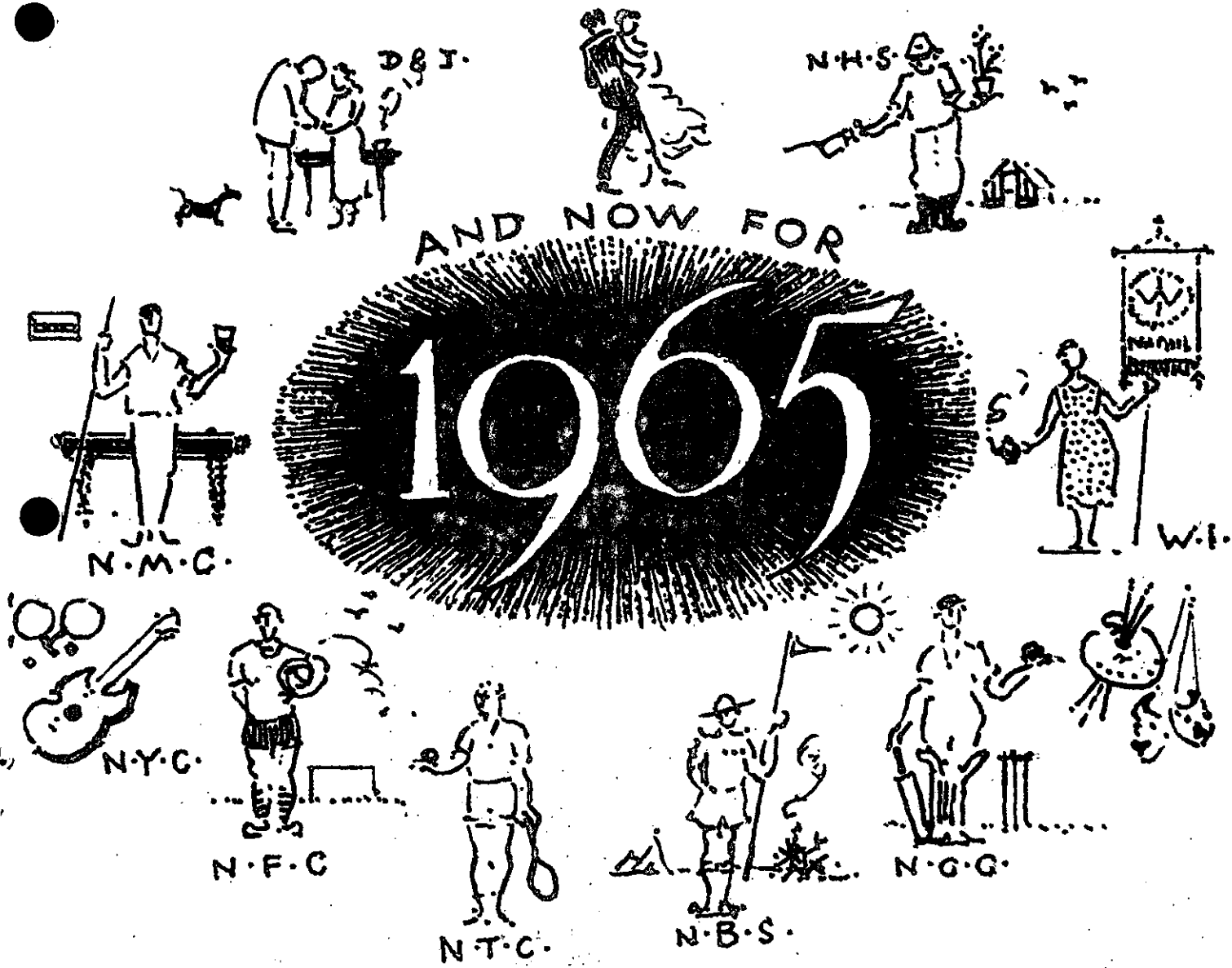


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"THE GLAD NEW YEAR"

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

January	4th	VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL MEETING	8.00
	5th	Drama	7.30
	7th	Art Class	7.30
	8th	Whist Drive	7.30
	15th	Whist Drive	7.30
	15th	Darby & Joan	2.30
	16th	Alan Shrimpton Party	8.00
	28th	W.I. Committee Meeting	2.30
	29th	Whist Drive	7.30
	30th	NAPHILL GAZETTE published	
		Youth Club - Every Wednesday	7.30
		Mens Club - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	
		Bingo - Every Thursday	8.00
		Library - 15th and 29th	6.30-8.00

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
December 7th 1964

The main part of the meeting was taken up by consideration of a progress report made by Mr. R.C. Rose on additions to the structure of the Hall so as to provide additional kitchen space with greatly improved service from the kitchen to the hall. After full discussion a motion to accept a tender and put the work in hand at a suitable time was carried with the exception of one vote.

The Chairman, Mr. Pushman, expressed the thanks of the Council to Mr. Rose for so generously devoting his professional knowledge and time to the project. The purchase of a garage for the new gang mowing machine was also approved. The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Brill, the new W.I. representative to the Council.

The Village Hall Bazaar had been successful and thanks were recorded to all who had participated. The Hall funds would benefit by some £67.

It was reported that after careful examination of the records of the hiring of the Hall by outside bodies it had been decided that in future the Hall would be let to Village organisations only or to bodies guaranteed by a Naphill resident.

On behalf of the Men's Club Mr. H. Tweedale asked if the Club's meetings could take place on Monday evenings instead of Wednesdays, and if the Council would assume responsibility for any damage to the billiard tables caused by youthful players. The Council agreed to the change and undertook to investigate the cost of insuring tables.

A request was made for the provision by the Thames Valley Bus Service of a shelter at the top of Coombe Lane. It was reported that the Naphill Scouts had undertaken to ensure the hoisting of the Union Jack outside the Hall on appropriate occasions.

J.M.H.

W I N E A N D C H E E S E P A R T Y

There must be many newcomers to the Village of Naphill who are not aware of the many amenities which are available to them by joining in its many activities.

In order to help people get to know of the various organisations and more important - the people who belong to them, the Village Hall and Playing Fields Council is holding a Wine & Cheese Party, in the Village Hall during February on a date to be announced in next months Gazette. Representatives from all organisations will be present together with members of the Council.

Tickets, moderately priced, and entitling the bearer to wine and cheese, will be on sale towards the end of January. It is hoped that as many people as possible will come along, especially those who have recently come to live in Naphill. Tickets will be available from members of the Council and from ticket sellers whose names will appear in the February Gazette.

R.C.Pushman

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

Preachers for January

	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
January 3rd	Miss Anstey	Mr. M. Dick
January 10th	Mr. F. Baker	Rev E.W. Crew (Covenant Service)
January 17th	Mr. A. Goodearl	Mr. F. Gregory
January 24th	Rev. W.G.Ream, M.A.	Wesley Preaching Group
		M.G. Brown

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

Friday January 1st	Carol Service	8.0.p.m.
Sunday January 3rd	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.
Sunday January 17th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays at		2.30 p.m.

Whist Drive at Naphill Village Hall Friday 8th January at 7.30 p.m.

A visit from a Bishop is always an occasion to be remembered, but the visit we received from the Bishop of Buckingham on Tuesday 22nd December for a service of Holy Communion and Consecration was an historic occasion: the first official visit by Dr.Pepys to Naphill Church.

The old image of a Bishop as a remote and unapproachable person has, fortunately, faded. Our present day Bishops are friendly people, interested in the daily life and work of ordinary members of the community, whether church-people or not.

Our Bishop has the responsibility for so many parishes that his visits to any particular church must necessarily be infrequent, but we were glad to welcome him to Naphill, particularly as he gave up part of his 'day off' to take this service. We hope very much the Bishop will be able to visit us again.

X Forthcoming Rummage Sale - February 27th 1965

THE NAPHILL MISSION

FILM RALLY 7.30 p.m. SATURDAY 2nd JANUARY

Chairman: Mr. C.L. Wunnerley (Chalfont St. Giles.)

Concluding address: Mr. G. Cansdale (Radio & T.V. animal expert)

"CITY OF THE BEES"

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The colour photography of the film is outstanding and the commentary of great interest. How is it the bees have overcome social problems whose solution still eludes man? The film seeks the answer.

Organized by the Naphill Mission. All welcome.

N A P H I L L W.I.

The December meeting was a small but very busy one. Mrs. Smith welcomed two new members - Mesdames Gibbs & Thyne, and presented savings certificates to the new babies of Mesdames Pushman and Turner.

Mrs. Smart having so generously bequeathed £50 to the W.I., we discussed what form a memorial should take. A bell for the Presidents table, inscribed with Mrs. Smart's name, will be bought with some of the money.

We were interested to hear from Mrs. Barbara Stevenson, now living in New Zealand, that she had met relations of Naphill people out there.

Mrs. Piercy gave us some suggestions for future outings. No doubt because of the cold weather no-one seemed anxious to stir out of Naphill. When the warmer weather comes it may be a different story!

A Christmas parcel and money have been sent to the Adopted Family and a donation of £2 to the Kennedy Memorial Fund.

Our open night will be on February 13th.

"Christmas Decorations" by Mrs. O'Conner gave us many good ideas. She was thanked by Mrs. Bull. Next month there will be a talk on "Bardsey - Isle of Birds and Saints, by Susan Cowdy. Competition, "Painting of a Bird".

Tea hostesses: Mesdames Brown, Biggs, Drake and Gosling.

E.M.O.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE SHRUBBERY

I am poaching in A.H.B.'s preserves this month, but I know he will forgive me, for it was on a visit to a garden in North Bucks last summer that I first beheld a yellow lilac in bloom, and immediately

fell a victim to envy, lust and greed. A friend who was going to the Chelsea Flower Show procured for me the name of a firm dealing in this treasure, and as all gardeners will know, one thing leads to another. So now I have four different coloured lilacs standing in a row behind a low hedge of yew. The natural result was that the neighbouring plot now looked remarkably untidy. So I set to work and removed some items of little value, trimmed back some overgrown shrubs, and lopped off all the overhanging tree branches. And now I have a bed of azaleas with a tall flowering almond as a background. But planting azaleas in the alien soil of Naphill is something like taking a wife. You must ask yourself the question - can you maintain them in the state to which they have been accustomed? I have given them a soil rich in humus and I hope fairly free of lime, and now I need that ingredient which some call luck and some call faith. With it, the expenditure of a few pounds, and some hard work, will give a lifetime's pleasure. No other investment can yield such high dividends.

Ron Piercy

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

The first Dance held jointly by the Cricket, Football and Tennis Clubs on Friday 11th December at the Hughenden Village Hall proved to be a great success, in spite of the disappointment of being unable to book the Naphill Village Hall. About 120 members of the clubs and friends attended, and Mick Commons breached well the gap caused by the illness of the M.C. who had been engaged for the evening.

The profit from the Dance has enabled the Joint Committee to clear the account for the erection of the outside clocks at the Naphill Village Hall in memory of Don and Iris Ing, and the remainder of the profit will be allocated in the near future to a local charity.

It is intended to make this Dance an annual event, and already bookings are being made for the next one.

A.L.

W. I. D R A M A G R O U P

Many, many thanks to all taking part in "Sailor Beware" for two wonderful evenings of continuous laughter. We shall long remember the agonised cry of "Bleeding hearts in the tea-cup" which came from Muriel Piercy as the twittering Edie Hornett. Dorothy Smith as Emma Hornett ruled everyone with a rod of iron until taken in hand by Albert, played by Maurice Balls, who left Shirley Hornett (Marion Lovell) standing at the altar. This brought "Ma" and "Shirl" quickly to their senses, especially when Douglas Tooby as the Vicar helped to sort things out. Who will ever forget the down-trodden Henry Hornett, played by Harold Bannister, returning drunk on the eve of the wedding from his celebrations with Albert and Carnoustie Bligh (Murray Webster): Carnoustie, the canny Scot who was determined not to yield to the advances of Gladys Russell, as the skittish bridesmaid, Daphne Pink, but who was conquered just the same in the end. The kettle was always on the boil and as soon as the tea was made, in popped Carol Wild, as Mrs Lack, the next door neighbour,

glorying in all the scandalous goings on and ready to give words of advice which nobody heeded!

All thanks are due to producer, Blanche Weekes, for giving us such a hilarious evening. She and the whole company must have worked really hard. We very much appreciate their splendid efforts.

E.M.O.

N A P H I L L Y O U T H C L U B

The Youth Club has now been running for about six weeks and has shown encouraging signs of being a success, with welcome support from many members. The committee has tried to find out the particular interests and hobbies of members in an attempt to please everyone. Needless to say, dancing records and table tennis are popular and recently we have obtained a dart board and hope soon to have a billiard table.

We have also formed a Debating Society, our first debate being "The House Believes that Smoking should be restrained", and hope in the near future to form a Drama Group.

As we have entered for the Bucks "Top of the Form" Competition we have had two "Final Runs" to choose five members to represent our Club and although we have not yet been accepted, we wish them the best of luck as they do have to take part.

I should like to say a special "Thank You" to Mrs. Pusey and Mrs. Tutton who very kindly came along to help with the refreshments, for which we are very grateful.

J.S.

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

"I have heard of your paintings too" as Hamlet said to his poor Ophelia; but the ladies of the W.I. have turned from cosmetics to the pure delights of which Sir Winston Churchill wrote so convincingly in "Painting for Pleasure". Now that academic barriers are down, and professional painters scorn professional techniques, everyone can "Have a bash". With potential success. Integrity with good eyesight and colour sense, not to mention a brush and some paints, may re-discover what a surprising, interesting and unpredictable world it is. An old coat, thrown over a piano, may be just an example of untidiness - but for the "Seeing Eye" it has infinite variety of shapes, textures and colours: all changing with the light and seen differently by each painter. "Looking" at things for utilitarian purposes is quite different from "seeing" them. It is not easy to separate what is seen from what is known. The painter learns to set aside all pre-conceptions and see! Francis Thompson had words for it

"The angels keep their ancient places.

Turn but a stone and start a wing.

'Tis you with your unseeing faces

Who miss the many-splendoured thing."

Good luck to the W.I. painters in discovering the many-splendoured things and, of course, the actual painting is fun!

J.M.H.

W A R M E M O R I E S NO 6
MY NIGHT OF TERROR by
Ron Bull

My love of wild life and wild places has ensured that I have a mind full of happy memories. Such little knowledge as I have acquired gives me much pleasure, but I will never forget a night of terror I once endured when this little knowledge added needlessly to my fears.

Firstly, let me explain that this happened in Assam, the country sandwiched between the Continent of India and Burma. Assam is still thinly populated and is known for its wild animals, rhinoceros, elephant and leopard to name just a few. Westwards from my tent were hundreds of miles of unbroken trees clear into Bengal; the home of the world's most beautiful creature, the Bengal tiger. Two days earlier I had flown over this territory, mile upon mile of tree tops that looked like a vast tray of green cauliflowers jam-packed together. Eastwards lay jungle and mountain into Burma and Thai-land. Far away to the North were the Himalayan foothills where mountains four times the height of Snowdon are still called only hills. To the South lay the plain of Imphal.

A second explanation provides the information that this was during war-time. The squadron with which I served flew out to relieve a Canadian squadron and almost as our first relief plane arrived, the whole Canadian outfit flew off. The rest of our planes were strung out at one thousand mile intervals between Assam and England so a tiny handful of us inherited an airstrip of tarred felt and such items of equipment that the home-going Canadians did not want to take. They left some scattered tents and straw huts in which were Indian style beds (called charpoys). These are wooden frames on legs, the frames being criss-crossed with strings and how much these strings cut into your body depends on what padding you have available to put on top of them. We had no mosquito nets, precious little equipment and no guns. However our own personal kit and some rations travelled with us in the same plane so we managed without difficulty until proper supplies arrived by truck from an Indian Army unit.

The plane was seen to be safe for the night and the order went out "one man to one tent". This was because in those early days we did not know the integrity and honesty of the local Manipuri people. The straw huts could not be stolen but the tents easily could, so if one man slept in each of them we should still have the same number when daylight came. Anyway the straw huts did not attract me, they could harbour too many crawly things and, with no mosquito nets as protection, some weird night-time crawler might drop off the ceiling on to my bed. The tents were much more attractive in this respect. That night we all slept the sleep of the exhausted, if not the just.

The next day we set about making those few acres of Assam as comfortable as possible. We checked our tents, our homes for many months to come, and scoured around for useful things like empty petrol tins and essential things like the water supply. Before turning in for the evening I filled a two gallon tin with water and stood it just outside my tent, so that it would be handy for a wash and shave the next morning.

We all gradually settled for the night as dusk came. I left the tent flap well open at the top because the nights were hot and when the moon rose it was incredibly brilliant, casting a silver vee on the tent floor where it shone through the open flap. The beds creaked at every movement and for a while there was a lot of wriggling. Later on we acquired mattresses to put on top of the cutting strings, but at first we merely had one blanket each. Not being quite so tired this second night, sleep was longer in claiming me, but slowly that pleasant half-awake and half-asleep state came and my thoughts drifted from one thing to another. Who would be on tomorrow's plane? When would the cookhouse be organised? Then finally to thoughts of home and Ann.

A sudden but momentary scare came when I heard jackals calling for the first time. For a few moments I remembered that jackals sometimes follow the big cats in the hope of a left-over tit-bit from their kill. During the day I had seen water buffalo that are used to plough the rice fields and I wondered if such huge beasts would be safe from attack by a hungry leopard. The jackals called again but my eyelids were getting too heavy to keep open. Anyway they were a long way off and I was sure no animals would dare to come close to our camp. I slipped peacefully into sleep little knowing that in a short time I was to face my night of terror. (To be concluded in the February issue of the Gazette).

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

The meeting on November 27th was of special interest as the Downley Drama Group staged a play produced by Mrs. Weekes entitled "Tarzan's Mother". This short comedy was well-suited to the talented caste who kept us laughing from the start to the final scene.

On this occasion members brought friends and a full-house enjoyed the fun followed by a good tea. Mrs. Weekes and the Downley Drama Group were overwhelmed with requests to visit us again. We welcomed two new members, Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Newall.

We proudly report that our Christmas Party surpassed all records and sent us home with a store of cheerful memories. Mr. Geoffrey Smith acted as compere. Mr. Philip Bowell, accompanied by Mr. Wilby chose modern songs to suit his melodious voice, with old favourites for us to join in the chorus, and he received warm applause. Then followed a visit from Guides under the leadership of Mrs. Mitchell and Pauline Simmons. They brought presents for every member and sang carols (with Mrs. Anderson at the piano). Their fresh young voices added charm to familiar words and tunes. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Mitchell. Tea was then served, with hundreds of different sandwiches, cakes galore, fruit jellies and, as a special treat, each had a slice of a magnificent cake made with ornamental icing by Mrs. Dorothy Smith who was invited to cut her cake with due ceremony. After tea came the afternoon's surprise: The Films. Everyone has heard of Mr. Tony Rose, so well-known in the Film world, and he very kindly organised a film-show for the benefit of our Club of which both his parents are members. The first film showed Mr. Rose's children and their friends chasing their dog until they caught him and gave him a bath on the lawn; arousing much laughter. The second film showed a man watering

The chapel was literally crammed, and many could say, "Master, it is good for us to be here". We beg gratefully to acknowledge the kindness of those farmers and gentlemen who lent their horses, etc., to draw all the materials; to many liberal friends for their handsome donations; to all who assisted us, we tender our thanks. May this edifice be the birthplace of many precious souls -

"And in the great decisive day
When God the nations shall survey,
May it before the world appear,
That crowds were born for glory here".

Signed - James Mules."

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

The Editor, Beech Cottage

Dear Sir, I started to learn Spanish last September but unfortunately my teacher, an English lady who lived at North Dean, has had to return unexpectedly to Spain with her Spanish husband. I am very keen to continue my studies in Spanish and not to upset my ordinary schooling. I wondered whether there is someone in the village who might accept me as a pupil.

Yours faithfully, Jacqueline Nixon, Ashleigh, Naphill.

Replies to this appeal should be sent to Miss Nixon (Ed.)

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

THE VILLAGE CAROL CONCERT was again very well supported and resulted not only in an enjoyable evening, but realised a profit of £20 donated to OXFAM. Thank you one and all. J.L.

NAPHILL WHIST DRIVES. I wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year, and also take this opportunity of thanking you for support at the Whist Drives during 1964; with very special thanks to those who gave prizes, refreshments or assistance at our Christmas Drive on 18th December. I hope to see you all at our regular whist drives throughout 1965.

Ron Watson

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

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We go to press on the day of the announcement of the death of Sir Winston Churchill. Sorrow in all parts of the world is mingled with pride in a man who has ennobled human nature

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

Monday	1st	VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL MEETING	8.00
Tuesday	2nd	Drama	7.30
Wednesday	3rd	Infant Welfare	2.30
		Youth Club	8.00
Thursday	4th	W.I. Monthly Meeting	2.30
		Horticultural Society	8.00 BR
Friday	5th	Darby and Joan	2.30
Monday	8th	Young Neighbours	7.30
Tuesday	9th	Conservative A.G.M.	8.00
Wednesday	10th	Youth Club	8.00
Friday	12th	Whist Drive	7.30
Saturday	13th	W.I. Open Night	
Tuesday	16th	Drama	7.30
Wednesday	17th	Youth Club	8.00
		Welfare	2.30
Friday	19th	Darby and Joan	2.30
		VILLAGE HALL WINE AND CHEESE PARTY	8.00
Tuesday	23rd	Drama	7.30
Wednesday	24th	Youth Club	8.00
Thursday	25th	W.I. Committee	2.30
Friday	26th	Whist Drive	7.30
Saturday	27th	Rummage Sale	2.30
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Naphill Infant Welfare Clinic - 1st Weds. and 3rd Weds(Doctor's Day) 2 - 4 pm
 Mens Club - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 6.30 - 8 pm
 Free Library - (Alternate Fridays) 12th and 26th
 Bingo - Every Thursday

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

At the January meeting the following important date was fixed:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 MONDAY MARCH 22nd AT 8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Developments affecting everyone are in progress after a year of Mr. Pushman's active Chairmanship and the Council expects, and indeed well deserves, general support and appreciation. Will all readers kindly reserve the date and make arrangements to be present at what is certain to be an interesting and rewarding occasion.

Amongst other matters discussed were the arrangements for the "Wine and Cheese Party" to be held in the Hall on Friday, 19th February, from 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. This will be a unique party to which those residents who may be new

to the village and who may not be familiar with the many forms of recreation and enjoyment provided in a most informal and friendly way by the different group activities, are cordially invited. Introductions and information regarding these activities will be freely given.

The offer of Mr. Alan Shrimpton to help organise the Fete for 1965 was welcomed and accepted with unanimous satisfaction and anticipation.

The mouth-watering flavour of vegetables freshly gathered from one's own garden and put straight into the pot is readily available in Naphill because there are at present several vacant plots in the Parish Council allotments near the Old School and Clappins Lane end. The rent is nominal and application should be made to the Clerk of the Parish Council, Mr. R. Wooster, "Cobbers", Kingshill, High Wycombe, without delay.

Naphill Youth Club, with some forty members, has been successfully established by the Chairman who announced that the Youth Club Committee, elected from its own members, will henceforth constitute the governing body, responsible to the Chairman of the Village Hall Council, and the Club Leaders.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Village Hall Council to the Editor of the Naphill Gazette and members of the Editorial Board, who give so much pleasure to readers by their monthly endeavours.

TROPHY WINNER: Congratulations are offered to Mr. H. Tweedale who gained the Princes Risborough Photographic Society Cup for the best Colour Transparency of the year.

TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS OF NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH
A WINE AND CHEESE PARTY

is being held in the Village Hall on Friday, 19th February, at 8.00 p.m. Members of the Village Hall Council and representatives of all social and sporting activities will be present and eager to meet you.

Tickets, price 3/6d (entitling you to two glasses of wine and as much cheese as you can eat) are on sale from Members of the Village Hall Council. If you do not know who they are, ring the Chairman, MR. R. PUSHMAN, NAPHILL 3122, or SECRETARY, MR. R. ROSE, NAPHILL 3207.

THE NAPHILL MISSION

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

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

Preachers for February	11.a.m.	-6.15 p.m.
Feb 7	Mr. D. Rance, B.A.	Mr. R. Daykin
Feb 14	Dr. G. Rose	Mr. W.H. Pearcey
Feb 21	Rev. E.W. Crew (Holy Communion)	Mr. P. Langston
Feb 28	Mr. W.J. Parkins	Rev. E.W. Crew

A Rummage Sale will be held in the Methodist Schoolroom on Saturday February 6th at 2.30.

M.G. Brown

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

Feb 7	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.
Feb 21	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School	2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays	2.30 p.m.

Last month's whist drive was a great success, thanks to all who came, all who gave, and all those who helped.

A Rummage Sale, second-hand market, jumble sale, (call it what you will), will be held in the Village Hall on the last Saturday of this month. Friends of the church are asked to sort out un-wanted goods. Anything saleable between a motor car and a salt spoon will be acceptable, so please bring your goods along in the morning or we will collect if you ask us. No longer are rummage sales places where things are given by the rich and purchased by the poor. Whatever your status is, you can often pick up a real bargain, buy a raffle ticket, enjoy a cup of tea and pass the time of day with your friends.

If you have something to give please contact one of the following: Mesdames J. Goodman, M. Smith, J. Balls (Naphill 2154), J. Hopkins (3179) J. Simmonds (2274) E. Wood (3163) M. Carter (High Wycombe 5755).

The date : 27th FEB. The Time : 2.30 p.m. The Place : The Village Hall
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W.W.

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

Spring being round the corner (we hope) the Club is beginning to get organised again after being dormant for the past few months.

The Annual General Meeting is being held in the Billiards Room on Thursday 25th February at 8 p.m. and we hope that all members will come and bring along their friends who are interested in joining the Club. The meeting will be followed by the now traditional "Fish & Chips" and the mixing of business with pleasure makes it an enjoyable evening.

As usual at the time we are always on the look out for new members. There are, we feel sure, many new residents in the village who are interested, and to those we give a special welcome to come and join us. The Subscription is very low, the standard of play is mixed and not very high, and a good club atmosphere exists.

A.M.L.

