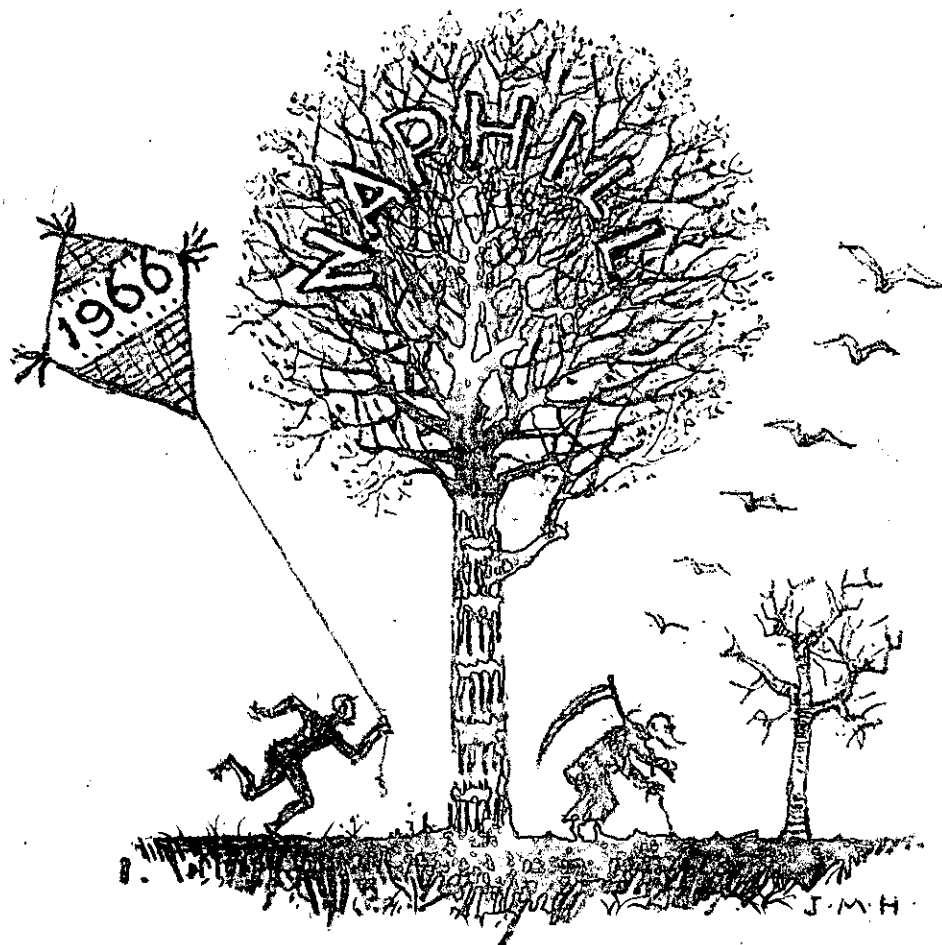


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NAPHILL GAZETTE



JANUARY

and Harry Pearson to be associated with the 1966 Fete; a volunteer is required to run the Raffle, a duty which has been carried out for many years by Mrs. Lean.

The following officers were elected for the year 1966: Chairman, Miss E. Cooper - Vice Chairman: Mr. R. Pushman - Hon. Sec. Mr. R.C. Rose - Hon. Treas. Mr. D.C. Toobey: Asst. Hon Sec. Mr. J.G.W. Woodruff - Asst. Hon. Treas. Mr. H. Tweedale.

The representatives of the various Societies, etc. and the above form the Council plus six members of the public to be elected at the Annual Meeting in March.

Estimates are being sought for the re-surfacing of the Car Park.
AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING 3rd JAN 1966:

- Minutes of the last meeting
- Fete
- Damage to the Council's property
- Any other business.

It is requested that all items for the agenda be in the Hon Sec's hands by the 18th of each month.

BOOKINGS FOR THE HALL 1966:

In each December Mr. Balls is ready to accept bookings for the next year. So now is the opportunity to book. On no account can bookings be made for 1967 until December 1966.

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

HOLY COMMUNION	January 2nd	9.15 a.m.
EVENSONG	January 16th	3.30 p.m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL	2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays	3.30 p.m.

The New Year Whist Drive will be held at Naphill Village Hall on Friday 7th January at 7.30 p.m. We hear that the tickets are selling quickly, so hurry; but come along in any case and we will squeeze you in if we can. Will those good friends who usually give us prizes, please help once again.

Our Rummage Sale is booked for the end of February, so now is the time to tell us about any suitable goods you have for us; don't forget - we can store your rummage.

MESSAGE FROM THE REV. MICHAEL AND MRS. WESTNEY: We are so glad to be living in Naphill, and look forward to making many new friends. As you will no doubt know, we have spent all our married life in this area and used to live at Flackwell Heath, a similar community on the other side of the valley. We shall always welcome visitors to the Old School House.

Betty and Michael Westney

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 :	11 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
2nd	Sister Sylvia Darwent	Miss Pemble
	(Covenant Service & Holy Communion)	
9th	Rev A Kinch	Mr E. Andrews
16th	Mr P. Syson	Mrs Tyler
23rd	Mr. K. Lewis	An Illustrated Journey through the Holy Land by Mr & Mrs. W.L. Blick of Maidenhead.
30th	Mr. W. Osborne	Mr. W.A. Dodd

We recall with pleasure the previous visit of Mr & Mrs Blick to our church when they gave a most interesting and inspiring talk about the Holy Land, illustrated by beautiful transparencies. We invite you to come to the service on January 23rd when Sister Sylvia will introduce their second programme.

M.G. Brown

THE NAPHILL MISSION

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

EDITOR'S CORNER

The Editor and Staff of the Gazette would like to wish all readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

We extend our thanks to all who have written articles or helped in any way, and trust we shall be able to maintain reader's interest in 1966

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The suicidal tendencies of pigs was first noted in Judea when the Gadarene swine flung themselves over the cliff. Evidently it still persists, for while Dennis Syrett was busy making sausages he heard some grunts and found that a straying pig had wandered into the shop.

NAPHILL W. I.

Mr Dudley Glass brought sunshine to our December meeting with his talk on "The Australian Wonderland" illustrated with slides. Starting at Perth and Adelaide we viewed pictures of Cities, Birds, Animals - here Mr. Glass explained how the Kangaroo got its name, also the meaning of Koala Bear - we journeyed on through agricultural land to Sydney Bridge terminating with a picture of the Fed Parliment House, after which we were all singing "Waltzing Matilda" accompanied at the piano by Mr. Glass in his very accomplished manner. Mrs. Bull thanked Mr. Glass.

Our competition for a filled Xmas stocking to be given to Booker Old Folk, brought in a large number of entries, some members having ingeniously made their stockings very attractively. Two prizes were awarded: Contents over 2/6d - Mrs. Hussey. Contents value 2/6d - Mrs. Whiting.

Our newly elected President Mrs. R. Piercy, who has been a member for 28 years and has served as President on a previous occasion, said "she felt it only fair to put back into the Institute some of the pleasure and learning gained".

A new member, Mrs. Winter-Taylor, was welcomed.

A Xmas parcel and gift of money has been sent to our adopted family. Letters were read from Mrs Barbara Stevenson, now in New Zealand and from Mrs Kilby who recently left the district.

The proceeds of the Jumble Sale held recently amounted to £14. 18.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The coffee morning at "Waldens" - £4.8.6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and the whist drive at Moseley Lodge - £2.3.6d.

Tea hostesses for January are Mrs Jackson, Mrs. Biggs, Mrs Brian and Mrs. Mitchell. A talk will be given on "Bardsey, Islands of Saints and Birds", by Mrs. Suzan Cowdy. Competition - Best slice of Christmas cake. Reminder - 6d parcels.

QUEEN ELISABETH SLEPT HERE

The Village Hall audience were certainly kept very much awake during this production by Blanche Weekes of the Naphill Drama Group's hilarious performance.

The city dweller who sets out to buy a picturesque country cottage seldom knows the snags. He, or in this case his wife, falls in love with the oak beams and tends to forget more mundane matters connected with rural sanitation, water supply and local reactions. This particular cottage was blessed, or otherwise, with a unique gardener-handyman in the person of Mr. Kimber who kindly stayed on : with his friendly cow in the kitchen.

The part was played to the life by Alan Shrimpton : the throw-away lines being delivered with devastating effect. Mr. Kimber was a joy. He retained the good will of the almost too naive new owners, Michael Fuller (Maurice Ball) and his enthusiastic wife, Norah, (Muriel Piercy), while unsuccessfully digging wells and profitably providing more and more gravel, manure etc. at ever increasing prices.

The Fullers were also harrassed by the love affair of Madge Fuller, (Anne Turner), with Steve Hadlett, (Hugh Morgan) and by a visit from rich Uncle Stanley who proved to be not rich at all when asked for help financially. Mrs. Douglas (Carol Wild), brought a map which casts doubts on the boundary line of the property and two servant girls, Katie (Margaret Morgan), and Hester (Connie Coz), were comically un-cooperative.

The house warming brought together a group of laughable and brittle characters including a convincing St Trinians type schoolgirl Cynthia (Carol Piercy), and a dashing young actor Clayton Shaw; (Richard Pushman), who made a pass at Madge Fuller while apparantly deserting his lively and attractive actress companion Rita Leslie (Marion Lovell). The intervention of Colonel Prescott, (Douglas Tooby), a neighbour who threatened to buy the cottage and return them all out, the recourse of the Fullers to the bottle and the wrecking of the cottage as a reprisal provided an exciting climax. All ended happily.

With very little plot and rather prediotable characterisation the play nevertheless gave plenty of opportunitues for a well-cast and talented company and made a very jolly evening for an appreciative audience. The arduous and ingenious work of the back-stage staff should certainly be mentioned: scenery by Stan Butler, stage management by Maud Brown, Carol Piercy, Kay Pearson, Pauline Simmonds and lighting by Harold Tweedale.

John Holmes

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

On Monday December 13th we held our Christmas Social, which we feel we can say was a great success. It was wonderful to be able to welcome so many guests. Mrs. Perry organized the proceedings for us and we rounded off the evening with carols by candlelight !

At our meeting on January 10th we are to have a visit from the Be-Ro Flour Film Unit who will show us some 'Home Recipes'.

On January 13th, a Thursday, at 7.30 p.m., our 'Keep Fit' classes are to recommence in the Naphill School Hall. Mrs Seber of Flackwell Heath will be taking them this term. Any ladies in the village are welcome to join us.

We wish a Happy New Year to all our members.

C.D.H.

W I N E S O F T H E W O R L D

Generally, when we think of wine we automatically think of France and Germany. In actual fact France is the world's largest producing country followed very closely by Italy. The U.S.A. is 3rd, and Spain 4th, Germany strangely enough lies 15th in the world's league table of 25 wine producing countries. From all the above the total output is approximately 4,900 million gallons, almost 2 gallons per head of the world's total population.

French Wine comes from 8 main areas thus: Bordeaux - Burgandy - Touraine (Loire) - Rhone - Champagne - Alsace - Jura and Langudoc.

Italy makes wine in every one of its provinces from the Alpine valleys to Sicily. 70% of all Italian wine imported into Great Britain is in the form of Vermouth.

Spain of course we know for its Sherry, actually though Sherry represents a mere 2% of all wine produced in Spain, a very large volume of table wine is produced, Spain is also the largest producer of Sparkling wine in the world.

Portugal is largely known for its Port, here again a certain amount of table wine is being imported into this country.

Germany exports a larger quantity of fine wines than any other country with the exception of France.

