helping the Gazette to stay alive.

.....J.M.H.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

Well done everybody who helped make our July Show the success it undoubtedly was. The best early show for many years and never before has there been such a fine display of roses; and lots of them from Naphill gardens too. Delphiniums were also fine; especially the specimens in the Committee Class.

Another feature of the Show was the numerous entries in the floral art classes.

We are greatly indebted to the ladies of the Women's Institute who arranged an attractive display of decorated cakes and worked so hard demonstrating to the many visitors to the Show the intricate know-how on how it is done.

Thanks, too, to those members who put in that little extra effort to enable Naphill to win easily the Inter-Societies Shield, so easily in fact that I am sure there will have to be a drastic alteration of the rules of this competition to make it more competitive and therefore more interesting in future years.

We now look forward with confidence to our next Show on September 12th, and to those who showed for the first time in July, please have another go, and to those of you who are still wavering - make the plunge on September 12th.

.....A.H. Busby.....

D A R B Y A N D J O A N C L U B

Our expedition to Burnham Beeches gave us the pleasure of seeing the beauties of the country-side coupled with the contrast of the Slough Trading Estate with its busy shops and factories. The beech trees, centuries old but still standing, aroused our astonishment; the name Buckingham is said to be derived from the name of these trees which were called Bucken Trees in the time of the Saxons. We visited the Swimming Pool. Most of our Members brought their swimsuits but the doctor thought it was too cold and dissuaded them from taking the plunge off the high diving board. Coming home our way was blocked by a motor coach stuck in the muddy ditch by the side of the road with the occupants from London patiently waiting to be rescued. Our journey was completed without mishap.

On June 26th our fortnightly meeting passed off well; our President told us one of his stories, a shawl was duly presented, and we inspected the many photographs taken at the Garden Party at Plum Tree Cottage.

We shall miss our old friend Mr. Riley, aged 79, who, with his wife, had always been a constant attendant at our meetings; Mr. Sidney Smith and D. Bayley were present at his funeral at Lacey Green on June 27th.

The Choir of the Sands Women's Institute, under the leadership of Miss Benstead, gave us an enjoyable afternoon, their programme of songs was well chosen and we joined in the chorus of some of the familiar tunes. Mr. Vernon's songs were much appreciated and we hope to hear from him again at some future date. After the concert we sat down to tea and had a merry social gathering with our friends from Sands. E.B.

A LETTER FROM MR. PARSLOW ; Readers will be interested to know that Mr. A.Parslow whose war adventures and experiences were recounted in "THE PETE PARSLOW STORY", has written a letter of appreciation to his old friend Ron Piercy in which he says that the very sight of the Naphill Gazette brought fond memories of the old village in their younger days. He concludes the letter by saying "You can tell the people of Naphill I am still very appreciative of the way they treated me on my return home after the war. They were marvellous and I shall always remember."

N A P H I L L T E N N I S C L U B

"Pride comes before a fall", and so this month I have rather sadly to report that the men lost the last two of their Shield matches. Our team will not be promoted this year but from all accounts the matches have been an enjoyable experience. Actually, little seems to have gone right for the Tennis Club this month. Of the three friendly matches arranged, two had to be cancelled on account of rain and the third called off because the visiting club could not raise a team. Three people, two of them visitors, turned up for the Tournament, and my husband went out to make up the four. Where have all the players gone? I optimistically give the fixtures for August, and may I remind players and intending players that "Summer's lease hath all too short a date".

August 8th	Hazlemere T.C.	Mixed Away
August 23rd	R.A.F. Bomber Command	Mens Doubles Home
August 30th	American Tournament	2.30 a.m.

A.M.L.

G A R D E N I N G N O T E S

Although harvest time is approaching for early potatoes, shallots and onions grown from sets, it is sowing time for a number of other crops.

August sown onions to stand the winter in rows and then planted out in the onion bed next spring will give even better results than onion sets, and cheaper.

It is also time to sow spring cabbage seeds, and a sowing of turnips and endive will provide useful crops later on.

Two good types of lettuce for standing the winter are Arctic or Imperial and the variety Attractic - sown in the open now and cloched later on will all three provide some out of season saladings.

Clean up strawberry beds and cut out unwanted runners. Cut out all the raspberry canes that have fruited and pull out any of the new shoots that are not required for next year's row; also cut out as much as possible of the fruiting wood from blackcurrents to allow the new shoots to develop which will bear next year's crop.

Any continuous flowering plants such as dahlias, pansies, sweetpeas, should have all faded blooms picked off regularly to help the plants to continue their display over a longer period.

Yes, it is time to think of Christmas if you want those bowls of bulbs for that time, but keep them in as cool a place as possible to start with. A.H. Busby

N A P H I L L C U B S & S C O U T S

Once again we have triumphed. Both the Scout Troop and the Cub Pack won the District Sports on Saturday 11th July. Well done! The pack tied for first place with the Oxford Road Pack and they have decided to hold the Cup for six months each. We hope to have both Cups on display at the Official Opening of our new Scout and Guide Headquarters on 3rd October.

A very successful Group Camp-fire was held a few weeks ago to say farewell to John Looms, our Senior Scout Leader, who has now departed for Bahrein.

At a Going-Up Ceremony this month Richard King went up from the Pack into the Scout Troop. We welcome the following new boys into the Cub Pack :- Tony Cook, Terence Hart, Robert Albaster and Martin Humphrey.

The following Cub Proficiency Badges have been gained:-

- Book Reader - Jonathan Mines and Mark Butler.
- House Orderly - Richard King, Nigel Gooding, Derek Glenister.
- Sportsman - Brian Ing, Mark Butler, Jonathan Mines and Robert Brown.

Richard King was also awarded the Leaping Wolf Badge.

1 S T N A P H I L L B R O W N I E P A C K

On Thursday, August 6th we are holding a Coffee Morning at the Wives Club, 3 Site, R.A.F. High Wycombe (by kind permission of Wing Commander Cade).

Please come along and support us. Proceeds to be used to purchase curtains etc. for the new Scout/Guide H.Q. Time : 10.0 - 12.0 o'clock.

This month Joanna Mines and Sarah Viccars have been enrolled as full members of the Brownie Pack.

We are pleased to welcome Cherry and Lesley Rudram to the Naphill Pack from the 1st Versailles (SHAPE) Pack, France and we are pleased that Mrs. Rudram has come along to help us, after being Tawny Owl in France.

The following badges have been gained this month:- Caroline Brown : Athlete's Badge, Teresa Butler : Athlete's Badge, Alison Day : Athlete's Badge, Gillian Randell : Writer's Badge.

M.S.

N U N S & P U R P L E H E A R T S

You would hardly expect a nun to know about Morphine, Cocaine, Heroin, Reefers and Purple Hearts, the lot ! - not to mention Drink.

But the Wantage Sisters who work at Egham, Surrey, know all about them because the community has been helping sufferers from such addictions since 1879. One of the sisters is a qualified doctor, and may be found sitting in her surgery in her religious habit, assisted by three sisters who are qualified nurses; dispensing legitimate drugs to the women who have come to them for treatment and re-habilitation.

You may have sometimes wondered what sort of work is done by religious communities. This is just one example of the good work done by these dedicated women. W.W.

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A GARDEN PARTY will be held at Copperkins, Walters Ash on Saturday, August 29th at 2.30 p.m., in aid of the Restoration Fund for St. Botolph's Church, Bradenham.  
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AT THE VILLAGE HALL

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday	1st	W.I. Drama	7.30
Wednesday	2nd	Welfare	2.30
Thursday	3rd	W.I. Monthly Meeting	2.30
Friday	4th	Darby Joan	2.30
Monday	7th	COUNCIL MEETING	8.00
Tuesday	8th	W.I. Drama	7.30
Friday	11th	Library	6.30
Saturday	12th	Horticultural Show	2.30
Monday	14th	Young Neighbours	7.30
Tuesday	15th	W.I. Drama	7.30
Wednesday	16th	Welfare	2.30
Friday	18th	Darby & Joan	2.30
		Whist Drive	7.30
Saturday	19th	Jumble Sale - Scouts	2.30
Tuesday	22nd	W.I. Drama	7.30
Thursday	24th	W.I. Committee	2.30
Friday	25th	Library	6.30
		Whist Drive	7.30
Saturday	26th	W.I. Arts and Crafts Exhibition	2.30
Tuesday	29th	W.I. Drama	7.30
Wednesday	30th	Elderly Folks Dinner	
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Mens Club	-	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	
Bingo	-	Every Thursday	7.30
Camera Club	-	First and Third Wednesdays	

PLEASE NOTE: Whist Drive transferred from 11th to 18th this month only.

THE VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

Projects discussed at the Village Hall Council Meeting on August 10th showed a lively regard for the future and the Treasurer provided figures which should ease any immediate anxiety about finance. Proceeds from the Fete amounted to £208. Bingo was proving popular and profitable. Rent from the Fair had yielded £25. A Grand Bazaar is to be organised for 28th November, 1964.

With a report from the Finance Committee in mind it was decided to proceed with a project to re-plan the accommodation adjacent to the Kitchen and provide additional space; as well as giving more direct service to the Hall. Mr. Pushman left the Chair in order to demonstrate a sketch-plan which would form a basis for this modification and which met with general approval. A desire for more extensive alteration could be considered but the matter was subject to the over-riding consideration of cost. It was decided to go ahead with investigations on the basis of the sketch-plan.

The Chairman and other members of Council feel a responsibility to organise a Youth Club similar to those successfully conducted in other villages. Past experience has shown the difficulties involved, but in Naphill the first problem is to arrange an evening when the Hall is not regularly occupied at suitable times by other groups. The Chairman asked for co-operation in re-arranging the times of meetings so as to overcome this difficulty. It was hoped to start the Club in October.

The mowing of large grass areas is a major responsibility and the Council have now decided to purchase a "Gang" mower with an appropriate shelter.

A report that cars had been seen parked on the Playing Field caused surprise, and the Council wish it to be known that this practice is illegal and will be strongly resisted. Readers are asked to report offenders to the Council.

J.M.H.

THE YEAR AHEAD

"Nothing succeeds like success". In the case of the Naphill Gazette the reward of increased circulation and size is an increase of work, nevertheless welcomed, for the small band of voluntary producers. In addition, dear reader, more money is involved to meet the cost of increased paper and printing materials.

The Gazette is independent and receives no subsidy from the Village Hall Fund. Publication is only made possible by voluntary subscriptions from our readers to meet the bare cost of materials.