MY NIGHT OF TERROR by Ron Bull
(Conclusion)

To be exploded awake from deep sleep is shocking enough. To have this happen on the second night out in a strange wild country, with no-one very close by, turns one's insides to water. The sound that woke me so dramatically was not sudden or loud but it was very close and very unexpected. Being almost paralysed with fright I had not moved or made a sound as I snapped from deep sleep to a waking, choking fear. As my turmoiled mind cleared and became capable of thought, the realisation of what was making the sound made the hair on the back of my neck bristle. Between the top of my head and my tin of washing water was a distance of three feet and one thin wall of tent canvas. And lapping up my water, without any doubt in my mind a LEOPARD. I lay rigid. I stopped breathing. But that hammer in my chest must surely have been heard right into Calcutta.

More thoughts swirled through my mind in the next minute or two than a computer copes with in an hour. A good shout might wake the chap in the next tent, but like me he hadn't got a gun. The shout might frighten the leopard and it might run off. Then I thought that if I did shout and someone came, the leopard might eat him instead of me, an idea that appealed to me very much at that moment. Then I froze again at the thought that perhaps it had already eaten the next chap and was using my water to wash down his salty, bloody meal. None of the big cats stay near humans unless they have lost their fear of them and that is how I knew this one was dangerous. The most ridiculous thoughts raced through my mind and then the lapping stopped. The only sound was that of the night insects and my still thumping heart. To have a silent leopard only a few feet away is truly terrible. The moon made a bright patch on the tent floor and anything could step through that flap opening. Then the animal flopped down on the tarred felt apron outside the tent entrance and let out a great sigh. Was it contentment at having eaten? Or anticipation at just going to? I lay and tried to will forward the dawn or some diversion that would make it move off, if only for a few paces. I thought of the flimsy protection of my singlet and shorts. Leopards go for the throat, but what on earth was the use of folding my arms over my throat with so little protection over the rest of my body. Have you ever had a tame tabby scratch you with its back legs when its tummy is tickled? I thought of those terrible scimitars of claws raking me. The animal occasionally snuffled and licked and I tried to think of nicer things. For long periods it was silent. I too was just as motionless and silent and the long, long night crawled by. Those bed strings cut deeper until I felt as if I was being forced through a sieve. Then the moment came when I thought it might be getting lighter. No point in making any movement for my watch, lying under the roll of clothes serving as my pillow, because I had no idea of what time dawn was anyway. A little later I was sure it was getting lighter. With the light a little of my courage returned and also a concern for the safety of my mates in the other scattered tents. I must plan how to warn them without provoking the animal because a startled leopard is a most fearsome creature. I settled to this problem when "getting up" sounds came from another tent. I pictured someone yawning, scratching his head, stretching and muttering "where's me bustin' fags," little knowing that a swift death on four legs was lying only a few leaps away from him. I searched desperately for a way to warn him and yet save myself. The animal was still only a few feet away from me and was not asleep. It gave a quiet cough. Then the tension that had built up was as suddenly exploded as had been my peaceful sleep a few hours earlier.

From a different tent altogether emerged one of those fellows who greet each day with incredible enthusiasm and energy. To the whole world he bellowed "Time you lazy blokes got up". Then he shouted "Hey, look what's outside Johnny Bull's tent". There was silence for a moment and my stomach again turned to water. I pictured the powerful hindquarters of the animal tighten, the head slowly lower and the tail tip twitch as the gold and black spotted leopard made ready for the short rush and spring that would forever silence such exuberance. Then the voice shouted again "Look, its a collie dog". And so it was; a guard dog, left behind by the Canadians.

When you read this in the safety of an English village, please do not ridicule too much my terror of that night. After all, who of you has not quickened his walk on a dark night when nothing more than a small, brown, dry leaf has decided to follow you?

1ST NAPHILL SCOUT GROUP

Since our last report the troop have enroled Philip Charlton and Richard Birch into its ranks. Before the Christmas recess, Wg. Cdr. Bird, Chairman of the RAF mountaineering Club, gave the troop a talk with colour slides of climbing in the Swiss Alps, Snowdon and Mt. Kilimanjaro.

The New Year's activities begin with a party to which our sister Guides have been invited.

We play off the first round of the County Scout Quiz against Terriers. Plans for the Easter Camp are now in hand. Test work has been progressing steadily. Also this month Kevin Butler has been promoted to Troop Leader and Clive Dicks and Brian Glenister P/L in second of the Eagle patrol. The troop Xmas good turn was a joint effort with the Guides by giving gifts to the Darby and Joan Club. On Feb. 11th we have a joint meeting with Royal Grammar School Troop, and on Feb 14th the District Commissioner is paying us a visit.

The pack has now only David Lincoln at its helm. Some help would be gratefully accepted; just a few moments a week helping with the instruction. The Pack had a Special meeting at which Philip Winter-Taylor won the Golden Conker Competition.

P.A.B.

1ST NAPHILL GUIDE COMPANY

On November 13th the company entertained Guides and Guiders from the 1st Chiltern Company for the evening. They came to see our new headquarters and hope one day to have a similar one.

The Scouts joined the Guides on November 27th to see a film strip on "Mouth to Mouth" artificial respiration. The following Friday December 4th was a "slide" evening. Friends were invited and enjoyed coloured slides of the Official Opening of the headquarters - also a movie film of the opening, camp scenes and slides taken in Switzerland in the Spring. The Scouts joined us again on December 18th for our Christmas party; voted good fun by all. The following day we went along to the Darby and Joan party and sang carols. We had a present for everyone and this again was a joint effort with the Scouts. Contratulations to the following who have won badges recently:

Jane Bebb : Knitter, Mapreader, Firefighter, Collector. Clare Budden : Firefighter. Susan Regan : Second class, Gymnast, Firefighter. Barbara McManon : Second Class. Caroline Thynne : Second Class, Collector, Knitter, Laundress, Hostess. Penny Warren : Second Class.

much as if the club were doomed for relegation but some very keen and interesting games brought the season to a most exciting climax and they live to fight another day in Division 1.

Joe Simpson who has played for a good many years for the team was elected Captain of the 1st Eleven for next year and Jim Edwards Vice-Captain. Captain of the Second Eleven will be Bill Day and Vice-Captain Chris Brown.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Albert Brown be asked to serve as President of the Club, and I am pleased to report that he has agreed to do so.

On behalf of the Club I would like to extend our thanks to Mr. E. Smith for so ably serving as our President for the past years.

On December 11th the Tennis, Football and Cricket Clubs combined to hold a most successful dance at Hughenden Village Hall, and it is hoped that this will become a yearly event.

G.L.B.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Will all members please note that our financial year started on January 1st and that subscriptions are now due for 1965.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Billiard Room on Thursday February 4th at 8 p.m. It is hoped that as many readers as possible will turn up for three reasons. One : your presence will register appreciation of the work put in by the Officers and Committee. Two : to offer helpful suggestions for the wellbeing of the Society, and Three : tell us if and where we are going wrong. Whether you are 1, 2 or 3, we shall be pleased to see you on Thursday February 4th, so please come along.

Our two Shows for 1965 have been fixed for July 10th and September 11th and we look forward to your support on both these occasions.

Since we introduced the "Chasmoor" fertiliser to members we have had an increasing demand for this cheap and easy to handle commodity. Orders are already coming in for this season so may we have your requirements as soon as possible to help us with delivery arrangements with the supplies.

We are still operating the 10% discount scheme with Messrs Jones & Rivett but 1965 membership cards must be produced when ordering.

New members will be welcome at our A.G.M.

A.H. Busby

CHARITY PARTY

STOKE MANDEVILLE BRANCH PARAPLEGIC SPORTS FUND

Once again the Annual Charity Party was a huge success and many of the 125 present were suffering from sore feet and aching limbs on the Sunday morning after the effects of dancing the twist, clarleston etc. Ken Madelin and his band provided the music.

Over 50 valuable prizes were given, many of them by the villagers, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone (especially the ladies who made refreshments) for this worthy cause.

One of the highlights greatly enjoyed was a demonstration of modern ballroom dancing by two well-known champions from Chesham, Dixie and Helen Dear. Their dancing was superb and they said the Village Hall floor was one of the best they had danced on.

A special vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Brown and Miss Vera Goodchild, who organised such a successful evening. As near as I can say at the moment, the profit will be in the region of £67. Details will be given in the March Naphill Gazette. Photographs taken by Mr. Goodearl may be seen almost any time in my home.

Alan Shrimpton

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

Owing to the formation of the Youth Club our junior night has been changed from Wednesday to Monday. This is very nice for the boys who get an extra night out, but our members must still take their turn as steward on Monday and Saturdays. This takes a real effort of will on a wintry evening, and we would like to see some sign that parents appreciate it. Any father who would like to help should turn up on a Monday to see what the duties are - perhaps put his name down for a date.

The tournaments are hanging fire a bit, but another months should see the finalists emerge.

R.P.

Y O U T H C L U B N O T E S

Now that the Youth Club is becoming established we have tried to bring a few new activities into our meetings. A Drama Group is being formed, the first meeting being on January 13th, under the capable hands of Mr. Griffiths. Several plays have been suggested for us to perform as our 'debut'. Two indoor football matches have been arranged against 'All Saints' Youth Club of High Wycombe, to be played in the very near future. We are also trying to find someone willing to come and give dancing lessons fortnightly at the meetings, and also to hire films, in order to have a monthly film show on club nights.

Our second debate on January 20th was "This House believes that "the Comprehensive School System" is better than the present Educational System". Mr. Pushman took the chair, John Smith and Grenville Wells proposed the motion and Roger Shrimpton and Angela Adamson opposed it. The motion was defeated.

Lastly, a future function: the Committee is planning a Valentine Dance for Youth Club members and friends.

J.S.

B U C K S C O U N T Y L I B R A R Y

Mrs. Rose wonders if all the newcomers to the Village are aware of the Free Library Service supplied by the County. She is in attendance to issue and exchange books on alternate Friday evenings (from 29th January onwards) from 6.30 to 8.0 p.m. at the Village Hall (Committee Room). There are some 500 books available from light fiction to more solid reading and these are exchanged from Headquarters at intervals.

Membership is merely a matter of filling in a card with a promise to take reasonable care of the books and to return them. There is no charge.

R.C.R.

N A P H I L L W.I.

Members who braved the wet and foggy afternoon in January, were very impressed with the competition work of members of the Art Class, who had painted Birds. Mrs. Piercy won 1st prize and Mrs. Brill 2nd.

During the business of the meeting, letters were read from the Village Hall Council and the Mayor of High Wycombe thanking us for donations sent to them. A letter was read from the Adopted Family thanking us for the parcel they had received. Mrs. Smith asked members to think over whether they would like to start a Trustees Savings Bank. She congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Holmes on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

Dressmaking and Art Classes have started again. Arrangements were made for a shopping outing to London on February 17th. The speaker being unable to come, Miss Levy gave a talk at short notice on birds, illustrated with coloured slides. She was thanked by Mrs. Brill.

Next month the talk is on "General Welfare in the Paddington Area" by Miss Joy Harrison.

Competition: A pot of Marmalade. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Blick, A. Brown, Butler and Butcher. Open Night is on Saturday February 13th at 7.30 p.m. We can promise you a good time, so come along and join in the fun.

E.M.O.

LETS CALL A SPADE A SPADE

The above headline was inspired by our Parish Councillors' decision to call our new cemetery "The Hughenden Parish Gardens of Rest". I have always enjoyed a good rest, but there are limits. I suppose when we look across the valley from our rude hilltop, we must remember that the parishioners resting there are not dead, but have merely passed away.

I wonder where all this euphemistic refinement will end. Probably it began when the poor old 'poe' became a vulgar word, and the good old Saxon name for the little house down the garden became so impolite that no one dare use it! So it has progressed through "privy", "W.C." or "lavatory", to that abomination "Toilet" I am willing to bet that Winston Churchill, that great master of the English Language, never referred to the "Tiolet".

And how sad that our robust Bucks accent and pithy sayings are almost gone. I can only think of my old friend Lucy Parslow who would still speak of a sick neighbour as being "in bed with her legs or stomach", as the case may be. To my mind this covers the situation much better than some half understood medical terms, It cannot be supposed that any words of mine will stop the rot, but when the time comes that I hear a Bucks farmer being called to his midday meal with the words "Arry, luncheons ready" - then I will just about give up the ghost !

Ron Piercy

G A R D E N N O T E S

Thank you Ron for your interesting notes last month on the discovery of something new to add to the interest of your garden.

I hope that other Naphill gardeners will be tempted to copy your idea of planting yellow lilac. Unfortunately you did not tell us the name of the variety, which I guess may be the one named Primrose.

Regarding the azaleas, I am sure you have given and will maintain them in the state to which they have been accustomed. This is important if one wishes to grow any plants or shrubs that have definite likes and dislikes. Some like acid, others alkaline soils, some like sunshine, others shade, and some like a little of each, and most dislike draughts.

If you have any plants or shrubs that are not doing well, assuming you have given them good cultivation, why not try moving them to a different spot, first making sure that you have provided the right soil conditions.

We are apt to forget that during the last three hundred years or so plant hunters have searched the world to bring home many of the beautiful plants that adorn the English garden. The dahlia from Mexico, the chrysanthemum from Japan, the many beautiful annuals from Africa, and the many flowering shrubs from Asia. The remarkable thing is that they can be made to flourish in our own little patches if we are prepared to give a little time and thought to their likes and dislikes: a small thing really in return for what might be a lifetime of pleasure.

("Primrose" is correct : R.P.)

A.H.B.

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

We enjoyed a good start to our New Year when Mr. David Lewis talked to us about John Groom's Crippleage at Edgware where girls who suffer from physical handicaps are trained to make artificial flowers. The buildings were designed by the architect for the comfort and convenience of those who are partially crippled and may spend their lives in wheel-chairs. The scheme was originated a hundred years ago by Mr. Groom who was anxious to improve the lot of the flower-girls of his day. By the time he was 21 he had established it on a firm basis. When admitted at 15 the girls learn as apprentices for three years: they can earn their living and are watched over with loving care for the rest of their lives; ending up as pensioners in a special home. Mr. Lewis showed pictures of the houses, grounds, work-rooms, bedrooms and library. No effort is spared to encourage these artistic workers to forget disabilities and lead normal lives. Some people may declare that artificial flowers are not their "cup of tea", but no-one could fail to admire the amazing skill that creates these faithful copies of nature's work, and clusters of these hand-made blooms do brighten a room on a gloomy winter's day. Mr. Lewis brought specimens of bouquets and single flowers which found a ready sale among members. Mr. Sidney Smith proposed a vote of thanks and a visit to the Crippleage at Edgware may be arranged during the summer months.

January 22nd was the date of our was the date of our meeting and also of our President's 87th birthday. With kindly enthusiasm members wished him Many Happy Returns of the Day with musical honours, and kisses on his blushing cheeks. His beaming smile showed how much they were appreciated and made him look ten years younger!

Mr. Sidney Smith fascinated us by his description of his early life in Wiltshire. He illustrated his talk by pictures of high artistic skill showing villagers in all sorts of agricultural work: of the donkey-cart which took them on pic-nics, of the fire-balloon and of the house where he was born. His parents were active in helping people of the village and were much loved and respected. Mr. Smith is always successful in describing village life of a type that is rapidly disappearing. Mr. Rose proposed the vote of thanks.

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

The January meeting was of great interest to all of us. We now have an insight into problems facing a Probation Officer. Our speaker, a practising Probation Officer, explained the duties he has to perform, and his approach to people whose actions had precipitated a visit from him. All present at the meeting wish him every success in this worthwhile social work. We ended the evening Boston Style - Tea Over-board.

The next meeting is on 8th February at 7.30 p.m, with our Guest Speaker on a subject that will interest you all.

N.Y.N.C.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

The Editor, Naphill Gazette

LIFE IN OUR HANDS

Dear Sir, We young mothers are just a few members of Naphill who now feel that something really urgent must be done about the completion of a footpath through our village. Must we continue to sit back and complain amongst ourselves or wait until a road tragedy occurs to urge something to be done? There is no need to mention the many dangers we are facing daily. Whatever

or whoever is holding things up : Please act quickly - let us get our path in the immediate future - PLEASE.

4 Young Mothers of Naphill : Signed : P.J. Smith, J.R.Parslow, A Tucker, M.Brown.

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

PRELIMINARY NOTICE - Jumble Sale Saturday March 20th, to assist the Local Branch of the R.S.P.C.A. For further details see MARCH Gazette.

NAPHILL CONSERVATIVE BRANCH ; The Annual General Meeting of the Naphill Conservative Branch will be held in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 9th February, 1965. All members of the Branch are cordially invited to attend.

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Tuesday 9th	Drama	7.30
Wednesday 10th	Youth Club	8.00
Friday 12th	Whist Drive	7.30
	Library	6.30 - 8.00
Tuesday 16th	Drama	7.30
Wednesday 17th	Youth Club	8.00
	Welfare	2.30
Friday 19th	Darby & Joan	2.30
	W.I. Whist Drive	7.30
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V I L L A G E H A L L C O U N C I L
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Current village affairs were dealt with expeditiously by a full Council meeting with Mr. R. Pushman in the Chair. The subjects discussed were for the most part pleasant : an exception being the continued depositing of unsightly and dangerous litter on the Common. Was it lack of imagination or worse which made someone dump a pile of shattered glass there; leaving a permanent nuisance and a menace to children and to the feet of dogs ?

Mr. R. Rose reported correspondence with Mr. Francis Dashwood regarding the feasibility of setting up an organisation in Naphill, similar to those being formed in other villages, to deal effectively with the few litter louts who spoil the Common for so many. The matter will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

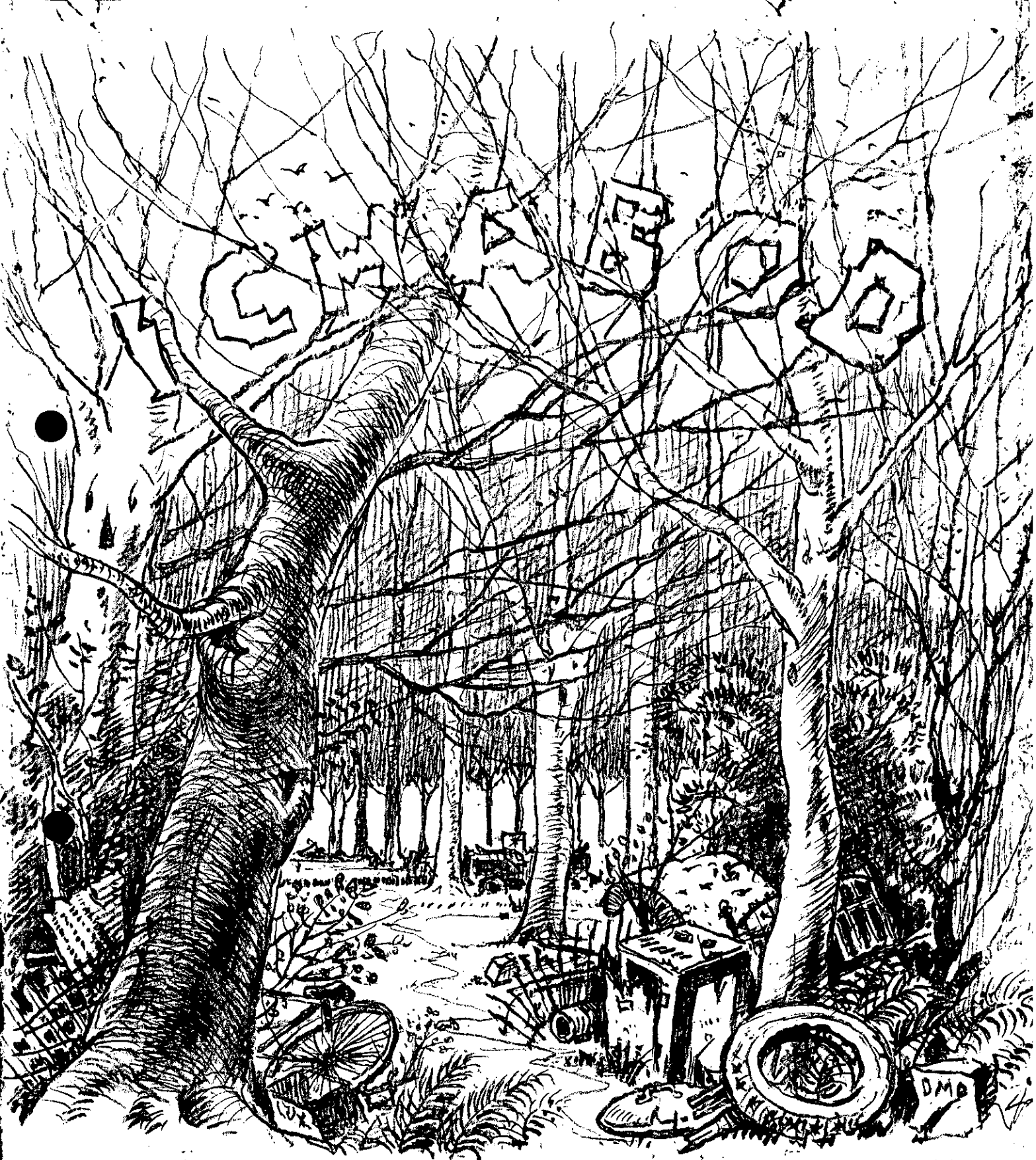
The following Committee has been formed for the Naphill Village Fete on June 19th : Mesdames Jack, Lean, Piercy, Pushman, Wells, Mr. Balls and Mr. Pushman. Mr. Alan Shrimpton is the Fete Organiser for 1965. He was present at the meeting and promised that no effort will be spared to make this year's Fete the best ever.

Work on the extension to the Village Hall kitchen will begin in due course. The purchase of a gang-mower and garage was confirmed.

The Annual General Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Monday, March 22nd at 8 PM. All residents in Naphill are invited to be present. The Gazette annual balance sheet for 1963-64 will be presented so as to cover its financial year which closes after the Collection in October.

Arrangements for the Wine and Cheese Party on February 19th were discussed; including the selling of tickets and help which could be given to parents in the matter of baby-sitting.

J.M.H.



ANY ONE WHO HAD A HEART! —

W I N E A N D C H E E S E P A R T Y

"For wine inspires us and fires us with courage, love and joy" : at least it seemed to do so at this happy meeting on February 19th when the newer residents in Naphill and Walters Ash were joyfully welcomed by the Chairman, Mr. Pushman, at the Village Hall, and the representatives of the many different clubs and organisations were inspired to speak of the attractions and opportunities they ensure for all age groups.

The response from newcomers was such as to encourage all concerned : not least the back-room workers and organisers who provided a most appetising buffet with excellent wines and re-assuring cups of coffee for the drive home.

The party was an innovation which must surely become an annual event : combining as it does a social occasion with the sort of information which can put newcomers to our rapidly expanding community "in the picture" as expeditiously as possible.

It is hoped that the Annual General Meeting on March 22nd at 8 PM will be re-inforced this year by many enthusiastic new residents.

The Chairman and Council of the Village Hall wish to thank the sub-committee and the many others concerned with the organisation and hard work involved.

J.M.H.

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

March 7th	Holy Communion	9.15 AM
March 21st	Evensong	3.30 PM
Sunday School	2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays	2.30 PM

Sunday March 7th marks the first Sunday in Lent, while April 18th is Easter Day, covering the season of Lent in the Anglican Church. Anyone who feels they have lost touch with church life might like to take this opportunity of coming to these services in March and April and be sure of a welcome.

The 28th of March is Mothering Sunday, the day on which we encourage our Sunday School children to demonstrate their affection for their mother, by giving them some flowers to take home.

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

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

Preachers for March	11 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
March 7th	Rev W.G. Ream, M.A.	Mr. L. Rundle
14th	Rev E.W. Crew	Mr. C. Burgess
21st	Mrs A. Cooper	Mr. C. Burrell, M.A.
28th	Rev R. Flenley	Mr. G. Young

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A S A C R E D C A N T A T A

"THE GOOD SHEPHERD" by T. MEE PATTISON
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N A P H I L L . F E T E

Preparations for our Annual Fete on Saturday June 19th are now well in hand, and this year, it is hoped that the Carnival Procession can be revived, with decorated floats, cars and anything else that can be decorated. There will be valuable prizes given for the prettiest, funniest, and most original. Entries for the Fete Queen with two Attendants are open to all young ladies in the Village, the minimum age being 16. Notification will be given when the competition will be held. Many attractions are being booked and it is hoped that this year it will be a record in every respect.

This is the one effort when everybody can take part, so book the date well in advance, and Remember the Village Hall Council rely on this effort as their main income to keep the Village Hall going. IT'S UP TO YOU.

Anybody who wishes to help will be welcomed with open arms - just ring me at NAPHILL 2325 and you are in.

Alan Shrimpton, Fete Secretary

N A P H I L L W.I.

At the February meeting, Mrs. Smith welcomed two new members, Mesdames McCall and Rabson. A letter from Mr. Kilby was read thanking us for our donation to School Funds.

The most exciting moment of the meeting came when it was announced that a Royal Garden Party would be held in the grounds of Buckingham Palace for members of the W.I. Naphill's member will be balloted for at Open Night. No doubt every member will be practising her curtsey in case she is the lucky one !

A letter was read from the Adopted Family, thanking us for the Christmas parcel and money. Final arrangements were made for the shopping outing and notice was given of the visit to Stratford in June to see The Comedy of Errors.

Our speaker was Miss Harrison who gave a vividly interesting talk on General Welfare in the Paddington Area. She spoke of the many problems that beset an area where the population is multi-racial and where the behavior of people living side by side is completely different. Only time and the hope of making them understand each other could solve that problem.

The competition for a pot of marmalade was won by : 1st - Mrs. Lorrigan, 2nd - Mrs. Biggs.

Our talk next month will be: The Incas of Peru, by Miss Innes Blanch.

Competition: Limerick on a Committee Member. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames G. Hussey, Jack, James and Kilby.

Dates to remember: Rummage Sale March 6th, 2.30 pm. Whist Drive March 19th, 7.30 pm.

W. I. O P E N N I G H T

Once a year the ladies of the W.I. invite their husbands along for an evening's entertainment, and give them excellent refreshments and a few surprises. One of these was a conjuror whose line of patter was not quite as expected, but this was soon brought under control. The other surprise was a team of Judo experts who threw each other all over the place. Their leader invited a few young ladies to come up and learn how to deal with a possible attack. He showed them how, if they were seized from behind, to throw the man over their shoulder. Or if he grabbed their wrist, how to break his own with a couple of quick twists. It really was a very pleasant evening. Yesterday I pretended to strangle my wife to see if she had remembered the lesson. She had - I hope to be about again in a few days !