The Central European countries and Russia produce a great deal of wine though much of it is unknown in this country. We do, however, get a proportion of the better wines made in Hungary and Yugoslavia. We have the Tokay, sweet and dry, and Bulls Blood from Hungary, and the very good cheap wines from the Lutomer vineyards of Yugoslavia.

Wine is produced at both ends of the African Continent. In North Africa the northern facing slopes of the Atlas mountains, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco produce large quantities of wine. In South Africa the vineyards, which are all near Cape Town and in very beautiful country, were first planted by Dutch settlers in the late 17th Century. These vineyards are now producing very good quality wines in a very large variety. As far as this country is concerned they are probably best known for their Sherries, which I think are excellent. The U.S.A. produces a very large quantity of wine, mostly in California; it is practically all consumed in the States.

The latest vineyards to be planted were those in Brazil and these were the work of the Italians who emigrated there in the 1880's and 1890's.

Australia commenced serious wine making in 1840. Many European wines are used in Australia; they produce wines which have many of the characteristics of the European wines from the same grapes. As there is ground to spare in the vineyards the vines are planted farther apart than is usual in Europe. This in turn makes the use of machinery very much easier. As a result the Australian vineyards are probably the most mechanised in the world. Owing to the fact that Australia enjoys some of the finest weather in the world, the wines are very dependable, but on the other hand they are never quite outstanding, being mostly consistent and of a good standard.

W.J. Barrett, The Wine Cellar, Naphill

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

Do you feel you are an exile: A stranger in a village with no amenities, and that the Locals are rather distant? Six years ago when I moved here from London, these were my feelings, so I decided it was up to me to do something about it. The Naphill Gazette mentioned the Men's Club among the many of the village activities. Ah! that smacked of billiards and snooker, right up my street. A discreet enquiry, and I was immediately enrolled as a member. To my utter joy and astonishment there are two beautiful full size billiard tables and as grand a set of chaps as one could wish to meet. I was at once one of them. NO LONGER AN EXILE. Life became worth living again. Who was it who said if the mountain will not come to Mohomet etc ?

A.G. Flippance

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

The Age of the Horse had not finished for me as long as old Nobby was still alive. Spanning a quarter of a century, no horse ever had a better life. Purchased at eighteen months old he had not been introduced to work and the only time his placid nature became ruffled was when he was being broken in.

Each day Charlie and Bridge got him used to ropes and saddle and finally the time came for him to be introduced to the shafts of a farm cart. There he stood, quiet enough, all harnessed up except for the chains on each side which hitched to the shafts. "Next job" Charlie said to Bridge, "is to hitch up these chains - and make sure you connect them first try". Charlie successfully linked his side but Bridge could not manage his and before he had a second chance Nobby's hooves went flying and then he hurtled off out of all control with only one chain fixed to one shaft. At full gallop the cart glanced off the muck heap and turned over and in the appalling tangle of harness, chains and shaft, Nobby went over too. "Come on" shouted Charlie to a most reluctant Bridge. Whilst Charlie lay on Nobby's head to keep him quiet, Bridge untangled the mess and the horse was freed. "Straight back into the shafts with him" Charlie ordered. From that moment Nobby never jibbed again.

He was a beauty in his prime. Fifteen hands high and the same colour as a conker newly opened from its prickly shell. Let us pass quietly over his pedigree and say he was not a Clydesdale or a Suffolk Punch, but just a great big gentle horse. He was so broad that after a shower of rain the water would lay in a little puddle in the middle of his back.

After five years of work at hay-raking, muck-carting, taking sows to meet neighbouring husbands and other general farm work, he was replaced by a tractor. No-one ever asked what was to become of Nobby, it was just taken for granted that he would be around the farm until he died. Anyway, what's a farm without a horse, even if he doesn't work? He became a general overseer with his nose into everything.

For over twenty years after his very early retirement he lived with the herd of cows. He came up from distant fields with them at milking time and waited with his head stuck through the shippon door until they were turned out again. He protected newly born calves from the rest of the herd, he shared the same cattle cake and tit-bits and (well almost!) took the place of a bull. He grew a long black flowing tail and one particular cow would stand in summer with eyes closed, chewing the cud, close to his hindquarters.

His perpetually swishing tail thus not only kept himself free from tormenting flies, but this cow's head and shoulders too. And some people say that animals cannot think. The time came when the policy was to introduce some black and white cows into the herd that had previously been only a uniform reddish-brown and for some days he was really troublesome and upset and tried to see off the wrong coloured intruders. The pigs, too, became his concern and regular mutual nuzzling and licking were part of daily routine.

From the beginning, shelter was available to him but he would have none of such cissy treatment. All his life was spent under the wide skies and to judge from his health and superb coat, the open air suited him. After his short working life finished and he no longer left the meadows, his feet were never shod. Occasionally he needed a pedicure with a small saw and a rasp. No difficulty here, he would stand in the middle of a field like a great soft ha'porth, with one foot resting on an upturned bucket while Charlie trimmed his feet.

Just as the tiniest calves were perfectly safe in his charge, so were young children who could walk round and under him without fear of any harm. And now this gentle giant has journeyed to the Happy Hunting grounds, and gone is my last link with a real old carthorse. He never came to Naphill although he lived only a few throws of a stone away, so perhaps he is strictly an outsider and not eligible for immortality in our Gazette. However, as Charlie is my father-in-law and was the only person to handle him, perhaps this tie will be sufficient to enable him to qualify for this honour.

R. Bull

1ST NAPHILL RANGER COMPANY : November 13th was the date of the Ranger county competition which took place at Quarrendon School, Aylesbury. The theme was "Bucks". For weeks beforehand the Rangers had been collecting items of interest and making models. The Company was very pleased to be placed second - Aylesbury being first. The evening ended with slides of Ranger activities.

1ST NAPHILL GUIDE COMPANY : The Guides enjoyed a campfire singsong with the Scouts on November 12th and a Social on December 4th.

The Patrol leaders of the Wycombe Central District gave a party at the Union Baptist Church High Wycombe on November 27th for all Local Associates and parents. Naphill were responsible for planning the entertainment, and were warmly congratulated by Mrs Capell, District Commissioner, for their efforts.

Mrs Steevens from the Red Cross Society, High Wycombe came on 3rd December to demonstrate the "Mouth to Mouth" method of artificial respiration. All the Guides were able to practice on the model "Res Annie"

For their Christmas good turn the company is busy knitting booties and bonnets for African babies.

Congratulations to the following badge winners - Cooks : Jane Key, Kay McConnell. First Aid : Clare Budden, Diane Dixon, Jane Key, Kay McConnell, Teresa Butler.

J.M.

GARDEN NOTES

Another year gone, another starting. What of 1966? Signs and portends, cards and tea leaves, may all be brought into play to probe the, as yet, unknown, but here's wishing you All Good Fortune in the coming year.

I expect that most of you were able to produce something towards the season's festivities from the garden in the way of fruit, vegetables, greenery or berries. Some of you, no doubt, would wish to be able to produce more another year, and now is the time to do something about it. There are lots of evergreens and berried shrubs and, of course, fruits to chose from, so why not get out those catalogues and make a choice. By the way, those azaleas, cyclamen and many other plants that came along as Christmas presents can be kept for another year if you are kind to them when they have finished flowering. All they need is light warmth (enough to keep them free from frost) and water.

If you have any potatoes, gladioli, begonias or dahlias in store, don't forget to look them over occasionally and take out diseased specimens, break off any shoots on the potatoes and see that the dahlia tubers are still nice and plump. Any sign of mildew can soon be checked by a dusting with green sulphur.

Although it is a little early to sow seeds out of doors, it is not too early to order them, and by doing this early you may get what you want instead of those frustrating substitutes.

A.H. Busby

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

New Year greetings to all our members and garden lovers everywhere, and a sly tippie for a successful gardening year.

Our Society has now seen it's 21st Christmas and next October will have reached it's 21st birthday. Our membership during the past year has again shown an increase, and we hope that as many of you as possible will be coming along to our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday January 19th, which will be held in the billiard room at 8. p.m.

We are still taking orders for "Chasmor", the next consignment will be arriving during February.

On Thursday January 13th, the Broom Wade Horticultural Society are having a talk on Dahlias and Chrysanthemums in their Hughenden Avenue Canteen, starting at 7.30 p.m., and an invitation has been extended to any of our members to go along on that date.

If any of our members would like to have some hydrated lime for the garden, will they please give in their orders by January 19th at latest as no further orders can be taken after the A.G.M. The lime will be delivered in bulk to "Braeside" and members will be responsible for collection from there. The cost will be approximately 2/6d per $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

A.H.B.

DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

It would be quite impossible to give in our limited space a detailed description of the Grand Christmas Concert provided by the Chiltern Ladies Choir at our meeting on December 18th; the mere mention of the names of all those who helped would take many lines of print. We are therefore forced to confine ourselves to recording in brief but bold language that this concert was the finest that had ever been staged in the history of our Club going back some eight or

nine years. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Chilterns Ladies Choir who provided a party of some thirty talented ladies under the leadership of Mr. Ernest Horwood to entertain us with their delightful voices. Their music enchanted our ears as they sang choruses, duets and solos, and we admired the skill of their producer in selecting some of the old songs we knew so that we could join in with our own voices. This concert was a really exciting experience for us villagers, we do enjoy listening to good music and when the Choir stopped singing we longed for more. An amusing conjuring-trick with a newspaper-cutting was played on us and then the tea and cakes provided by willing caterers were enjoyed to the last crumb and the last drop in the cup. It was a happy afternoon that will long be remembered, as the guests departed each one received a small Christmas present to take home.

Has anyone a private film which might amuse our members? We are still a flourishing club and welcome anyone over sixty.

E.B.

Mrs L. Hussey, 5 Ash Place, Walters Ash, would like to thank all those who sent cards, good wishes and presents for her 90th birthday on 25th November.

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Various reports I have received since 'Cafe Continental' on December 4th make me feel that it was a success and therefore most rewarding to me personally. This success was entirely due to the audience who were most receptive, the Artistes who so kindly and willingly gave their time, and the ladies who supplied, prepared and served the refreshments which I know were enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

I would like to express my thanks to those kind people who gave items for the 'Gift' hampers which I am certain were also appreciated by the recipients.

As far as I am concerned this was more or less a 'Test' venture and any constructive criticism would be greatly appreciated for future reference. Perhaps the following, seen in a Cafe, would be appropriate:-

If you enjoyed it... Tell Others. If you didn't... Tell us.

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped us with this Cafe Continental No. 1. For the benefit of those who were unable to be present, perhaps the following list of performers will be interesting:-

- Introduction.... Mrs Dorothy Smith and Mr W.H. Pearson
- Guitar ..... Mr Max Liens
- Penci. Sketches. Mr Bertie Wooster with Mr Sanders at Piano
- Songs ..... Mr Cyril Leeson. Accompanist - Mr. Terry O'Brien.

- 'Chan Canastra'. Mr. W.H. Pearson
- Patter and Song. Mr Roy Perry
- The Speen Choir. Conductor : Mr John Farrell
- The Band of the 299 Regiment R.A. Territorial Army under the direction of Warrant Officer Burley, D.S.M.

W.H. Pearson

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Mr Alfred Stevens, who died aged 68, on November 27th was cremated on December 3rd. An old resident of Naphill, Mr. Stevens was employed in the brickfields for many years. He will be sadly missed by Mr & Mrs H. Denning and many other friends.

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BRITISH LEGION HAIG FUND : The British Legion thanks all those who so generously contributed to the Poppy Day Appeal. The amount donated was £91. 18. 6d, of which £51. 6. 10d was collected from the R.A.F.