The next annual door-to-door collection will take place early in October. The money received on that occasion must pay for twelve issues. We shant trouble you again until October 1965.

This is an advance notice. Please welcome our collector at your door. Tell him/her frankly what you think of the Gazette - perhaps in some cases not in front of the children - and give what you can. And may we thank you in anticipation as well as for the generous support in the past.

J.M.H.

NAPHILL CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 6th September	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.
Sunday 20th September	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School	2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays	2.30 p.m.

The Church of England Sunday School re-opens after the holiday break on the second Sunday in September at 2.30 p.m.

If you have children you would like instructed in the Christian Faith according to the principles of the Anglian Church, please send them or bring them along. Miss Anthea Smith, the teacher in charge, will be delighted to see them at Naphill Church.

W.W.

THE NAPHILL MISSION

Sunday Services:	10.0 a.m.	Family Service
	3.0 p.m.	Sunday School
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service
Evangelical Services	-	All Welcome

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

Preachers for September

11. a.m.

6.15. p.m.

September 6th

Mrs. Cooper

Mr. H. Lord

September 13th

Rev. E.W. Crew  
(Holy Communion)

Mr. F. Slade

September 20th

Miss J. Anderson

Dr. G. Rose

September 27th

Harvest Festival Services  
Mr. P. Howard

Rev. E.W. Crew

Childrens Gift Service at 2.45 p.m.

Monday Sept.28th

Service at 7.45 p.m. conducted by Rev. E.W. Crew -  
followed by Sale of Gifts.

Preliminary Notice

Harvest Supper - Friday October 2nd  
Annual Bazaar - Saturday October 31st

T A I L W I T H A T W I S T

I have been reproved for admitting in the Gazette that as a boy I used to indulge in birdsnesting. But let us admit that of all God's creatures the human boy is the cruelest. And let me unburden my soul by a full and frank confession of youthful depravity, though I fear that old ladies will attack me in the street with their umbrellas. For the sad truth is that I have been known to creep up behind two unsuspecting cows and rapidly twisting the loose ends of their tails together I would then hold the knot while they moved off in different directions. I am quite overcome at the memory and can write no more.

Ron Piercy

N A P H I L L W.I.

September Meeting - Thursday 3rd - 2.30 p.m. Produce and Flower Show

Your President and Committee hope that all members will take a lively interest in this meeting and that everyone will enter in at least one of the classes. If you are without a schedule, please contact Mrs. Ball, "Westfields".

There is very little to report owing to the August Holiday, but we hope that the new season will bring added interest to all our members. Will members please note that the Harvest Festival has been postponed to October.

We would like to welcome anyone new to the village at this next meeting; also anyone NOT SO NEW!

M.P.

B I R D S I N A N A P H I L L G A R D E N

During the Headingley Test Match B.B.C. commentator Brian Johnston was pestered during his cricket commentary by a bird on a beam above his head calling "chop, chop, chop" by the hour. He appealed to viewers to identify the bird for him. It was a cock sparrow and there is no sound more reminiscent of high summer than the non-stop "chop, chop, chop" of this bird.

It is a sound that if it is close to you, goes right through your head. I believe it goes right through the sparrow too, because to judge by his movement, he levers every chop out of his beak by depressing his tail.

Just as we humans are subject to tragic mental illness, so I am sure an occasional bird is a mental deficient too. A few summers ago our garden was blessed with a cock sparrow that was as nutty as a Christmas cake. In the spring I put up a nest box with a hole the size of a two shilling piece, just right for a blue-tit. A pair of tits in due course built a nest, but at this stage this nutty cock sparrow appeared and sat on the perch near the hole for hours on end calling "chop, chop, chop". The pair of tits got fed up with driving him off and eventually deserted the nest and started again in a nearby stench pipe. Old nutty then chopped with renewed vigour, trying to attract a hen to a nest box into which he could only just get his head (a hole the size of a half-a-crown is the smallest a sparrow can wriggle into). When his "chop, chop, chop" became muffled, we knew he had his head stuck in the hole. All of one summer he perched and chopped and fed and chopped and drank and chopped. No hen was ever attracted by the nest box but old nutty did have his moments. One day a "loose" hen gave him the half-day of his demented life and then left. He went back to his perch and too small hole and chopped the sunny days away.

One thing I learned from this; Never fit a perch to nest boxes meant for tits. Once they have decided to adopt the box they do not bother with perches but explode straight into and out of the hole. A perch and a hole are irrisistable to sparrows and they pester the tits too much.

Another little oddity of the bird world comes to mind, concerning a hen blackbird. When mowing the lawn we realised it had pieces of coke the size of hazel nuts scattered over it. We picked up quite a handful and carried on mowing, not thinking too much about it. Next morning the lawn was again scattered with coke and we scratched our heads and collected it up. A new form of manna, we thought, to ensure our fuel supplies for the winter. But no, we saw the culprit. A hen blackbird had some sort of urge to pick up a piece of coke from a neighbours store and drop it on our lawn. Unfortunately the urge seemed satisfied after only a very few days and our coke cost money again.

R. Bull

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H O R T I C U L T U R A L   S O C I E T Y

Saturday September 14th is the date of our next Show and we are looking forward to seeing a good turn up of our members on that day.

The season on the whole has been a good one, and given the right weather during the next fortnight we should, with your help, have a good Show.

Wisley Gardens is still worth a visit, and don't forget members can gain free admittance to these lovely grounds by obtaining tickets from our Secretary.

Most members have paid their Subs for 1964. Will those few outstanding take this gentle reminder that early payment would be appreciated.

A.H. Busby

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G L A S T O N B U R Y

The sun certainly shone this year on the hundreds gathered for the 36th Annual Pilgrimage to Glastonbury Abbey. Surrounded by green lawns and tall trees, only a few grey and disfigured arches remain of the great Abbey Church, first used by Benedictine Monks on Christmas Day 1213.

From earliest times a monastery has existed there, and Glastonbury is regarded as the site of the first christian church in England. Even before Saint Augustine converted the Angels in the East Joseph of Arimathea built a church of mud and wattle, but a fire in 1184 destroyed all early records. From the ashes

From the ashes there gradually grew up the 12th century Abbey which remained a place of pilgrimage throughout the middle ages. until it became the finest and most wealthy of the religious centres in the West Country. The Royalist despoilers of 1539 left the ruins we see today.

The 'Pilgrims' still meet in an act of thanksgiving for Glastonbury's part in the History of our Faith, and to support the restoration of this and similar sites in England. But if you are driving that way don't fail to see for yourself this still beautiful and ancient spot.

J.M.W.

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

Our meeting on the 24th July seemed strange because of the absence of our leaders Dr. & Mrs. Bayley, but in spite of this handicap we had a splendid afternoon.

There was above average attendance and we all enjoyed a talk on farming given by Mr. J. Biggs of Hazlemere. Mr. Biggs was born in Walters Ash and quite a number of our members remembered his family. His description of farming in the old days as compared with the present mechanical age proved most interesting and when Mrs R. Piercy voiced the thanks of the meeting and assured Mr. Biggs of our appreciation she was enthusiastically supported by everyone present.

We are not having a meeting on August 7th but on the 21st we are to foregather at the garden of "Waldens" by the kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Geoff. Smith.

S.J.B.

GARDEN NOTES

Although there is still much to delight in our gardens, the shortening days are a reminder that we shall soon have to be preparing for next Spring.

Likewise in the vegetable plot many crops have reached, or soon will have, maturity and should be cleared from the ground for the winter.

Potatoes and onions are ready for lifting as soon as the tops turn yellow, and there is not much point in leaving them in the ground after they have reached this point.

As the crops are cleared, it is a good thing to fork over the ground if only lightly as this will make the autumn digging much easier. Put as much of the waste pea haulms, potato beet and carrot tops as you can on the compost heap as this will make some good stuff for digging later on.

Celery, leeks, runner beans and similar crops still need plenty of water, unless of course the recent dry spell breaks up. Hurry on with the potting-up of bulbs for Christmas flowering, and order any bulbs you want for display in the garden next spring. The earlier they are planted the better they will grow.

A.H. Busby

GAZETTE TEN SECOND TEST

THE LETTERS - A.T.G.I.N.G. - are the initials of six words which form a well known saying and warn against relying upon appearances.

WHAT IS THE SAYING?

As this is the first test of a series here is an example with the answer given T.M.C.S.T.B. : A saying which gives advice about redundancy. The ANSWER is

" TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH "

N A P H I L L S C O U T / G U I D E J O I N T C O M M I T T E E

Now that the new Scout/Guide Headquarters is in regular use, funds are required for general maintenance, electricity and rates, and for this purpose another Jumble Sale has been arranged in the Naphill Village Hall for Saturday September 19th at 2.30 p.m. We hope that all our regular friends will come along and support us and new ones will be particularly welcome.

Scouts and Guides will call at as many houses as possible in Naphill and Walters Ash to collect any unwanted articles during the week from Saturday, September 12th. In case however there is no-one in when they call, we shall be pleased to receive anything that may be sold at the Village Hall on the morning of September 19th.

R.C. Wells ( Secretary)

N A P H I L L Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

No doubt a good deal of experimenting with flowers has gone on since the floral Art Demonstration in July. Mrs. Goodchild did a wide variety of arrangements accompanied by an instructive and amusing monologue.

Our next meeting is on 14th September, 7.30, in the Village Hall. This is a meeting well worth coming to; a demonstration in great demand all over the country. It is WALLS demonstrating a wide selection of recipes and I am sure finishing up with samples.

We look forward to seeing ALL our members and, we hope, many new members, on Monday 14th.

N.Y.N.C.

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

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R.C.R.