R.P.

M A S E F I E L D O N N A P H I L L C O M M O N

Filthy draggled mattress with an old bent gas stove
Pressing down the bracken in the woodland dell
With worn-out motor tyre, bedsteads, barbed wire,
Petrol tins, old iron, batteries as well

Rusty battered motor with its jagged broken windscreen
Blotting out the bluebells midst the noble trees
With flowers, birds and butterflies crying out for mercy

"Save us, folks of Naphill, from defilements such as these ! "

J.M.H.

" A B N O R M A L R E F U S E "

From time to time everyone is likely to have obsolete household equipment left on hand, old boilers, cookers and other articles, rejected in the on-surge of the technological revolution of an affluent society! There is some doubt as to the extent to which the local authority will help in taking such litter away. The Engineer and Surveyor, Wycombe Rural District Council, has kindly sent the following reply to an enquiry from the Gazette :

"Dear Sir,

I understand that you wish to have some information to put in the Naphill Gazette concerning the collection of abnormal items of refuse.

It has been the Council's practice for some time past to make such collections of articles which are not normally put in dustbins, but which can properly be regarded as being of a domestic nature.

I refer to such things as old furniture, mattresses, disused cookers, bicycles, and similar articles, but not garden refuse.

We have been able to remove a lot of these articles by making special collections on Saturday mornings, and if any of the people in your area require this service they have only to write in and ask, when the request will be noted for being attended to as soon as possible.

At the present time, however, I am desperately short of labour and as I mentioned earlier, such work is done on Saturday mornings, which is not a normal working day, but there is overtime working for those men who care to turn up.

Those that do, are now required on ordinary essential domestic rounds, which through the general shortage of labour are falling in arrears, and whilst I have no objection to your making comment of the services for such special collections, I would also ask you to make it perfectly clear that at the present time any requests that are made are not likely to be carried out for some considerable time. Yours faithfully. K.E.M. Daniels, Engineer and Surveyor. "

TO MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE LATE NAPHILL CAMERA CLUB : On Wednesday April 7th at 7.30 for 8 o'clock, in the Village Hall, Mrs. I.V. Upton of Essex will give a talk on birds, illustrated by transparencies and film. This was arranged a year ago when the club was still active. Everyone is welcome. A silver collection will be taken to defray expenses.

H. Tweedale

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

At our February meeting Mr Harper gave an interesting account of his holiday in Russia; each step being illustrated by coloured slides. The vast area covered by the Kremlin, Leningrad and many more places of interest that we so often hear about were shown to us. Strange to say we have not heard of any emigration plans amongst our members ! Mr. Harper, who came so many miles that evening to be with us, is the brother-in-law of your Secretary, Mrs Dot Harper, who gives up so much of her time arranging future evenings for the Young Neighbours. A better secretary we could never have.

Our next meeting on March 8th at 7.30 in the Village Hall, welcomes Mr. Wilkins who will tell us of his life with his Guide Dog "Sprite". We are looking forward to seeing many of the new residents of the village who attended the Wine and Cheese party.

The Young Neighbours thank Mrs. Blanche Weekes for her wonderful offer to help us with our first attempt at Drama.

The W.I. Party was more than enjoyed by our two representatives and we thank the W.I. very much for their invitation and their very warm welcome to Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Elliot.

Our June meeting will not be held in the Village Hall, we have planned a Mystery Tour. A coach will depart from the Village Hall at 7.15 p.m. on June 14th and return at approximately 10 p.m. Maximum cost per seat - 6/-. Please book your seat at an early date.

N.Y.N.C.

Y O U T H C L U B N O T E S

On the whole, this month has been quite eventful for Naphill Youth Club. On the 31st January, our Top of the Form Team : Angela Adamson, Susan Harries, John Smith, Ian Butler and Andy Anders, competed in the Wycombe and District Top of the Form knock-out competition, and won. Consequently they go now to represent High Wycombe in the County Finals at Aylesbury. Naturally we are all very pleased about this and wish them the very best of luck. The next week, we had a football victory; three teams went to All Saints Youth Club and won two out of three of their games.

Our Valentine Dance on the 10th February went very well, being supported by many members and friends. Mr. R. Piercy very kindly helped us out by being M.C. and music was provided by "The Lyrics", making the evening encouragingly successful.

We are trying to form a Baby Sitting Service. Some of the girls have offered and are very keen to do this, therefore if anyone is in need of a Baby Sitter, would they please contact me - Jennifer Smith, 24 Moseley Road, Naphill, giving a week's notice, and we shall be pleased to help them out.

J.M.S.

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

The attendance at the Annual General Meeting was the best for many years and a real vote of confidence to the Officers and Committee who were again re-elected for another term.

It was with regret we had to accept the resignation of Mr. S.J. Smith who is leaving the district. Our Best Wishes go with him and we shall retain pleasant memories of a good committee man always helpful, even in his criticism: his only concern the good of the Society.

Another blow to the Committee was Mr. Frank Newdick who has served the Society for many years. Frank hasn't enjoyed the best of health of late and we all hope it won't be too long before he will again be well enough to be with us again. We were fortunate enough to fill these vacancies with Mr. H McDonald and Mr. Ken Hussey.

Although we have a balance in hand, this is rather slender: a state of affairs we hope to remedy during the present year.

As reported elsewhere we were very pleased to receive from Dr and Mrs Bayley a beautiful Rose Bowl to be offered for competition at one of our Shows, to commemorate their Golden Wedding : it being left to the Committee to decide how this should be awarded.

We have just received a supply of "Chasmor" fertiliser and this is now available at "Braeside", price 9/- per cwt - please bring your own transport.

Details of our Spring Show will appear in next month's Gazette.

A.H. Busby

PHOTOGRAPHING THE LOCAL BADGERS

It was about a year ago that I first thought of trying my luck at this game. The first job was to find some badgers! This was easy as a badger sett often resembles a large civil-engineering site: easily found when there is no cover growing to hide it. I found several round about: all, except one, in the chalk on the hill-sides. The odd one was in a dell.

Now badgers usually only come out after dark. They have poor sight so there is no need to hide, but they have an excellent sense of smell, so you must approach and stay downwind of the sett. The time to arrive is just after sunset, and the summer months with the short nights are best as the badgers are active soon after sundown. Once in position, Lady Luck has to be on your side, as when he comes out Mr. Badger can and does go off in any direction, and although I saw many badgers, they did not often come within range of the camera.

After several visits I noticed one chap always came out first, and followed the sametrack, so one night I ambushed him, stopped him with a bit of treacle soaked bread, and took his picture. Unfortunately he turned his head away at the crucial moment. My best pictures I obtained by laying in wait between the sett and the "toilets", as I had noticed that one badger nearly always went straight off to relieve himself when he emerged, as you know how badgers usually have a toilet area a short distance from the sett. They are very clean animals.

I suppose I averaged one evening per fortnight watching badgers through the summer, and the result was two good pictures; one fair and three duds which were mainly due to movement of the animals. My biggest disappointment came quite late in the Autumn. I thought I had a beautiful picture, six foot range, side view, head slightly towards me and standing still. What I had not bargained for was the cooler moist air of autumn which had condensed onto the camera lens. Result - a lovely picture as seen through a mist. However, I certainly saw lots of badgers at close quarters, and once a badger walked past within three feet of where I was sitting, all of which made my efforts well worth-while.

J. Humphrey

NAPHILL SCOUT/GUIDE JOINT COMMITTEE

The Naphill Scouts and Guides will be holding one of their popular Jumble Sales on Saturday, April 3rd, at the Village Hall. If you have any unwanted articles please let any Scout or Guide know and arrangements will be made to collect them from you.

R.C.W.



QUERCUS
ILEX

I blushed with shame at A.H.B. connecting my name with his article on flowers last month, for the sad truth is that I am not particularly interested in flowers unless they are growing on trees or shrubs. I can gaze at the lovely beds at, for instance, Waldens or The Gables, without a pang of envy, but gnash my teeth in impatient rage if Fred Healy's tulip tree blooms and mine does not. Which brings me to the point of this article. All over the country trees are being planted in honour of Churchill, and I respectfully suggest to the Village Hall Council that Naphill should do likewise.

If this meets with approval, I feel that there could be no better choice than an evergreen oak. This is also known as the Holly Oak, and botanists give it the Latin names of both families and call it Quercus Ilex. The description is "Sturdy, long-lived and evergreen". Could anything be more suitable? Furthermore, to the best of my belief, there is not one of these trees in Naphill. So if the Council like the idea, I am sure A.H.B. and his merry men will take charge of the arrangements.

Ron Piercy

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

England is the most beautiful country in the world; we English people say so ourselves and we ought to know, but it is one of the penalties of advancing years that we lose our ability to skip about the country-side as we did in days of yore. For this reason we deem ourselves lucky when Mr. Kilby comes to the Village Hall to throw on the screen scenes of English loveliness chosen by his artistic eye when he goes holiday-making; the Lakes, the green sea with its foaming waves, the flower gardens, the gem-like cottages and the majestic cathedrals. Mr. Kilby likes to keep us amused by the variety of his slides, which included a baby grandchild, a school football team, white and brown bears at the Zoo, familiar gardens in Naphill, gold-fish, ornamental birthday cakes and scenes from children's pantomimes. Mr. George Lynch expressed our gratitude to Mr. Kilby for taking so much care in preparing his talk.

Just a line to remind you of our Medical Comforts Department, organised by Mrs. Mealing who will supply any article needed in the sick-room.

We hit upon the plan of asking members to search their old albums and bring photographs of past events and of family groups for inspection, and they aroused many a laugh when handed round. One large photograph showed a vast concourse of folk from Naphill and Kingshill gathered in the meadow near the stream in the grounds of Hughenden Manor on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee in 1897; some of our members could recognise themselves as young ladies in long summer dresses and large while hats. Another picture showed the Womens Institute Cricket Team with the Captain proudly holding the bat, and inspired the hope that the W.I. might organise an Eleven in the coming summer. The Darby and Joan Club is quite prepared to produce a cricket team to challenge them. Best of all the exhibits showed the Naphill Brass Band of by-gone days in their smart uniforms with instruments polished like burnished gold. Seated in the middle is Mr Tich Shrimpton with his big drum, and history records that these stalwarts won the competition for Village Brass Bands at the Crystal Palace. What a wonderful spirit these bandsmen showed with their

discipline, their devotion, their strict attendances at rehearsals and their determination to win the Shield. Why have we no band to-day as they did fifty years ago ?

The usual custom of greeting birthdays with musical honours was observed, a special message of good-will being sent to Mrs Caroline Shrimpton who is 97 this month. We were sorry she was not able to be present.

Another old custom was carried out when Mrs Biggs was given a crocheted shawl of many colours.

On March 5th Mr. G.A. Wood of High Wycombe, and on March 19th Mr Arnold of the Childrens Society of Princes Risborough, will be the speakers.

E.B.

R S P C A R U M M A G E S A L E S A T. MARCH 20TH

How you can help the animals and birds. We have never had a flag day and perhaps you have never been asked for a donation. But Saturday March 20th is your opportunity to assist the R.S.P.C.A.

Did you know the Society annually investigates over 17,000 complaints, cautions over 10,000 people, obtains nearly 1,000 convictions for serious offences. Gives qualified treatment to a quarter of a million sick and injured animals of poor people at R.S.P.C.A. clinics throughout the country.

We hope to raise a record sum at the Rummage Sale Saturday March 20th in the Village Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Admission 3d. There will be hundreds of bargains in clothes, household goods etc., with an opportunity to win a prize with a lucky number. Come and meet your friends and make sure you come early to obtain the bargains.

P.S. Any gifts of clothes, toys, furniture etc. will be very acceptable, and we will gladly arrange to collect if you phone Naphill 3193, also High Wycombe 2361.

L.S.

E U R O P E A N H O L I D A Y

Fifty years ago life wasn't so good but we shall remember 1964 as a full year of surprises, good and bad. Flying to Germany for two weeks holiday would have made Skipper Lacey more nervous than learning to ride a hard-tyred bicycle at the age of 70 years, although he was 80 when he rode in my father's little one-door car. His feet hung outside and he clutched a stick - ready to walk back home if he didn't like the ride. From the air our thrill was to look down on the white cliffs of Dover.

In Germany, where we landed, the wonderful golden harvest stretched for miles and miles and before we came back it was nearly all cut and brought in : in Holland and Belgium too. We saw two Golden Eagles land to pick up vermin. The roads have no hedges and are very straight; with a bicycle track at the sides, and trees. Driving at great speed through the Rhur on the Autobahn makes you realise how well the Germans built their roads. During our 2000 miles trip we visited Holland, Belgium and France. At the Overloon War Museum we saw a Churchill tank. It had been put out of action in October 1944. We wondered whether it could be one tested on our roads and on Naphill common, where the marks of tracks may still be seen. We visited Arnhem and the Cleve War Grave Cemetary where my brother was buried with 740 other air-borne men of the Oxford and Bucks who lost their lives there in 1945. We went down the Rhine to Pitsburg Hotel which made history in 1938, to Bon Koenigswinter, Kobling, Cologne, Aachen and through the Ardennes. We sat on the Siegfried Line and sang "Hang out your washing". We also visited Hitler's beloved holiday place where no shot was ever fired. To walk across the Mohne Dam made one wonder how our RAF could bounce bombs so as to hit a target so well hidden away.

In Germany every home is swept through into the street and young and old help to clean the pavement outside. Cows wear a collar and chain and everyone turns out on motor bikes, cars and tractors with buckets to milk the cows. But no-one there gets up at 4.30 a.m. as the late Mr Fred Fleet did, calling "Come on Cubs" at the same time each morning.

Our holiday came to an end too soon with the flight home from Dusseldorf to good old England's hedges and narrow roads, but we shall not forget the places we visited.

Mr and Mrs Reed

G A R D E N N O T E S

The weather has not been very encouraging for making a start in the garden, although I know some of you have got broad beans, shallots and onion sets on the go, but things should improve during March so that we can get in a row of early peas, some parsnips, radishes, a few early lettuce, onions, cabbage and brussels. Of course these sowings depend quite a lot on being able to get the soil into the right tilth or receiving the small seeds, and it is quite worth while to wait another week rather than sowing them in wet lumpy soil.

There are one or two jobs that can be done, such as top dressing raspberries, fruit bushes, roses and other flowering shrubs with fertilisers, compost or bone meal. It is almost impossible to dig and manure a bed of lily-of-the-valley or solomons seal, or similar plants that produce mats of roots just below the surface. Give them a mulch of old manure, compost, leaf mould or Chasmor at this time.

Lawns are looking a bit weary after the winter frosts and snow and they too would appreciate a dressing of "Chasmor".

Roses can be pruned from now on. First remove any dead wood, then the weak straggly bits, after that those growing inwards to the centre of the bush; the rest is easy.

In the greenhouse it all depends on how much heat you have available as to when you sow or how successfully you can grow various crops. Roughly, where a temperature of 45-50 degrees can be maintained at all times, most things can be started in January-February. If only 35-45 degrees, then February-March is the best time to start. With no heat, or where temperatures drop below 32 degrees, then late March, April and May are your operating periods.

Seeds such as lobelia, gloxinia, begonia, which need a long season of growth, should be sown early for best results, but stocks, asters, marigolds and zinnias can be left till mid-April before sowing, as by that time they will germinate and grow quickly.

A.H.B.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

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Plumtree Cottage

Dear Editor, How low can the louts of Naphill sink? This week they have taken the litter bin from the 'bus shelter and emptied all the muck over the War Memorial, scattered the wreaths and torn off the leaves.

Some members of the Darby and Joan Club have cleared up the disgusting mess and it now looks neat again.

Yours sincerely, Margaret Bayley

CHARITY PARTY: The actual profit made at the recent Charity Party amounted to £71.12.9, and a cheque for that amount has been forwarded to Stoke Mandeville Hospital for the Paraplegic Sports Fund. One again many thanks to everybody who made this possible.

Alan Shrimpton

CONGRATULATIONS to Nick and Christine Russel on the birth of a son (Daniel) on February 22nd : to Grandparents Mr & Mrs Ted Russel and Great-Grandmother Mrs. D. Mines.

CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to Jacqueline Adams on her 21st Birthday - March 27th 1965, and also to Alan Brown - March 17th.

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Annual General Meeting

March 22nd 1965

The minutes of the 1964 A.G.M. having been read and approved, Mr. R.C. Pushman, the retiring Chairman reviewed a successful year of "challenge and opportunity" and thanked the officers and council for their good work.

"The first of our challenges", he said, "was the loss of revenue from the school-let income which had to be replaced where possible, and the second challenge was the termination of the old management of the Social and Bingo Club. Although we all appreciated the hard work over the years put in by Mr. Curtis, Mr. Timberlake and others, the prospect of finding new organisers at comparatively short notice was somewhat daunting. However a newly elected committee soon had the club running successfully again and I must pass my personal thanks to Mrs. Leek and Mrs. Lean on whom the main responsibility of the weekly meetings has fallen. The income from Bingo is now one of our main sources of revenue and our present healthy financial position is due partly to this section.

Our third challenge was that of the hall caretaking due to the sudden and untimely death of Miss Taylor. Fortunately Mr. Frank Gibbons agreed to take over extra duties which he has conscientiously and capably carried out.

Our Fete, blessed this past year with fine weather, had once again proved a financial success yielding a profit of £208 net. Our thanks to the many helpers with especial thanks to my wife, Mr. Wells, Mrs. Piercy, Mrs. Lean, and our treasurers for the day, Messrs. Mitchell and Millet.

In November we held our Autumn Bazaar. This yielded a net profit of £67 - a welcome addition to our funds.

More recently we had seen the innovation of a Wine & Cheese party to welcome newcomers to the Village and introduce them to the many activities offered.

With regard to the accounts, our high balance figure was discussed by the Finance Committee to see how much of this could be used for the general improvement of the Hall and Playing Fields. After the painting of the hall exterior at a cost of £85, leaving some £300/£350 in reserve, it was estimated that there was approximately £1,000 which could be spent on improvements.

As the annual question arose of mowing the Playing Fields, after much debate approval has been given to the purchase of a gang mower costing £150. A garage to house the mower and its traction implements has been ordered and will be erected shortly at a cost of a little under £100.

Our main expenditure is that of the extension and improvement of the kitchen, which has now been commenced. Refreshments can now be served direct into the Hall instead of the hitherto unsatisfactory method of via the entrance to the ladies lavatories! The kitchen improvements will cost us £800 and in this respect please remember with gratitude the bequest from the late Mrs. Smart of £500 which the Council has thought appropriate to allocate to this kitchen extension.

The Hall has this year been enhanced by the installation of two illuminated clocks, sponsored by the joint enterprise of the Naphill Sports Clubs and friends in remembrance of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ing, whose tragic death last year stunned us all.

Naphill Village Hall, long without any direct youth activity (and in stating this I am not forgetting the Guides and Scouts whose organisations and enthusiasm I greatly admire) has now a regular weekly Youth Club with some 100 members. My thanks to Mrs. Pat Syrett and Mr. M. Commons for their help in running this very necessary organisation.

In closing I would like to thank my colleagues, Mr. Rose, who has always been at my left hand and has kept me in order, Mr. Tooby for his conscientious and arduous duties as Treasurer and Mr. G. Smith whose pen has accurately recorded our meetings in the minutes and whose wise counsel has so often prevailed. These three gentlemen, together with other Council members, have had to contend with a young and perhaps sometimes too enthusiastic Chairman. "

Mr. Pushman concluded by thanking the Village for its support and encouragement over the past year. It had been his sincere wish to give leadership without offence. The Treasurer then reviewed the year's accounts and a tribute was paid to Mr. G. Smith and the auditors.

Mr. Pushman handed over the Chair to Mr. Balls and bestowed upon him the "key to the backdoor": in accepting what he described as "the hot seat" the new Chairman was supported by Miss. Cooper in warmly thanking Mr. Pushman amidst general applause for his success during "an eventful year". Six new Members of Council were then elected to represent the general public. They were : Mesdames Bowler, Brown, Hampton, Hussey, Jack, and Mr. J.B. Woodruffe. Nine volunteers kindly offered to collect for the Churchill Fund.

After discussion regarding the abominable litter on the Common some positive action was promised when Mr.P. Bowell said that if provided with adequate transport he would interest the Scouts in undertaking to make a clearance. Mr. Bowell's offer was very much appreciated.

J.M.R.

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

April 4th	Passion Sunday	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.
April 18th.	Easter Day	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.
	Easter Day	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays		2.30 p.m.

One of the established customs of the church is to give buildings a good clean-up just before Easter. At Naphill we are going to tackle this job on April 10th, morning and afternoon. If you feel under some obligation to help please come along. Tea will be served.

On Easter Day we are to have the help of The Revd. E.G. Alsop, Chaplain of Bomber and Transport Commands R.A.F. According to the book of Common Prayer, Easter Day is one on which church people should attend church, so Hughenden and Naphill churches will no doubt be well attended.

The Rummage Sale in February was a great success; the profit being £37.16.6d. Gifts came from homes as far apart as Hughenden and Bradenham, for which we are grateful. Our sincere thanks are also due to the many helpers and those who came to buy.

W.W.

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

Preachers for April	11. a.m.	6.15 p.m.
April 4th	Mr. P. Syson, B.Sc.	Rev. E.W. Crew (Holy Communion)
April 11th	<u>Women's Anniversary Services</u>	
	Mrs. Ellins	Mrs. Greenstreet
	(Duets by Mrs. Bowler and	Soloist: Miss Janet Tapping
	Mrs. Bryant)	
April 18th. (Easter Day)	Mr. M. Brittin	Sister Darwent
April 25th	Mr. Bailey	Mr. Oram

The Annual Women's Rally will be held on Wednesday April 14th. at 2.45 p.m. - presided over by Mrs. Crew. The speaker will be Mrs. Laurie, who was at the Walters Ash Red Shield Club during the war. The soloist will be Mrs. M. Lacey. A warm welcome is given to all.

M.G.B.

N A P H I L L W.I.

There were only about ten members present at our March meeting owing to the very bad weather. The brave souls who had trudged through the snow had a cup of tea and a "natter" and then trudged home again. We hear that the Limericks on Committee Members are so good that they are being held over to our April Meeting. There will also be a demonstration on a Spring Flower Arrangement for Easter by Mrs. Leigh. Competition : Arrangement of Spring Flowers. Bring and Buy Stall.

Y O U T H C L U B

This month has not been so eventful as past months for the Youth Club. The main item is, again, the "Top of the Form" Competition. On Wednesday March 10th, our team competed in the Regional Finals at Princes Risborough. They won both rounds against Princes Risborough Baptist Youth Club and Grange Youth Club. We now have our fingers crossed for when they compete in the Finals !

In March we gave a film show including a film on Stirling Moss and Lumberjacks and, of course, a Mickey Mouse cartoon which was the most popular.

A Youth Club Football Match played on Sunday March 21st against Hazlemere, ended in a win for us again. The score 4-2.

I apologise for the mistake in last month's Gazette as to the M.C. at our Valentines Dance. It was Mr. R. Perry and not Mr. R. Piercy as stated.

J.M.S.

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

When Laurie Butler met Geoff Smith in the Billiards final, most of us thought it would be a case of "Saul who has slain his thousands" up against "David who has slain his ten thousand". But Laurie thought otherwise. Most of us go for our shots, and if we miss and leave the other fellow "on", well that's that. But Laurie is a dour Northerner, and this feckless Southern attitude is not for him. He set out to take his chances and to see that his opponent had nothing easy left him. He succeeded admirably, and jolly good luck to him, for a handicap is not designed to let the best player win, and it is a good thing to see a new name on the cup. He won by 100 to 92, and after concentrating on Snooker he must now be accepted as an all rounder.

R.P.

T E N N I S C L U B

Now that Spring has officially arrived club members are showing the usual restless signs of activity and enthusiasm begins to build up. The A.G.M. has been held and although many of last year's officials were re-elected there are some fresh faces on the committee.

Newer residents of the village have shown their interest in Tennis and a social evening is being held at the Village Hall on Friday April 2nd so that established and prospective members may meet and mingle.

Junior coaching will commence early in May but exact dates are not yet fixed. Watch for full details in the next Gazette. Date for your diary : Rummage Sale on 8th May.

V.H.

THE VANISHING BURGLAR

When Tony Lawrence rang me to say that their factory had been burgled, my first thought was for the new press that prints the Naphill Gazette. Luckily it was not so serious as that - Only the safe with all the firm's documents etc had been taken! They had forced it through the office door, loaded it on to a trolley and taken it outside. There they calmly put it on to the firm's lorry and drove off with it. Down Stockin Lane they drove into a wood out of sight, rolled the safe down a steep bank and there forced it open. One can imagine their comments when they found no money.

Tony had to get the safe home again and wondered if I could help with a tractor. I thought I could. We loaded the heavy safe on the back of the tractor and I set off up the bank. This was a mistake! I should have reversed up. "This is how tractor drivers get killed" I said grimly, "when the machine turns over". Doug Southam, walking behind, said "Never mind Ron, we'll give you a nice bit in the Gazette, and a permanent place in the Garden of Rest." The front wheels stayed on the ground and I zigzagged to the top, and then dropped the safe back at the factory.

That night I slept badly, dreaming of burglars. At 4.30 a.m. I awoke with a start, not sure what had awakened me. Leaning out of the bedroom window I could hear an engine ticking over. My worst fears were realised. I hurried downstairs where our two small terriers greeted me with cocked ears, wondering what was afoot. I looked at the shotgun and the .22 rifle but settled for a good stick. Outside I found the dogs were not with me, which was strange, but I could hear footsteps in a neighbour's path, and determined to get the vehicle's number, come what may. At that moment it moved off with a familiar rattle. I was making a fool of myself, for it was a very early milkman on his rounds. Back upstairs I found two small dogs curled up happily in my warm bed. As I took them down again to their baskets, I reflected that if they could talk I knew exactly what they would say. "Why keep dogs and bark yourself."

Ron Piercy

GARDENING NOTES

Weather permitting, there are quite a few jobs to be done in the garden this month. The sowing of peas, broad beans, cauliflower, cabbage, savoy and other greens, stump rooted carrots, onions and, later in the month, a row of early potatoes, and some beetroot.

Greenhouse owners who have got plants of early cabbage, cauliflowers, brussels, onions and lettuce can get these planted in the garden to make room for other plants that now need pricking out, and for the sowing of marrows, cucumbers and runner beans in boxes for planting out later.