OLD TIME DANCING : The Old Time Dancing classes referred to in the December issue of the Gazette will commence at 8.p.m. until 10.30 p.m. and the charge will be 2/6d. The hall has been booked until the end of the month, viz Monday 24th January and Monday 31st January. These bookings have been made with the intention of finding out if the residents of the village really do want to revive this very pleasant social and recreational activity.

Will anyone interested in any way whatsoever, whether beginners or otherwise, please come along to the Village Hall on any, or all, of these evenings. If there is sufficient response the hall will be booked on other Mondays (the 2nd Monday in the month excepted) for the remainder of the dancing season.

H.J.

WHIST DRIVE :

We had a record gathering of Whist Players in the Village Hall on Friday Dec. 17th when the Christmas Whist Drive was held. Many prizes were given and won. Mrs. W. Parslow won the 1st prize for Whist, and Mrs Jackson won the 1st draw out of the Raffle.

We would like to thank everyone who gave prizes and refreshments, and all who helped in any way to make this Whist Drive such a success.

A Whist Drive is held in the Village Hall every fortnight, and we give all old and new friends a warm invitation to come along and spend a very enjoyable evening. The next Whist Drive will be held on Friday January 14th 1966 at 7.30 . Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

R.W.

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|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mothercraft Class    | Every Monday               | 2.30 pm                 |
| Youth Club           | " Wednesday                | 8.00 pm                 |
| Welfare              | 1st & 3rd Weds, 2nd & 16th | 2.00 pm                 |
| Bingo                | Every Thursday             | 8.00 pm                 |
| Whist Drives         | Friday 11th & Friday 25th  |                         |
| Library              | " 11th & Friday 25th       | 6.30 - 8.00 p.m. C.R.   |
| Drama                | Every Tuesday              | 7.30 pm                 |
| Dancing (Mrs Fraser) | Every Tuesday              | 3.30 - 5.00 pm          |
| W.I. Dressmaking     | " Wednesday                | 9.30 am - 11.30 am B.R. |

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| Thursday 3rd | W.I. Meeting          | 2.00 - 5.00 pm      |
|              | W.I. Art              | 7.30 - 9.30 pm      |
| Friday 4th   | Darby & Joan Club     | 2.30 - 5.00 pm      |
| Sat 5th      | W.I. Rummage Sale     | 10 am - 4 pm        |
| Mon 7th      | COUNCIL MEETING       | 8.00 p.m.           |
| Thurs 10th   | W.I. Art              | 7.30 - 9.30 pm B.R. |
| Sat 12th     | W.I. Open Night       | 3.00 - 10.00 pm     |
| Mon 14th     | Young Neighbours      | 7.30 pm             |
|              | Horticultural Society | 8.00 pm B.R.        |
| Tues 15th    | A.G.M. Conservative   | 8.00 - 10 pm.       |
| Thurs 17th   | W.I. Art              | 7.30 - 9.30 pm B.R. |
| Fri 18th     | Darby & Joan Club     | 2.30 - 5.00 pm      |
|              | Wine & Cheese Party   | 8.00 pm             |
| Thurs 24th   | W.I. Committee        | 2.30 pm             |
|              | W.I. Art              | 7.30 - 9.30 pm B.R. |
| Sat 26th     | Church Rummage Sale   | 10.00 - 4.00 pm     |

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

The Chairman, Miss E. Cooper, has asked that the following be brought to the notice of all inhabitants of Naphill and Walters Ash.

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

Friday, 18th February, at 8 p.m.

Last February, the Village Hall Council held a Wine and Cheese party, the primary purpose of which was to provide an opportunity for newcomers to the village to meet the representatives of the various organisations. The event proved a great success and a very happy social evening, and it has, therefore, been decided to repeat the occasion.



The Chairman, Officers and Members of the Naphill Village Hall Council will welcome all old friends and extend a very special welcome to any newcomers to the village at the Wine and Cheese Party to be held on Friday, 18th February at 8.p.m. There will be an excellent Cheese Buffet and a choice of wine. Do please come and enjoy a really sociable evening - we would like the hall filled. Tickets can be purchased from any Council Member, at the door on the night or from Mr. Barratt, The Wine Cellar, Naphill. Price of tickets: 3/6d which will include the Cheese Buffet and one glass of wine. Further wine by the glass will be on sale.

Village Hall Monthly Meeting - Monday 3rd January 1966.

The fact that the Old Time dancing, so kindly revived by Mr. Jackson, was not being very well patronised, was regretted as the proceeds were being given to the Council's funds. It was hoped that more publicity which was being given in the Gazette would result in better attendance.

The dates for the Annual General Meeting and the Fete have been fixed and so that everyone should have good notice and make notes in their diaries, here they are:

- Annual General Meeting at the Hall - Monday 21st March, 8. p.m.
- Annual Fete - Saturday 25th June

Mr. W.J. Barratt, The Wine Cellar, Main Road has kindly taken over the booking of the Hall, so will everyone wishing to book please get in touch with him.

The Fete Committee will meet during January - they will welcome any new ideas for THE DAY. Suggestions can be made to any member of the Council.

Reference was made to various cases of vandalism on the Council's property. It is hoped that any inhabitant noticing damage being done should inform the police immediately.

The carrying out of improvements to the Hall and Fields was left for discussion at the February meeting when the Finance Committee will have met.

Agenda for Council Meeting - 1st Feb at 8. p.m.

1. Finance Committee report and recommendations for expenditure on improvements.
2. Grass cutting.
3. Correspondence with Parish Council and others about footpaths and Main Road.

All organisations are urged to see that their representatives come to the meetings or send substitutes.

R.C.R.

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

Preachers for February

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

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| Feb 6th  | Sister Sylvia Darwent | Mr N. Thorne                            |
| Feb 13th | Mrs Pike              | Mr C. Burrell                           |
| Feb 20th | Mr. K. Lewis          | Sister Sylvia Darwent<br>(Film Service) |
| Feb 27th | Mr. A. Mahoney        | Mr. A. Cooper                           |

The film to be shown on Sunday evening February 20th is entitled "Islands in the Sun" and a collection will be in aid of Home Missions

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

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

Once again we had a very successful New Year Whist Drive, for it was both financially rewarding and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. We appreciate very much the support given to this church effort by the players, those who supplied refreshments and especially those who provided prizes.

Our Spring Rummage Sale is fixed for the last Saturday in February at the Village Hall, which gives you just four weeks to clear that loft, sort out that cupboard or telephone your relations to see what you can get together. We believe we can sell anything, so please give us the opportunity.

The following will be pleased to arrange for collection: Mesdames J. Goodman, M. Smith, M. Eager, E. Parslow, J. Balls, M. Carter, J. Hopkins, J. Simmonds, E. Wood and Miss M. Straffon.

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

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| Sunday Services: | 10 a.m.    | Family Service  |
|                  | 3 p.m.     | Sunday School   |
|                  | 6. 15 p.m. | Evening Service |

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

This is the first report of our activities for 1966 and the Young Neighbours would like to take this opportunity to invite any young wives in the Village to join us at our meetings, which are held the second Monday in every month at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. We try to make the meetings as varied and friendly as possible and we should be glad to welcome new members.

It was good to see so many people brave the bitter weather on January 10th for the Film Cookery Demonstration given by BE-RO. Next month on February 14th we are to have a talk by Mr. Rodgers on the work of the National Trust, which he hopes to be able to illustrate with some films. The competition will be "The greatest number of objects in a match box". There are still vacancies in the Keep Fit Classes in the School Hall on Thursday evenings for anyone interested.

C.D.H.

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EDITORS CORNER



Ban The Bomb

One of Naphill's five exits

It was April 1964 when, a mile long, they straggled through Naphill. The earnest Socialist - the quiet pacifist - the high minded cleric, and the unwashed beatnik. They passed down the hill and were forgotten. But our photographer leaned from his bedroom window and recorded their passing.

SHRUBBERY PROGRESS

Making a fair sized shrubbery is an expensive business, so its a case of adding a few each year and keeping an eye out for the odd bargain. Recent additions include a Viburnum Fragrans to add a little scent to the midwinter scene, and a couple of Spirea's. Then Dr Bayley told me to get a Rhas Cotinus of the purply transparent leaves, and the President's word is law. Three trees have been added. One, called a Wisley Crab whose true identity I will find out when it flowers. Another is the golden Acacia Frisia. My wife was inclined to think we did not need another acacia but after we had seen a group of these lovely things growing, there was no further argument. And lastly, the Incence Cedar Libocedrus decurrens. I have coveted one of these ever since I saw the wonderful specimen at millionaire Peter Cadburys home at Sunningdale, looking like a green Nelsons column. Of course I shall never see mine even approaching maturity, but perhaps one day a great-grandson of mine will look up at it, and spare a thought for the old fellow who planted it. A few line from the poet Whittier will explain this far better than I can.

"Give fools their gold, and knaves their power,  
Let fortunes bubbles rise and fall:  
Who sows a field or trains a flower  
or plants a tree, is more than all. "

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

Everyone at the January meeting was enchanted with Mrs Suzan Cowdy's interesting talk and transparencies of "Bardsey, Island of Saints and Birds". Bardsey Island lies off the Lleyrn Peninsula, North Wales, the nearest railway station is Pwllheli from which buses connect with Aberdaron, whence motor boats go to the island daily weather permitting, but in winter or bad weather the only approach is when a boat is able to come from the island to Aberdaron, five miles away. The island is very sparsely populated, the main industries being sheep farming and lobster fishing. There are two tractors but no cars or shops. Bardsey lighthouse attracts plenty of birds and Mrs Cowdy showed slides of razorbills, kittiwakes, herring gulls, oyster catchers and eggs, choughs, puffins and shearwaters, and said that the lighthouse attracted migrant birds and that research is carried out for the protection of birds in an effort to reduce casualties.

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Brill.

Our President Mrs Piercy welcomed Mrs Randall as a new member and also extended a welcome to Mrs Westney, wife of the new Church Deacon who has recently come to Naphill to live. Mrs Piercy also thanked Mrs Humphreys, our Group Convenor, who had come from Wycombe to judge the competition for the best slice of Xmas cake, for which prizes were awarded to Mrs Lawrence first and Mrs Lorriman second. A letter was read from Booker hospital expressing thanks for the Xmas stockings.

The half yearly council meeting was discussed and voted on. A Coffee Morning, also a Whist Drive were announced, and an outing to Aspro arranged for February 9th. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 1 p.m.

Preliminary announcements : Rummage Sale in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. on February 5th, and Open Night on February 12th.

Sixpenny parcels were on sale and many members said it was a most enjoyable afternoon.

Tea hostesses for February are - Mesdames L. Brown, Hayward, Butler and Janes, when a talk will be given by Mr Aubrey Hughensen about his work with children. Those of us who have heard Mr. Hughensen on previous occasions are looking forward to another interesting afternoon.

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C H A M P A G N E

The wine whose name is synonymous with gaiety comes from the most northerly of France's vineyards. On the hillsides on the eastern end of the Parisian basin are grown the grapes which make champagne. Champagne is a blend of wines made from both black and white grapes; there is a type, however, made from white grapes only, named Blanc de Blanc.

It was in the second half of the 17th century that DOM PERIGNON, the brother cellarer of the Abbey of Hautvillers after a life-time of research found a blend of local grapes which gave flavour and sparkle without explosion (hitherto champagne had been wild and uncontrollable), with the introduction of the cork stopper it was made possible to retain the sparkle in the bottle.