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ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER Invitations for the Elderly Folks Dinner (30th September 1964) will be issued by the 8th September; and if you are eligible, Age 65 (husband or wife, both can attend) resident in Naphill/Walters Ash on the 1st January 1962 (also applies to a widower or widow of any age) and have NOT received an invitation, please contact D.C. Tooby, "Abbotsbury" - Naphill 2308  
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" It may be a GENERAL election - but it's your PARTICULAR vote that matters! "

A T T H E V I L L A G E H A L L

OCTOBER

Thursday	1st	W.I. Monthly Meeting	2.30
Friday	2nd	Darby & Joan	2.30
		W.I. Whist Drive	7.30
Monday	5th	COUNCIL MEETING	8.00
Tuesday	6th	W.I. Drama	7.30
Thursday	8th	Playing Fields Committee Meeting	8.00
Friday	9th	Library	6.30
		Whist Drive	7.30
Saturday	10th	Darby & Joan Musical Evening	7.30
Monday	12th	Young Neighbours	7.30
Tuesday	13th	W.I. Drama	7.30
Friday	16th	Darby & Joan	2.30
Saturday	17th	Tennis Club Rummage Sale	2.30
Tuesday	20th	W.I. Drama	7.30
Friday	23rd	Library	6.30
		Whist Drive	7.30
Saturday	24th	Scouts Halloween Fair	2.30
Monday	26th	Meeting to form Youth Club	7.30
Tuesday	27th	W.I. Drama	7.30
Thursday	29th	W.I. Committee Meeting	2.30
Friday	30th	Darby & Joan	2.30
Saturday	31st	Methodist Church Bazaar	3.00
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Monday NOV	2nd	COUNCIL MEETING	8.00
BINGO		Every Thursday	8.00
MEN'S CLUB		Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	
WELFARE		1st & 3rd Wednesdays	2.30

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 " B E T T E R I T I S T O D I E T H A N T O B E G "  
 Ecclesiasticus

Nevertheless the Annual door-to-door collection for the NAPHILL GAZETTE will take place between October 5th and 17th. All our readers are asked to receive with cheerfulness the kind people who will be shaking the collecting tins on their door steps and to give generously so that the Gazette may continue to serve village interests during the next twelve months.

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V I L L A G E H A L L C O U N C I L M E E T I N G  
 7th September 1964

The meeting opened on a happy note, with Mr. Tooby voicing the congratulations of the Council to the Chairman, Mr. Richard Pushman and Mrs. Pushman on the birth of their daughter. The Chairman thanked the Council for their good wishes and for the flowers sent to his wife.

Less pleasing was the news that the Carätaker, Miss Taylor, was ill and unlikely to be fit for work for some time. The meeting expressed the hope that she would speedily recover to full health. The Council were indeed fortunate in having Mr. Gibbons to come to their aid so soon after his retirement.

Keen interest in the Kitchen extension proposal evoked comment from all parts of the "House". It was finally decided to send the plans to local builders to find out how much it was likely to cost.

The representatives of the various Organisations were on the alert to protect their varied interests, and a lively debate took place on topics ranging from the unsatisfactory disposal of grass mowings, to the purchase of a Gang Mower and improving the texture of the grass.

Members were reminded that the Autumn Bazaar was to be held in November and new ideas would be welcome at the next meeting.

Plans for the formation of a Youth Club have been quietly making progress, and Mr. Pushman announced that there would shortly be a meeting of those interested in running the Club.

G.S.

NAPHILL YOUTH CLUB. There will be a meeting in Naphill Village Hall on Monday, 26th October, at 7.30 p.m. in order to discuss arrangements for the formation of a Youth Club in the Village.

Will all those interested, either as potential members or helpers, please come along so that the meeting will be as representative as possible.

R.C.P.

NAPHILL WHIST DRIVE. With the approach of the dark evenings may I remind you of the warm welcome which awaits all whist players at our fortnightly Whist Drives. These are held every alternate Friday, in the Village Hall, the next one being on October 9th at 7.30. Come and join us. We can guarantee you will have a jolly evening. On Friday, October 23rd, there will be a GRAND MILITARY WHIST DRIVE. These are good fun - nothing to be afraid of - just ordinary whist with a difference. So come and fill the Hall.

R.W.

A U T U M N B A Z A A R A T T H E V I L L A G E H A L L

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER is the date fixed for our Grand Autumn Bazaar.

There will be stalls for provisions, knitwear, and all manner of garments and cakes. We hope to have a White Elephant stall and a 'Bring & Buy' section.

To those who are expert - or nearly so - with oven and needle :- Please use your skill in making items for the Bazaar. Cost of materials will be refunded in full. Donations of cash or goods will be gratefully received.

If you can help, please contact any Village Hall Council member or telephone NAPHILL 3122 or Mrs. Hussey, NAPHILL 3216.

R.C.P.

COMING EVENTS  
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

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Mr. F.S. Deane  
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Rev. E.W. Crew

6.15.p.m.

Mr. K. Peatey  
Mr. K.L. Burden  
Rev. J.O.Cochran  
Mr. M. Brittin

We welcome all who are interested in the proposed Church Union to a Meeting in the Methodist Schoolroom on Thursday October 22nd at 7.45 p.m., when Rev. S.A.C. Dickens and members of Hughenden Parish Church will meet to discuss this interesting subject with Rev. E.W. Crew and our own members and friends.

The Annual Bazaar will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, October 31st - to be opened at 3. p.m. by Mrs. H. Church.

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N A P H I L L C H U R C H

Sunday 4th October	Holy Communion	9.15 A.M
Tuesday 13th October	General Business Meeting	8. 0 P.M.
Sunday 18th October	Evensong	3.30 P.M.
Sunday School	2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays	2.30 P.M.

At the General Business Meeting, members of the congregation and anyone interested will have the opportunity of asking questions and commenting on church affairs. There are no restrictions. We hope to review the past year's progress, plan for the future, talk about money and elect a new Committee. Please make this as widely known as possible. The support of every Naphill churchman is essential to keep the church alive in this village.

A very successful Coffee Party was held in the grounds of Louches Cottage during September - over £12 being raised for church funds. Many thanks are due to the organiser and helpers for a delightful morning and such pleasant surroundings, and to all those who supported this effort.

W.W.

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T H E N A P H I L L M I S S I O N

Sunday Services:	10 a.m. Family Service
	3 p.m. Sunday School
	6.15 p.m. Evening Service

Evangelist Services - All welcome

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K I N G W I L L O W '64

For the benefit of those exiles from Naphill who long to hear a little cricket news, here is a summary of the past season.

We began so badly that it seemed, to quote E.W. Swanton, "that there's nothing wrong with our team that eight or nine new men wouldn't put right". In fact it was only those upstarts from Bradenham who kept us off the bottom of the 1st Division. But then there was a fortunate accident to Ken Timberlake's foot. The one he bowls off. Forced to bowl off the wrong foot, he went down to the Rye and took nine West Indian wickets for thirty runs. At least that's the story as I heard it, and it's a good one. With this encouragement the team began to fight, but one further blow was to come. At home to Hampden our opening bowlers took six Hampden wickets for 70 but then the second line of Hampden batsmen proved far too good for our second line of bowlers, so once again the old enemy crowed on our dungheap. Then we went down to Bradenham and triumphed by one run in the last over. In the next match at home to Booker we faced a total of 141 and with one over to go the score board showed 130. John Evans made furious gestures with his bat and at last they altered it to 136. John sneaked a couple and then with two balls to go, won the match with a handsome four. Olive Bowler with two sons in the team, declared that her heart woudn't stand any more such finishes, while Maud Brown fell over a deck chair and received six stitches in her leg. We do

see life at Naphill. So we came to the last match with 19 points while Hampden and Prestwood had 20 each but played each other. Lacey Green batted well and set Naphill to get 150 in two hours after tea. On a good wicket the early Naphill batsmen had 80 for 2 on the board in the first hour, but when Joe Simpson was caught on the boundary the rate dropped behind the clock. But "came the hour came the man" in the person of Frank Didcock. Frank dabbled at his first three balls some time after they had gone by, and then considered that he had played himself in. After a few swings he managed a snick for four over slips heads and then he was away. The next seven balls brought 32 runs and the match was in the bag. At the other end Stanley Monks polished his spectacles and smoothly stroked the winning hit. Over on the other hill Hampden thrashed Prestwood who therefore go down along with Bradenham. So Naphill will again provide us with first division cricket, and if next Season is as exciting as this one there will be no complaints.

Ron Piercy

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N A P H I L L T E N N I S C L U B

The Tennis Club has had a fairly full fixture list for the past month, and the splendid weather has enabled it to play off all but one of its matches. The match against Bomber Command was cancelled as they could not get a team together. Surprisingly enough, Naphill has not had to take such an action despite the scarcity of members this year. Our team has more often been on the losing than the winning side, but all matches have been enjoyable experience. The results are:

Sept. 5th	Rio T.C. (High Wycombe)	Away Mixed	Lost	6-3
Sept. 13th	Wolverton B.R.	Home Mens	Lost	6-3
Sept. 19th	Newlands (Chalfont)	Away Mens	Lost	5-4
Sept. 26th	Newlands ( " )	Home Mens	Lost	5-4

The Finals of the Club Tournaments was held on September 12th. Tony Redrup is Mens Champion, Angela Hogsdon is the Ladies and Jean Lawrence and Vic Hildersley are the Mixed Doubles.

An American Tournament was held on 30th August. Only ten members turned out and the proceeds (30/-) were sent to the Olympic Games Fund.

The days are still warm and golden, but darkness comes soon after seven and one begins to think of winter pastimes and activities. The Tennis Club is to hold a Dinner-Dance at the Little Abbey Hotel, Missenden on Friday October 9th. Tickets are 25/- each and anyone interested in the well-being of the Club will be most welcome.

The Christmas Dance is being held in conjunction with the Football and Cricket Clubs on Friday 11th December. We have been unable to book our own Village Hall, so this year the Dance will be held in the new Hughenden Hall.

Autumn is the season of mists, mellow fruitfulness - also of Rummage Sales. The Tennis Club will be selling some worthwhile rummage in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th October at 2.30 p.m.

A.M. Lawrence

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N A P H I L L W. I.

Our meeting in September was presided over by Mrs. Weekes, in the absence of Mrs. Smith on holiday.

We held our Annual Produce Show, and though there were not as many entries as the President & Committee would have liked, the Judges, Mesdames Richardson and Gutteridge said a high standard had been reached. Mrs. Bayley had the most points in the Floral Arrangement Classes and won the Tankard, and Mrs. F. Biggs won the Produce Cup.

Mrs. Weekes welcomed two new members, Mesdames Wheatcroft & Nicholson. A letter was read from our Adopted Family and also one from Goodwood Institute in Canada, asking if any member would like to correspond with them and exchange news and views.

Lady Runge, V.C.O. gave us a very inspiring talk on "Being a Committee Member". She was thanked by Mrs. Wood. Afterwards nomination papers for the new Committee were given out and, as a result of the pep talk, three members who have not served on this Committee before gave in their names. Good for them and many thanks.

The October Meeting will be our Birthday Party and Harvest Festival, so come along and enjoy yourselves. Mr. Douglas Glass will be the Speaker.