During the next few weeks stocks, asters, nemesia, zinnias and other half-hardy annuals can also be started in the greenhouse but it will be many weeks yet before we can sow or plant in the open.

There are quite a number of hardy annual flowers that can be sown in the open garden during the latter half of the month including clarkia, larkspur, calendulas, candytuft, lavatera, cornflower, nasturtian, sweet scabious and many others.

The planting of roses and shrubs should be completed by now, but there is still time to plant evergreens. Incidentally, most evergreens can be pruned during the next two months.

Have you planted any summer bulbs and corms yet? - Gladioli, ranuncululas, galtonia cardianca (the summer hyacinths), even anemones and chinchinchees.

A.H.B.

THE GERMAN FLEET'S ULTIMATE END

In the November Gazette we left the surrendered German warships in Scapa Floe under a strong British guard squadron. Weeks and months passed with the guard changing each month in a dreary routine. In April 1919 it was the turn for guard duty of the squadron which included the ship in which I was serving, H.M.S. Ramilles. For some days all went as usual: the German crews apparently content to await the decision of the Allies as to the fate of their ships. Then one morning at 7.30 a.m., to the surprise of the lower deck ratings, our squadron raised anchor and put to sea to carry out some long range torpedo-firing practice. This necessitated getting well away from land and clear of the trade lanes; some five hours or so steaming. The German ships were left in the charge of a few small ships including armed trawlers.

At about noon just as we were preparing to launch our torpedoes a signal from the Flag ship ordered exercises to terminate and extra steam to be raised. We headed back to Scapa Floe. At 3.30 p.m. we entered the Floe to be met with the most astonishing, remarkable, magnificent yet heartbreaking sight I have ever seen. The Germans had scuttled their every ship.

The method of scuttling a ship is to open valves and flood all or any compartments chosen. This the Germans did in many ways. Some ships sank on an even keel, some stern first, some bows first, some to port others to starboard. All the crews had taken to their boats and were flying white flags. Our first task was to round up these boats and bring their crews aboard our own ships. Then an effort was made to beach any German ship not fully sunk. I think only one was beached. The Germans seemed to be quite satisfied, even pleased with the position. On reflection I can't help wondering what the Allies were planning to do with these ships. It may never be known. What is known, and history will record it, is that the Germans played their ace card and settled the position, deciding once and for all their "ultimate end". Whatever their feelings were the officers and men of our squadron were sick at heart to witness such an unexpected end to a wonderful fighting fleet. A lot could be written around these brief details but I hope I have penned a picture worthy of a unique epic.

A.G. Flippence

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

A grand gardeners evening in the Village Hall Monday April 26th: a Spring Show (see schedule) staging from 7.30 p.m. Awards will be made but no prize monies given. Judging at 8.15 p.m. This will be followed by a Transparencies Show, "Naphill and District throughout the year" by G. Humphrey from 8.30 till 9 p.m., then a Gardeners Question Time 9 p.m. till close. Bring yourself, friend, an entry for the show and your gardening problems. We may be able to help. Admission Free, everybody welcome. Retiring collection to defray expenses.

Schedule: 1. A vase of trumpet daffodils one variety, six blooms. 2. A vase of trumpet daffodils, mixed, six blooms. 3. One specimen bloom trumpet daffodil. 4. A vase of Narcissi, cup variety, six blooms. 5. A vase of Narcissi more than one bloom per stem, six blooms. 6. One bloom or stem of Narcissi. 7. Vase of tulips one variety, three blooms. 8. Vase of tulips, mixed, three blooms. 9. Vase of polyanthus, nine stems. 10. Vase of any other flower except shrubs. 11. Vase of flowers from trees or shrubs. 12. Container of flowers and/or foliage arranged for effect to face front. 13. Arrangement of flowers and/or foliage in a stemmed wine glass. 14. Pot or bowl of bulbous plant or plants. 15. Any other plant or plants excluding bulbs in any one container. 16. Pot of cacti or succulents.

A.H. Busby

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

FIRST NAPHILL SCOUT GROUP.

March has brought our total number of Scouts to 15 from which we now have 3 Patrols. Our Adventure weekend was cancelled owing to many lads being down with measles or colds. Clive Dicks has been awarded his Second Class badge.

On March 14th. we attended Morning Service at the Methodist Church with the Guides. Next month we have our annual Bob-a-job week - 19th to 24th (see advertisement).

Congratulations to Richard Barnes on gaining his Leaping Wolf Badge. At the District Handicraft Exhibition Richard Barnes gained 1st prize for his entry in a "Garden on a Plate" and Douglas Barnes 1st prize for his home-made sweets. Well done the Barnes Brothers.

FIRST NAPHILL RANGER COMPANY.

The Rangers are practicing hard for the County Keep Fit competition due to be held soon.

Two of the company and one of the Guides were able to help by baby-sitting for new residents while attending the Village Hall Council's Wine and Cheese party. Two Rangers spent a week-end at the Youth Centre, Ashton Clinton, doing a course for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The subject, "What to wear and when to wear it" formed a part of the design for Living section.

A team entered in the Wycombe District 'Top of the Form' Competition and reached the Semi-final. Congratulations to Christine Mitchell who has completed Part I of The Ranger Star.

FIRST NAPHILL GUIDE COMPANY.

Three Brownies have recently flown up from the pack - this means they won the highest award the Brownie can win. Well done Cheryl & Lesley Audram and also Christine Selby.

The Scouts invited the Guides to their party on January 23rd; everyone enjoyed it.

Some of the Guides and Rangers washed up for the W.I. party, and were paid £1 for their efforts. This money has been sent to Dr. Barnado's Homes. February 22nd. is an important date in the Guides Calendar. It is the birthday of the chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell and also, incidentally, of her late husband. Guides contribute to a fund which provides equipment for poor companies overseas. Naphill Guides joined in a service at the Union Baptist Church, High Wycombe, on February 21st and on February 22nd went to St. John's Desborough Road to join in their Camp Fire singing.

Susan Keegan is now helping with the Cub Pack. Congratulations to Kay McConnell who has been awarded the 2nd class badge and is now second of the Robin Patrol. Also to Jane Bebb who has won Health and Artist Badges, and to Caroline Thynne who has won the Health Badge.

J.M.

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

Our March Meeting was an evening filled with interest and humour. Our speaker gave a moving account of his life with his Guide Dog, concluding his talk by demonstrating the prowess of his Guide Dog.

Our next meeting will be held on April 12th at which we will welcome Miss Dowson, a local celebrity who will be our guest speaker.

The seats for the Mystery Tour are fast filling up. Do not forget to reserve yours at the next meeting.

N.Y.N.C.

The evening before our meeting on March 5th we were gathered round the fire gazing at the pictures of arctic misery on the screen. All our enquiries as to whether the meeting should be cancelled were answered by a determined NO. It takes more than a snow-storm and blizzard to discourage our Members. Of course the committee made extensive plans to protect those brave enough to face the elements. We ordered a pack of Newfoundland dogs to stand by with little barrels of brandy fastened to their collars, the Police and the Fire Brigade were prepared to rescue anyone buried in an avalanche and the R.A.F. had a team of helicopters ready to help over dangerous snow-drifts. Some members who are great-grandmothers were to borrow skis or sledges to travel over the snow. This wonderful spirit of determination was rewarded by a meteorological miracle, for when the doors opened at 2.30 the sky was clear and the sun shining. The Speaker had telephoned to say that his garage was blocked with snow, so we were robbed of his talk, but fifty of us enjoyed an excellent tea with gossip, feeling glad we had not succumbed to the weather. Mr. C.J. Arnold gave us a talk about his work in charge of the Childrens Society at St Agatha's, Princes Risborough. Formerly "Waifs and Strays" the new name was adopted as more appropriate to the home and family life given to the children. They may be admitted as new-born babies (sometimes, alas, labelled as "unwanted") and are cared for until they reach school-leaving age. One cheerful aspect of the work is when those who have attained settled positions return to express their gratitude. Mrs. Geoffrey Smith thanked Mr Arnold for his kindness. It was the desire of all present to make a donation to the funds of the Society.

A letter from Angela Adamson of the Naphill Youth Club offered to do odd jobs or errands for Members of the Darby and Joan Club. We were anxious to express our gratitude. Some members would be glad to have help in breaking up coal. Applications for assistance may be made through any member of our Committee or directly to Miss Adamson at 57 Greenwoods, Walters Ash.

The Treasurer announced that the Fifty Pounds left to us in the will of the late Mrs Smart was now in our hands.

A tinge of sadness was added to our meeting by the news that Mr & Mrs Sidney Smith were leaving Naphill to take up residence in Rickmansworth to be near their married daughter and grand-children. Our President spoke in high praise of the work done by Mr Smith as a prominent member of the Committee since the foundation of the Club and said that any success achieved was in large measure due to his efforts. It will be difficult to fill the gap made by his resignation. Two books were presented to Mr Smith as a mark of our gratitude. Mr. Smith was unable to be present but Mrs Smith was with us and Mrs Bayley gave her a bouquet wishing her good luck. Mrs. Smith said she and her husband had enjoyed living in "this charming village of Naphill".

E.B.

A NEW CLUB FOR NAPHILL

The first dance was held in Naphill Village Hall on Saturday March 6th, organised by a group of friends in the Village, who decided to call themselves the Naphill Good Neighbours Club. The idea behind this venture was to bring some of the younger people of the village together for an enjoyable evening, and also to raise some money for a charity. A friendly crowd of eighty people danced the evening away to music played by Ken Madelin and his Band, and the hall was effectively decorated with candle-lit tables.

We would like to say a special thank-you to all the Mums and Dads who baby-sat for us, to all friends who made cakes etc for the refreshments or helped in any other way and to Bill Blunt of "The Wheel" public house for the orderly way he ran the bar.

A profit of £9.0.0. was realised, and this amount has been given to the Naphill Methodist Sick Fund.

In order to avoid confusion with other clubs in the Village, any function held by us in the future will go under the heading of NAPHILL GOOD COMPANIONS.

Bever Smith

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E

Dear Editor, May I, through the Naphill Gazette, ask for support for our annual Bob-a-job effort in April ? Every single penny raised during the week of April 19/24 will be donated to the needs of the boys at Group and District levels. This is as it should be for it is the boys themselves who, during one week of the year, help to earn their keep by undertaking any task within their attainments. They do not seek charity. Such is not the Scout way, and I appeal to the good-natured members of the public to respect this attitude by not giving a donation to a caller just to get rid of him. Please set him some task, no matter how modest it may appear to be. A lad cannot too early acquire self-respect and learn the value of money. Will you help him towards these desirable goals and at the same time help the cause of Scouting. Yours faithfully, P.A. Bowell (Scoutmaster).

R.S.P.C.A. RUMMAGE SALE. We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this Rummage Sale so successful. £30. 0. 6d was raised. After payment for the use of the Hall we were able to forward £26.3.0d to the local Branch Secretary. L.M.S.

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	9	Youth Club	8.00
	11	Darby & Joan	2.30
	16	Youth Club	8.00
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	19	NAPHILL FETE	
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O P E N L E T T E R

Dear Readers,

The present number of the Gazette is produced under the new Editor. Advancing years have made it advisable to hand over to Mr. Ron Piercy who has been our enthusiastic Manager for some time and has written regular articles for many years, as indeed his father did before him.

After looking through the sixty numbers published during the last five years I should like to share some of the memories of the Gazette's ups and downs during that time.

In 1960 the Gazette's size was strictly limited to two or three sheets. Money was scarce; possibly as a result of irregular collections. Because of lack of space the contributions were mercilessly blue-pencilled or even cut out; with consequent black looks for the Editor. Nevertheless when the size was increased to four or five sheets the Village Hall Council were concerned. They had assumed responsibility for any financial loss in the time of the previous Editor.

In January 1962 the crisis came. Instead of the usual door-to-door collection, readers had been asked, vainly as it proved, to leave contributions at the local shops. The Treasurer reported a serious debt. The end of the Gazette seemed to be inevitable.

An emergency public meeting was called. At an unexpectedly crowded gathering in the Village Hall it was made clear that Naphill readers really cared for their monthly magazine and that it still played a vital part in the life of the village. An appeal for voluntary typing and printing to save the cost of professional work brought generous response. Mr. Tony Lawrence undertook printing and organisation of production and Mrs. B. Stevenson the typing. Mr Tapping continued with free delivery. The Social Club made a gift which reduced the old debt to nothing more than a ghastly memory. The Gazette was able to make a clear start bearing the cost of paper and printing materials only.

An Editorial Board was then formed consisting of the six people voluntarily producing it, with an annual meeting in October to arrange regular collections and to formulate policy. Liaison with the Council was ensured by the attendance of the Editor at Council meetings.

It was decided, for that one occasion only, to make a special appeal to readers to contribute to a second door-to-door collection in twelve months. With the success of this collection it became possible to establish a Naphill Gazette Fund, with enough money in hand to cover the cost of twelve issues in advance. The Gazette is now in good heart financially.

Since that time, largely because of the printing skill and enthusiasm of Mr. Lawrence and money received for contracted advertisements from local firms, as well as the undertaking by the R.A.F. of delivery of copies circulated to officers and personnel with responsibility for a regular R.A.F. collection, the Gazette has grown in size and circulation and it has been possible to include occasional illustrations. Typing is now undertaken by Mrs. A. Russel and Mr. Warner is responsible for free delivery. Some twenty copies are posted each month by the Editor. The distance record is held by a reader in Bulawayo.

This may be a fitting opportunity to recall for readers, particularly those who may be new to the village, the rather curious constitution of the Gazette. It seems to be a typical British compromise which works well although hardly ever mentioned. The Editor and members of the Editorial Board bear only moral responsibility in the matter of finance. Any loss

is guaranteed by the Village Hall Council. The Village Hall Treasurer is also the Treasurer of the Gazette Fund : the Balance Sheet of which is audited by the Village Hall Auditor.

The Village Hall Council exercises a fatherly interest in the magazine, which regularly publishes the Council's various activities, but has never been possessive or sought to dominate it. Successive Editors have handed it down, as I have now done to Mr. Ron Piercy, with solemn vows to maintain its traditional independence and character. There is general realisation that independence is a valuable part of its appeal to the general reader. The Editor is alone responsible for the contents which seek to be non-political, non-sectarian and to give a broad picture of spare-time and other community activities.

I am hoping that the new Editor will allow me so much of his space. My best wishes go to him and to all concerned. In relinquishing a task which has given me a lot of pleasure I acknowledge gratefully the patience and kindness extended over the years : the hard work of colleagues of the Editorial Board and the annual collectors, the financial response from readers and village organisations and the loyalty of the Gazette's regular writers of reports and articles.

John Holmes

N A P H I L L V I L L A G E H A L L A N D P L A Y I N G F I E L D S

Council Meeting 3rd May 1965 : Members were pleased to see the progress which has been made in the kitchen extension. The whole place should be finished by the time this appears in print.

It was decided to plant an Evergreen Oak in the Fields in memory of the late Sir Winston Churchill, and the Horticultural Society have been asked to arrange this.

The Treasurer reported that he had received the sum of £500 bequeathed to the Council by the late Mrs. Smart.

The Youth Club is proving a success and it is necessary to limit the number of members.

The Gang Mower has been purchased and it is hoped to be able to keep the field in first class order in future.

The Fete was discussed at length, and all we want now is good weather.

Childrens Playground : For the first time since the apparatus was provided three years ago there has been an accident. A small boy fell off the Merry Go Round, got his foot under the apparatus and broke some bones. Although the Council do all they can to ensure that all the items are as safe as possible parents are asked to tell their children that they must be careful. For the youngest it is certainly best for the parents to be there with them. So far as the elder ones are concerned parents are urged to tell them that it is dangerous to play about on the slide or to misuse the swings. If parents are at all doubtful they should only let their children play there when accompanied.

R. C. R.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH: May I take this opportunity to thank you, and all who helped in any way to return me as your representative on the Rural District Council.

I shall be available and pleased to help on any problems on which you may need advice or help.

E.C. HALSEY.

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

On April 2nd we enjoyed one of our most popular events, the concert given by the Choir of the Naphill School, under the leadership of the Head Master Mr. Kilby, at the piano, with Mrs. Syrett wielding the conductor's baton with remarkable skill and energy. The young voices were pleasing to our ears and the words of the songs came through clearly. The varied programme of eighteen items included some of the old favourites we used to sing in our own childhood. "Three Blind Mice", sung as a Round, was so attractive that we decided to sing it ourselves at the next meeting. We have never heard a better School Concert and we all united in thanking Mr. Kilby, Mrs. Syrett and the Children's choir.

At our Annual General Meeting the following officials were re-elected - President, Dr. Eric Bayley, Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Bayley, Treasurer, Mr. Geoffrey Smith, Committee Members : Mrs. Ted Brown, Mrs Dorothy Smith, Mrs Piercy, Mrs Read, Mrs. Toby and Mr Arthur Busby. On May 14th Mrs. John Hall paid us her annual visit and entertained us with her talk about important events of the last few decades at which she has been present, such as the coronation of Queen Elizabeth and the presentation of a portrait to Mr Winston Churchill in Westminster Hall in the presence of the Members of both Houses of Parliament. She had a good word to say about the young people of today; she was quite willing to accept their peculiar clothes and long hair provided that they were clean and tidy. Mrs Hall has always been a good friend to us and in her official capacity as President she takes a keen interest in all the Old Peoples Welfare Societies in the whole county of Buckinghamshire. Her visit coincided with the Eighth Birthday of our Club, for which Mrs Pieroy had made two magnificent cakes which pleased both our eyes and our taste, On this occasion we welcomed visitors introduced by some of our members, this is always a pleasure to us and we hope for more visitors at our future meetings.

E.B.

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

The process of turning a neglected garden into grass, trees and shrubs, continues. I am happy to report that lilac corner is now looking well. There are now six different varieties, and some "Primrose" amongst them are going to bloom in their first year. But not "Mrs Edward Harding". Described as a lovely Red, this lady requires a little more wooing before she is won, and will not reveal herself this year. I have also been concerned with the Acacia family, as the garden already contained a Robinia Pseudacacia, a non-flowering type with very delicate foliage. Having long wanted an ordinary False-Acacia which looks like white laburnum I obtained one from an unexpected source, 8/6 from Woolworths if you must know. But in the past I have seen pictures of a pink variety, and studying an old Garden Dictionary I learned (continued overleaf).....

that the pink effect may be obtained by grafting R.Psuedacacia with its relative R. Hispida. Well I have no great skill as a grafter and had no idea where such a graft could be obtained, so I just stored the information away in the back of my mind. Until one day this Spring when wandering round a nurseryman's 'end of season' auction sale I noticed a bush with red and bristly stems and, bending to read the name, there it was - "Iobinia Hispida". Concealing my excitement with a poker face I made a bid, and Hispida was mine. The old garden book said "Not fussy as to soil" but needs plenty of sun, and some shelter". I thought "Right, me proud beauty, I know just the place to bed you down", and now I am waiting with some eagerness for the first signs of life. After all, a plant which is described as "The Rose Acacia", or "Sweet Pea Bush" is surely worth waiting for.

Ron Piercy

N A P H I L L W I

April and May. Mrs Smith welcomed new members Mrs Robins, Mrs Bowler and Mrs Pearson. It was decided to write to the Rural District Council asking them to buy up land in Naphill and build bungalows for old people. The G.P.O. is also to be written to asking them for another telephone box.

Letters of thanks were read from the B.F.W.I. for the donation sent to them, and from Mrs Hayward for flowers sent to her during her illness.

Mrs Leigh from the County Farm gave a demonstration of Spring Flower Arrangement and the way in which she coaxed the flowers into such beautiful arrangements was a joy to watch.

The Competition for the best Spring Flower Arrangement was won by :
1st - Mrs Pushman, 2nd - Mrs Bull. The Limericks on a Committee Meeting -
won by : 1st - Mrs M Brown, 2nd - Mrs Mitchell

A letter was read from the G.P.O. stating that the request for another telephone kiosk was being investigated. Letters of thanks were read from the Elderly Folks Dinner Committee and Darby and Joan Club for the donations sent to them - At this meeting Lady Burnham was our speaker.

In June our meeting is to be a surprise and members are asked to be at the Village Hall at 1.45 pm prompt and to bring with them a thermos of tea. Tea hostesses are Mrs Hopkins, Mrs Mills, Mrs Styles, Mrs Tooby.

Congratulations to our Drama Group who entered the County Festival and again won the cup for the best mixed team entered.

E.M.O.

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MENS' CLUB NOTES

Was the Favourite Nobbled?

It has long been held that meeting Albert Reed in defence of his Snooker title was akin to meeting a grizzly bear defending her cubs, and no-one who saw it will forget his fight back to win last year, against the brilliant Peter Bristow. But this year there was such a lack of fire and fighting spirit about Albert's play that spectators could hardly believe their eyes. Indeed I would not have been surprised if Referee Arthur Flippance had ordered a saliva test. There is really nothing to say about the match except that Albert suffered a crushing defeat by an opponent scarcely in his class. As to the winner, I'm afraid modesty forbids me from telling you how well he played.

R.P.

THE YOUNG NEIGHBOURS

Our May meeting was of interest to us all, a description of the great work undertaken by OXFAM. We were able to raise £1. 13. 6d between us to help this cause.

This month we are all going on a Mystery Coach Tour, June 14th. Will members please note we are to meet at the Village Hall at 7 pm prompt, to leave at 7.15 p.m.

NAPHILL CHURCH

Once again, Naphill Church joined with the Methodist Chapel in the collection for Christian Aid throughout the village. The collection to date has brought in £21 but the final figure will be supplied by the High Wycombe Secretary in due course. We are very grateful for the help so freely given by Naphill Church collectors.

It is with some regret we report that an unauthorised boy has collected envelopes from at least two houses during Christian Aid week. Most, if not all collectors for charities, approved by the Police, carry identity badges issued by the charity concerned.

A coffee morning will be held at Louches Cottage on Wednesday July 7th, so we hope all our friends will make a note of this date in their diaries. This was a highly successful social occasion last year and this year should be even better.

NB. We shall be pleased to store your rummage now in readiness for our September secondhand sale - even furniture can be accommodated.

W.W.

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for June

June 6th (Whit Sunday)

13th

20th

27th

11 a.m.

Student from Richmond College

Mr. B. Sutcliffe

Mr. W.O. Haines

Rev E.W. Crew

(Family Service)

6.15 p.m.

Mr A.E. Steevens

Rev E.W. Crew

(Holy Communion)

Mr. R. Ellins

Mrs Mann

The Coffee Evening on May 21st was a great success and realised £16 for the church re-decoration fund. We thank all who supported us so well, and invite you to attend another Coffee Evening on Friday June 25th from 7 - 8.30 p.m.

M.G.B.

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

T E N N I S C L U B

In a bid to recruit more members the Tennis Club held a very successful cheese and wine party in the Village Hall with nearly forty people present.

The sunny weather has seen some people on the courts but play in the evening is still rather spasmodic. The ladies have made Tuesday afternoons a regular and successful date. The Men's Shield team have been practicing hard and have won the two matches so far played.

Coaching has started and is available to all those interested, on Monday evenings at 7 p.m.

Thanks are due to all those who helped or contributed in any way to our rummage sale when once again a very useful sum was raised for Club funds.

V.H.

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

As June 7th is Whit Monday, the Council meet on 31st May at 8 p.m. Will all members please attend as this is the last meeting before the Fete.

R.C. Rose

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

May 1st saw the opening of the cricket season. The first team game against Penn and Tylers Green was abandoned because of rain as also was the second team game against Holmer Green. The following week rain stopped play at Hampden, while our second eleven beat Hampden reserves 77 runs to 42. Saturday May 15th we had a convincing win against Caribbean Club, Naphill scoring 141 runs. J. Simpson 55. Caribbean Club scored 67 - J Evans taking 4 wkts for 23. The second team lost to Winchmore Hill. May 22nd we lost to West Indians Sporting Club, by 5 wkts, Naphill being dismissed for 87 runs after being 81 for 4 wkts. Our second team were held to a draw at Prestwood.

G.L.B.

1ST NAPHILL RANGER COMPANY : The Rangers had a very good weekend at Aston Clinton on March 27-28th. Some of the activities they enjoyed included building a rope bridge across a stream, lampshade and paper-flower making, judo and trampoline jumping. They also learned how to look at a house when thinking about buying it.

The team for the County Keep Fit competition was reduced to three because of illness and other misfortunes. In spite of this they did splendidly and were placed second. Congratulations to them.

Frances Swain has been awarded the Ranger Instructor Badge to signify the work she does with the Guide Company.

J.M.

1ST NAPHILL GUIDE COMPANY : A new patrol has been made because of increased numbers in the company. Caroline Thynne has been elected, and it is called the Swallow Patrol.

On May 1st the Chief Guide visited High Wycombe during her tour of the County, this was a chance for all Guides and Brownies to meet her and hear her speak. Our company won a prize for the banner we made to greet her - well done Guides ! The patrol leaders saw Lady Baden-Powell again on Sunday May 2nd when she took the salute at the County Banner Service at Aylesbury. Some of them were able to shake hands and talk to her afterwards.

J.M.

O B I T U A R Y

We regret to announce the death of Miss Plummer who formerly lived at Heysham, Naphill Common.

Also on May 9th 1965 of Mrs Sturch, at Rose Cottage, Naphill, in her 86th year. She had lived in Naphill for the past 27 years and was a much loved member of the Darby & Joan Club.

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

The house to house collection for the Royal National Institute for the Blind amounted to £11. 0. 0.

Thanks to all who contributed, and to the voluntary collectors who gave so much of their time to this good cause.

M.P.

Mr. Donald CAMPBELL, the newly elected County Councillor on the Bucks County Council for the Hughenden Division, would like the people of Naphill and Walters Ash to know that he is available at any time, to assist anyone who might have a query on which he could be of assistance as a County Councillor. His address is - North Dean House, North Dean, Near High Wycombe.

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL

JULY

Thurs	1st	W.I. Monthly Meeting	2.30
Sat	3rd	W.I. Art Exhibition	
Mon	5th	COUNCIL MEETING	8.00
Tues	6th	Rummage Sale	2.30
Fri	9th	Darby & Joan	2.30
Sat	10th	Flower Show	
Mon	12th	Young Neighbours	7.30
Fri	16th	Whist Drive	7.30
Sat	17th	Dance	
Tues	20th	Conservative Cheese & Wine Party	8.00
Fri	23rd	Darby & Joan	2.30

Mens Club - Tues - Weds - Fri - Sat.
 Bingo - Every Thursday 8.00
 Youth Club - Every Wednesday
 Infant Welfare 1st & 3rd Wednesday

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

At the meeting held on the 31st May the Council were pleased to hear of the receipt of £50 from the Bucks Branch of the National Playing Fields Association towards the cost of the new Gang Mower, we have bought to deal with the grass cutting of our large field. During the Chairmanship of Mr. Tweedale three years ago the Association were largely responsible for paying for the equipment for the Childrens Playground, giving us over £200.