Unlike most of the other great French Wines, champagne is not known by the names of the vineyards where the grapes grow but by the names of the many houses which make the wine. The best of these have come to be recognised as producers of

"grande marque" champagnes. Excellent champagnes however are bottled under special labels for individual trade customers, these are known as B.O.B's (Buyers Own Brand). Champagne requires great skill and care in the making. In April following the vintage, the blend of wines from which the particular house style of champagne is made goes into a bottle and the cork is held in place with an iron clamp. This captures the secondary fermentation. The bottles do down deep into the great cellars, the oldest of which were carved out of the chalk by the Romans when they built Rheims. The bottles are stored flat for approx 3 years and subsequently put in special racks, neck downwards. Every day for 3 months each bottle in the racks is given a twist and a shake, and at the end of this period the sediment which has been thrown out by the secondary fermentation is now resting against the cork. The next step is the "degorgement". The neck of the bottle is frozen and, when the cork is removed, the plug of ice which has formed next to the cork is forced out by the pressure. This plug contains all the sediment and the wine remaining in the bottle is clear. A "dosage" of liquid sugar according to requirement and any extra wine needed to top up the bottle are then added. The "dosage" not merely replaces what wine is lost but also determines the sweetness of the wine. What is added is a mixture of old wine and pure cane sugar in proportions which vary according to whether the wine is to be "brut" (extra dry), "sec" (med dry), "demi-sec" (med sweet), or doux (very sweet). Without "dosage" all champagne is so dry as to be almost undrinkable.

In the best years a vintage champagne is made. This is still a blend, but a blend of wines all of one year. Vintage champagne is normally regarded at its best between 7 and 15 years old and finished after 21 years. There have been some very old champagnes which having been kept well have proved excellent long after the 21 years, this is exceptional of course. Non-vintage champagne is blended from the wines of many years in such a way as to maintain a constant quality and flavour. Thus it will be seen that because of the constant care needed in the making of champagne the wine is of necessity an expensive one.

Champagne is a very gay and exhilarating wine, it is extremely good as a restorative and excellent for the digestion.

Just a few words on the sometimes unnecessary dangerous operation of opening champagne. Have a napkin and 2 glasses at the ready, DONT'T WAVE THE BOTTLE AROUND - Remove carefully the foil and wire, hold the bottle on its side and point it not at someone you don't like but at an empty space. Cover the cork with napkin and grip it firmly with finger and thumb from the outside. With the other hand give the bottle a gentle twist. The cork should come out easily with only a very slight pop and not a loud report.

Regarding glasses, the best kind for champagne is a tall, narrow glass which retains the sparkle and bouquet of the wine.

W.J. Barrett

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

Not much weather for gardening just now, but perhaps some little worries as to how our favourite shrubs or plants are getting on after all the hard frosts. In the main they should be alright, but what about those that are arriving from the nurseries. The best thing to do with them is to take off the wrapping and have a look at the roots, and if they are dry, soak them for an hour or two in a bucket of water. Then clear away the top few inches of frozen soil and snow in some odd corner of the garden, then get an old sack and dig a hole deep enough to take the roots and about a third of the stems when lying at an angle of 45 degrees, placing this frost free soil on the sack so that it doesn't get mixed with the frozen stuff, then cover up the roots with this and gently firm - they

will be quite safe until the weather improves.

Apart from cutting back that overgrown hedge or an odd bit of pruning, we shall have to be patient and wait until the soil is right before we can do much else in the garden. However, in the greenhouse with a bit of heat there is quite a bit to do. Taking chrysanthemum cuttings, sowing onions, lettuce, cabbage (early variety), salvias, sweet peas, lobelia and antirrhinums in boxes. It would also be a good idea to put in shallots, early peas and some broad beans for planting out later on.

If you intend planting your dahlia tubers in the open ground at the end of April, keep them cool to avoid the production of shoots, but if you want to take cuttings to increase your stock they should be boxed up into a peaty mixture and watered, then placed in a warm spot in the greenhouse, taking care that the stems are not covered in soil, only the tubers. By the way, if any dahlias in store should be showing signs of shrivelling, a light sprinkling with tepid water will help them to plump up again.

It is not too early to order your seeds, and fertilisers, and although you may not need that mower for some time, don't wait until you are ready to use it before you take it for sharpening as you may have to wait some weeks for it then. Don't neglect those pot plants that have finished flowering, reduce the amount of water but don't let them get bone dry. Fuchias in pots should now be well watered to start them into growth, and pruned back as for standard or bush roses.

A.H.B.

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

To those of our members who were unable to attend our Annual General Meeting, the following may be of interest. All the retiring officers and committee members were re-appointed for another year, with the exception of Mr. A.Gould, who for personal reasons has had to resign from the committee after many years of valuable service; this rather sad blow is tempered by the fact that Arthur will retain contact with us by continuing his membership and vice-presidency of the Society, and we are sure his continued help and advice whenever possible will be of benefit to us all. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Mr. A.S.A. Wooster.

October 3rd this year marks the 21st year of our emergence into village life, during which time we have held some fifty shows and many social functions, all of which we hope has added some interest to the local scene, and during the coming months we shall continue these efforts as part of our 21st Birthday Celebrations; one or two other events are also being considered, and details will be announced in the Gazette when available.

Unfortunately there was insufficient demand for lime and nothing like the two ton minimum required to obtain the subsidy allowance. So no lime will be available this year. Chasmor is still proving popular and the bulk of our next delivery on February 26th, so if you have not ordered please let us know your requirements at once.

Our next transparencies evening will be held in the billiard room on Monday February 14th, so if you have any interesting ones please bring them along - we start at 8 p.m.

Our Spring Show will be held during April, the exact date, time and place will appear in next month's Gazette.

Just before handing these notes to the Editor, one of our members who had come to pay his subs, offered to double the amount for this year as a small Birthday gift to the Society - how nice if this splendid idea caught on ! !

A.H. Busby

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D A R B Y   A N D   J O A N   C L U B

We made a good start at our meeting on January 5th for the New Year of 1966, when Mr J.J. Palmer, the well-known artist who is Head of the School of Art at the College of Technology in High Wycombe, paid us a visit. He spoke to us about his life and work as an artist and then he went on the stage and carried out lightning portraits of our President, of our Secretary Mrs Bayley, and of Mrs Munger, which aroused our admiration for the accuracy of the likenesses and also for the rapidity with which they were produced, only a few minutes for each picture. Mr Palmer won many compliments when his works were handed round for inspection, and he told the members he would be glad to show a party of them round the College at any time.

A crocheted shawl was presented to Mrs Sid Lacey, and a warm welcome was given to our visitor, the Rev. M. Westney, who has recently come to Naphill with his family to live in the Old School House and to assist the Vicar in his parochial work.

We hope we shall have good audiences on February 4th and 18th, when exciting and amusing programmes will be presented.

E.B.

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

This year's charity party in aid of the High Wycombe branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, was once again a great success, the profit being in the region of £75 - £80 (exact figure will be given in next month's Gazette). Ken Madelin and his band who provided the music for dancing, kept a lively tempo and Auld Lang Syne was reached far too quickly. On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone most sincerely for their help and support, to the donors of prizes, and for the lovely refreshments made and given by the village ladies; in fact, anybody who helped in any way to make the party such a success. I can assure you that the unfortunate people who suffer from this disease are eternally grateful to you all.

Alan Shrimpton

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| Drama                           | " Tuesday                       | 7.30 p.m.      |
| Youth Club                      | " Wednesday                     | 7.30 p.m.      |
| Infant Welfare                  | 1st & 3rd " (2nd<br>and 16th)   | 2.00 p.m.      |
| Bingo                           | Every Thursday                  | 8.00 p.m.      |
| Whist Drives                    | Fridays, 11th, 18th and<br>25th | 7.30 p.m.      |
| Library                         | Friday, 11th and 25th           | 6.30 - 8 p.m.  |
| Darby & Joan Club               | Fridays, 4th and 18th           | 2.30 p.m.      |
| Dancing Classes<br>(Mrs Fraser) | Every Tuesday                   | 3.30 p.m.      |
| W.I. Dressmaking                | " Wednesday                     | 9.30 a.m. B.R. |
| W.I. Art                        | " Thursday                      | 7.30 p.m. B.R. |

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| Wedding Reception                   | Saturday 5th March  | 1.00-4.00 p.m.         |
| Council Meeting                     | Monday 7th March    | 8.00 p.m.              |
| Young Neighbours                    | " 14th "            | 7.30 p.m.              |
| W.I. New Members<br>Meeting         | " 14th              | 8.00 p.m.              |
| NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL                |                     |                        |
| COUNCIL A.G.M.                      | Monday 21st March   | 8.00 p.m. B.R.         |
| Naphill Scouts<br>Jumble Sale       | Saturday 26th March | 10.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. |
| Lawrence's Annual<br>Party          | " 26th "            | 8.00 p.m. - 1200       |
| V I L L A G E H A L L C O U N C I L |                     |                        |

Reference was made at the February Meeting of the Council to the safety or otherwise of the apparatus in the Childrens' Playground. The Hon Sec read a letter from the manufacturers to the effect that their apparatus had been made as it is for thirty years and, so long as it is properly used, is perfectly safe. Parents are again urged to see that their children are accompanied, whilst using the apparatus, by adults or elder brothers and sisters, because however safe these slides, etc. are, they can always be mis-used and then accidents occur.

It was reported that despite action by the Parish Council and by the Village Hall Council, no immediate hope can be entertained of seeing the footpaths on the Main Road continued through the village, there being no money available during the present financial year.

It was decided to install auxiliary electric heating in the Hall at a cost of about £60.

So far as the Car Park is concerned, the estimates for putting it in first class order are prohibitive with our slender resources, so Mr. Tweedale is getting out schemes for a cheaper alternative.

Although the idea is in its early stages, it is hoped that washing facilities for the football, cricket and tennis clubs can be provided in the near future.

Agenda for the March Meeting:

1. Unsatisfactory footpaths
2. Footpaths on roads
3. Fete
4. Progress on improvements and repairs

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

Preachers for March

|            | 11 a.m.                                   | 6.15 p.m.             |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| March 6th  | Mr. W. Haines                             | Mr. M. Brittin        |
| March 13th | Rev. E.W. Crew                            | Sister Sylvia Darwent |
| March 20th | Sister Sylvia Darwent<br>(Family Service) | Mrs Holt              |
| March 27th | Mrs Cooper                                | Mr F. Deane           |

On Friday March 4th at 7 p.m. a Fish Supper will be held in the schoolroom. There will be a musical programme after the Supper. Tickets are 3/- and profits are for Oxfam.

On Thursday March 17th at 8 p.m. Miss Shirley Smith will show a varied programme of colour transparencies. There will be refreshments and a collection for the Chiltern Cheshire Home for Disabled at Gerrards Cross.

On Saturday March 19th at 2.30 there will be a Rummage Sale - also in aid of the Cheshire Home.

M.G.B.

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

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|----------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Holy Communion | March 6th                    | 9.15 a.m. |
| Evensong       | March 20th                   | 3.30 p.m. |
| Sunday School  | 2nd and 4th Sundays in March |           |

On the 3rd Sunday in March, Mothering Sunday, Naphill Sunday School children with their parents, have been invited to join in a United Service at their Mother Church, Hughenden Parish Church, in the afternoon at the usual time.

Naphill children who do not yet attend the Sunday School will also be very welcome at Hughenden, and parents too will be able to see and hear the kind of teaching we give.

At Hughenden, in the evening of March 20th at 6.30 p.m., the Bishop of Buckingham will be taking the service of Confirmation. There must be many adults in Naphill as well as children, who have been Baptized into the Church of England who have not been Confirmed. The service will provide an opportunity for them to attend and hear the Bishop, and learn what Confirmation means.