Don't forget the OUTING to the Porcelain Factory at WORCESTER on Wednesday October 28th. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 9.15 a.m.

E.M.O.

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M E N S C L U B N O T E S  
A. G. M.

Members were keenly disappointed when Arthur Flippence announced that he would no longer be Chairman. Arthur's keenness, tact and easy charm seemed just right for the job, but he pleaded advancing age, and we had to let him go. The new Chairman, Ron Piercy, does not have these qualities but at least he tries!! Charlie Parker also found a successor as Treasurer in Geoff. Michell, and retired with our well-earned thanks. Geoff. Smith was not so fortunate and continues to act as Secretary.

An incident occurred before the meeting which could only happen in the Men's Club. Jack Tapping who runs the canteen, reported a profit out of all proportion to the turnover, and had to be persuaded to take some of it back. This is a shop where members help themselves and leave the money.

One billiard table is to be over-hauled at a cost of £78 and another set of billiard balls will be purchased. The billiards league is to be dropped and will revert to a K.O. competition like the Snooker.

The Chairman took advantage of his new position to give some official advice to the handicappers, which they probably won't take, and everyone had a right old natter.

R.P.

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H A P P Y A N N I V E R S A R Y

The Gazette would hardly be doing its job if it failed to record the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Doctor and Mrs. Eric Bayley on Saturday 12th September 1964. Having done so it proves quite impossible to assess the debt which Naphill owes to them during so many years. In the words of another doctor, Doctor Johnson, they have "generated kindness and consolidated society" in so many ways. During the last eight years the Darby and Joan Club has brought untold comfort and happiness to the more elderly villagers, but many other good deeds and ready help in trouble remain unknown. "The Art of being kind" has never been more devotedly practiced.

A personal memory is of Dr. Bayley, in his 80's, staggering up a garden path in the snow with a bag of anthracite for a shivering neighbour during the fuel shortage in the winter of 1962.

On behalf of all readers we wish Dr. and Mrs. Bayley many more years of work and happiness

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Since writing the above we have received the following letter:



"We are writing to ask for a few lines of your space to allow us to express our thanks to the many friends who sent us congratulations and good wishes on the fiftieth anniversary of our Wedding Day; our hearts have been deeply touched by the flow of kind messages, by the welcome given to us at the Horticultural Society's Show with a presentation of two bouquets and by the moving little ceremony (described elsewhere in your columns) at the fortnightly meeting of the Darby and Joan Club. To borrow a phrase from our national game of Cricket, our marriage score is Fifty; NOT OUT, and that means that we hope to spend a few more years among our Naphill Friends; our present combined age is 159 years. "

Eric and Margaret Bayley

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T H O U G H T S F R O M A C O U N T R Y G A R D E N

There are few pastimes more pleasant in late summer than to sit in a garden soaking up the last hours of warmth the sun will give before the Ice King takes over. All the wildlife, from the tiny insect to the badger, is taking full advantage of the plenty of the countryside and from your seat you can see and hear a frenzy of activity. When you half doze in the warmth and comfort, your mind drifts back. You hear the bees and remember there used to be far more than there are now. You see a butterfly and think of the numbers and varieties you would find on a chalk hillside when you were young; butterflies you don't seem to see now. You think perhaps of the cuckoo. Once, years ago, you perhaps said "give it a rest" to the eternal calling but now, if you are not particularly observant, a whole summer can pass with the cuckoo only occasionally heard. The summers, too, were always sunnier years ago. No-one will argue about that except, perhaps, the experts and they sometimes seem to have so much specialised knowledge and little common sense. For real common sense, let's have a countryman, and he will assure you the butterflies are fewer. The experts say this cannot be proved, but I know, and so do most of you.

In some ways the young folk are not to be envied because in a teenager's lifetime the chemists look as if they will sterilise the whole countryside. That they do good is not disputed, but they seem to lose a sense of proportion about other things. They have lost sight of the fact that there is a purpose in all forms of life. When one form of life is destroyed, the life that succeeds it is often a worse pest than the first. When Man was given dominion over the wild things of the earth I doubt if it was envisaged what a terrible destroyer he would become, especially in the last twenty years. Man, however, will have to suffer the whirlwind he is creating.

Take one simple instance. Once there were beautiful red squirrels in this country. Then Man introduced some grey ones from America that bred so freely that they drove out and finally almost eliminated the native red ones. Both sorts of squirrels delighted in finding a wood pigeon's nest and making a meal of the eggs. Up to this point no harm was done and there was still some form of balance. Now the grey ones continued their fast breeding rate and became such a pest that the Government offered money for the tails from dead ones. A remunerative sport thus started and the squirrels were decimated. Now what happened to those pigeon's eggs they loved so much? They hatched, and the birds nested and hatched again - and again and again each year. In a few years we had the pigeon hoardes.

Now the chemists have a new problem. It is said they may devise a new liquid in which corn is soaked. When the pigeons eat the corn, they will become infertile. But will the pheasants, partridges, peewits, missel thrushes and a host of other birds know the corn is meant for pigeons only?

Take a look at the wild like around us. A really good look. It might not always be here for us to enjoy. I most sincerely hope I am wrong. Perhaps, too, my theories are wrong. If so, please forgive me because I too am only a countryman: not an expert.

R. Bull  
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Yours faithfully,

Sub-Area Civil Defence Officer.

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To: Sub-Area Civil Defence Officer,  
1, Cornmarket,  
High Wycombe, Bucks.

Please send me further particulars about the training courses for volunteers in the various Sections of the Civil Defence Corps.

NAME: .....

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THE BERLIN WALL

As we drove along the vast, absolutely straight road right through the heart of Berlin, one could well imagine the German Armies parading along this road, in the days of the Hitler Regime. It was ideally suited for military reviews. We approached the Brandenburg Gate leading to Unter Den Linden. But only caught a glimpse of this famous avenue and some of the finest parts of Old Berlin for they lay behind 'The Wall'.

Holders of British passports are permitted to enter the Eastern Zone, but our curiosity was satisfied by joining a party of West Berliners on an observation platform a few yards from the wall itself. On the Eastern side of this wall was a similar platform, from which a party of East Germans were looking at us. The main difference in the Eastern side was the smooth finish, making it unclimbable, with barbed wire and armed border guards. The Western side was a contrast in every way, having plenty of footholds and an absence of guards, for no-one could possibly want to go from West to East.

Not far away was a huge memorial erected by the Russians to their dead, but this, oddly enough, was in the Western Zone, but only just. The memorial was guarded by two armed Russian guards behind barbed wire entanglements. In front of the barbed wire stood two British armed guards who were in turn protected by barriers manned by German police: so altogether it was very difficult to know who was guarding what.

Sections of the wall adjoin desolate blocks of flats, with windows hastily bricked in to prevent East Germans leaving their sector. Even the roofs were crowned with coiled barbed wire containing an electrified alarm system.

On the pavements below these flats, now overgrown with weeds through lack of use, stand pathetic little memorials, bearing wreaths with inscriptions such as, "Maria ... fell and died here", or "Frantz ..... was shot here". Each of these memorials was below the window from which the escape attempt was made.

Nearby, was the spot where a young man escaped from the Eastern Sector, early one Sunday morning in September. The trampled earth, the new barbed wire, the fresh bullet scars on an adjacent wall and the clock on the wall in the kitchen which had been stopped by a bullet at 5.25 a.m., all told the sad story of harsh life in East Berlin: a divided city where fellow countrymen shoot to kill.

W.W.

THIS MONTH'S TEN SECOND TEST

The letters M.A.M.M.A.M. are the initial letters of six words which form a well-known saying which shows that it is the little things that count in Scotland.

WHAT IS THE SAYING?

Last month's letters stood for "All that glitters is not gold". Did you get it?

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

On August 21st by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Smith we all met in their delightful garden and enjoyed a happy and peaceful afternoon, chatting with our friends and partaking of a sumptuous tea; the weather had been threatening but the sun shone out; matching the warmth of the welcome of our hostess. All who possess a garden nowadays know the difficulties of keeping it tidy and well-stocked and we were able to appreciate the efforts that must

have been expended in bringing the Waldens garden up to its high standard. Our garden parties are always a success. This one was one of the best we have ever had. We all thanked our good friends Geoffrey and Dorothy on our departure.

Please make a note of the Musical Evening to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday October 10th when Mr. Keith Oliver and his Orchestra are to entertain us; everyone will remember the former occasion when the same people gave us a splendid musical treat.

Our friends from Flackwell Heath Darby and Joan Club gave us a most enjoyable entertainment on September 4th. Their President, Mrs. Cass, brought with her a party of artistes under the leadership of Mr. Lowe who call themselves "The Old Timers Concert Party", Mrs. Lowe being the accomplished pianist. All the items were greeted with laughter and applause and we hope to have another visit from these clever people in the future.

On October 18th a motor coach will take us for a drive through the countryside to admire the autumn tints.

E.B.

At lunch-time on the 18th we heard over the radio about an enormous Royal Wedding cake, but shortly after we were admiring something much more interesting - a wonderful Golden Wedding cake that had been made by Mrs. Geoffrey Smith.

We were celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the wedding of our President and Secretary - a few days late it is true - but the first opportunity we had had of demonstrating to our leaders that they really are the "Best-loved couple" in our Village.

After a brief speech of affection and appreciation our cake-maker handed two books to Mrs. Tooby, senior: "The History of High Wycombe" and "The History of Chair Making in High Wycombe", subscribed for by our members. Mrs. Tooby in turn presented them to Dr. and Mrs. Bayley and the Dr. replied with one of his racey speeches full of thanks and compliments.

As many will know, our President is an expert in the crocheting of shawls and many of our lady members have received one of these works of industry and art. Today, to the delight of us all, it proved to be the turn of Mrs. Bayley and everyone applauded loudly when her husband handed to her a really lovely specimen.

After these Golden Wedding preliminaries we had an address from the author of the two books mentioned above - Mr. L.J. Mayes - who gave us a most informative and interesting talk on the history of High Wycombe.

It would be impossible to give an adequate survey of all he told us. Suffice it to say that we strongly urge readers of the Gazette to hear Mr. Mayes if they have the chance. He was splendid.

S.J.S.

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N A P H I L L Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

Our next meeting is on Monday evening 12th October at 7.30 p.m. Doctors Cameron, Finlay and Kildare take a back seat - we have our own local practitioner Dr. Streule, who is very kindly giving us his valuable time to be our guest speaker for the evening.