Everyone in the Village is therefore beholden to the Association, which is holding its annual Flag Day in October.

There is a devoted band of about a dozen people who volunteer to collect at the twenty or so Flag Collections held during each year, and it is felt that perhaps others may feel inclined to help in this somewhat thankless task. Can I therefore ask all readers of the Gazette to consider helping, however small a number of houses they can cope with, and to get in touch with me during the next month ! (R.C. Rose, Blacksmiths)

The Council offered its congratulations to Mr. Halsey on his election to the Chairmanship of Wycombe R.D.C.

The remainder of the evening was taken up with arrangements for the Fete.

R.C.R.

E D I T O R S ' C O R N E R

My first duty, and a most pleasant one, is to pay a small tribute to my predecessor, John Holmes. I think all will agree that under him the Gazette has achieved a higher standard than ever before, and one which it will be most difficult to maintain. It has been a rare privilege to work with him - but I come to praise Ceaser, not to bury him - and trust that the Gazette will have the benefit of his advice for many years to come. I also intend to make good use of him as a contributor. This month the Gazette appears on the same day as a display of local art and a coffee evening, and contains a preview criticism signed J.M.H. This is to enable readers to take it along to the Show to see if they agree with our art critic.

I am also very pleased to announce that Mrs. Tony Lawrence (Amanda) has agreed to act as Assistant Editor. With Tony printing the Gazette, this is asking a lot of one family, but from my point of view it is ideal. The post of Manager is dropped, as also is the title "Editorial Board", but those who work for the paper will still constitute the management committee.

My final word this month is on behalf of our hard-worked distributor. Please understand that you can only have the Gazette delivered by Mr. Warner if you buy a paper from him; otherwise get in touch with me or Mrs. Lawrence and we will make other arrangements - and please do not contact him with complaints at obviously inconvenient hours.

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

Holy Communion	July 4th	9.15 a.m.
Evensong	July 18th	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School	-	Times and dates as announced

May we first of all, cordially invite everyone who reads this, to a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th July at the home of

Mr & Mrs Neil Hopkins
Louches Cottage
Hunts Hill Lane

Coffee will be served between 10.30 and 12.0 noon.

Secondly, a warm invitation is extended to all Naphill readers to attend a Garden Party in Hughenden Vicarage Gardens, by courtesy of The Revd S.A.C. Dickins and Mrs Dickins, on Saturday July 10th from 2.30 p.m. We can assure you of a very pleasant and entertaining afternoon amidst beautiful surroundings.

New residents in the village will be particularly welcome at the above services and at both social occasions.

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.

4th	Mr. K. Peatey	Mr. M. Dick
11th	Mr. D. Browning	Mr. D. Gregory
18th	Mr. W.S. Rose	Mr. L. Goodchild
25th	Mr. J. Bryden	Rev. E.W. Crew

M.G.B.

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

Sunday Services :	10 a.m.	Family Service
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N A P H I L L F E T E

This year the Fete surpassed all expectations in nearly every way. Blessed with glorious sunshine all day the fete attracted a record crowd, who not only enjoyed themselves but found time to dig deep into their pockets which resulted in a handsome profit for the V.H.C, and at the end, the helpers, tired and weary, all voted it to be one of the best days for years and well worthwhile. It was a wonderful 'get together' for everybody and this year people really let their hair down to make it a complete success. After opening the Fete, Mr. John Hall crowned Pat Eager as the Fete Queen. What a pretty float the Queen and her two attendants, Miss Julie Wilford and Mrs. Pat Brownless made. And then the fun began - we were shown the skills of Judo, and then 6 teams sweated it out on the Tug-of-War. After a cup of tea and refreshments in the Village Hall (how that kitchen staff worked to provide teas for everyone), we saw the children dancing round the maypole, and the brilliant Flying Display from members of the High Wycombe Model Flying Club, and to finish up a car treasure hunt and bingo. From the tiny tots in fancy dress, the various organisations who decorated a float, the donators of prizes and the many helpers, would they please accept my grateful thanks on behalf of the Village Hall Council for their efforts in making the 1965 Fete such a success. The net profit will be announced in next month's issue - thanks to everyone it will be a big one. Alan Shrimpton

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

On June 11th we held our Annual Garden Party in the President's garden at Plum Tree Cottage. For some days before the event the weather had been threatening but the sun shone brightly for us all the afternoon and we sat basking lazily in easy chairs while the warmth entered into our bones. We grumbled when we were dragged out to be photographed by Mr Goodearl but we put on our best smiles, and when a few days later we saw the result we were gratified to see what a good-looking crowd we were and we felt proud to have our picture published in the Bucks Free Press.

Mrs Hilda Hayward gave us an account of the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace which she attended as the representative of the Women's Institute; nine thousand women were gathered together looking impressive in their nine thousand new hats, though some of them were shivering in costumes unsuitable to our English June cold weather. Our Garden Party at Plum Tree Cottage was not quite so grand as the one at Buckingham Palace, but we enjoyed a luscious tea served in the shade under the trees where we could sit and admire the irises and lupins in the flower-beds. The day following was wet and miserable to remind us of our luck in having a sunny afternoon.

Our visit to Sir Winston Churchill's grave was interesting, flowers and wreaths in cellophane were still being placed on the stone and the numbers going to inspect the grave seemed endless and we had to take our place in the long queue. The weather was fine and we never get tired of watching the scenery go by as we glide through our lovely county of Bucks.

E.B.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We are now quite near to the date of our Sweet Pea and Rose Show which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday July 10th. Schedules are now available and if you have not received your copy, get in touch with your nearest Committee member.

We are again entering the Inter-Societies Competition which we won last year, and which we hope we shall win again.

Remember that each prize you win will mean points to our Society, so make as many entries as you can.

We are sorry to see that interest in good wholesome home cooking is becoming a thing of the past, if entries for our domestic classes are any guide over the last few years. If this state of affairs continues we shall reluctantly have to discontinue these classes at future shows. However, ladies, if your interest is now turning to flower arranging we have some interesting classes in this section of the schedule, so why not try your hand at one of them.

We have sold out of "Chasmor" for the time being, having sold over two tons this season.

Are you thinking of visiting the R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley this year? if so, free entry tickets are available to our members by applying to committee members or to the Secretary.

A reminder to new members: Messrs. Jones & Rivett are prepared by arrangement with us to allow all members holding the current year's membership card, 10% discount on all orders for horticultural sundries.

A.H.B.

GARDENING NOTES

Those rains have come at last and everything, including weeds and grass is growing well. Unfortunately some of the taller growing plants have toppled over where staking and tying has not been attended to. This is one of the penalties for growing the taller type of plants such as lupins, delphiniums, dahlias and chrysanthemums at Naphill unless stakes and ties are provided.

It seems that lots of people have still got a mistaken idea that things should be grown, as they term it, naturally, whereas the very essential of gardening is to control nature. You prune your roses to keep them in shape and remove all sucker growths as they appear; stinging nettles, docks and dandelion should have no place in the flower border, grass should not be allowed to grow naturally on the lawns and produce seeds as it would in nature. Dahlias and chrysanthemums will give much better blooms if those many buds and side shoots are controlled, and after all you wouldn't allow garden peas and runner beans to harvest their seed without having some of them for the table. Slugs and caterpillars are partial to a nice cabbage or lettuce, but if you want some yourselves something must be done to control their appetites. So, to have a nice garden you have to sometimes assist nature, sometimes control and often fight it. So stake and tie, cut and prune, weed and hoe, and disbud and deshoot.

A.H.B.

YOUTH CLUB REPORT FOR MAY AND JUNE

With all things considered, the months of May and June have been surprisingly quiet from an activity point of view. On the 12th May we had an unexpected, but very welcome visit from leaders and members of the Beaver Lodge Y.C. at Marlow, and we managed to organise a very entertaining and lively quiz. We again held a monthly dance, and although financially not successful as previous dances, I am sure that the change was appreciated.

The beginning of June brought about our entry into the Youth Club Cricket League and for this we are indebted to the help received from the Cricket Club. Results of games played so far are: v Oakridge Y.C (Home) Naphill 120-1 (D.Blamey 86), Oakridge 50 : June 10th v Beaconsfield Y.C. (Home); Naphill 37 for 2 wkts, Beaconsfield 36 : June 15th v St Johns Y.C.; Naphill 63 for 5, St Johns Y.C. 62 for 9 : June 16th v Hatters Lane Y.C; (Away) Game Cancelled. June 22 : v Booker Y.C. (Away).

Finally, I should like to thank all club members who helped in any way with the Fete, and also congratulate our members, Andy Anderz and Angela Adamson who are representing Naphill in the Bucks Quiz Team, and who so far have been victorious.

NB After the dance with the LYRIKS on June 30th, the Youth Club will be closing down until September 8th 65.

J.A.S.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

The past month has seen the Tennis Club growing stronger and more active. Membership has increased, the weather has been fairly kind and most of the maintenance work around the courts has been completed.

Some of the luckier members have obtained tickets for Wimbledon and will doubtless return full of confidence to take part in the club's tournaments.

The Men's Shield team is still enjoying the fruits of victory but some very serious training is taking place for the match against our old rivals, Wolverton Park, on July 4th.

V.W.H.

W I N E D R I N K I N G

With the advent of a new Wine and Spirit Shop in the Village, and because I sincerely believe that the drinking of Wine, in moderation, is good for one, I persuaded the Editor to allow me to write a short article on Wine.

Wine is for pleasure. Drunk in moderation it is extremely good for the health and certainly aids the digestion. It has definite nutrient qualities but, primarily, it is drunk for it's delicate flavour and the feeling of well-being that it imparts.

The Grape, from which the wine is made, contains more sugar for its size than any other fruit while, on its outer skin, are found the NATURAL yeasts which cause fermentation. When the grapes are pressed to extract the juice, the yeasts on the skin combine with the sugar in the juice to make alcohol and carbon-acid gas. While the fermentation is going on the "MUST" or grape-juice, bubbles as the gas escapes. In time, the yeasts either produce a Dry Wine by using up all the sugar in the "MUST" or they are killed by the rise in the amount of alcohol in the "MUST" leaving some sugar unfermented to make a Sweet Wine.

Red Wine is made from Black Grapes and most White Wine from White Grapes - it is possible to make White Wine from Black Grapes (for example Champagne) by not allowing the skins to be in contact with the "MUST" long enough to colour it. Red wine gains its colour because the skins are allowed to remain in the "MUST" during part of the fermentation and this gives red wine its original deep purple colour.

Finally, I would state that the ordinary drinking of wine has to an extent been ruled by what I term "Wine Snobbery". Wine is in my shop to be enjoyed - forget convention, if you prefer a sweet white wine with roast beef, by all means have it. Certainly experiment with a red wine and I feel sure that in time you will come to appreciate, for instance, that Claret is very complimentary to a nice Steak and vice-versa, but I do firmly believe that Wine can make a feast out of an ordinary meal. There are some excellent honest cheap wines to suit most pockets just as there are some wonderful but expensive wines for the very special occasion.

W.J. Barrett

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

There was a very good attendance for the Annual General Meeting of the Naphill Scout and Guide Joint Committee in April at which Mr. Winter-Taylor was elected Chairman. We were also pleased to welcome Mr. Glennister as a member of the Committee. Our very special thanks were given to Mr. J. Howland who has guided us so well from the chair during the last three years.

A Garden Party has been arranged for Saturday, July 10th at 2.30 p.m., at Plum Tree Cottage (opposite Naphill Police House), at which we hope to have numerous stalls, sideshows, competitions and displays. We hope that as many people as possible from the village will come to enjoy themselves and at the same time help us towards the maintenance costs on our joint headquarters.

The Group have recently been mentioned in the pages of the Bucks Free Press for their production of a very fine magazine containing news, articles, poems etc., covering the interests of Scouting and Guiding. This is edited and printed by Assistant Scoutmaster Derek Martin, with valuable assistance from Pauline Simmonds, Lieutenant of the Guides.

R.C.Wells

N A P H I L L W. I.

Members arriving for our June meeting were wondering where the coaches which were waiting at the Village Hall were going to take them, as this meeting's arrangements has been a well-guarded secret by the committee. After starting off much guessing was done as to our destination. We eventually arrived at Savill Garden in Windsor Great Park and spent a pleasant afternoon in nice sunshine viewing the rhododendrons and many other flowers and shrubs. Before returning home we had our tea in the coach.

JULY meeting : Mrs Richardson is our speaker and demonstrator for Buffet Suppers; there is also a small produce competition and we hope that as many members as possible will enter something. JULY 3 : Art Show and Coffee eveing.

J.M.B.

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

We had almost perfect weather for our June meeting - a Mystery Tour round our beautiful countryside.

The next meeting is July 12th when we are to have a talk on the work of the Police. This is to be followed by a competition - "Arrangement of Flowers in an Egg-cup", which we hope all will enter but not take too seriously!

We are very grateful to Mrs Brenda Butler who has worked so hard to organise an Older Peoples afternoon and our contribution to the Village Fete.

C.B.H.

W.I. A R T E X H I B I T I O N P R E - V I E W

An exhibition of some 50 paintings which should not be missed, will be on view at the Naphill Womens Institute "Coffee Party" in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, July 3rd. They are the work of members, and one or two gentlemen, and the results of evening studies throughout the year. The following hurried Stop Press notes were made at the request of the Editor during a meeting of the group while some of the paintings were still being worked upon.

A simple, but by no means common, approach to any work of art is to ask what the artist was trying to do and whether the object has been achieved. If these painters painted for pleasure there is ample evidence that they succeeded. The medium is in nearly all cases oil paint and the most striking general characteristic is the direct use of paint in the spirit of Kipling's words :

" For each in the joy of the working
And each in his separate star
Shall draw the thing as he sees it
For the God of things as they are "

I found the artists, with unjustified modesty, very reluctant to have their names mentioned in the Gazette but received permission after explaining that it was otherwise very difficult to identify individual paintings. The subjects included still life, portraits and views from the windows. Bad weather had entirely prevented out-door sketching and it is surprising to find what variety of colour, pattern and composition can be found in the Billiard Room where the class meets : given the artistic eye !

The following notes were made in an all-too-hurried glance at the many paintings : Amongst Mrs Bull's work was one which stirred a desire for possession. It was a painting of another member which had many attractive qualities : a clear sense of design in the placing and composition, delightful colour, texture and paint quality with a lively directness of application which made one think of the French Impressionists. Mrs. Butler has a convincing painting of a boy in a green jersey and a study in charcoal which show outstanding draughtsmanship. Mrs Brill shows a figure on a seat which has charming colour and good composition. A very luminous painting of a poppy by Mrs Fayle takes the eye and her still-life shows excellent colour sense. Mrs Fountain's assured portrait of a woman shows a fore-shortened view of a head of which any draughtsman might be proud. Of Mrs. Gilson's work I liked best the painter-like qualities and colour of the view from a window. Mrs. Gosling also has a pleasing view from a window of remarkably good colour but it is a small painting of a stool and chair which attracts by its clever designing of shapes placed with a feeling of inevitability in the picture area. Mrs Piercy, too, has made every-day objects significant by a painting of a loaf of bread in an original composition. There is also very individual skill in her painting of a seated boy with good colour and composition and a portrait showing an excellent likeness. I was very taken by the dramatic quality of Mrs. Strange's white tea-pot with apples; made into a really exciting picture by skilful selection and contrasted tones. Perhaps the most original composition shows a view of the metal trusses of the billiard room roofing by Mr. Clements. The result is an intriguing pattern in cool greys and yellow. It could surprise some of the snooker players to realise that such interest is over their heads as they bend over the tables. These and many other paintings triumph over crowded conditions and arbitrary lighting which might have proved insuperable. Diffused artificial light produces a monochrome effect and tends to make objects look flat. There must be sympathy for both students and their instructor, Mr Piggott, in overcoming such difficulties. It is hoped to continue the Course next season. Will the Village Hall Council, having added a kitchen to the Hall, next build a studio worthy of such enthusiasm ? After all, one "cannot live by bread alone" ! In the meantime admiration is expressed for the present show of works : but do go and see them for yourselves. For good measure the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

John Holmes

G E N E R A L A N N O U N C E M E N T

Will the person or organisation who borrowed the Electric Wire Sideshow sometime last year, please return it immediately to Mr. R. Rose or Mr. W. Wood, as it is urgently required for another affair.

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

Holy Communion	August 1st	9.15 a.m.
Evensong	August 15th	3.30 p.m.

Sunday School will re-open in September

It is with pleasure that we record yet another example of co-operation between the churches, when the lady organist of the Methodist Chapel helped us out of difficulty by playing the organ for a service. We were very grateful for this help.

DO PEOPLE CHANGE SO VERY MUCH ?

This Prayer for Landlords comes from A Book of Private Prayer set forth by Order of King Edward VI.

"We heartily pray thee to send thy holy spirit into the hearts of them that possess the grounds, pastures, and dwelling-places of the earth, that they, remembering themselves to be thy tenants, may not rack and stretch out the rents of their houses and lands, nor yet take unreasonable fines and incomes, after the manner of covetous workings . . . but so behave themselves in letting out their tenements, lands, and pastures, that after this life they may be received into everlasting dwelling places".

(With acknowledgements to Hughenden Parish Magazine)

A DATE TO NOTE RUMMAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 4TH
 NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL - 2.30 P.M.

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 PLEASE HELP AND PLEASE COME

W.W.

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

Preachers for August 11. a.m. 6.15 p.m.

August	1st	Mr. F. Slade	Mr. L. Rundle
"	8th	Rev. E.W. Crew	Mr. A. Cooper
"	15th	Mr. W. Osborne	Mr. W. Parkins
"	22nd	Mrs. A Cooper	
"	29th	Mr. M. Brittin	Rev W.G. Ream, MA

During this month, work will begin on the re-decoration of the interior of the Church. For two Sundays, services will be held in the schoolroom.

M.G.B.

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

T H E A R T S H O W

The Gazette is forced to apologise to any reader who took along our preview report to use as a catalogue, for the artists suffered from such an excess of modesty that they refused to identify their pictures with a signature. Apart from this little quirk it was an excellent show.

Mr. G.G. Palmer, who is Head of the Art School in the High Wycombe College of Technology and Art, and Mrs Palmer, had accepted an invitation to the Exhibition. He told our reporter afterwards that they had been impressed by the great vitality shown in the paintings and the enthusiasm and feeling displayed which had more than made up for any lack of academic sophistication.

Editor

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

A very successful Garden Fete was held on Saturday the 10th July in the lovely garden at Plum Tree Cottage by kind permission of Dr and Mrs E. Bayley. In spite of the stormy weather of the previous few days we were fortunate to have a warm afternoon free from rain. The fete was opened by Mr. J. Wood, the District Commissioner for Scouts, and we were delighted that he and Mrs Wood were able to spend an enjoyable afternoon with their children free from their usual Saturday business commitments. There was a very good attendance of parents and friends and an entertaining programme of displays by the Rangers and Guides, the Cubs and the Brownies.

An event of this kind cannot be carried out successfully without the willing help of a great many people who obviously cannot be individually named. Will all these helpers please accept our grateful thanks for their co-operation, generosity and labours. The proceeds of about £40 are to be devoted to the Headquarters Building and Maintenance Fund.

R.C.W.

G A R D E N N O T E S

Although rain is essential for growth in the garden the last couple of months has provided enough of this commodity to make things, to say the least, a little unpleasant. Growth has been good but it is a little disappointing when a good display of flowers is beaten down and spoilt by heavy rain. Weeding and grass cutting (when possible) seems the order of the day, and blackfly is still being a nuisance on runner and broad beans.

If any of the crops need a further boosting this should be done during the next few weeks after which the feeding of crops generally should cease to give time for those crops in particular that have to stand the winter, to toughen up.

Have you potted up those cyclamen yet? it is time they were started into growth again, and don't forget those early forcing bulbs to provide flowers for the Christmas festivities.

Not many gardeners in Naphill seem to grow celery, but if you are trying some this year you should start drawing up the earth round the plants to blanch them, but before you start, make sure that any side shoots that are developing from the base of the plants are removed.

Have you cut out the old fruiting canes from the raspberries and removed all the old wood possible from the black currants to allow the young shoots to develop?

A.H.B.

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

The afternoon of June 21st was a great occasion for us. The members of the Young Neighbours Club under the leadership of Mrs Brenda Butler, volunteered to take over the management of the entertainment. First came amusing performances on the stage with imitations of the "Beat-alls" and the "Lollipop Girl", followed by an old familiar song with words written by Mrs Syrett rhyming with the names of some of our members, an effort which kept us chuckling all the time.

A bevy of charming young ladies handed round tea with sandwiches and mountains of cake, all home-made, and to crown everything a free raffle was organised with handsome gifts for all. Mrs Brenda Butler was born and bred in Naphill and met many old friends among our members. There were too many Young Neighbours to mention by name but to one and all we expressed our warmest thanks. We shall remember for many a long day their kindness to the Darby and Joan Club which is doing so much to brighten our village life.

We enjoy our motor-bus trips round the country-side, when we gaze on scenes we were familiar with in our younger days when we went for long walks on our two legs; someone may exclaim "I have not been here for fifty years". When asked if they would like to get out and walk our members answer "No", thank you, we are quite comfortable on these seats and have no wish to stretch our legs". But many of them have lively recollections of the days of the pony-trap and the donkey-cart when they often had to get out and walk when the faithful quadruped had to negotiate one of the Chiltern hills. Those were the days, well-remembered; today one cannot offer a motor car a piece of sugar or a carrot and there would be no fun in putting a nose-bag on a machine.

NEWS ITEM: At the Horticultural Show on July 10th the First Prize in the Darby and Joan Class was won by Mrs Munger with her "Spider Plant" in full bloom.

E.B.

EARLY MORNING AND LATE AT NIGHT

Though many may think otherwise, I am convinced that the best time to walk through our countryside is early in the morning, the earlier the better. Unfortunately I am one of those people who like their beds in the morning, so I must confess I do not often practice what I preach'.

However, on the odd occasion when I manage to stir myself, I usually find that if I stroll along quietly I am accepted far more readily by the birds and beasts, than I am during more normal hours, and of course there are always far more birds and beasts to be seen. For instance, I recall one sunny morning early last Autumn, when I saw a few goldfinches sitting on top of a hedge. Normally I could perhaps have approached to within about fifty feet with luck, but this time I was able to walk right up under them, stand and watch them preening, and sipping the dew on the leaves, and then pass on without disturbing them in the least.

A bit further on some chattering Great Tits and a pair of Wrens came through the hedge to have a look at my dog and I, and once again we had a few minutes face to face with no bother at all.

On another bright and sunny morning I was walking across a field when I saw a fox out in the middle. It should have shot off like the wind, but no, it just carried on walking. By the time I reached the other side and was in the wood, I realised we were both going in the same direction, with the fox about 100 yards behind. This went on for quite a distance, when I walked the fox walked; when I stopped the fox stopped, until we reached the bushes which hid it's home.

The next best thing to an early morning walk is a late evening one, and I find these come much more easily. Most of our birds are settling down of course, but as the sun goes down the animals and owls begin to move. The woodcock, too, which is hardly ever seen by day, seems to be flying over most of our woods.

Another fox incident occurred at this time in the evening. I was standing in one of the local woods waiting for something to turn up, when it turned up with an ear piercing scream just behind me. I first thought that my little dog had sprung a trap, but no, she was alright and promptly came and put me between her and the scream. So I looked a little further afield, and there was a vixen staring at us over some brambles. She stood and screamed at us for half a minute I should think, before she disappeared into the bushes. I think perhaps the reason was that she had some cubs not far away.

My wife maintains that two very sheepish characters arrived home that night, but this is utter nonsense of course !

J.H.

EDITORS CORNER

On July 6th I understand several ladies turned up at the Village Hall for a rummage sale which failed to take place. The booking was made by the Lady Victuallers Association of High Wycombe to whom any complaints should be made.

Have you noticed the tame pigeons that circle over the playing fields. They belong to Mr. L. Butler, and I thought it worthy of mention that some of them were released at Kelso in Scotland recently and reached home about 10 hours later. They probably felt just like I do after a day in London.

"The Shrimp". All over the world these words conjure up a vision of cool English beauty, but for us in Naphill they have a special meaning. For Jean's grandparents are still amongst us and we remember her as a pretty little girl going to school with our kids, and growing into a long legged filly with the lines of a thoroughbred. Now Jean is no longer a Naphillite. She belongs to the wide world and her face looks out from all the glossy magazines. But could it be that the words conjure up a different picture altogether, much less romantic, of a large man with a worried expression rushing about at the Fete. This I need hardly say is not Jean, but Alan, and on behalf of all the Village the Gazette would like to say "Thank you, Alan, for making such a good job of the Fete, and we all hope you'll do an even better job next year."

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our first big Show of 1965 is now over. A pleasing feature was the number of our members who had a go at showing for the first time or who came back after some years of absence. Unfortunately our date clashed with the Church Fete and the "Wheel" outing; however, attendance was good and the Sale of Exhibits and the Raffle were well supported. There was also a slight increase in the number of exhibits over last year. Perhaps the standard of exhibits was not quite so high as last year, roses in particular, and delphiniums were a little past their best, although to say this does not detract from the excellence of many of the exhibits in these classes.

The floral art section created a good deal of interest and we look forward to an increasing number of exhibitors taking part in future shows. Again we have to report a decreasing number of exhibits in the Domestic Classes although the quality was good.

We collected quite a few points towards winning the Societies Shield and we hope as many of our members as possible will be exhibiting at the following shows to gain further points for the Society : Broom & Wade, August 21st : Loudwater British Legion, August 28th : Booker Show, September 11th and West Wycombe on September 18th.

Although our next Show is not included in this competition we are looking forward to your continued support on that date, which is September 11th.

Finally, this means YOU if you are a member of our Society. Would you volunteer to serve us on the Village Hall Council as at the moment we have no one to represent us on this important body. If so, please let me know.

A.H. Busby, Hon. Sec.