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THE NAPHILL MISSION

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

A VALEDICTORY MEETING

for Mr and Mrs R. Ingleby  
 (Returning to Portugal for missionary service)  
 will be held on  
 Tuesday 29th March at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman: Mr R Griffith (North Dean.) Preacher: Mr R.G. Purton  
 (Aylesbury)

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 THE ASSISTANT EDITOR DISCUSSES A VERY COMMON PROBLEM

Do you take your newspaper for granted ? Or have you mixed feelings towards it as I have ?

The sight of the paper in the letter-box is a welcome part of the morning routine of coming downstairs to make the first pot of tea and when, for reasons of transport, weather or strikes, it is not there something quite important seems to be missing. A paper clean and new and neatly folded and creased has an exciting and inviting quality about it. And yet, when I look at the same untidy, much handled, inside-out article at night, one part in this chair, another in that, I have a feeling almost of distaste towards it.

I like a newspaper when it and I and a quiet cup of tea or coffee can get together. I loathe it when it hides my husband's face for the greater part of the evening or Sunday afternoon.

I am alarmed at the rate at which newspapers accumulate. Like my dirty linen basket, my store of old newspapers is no sooner emptied than it is half full again. Sunday newspapers overwhelm me. We have two - which means five, as each has a coloured supplement and one a black and white review. Sunday would indeed have to be a day of rest to do justice to that little lot.

I regret that I rarely have time to read a newspaper. There is a slight compensation here, though, in that when it comes to lighting a fire I can always find something of interest in the paper about to be burned. It worries me that I have to leave so much unread but then, if I lived in America where papers are three times as thick, I should have to leave so much more.

It annoys me that most of the front page columns are continued on the back. Good for memory training perhaps, as I invariably read all the front page before picking up the various threads on the back. Finally, it frustrates me that I cannot neatly turn a paper inside out.

I am not a kid, not crazy - just mixed up when it comes to papers.

A.M. Lawrence

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 HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The "Chasmor" has arrived, so if you have'nt collected yours will you please do so as soon as possible.

Our transparencies evening was reasonably well supported and as usual covered a wide field including the Gibraltar monkeys, some rare shots of sunny Italy and Spain, and excellent pictures of wild life in the Orkneys, besides some close ups of the many wild orchids to be found in Naphill and surrounding districts; also some interesting Naphill gardens and shots of individual flowers.

We are hoping to compete at the British Gladiolus Show in August - 3rd and 4th - which is being held at Hastings, as part of the celebrations of the 1066 events known as the Battle of Hastings, and although only a few blooms are required they of course will have to be extra good ones and just right for the Show date.

We shall be pleased to hear from anyone of our members who may be planting gladioli so that we may call nearer the time to measure up prospects.

Our Spring Show will be held on Monday evening of April 18th (provisional date) and will be on similar lines to last year. There will be classes for daffodils, polyanthus, tulip and narcissi; also pot plants and flower arrangements. Most gardeners have some plant problems - why not bring the plant or some of it along, perhaps we can help you, or perhaps you have an interesting pot plant that others may like to see, or again you may not know the name of your plant and its requirements in the way of cultivation; why not bring it along, someone will sure to be able to help.

Make this a get together of friends, among friends all interested in the same hobby of gardening. Hope to see you there, full details in next month's Gazette.

A.H. Busby

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#### GARDENING NOTES

With the usual qualifications of, if and when, the soil conditions allow, we can now make a start with seed sowing in the open garden. Assuming you have done your winter digging and manuring, you can now give the ground a nice dusting with "Chasmor" and then proceed to rake the soil nice and level which at the same time will mix the Chasmor into the top few inches and at the same time fine down the soil just right for seed sowing. These will include onions, leeks, cauliflower, brussels, early cabbage, early peas and broad beans. Parsnips can also be sown but it is preferable to sow these and similar root crops on ground that has been manured for a previous crop, thus avoiding "fanging". Small sowings of lettuce, radish and early carrots can also be made and at the end of the month a short row of beet, but April is the better month for a larger sowing on our cold Naphill clay as this will avoid the bolting that often happens with the early sowings.

At the end of the month, you can make sowings, where they are to bloom, of calendula, candytuft, larkspur and shirley poppies.

Floribunda and H.T. roses can now be pruned, but don't cut them too hard if you want a good garden display rather than exhibition blooms. Standard and bush apples newly planted should have their leaders cut by about half to lay a good foundation for the main branches of the trees; shrubs and roses benefit by a good mulch to preserve moisture at the roots.

In the greenhouse, drysanthema cuttings can still be taken and those that have rooted should be potted out, and begonias and the like started into growth. Start taking dahlia cutting as soon as they are about three inches long because after this they produce hollow stems and rarely make good plants; of course if you take them with a piece of tuber attached they will be quite alright.

Pot up geranium cuttings taken last autumn and take further cuttings now if you have any stock plants. Most summer bedding plants can be started by sowing the seeds now, but leave the marigolds, asters and nemesia until the latter half of the month, but sow now polyanthus, pansies and tomatoes, and don't forget the easiest of all greenhouse crops - some mustard and cress.

A.H. B,

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

We were very glad to have Mr Rodgers of the National Trust with us for our February meeting. He gave us a most interesting talk and made us all realise what an enormous amount of work the National Trust undertake. We are very fortunate in having so many of their properties close at hand.

The Competition was won by Mrs D Leek who managed to persuade her match box to hold an amazing number of objects - 123 to be exact.

This month, March 14th we are to have a Demonstration of Spring Flower Arrangements by Miss Mountain of the County Farm, which we know will be very popular.

The Competition is to be "A Picture" not more than 12" x 12" created without pen, pencil, paint or crayon.

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

On January 21st the weather was atrocious but nevertheless over twenty of our stalwarts braved the elements and were rewarded by an afternoon of fun and laughter. Mrs Brindley, a former teacher at the school and well known in Naphill, brought a party of twelve singers to charm us with their cheerful voices. The star turn of the programme was their rendering of the Irish Song "Macnamara's Band" with the performers in costume and with a fabulous orchestra which included saucepan-lid cymbals, a penny whistle, a dinner-gong and a horn. We are hoping for a further visit from these Hughenden Singers later on in the year.

The date of the meeting corresponded with Dr Bayley's 88th birthday and the occasion was celebrated with musical honours. At our meetings we never forget to say thank you to the cooks who provide the appetising teas and also to the kind folk who give transport for the older members.

Seldom have we had a more entertaining afternoon than when Mr A.S. Wooster came to talk to us about his favourite topic, the study of bird-life. He is an artist and brought us a series of his pictures of sea-birds, photographed and painted in their true colours. To illustrate his words he threw on to the screen a number of coloured photographs of nests with their eggs cunningly concealed by the surrounding vegetation with natural camouflage. Some of his most interesting pictures showed the sites chosen by birds for their habitations such as the cliffs of the sea-shore or the barren stones of rocky valleys. He reminded us of the varied habits of our English birds, some of them known as "those dear little things" while others, such as the skuas, are savage and tear other birds to pieces for food. He had chosen the islands of Orkney in the North for his pictures of bird-life, these islands giving perfect sanctuary for the nests of their winged inhabitants. Mr Wooster's coloured photographs of landscapes taken at sunrise and sunset were of remarkable beauty and aroused comments of great admiration from the audience.

The raffle for the chair so generously presented by Mr Lawrence was won by Mrs Parslow. It was very pleasing to note the large number of members who came to enjoy a very happy afternoon.

E.B.

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At the February meeting, Mr A. Hughensen gave a most interesting and comprehensive talk about his work with children. He explained how child care service is organised. When the children first arrive at the Reception Centres, some voluntarily and others through the Court, they were put into homes of about twenty and allowed to express themselves and act naturally, watched over by an officer who then advised the most suitable homes for them to be placed in, families being kept together as much as possible, each home housing any number from six to twenty-four under the care of a House Mother or House Father.

Children are now allowed to go out of the Homes to Schools and Churches, and people are invited into the Homes.

At the moment, the youngest in the home is a boy of four months found in a carrier bag in Woolworths, Deptford, also a little girl who was found similarly on the Town Hall steps. Special care has to be given to some young girls who have been badly shocked, one case a victim of shocking assaults by her own father, and another a thirteen year old girl a victim of sexual assaults whose mother was living with a Pakistani.

Mr. Hughensen also spoke of his work among the Pestillozzi Childrens Home a few years ago, he also told us how the Ockenden Childrens Home was started, how it grew and of his work at Bar South.

Mrs Weeks, in expressing a vote of thanks to Mr. Hughensen said "We read about these cases and then dismiss them, but Mr Hughensen had brought them home to us".

Mrs Piercy read a letter from the Post Office Telephones to the effect that another Public Telephone at Naphill was not warranted. She also drew attention to the fact that two telephones were available to the public outside the guard room at Bomber Command.

A letter received from the Village Hall Council expressed thanks for the £15 donated towards new stage curtains from the proceeds of "Queen Elizabeth Slept Here". Our adopted family had also written to thank us for the parcel which they received on Xmas Eve, also for the money sent which would be used to buy bed linen for the bed-ridden grandmother.

The new Group Convenor for Grimsdyke will be Mrs Saunders of Lacey Green.

Some of the legacy left by Mrs Smart had been used to purchase a coffee urn which was on view, also on view was the bell which had been re-silvered and suitably inscribed.

The Coffee Morning at Mrs Bull's realised £10.5,6d and the Whist Drive at Mrs Gilsons £2.19.0d.

A shopping outing to London was arranged and another coffee morning and whist drive.

Two prizes were awarded for the prettiest pots of bulbs. First to Mrs Ellis and second to Mrs Biggs.

On Monday March 14th at 7.30 p.m. there will be a meeting for new members in the Village Hall Billiard Room.

Tea hostesses for March are Mesdames: Blick, Dunford, Tooby and Whiting.

Women's Institute Open Night - February 12th 1966. When members and their husband or friend met at the W.I. Open Night on February 12th a happy evening was spent. The stage of Naphill Village Hall was most appropriately decorated with large bowls of spring flowers on pedestals with an artistically painted background in which a large cut out Valentine Heart framed one of the floral arrangements. Mr & Mrs Kitchen entertained with songs and duets accompanied with guitar. It was a delight to watch Mr & Mrs Peter Jackson giving exhibition Old Time Dances. Dancing, competitions and games were also enjoyed by many friends. The party closed with '100 Lang Tone

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SPIRITS, APERITIFS, BITTERS  
AND LIQUERS

I thought it might prove of interest to give a short description of each of the above since all these drinks are popular with most people depending of course on individual tastes. The basic principle of distillation is the same for all spirits. A "mash" consisting of some matter containing starch or sugar such as barley, rye, maize, corn or other cereals is fermented by the addition of yeast. It is then heated until the alcohol produced by the fermentation is released as a vapour. The vapour is drawn off and cooled, becoming by condensation once again a liquid, generally described as a spirit. The process employed varies and is often complex, resulting in many different types and flavours of spirit. Gin, Vodka and many Liquers go through more than one process of distillation. The second and subsequent processes often being known as "rectification" and the result is a "rectified spirit".

SCOTCH MALT WHISKY is distilled from a mash of malted barley, usually in a pot-still. Grain Whisky is made in a patent, continuously operating still, from a mash of rye, maize or other cereals, and most popular Scotch brands are blends of malt and grain whiskies. Whisky that is unblended is described as "single" malt or grain. These "single" whiskies are more expensive to buy than the "blended" whiskies. The water of the whisky making districts in the Scottish Highlands and the drying of the malted barley over peat fires help to give Scotch its unique flavour. It is no wonder then that Scotch Whisky is one of our largest exports.