Our A.G.M. is also to be held at this meeting, but we will endeavour to make this part of the evening as short and painless as possible.

Our keep fit classes are going with a swing, the new school hall is an ideal place for such vitality.

N.Y.N.  
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N A P H I L L S C O U T S A N D G U I D E S  
(Joint Committee)

On Saturday October 24th, 1964, the Scouts and Guides are holding a Halloween Fair at the Naphill Village Hall to be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Wing Commander A.S. Cade, OBE, of Headquarters Bomber Command.

Stalls will be selling gifts for Christmas presents, with numerous side-shows for all. Tickets are already on sale for the Prize Draw; Prizes will include a fireside chair, a coffee table and seasonal gifts.

Proceeds are to be devoted to Scout and Guide funds for the purchase of camping and other equipment.

Do come along to support this event. I shall be grateful for any gifts offered for sale or for prizes.

R.C. Wells, Secretary  
"Oak Cottage"  
Christopher Close

NAPHILL RANGER COMPANY: Way back at Easter three of the Rangers, together with Wycombe Guides and Miss Shirley Smith, enjoyed a ten day holiday in Switzerland: an unforgettable holiday for them all.

Three Rangers took part in the County Camp competition which proved to be a very strenuous occasion. The day started at 5.30 a.m. and a long journey was followed by compass. However, it was voted good fun.

Three Rangers and one Guide helped with the children's corner at High Wycombe Show on September 5th. This is an annual good turn undertaken by High Wycombe Guides.

Congratulations to Pauline Simmons who has gained her Ranger Camp permit.

1ST NAPHILL GUIDE COMPANY: The winter programme is just getting under way and numbers in the Company are steadily rising. Seven guides have just spent a weekend in camp at Holtspur and are already looking forward to the next one.

During the year we said goodbye to our Lieutenant, Shirley Didcock, who has given many years of loyal service to the Company - in her place we have welcomed Pauline Simmons.

Congratulations to the following badge winners : Second Class - Clare Budden. Laundress and Health - Penny Heather.

J.M.

NAPHILL SCOUTS AND CUBS: We regret to report that the Scout Troop is in danger of closing down through lack of Scouters. Clive Hall has left us to join the R.A.F. and Dave Burrage will be leaving at the end of the year when he is released from the R.A.F.

Phil Bowell is gallantly carrying on until someone is found to take over; but this state of affairs cannot continue for long. Surely someone from the village will give some of their spare time to run the Scout Troop.

TODAY, SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER, is the Official Opening of our new Headquarters at the rear of the Village Hall. The ceremony will be carried out by the Scout and Guide County Commissioners at 3.30 p.m. and we extend a very warm welcome to you all.

B.J.S.

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FROM TINDAL HOSPITAL AYLESBURY:

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M.D.Reed

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Monday	2nd	VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL MEETING	8.00
Tuesday	3rd	Drama	7.30
Thursday	5th	W.I. Monthly Meeting A.G.M.	2.30
Friday	6th	Library	6.30
		Whist Drive	7.30
Saturday	7th	W.I. Rummage Sale	2.30
Monday	9th	Young Neighbours	7.30
Tuesday	10th	Drama	7.30
Friday	13th	Darby & Joan	2.30
Tuesday	17th	Drama	7.30
Friday	20th	Library	6.30
		Whist Drive	7.30
Tuesday	24th	Drama	7.30
Thursday	26th	W.I. Committee Meeting	2.30
Friday	27th	Darby and Joan	2.30
Saturday	28th	VILLAGE HALL BAZAAR	2.30
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Men's Club	-	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	7.30
Bingo	-	Every Thursday	8.00
Infant Welfare	-	1st and 3rd Wednesdays	

VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL MEETING  
October 5th 1964

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the new representative on the Council to represent the Royal Air Force, Sergeant J.H. Spring.

The Council stood in silence for an interval in memory of Miss Doris Taylor who had served the Council so well and so long.

The Council expressed their deep appreciation for the Clock in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Don Ing. The Chairman has subsequently written to Mr. Stanley Monks who had been the prime mover. All the Village is delighted with this new Clock which is lighted up to midnight on both its faces.

It was reported that an examination of the wiring in the Village Hall had shown that it was in a very bad state, and an order had been placed to re-wire the Hall.

It is proposed to form a Youth Club in the Village and more details will be published in the next issue of the Gazette.

The Village will be pleased to see that the windows have been repainted and the Hall looks very nice again.

A Sub-Committee has been formed to run the Bazaar on the 28th November. Anyone wishing to help may get in touch with one of the following:-

Mr. Pushman, Mr. L.P. Butler, Mr. G. Brown, Mesdames Hampton, Hussey, Lean.

R.C. Rose

THE NAPHILL MISSION

Sunday Services:	10.a.m.	Family Service
	3.p.m.	Sunday School
	6.15.p.m.	Evening Service
Evangelical Services - All Welcome		

N A P H I L L M E T H O D I S T C H U R C H

<u>Preachers for November</u>	<u>11. a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
Nov. 1st Chapel Anniversary	Mrs. Mann	Rev.E.W.Crew (Holy Communion)
Nov. 8th	Mr. Harewood	Mr. A.J. Mahoney
Nov.15th	Mr. A. Cooper	Mr. E. Jarvis
Nov.22nd	Rev. E.W. Crew	Mr. W.H. Pearcey
Nov.29th	Mr. Osborne	Mrs. Holt

On Thursday November 12th at 7.45 p.m. a Film "The Road to Daboo" will be shown.

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed the Vicar and friends from Hughenden Parish Church to a meeting to discuss Church Union with our own members lead by Rev. E.W. Crew. About 60 people enjoyed a very happy fellowship and it was decided to hold further meetings at a future date.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H  
S E R V I C E S

Holy Communion		
All Saints Day	1st November	9.15 a.m.
Evensong	15th November	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School	- 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays	2.30 p.m.

Since our last announcement, the children coming to Sunday School have gradually increased in number Sunday by Sunday. Miss Anthea Smith is delighted to welcome new faces, so if your youngsters have reached Sunday School age please bring them along and we assure you they will be in good hands.

Although it may be reported elsewhere, we must mention the second meeting to discuss church unity held on 22nd October in the Methodist School Room.

The first meeting, held at Hughenden Church House early in July was addressed by a local Methodist Minister and attended by quite a number of interested Anglicans.

The second meeting was well attended, over 30% being Anglican visitors. Both the Vicar of Hughenden and Rev. E.W. Crew spoke on matters of common interest, and while tea was being served some animated conversation took place followed by questions and answers. Much might be written on matters raised, but to embark on controversial matters is out of keeping with the character of our excellent Gazette.

W.W.

COMING EVENTS

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ANNUAL BAZAAR

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

TODAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

TO BE OPENED AT 3 PM BY MRS.H.CHURCH

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE 1964

NOVEMBER 8TH

2.30 P.M.

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AT THE NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL

28TH NOVEMBER

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P O I S O N I N G   T H E   B I R D S

I feel very proud of dicovering new writer Ron Bull for the Gazette. His last article should make us all think. Even the King of birds the Golden Eagle is in great danger. For sheep are treated with a substance called Dieldrin and when one dies on a Scottish mountain the eagles feed on the carcase. The poison builds up inside their bodies and the eggs become infertile. I believe Dieldrin has now been banned by the Government. Let us hope it is not too late.

The Sparrowhawk and the Peregrine Falcon are also nearly gone. They feed on small birds which have eaten dressed seed corn, and in time they too sit on eggs which can never hatch.

Anyone wishing to know more on this subject should read "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson.

On the bright side of the picture, I was walking one day this summer through a famous arboretum at Westonbirt in Gloucestershie. In the tops of the great trees around me were hundreds of tiny birds. I sat down to eat my lunch under a giant sequoia, the Californian Redwood. Presently the little birds came lower and I am sure Ron Bull would hve fallen out of his wheelchair in excitement, for they were all Goldencrested Wrens. I hadn't seen one since the days when Naphill was a country village.

Ron Piercy

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T H E   E L D E R L Y   F O L K S   D I N N E R   1 9 6 4

This annual event is eagerly looked forward to by the lucky participants, and this year all previous records were surpassed. Mrs. Kilby, the Chairman of the Committee, opened the proceedings by welcoming the guests and paying a well-deserved tribute to Wing Commander A.S. Cade and his prize-winning RAF cooks who provided an appetising meal of Turkey, Ham, Tongue with vegetables, followed by sweets and cheese. Mrs. Kilby called for a hearty cheer for Mr. Douglas Tooby the Secretary of the Committee and she informed the guests that the drinks, cigarettes and chocolates had been provided by the generosity of Mr. Blunt.

Mrs. Marsden, well known to Naphill audiences, delighted the audience with her pianoforte solos and she also accompanied Mrs. Nora Law who sang old favourite melodies. Miss Constance Allan enchanted everyone by her acts depicting well-known Dickensian characters Uriah Heep and Sarah Gamp and other figures taken from familiar literature. Her skill was amazing as she made up her face, arranged her wigs and donned her costumes before our very eyes without leaving the stage or using the curtain. Mr. W. Lawrence proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee and said he remembered the first dinner to Old People held in 1920. It was inspiring to listen to the comments of the Old People when it was all over and they were waiting to be taken home by special transport. Loud were the praises for the hard work of the Committee, for the luscious food cooked by the culinary department of the RAF, for the amusing entertainment and for the warm-hearted welcome of all the waiters and helpers who never tired of making the guests happy and comfortable; it was an evening that will long remain in the memories of all who were fortunate enough to be present.

E.B.  
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MUSIC IN NAPHILL

The Musical Evening organised by Mr. Keith Oliver and his fellow artists known as the Cecilian Singers and Players was a great success. The items of Light Music, the choral singing, the solos and duets and the orchestral pieces were all heartily applauded and the whole performance was enjoyed by an appreciative audience. A Vote of thanks was proposed by our President and bouquets were given to the two lady soloists. We should have been glad if a larger number of our neighbours had been present as the entertainment was organised for the benefit of the funds of the Darby & Joan Club. The music was excellent, the Hall was well warmed and the hot coffee and dainty refreshments were comforting.

E.B.

NAPHILL W. I.

Women may not be too keen on revealing their own ages but they don't mind anyone knowing the age of their W.I. So we were proud to be celebrating our 42nd birthday at the September meeting.