P O R T

Port is a fortified Wine, pure Grape Brandy being added, but an explanation of this follows later.

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The grapes are picked at the end of September, tipped into stone tanks called "Lagars" where they are trodden by rows of men and boys in bare feet. It is done this way to retain the richness and colour of the 'must' (or juice) and the grape pips which would make the wine bitter, if crushed, remain whole. After the pressing, the 'must' remains in the Lagars to ferment, and a constant check is kept on the amount of sugar remaining in the wine with a special instrument for assessing sweetness.

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White Port, which can be sweet or dry, is also made. The dry is popular as an aperitif. The wine is made in exactly the same way as red port but from white grapes.

Vintage Port does most of it's aging in bottles. It is matured in wood in Oporto for 2 years, then shipped to whichever country intended and bottled. It may spend from 10 to 30 or 40 years in bottle, developing all the while.

White Port and Tawny Port drunk as an aperitif should be slightly chilled. Other ports should be drunk at room temperature.

W.J. Barrett

N A P H I L L W. I.

The July Meeting, Thursday July 1st, had a Royal touch about it, as Mrs. Hayward told us of her visit to the Royal Garden Party. She looked very smart in her blue outfit and big white hat. Then Mrs Piercy gave a report of the first day of the Albert Hall meeting at which the Queen Mother had been present.

Mrs. Smith gave an hilarious account of members struggles to get the scenery for the "Living Pictures" into the grounds of Clivedon, where the Golden Jubilee Rally was held.

During the business of the meeting, Mrs Smith said how sorry we were to lose Mrs Harries as a committee member, owing to her leaving the village. She welcomed Mrs Gosling who had been co-opted.

Mrs Richardson gave us a demonstration on savouries for buffet suppers. She also judged the cakes in the small Produce Show and Mrs Gutteride judged the flowers.

After tea there was a Fashion Show by members of the Dressmaking Class. Mrs Mordle-Barnes gave a commentary on each garment.

There will be no meeting in August but members have been invited to attend a garden meeting of the Darby and Joan Club on August 6th at 2.30 p.m. at WALDENS. The September meeting is our Harvest Festival. There will be a talk on the Adventures of a Theatrical Touring Company by Miss Dorothy Rose Gribble.

Tea hostesses are Mesdames J. Lawrence, Kent, Lorriman and Dunford.

Dates to remember are : The Outing to Wilton on September 14th - Coach will leave the village hall at 9.a.m. prompt. The Harvest Supper on September 18th at 7 p.m. for 7.30. Tickets 5/- obtainable from Mrs. Betty Brill.

The proceeds from The Art Coffee Evening were £18. 1. 10d and a cheque for this amount has been sent to the N.S.P.C.C.

E.M.O.

T E N N Y S O N O N M A I N R O A D

Brrrmph ! - Ouch ! - Crunch !
Away go the hedge and the tree
And I would that my tongue could utter
The thoughts that arise in me

For the red brick walls build up
And the traffic goes faster still
But O for the peace of the countryside
And the village that was Naphill

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

The latter end of July has been too wet for most of us and a lot of exercise has been gained running to the Pavilion between showers. The Men's Shield team finished the season having won four matches and losing the last two matches. Both the teams which beat Naphill contained County players so the overall result is quite creditable.

Coaching has taken place regularly on Mondays since early May but is now coming to a close. Those attending the coaching sessions have varied from school children to adult beginners and several longer standing club players improving particular strokes.

Among the younger ones who have made a good start are Teresa Butler, Gillian Dodds and Brian Ing.

Finals day has been set for 4th September and we hope the weather will be kind enough to enable all rounds of the tournament to be played off by and on the day.

V.W.H.

E L D E R L Y F O L K S D I N N E R

PRELIMINARY NOTICE : The Naphill Elderly Folks Dinner Committee have pleasure in announcing that the Dinner this year will be held on Wednesday, 29th September.

Invitations will be sent out early in September and a further announcement will be made in the September issue of the Gazette.

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

HOLY COMMUNION SEPT 5TH 9.15 AM
HARVEST EVENSONG SEPT 19TH 3.30 PM

Sunday School will reopen at the end of the Day
School Holidays

RUMMAGE SALE - SEPTEMBER 4TH - VILLAGE HALL - 2.30 PM
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If you are in need of a piano accordian, Golf club, furniture or a new hat, come along on Saturday and we may be able to help you, or if you only want a cup of tea and a raffle ticket, we shall still be delighted to see you between 2.30 and 3.30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 1st AT 7.15 pm
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The service to be followed by refreshments
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Preachers for September 11 a.m. 6.15 p.m.
5th Sister Darwent Mr P. Langston
12th Mr A Colling MA Mr N Thorn
19th Mr K Lewis Mr Aldous
26th HARVEST FESTIVAL
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Harvest Supper and Sale of gifts on Monday September 27th at 7.30 p.m.

M.G.B.

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

N A P H I L L W. I.

We recommence our meetings on Thursday Sept 2nd at 2.30 p.m. with a talk by Miss Dorothy Rose Gribble on "The Adventures of a Theatrical Touring Company. We would also like to remind members that it is our Harvest Festival. Gifts of flowers and produce, which members are asked to bring to the meeting, will be auctioned in aid of the W.I. adopted family. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames J. Lawrence, Kent, Lorrinan and Dunford. Dates to remember: Outing to Wilton - Sept 14th - coach leaves village hall at 9.a.m. prompt. Harvest Supper: Sept 25th at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 5/- from Mrs Betty Brill

M.A.P.

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

Detective Sergeant Tilley of High Wycombe Police Force gave us a most amusing and instructive talk at our July meeting. The 'flowers in an egg-cup' competition was a great success and was well supported. All the entrants had obviously gone to a great deal of trouble over their arrangements. The winner was Mrs Putnam.

We are to have a lecture and beauty demonstration by the manufacturers of Rimmel Beauty Products at the meeting on September 13th at 7.30 p.m., to be followed by an Annual General Meeting. Please do come and help us to decide on programmes for the coming year.

On Thursday September 30th at 7.30 p.m. we hope to resume our Keep Fit classes in Naphill School Hall, and trust they will have as much support as they did last year.

C.D.H.

C A F E C O N T I N E N T A L

Being a relative newcomer, I hesitate to do anything to interfere with the smooth running of the Social life of your charming and friendly village, so, in the hope that you will all appreciate that anything I do will be for your entertainment, I am hoping to organise a Variety type evening which I will call 'Cafe Continental' for want of a better name, on Saturday Dec 4th.

If it materialises, as I feel sure it will, I shall appreciate your patronage and have no hesitation in saying you will have a pleasant and entertaining evening.

For certain reasons, admission will be by Ticket Only (Price 3/-) and further details regarding this will appear in the November issue of the Gazette. 50% of the proceeds will be handed to the Spastics Association and the balance to the Village Hall Fund.

Will you be kind enough to enter the above date in your Diaries.

W.H. Pearson, Chapel Lane

N A P H I L L E L D E R L Y F O L K S D I N N E R

Invitations for the Elderly Folks Dinner which is to be held on Weds 29th September, 1965 will be delivered by the 10th September. If you have not received an invitation by that date and have the necessary qualifications for attendance as shown below, you should contact Mrs R. Piercy, Moseley Lodge Farm, Naphill 2137, or Mr D. Tooby, Abbotsbury, Naphill 2308 (after September 11th).

Qualifications for attending the Dinner: You must have been a resident in Naphill or Walters Ash before 1st January 1962, and also be now :

(a) Over 65 years of age (in the case of a husband and wife, both may attend if only one has reached this age).

(b) A Widow or Widower (any age)

Have you ever wished that you could do one single act which would result in the saving of a life ? This opportunity will come your way when the Blood Transfusion Service visits the R.A.F. Sick Quarters in Naphill on Monday the 25th October.

The Medical Officer tells us that he is often asked by local people how they can give blood. This is the way it is done and local residents will be welcome at the Sick Quarters between 3-6 p.m. Perhaps you may feel a bit squeamish about this. There's nothing to it ! A prick in the arm, a few little pulse beats above the prick and it's over in a very short time. A nice cup of tea, a chat with your neighbour and then - homeward bound.

Still not worth it ? Well perhaps it might be if we give you two simple but true facts. Two thousand babies are born in this country every day, of these, two would never reach adult life without transfusions. Two donations are used in hospitals every hour of the day and night. Of course it's worth it, and you'll feel better about life too - you've helped somebody else.

E D I T O R S C O R N E R

The assistant editor asks for your memories

I suppose I am a fair example of emancipated woman - an extended education, independent livelihood for a few years and now in marriage, not completely bogged down by domesticity. There are days of course, when I seem to be chained, if not to the kitchen sink, at least to the kitchen. And then I wonder "Shall I become a 'working wife' ?? The term brings a wry smile to my lips as I fling another load of washing into the machine and grab the hoover and duster for a quick flip round. The mood does not last. It is out of the question that I work anywhere other than in the home at the moment. I have a young family and I am not one to wish the years away. Still, it's pleasing to know that the opportunity is there, thanks to Mrs Pankhurst and an economy which really needs the services of married women.

"Women of today are not what their mothers used to be" complained the husband of my acquaintance whose wife had declared that she was disenchanted of the daily round of housework and wanted to find a job. "No, Emily Pankhurst changed all that" I replied. Mrs. Pankhurst's memory was dismissed summarily and unflatteringly.

Afterwards I thought "Pankhurst" - suffragette - female emancipation. How little I really know of her", and the picture of her chained to railings came to mind. Although in the course of one's education, the veils of time are lifted on events and personalities of centuries gone-by, yet comparatively recent history remains shrouded. What, I wonder, was the male reaction to Mrs P and her band of suffragettes. Was it one of amusement ? alarm ? bewilderment ? tolerance ? suspicion ? sadness ?

Can any of the more mature members of our community cast his mind back and fill in this blank in my education.

Amanda M. Lawrence

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

On July 23rd we had a most enjoyable talk from Mr G.A. Wood about Well Dressing, a custom with its origin lost in antiquity now carried out each year on Ascension Day in the village of Tessington in Derbyshire. Each well is decorated with pictures of Biblical subjects made with amazing skill by applying many thousands of flower-petals to a foundation of clay, the patient work of the inhabitants of the village. The Well Dressing might be called the Well Blessing, for at each well a short service is held by the local clergy presided over by the Bishop in full canonical robes complete with mitre and Crook. Mr Wood illustrated his words by coloured photographs taken by himself and thrown on the screen. Mrs Dorothy Smith expressed our gratitude to Mr Wood for his excellent address and she also welcomed Mrs Wood who had lived in the Well Dressing area of Derbyshire.

By kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Smith we spent a pleasant afternoon in their garden with the sun doing its best to keep us warm. "But do you think it is enough to let the members sit around just doing nothing, ought there not to be some sort of amusement? What about a Punch and Judy Show or a skittle-alley on the lawn, or perhaps a young man singing pop songs to the accompaniment of a guitar"? "Oh No, that is quite a mistaken idea; what we enjoy is to gather round, meet our old friends, have a nice cup of tea and natter". Such a conversation was overheard, and on consulting the dictionary for the exact definition of the word "natter" it was found to mean "to rattle on in talk; chat cosily" and surely that is a delightful occupation.

A rumour is sometimes heard going round that there are some ladies in Naphill who have reached the age of sixty and still feel young and therefore refrain from joining the Darby and Joan Club for fear that they would thus be labelled "old". Let those ladies come as visitors to one of our Friday meetings and they will find how mistaken their fears are, they will meet their equals and all they will be asked to do is to "rattle on in talk and chat cosily". We need new members whether their age is 60, 70, 80 or 90; there will be interesting meetings on September 3rd and 17th.

E.B.

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

The month of September is the beginning of Autumn when the days get shorter and the tennis season draws to a close. On Sunday 3rd October we are holding an end of season American tournament to which we hope all members will come and make a real success including the BARBECUE which will follow. We shall be very pleased to see anybody interested in the Tennis Club at the barbecue.

Arrangements are going ahead for our dinner and dance but final details are not available at time of going to press.

A rummage sale has been booked at the Village Hall for October. Date and other details in next month's Gazette.

V.H.

A F A M I L Y O F B L U E T I T S

By the end of July the nesting season of our birds is virtually over although some carry on a bit longer, especially if earlier nests have been destroyed. As the harvests of corn and wild seeds ripen many birds begin to flock to the fields for a few weeks of easy living. Their families have flown and the tedious business of moulting has not quite started. In fact it is their holiday time as well as ours.

One successful nest was that of a pair of blue tits in a box we erected near our back door. For some days in the spring they carried moss and dead grass into the box but it was not until beakfuls of finer material for lining the nest, like hair and sheep's wool, were taken in that I was sure these tits were in earnest. Then for a fortnight we only occasionally saw the pair of birds together, indicating that the hen was sitting. The cock bird however was very much in evidence. He spent long periods in our nearby fir tree and swore and scolded at everything that moved in the garden. He perched, a tiny blob on the top of the tree, until anything even as big as a blackbird landed on the lawn, and then like a feathered thunderbolt he plummeted down to land a few inches away. His wings were spread, head feathers erect and beak open in rage, and most birds flew off rather than try conclusions with such courage (or temper?). Even my wife or myself received his "churring" threats if we put a foot out of the back door and more than once he showed active aggression against us. Every time we went along the path he complained about our being near his nest until in the end we used to look up at him and say aloud "Oh, shut up!" --- until a neighbour asked if we were speaking to her.

Once the youngsters hatched he had no more time to challenge the world. It was search, search, search for caterpillars from dawn till dusk. The nest box was only a few feet away from the top of a person's head but so urgent was the crying for food from inside the box that if anyone stood right underneath the tits would not stop the conveyor belt. They dived into the box with a caterpillar and a few seconds later exploded out again with droppings. Three weeks after hatching the morning arrived when the youngsters left the nest. In half an hour they had all flown and they never returned to it. The party seemed to split into two, each parent taking some of the young. One group went away but the other stayed around for some weeks but now they too have dispersed. At first thought it seems tragic that of the eight or ten youngsters reared in that nest, only two on average will still be alive next spring. On second thoughts though, if every one of these youngsters survived and bred, the resultant number of blue tits from one pair would, within only two seasons, total 250 birds.

When I eventually took the box down to remove the old nest and clean it ready for next year, it was spotlessly clean inside. Friends in Wycombe who erected a box that could be watched whilst they sat at meals had an entertaining half-hour when youngsters in their box were three parts grown. Both parent birds were very agitated and with the aid of field glasses they could see a great upheaval inside the box. After much struggling the two parents succeeded in pulling one of the babies out of the bob-hole and dropped it to the ground. It had died in the box and some instinct drove them to get it out and keep the nest clean for the remaining family. The bob-hole was only the size of a two-shilling piece and because of the dead bird's drooping wings it was no easy task

dragging it out. I have seen tiny skeletons trodden into the bottom of a nest but always this has been in an open-topped one in a hedgerow. Perhaps birds nesting in confined, closed sites where the atmosphere must be a bit stiffling at times, have a stronger instinct to hygiene ?

R. Bull

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

As happens in a wet season most crops have made good growth this year, but as is plain to see many of the flowers have been damaged by the rains, the same thing can happen to some of the root crops. Potatoes have been badly attacked by blight and if not already done this diseased haulm should be cut off and burnt as soon as possible and the crop dug up and stored. Make sure that they are dry before putting away. Any diseased potatoes should be used up at once if they are only slightly affected but on no account should they be put into store with sound ones.

Carrots will be splitting and care will have to be taken with onions and shallots. The big thing is to see that all these and similar crops are well dried off before putting them into store. This will also apply to such things as gladioli and dahlias later on if the weather doesn't improve, and the forecasters of the weather do not give us much hope. Have you potted up those hyacinths, daffodils and tulips for early forcing ? It is time they were in if you want a display for Christmas.

A.H.B.

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

It is pleasing to report that our membership this year is as high if not higher than in any year since the formation of the Society. Your Committee hopes that this splendid support will continue and that they will continue to be worthy of your support.

September 11th is the date of our next Show and we hope you will turn up in good numbers on that day with or without a few entries, and help us maintain the good standard we always try to reach on these occasions.

We shall soon be arranging our winter programme and if you have any ideas about these things let us hear from you and we will do our best to oblige. One of the evenings will certainly be a Transparency evening which has now become a hardy annual. There is still time for taking a few shots of your garden to be included in that evening, so what about it ?

Although we are not responsible for the care of allotments in Naphill we like to see them under good cultivation, and those at the old school site have not been fully used for some years.

Anyone resident in Naphill or Walters Ash is entitled to have one of these allotments at a very nominal yearly rental. Further information can be obtained from me or any of our Parish Councillors.

A.H. Busby

Hooray for the B.B.C. T.V. 'Shortie' 11th August on 'Litter'. Unfortunately it was filmed in the wrong place. Instead of Trafalgar Square it should have been on Naphill Common, where a stroll along the common reveals the most disgusting disregard of a "Keep Britain Tidy" campaign.

One hears people speak about the "Townies" after the week-end but they are no worse than the inhabitants of Naphill. Instead of paper we get heaps of weeds, old flowers from the garden pulled up to make way for new bedding plants, hedge cuttings and of course tins, bottles - usually broken - and a multitudinous array of odds and ends from shed and house.

Shame on you - yes you - Naphillites!!!

Country Lover.

ANNOUNCEMENT

ST. MICHAEL'S VENTURERS

is the name of a new organisation which has begun meeting at the Church House at Hughenden.

There is a cordial welcome here for everyone living in Hughenden or Naphill - whether you are C. of E., Methodist, R.C., Baptist - or don't usually go to any place of worship. Our aim is to bring people together in fellowship, and to help neighbours to get to know one another.

The meeting for October is on Sunday the 3rd., at 8 p.m., when, after refreshments have been served, there will be a PANEL ON EDUCATION at which we hope to have several interesting speakers connected with local education. This should be of great interest especially to parents.

Do come along - there is no membership fee - we are anxious to meet you.

Freda R. Stowe.

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6th	Weds.	Welfare	2.30
7th	Thurs.	W.I. Meeting	2.30
7th		Art Class	7.30
11th	Mon.	Mothercraft	2.30
11th		Young Neighbours	7.30
12th	Tues.	Dancing Class	3.00
12th		Drama	7.30
14th	Thurs.	Art Class	7.30
15th	Fri.	W.I. Whist Drive	7.30
15th		Darby & Joan	2.30
16th	Sat.	Rummage Sale	2.30
18th	Mon.	Mothercraft	2.30
19th	Tues.	Dancing Class	3.00
19th		Drama	7.30
20th	Weds.	Welfare	2.30
21st.	Thurs.	Art Class	7.30
23rd.	Sat.	Bazaar	2.30
23rd		Private Party	8.00
25th	Mon.	Mothercraft	2.30
26th.	Tues.	Dancing Class	3.00
26th		Drama	7.30
28th	Thurs.	W.I. Committee	2.30
28th		Art Class	7.30
29th	Fri.	Darby & Joan	2.30
29th		Conservative Dance	8.00
30th	Sat	Scouts Bazaar	2.30
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VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL MEETING

The September Meeting of the Council saw the discussion of many subjects of interest to the Village. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Bradley, the new Headmaster of the School. There will be the Annual Collection (House to House) for the Gazette during the week 17th to 22nd October. For the benefit of newcomers to Naphill it may, perhaps, be as well to say that this valued monthly guide to all the Village activities is all produced by voluntary helpers and the Annual Collection which usually amounts to about £50 just about covers the cost of paper and incidentals. The Council asks for the usual generous support. Mr. Piercy of Moseley Lodge Farm will be pleased to have volunteers to collect from as many houses as they can manage.

There will be the Annual Bazaar in the Hall on Saturday the 13th. November. This event, together with the Summer Fete, helps very materially to pay for the Expense of running the Hall and Fields, so gifts and support in all ways are invited. For the benefit of newcomers again we must point out that the Hall and Fields belong to the Village and receive no income from the rates or elsewhere. The Bazaar Committee consists of Mesdames Hussey and Lean and Messrs Balls and Pushman.

It may not be known by newcomers to Naphill that the Site of the Hall and also the Playing Fields were largely provided by the late Coningsby Disraeli who lived at Hughenden Manor. Photographs of Mr. & Mrs Disraeli are being prepared for hanging in the Hall in grateful thanks for all they did for us.

It transpired at the Meeting that a new chimney will have to be provided for the Boiler House, some new method of heating the Hall and repairs effected to the roof, thence the reasons for support for the Bazaar etc.

With regard to the Fields the Council were sorry to receive reports that motor cycles had been ridden round the football and cricket pitches. Will parents please impress on their boys that this is not allowed? It is highly dangerous to younger children and if it goes on legal action will be taken against the offenders. Smaller children ride their cycles round the Hall on the macadam without regard for the elderly, will parents tell their children not to do this? The throwing of litter all over the place which gives our Caretaker so much more work is something else parents can assist with by educating their children to be tidy. Lastly it will be remembered that the Social Club presented two expensive seats for the parents near the swings about two years ago, these have been extensively carved upon by a number of children. It is heart breaking that gifts for the benefit of the Village should have such scant respect.

R.C.R.

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

HOLY COMMUNION	October 3rd	9.15 AM
EVENSONG	October 17th	3.30 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2nd and 3rd Sundays only in October

Will parents kindly note that the Sunday School will not open on the last two Sundays of this month in view of the forthcoming marriage of their teacher, Miss Anthea Smith, to whom we offer our good wishes on this happy occasion. The school will re-open on the first Sunday in November.

We warmly appreciate the efforts of the thirty people who worked so hard at the September Rummage Sale, our thanks are also due to those who provided goods also those who came to buy. The net result was just over £50.

So it has happened at last, our church was filled nearly to capacity for the Harvest Festival Service, in fact, there were so few empty chairs that we began to get worried about latecomers.

It was delightful to have so many friends from the Methodist Church at the service and their organist, Mrs. Anderson, played for us.

Top level talks are still taking place between Anglicans and Methodists on the subject of Church Unity, but here in Naphill, we seem to be able to put it into practise, even if only in a small way.

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

Preachers for October	11 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
October 3rd	Miss Anderson	Miss Cattmull
" 10th	Mr. J. Matlow	Mr. K. Burden
" 17th	Rev. Patten	Mr. D. Rance
" 24th	Mr. F. Tomlin	Sister Sylvia (Holy Communion)
" 31st	Mrs. Mann	Mr. R. Daykin

Grateful thanks are extended to all who helped to make the Re-dedication Service of the Church after re-decoration such an inspiring and successful meeting. Gifts amounting to £80 were received.

Saturday October 9th at 2.30 a RUMMAGE SALE will be held in the Schoolroom.

The ANNUAL BAZAAR will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, October 23rd to be opened at 3 p.m. by Mrs. K. WYATT.

THE 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

EDITORS CORNER

Last April I paid a visit to Exbury which has 250 acres of woodland gardens, and stands on a cliff overlooking the Beaulieu river where some of Nelson's warships were launched. The object was to see camellias growing in the open, and a wonderful picture they made. Large bushes covered in flowers, and looking as hardy as you please, but could it be done at Naphill? I made a few inquiries and here are the results. First I tried Joe Batts and it turned out that Joe knows Exbury and its head gardener quite well. "Remember that they are a woodland plant and need shade" he said. "Put them on a north wall and give them some protection from the wind". Charles Parker was more cautious. "I put one in the open up at the Officers Mess" he said, "and it has not grown much in three years". Then I went up into Penn Woods and walking along one of those rides of azaleas, I met one of the woodmen and asked about camellias. He said they put one in eight years ago and it is now in bloom for the first time, and he took me to see it. It stood seven or eight feet high and looked worth a place, flowers or not. Then Mrs. Doc. Bayley told me of one that was put against an old wall and was killed by lime from the old mortar. A useful tip. Mrs. Crutchfield of Ann's Cottage showed me one blooming in its second year, and this was encouraging. So the time has now come to make a decision. Shall I or shan't I. As the old song has it "My resistance is low".

Mr. Doug. Tooby has been told by his doctor to take things a little easier, and we are pleased to announce that Mr. Harold Tweedale has taken on the job of debt collector, which will save our Treasurer quite a bit of work.

VOTES FOR WOMEN



The Assistant Editor's charming invitation to elderly readers to remember their reactions to Mrs Pankhurst and her suffragettes is irresistible.

I was 20 when she was sentenced to 3 years penal servitude for blowing up Lloyd George's house at Walton and the suffragette movement was reaching its militant intensity. I remember making a sketch of the burnt-out church in the little village of Breadsall in Derbyshire near my home. The smoking ruins were a measure of the dedicated courage and desparation of a comparatively small band of women throughout the country. I was to see many ruined churches in France during the war which started in the following year.

Soon after the end of the war, in 1918, the vote was quietly conceded to women without fuss or argument. By that time they had well merited emancipations as munition workers, nurses, lorry drivers and in the auxiliary army services.

Male reaction in the pre-war years was varied. Some men were genuinely worried about the possible effects of the womens' majority vote in elections because women rarely read newspapers and were politically inexperienced. Others found the feminine vote incompatible with the Victorian image of the clinging defenceless Pre-Raphaelite maidens and the selfless mothers who bore, and all too often buried, their babies at frequent and regular intervals. Many other men saw the vote as the end of their domination as the ordained superior sex.

The suffragettes were, for the most part, a small minority of intellectual and professional women. The female majority were neutral or even joined in the derision of the press and politicians. The Music Halls and Punch presented the suffragettes as frustrated spinsters. Making fun of "Old Maids" had for long been a part of their stock in trade. As in the case of the slaves in America complacent women helped to delay freedom.

Mrs Pankhurst was born in Manchester in 1858 and married a lawyer. In 1892 she left the Liberals and joined the Independent Labour Party. At one time she was Registrar of Births and Deaths in Chorlton-cum-Medlock, the district in which the Manchester College of Art is situated, and where her daughter, Christabel was at one time a student. Emmeline Pankhurst's statue now stands in Victoria Tower Gardens, London, but it is doubtful, as Mrs. Lawrence suggests, whether many women of today realise what a debt of gratitude they owe to her. It is also surprising, and indeed disappointing, to find that women have never fully exercised, or perhaps even realised, the power which rests in their hands. The respect which men now have for women as complementary equals in material matters is based upon their votes.

It will be increased only as the character of women's education slowly changes. Desirable reforms could be accomplished in a short space of time by an enlightened female electorate.

In the professions, commerce and industry, many women are content to imitate men as their superiors instead of emphasising the difference between the sexes and claiming their rights AS women. It is the difference which is woman's most powerful asset !