IRISH WHISKEY (note the difference in spelling) - this spelling usually applies to all whiskies other than Scotch). Irish whiskey is made from a mash of part malted barley and part unmalted wheat, rye, oats and other cereals, normally in a pot-still. There are also blended Irish whiskies.

BOURBON WHISKEY is made in the U.S.A. from a mash which is a mixture of grain, chief among which are Indian corn and rye.

RYE WHISKEY is made in the U.S.A. and Canada from a mash containing a high percentage of rye.

GIN is distilled from grain or sugar cane and re-distilled with herbs to give it whatever special flavour is wanted. It differs from other spirits which derive their flavours from the raw materials from which they are made, in that gin is first made flavourless and then flavour is added.

RUM the distillation of fermented molasses, is made both by pot and patent still methods. The best rums which can be light and dry as well as dark and sweet, come from Jamaica, British Guiana, Barbados and Trinidad.

VODKA is a highly rectified spirit made from various kinds of grain or potatoes, and sometimes a mixture of these ingredients. It is the national drink of Russia, Poland and Finland. Vodka should be drunk very cold. Vodka is now very popular in this country, mostly drunk with Lime, Tonic and other "mixers".

BRANDY. The best brandies come from the Cognac and Armagnac areas in France where they are distilled in copper pot still and matured in oak casks, but the name can apply to any spirit distilled from wine and is made in some form in almost every wine-producing area. Spain, Italy & Portugal make and export great quantities of brandy. Most brandy is blended to give a uniform quality to the different marques. Brandy is perhaps the most appropriate spirit to drink after wine because it is distilled from wine itself, as are many liquers.

APERITIF comes from a French word and is used to denote alcoholic beverages of all types taken before a meal to stimulate the appetite. For this purpose they are normally "clean" light and dry on the palate rather than rich or heavy.

Sherry, vermouth, and the wide variety of mixtures, usually gin-based, known as "cocktails" are the most common aperitifs in this country. On the Continent, particularly in France, there are very many aperitifs and vermouths sold under brand names, some of which are very familiar here, such as Martini, Noilly Prat, Dubonnet and a host of others.

BITTERS is the name given to a number of liquid flavourings extracted from the roots, bark, fruit or leaves of trees or plants. Their chief use today in this country is as an ingredient of gin-based mixed drinks. Angostura is used in "pink gin".

LIQUERS are in most cases made of grape spirit to which sugar syrup and flavourings, particularly herbs, fruit and spices, are added. They are normally sweet, rich and intended to be drunk at the end of a meal. Most wine-producing countries have their local liquers ; I have no doubt that a lot of readers of the "gazette" have drunk these "local" liquers whilst on holiday abroad, generally these local liquers are not shipped to this country.

W.J. Barrett

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The final result of the Charity Party, held in January, in aid of the High Wycombe Multiple Sclerosis Society is as follows:

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Gross Takings | £96. 6. 0.       |
| Expenses:     | <u>20. 9. 6</u>  |
|               | £75.16. 6 Profit |

A cheque for this amount has been sent, and once again many thanks to everybody who helped in making this handsome profit.

Alan Shrimpton

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CONGRATULATIONS to John Smith of Moseley Road, Naphill on his selection for The Bucks County Colts Rugby XV - against Bedfordshire County Colts. Good luck John, for many more honours in the future. A.E.S.

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| Youth Club        | " Wednesday    | 7.30 pm                                          |
| Infant Welfare    | 1st & 2nd Weds |                                                  |
|                   | 6th and 20th   | 2.00 pm                                          |
| Bingo             | Every Thursday | 8.00 pm                                          |
| Whist Drives      | Fri April 22nd | 7.30 pm                                          |
| Library           | Fri April 22nd | 6.30 - 8 pm CR                                   |
| Monday            | April 4th      | COUNCIL MEETING 8.00 pm                          |
| Thurs             | " 7th          | W.I. Meeting 2.30 pm                             |
| Sat               | " 2nd          | High Wycombe Young Farmers Dance 8.00 - 11.30 pm |
| Fri               | " 15th         | Darby & Joan 2.30 pm                             |
| Fri               | " 15th         | Drama Evening 7.10 pm                            |
| Sat               | " 16th         | W.I. Drama Festival All Day                      |
| Sat               | " 23rd         | Cricket Club Dance 8.00 - 1200                   |
| Thurs             | " 28th         | W.I. Meeting 2.30 pm                             |
| Friday            | " 29th         | Darby & Joan 2.30 pm                             |
| Sat               | " 30th         | Jumble Sale 2.30 pm<br>(School Swimming Pool)    |

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

At the March meeting it was announced that future hirers of the Hall could hire china at a cost of £4 (£2 of which would be returned if no breakages). There are 100 each of the following available:-

Dinner Plates - Side plates - Soup plates - Cups - Saucers

It is hoped that this new service will be welcome to hirers.

The Wine and Cheese Party was a great success and it is hoped to make this an annual event.

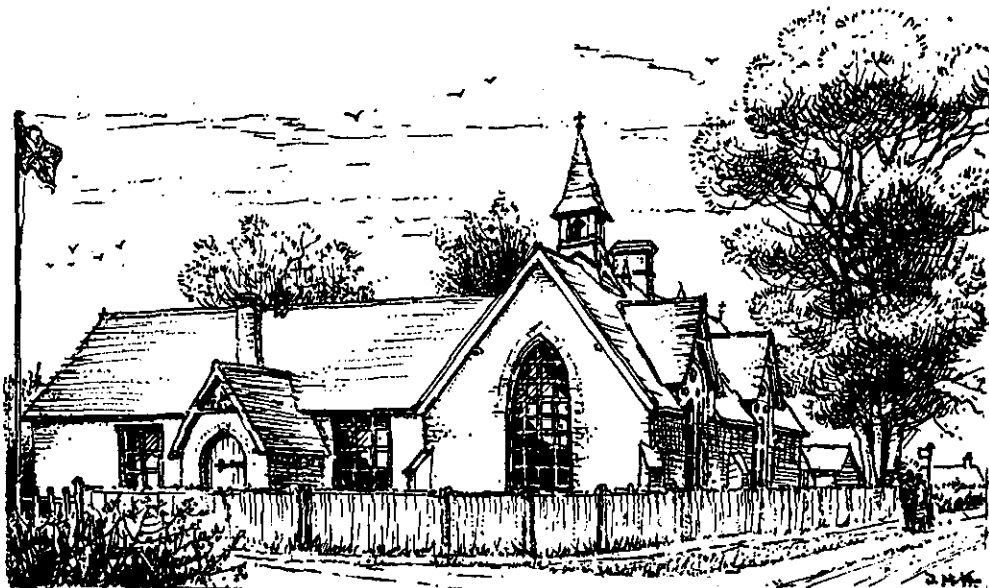
Mr. Gibbons has had to give up the cutting of the Field and the Council was glad to hear that Mr Bert Jones, who has kept the cricket pitch in such excellent condition for many years, has undertaken to keep the whole field in order.

**BAD NEWS:** The Council is re-filling the Sand Pit in the Childrens Playground.

It is noted with regret that some ill-disposed or thoughtless person has thrown broken bottles into the pit. One has only to see a small child's lacerated feet to realise the wickedness of this action. It might well lead to a child bleeding to death.

#### AGENDA FOR APRIL MEETING:

1. Welcome to new members
2. Fete
3. Cutting of outfield
4. Report of Field Sub-committee



N A P H I L L C H U R C H  
(Corner of Louches Lane)

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|----------------|--------------------------|------------|---------|
| HOLY COMMUNION | PALM SUNDAY              | APRIL 3rd  | 9.15 am |
| HOLY COMMUNION | EASTER DAY               | APRIL 10th | 9.15 am |
| EVENSONG       | LOW SUNDAY               | " 17th     | 3.30 pm |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL  | 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays |            | 2.30 pm |

We are particularly grateful to Mr John Holmes for his illustration of the Church.

The splendid effort on the part of workers, givers and buyers, resulted in a profit of just over £42 from our recent Rummage Sale. The committee are particularly grateful to those who gave of their time, both morning and afternoon, to make this result possible.

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

| <u>Preachers for April</u> | <u>11. a.m.</u>                           | <u>6.15 p.m.</u>      |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3rd                        | Womens Anniversary Services<br>Mrs Ellins | Mrs Lewis             |
| 10th<br>(Easter Day)       | Sister Sylvia Darwent<br>(Holy Communion) | Miss Anstey           |
| 17th                       | Mr. S. West                               | Sister Sylvia Darwent |
| 24th                       | Mr. B. Sutcliffe                          | Mrs Mann              |

The Annual Womens' Rally will be held on Wednesday April 6th at 2.30 when the speaker will be Mrs Freeman.

On GOOD FRIDAY, April 8th, Sister Sylvia Darwent will conduct a service at 10 a.m. when friends from other churches in the area are invited to attend. The sum of £16.12.0d was raised at the Rummage Sale and Social Evening in aid of the Chiltern Cheshire Home for Disabled.

M.G.B.

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## THE NAPHILL MISSION

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

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## EDITORS CORNER

A friend who belongs to the Furniture Trades Union tells me that their N.U.F.T.O. magazine contains articles on gardening in a very similar style to those in the Gazette by A.H.B. The writer signs himself "Henry" and this magazine has a nation-wide circulation. This month they published Henry's photograph and to my surprise it was none other than Arthur Henry Busby

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It has been very pleasant to hear general appreciation of the March cover. This was a combination of the artistry of John Holmes and the industry of Tony Lawrence. My small function is to keep them both in the right mood. Recently we published a picture of footballers by Peter Booth. Now I report that a well known footballer is at work on the June cover.

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In reference to my autumn article on cammelias, I am pleased to say that three small ones in the garden have withstood the winter comfortably and are now about to grow. I read that in a century or so the cammelia makes a nice 30 ft tree. I trust this will be a great comfort to you as you gaze at your 30 inch high thirty bob's worth.

### STOP PRESS

Owing to the illness of the aforesaid A.H.B. the Naphill Spring Show has been potponed.

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## MAIN DRAINAGE AND COAL DUST

Scorching our legs round a fire one evening, a group of friends were relating their favourite stories of Hitler's war and the thought came to me that there must be many entertaining stories to be told about a more recent hazard faced by the village, when the 'enemy' was actually within our gates. I refer to the Coming of the Sewer. Hardly a family escaped privation to body, mind and pocket.

Mention sewers and my own reaction is to think of coal-dust. The events of one autumn unfolded in this fashion! For weeks a very deep trench had severed my drive making it hazardous to get the car across on wobbly steel sheets. At the

bottom of the trench snaked the finished pipeline but all the workmen connected with the project seemed to have returned to Tralee or Glockamorra. Becoming exasperated I finally obtained a promise from someone in the R.D.C. that the infilling of the trench would be completed the next morning, a Saturday. I had seen the speed with which a great yellow monster shovelled earth and pictured all being tidy and normal in an hour or two. At this stage I must introduce the coal-dust.

For umpteen years I had picked out the best lumps from the coal house until the time of reckoning finally arrived and the accumulation of dust prevented stocking-up with a new supply of coal. With a shovel, a supply of paper fertiliser bags from a farm and a hanky over my nose and ears I shifted the dust out and stood the bags along our back path. Over twenty of them! Nobody wanted to have them, move them for me or know anything about them. Then came the evening prior to the sewer trench being filled. Had my wife not been at a whist drive her sanity would have prevailed over my idiocy. As it was, the destinies of the trench and the coal dust met after dark that night. Over twenty trips, over twenty bags emptied, and when the headlights of passing cars lit up the scene the trench and the rising cloud of black dust looked like a war film.