The hall looked very gay with flower-decorated tables and the birthday cake made by Mrs. D. Smith and iced and decorated in W.I. colours by Mrs. M. Piercy. The Harvest Festival stall was heaped high with fruit, flowers and vegetables and made a wonderful splash of colour.

Before the business of the meeting, members observed a minute's silence in memory of Mrs. Smart and Miss Taylor.

A letter was read from Dr. & Mrs. Bayley, thanking us for the flowers received on their Golden Wedding Anniversary, also one from our Adopted Family, thanking us for the suit and money sent to them.

It was agreed to drop the Produce Show next year, owing to lack of support.

There is never a dull moment when Mr. Dudley Glass comes to talk to us. We nearly raised the roof with our singing of Happy Birthday to his accompaniment on the piano and we very much enjoyed all the old favourites from light opera which he played and sang to us, with us joining in the choruses. He was thanked by Mrs. Jackson.

After a very good tea, at which the birthday cake was cut by Mrs. Halsey, the Harvest Festival produce was auctioned by Mrs. Weekes, who so inspired us that bidding soared to fabulous heights and over £6 was made.

Next month is our A.G.M. and we have Mrs. Williamson, V.C.O. coming to talk to us. The Competition is an embroidered tray cloth. Tea hostesses are Mesdames Holmes, Hayward, Jack and Blick.

E.M.O.

G A Z E T T E F I V E S E C O N D T E S T

The letters L B Y L are the initials of four words which form a well-known saying and warn against being too impulsive.

W H A T I S T H E S A Y I N G ?

Last month's letters stood for "MANY A MICKLE MAKES A MUCKLE"

H O R T I C U L T U R A L   S O C I E T Y

My apologies for non appearance of news in last month's Gazette, but a belated Thank You to all who supported our Show on September 12th.

Our one regret at this, and indeed all our Shows recently, is the lack of support for the Domestic Classes, which only a few years ago were acknowledged to be one of the best displays both in quality and quantity in any Village Show in the district. This we suppose is inevitable in these days "cans wiv everyfing".

As you all know our President Dr. Eric Bayley and his good Wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the day of our September Show and we, and the exhibitors offered our congratulations with flowers and a promise of something more to come. We have since presented them with a garden trough planted with 50 yellow daffodils to mark those 50 golden years. One other thing before we leave our September Show. A new Trophy was competed for the first time. The Gilbert Burch Memorial Rose Bowl, kindly presented by Mrs. P.J. Morris in memory of her late brother Mr. G.D. Burch whose love of roses and close association with our Society will long be remembered.

We have just received another two tons of "Chasmor" fertiliser, half of which has already been disposed of, so if you are wanting any for present use for lawn dressing etc., please order early.

A.H. Busby

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W A R   M E M O R I E S   N O   5

THE ARMISTICE NOV 1918 - WE MEET AGAIN

My account in February's Gazette of the Battle of Jutland concluded by saying "The German Navy never put to sea again as a fighting force", and in my opinion the British Navy won a great moral victory. Here is the proof, and this is how I saw our next and final meeting.

As the Naval part of the Armistice terms it was decided by the Allies that Germany should hand over the greater part of its fighting ships. Britain, as the chief naval nation concerned was elected to have control of these ships. Scapa Floe in the Orkney Islands (the chief war time base of the Allied Fleets) was the obvious harbour for their detention pending the final decision as to their ultimate fate. Conditions of preparation for handing over the selected ships were very thorough and conclusive. All ammunition had to be disembarked, all gun breech blocks dismantled and put ashore, all torpedo tubes made ineffective and torpedoes disembarked, (there is a doubt in my mind as to the requirements concerning wireless telegraphy). The ship's companies were to be reduced in number to what is known as "a steaming party". This means sufficient officers and men to ensure a safe sea passage. All these conditions (and possibly more) were finally completed and inspected to the satisfaction of the Allies. The mighty ships of the German Imperial Navy were thus reduced to mere hulks. On the agreed day for the surrender, the exact dates elude me, the German Navy put to sea again for what proved to be the last time. As they raised anchor at Kiel the Allied fleets under Admiral Beatty steamed from their various harbours to meet them. We were formed eventually in two long lines of ships ahead about half a mile apart. In due course the German ships hove in sight: a tense moment! As they passed through our lines we turned "sixteen points about" to form a huge escort on either side of them. They dipped their ensigns in salute and the two Fleets steamed for Scapa Floe. Once safely anchored all surplus officers and men of the steaming parties were

transferred to a German transport ship for their return to Germany. This left in each surrendered ship sufficient personnel to form a maintenance party. From that day onward a guard squadron of ships was in attendance, comprising battleships, various smaller ships and armed trawlers. So ended the naval might of Germany, and the beginning of the end of big war ships the world over. Our "moral victory was complete". A proud day for the Allied navies but our sympathies and admiration were extended to a gallant adversary. This is a factual account of the surrender as I saw it.

A.G. Flippence

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

Our members were invited to bring to the Hall any object of beauty or antiquity from their own homes and the collection was most interesting, Among the exhibits were a Victorian half-farthing dated 1843, a handsome fitted work-box of wood and brass over a hundred years old, some exquisite cameos, old china and English glass, a small wooden gadget for splitting straws for bonnet-making, a magnificent tea-caddy inlaid with ivory and silver, a cowrie-shell with the Lord's Prayer engraved on it, and a ship inside a bottle. Mrs. Fraser brought a black bead-embroidered sunshade once the property of the Empress Eugenie, she has a special knowledge of antiquarian objects and made comments on the various exhibits, and she also read to us a verse appropriate to her audience. entitled "After Seventy"

"Pamper the body, prod the soul, Accept Limitation but play a role,  
Withdraw from the front but stay in the fight, Avoid isolation, keep in sight.

Beware of reminiscing except to a child, To forget proper names be reconciled.  
Beware of loquacity, be crisp and concise, and regard self-pity as a cardinal vice. "

Some amusement was caused by an "antique" parcel brought by Mr. Sidney Smith which on being opened revealed a shawl of modern workmanship, afterwards presented to Mrs. Gibbons.

Mrs. Sidney Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Fraser and expressed the hope that it would not be too long before she paid us another visit.

Before the meeting a party of members went to Hughenden Church to attend a memorial service to Mrs. Smart, a loyal and much-loved member of our Club.

Taking advantage of the last sunny weather of the lingering summer, we went for a drive round our own country-side. Never have we seen a more beautiful Autumn; a fresh and varied scene of mixed colours, bright green, fading green, every shade of brown and striking scarlet. Nature had been busy with her paint-brush and a wonderful picture had been created. Returning home we found a luscious tea followed by a musical entertainment from Mr. Mitchell showing great skill in the use of his unique instruments, accompanied by Mrs. Anderson at the piano. Lively Mrs. Mines, whose age is not disclosed, then jumped up on the stage to play a medley of familiar melodies evoking a round of appreciative applause.

Newly joined members signed the linen table-cloth with their names to be worked in wool.

E.B.

NAPHILL YOUNG NEIGHBOURS

Stork's famous cookery service arrives in Naphill for our next meeting on Monday November 9th at 7.30. We hope to fill the hall with our members, their friends and the many young wives new to the Village who have never heard of us. If you are reading our report for the first time why not make this Stork



evening your first visit and join the many other young wives.

We have been in existence for over a year endeavouring to make this one evening a month a varied and pleasant meeting.

Our Keep Fit classes held in the new school hall are enjoyed by all even if we are a little stiff next morning. Our thanks to Mr. Kilby for letting so many of us, mainly his childrens' Mums, have the use of such an ideal hall.

A very big Thank You to our last month's speaker for such an interesting talk which was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Our A.G.M. was held at this meeting and we welcome three new committee members, Mrs. Stallwood, Mrs. Hussey and Mrs. Elliot who, with our founder committee, Mrs. Harper, Secretary, Mrs. Jenkins, Treasurer, Mrs. Syrett, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Watkins, will put their heads together and plan our future meetings.

N.Y.N.C.

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S  
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What a wonderful Autumn we are having! Has nature ever filled her canvas with more beautiful colouring than at present - this following one of the best summers in years should help to fortify us against the rigours any winter can produce.

Work in the garden this month consists mainly of a clearing up process. Spent crops such as runner beans, marrows, annual flowers etc. should be cleared and dug back into the soil as winter digging proceeds.

The planting of bulbs, wallflowers, polyanthus and other spring flowering plants should be completed as soon as possible. Overgrown clumps of perennials in the flower borders can be lifted and divided at this time using the strongest roots from the outside of the clumps for transplanting and discarding the weaker stuff in the centre.

Have another go at those weeds among the growing crops and clear away yellowing leaves from the brussels and other green crops.

Dahlias, chrysanthemums and gladioli should be safely under cover by now and begonias and gloxinias dried off for winter storage. Sow broad beans and peas under cloches and lettuce and mustard and cress in the greenhouse. Bring in seakale and rhubarb for forcing under the greenhouse staging or in boxes in the shed or garage.

Pick off dead leaves from pot plants and water sparingly unless they are coming into bloom.

A.H. Busby

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A N N O U N C E M E N T S  
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Mrs. A.E. Hampton, 4 Vincents Way, Naphill, has undertaken to submit reports of village activities for publication in The Bucks Free Press.

R.C.P.  
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The Annual Charity Party Dance, this year is being held on Saturday, January 16th 1965 in aid of the STOKE MANDEVILLE BRANCH OF PARAPLEIC SOC. All the usual attractions. Dancing to Ken Madelin and his band. Tickets including refreshments, 7/6d. obtainable from Mrs. Albert Brown and Alan Shrimpton. Please help this very worthy cause.  
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The Annual Collection for the Gazette is not completed at the time of going to press. A report of the Editorial Board meeting will appear in the December issue.

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*Christmas 1964*



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A T T H E V I L L A G E H A L L

DECEMBER

Monday 7th	COUNCIL MEETING	8.00
Tuesday 8th	W.I. Drama	7.30
Wednesday 9th	W.I. Drama	7.30
Friday 11th	W.I. Play "Sailor Beware"	7.30
Saturday 12th	" " " "	7.30
Monday 14th	Young Neighbours	7.30
Friday 18th	Library	6.30
	Whist Drive	7.30
Saturday 19th	Darby and Joan Party	2.30
Tuesday 31st	W.I. Committee Meeting	2.30
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MEN'S CLUB	Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday - Saturday	
INFANT WELFARE	1st and 3rd Wednesdays of month	2.30
BINGO	Every Thursday	8.00
YOUTH CLUB	Wednesdays Dec. 2nd, 15th, 23rd only	7.30

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V I L L A G E H A L L C O U N C I L M E E T I N G  
2nd NOVEMBER 1964

The late Mrs Smart of Forge Road has bequeathed the magnificent sum of £500 to the Village Hall Council. This was announced by Mr. Tooby, the Hon. Treasurer.