The newspapers now devote much space to somen's topics, and the Housewife is courted on all occasions by the Ad - Men but the old superior attitude to women is still with us. The Press, Women's Magazines and I.T.V. Commercials mostly imply that women are gullible, unintelligent snobs or "Sex Kittens". Surely this is not true : but why don't the women do something about it ?

John Holmes.

Letter to the Assistant Editor

Dear Mrs. Lawrence,

Had I forseen, some 50 odd years ago, that I would now be living in Naphill reading your excellent article in the September issue of the Gazette, I would most certainly have taken more notice and interest in the two ladies - one Mrs. Pankhurst - parading down the country lane in Harrow Weald where I lived in my distant youth.

You ask for a Male's impression, sorry, at that age I had none, though I can vividly recall her dress, i.e. very long skirt, (I think 'mutton chop' sleeves to her blouse) and a large hat no doubt finished off with 'lace up' boots. Curiosity would be a more appropriate expression to my re-actions, especially as they were there with the intention of kidnapping the Son and Daughter of Mr. Justice Lush who lived on an estate there (Tanglewood by name), and who had been the judge responsible for sending Mrs. Pankhurst to prison for her activities.

To a schoolboy, her presence was second to the figure of Joe Beckett, trotting along the same lane, in training for his forthcoming fight with George Carpentier.

Now, at a more mature age, (how we all wish we had taken more notice of events in our youth), I realise Mrs. Pankhurst and Friend were doing a good job the hard way, and results since that time have proved her efforts worth while. After all, their actions were similar to those of present day people who wish to express a belief, though I doubt if she, in her long skirts, could have lasted more than a mile with the 'Marchers'. I would therefore suggest, thanks to Mrs. Pankhurst, that 'Woman's place is in the HOUSE!

W.H. PEARSON.

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

Members who met on September 3rd were saddened to hear that their much loved President, Dr. Bayley, was in hospital. Owing to the absence of Mrs. Bayley, the chair was taken by Mrs. D. Smith, who welcomed Miss Thorn, Mrs. Thorn and their pianist, who entertained with songs, a play reading and mime. Four members Mesdames Goodchild, Monger, Harris and Osborne were persuaded to try a mime. Mrs. Harris and Osborne were declared the winners. Mrs. Reid in thanking the entertainers said it was just what the "Dr." ordered.

On September 17th members again met and were much relieved to know that Dr. Bayley had weathered his operation. Mrs. Bayley had written thanking members for their kind enquiries. Mrs. D. Smith welcomed Mr. Lynch back after his long absence through illness. Mr. Humphreys, assisted by his wife, gave a film show of transparencies taken in and around Naphill during the past year. It was difficult to say what season had the greatest beauty. All had its own particular charm. Mrs. R. Piercy thanked both Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys. The next meeting is on October 1st when all over sixties will be made most welcome with a nice cup of tea and always something of interest.

M.P.

N A P H I L L W. I.

The September meeting was our Harvest Festival and members brought a good collection of flowers, fruit and vegetables which made a bright spot of colour in the hall.

A letter was read from the Area Art Leader congratulating the Art Class on their Art Evening.

It was agreed to start the afternoon Whist Drives again, proceeds to be divided between the Elderly Folks Dinner and The Darby and Joan Club.

Mrs. Piercy had received a letter from the Adopted Family, thanking us for money sent to them.

Arrangements were made for the outing to Wilton Carpet Factory and to the I.T.V. show "Double Your Money".

Mr. Kennedy spoke of his experiences as an actor and gave a vivid and amusing description of life on tour - no glamour attached to arriving late at night in a town, with no 'digs' to go to, but for all that none in The Theatrical profession would give up the life.

After tea Mrs. Weeks auctioned the Harvest Festival produce and as usual urged members on so that bidding rose high.

The October meeting will be our Birthday Party and the speaker will be Miss Price-Hill, talking about Queen Mary. There will be 6d parcels.

A date to remember is the Whist Drive on October 15th at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

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

"Beauty on a Budget" was the theme of Beauty expert Mrs. Lake from Rimmel, who held all members attention with a well presented talk and demonstration on how to make the best of one's face, without spending a fortune. Mrs. Sally Harvey was her model.

The latter part of the evening was taken up by the A.G.M. The new committee was elected as follows:-

Mesdames D. Harper, D. Jenkins, M. Stevens, Y. Hussey, B. Butler,
E. Barnes, I. Bayley M. Trimmer, W. Warner, S. Stallwood.

The very popular Keep Fit classes will be starting again on Thursday, September 30th at 3.30 in the School Hall. It is hoped all members will turn up in full force.

B.B.

Mr. W.A. Bradley, the newly appointed headmaster of Naphill School first came to Buckinghamshire nearly thirty years ago attending school at Bledlow Ridge and High Wycombe Royal Grammar School. After qualifying as a teacher at Goldsmiths' College, London University and Service in the Army, he started his teaching career at the Reading Blue Coat School. Since then he has taught in Primary Schools in Middlesex and Princes Risborough as well as four years with a Services Children's School in Malta.

A resident of Loosley Row, he has a great affection for the Chiltern countryside which he hopes to pass on to the children. He believes that education in the Primary School should be an exciting adventure and a pleasure to the children who should learn to explore and discover for themselves with the help of modern books and equipment - a policy demanding hard work and self-discipline from the children but allowing scope for individual progress and initiative.

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

We have now completed 20 years as a Society with our Show on September 11th and although this was not one of our best efforts in the flower sections, the gale on the previous Wednesday which was followed by heavy rains previous to and on the morning of the Show, had a lot to do with this.

A pleasing feature however, was the number of newer members who brought along their first time entries, some of whom got into the prize winning lists. Well done, keep it up next year.

Some of you will soon be planting bulbs and other spring flowering subjects in the garden and in pots and bowls for indoor decoration. Don't forget that we shall again be having classes for these at our Spring Show next April. Although a date hasn't yet been fixed, we are hoping to arrange shortly a Transparencies Evening and if you any shots of Horticultural interest, please let myself or any member of the Committee know about them. At this event it is hoped that we shall be able to show you some film of our Show on September 11th.

Wisley during the Autumn can still be an interesting and lovely place. Tickets are available to members at any time. Your Committee member will give you details.

A.H. Busby.

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

The Editor has asked me if I have anything to add to his observations on Camellia growing in the open at Naphill. Personally I haven't tried to do this yet, although I know quite a few people who have had a go but met with no success, but the specimen at "Cherrycroft" that has been growing there for the last fifty years or more, proves that it can be done.

As Joe Batts says, "They are a woodland plant," and in nature they grow in the Japanese forests under taller trees and they are grown in this manner at the R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley.

This suggests they like a calm shady position in moist soil which contains plenty of leaf mould and a top mulch of leaves preferably oak.

Most of us are unable to choose a woodland site but a north or west facing wall or hence could be useful but remember they do object to cold winds, and it is most important that they should be planted where the early morning sun does not strike as, after frost this can be damaging to the blooms.

My own method is to grow them mainly outdoors in pots in a cool shady spot never at any time allowing them to dry out, and then bring them inside for flowering. Some of you already do this with pot Azaleas quite successfully, and given similar treatment Camellias are just as easy.

They can be grown this way for nine or ten years and perhaps after that you will be able to find a suitable spot to plant them outdoors permanently.

A.H. Busby.

T H E O L D O R D E R C H A N G E T H .

Supposing, just for a few moments, that you opened your Gazette one day to read the Gardening Notes written by our friend Arthur Busby and discovered his advice read as follows:

"As the flowering season of natural begonias is ending, pull up your bed of plastic ones and wash them in a mild detergent. Pack them away in dark coloured paper to preserve their dye, to be ready for another season's show next year."

Still continuing our game of supposing, what would you think if our plant catalogues came from the big chemical and plastics combines? No more fat brochures from Carters, Telkamps, Cuthberts, Harkness and the host of other revered suppliers, with most gorgeous pictures of what you hope your garden will look like next year. The plastics catalogue will show pictures of what you know it will look like.

Am I being ridiculous? I think not. The idea is not an impossibility, not even an improbability. It is a fact, here and now. This summer my wife and I were in a hotel and after a cursory glance at our surroundings we remarked on the neat and tidy garden and that someone on the staff put some care into it. Later on we were drawn back to it and were staggered at the reality of its artificiality. I will describe this garden as a paved square. Two sides were bordered with ordinary trellis over which climbed a vine. The bed in the middle of the square was a vivid picture of begonias at their best. Plastic vine and plastic begonias. And not a weed in the bed because it had been drenched in sodium chlorate before the plants were inserted. I have no doubt that the plastic tulips, daffs. and wallflowers are already in full bloom in the store-room waiting for the spring.

From what I read, plastic lawn that is so real as to be indistinguishable from a genuine lawn except at very close inspection, is already being used in the South of France where the climate makes a green verdure difficult to achieve. No more weeding, digging or mowing so there will be plenty of time to sit on a plastic lawn on a Sunday afternoon and have a picnic tea of plastic sliced bread (already freely available?)

I haven't heard about plastic hedges yet, but give them time. Just one final thought whilst on the subject of plastics. In someone's kitchen this year (not in Naphill) we saw a string of plastic onions hanging as a decoration. It was plaited in the best Spanish tradition and unless handled could not be distinguished from real ones - except for the smell. No doubt that is a shortcoming that could easily be remedied with something along the lines of the pine (cum onion) scented lavatory blocks. Dear Arthur. I have plastic greenfly on my plastic roses. What shall I do about it please?

R. Bull.

S H E R R Y.

Sherry is the most accomodating of Wines. The combination of centuries old skill of the Wine Makers at Jerez-de-la-Frontera in S.W. Spain, together with nature, results in a wine of distinction, controllable in quality and style by a man made process. Sherry can be drunk on all occasions. Unlike most wines it will retain it's charm even in a room full of cigarette smoke.

Jerez is an attractive busy place. It's streets are made picturesque with the gold and dark green of Orange trees. The chalk-soiled Vineyards grow small thickly clustered grapes which are usually picked around the middle of September.

The grapes from which the dry basic wine of Sherry is made are sunned for only about 8 hours. They are pressed in wooden troughs, about 18 feet square and 2 feet deep, called "lagers", first by tramping men wearing

specially made spiked rawhide boots and, secondly, by a screw device.

The juice is then run off into butts which are filled only 7/8ths full to allow for fermentation. At this stage the wine is taken to the "Bodega" where the butts are laid out in the open for the first fierce fermentation which gives off a heady aroma and can be scented miles away.

After the first there is a second fermentation taking approximately ten weeks until all the sugar in the must has been converted into alcohol. This gives a powerful white wine of such dryness as to be almost undrinkable.

The Pedro Ximenez grapes (grapes for making sweet wine,) when pressed, give a thick syrupy juice with a high concentration of sugar and the must or juice is given a dose of Brandy to stop the fermentation and retain the sweetness of the wine. Thus Sherry is a fortified wine along with Port, Madeira, etc.

After the second fermentation, the basic wine is examined. The best is run off its lees into fresh casks and stored away in ahadas (stores for the wine of the year.) The only time ever that Sherry is a vintage wine.

I think that I should now mention the unique Solera system of maturing wines, a system devised to ensure the continuity of supply of wines of the same style and quality. This is achieved by grouping casks containing the same types of wine in ascending grades of maturity. The young wines in the earlier grades are called "criaderas" (nursery wines) and the final casks are called "soleras." When the blender wishes to make up a blend he draws the kind of wine he requires from the "solera" which is then topped up from the next oldest cask and so on until the youngest cask is filled with new wine from the Annada.

In this way, the wine is marrying and blending all the time, therefore wines of an exact style can be produced indefinitely. Differing degrees of sweetness are achieved in the final blend by adding sweet wine made from other grapes, the finest of which are the Pedro-Ximenez.

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FINO Straw coloured with fine delicate bouquet.

MANZANILLA A Pale aperitif Sherry with a slightly sharp or salty flavour. They say the salty taste is because a true Manzanilla is matured near the Sea.

AMONTILLADO Less dry and more full bodied, nutty in flavour.

OLOROSO Rich dark golden wines, dry in the solera but are used principally to make sweet dessert wines.

The drier Sherries - Fino, Manzanilla and Amontillado - make wonderful aperitifs for stimulating the appetite. In my opinion, they are better served "slightly chilled."

The sweet Sherries are excellent at any time and should be drunk at normal temperatures.

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

AMERICAN TOURNAMENT and BARBECUE. SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER.
commences 2.30 p.m. commences 7.30 p.m.

All club members have received invitations to this late season get together but we hope to see many friends as well.

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The Loakes Park Badminton Club have a few vacancies for experienced players. Club Night is Thursday. Phone. Naphill 3315 (Miss E.Cooper).

CAFE CONTINENTAL

Thanks to the co-operation of a number of people, I am pleased to confirm that 'Cafe Continental' will definitely be on December 4th. A limited number of tickets only, probably 100, will be sold and these will be available shortly, but if anyone cares to contact me I shall be happy to place their names on the list. May I specially ask that you do not buy a ticket unless you are reasonably sure of using it as this would prevent others from obtaining admission.

One further point, I do not think young children would appreciate the 'Show' and it would be a waste of money to bring them. I realise this may put a Premium on 'Baby-Sitters' for that night but hope no-one will be disappointed.

W.H.Pearson,
'Dalsnibba', Chapel Lane.

Naphill Good Companions are holding a party Dance Night in Naphill Village Hall on Saturday 23rd October with Ken Madelin and His Band. Admittance is strictly by ticket only. Price £1 per double ticket.

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Whist Drives	Friday 5th and 19th	
Library	Friday 5th and 19th	
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00
Mens Club	Tuesday - Friday - Saturday	
Youth Club	Every Wednesday	7.30
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30
Mothercraft Class	Every Monday	2.30
Art Class	Every Monday and Thursday	7.30 B.R.

Monday	1st	COUNCIL MEETING	8.00
Tuesday	2nd	Dancing Class	3.30
Thursday	4th	W.I. Annual General Meeting	2.30
Saturday	6th	W.I. Rummage Sale	2.30
Monday	8th	Young Neighbours	7.30
Tuesday	9th	Dancing Class	3.30
		Cricket Club Annual General Meeting	8.00 C.R.
Wednesday	10th	Horticultural Meeting	8.00 B.R.
Friday	12th	Darby and Joan	2.30
Saturday	13th	Village Hall Bazaar	2.30
Monday	15th	Old Tyme Dancing	8.00
Tuesday	16th	Dancing Classes	3.30
Monday	22nd	Old Tyme Dancing	8.00
Tuesday	23rd	Dancing Classes	3.30
Thursday	25th	W.I. Committee	2.30
Friday	26th	Darby and Joan	2.30
Saturday	27th	Dance	8.00
Tuesday	30th	Dancing Classes	3.30

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for November

	11 am	6.15 pm
7th	35th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY SERVICES	
	Mr R.K. Maynard B Sc	Rev J. Leslie James
14th	Family Service Creche	
	Sister Sylvia Darwent	Wesley Preaching Group
21st	Mr K. Peatey	Miss Darvill
28th	Mr J Bryden	Sister Sylvia Darwent
		(Holy Communion)

On Friday November 12th a Film entitled "Lights that shine" will be shown. A collection for Missionary Funds will be made and refreshments served.

Grateful thanks are extended to all who helped to make our Annual Bazaar such a success. The profits resulting from this Bazaar amounted to approx. £150.

M.G.B.

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

Holy Communion	November 7th	9.15 am
Evensong	November 21st	3.30 pm
Sunday School	1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays	2.30 pm

People are often bewildered by the great number of church titles which usually indicate the type of work entrusted to a particular clergyman - Dean, Archdeacon, Rural Dean, Canon, Rector, Vicar, Perpetual Curate, Curate, Assistant Priest, etc.

In spite of these clerical titles, there are only three Holy Orders in the Church - Deacon, Priest and Bishop. We already have a Priest - the Vicar of Hughenden Church and shortly we are to have a Deacon, Mr. Michael Westney who will assist the Vicar in some of his parochial duties. After a year, Mr. Westney will no doubt be ordained Priest after when he will be able to carry out all parochial duties, under the direction of the Vicar of this parish.

Mr Westney will live in the School House, Naphill after his Ordination, and we look forward to making him and his family as welcome as are all newcomers to this village of Naphill.

W.W.

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

Sunday Services:	10 am	Family Service
	3 pm	Sunday School
	6.15 pm	Evening

TO Mr Holmes and Mr Pearson

Gentlemen - for so you are - thank you for your charming response to my query in the August issue of the Gazette. I found your article interesting, informative and enlightening. I can pay you no greater compliment than by saying I believe that, while according to woman her newly won place in society, you would still, if the necessity arose, throw down your cloaks for her to tread upon.

Assistant Editor

Calling all Artists

Would any of you be willing to submit designs for the front page of the Christmas and New Year editions. If so, would you please contact me for further particulars.

Now that the Art Classes have been extended to two evenings a week, I look forward to hearing from a number of you.

A. Lawrence, Downley Road.

FROM: N A N C Y H A L L - HOUSE OF COMMONS

I have been very interested in the correspondence about Mrs Pankhurst and votes for women. When it is remembered that the right to vote has been conceded to women comparatively recently and that it is only in the last forty to fifty years that it has been possible for them to enter public life, I think it will be agreed that the contribution they have made in civic and parliamentary life, in the professions and in business, has been considerable.

It is quite true that women are often portrayed as gullible and unintelligent, but then so are men. Certainly many may be described as "sex kittens" in Mr John Holmes' words, but life would be a little duller for men if that was not so. In the words of the song:

"Thank Heavens for little girls,
Without them what would little boys do "

Both sexes contain all kinds of personalities with their different contributions to make and it is very difficult to generalise about the difference in contribution to public life made by men and women.

In our own area of High Wycombe we almost provided the first woman Mayor in the Country when Miss Frances Dove, headmistress of Wycombe Abbey School, was nominated for office in 1908, but some of her male colleagues refused to ratify this at the last moment.

The first woman Member of Parliament, Vicountess Astor, had great connections with Buckinghamshire and owed much to the efforts of Mrs Pankhurst.

There are many reminders of Mrs Pankhurst and her suffragettes at Westminster. Her statue in the Embankment Gardens; the statue of a booted and spurred man in St. Stephen's Hall with one spur broken off where it had to be cut away to remove the chains which a suffragette had used to chain herself to the statue; the broom cupboard at the entrance to the Crypt Chapel where a suffragette hid herself during the reign of Edward VII, so as to avoid being included in the population census and thus gaining publicity for her cause.

Today, women are active in all spheres of parliamentary life, from being Ministers to representatives at United Nations. Mr. Pearson is right in saying that women have a very useful place in the HOUSE, and I am sure my husband agrees with this.

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

Pauline Simmons has recently returned from an exciting adventure holiday at the World Guide Centre 'Our Chalet' in Switzerland. We are looking forward to seeing her slides.

The Company took part in the County Camp Competition near Chesham and we were placed fourth. The weekend ended in pouring rain, two of the rangers walked there and back as part of 'he Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and arrived home soaked to the skin.

Two of the Rangers took part in the "Feed the Minds of Millions" procession through High Wycombe and were again soaked to the skin - what a summer !

The Company has said goodbye to Frances Swain who has gone to Sheffield University, and now to Christine Mitchell who goes to Westminster Hospital to study Radiography. However, we welcome two recruits, Margaret Mackellar and

Julie Suthers to the Company.

Congratulations to Susan Barrett who has won the Firefighting Certificate and Part I of the Ranger Star.

J.M.

1 S T N A P H I L L G U I D E C O M P A N Y

Although the Company has said goodbye to several guides because of RAF postings, they have welcomed several recruits and expect more from the Brownie Pack. They will come into the Company on the evening when the District Commissioner, Mrs Capell, comes to present Jane Bebb with her First Class Badge. Our congratulations to Jane on this achievement.

The new guide uniform has caused much comment, but we are waiting to see one of our number wearing it before passing judgement.

Three of the patrol leaders attended a conference in Aylesbury on October 16th and several parents were present at the County A.G.M. at Wycome R.G.S. when Mr O'Brien, Public Relations officer for the G.P.O. was the speaker.

Congratulations to the following badge winners: Second Class, Janet Bolding, Teresa Butler, Janice Rudram, Jayne Tunnicliffe. Emergency Helper : Clare Budden, Susan Keegan, Kay McConnell. Reader : Janet Bolding, Caroline Thynne. Homemaker : Caroline Thynne.

J.M.

W H A T I S W I N E A N D H O W I S I T M A D E

The accepted definition of wine is:- "Wine is the alcoholic beverage obtained from the fermentation of the juice of freshly gathered grapes, the fermentation of which has been carried out in the district of its origin and according to the local traditional practice".

Wine is an alcoholic beverage. The percentage of alcohol in natural wine is small, only 10% in some cases. Wine is merely the fermented juice of freshly gathered grapes with no addition of any kind, the only exception being that in a bad season the French government allow the addition of a limited amount of sugar to assist the fermentation. The fermentation must be carried out in the district of origin of the grape and in accordance with local tradition.

In the making of wine there are three distinct steps, namely:
1. The growing of the grapes. 2. The fermentation of the grape juice, 3. The treatment of the wine so it will remain sound.

Certain wines are traditionally connected with certain European districts thus :
Hock - The Rhine : Claret - Bordeaux : Port - The Douro.

As is known, of course, wines of these types are being made in other parts of the world, and whilst these wines can be extremely good quality they are never identical to those produced in the original home of the wines. The type of grape grown and the method of vinification follows local tradition varying in different districts, these methods have been developed through many hundreds of years of experience and practice. All wine production is confined to a region between 35° and 50° of latitude north and south of the equator, a north and south belt of some 1,500 miles. Wines from the highest latitudes tend to be slightly acid and those from the lower latitudes somewhat dull and flabby, suitable only for blending.

I should mention that wines from the northern vineyards of the Rhine and Moselle are, generally speaking, slightly lower in alcohol than the wines of the south mainly because the grapes contain less sugar. They "keep well

because a rather high acid content, provided always that it comes from the grapes, assists in giving the wine a "longer life". The weather plays an all important part in wine, cold and rainy summers give poor, acid wines. Very hot summers are not welcome as these affect red wine, tending to impart a burnt taste which is entirely foreign to their usual nature.

Certainly in Europe with its unpredictable weather and enormous variations in climate, wine making is exciting, frustrating and somewhat a gamble as one can never be absolutely certain just what sort of quality the wine will turn out to be; perhaps when the weather is absolutely ideal with the right amount of sun and rain at the right times, a forecast can be made of the vintage with some degree of accuracy, given these ideal conditions very often produces wonderful vintage wines.

I have in a previous article mentioned the fermentation of the ripened grapes, here is a refresher:

All grapes have a bloom on their skins (easily seen) and this bloom is a compound of many kinds of microbes or ferments or yeast, as they are more correctly called. When the grapes are crushed these yeasts begin to feed on the grape sugars, in doing so they convert the sugars into alcohol and C.O2, Carbon Dioxide. The gas escapes, causing the liquid to bubble and froth. When the fermentation is finished you have a still wine. Sometimes the fermentation stops, or is stopped artificially by the addition of brandy before all the sugars have been converted. This results in a sweet wine. If most of the sugars are converted the result is a dry wine. A sparkling wine is one where some natural gas derived from a secondary fermentation has been retained in the bottle. Champagne is the finest example of this.

W.J. Barrett, The Wine Cellar, Naphill

N A P H I L L E L D E R L Y F O L K S D I N N E R
AN APPRECIATION

The Editor asked me to pen a few words about this annual feast, so here goes. On behalf of all who were invited as guests, we offer our appreciation to:-

- (1) Mrs R Piercy, her committee and her many helpers who prepared the way of "things to come".
- (2) Wing Commander Cade whose departing salvo "I wish you all Many Happy Returns of the Day" brought visions of a telegram from the Queen to each and every one of us.
- (3) To his "galley slaves" - grand blokes these - whose culinary know-how would surely satisfy the demands of the most exacting gourmet.
- (4) To Beryl and Bill Blunt of "The Wheel" our "Vinegar Caterers" for the evening. Wines, beers and soft drinks ad lib, free - they certainly did us proud.
- (5) To members of the Youth Club and the Girl Guides who tended our every whim and fancy and added Spring to our Autumn.
- (6) To the six ladies and gentlemen who provided the ideal entertainment for this kind of occasion. They really know their stuff and how to put it over.
- (7) To everyone not already mentioned.

Each annual dinner seems to be better than its predecessor. Surely perfection in this respect is nearly reached. To say we enjoyed every minute of it is an under-statement. I am at a loss to find suitable old style adjectives to do justice to the occasion, so I'll go all "mod" and say everything was SMASHING - FAB. We thank you all.

A.G. Flippence

DARBY & JOAN CLUB

Mrs Marsden entertained on the piano and members joined in the singing of popular songs. A coach trip was taken to see the beauties of nature in Autumn. Both these were enjoyed by members. Next meeting is November 12th when Mr. Pearson will show coloured slides of Norway. A warm welcome is extended to all over 60.

NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th November at 8 pm. We shall be pleased to welcome all who are interested in the club.

About 4 weeks ago, members of the club re-turfed both ends of the square where it had been badly worn by the run of the bowlers. This involved several man hours of work : on the evening of October 14th a group of village lads on pedal cycles used the cricket square as a skid patch, doing considerable damage to the new turfs as well as cutting up the square itself. Next time lads, think again, you may be playing cricket on the square one day.

G.L. Brown

EDITORS CORNER

At the time of writing, the Gazette collection is in full swing and I hope to announce next month that we are solvent for another year. The demand for advertising space is also increasing, which is a very good sign.

I have noticed that the design and appearance of some of our new walls is improving, and perhaps the Gazette can take some of the credit. After all, we've got to look at them for a long time so let's hope the owners of road frontage will insist on something aesthetically worthwhile.

Ron Bull's awful warning of the horrors of plastic gardening was enough to give one nightmares, but this month Arthur Busby puts the whole thing back into perspective with a little gem of an article. How fortunate we are in our gardening correspondent.

GARDENING NOTES

The rather interesting article by Ron Bull in last month's Gazette conjures up many thoughts, ideas and fears in the minds of gardeners.

It is true "the old order changeth" as change it must, because without change we reach stagnation. But the changes that are developing in gardening, particularly the ones he writes about - plastic flowers, plastic gardens and lawns and the possibility even of plastic hedges are, to say the least, a little frightening.