In the cold, grey light of the next morning I peeped at the devastation I had wrought and I wished I could have the previous evening all over again, with the bags still lined up on the back path. Time passed and the yellow monster did not arrive so I was more than slightly agitated. Finally three men walked down the road to my gate and peered into the trench. The foreman was the biggest man I had seen in years, with his jacket sleeves ending a foot up from his wrist. He must have been the foreman because no-one would ever dare to give orders to him. For ages they studied their precious pipe-line, jabbering away in whatever language Irish navvies use amongst themselves. A section of that pipe was lost in a coaly outcrop that in 2500 A.D. will be hailed by the National Coal Board as a major find. Finally and with one accord they all three straightened up and looked down the drive directly at me. I had been too petrified to attempt to hide but I wished and wished that I was safely locked in our lav. or somewhere else equally secure. I was quite sure that when the Big Bloke started walking down the drive towards me, he was going to fill me in instead of the trench. With fists that size my end would be reasonably painless, I thought. When within a few yards he stopped and I watched him, mesmerised. Any talking would have to be done by him, my mouth was too dry to speak even if I could have formulated a coherent message. "You going out today?" he asked. I shook my head to indicate that I wasn't and he walked back to his two companions. More jabbering and then all three went back up the road. A while later they were back with shovels and filled in that trench as quickly as the yellow machine. All physical sign of those bags of dust rapidly disappeared but somewhere in my brain is a tiny pigeon-hole with a rolled-up scroll containing all the details in very indelible ink. Some things naturally go in pairs, like fish and chips, bread and jam, soap and water. With me it's sewers and coal dust.

R. Bull

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#### DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

On March 19th we had a musical afternoon. Mrs Marsden played classical pieces and music-hall songs so that we could all join in the chorusses. Mr Ralph Ginger was in good voice and tactfully chose songs that we old people used to sing sixty or seventy years ago. The duet sung by Mr & Mrs Ginger

was loudly applauded, Mrs Marsden accompanying the singers with her usual skill.

Do not forget that Mrs Mealing is still in charge of the scheme for providing medical comforts for the sick room.

You might note in your diaries that our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday April 13th and our Jumble Sale on Saturday May 14th. Mrs A.V. Goodchild won the stool generously given by Mr Cecil Stacey to whom we send our best thanks.

We are always glad to welcome new members to our Club and encourage anyone living in Naphill to join us after celebrating their sixtieth birthday; they will never regret it.

E.B.

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

Our next load of "Chasmor" will arrive on Good Friday April 8th at about 9,30 a.m. Owing to a little mix up one or two late comers were unable to collect their orders from the previous delivery but all will be taken care of with this next delivery.

We have arranged a coach trip to the R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley for Saturday May 14th; the inclusive charge per person will be 7/6d. The Jeffways coach will leave the Village Hall at 10 a.m. and return to Naphill during early evening. Will members wishing to make this lovely trip please contact me as soon as possible, with the minimum booking fee of 2/6d per seat. Given a nice day the Azaleas and Rhododendrons should be at their best at this time.

A.H.B.

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## T H A T   E L U S I V E   H O U S E W I F E

Have you met any "Housewives" lately? These mysterious characters haunt the press and the advertisements and their demands are apparently responsible for food adulteration, shoes that fit only one shape of foot and, in fact, most of the defects found in consumer goods.

It is, for instance, the Housewife who will not buy kippers unless they are artificially stained to a deep shade of mahogany or meat dyed to a juicy red. It is the Housewife who insists on the introduction of chemicals into bread to make it unnaturally white. The Housewife becomes the passionate slave of any man at the sight of a box of chocolates but never puts on weight. She sends her vigorous family out with a breakfast of cereals only on cold winter mornings. She is crazy about margarine and a notice "2d OFF" or a plastic daffodil destroys her critical faculties.

On the other hand it is the same Housewife who was said to prefer to pay a fixed price for meat from week to week even when the wholesale price varied in her favour. She is an enthusiast for all "Instant" and tinned foods and the addition of unspecified "Colouring matter".

The manufacturers of consumer goods would produce purer foods and cheaper and more genuine commodities: but how can they possibly do so when this demanding Housewife rules the market? There are no prizes for guessing who invented this eccentric woman. But have you ever met her?

J.M.H.

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WE'RE ALL CHILDREN AT HEART!

From Terry Coombs - Military Assistant Information  
Officer in Cyprus

The window display of a store in the Cyprus seaside town of Larnaca had it's desired effect when these girls were out on a shopping spree from the neighbouring Dhekelia Garrison where they are employed at the British Military Hospital. Seconds later they were inside wishing their purses would stretch to buying each and every one of the dozens of soft toys in stock.

Right of the picture is 20 year-old Nurse Joan Lawrence, the daughter of Mr & Mrs J.F. Lawrence, Sunnysdale, Stocking Lane, Naphill.

Joan has been with the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps since September 1963. She came to Cyprus in August last year after a few months at Hanover, having previously carried out her preliminary nurse training at Aldershot. She is in her second year of training to become a State Registered Nurse.

Official Army Public Relations Photograph No CYP/010/2 by Cpl W. Shaw, RAOC.

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N A P H I L L W . I .

While regretting the indisposition of Miss Innes Blanch who was scheduled to speak about 'Incas of Peru' at Naphill W.I. Monthly Meeting, members were indeed fortunate that Miss Sybil Archdale was able to fill the gap and speak on the same subject.

At the close of her talk Miss Archdale passed round some beautiful specimens of needlework for inspection. Mrs Geoff Smith passed a vote of thanks.

At the commencement of the meeting one minute's silence was observed in memory of Mrs Styles.

Mrs Westney was welcomed as a new member. Letters were read expressing appreciation and enjoyment of Open Night from Speen, Naphill Young Neighbours and two Naphill members; also letters from Mrs Piercy Snr, and Mrs Robbins thanking the W.I. for gifts received while they were in hospital.

Names were taken of members wishing to attend the Group Meeting at Lacey Green on March 31st, also for an outing to Windsor Theatre on April 6th to see The Spiders Web, by Agatha Christie.

In place of the usual monthly competition, an Exhibition of Members' Treasures from abroad proved very interesting. Members were reminded that the Competition for May would be a child's knitted cardigan.

The Rummage Sale held in February realised £16.18.1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; coffee morning at Mrs Pearson's £7.13.4d and whist drive at Mrs J. Lawrence, £2.6.6d.

Tea Hostesses for April: Mrs A Brown, Mrs Bowler, Mrs Drake and Mrs Gurney. Demonstration - Japanese Flower Arrangement by Mrs Sherwood. The competition will be an Arrangement of Leaves and Twigs.

The Drama Festival will be held at Naphill on April 16th and the Drama Festival Finals at Aylesbury on April 30th. Tickets obtainable from Mrs Weeks.

Naphill Drama Group will be judged at Missenden this year, but will be giving a dress rehearsal and other items in Naphill Village Hall on April 15th at 7.30 p.m.

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#### 1ST NAPHILL GUIDE COMPANY

Thinking Day was celebrated in the traditional way by lighting candles and sending greetings to Guides in other countries. Our contributions to The Thinking Day Fund - swelled by the money earned washing up on W.I. Open Night - were taken to a service at the Union Baptist Church, High Wycombe. After the service a party was held in the Church hall, which ended with a camp fire sing-song.

Some of the company went to the Victoria Street Methodist Church Company's Thinking Day service on February 20th and afterwards enjoyed seeing slides of a Scout/Guide adventure holiday which took place in Norway last summer.

On February 19th our Lieutenant Pauline Simmons took some of the guides to visit Guide HQ in Buckingham Palace Road and afterwards to the British Museum, a day enjoyed by all who went.

The Naphill Methodist Church invited the company to join in their service for Mothering Sunday on March 20th, afterwards a few of us went out to cook our lunch over a camp fire, and enjoyed a couple of hours of sunshine.

Plans are going ahead for Whitsun and summer camps; also for an ambitious venture to be held in June. This is to be a combined Scout, Guide, Cub and Brownie Field Day to be held on Hughenden Valley Recreation ground, but more news of that later.

All parents and friends will be very welcome to our Scout/Guide Parent Committee A.G.M. on April 19th in the Scout/Guide hut at 8 p.m., when it is hoped that films will be shown.

Congratulations to the following badge winners:

Reader: Diane Dixon, Teresa Butler. Cook: Teresa Butler, Claire Budden.  
Dancer: Teresa Butler.

J.I.M.

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## THE YOUNG NEIGHBOURS CLUB

It was wonderful to see our meeting on Monday March 14th so well supported. Miss Mountain, of the County Farm, Aylesbury, engaged our attention with her lively demonstration of Spring Flower Arrangements. Her suggestions on the best types of flower containers to choose were of use to us all. We were very grateful to her for coming.

The Competition, 'A picture, without pen, pencil, paint or crayon', was won by Mrs Mountford.

Next month we have arranged a theatre trip to the Adelphi, London, to see 'Charlie Girl', instead of our usual meeting. The coach will leave Naphill Village Hall on Saturday April 16th at 6 pm. We expect to be home around midnight.

C.D.H.

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## TENNIS CLUB

Now that the lighter evenings are here, it is time for those tennis rackets to come out of their presses and for the active season to begin. Play starts during the last week in April and the junior coaching will take place every Monday evening from the first Monday in May. So come on now, we shall welcome anyone who wants to come and join us. All members and would-be members, do turn out and help make this year a real bumper year for the Club.

We are holding a jumble sale on Saturday, 28th May, in the Village Hall. Please look out all suitable articles ready for this date.

We are sorry to see that during the winter, someone has climbed up on to the tennis pavilion roof, and this has resulted in half of the roof being severely damaged.

V.P.