It is gratifying to think that Mrs. Smart thought well enough of the usefulness of the Hall and Playing Fields to the Village to remember us all like that. It will, no doubt, be some time before the money is received and the Council intend to give very careful consideration to the use of this bequest so that the name of Mrs. Smart will always be remembered.

Bucks Free Press. Mrs. A.E. Hampton who has undertaken to submit reports of Village activities for publication in the Bucks Free Press, lives at The Retreat, Pursells Meadow.

Youth Club. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to those who had supported him at the Inaugural Meeting last month. The Council resolved to make a donation of £5 to put the Club on its feet. All success was wished to the new leaders of the Club, which should be a great boon to the Village.

Extension to the Kitchen. For some time it has been felt that the kitchen arrangements were far from satisfactory. Plans have been prepared and passed by the local authorities and the Council is now seeking tenders. It is hoped that a satisfactory tender will be received so that the project may be put in hand at an early date. The members of the Council who recently collected for the Gazette were unanimous in reporting that everyone seemed pleased to support this monthly paper.

Newcomers to Naphill. It was felt that more effort might be made to attract newcomers to enter into Village activities and it may be that a party may be held some time in January for this purpose. In the meantime all newcomers are invited to consult the notice board outside the Hall and if they are interested in any of the Societies to get in touch with the persons named. They can be assured of a hearty welcome whatever their hobbies or interests are.

R.C.R.

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N A P H I L L C H U R C H  
S E R V I C E S

Sunday 6th December	Holy Communion	9.15 AM
Sunday 20th December	Evensong	3.30 PM
Christmas Day	Holy Communion	9.15 AM
Friday 1st January 1965	Carol Service	8.00 PM
Sunday School	2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays	2.30 PM

Once again, we shall have a visit from the choir and organist of Hughenden Parish Church to sing carols and lead the congregation in singing some of the well known Christmas hymns. Those who attended this service last year will remember with pleasure that memorable evening.

We were glad to have the last communion service taken by the Revd. R.G.W. Fardon, whose wife will be well remembered in the village by her former name, Miss Pamela Kilby.

A Message to Parents. If you can manage to bring your children to Sunday School, we can arrange to return them to their homes by car safe and sound.

Forthcoming Activities. Whist Drive at the Village Hall Friday 8th January. TICKETS NOW ON SALE.

W.W.  
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THE NAPHILL MISSION

Sunday Services:	10 a.m.	Family Service
	3 p.m.	Sunday School
	6.15 p.m.	Evening Service
Evangelical Services - All Welcome		

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for December</u>	<u>11. a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
December 6th	Mrs. Pike	Sister Darwent
13th	Rev. E.W. Crew (Holy Communion)	Mr. K. Lewis
20th	Mr. L. Dean	Carol Service
25th	Christmas morning Service at 9. a.m.	
	Rev. E.W. Crew	
27th	Mr. Kirkham	Mrs. Kirkham

The profit from the recent Methodist Church Bazaar held in the Village Hall on October 31st amounted to the splendid sum of £145. Grateful thanks are extended to all who helped in any way to make our Bazaar such a success.

M.G. Brown

REMEMBRANCE

" Greater love hath no man than this :  
That a man lay down his life for his friends."

A Service of Remembrance, conducted by the Reverend E.W. Crew, was held in Naphill Village Hall on Sunday, November 8th. After the service the congregation gathered round the village Memorial Stone and wreaths of poppies were reverently laid at its base.

We sang "Oh God our help in ages past" and, the lesson having been read, the Minister; in a moving address, reminded us of the debt to those who died: and to those still living who suffer the scars of war. The ideas, actions and conditions which cause wars still exist.

After prayers and a second hymn the Minister lead the way to the Memorial and read the names of the fallen from the Stone. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the Village Hall Council by its Chairman, Mr. R.C. Pushman, by pupils on behalf of the Naphill County Primary School, by Squadron Leader F.R. Jones on behalf of the Royal Air Force, by representative Scouts and Cubs, by Guides and Brownies, and on behalf of the Darby and Joan Club, by Dr. E. Bayley.

The flags of the Scouts and Guides fluttered in a cold east wind during two minutes silence. The young, the middle-aged and the old with bowed heads, were left with their prayers, their gratitude to the dead, their sorrows and their hopes for the peace for which so many lives were sacrificed in the two wars.

J.M.H.

FAMOUS TREES

I suppose the mention of Cliveden brings to mind a picture of certain young ladies in the swimming pool. While I am by no means averse to such sights, on a visit last summer I was very much more interested in the great oak tree that



stands in the grounds. Not quite the largest in Britain, but certainly in the top ten, its situation must be unique. For it stands on the top of a steeply wooded bank rising from the river Thames. As the visitor gazes down through the trees a silvery bend of the river shines far below. It was the favourite spot of George Canning, Prime Minister in the 1820's and from him it gets its name the Canning Oak. Every famous tree has its own story and I like best the one attached to an ancient Yew somewhere in Scotland. It is said that this tree was planted in the garden of the Roman Governor whose young son played amid its branches. When his term of duty expired the Governor took his family back to Rome, where when the boy grew up he followed his father into the diplomatic service. In course of time he too became Governor of a province. It was quite a high position but he can have had no conception of how it would make him famous down through the ages. For his name was Pontius Pilate.

Ron Piercy

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E D I T O R I A L

We are conscious of the failure of our large staff of reporters (which does not exist!), to cover the Social and Personal happenings in the village. We appeal to readers to send to the Gazette (Beech Cottage, NAP 3135) particulars for publication of all those wonderful new babies, romantic Engagements, Weddings and important Anniversaries.

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We have been asked to comment on the fact that only about one hundred people were present at the Village Hall Service of Remembrance on November 8th. Similar lack of whole-hearted participation has been noted throughout the country by the Churches, Press and the B.B.C. and attributed variously to selfish apathy, ingratitude and materialism : particularly on the part of the young. This is too big a subject for brief comment. For the old it may seem a simple duty to pay tribute to those who died. For the young Remembrance Day may seem to stress the futility of wars which have always failed to end wars. It may be that future Remembrance Days should not only look to the past but also to those positive forces in the world which work for international understanding and seek to analyse the causes of wars. The aim : to achieve international justice without violence, must inevitably be the major concern of the rising generation. It is also the ideal for which so many died.

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Requests have been made for further advertisements similar to those appearing in "panels" on the back sheet in the Gazette. It is, however, economically necessary to find at least eight new advertisers so as to fill a complete page with advertisements of this type. The price for a Panel is 5/- per issue with a contract for 12 months. We shall be glad to hear from any further local firms who wish to take advantage of this inexpensive and effective form of publicity (NAP 2137 or NAP 3135).

BY THE WAY : We beg to remind those postal subscribers who have not yet responded to the appeal for subscriptions enclosed with their October number of the Gazette that this is the occasion when we hope to be assured that they are receiving the Gazette regularly and wish delivery to be continued. The announcement of an increase in the price for postage in January is viewed with some alarm. We shall have to tighten our budget !

M E N S C L U B N O T E S

Once again the competitions are on us for another year and the handicappers have done their work. And once again I can only forecast that Geoff Smith will retain his billiards title with ease. The only man who appears to stand a chance of beating him, is Phil State a popular member from Hughenden; but they have taken note of one of my complaints last year and given the poorer players a chance. Receiving 45 or 50 these men only need a few flukes to beat anyone but they are unlikely to be really lucky in every round.

The Snooker cup is very open and I can only say that Laurie Butler and Arthur Flippance are in very good form and that Albert Reed will fight hard to retain his cup.

R.P.

N A P H I L L W. I.

The November Meeting was our Annual General Meeting and we had with us Mrs Williamson, V.C.O. She congratulated us on the way we ran the business of the meeting and spoke of plans for the Jubilee Year and general W.I. business. She was thanked by Mrs. Piercy.

Mrs. G. Smith was elected President for the next year, with Mesdames Weekes and Piercy as Vice Presidents, Mrs. Balls, Secretary and Mrs. Bull, Treasurer. The rest of the committee are Mesdames Hussey, Jackson, Wood, Gilson, Harries, Brill and Osborne.

Mrs. Bull gave the financial report and Mrs. Balls the annual report which showed an active and successful year. Mrs. Weekes thanked Mesdames Barber and Gosling from Downley, who acted as tellers and Mrs. Kilby thanked the retiring committee for their work in the past year.

The competition for an embroidered tea cloth was won by Mrs. Brill and Mrs. Harries who tied for 1st place.

Next month there will be a demonstration on Christmas decorations of the house. Competition: Six mince pies (short crust). Tea hostesses: Mesdames Tooby, Brill, Brion and Gibson.

On Friday December 11th and Saturday December 12th the Drama Group are performing "Sailor Beware" at 7.30 in the Village Hall. We are expecting full houses each night and we know a good time will be had by all.

E.M.O.

H O R T I C U L T U R A L S O C I E T Y

At a recent Committee Meeting our Treasurer Mr. K.J. Lunnon reported that in spite of some heavy financial losses on our two Shows during the present year, we still had a small balance in hand to carry forward. Full details of the Society's financial position and of our activities during the year will be presented to the Annual General Meeting to be held at the end of January. The date etc. will be given in next month's Gazette.

May I again remind members that we are affiliated to the following National Societies: The Royal Horticultural Society, the Sweet Pea, Rose, Dahlia, Gladiolus, Delphinium and Chrysanthemum Societies. Anyone interested in any of these flowers can from time to time obtain useful information from the Year Books and bulletins to be had free on loan from our Secretary. Free tickets can be had for any of these National Shows when they are held including the Great Chelsea Show, and for visiting the R.H.S. gardens at Wisley.

A.H. Busby

D A R B Y   A N D   J O A N   C L U B

Our President, Dr. Eric Bayley gave us a short talk on the Life and Times of Dr. William Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood; his book on that subject being published in 1628. Tobacco-smoking was introduced in Harvey's life-time. Queen Elizabeth put a tax of twopence on every pound of tobacco brought into the country and King James the First raised the tax to six shillings and tenpence per pound; he condemned smoking as a useless and dangerous habit in a royal edict entitled "A Counterblaster to Tobacco". Today in 1964 the public spend over eight hundred million pounds per annum on tobacco.