When one considers the gullibility of many people, and their inability to resist modern high pressure salesmanship and the gimmick, these things are bound to meet with a temporary measure of success. Fortunately the present gropings of educationists will one day result in a sensible approach to knowledge, work and leisure, and with the old order changing again plastics in many cases will be discarded and, with automation giving us greater leisure time, the true arts and crafts will again come into their own but, of course, in a newer and more exciting form.

With the aid of electronic and nuclear devices, and as a result of the findings of space travellers, we shall, instead of plastic greenhouses have space drones in which to cultivate some of the botanical marvels brought to us by these travellers, and it will be commonplace for gardeners to grow not outsized onions or dahlias for the Naphill Show, but vastly improved flowers unrecognised from today's kinds and varieties, and vegetables and other food crops of farm and garden that will produce crops four or five times greater than those of today. Plant breeding which is at present a highly skilled and complicated business will, with modern aids, be carried out largely by Horticultural Societies, and their Shows will be devoted to displaying the results of all these new developments.

So Cheer Up Ron, the plastic garden will be short lived and will inevitably fade as once again the old order changeth to an exciting new horizon.

A.H.B.

P.S. Back to normal gardening next month.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We have just received another load of "Chasmor" which is selling quite fast, so if any of you would like some for immediate use we advise you to call early at "Braeside". There is no increase in price yet which still remains at 9/- per cwt.

The Transparencies evening which we mentioned last month has now been postponed until the new year; date, time etc. will be announced in the Gazette in due course. We have in its place arranged for an Illustrated Talk on the growing of outdoor chrysanthemums. This will take place on Wednesday November 10th at 8 pm in the billiard room and will be given by Mr K.H. Pearce of Loudwater, who has been a member of our Society for many years and is a regular exhibitor at our Shows. Mr Pearce has recently been appointed to the Official Judges list of the National Chrysanthemum Society. This should prove an interesting evening to the ladies as well as our men members, and if you have friends who might be interested, please bring them along; they will be very welcome.

Can you help us? On checking through our records we find that of the number of shows we have held in the village over the last twenty years we have copies of all the schedules except those for September 1947 and July 1951. We would like to make our records complete, and if anyone has the copies for these dates we should be very grateful if they would let us have them. Please have a look in that cupboard or attic or wherever you may hoard such souvenirs.

The Clerk to the Parish Council informs us that there are a number of vacant allotments in the village at the present time. These are available to any resident - at a very nominal rent - no other qualification is needed. Enquiries to him or any Parish Councillor, or to me, will provide further information if needed. Don't forget your "Chasmor".

A.H. Busby

NAPHILL YOUNG NEIGHBOURS CLUB

We had a most entertaining and instructive evening at our meeting on October 11th. Our local butcher Mr Syrett and his son Dennis talked to us about various joints of pork, lamb, beef and bacon and not only demonstrated these with posters, but with a most impressive array of meat as well. Everyone enjoyed it and we soon found our mouth's watering! Thank you Mr Syrett for all the hard work and preparation you put into it for us.

Our meeting on November 8th is to be a Cookery Demonstration by "McDougalls" and promises to be most interesting. Please don't forget the Fruit Cake competition.

Recipes are still available from the Secretary Mrs D Harper if you would like to enter.

November also brings the Village Hall Bazaar. Would you bring along your contribution for our stall to the next meeting please, and help us to help make the Bazaar one of the best ever.

N A P H I L L W. I.

Members celebrated the W.I.'s 43rd birthday with guests from Downley, Hampden, Hughenden and Lacey Green. The guest speaker was Miss Price-Hill who, before her retirement, worked in the Royal Archives at Windsor Castle, and was known as the "Lady in the round tower". She held members enthralled by her fund of knowledge on the life of Queen Mary. She was thanked by Mrs Weekes.

Tea was served by committee members and a birthday cake made by Mrs Lorriman and iced by Mrs Piercy was cut by Miss Price-Hill and Mrs Lorriman. Mrs Hussey presented an original competition, which was won by Mrs M. Strange. 6d parcels were sold for W.I. funds and nominations were made for the new committee. Members were reminded that the November meeting is a most important one - the W.I. Annual General Meeting. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend and vote for their committee and president. The V.C.O. will be Mrs Pelton. Competition : Any article knitted by a member.

Rummage Sale - November 6th. London Outing - November 18th - coach leaves at 9 am from Naphill Village Hall.

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT: Naphill W.I. Drama Group Present a 3 Act Play "Queen Elizabeth Slept Here" by Talbot Rothwell, at Naphill Village Hall on Friday and Saturday December 10th and 11th.

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

CAFE CONTINENTAL, DECEMBER 4TH : Although there are a number of weeks before December 4th, I would like to stress the fact that all tickets will be sold before the actual date and that no admittance can be obtained 'at the door'. Already more than half the limited number of tickets have been 'spoken for' so if you do not want to be disappointed, please arrange for your name to be added to the list as soon as possible.

For those in doubt regarding the type of entertainment to be given, I would assure you it will be 'light' and have no doubt whatsoever that anyone who comes will thoroughly enjoy the evening, to say nothing of the Refreshments.

W.H. Pearson, 'Dalsnibba' Chapel Lane

MEDICAL COMFORTS : One of the three invalid chairs is missing. Would anyone knowing it's whereabouts kindly inform Mr. R. Rose, Blacksmiths, Naphill.

SWIMMING POOL FOR NAPHILL SCHOOL : At a meeting of Parents and Staff of Naphill School on October 11th, it was decided to proceed with a project to construct a heated swimming pool in the school grounds. The total cost would be about £1,000. After deducting funds already in hand and grants available from the County, about £350 remains to be found.

The greatest benefit from such a pool would go to the youngest children, many of whom will not have started school yet, but whose parents might be inclined to support this venture in the form of some hard work or a donation. The headmaster would be pleased to hear from such people.

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Welfare	Wednesday - 1st and 15th	2.30
Library	Friday - 3rd 17th and 31st	6.30
Whist Drives	Friday - 3rd, 17th and 31st	7.30
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00
Wednesday	1st	Youth Club 7.30
Thursday	2nd	W.I. Monthly Meeting 2.30
		Art Class 7.30
Saturday	4th	Cafe Continental 7.30
Monday	6th	Mothercraft Class 2.30
		Art Class 7.30
		Village Hall Council 8.00
Tuesday	7th	Dancing Class 3.30
		Drama 7.30
Wednesday	8th	W.I. Drama Rehearsal 7.30
Thursday	9th	Art Class 7.30
Friday	10th	Darby & Joan Club 2.30
Friday	10th	W.I. Play 7.30
Saturday	11th	W.I. Play 7.30
Monday	13th	Mothercraft Class 2.30
		Young Neighbours 7.30
		Art Class 7.30
Wednesday	15th	Youth Club 7.30
Thursday	16th	Art Class 7.30
Saturday	18th	Darby & Joan Party 2.30
Monday	20th	Mothercraft Class 2.30
Wednesday	22nd	Youth Club 7.30
Thursday	23rd	Art Class 7.30
Wednesday	29th	Youth Club 7.30
Thursday	30th	W.I. Committee 2.30

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

At the Council Meeting held on the 1st November Mr Balls said that for personal reasons he could not see his way clear to continue his Chairmanship any longer. His resignation was received with great regret. Miss Cooper, our Vice Chairman, has consented to take over the Chairmanship some five months before she expected to do so.

Various small repairs were agreed to be done and the Hon. Sec. reported that the Disraeli portraits were now framed and would shortly be placed in position. The heating of the hall continues to be discussed and alternative estimates are being obtained.

Arrangements were made for the Bazaar and Remembrance Day.

THE BAZAAR

Through the medium of the Gazette, may I, on behalf of the Village Hall Council thank EVERYONE, organisations and individuals, who helped with the Bazaar on Saturday, 13th November, 1965. The result exceeded our expectations and £76 was raised for the Village Hall Funds. This is truly magnificent and we are indeed grateful to all who came along and spent so generously.

I do not know the population figure for Naphill and Walters Ash but I believe the Gazette goes into about 450 homes. However, it was remarked to me recently and I cannot disagree, that, whenever your Village Hall Council put on a 'do' to raise funds it is always the same loyal group of folk who do all the work, and the same small group of loyal supporters who turn up to support the function. I wonder why? It would be a pleasant surprise if on some future occasion we could have with us, not only the more than welcome familiar faces, but a whole gathering of equally welcome unfamiliar faces. I can hear someone saying: "But why should I attend? I'm not interested in the Village Hall Council - I'm only interested in the K.Y.Z. Club which I belong to". Ah, but where does K.Y.Z. Club hold its meetings? In the Village Hall? If the answer is "Yes", then you should be interested. The Village Hall Council is the body set up under a Trust Deed to maintain and run the Village Hall and Playing Fields, and without it there could well be nowhere for the Club or Organisation to which you belong to meet. I do not wish to offend anyone and trust I have not done so in making the above observation.

COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 6th DECEMBER 1965

At some recent meetings, several organisations have not been represented. It would be very much appreciated if a member from every organisation could be present at the above meeting as nominations for a Deputy Chairman will be called for and a vote taken. So please send your representative with a name to put forward, making sure that he or she is willing to stand.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last Meeting
2. Appointment of Vice Chairman occasioned by Mr. Balls' resignation
3. To receive report of the financial result of the Bazaar.
4. To consider priorities of expenditure viz: heating, floors, interior painting etc.
5. To hear the result of the annual Collection for the Gazette.
6. Any other business.

ANNUAL FETE - 1966 (June 25th)

Six months to go - yes - but not too early to start thinking about it. This note is an appeal to anyone in the village who has a bright idea of any kind for the Fete to contact me (Naphill 3315). In particular, suggestions for new side-shows and forms of entertainment would be welcome. I am sure that amongst all the residents of Naphill and Walters Ash (and there are a lot of newcomers in the village) there must be someone with a brilliant idea. Please come forward now because if any equipment has to be made or bookings arranged the sooner we get cracking the better. I shall wait like an optimist for the telephone to ring - please don't turn me into a pessimist.

Miss Edna Cooper

MR. M.J. BALLS - A N A P P R E C I A T I O N

Being now the Honorary Secretary of the Village Hall Council, a task which Mr Balls so ably filled for a considerable time, I think I am, perhaps, in a sound position to express appreciation of his sterling work for the Village and to say how sorry we all are that he has found it necessary to resign from the Chairmanship, a task which he has carried out in a very nice and friendly way.

R.C.R.



The old road through Bradenham Wood

Moseley Lodge, Naphill

Photographs by Lester Brown

E D I T O R S C O R N E R

Today with some little pride we publish our statement of accounts and it will be seen that we have come a long way from the days of near bankruptcy a few years ago. With £75 in hand, £64 from the recent collection, and a steady income from advertisements, we can now hope to make some improvements to the magazine. In the meantime, grateful thanks to the small army of collectors who went round this sprawling village.

And now, at the request of both typist and printer I have to announce that the closing date for receiving copy must be the 21st of each month and not the 23rd. These are the people who do the work and I must ask all contributors to help them in this manner.

N A P H I L L G A Z E T T E

Receipts and Payments Account
year ended 30th September 1965

<u>1964</u>	£	<u>1964</u>	£
£		£	
18	To Balance 1st October 1964	38	5
49	Village & RAF Collection	60	92
33	Donations & Postage Refunds	12	38
35	Advertisements	35	
	Interest on P.O. account	2	
		<u>£147</u>	<u>£135</u>
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Examined with Hon Treasurer's records and found to be in accordance therewith.

G.T. Smith
31.10.65.

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

We began our holiday with a visit to the Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Wisley, going in grandly by the Fellows entrance on two tickets supplied by A.H.B., (A service open to all members), and there spent three happy hours.

I have often stood on a farm at Penn and looked across at the blue outline of the Surrey hills, so now we spent the night at Dorking and the following day explored the beauties of Lieth Hill, 965 ft. high. It was certainly an eye opener to me. By accident we went up the steep way and near the top, my wife looked back and became immobilised so that I had to use my walking stick on her. As a tow of course. That evening we crossed into Kent, passing through Westerham where I was disappointed to find Churchill's old house is not to be opened to the public until next year. I should like to have seen the old man's bricklaying and landscape gardening.

Our host for the next few days was a nephew who has charge of an L.C.C. Home for 300 children, ranging in age from a newborn baby found in a paper bag in Woolworths, to a young soldier on leave who knows no other home. Ray has a sumptuous flat, a large staff and seems to be on duty 24 hours a day. At 11 p.m. I joined him in a walk to look at some boys camping out. Cigarettes were hastily thrown on the fire at our approach and the following conversation took place. "Why aren't you ready for bed like the others?" "Please sir, I can't camp out, I catch cold." "Then you should be at home in bed." "Please sir, I can't sleep for hay fever." This problem seemed to me insoluble, but the young hypochondriac was speedily dealt with and we finished the day with a plunge in the heated swimming pool.

In the morning Ray had to go down to the coast to collect a nine year old girl, victim of a horrible assault, and we went along for the ride. I dropped off at Canterbury and after a "perfunctory butchers" at the cathedral, made off to the cricket ground. The previous day Graeme Pollock had made 200 runs and I hoped to see Colin Cowdray make a suitable reply. But Kent were miserably

shot out twice in the day and but for the brilliant South African fielding I would rather have been watching Naphill. The others arrived to collect me at six and five minutes after we left a South African bowler polished off Kent with a hat trick. The little girl was very quiet but clung happily to Ray's hand. If anyone can heal that wounded little mind it is he.

The next day I had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Callaghan, a serene and lovely person, Chairman of the Board of Governors and wife of you know who. It was the day of the latest credit squeeze and I am told the lady caused a laugh in committee, by saying that the party of children due to visit No. 11 Downing Street had better be quick as "after today we may not be there long". As this was six months ago it should be safe to repeat.

On leaving Kent we seemed to descend into the bowels of hell via the new Dartford Tunnel, but emerged at length into the pleasant sunshine of East Anglia. Here we spent a couple of nights with a cousin of mine who makes lots of "filthy lucre" in the big city and recuperates at the weekend in a thatched cottage in the heart of Suffolk. Here he potters about in the garden all day and at dusk the family pile into the car and chase rabbits and hares on a disused airfield. But not, I was distressed to find, with any intention of catching the brutes. Indeed, when I jumped out to try and dive on one that I saw crouching, there were cries of indignant protest from inside the car. Well, there's all sorts in this here world.

R.P.

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

Holy Communion	December 5th	9.15 a.m.
Evensong	December 19th	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School	2nd and 3rd Sundays only in December	

The announcement of Christmas Services will be found on the board outside Naphill Church.

Sunday 19th December should be a day of considerable activity in church circles. In the morning Mr Michael Westney will be ordained Deacon at Cuddesdon Parish Church, and will serve his Title at Hughenden Parish Church, residing meanwhile at the Old School House, Louches Lane. In the afternoon we have the usual Evensong at Naphill Church, while at 6.30 p.m. the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be sung at Hughenden Parish Church in anticipation of Christmas. Following this at 7.45 p.m., a reception will be held at Hughenden Church House, when people will be able to meet Mr. and Mrs Westney informally and take coffee. The organisers hope to see many Naphill people at the meeting and will gladly arrange transport in both directions for either the Carol Service or the Reception; you have only to ask or telephone Naphill 3163.

W.W.

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

Preachers for December	11 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
5th	Student	Mr D.C. Church, B.A.
12th	Sister Sylvia Derwent	Mr B. Sutcliffe
19th	Mr. D.S. Howard	Mr D. Gregory (Carol Service)
26th	Mr E. Stevens	Mr R. Bowler

On Christmas morning at 10 a.m. a short service will be held, conducted by Mr. W.H. Pearcey.

M.G.B.

THE NAPHILL MISSION

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

GARDENING NOTES

The recent cold snap has not only caused power cuts but a curtailment in the time available for the clearing of spent crops, tidying up the herbaceous border or digging the vacant plots. It not only caught the Gas and Electricity boards unawares but also, I fear, many greenhouse owners, and gave us a reminder that any tender shrubs and herbaceous plants that need winter protection should be attended to at once. In the case of shrubs, straw, bracken or similar material should be woven in, out and around the branches and then lightly tied with string to keep it in place - plants should be covered and then criss-crossed with string or place wire netting over and secure to short stakes to keep it secure.

If during the last season your fruits have been spoiled by insect pests, a spraying with a good winter wash would help put matters right; incidentally, do any pruning that is needed before spraying, it will make the job easier and you won't be wasting spray on branches that have to be disposed of.

For those of you who have outdoor fish pools, a very important job at this time is to remove any dead or rotting vegetation as these give off those dangerous gasses that when trapped in the pool by a film of ice can cause great losses among the fish fraternity, and remember feeding does more harm than good during the winter. If you do feed at all, then only if we have a fine warm spell and then only just a little.

Don't let those bulbs in bowls and pots dry out, and keep them in the dark until the flower buds can easily be seen.

A.H.B.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Although it was a wet night and not too many members braved the elements for our evening on chrysanthemums coupled with a trip round the Shows both local and national, via the excellent collection of transparencies shown by Mr Ken Pearce, it proved very interesting. We saw some good shots of Chelsea Show, also the Wycombe and Loudwater among others, and also dropped in at Wisley and Ken's back garden.

On Thursday December 2nd, Broom Wade Horticultural Society are having a Film Lecture on Dahlias. The film is supplied by the British Dahlia Growers Association and the commenting will be given by Mr. Stuart Ogg, one of the leading growers in the country. They cordially invite any members and their wives who might be interested. It is being held in the Broom Wade Canteen in Hughenden Avenue, starting at 7.30 p.m. Also during the evening the Inter-Societies Shield will be presented by Mr. Stuart Ogg to this year's winners - Booker Horticultural Society.

As our Society won this Shield during 1964, it may be of interest to give this year's results which were as follows - Booker 513, Loudwater 295, Naphill 228, Broom Wade 161.

The previous delivery of 'Chasmor' was sold within a few hours of arrival. Our next consignment is due early in February and if you want to make sure of your requirements at that time, please let us know in good time and so avoid disappointment; already one ton has been booked.

We are hoping that many of our members will find time to grow a few Gladioli next year to help the Society win the Battle of Hastings 1966 - more news later.

A.H. Busby

U P T H E G A R D E N P A T H

Do you find digging hard work and weeding just another name for back-ache ? Do planting, sowing, pruning and mowing interfere with your favourite T.V. programmes ? All these tiring tasks can be banished forever by using a material which has already revolutionised building and may do the same for gardening. It is called CONCRETE !

To one part of cement and six parts of sand add Water. Spread the mixture evenly over the garden to a thickness of from 1 to 2 feet. Better still - get someone else to do this for you. All your gardening problems are now permanently solved and you can sit in the window admiring the lovely reflections of the sky on the wet concrete throughout the English summer. For a year or two you will miss the smell of the hyacinths and the colour of the roses and the flavour of the peas and runner beans : but when you get old and there is no help in the garden available for love or money what else CAN you do !!!

Darby

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

On 31st October last, a football match between the Youth Club team and a Naphill Select XI was played in pouring rain, which we unfortunately lost 9-0. The Wednesday before, a Dance was held in aid of National Youth Club Week. The music was supplied by the Lyriks and the evening was a great success. On November 3rd there was the A.G.M. and Mr. James Abele was unanimously voted our new Committee Chairman for the coming year. Mr Pushman took the chair for this meeting, and he expressed his regrets for the unfortunate absence of Mrs Syrett. Six members of our club were recommended for the Bucks Association of Youth Clubs Football trials, and Terry Kelloway has been asked to be reserve goal keeper for the team, and we all offer him our congratulations.

Naphill Youth Club Programme for December: Wednesday 8th December, the first round of Top of the Form Competition. Wednesday 15th, Table Tennis Knockout for Prize.

We require new members urgently - anyone interested please come along on Wednesday evening.

R.C.P.

W I L D F L O W E R S

I shall probably best remember 1965 as the "Year of the Weeds". It seems to me as if it rained at least once a week throughout the summer, and this helped my garden to produce some of the best crops of groundsell ever, with a good ration of lush sow thistles, docks, daisies and goodness knows what else.

However, a weed in my garden becomes a wild flower when it grows somewhere else, and the wet summer has produced some fine examples of flowers round about Naphill. Some varieties of wild flowers would not disgrace a garden and some, like the Evening Primrose and the Orpine, can be found in gardens and growing wild, and I noticed in Cornwall that the Montbretia is a very common wild flower. Some of our common wild flowers, such as Knapweed, Scabious and Marjoram seem to thrive whatever the weather, but the beautiful Chiltern Gentian, which only grows in the Chilterns, puts on a much better show in a wet year. This year they were wonderful, but the hot summer of 1964 did not suit them at all, and they were scarce and very stunted.

One cannot talk long about wild flowers before the subject of Orchids comes along. While there are plenty of flowers equally lovely, there is something about the Orchid that catches the imagination. Possibly it is because it is not very common, but the Chiltern Hills are an Orchid stronghold, and the area round the village has its fair share. The variety most often seen here is the common spotted, whose pink spike grows in quite large numbers and usually puts up a good show, as do the Twayblade and the Common Helleborine, but their green flowers are not so noticeable. The Pyramidal Orchid has a purple flower-head, and a few of them can be found every year. One of the prettiest is the Bee Orchid, but this has its ups and downs; 1965 was one of it's good years. Similar but much smaller, and very hard to see is the Fly Orchid, and it is also possible to find Scented, Butterfly, Frog, and Bird's nest Orchids within an afternoon's walk from the Village. One variety which I think ought to be about here is the Early Purple Orchid, but so far it has eluded me. However, these things have a habit of turning up and it is just a matter of being in the right place at the right time, and, PLEASE DO NOT PICK ANY ORCHIDS, or they may disappear altogether.

Incidentally, Naphill is famous for one rare wild flower, the Meadow Sage, whose bright purple flowers do not appear to grow anywhere else in this part of the country.

J.H.

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

November Report

The Cookery Demonstration provided by McDougalls for our November meeting was most enjoyable. Miss Pichard introduced us to some unusual recipes which she hoped we would all try. We are very grateful to our local Electricity Showrooms who installed a magnificent cooker which enabled us to have the demonstration. The cake competition was really well supported - the first prize went to Mrs Mary Brown.

Our December meeting is to be a 'Social Evening' aimed at putting us all in the festive mood. Everyone is invited to bring a friend and a 1/- parcel. The competition will be 'The most original Hat' pretty or peculiar.

The Young Neighbours Committee would like to thank all the members who helped in any way to support our stall at the Village Hall Bazaar.

O L D T I M E D A N C I N G

About 5 years ago a very thriving Old Time Dancing Club was established in this village. Where have all the members gone ? can you remember the jolly times you had ? What about coming along to the village hall and re-living those good times ? We are hoping to commence classes in January - all old members will be very welcome - so come along and bring your friends. To anyone else interested, you will be more than welcome - old time dancing can be shared by old and young alike. If you have no partner still come along, there will always be someone to dance with. Beginners will be especially catered for.

If anyone is interested and would like further information, please contact Mr. Harry Jackson, 8 Ash Close. Telephone Naphill 2062.

Watch this magazine next month for more news, and don't forget you old members - let us have a get-together in January.

H.J.

N A P H I L L W. I.

The November meeting was the Annual General Meeting, and we had with us Mrs Pelton, V.C.O. who helped us to run the meeting smoothly. Mrs Smith welcomed Mesdames Pearce, Knox, Whiting and S. Piercy as new members. Mrs Bull read the year's financial report and said that thanks to Mrs. Smart's legacy and considerable help from the Drama Group, we were in a healthy financial position. Mrs Balls read the Secretary's report, from which it was seen that we had had an interesting and instructive year - Art classes have proved a particular success.

Mrs Smith thanked committee members for the help they had given her during her three years as President.

Mrs Piercy was elected President for the next year, with Mesdames Weeks and Osborne as Vice-Presidents, Mrs Balls, Secretary, and Mrs Bull, Treasurer. The rest of the committee are: Mesdames, Brill, Wood, Hussey, White, D. Smith, Kent, Gilson, Lorriman and Pearson. Mrs Piercy thanked Mrs Pelton and Mrs Weeks thanked Mesdames Sleep and Caple from Downley, who acted as tellers. Mrs. G. Hussey thanked the retiring President and Committee.

The knitting competition was won by : 1st Mrs Brill, 2nd Mrs Parslow.

Next month we have a talk from Mr. Dudley Glass on Australian Wonderland. Competition : Filled Christmas Stocking costing not more than 2/6d. Tea Hostesses: Mesdames Peyton, Thynne, Pearce and Gosling.

E.M.O.

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

On November 12th a successful meeting was held with about fifty people present. The North Thames Gas Co arranged for the presentation of a number of short films ranging from a General Pathe' Gazette of great interest, to a special description of the use of gas in the home for central heating and other purposes, a programme much appreciated by all those present. On this occasion our President, who has been absent for some months on account of illness, made his first re-appearance and was greeted by a cheer - he was obviously much touched by the warmth of the welcome from the members.

At the meeting on October 29th members were delighted with slides of Norway and a commentary given by Mr. W.H. Pearson on the holiday he and Mrs Pearson had spent there.

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

DOWNLEY BRITISH LEGION

As there no longer exists a branch of the British Legion in Naphill I would like to extend an invitation to the Naphill Ex-Servicemen to join the Downley Branch, and you may do so by sending me your name and address. Mr. G. Lowe, c/o W. Lawrence & Sons(Furniture)Ltd. Lawrest Works, Naphill

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THE NEW YEAR CHARITY PARTY is being held on Saturday January 15th 1966 in the Village Hall, and this time it will be in aid of the High Wycombe and District Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Once again it is a complete 'Sell Out' but tickets have been reserved for the many friends who regularly support these causes, and will be issued shortly.

Music for dancing by Ken Madelin and his Band. Any lady who would like to supply a few refreshments for this worthy cause should please contact Miss Vera Goodchild or Miss Jean Lawrence, nearer the date.

This year it will again be fully Carnival, lots of surprises, valuable prizes to be won and a host of fun - get those joints oiled up ready for the twist etc.

Alan Shrimpton

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We would like to thank everyone who made this evening so enjoyable.

Audrey Tucker

IN MEMORIUM

I wish to thank all neighbours, friends and children for the wonderful sympathy shown to me at the loss of my dear husband Harry Mason. The basket of flowers was a delight to see and the posie from the children brought a big lump to my throat. Also my deepest thanks to both Dr Carless and Dr Streule who did everything possible in the circumstances. Again I thank you.

Mrs F. Mason

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