Please note that on December 11th the Rev. S.A.C. Dickens will give us a talk on "A Visit to the Holy Land" and that our Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 19th.

Mr. Ronald Rose, a Member of our Club, spent the first few years of his married life in Borneo where his son was born. His professional task was to build roads through the jungle, the labourers being the natives of Borneo with Chinese and Indians from Pakistan. Mr. Rose fascinated us by his account of life in that distant East Indian Island and its varied flora and fauna. The warm sea and extensive sands made sea-bathing one of the happiest pastimes for folk of all ages and it is said that the babies began to swim before they could walk. Animal life ranged from gentle deer of primitive size to crocodiles twenty-five feet long which have been known to attack human beings. Poisonous snakes made their homes in the foundations of the bungalows. In the burning heat of noon-day all was silent as though nature had gone to sleep, but as evening came the air was filled with the loud chirping sound of the cicades and the monotonous call of the brain-fever bird. Small ponies were the chief form of transport. The landscapes were bright with the colours of the vegetation and as a constant back-ground to the scenery a mighty mountain rose in the centre of the Island. The audience enjoyed Mr. Rose's personally-conducted tour of Borneo and they asked for more when he brought them all back home, safe and sound, to Naphill. Mr. Sidney Smith, who had also had experience of life in the East, gave a vote of thanks. Mr. George Lynch gave us an amusing account in original verse of a budgerigar which was convinced that it was a gentleman bird for five years and then changed his (her) mind and started to lay eggs (produced for inspection) to the surprise of all concerned.

----- E.B. -----

G A R D E N   N O T E S

The weather this Autumn has provided plenty of opportunity to get in a spot of digging, and for once it has been a pleasure to plant out wallflowers, polyanthus and forget-me-nots and also to get in the spring flowering bulbs without getting plastered in mud.

If you have any roses or shrubs that you want to transplant now is the time. Many of you may be a little impatient because those roses and things you have ordered have not yet arrived; but have you got the ground ready to receive them? If you propose digging in manure for them make sure that it does not come into contact with the roots at planting time, but if you are using bonemeal this is quite safe. It would be a good idea to get some soil under cover so that in case of a rainy spell at the time of their arrival you have dry soil to work in round the roots; it makes the job much easier and less messy.

Now that the leaves have fallen the pruning of fruit trees can be attended to and if neglected last year spray them with a tar oil winter wash. Carry out the instructions on the container carefully.

Keep a constant eye on all plants growing under glass in greenhouse, the house window, or under cloches or cold frames. Slugs and aphids are still active and dead or dying leaves can harbour pests and diseases. Give the plants all the light and air possible if the weather remains mild.

A.H. Busby

N A P H I L L F. C.

We are this year enjoying one of our better seasons. The first eleven are just beginning to reach the form which we all know they were capable of producing. Having won the last three league games we hope to see them competing for Division I honours.

The present Reserve side must be one of the strongest and most competent reserves sides fielded by Naphill. Having dropped only one point from nine league matches they are on top of Division 4 and look like romping away with the title.

This month has seen the installation of floodlights on the Playing fields and should add that extra incentive for the players to train regularly.

Results of matches played this month:

1st Eleven : Holmer Green (Berks & Bucks Cup) lost 1-0. Sands (League) won 7-1.  
Broom & Wade (League) won 5-2. Happy Wanderers (Wycombe Cup) lost 7-2.  
Reserves : Chalvey (Maidenhead Cup) lost 3-1. Hedsor (Chalfont Cup) lost 6-2.  
Lacey Green (League) won 7-2. Chesham Moor (League) won 10-1.  
Turnpike (League) won 5-1.

N A P H I L L Y O U N G N E I G H B O U R S

The Committee wish a Very Happy Christmas to all members and the many visitors who have attended our meetings. This Christmassy note sets the topic for our meeting on Monday evening December 14th at 7.30.

"Make it Yourself" Christmas Decorations will be the subject of Mrs. Griffiths who will demonstrate many of her lovely ideas to festoon our homes this Christmastide. Under her guidance our own creations will later take shape. If we come armed with Scissors, two large clean newspapers, one foot length of course string, pretty oddments of silver paper, a collection of oddments ready gilded e.g. small sprays of yew, gypsophylla, thistle heads, holly leaves, corn ears, dried seed-heads from flowers, coloured candles, a cake-base and plasticine.

To complete the evening: party-fare with coffee or tea.

Our November meeting was a cookery demonstration by a margarine firm - so successful was it that we have booked them for a future meeting. The display of animals and gonks all made by our members for the Bazaar was a wonderful achievement and one of which we may be justly proud.

N.Y.N.C.

N A P H I L L S C O U T S A N D G U I D E S

On Saturday, October 3rd, the new Joint Headquarters behind the Village Hall was officially opened by the County Guide Commissioner, Mrs. G. Wills and the County Scout Commissioner, Air-Commodore I.E. Brodie. The ceremony was attended by a large number of invited guests, parents and friends. The Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Cubs and Rangers formed a Guard of Honour. Mrs. Wills cut a ceremonial tape and Air Commodore Brodie used a Key to open the doors. The colours were carried in and short addresses given by the Commissioners, after which the County Chaplain, the Reverend C. Warner conducted a Service of Dedication.

A telegram of good wishes was received from the Committee's Chairman, Mr. J. Howland, from Minsk in the U.S.S.R.

The opening was the culmination of four year's work by a Joint Committee of parents and friends and the boys and girls themselves, and the building itself stands as a tribute to that effort. The Committee do not intend to rest on their laurels. Funds will still be required regularly to support other Scout and Guide activities and to pay for rates, electricity, etc. For this purpose a very successful Hallowe'en Fair was held on Saturday, October 24th when the Village Hall was decorated in a fittingly "spooky" way and was opened by Mrs. Cade, the wife of Wing Commander A.S. Cade, of Headquarters Bomber Command. A net profit of well over £60 was made and this is to be devoted to the purchase of training and camping equipment. Sincere thanks are due to all who worked so hard to make the occasion a success.

The Scout Troop are shortly losing David Burrage who was their Scoutmaster for more than 3 years. He is returning to Birmingham as Assistant Warden of a Boys Home, on demobilisation from the R.A.F. He will take with him the good wishes of very many friends in Naphill, and we are pleased that his calm and cheerful enthusiasm for youth work will be continuing for the benefit of other boys. Thank you, David, on behalf of all the parents of Naphill Scouts.

1st Naphill Scouts: Since our last report the troop has gained in <sup>R.C. Wells</sup> strength. We now have 15 members, and we can take in another 10 members, so come along young lads, and those not so old. We welcome to the troop Derek Martin who has come from London Town to join us. Derek has just gained his Queen's Scout Badge so he is quite an asset. Derek will be taking an A.S.M. Warrant in the near future.

The 14/15 of this month saw an Adventure week-end for the Troop. Ten Scouts were taken by car at night to two different points, and given several map references, found their way back to H.Q. Hot soup awaited the adventurers on their return. The lads then slept the night at H.Q, some soundly, some not so soundly. In the morning the boys cooked their own breakfast followed by second class test instruction. The morning ended by attending morning services at Bomber Command church.

This month we shall be saying our farewells to our present Scoutmaster David Burridge. David has done sterling work in his quiet way, and will be missed by us all. So Good Luck, David, in your new work, and Than You for all you have done.

Brownie News: We are very proud to have a First Class P.A.B.  
Brownie in the pack; Teresa Butler gained this honour when she passed her Golden Hand Badge in October. Three proficiency badges have also been passed this month. They are as follows: Teresa Butler - Knitters Badge. Leonie Mullett - House Orderly. Alison Day - House Orderly.

This month too we have been collecting material, wool, needles, etc. to send to the Brownies and Guides of Molepolole, Bechuanaland. These children are living in a land where the harvest has failed for three years and so we know they have no money to spare. Our parcel may encourage them to carry on their Guiding activities.

Brown Owl

SOS : There are 24 very keen Brownies in the Naphill Pack and there are several more eager to join as recruits, but we are very short of Brownie Guiders and if the pack is not to close down shortly someone must be found to run the Pack. If you feel you could spare an hour or so to help with the pack, please contact Mrs. Gosling, 65 Greenwoods.

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G A Z E T T E   A N N U A L   M E E T I N G   O C T O B E R   2 9 T H

The Annual Banquet to staff and literary contributors to the Gazette did not take place this year : and probably never will but the Editorial Board met as usual and thanks were recorded to those who have written articles and reports and maintained production in other ways : not forgetting the "Noble Band of Staplers ". The Board consists of Mr. A.M. Lawrence (Printing), Mr. R.S. Piercy (Manager), Mrs. A. Russel (Typing), Mr. D.C. Tooby (Treasurer), Mr. W.S. Warner (Delivery) with the Editor. Various ideas for the future were discussed and the financial position reviewed. The annual door-to-door collection organised by our Manager yielded, with the R.A.F. contribution, about £60. The generosity of all those who so willingly contributed is hereby acknowledged. Sincere thanks were expressed for the enthusiasm and successful work of the volunteer collectors including Mesdames Butler, Cooper, Hampton, Harvey, C. Hayward, Hussey, Jack, Spooner, Winter-Taylor and Messrs. Leek, Pushman and Rose. We wish to thank Wing Commander A.S. Cade, Officer Commanding Headquarters (Unit) Bomber Command for the arrangements made for the collection from our R.A.F. readers and distribution throughout the year. The Gazette looks forward with confidence, believing that the cost of the next twelve issues is assured. Letters expressing appreciation received from Dr. Bayley, Air Commodore Clappen, Mr. & Mrs. M. Thompson and Mrs. A. Hawes were read at the meeting. Thanks be to all concerned with the collection and for kind words.

J.M.H.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

The Editor  
Naphill Gazette

Sir, I should like to refer to the November issue of your Gazette, wherein Mr. Rose referred to the newly installed clocks. In this connection I feel the public should appreciate the fact that I was not the 'prime mover' as such, but merely the Secretary of the three sports clubs carrying out the effort initially. The actual work was carried out by a small sub-committee from each of the three clubs, and all members of this committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. Blunt have worked to bring the scheme to a successful conclusion. On behalf of the three clubs concerned I should like to express our appreciation to the Council for its assistance in our effort.

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Stanley Monks

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