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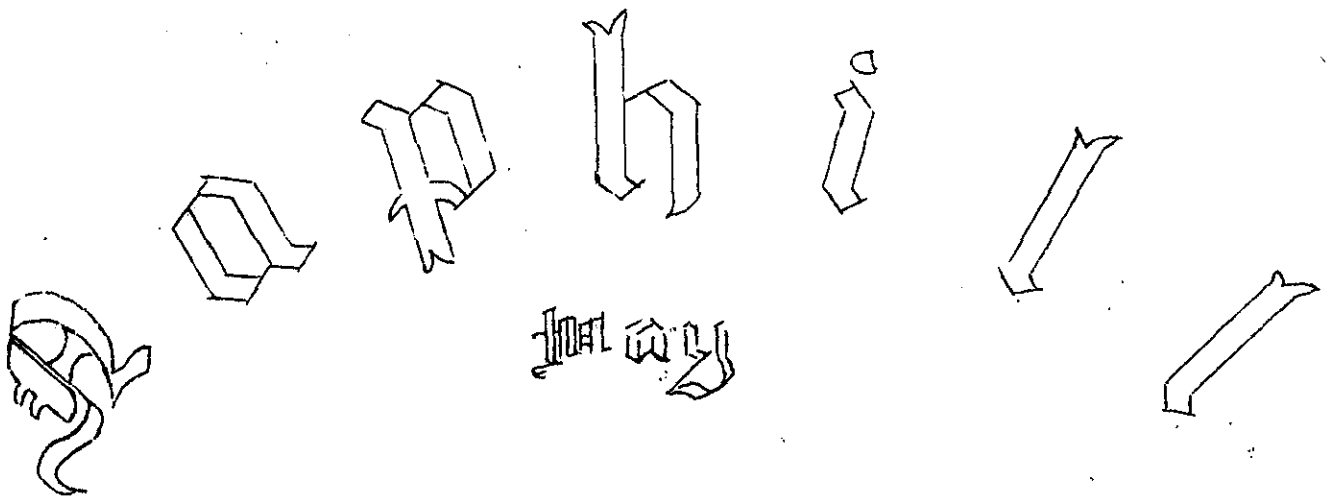
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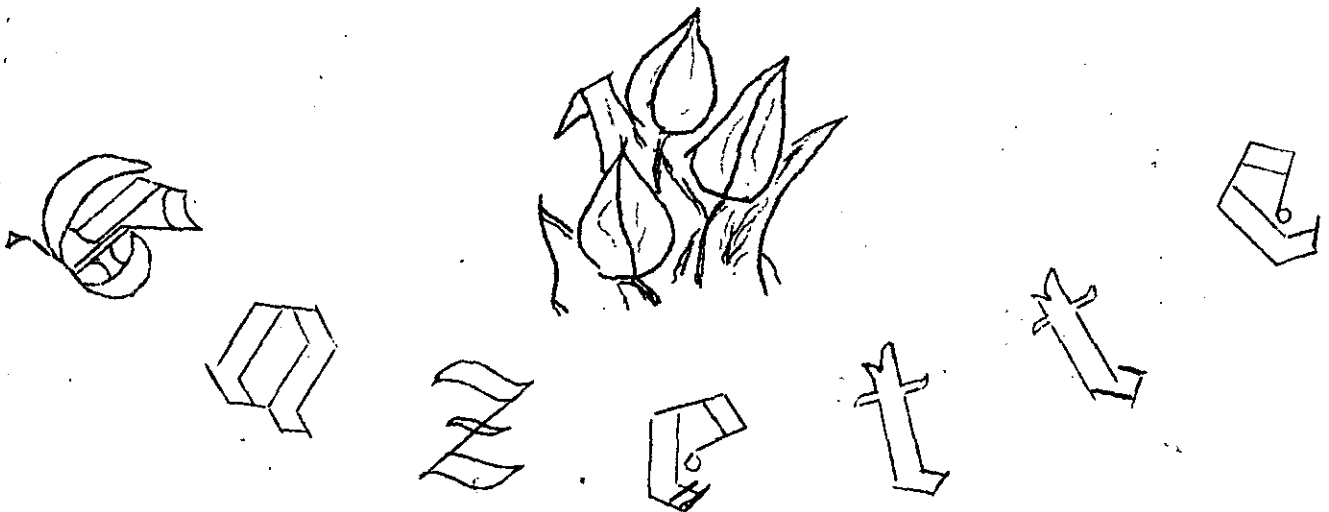


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| Mothercraft Class | Every Monday               | 2.30 pm         |
| Drama             | " Tuesday                  | 7.30 pm         |
| Dancing Class     | 9th, 17th, 23rd            | 3.15 pm         |
| Infant Welfare    | 1st & 2nd Weds, 4th & 18th | 2.00 pm         |
| Youth Club        | Every Weds                 | 8.00 pm         |
| Bingo             | Every Thursday             | 8.00 pm         |
| Whist Drives      | Fridays 6th & 12th         | 7.30 pm         |
| Library           | Friday 6th (CR)            | 6.30 - 8.00 pm  |
| Young Neighbours  | Monday 9th                 | 7.30 pm         |
| 2nd Monday        | COUNCIL MEETING            | 8.00 pm         |
| 5th Thursday      | W.I. Meeting               | 2.30 pm         |
| 13th Friday       | Darby & Joan               | 2.30 pm         |
| 14th Saturday     | " " " Jumble Sale          | 10.00 am - 4 pm |
| 26th Thursday     | W.I. Meeting               | 2.30 pm         |
| 27th Friday       | Darby & Joan               | 2.30 pm         |
| 28th Saturday     | Tennis Club Rummage Sale   | 10 am - 4 pm    |

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

At the April Meeting the Hon Sec was asked to bring it to the notice of all who wished to hire the china when they hire the Hall that Mr. Barratt must be asked for this and not Mr Gibbons.

The three members of the public still not elected at the Annual General Meeting were duly elected viz. Messrs W. Barratt, Tony Lawrence and Don Turner.

Tea Towels in the kitchen: Will those who have used these and taken them home to wash please see that they are returned as soon as possible.

Will members please note that there will be NO library on Friday 20th May

Agenda for the MAY meeting:

1. Finance
2. Position of Football Pavilion and Car Park
3. Fete

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REMEMBER JUNE 26 TH

There is plenty of noise in our house in the morning and no-one has to catch a bus or a train, so we rarely have the wireless on. However, those of you for whom a time-check is important or who can enjoy a quiet breakfast listening to commentaries on off-beat items of news, will already be well acquainted with the mysterious "well-known B.B.C. personality" referred to in last month's Gazette. Have you guessed? Yes it's Jack de Manio. You've heard the voice - now see the man. Mr de Manio, of the B.B.C. "Today" programme and voted B.B.C. Personality of the year in 1965, has kindly agreed to open our Fete for us. Mrs de Manio will accompany her husband and together they will judge the decorated Fancy Dress Parade.

I am not a member of the Fete Committee, so may I congratulate it on its ingenuity, audacity and good fortune in securing the services of so well-known and attractive a personality.

I have been priviledged to see the programme arranged for Fete Day, and I should like to draw your attention to one or two items.

Music this year will be provided by the Band of the 299th Field Regiment, Territorial Army. The band will lead the procession through the village, play during the afternoon, and "Beat the Retreat" at the end of the Fete.

I notice there will be a Trampolin and Gymnastic Display, Races for ALL, a special performance by the children of Naphill Primary School, and a Tug-of-War. Sounds exhausting, doesn't it?

If you would like to relax in the evening and talk over the day's events, come to the Village Hall and enjoy a "Chat-'n-Eat" Cheese Supper with Wine on sale. It will make a pleasant ending to a busy day. Tickets, price 3/-, may be obtained from any Council Member, from Mr Barratt "The Wine Cellar", or from Mr & Mrs Lawrence. Auchinyell, Downley Road. Buy your tickets now, and avoid being unable to get one.

The Fete Committee is still sending out it's S.O.S.

LADIES Offers to help serve teas or make cakes and sandwiches will be welcomed by Mrs Hussey, Bramley, Stocking Lane.

GENTLEMEN Will any of you volunteer to help with the Side-shows? If so, please phone Miss Cooper, Kinnoull, Main Road, Naphill 3315. Any gifts or prizes may be left at this address.

Draw tickets are now on sale from any Council Member. 1st Prize: Choice of a Ladies or Gents Gold Wrist Watch. 2nd Prize: Transistor Radio. 3rd Prize: £5 Groceries. There are numerous other prizes. If you think you can sell some tickets contact Mrs Jack, Campion Cottage, Main Road (Tel: Naphill 2310) or Mrs Brill, Vinette, Main Road (Between Moseley Road and Forge Road).

Full details of the arranged programme will appear in the next issue.

Fete day comes but once a year, you know. But preparations for it involves months of hard work, patience, brass-neck and good humour. The final effort is up to us. Let's make it a success. The Committee deserves it.

A.M. Lawrence

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

Preachers for May

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

|      |                                                         |                       |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st  | Mr.J.L. Bryden                                          | Mr Cleaver            |
| 8th  | Sister Sylvia Darwent                                   | Mr A.J. Mahoney       |
| 15th | Mr. K Peatey                                            | Mr A.E. Steevens      |
| 22nd | ( Sunday School Anniversary<br>Dr G Rose. Sister Sylvia | Sister Sylvia Darwent |
| 29th | A Student                                               | Mr Arnold Clark       |

M.G.B.

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

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|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| Holy Communion | May 1st                    | 9.15 a.m. |
| Evensong       | May 15th                   | 3.30 p.m. |
| Holy Communion | May 29th Whit Sunday       | 2.15 p.m. |
| Sunday School  | 2nd, 3rd 4th & 5th Sundays | 2.30 p.m. |

In response to several requests, a short course of informal discussions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 8.30 p.m. The subject is "Faith and Customs of the Church of England"; the leader will be the Revd M.E. Westney. These discussions are open to everyone, regardless of age or denomination. Christian Aid Week. Once again we are joining our Methodist friends for the village collection. Envelopes will be distributed during the early part of the week May 16th to 21st and collected towards the latter part of that week. All Collectors will carry a signed badge, authorised by the police. To avoid a recurrence of last year's incidents, when some envelopes were collected by an unauthorised boy, please make sure your gift for this effort is handed only to an authorised Collector.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

While demonstrating Japanese Flower arrangements at Naphill Women's Institute April Meeting, Mrs Sherwood spoke of how the Japanese choose flowers when buying by selecting blooms individually, not in bunches as is the custom here. She said that some of their arrangements convey messages such as Welcome, Come back, Goodbye. Mrs Kent expressed a vote of thanks.

A letter was read from Dr Bayley on behalf of the Darby & Joan Club thanking the Womens' Institute for money received from the Womens Institute Whist Drive. A letter card was on view from Mrs Ted Brown who is now in America. An Easter gift of £4 was sent to the adopted family.

Mrs Piercy won 1st prize and Mrs Bull 2nd for their arrangements of Leaves and Twigs. Art Classes and Dressmaking Classes both re-commence in April.

Resolutions for the A.G.M. were discussed and voted on.

Tea Hostesses for May are: Messrs. Hayward, Hussey, Mitchell, Stuart. There will be a Bring and Buy stall. Competition for May: Child's Knitted Cardigan, and the Speaker will be Mrs Sunley, V.C.O.

An enjoyable evening was spent on April 15th when the Drama Group presented their Festival Play followed by variety.

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EDWARD J. ADLAM FOUNDER OF THE GAZETTE

Our cover this month is a joint effort, being an idea of Amanda Lawrence, penmanship by Harold Tweedale, and of course a little help from the Bard of Avon.

Ed.

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EDITORS CORNER

There were some aspects of the recent General Election which I consider unworthy of an advanced democracy. For instance, I do not like public opinion polls which seem to settle the issue in advance. They should be banned for the previous month. And I do not like political loudspeaker vans blaring round the village. They are quite unnecessary in this day and age and they too should be banned by law. I do not like local people coming to my house to canvas me. If I wish to submit myself

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sons and Daughters of the late Mrs. Ada Lacey wish to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for floral tributes and messages of sympathy sent during their recent bereavement.

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to propaganda I will either switch on the T.V. or go to a meeting and hear it done properly. One man, knowing my views, approached me like Agag, "stepping delicately", "I have been asked to canvas you" he said. I told him "look, if you are about to ask me how I am going to vote, then I am about to tell you to get stuffed, so why bother". So he didn't and we remain good friends. I do not like people who sit just outside the door of the polling booth and demand to know my number. This number is written on my ballot paper and is therefore personal and private to me. I am aware of their excuses for doing this and they are not good enough.. If a secret ballot is worth having it is worth doing properly. They can take my name and address if they wish. I dislike still more the polling clerks who subsequently give my number to these people after I have refused it. I do not like being treated like a wayward child by the B.B.C. who refuse me an alternative programme when a politician is on the air, and I do not like young men who approach the voter as he leaves the polling booth and, with notebook and pencil poised, ask "How did you vote". This happened to our popular baker Geoff Martin. As we are no longer allowed to administer a sharp clip round the earhole, Geoff merely brushed him aside. I think he should have spat in the wretches eye. Apart from these things, I am very tolerant and easy to please.

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

It is many years now since we have had such a frustrating start to a season of gardening as has been experienced during the last few weeks, what with rain, snow and cold winds, most gardens have still got the appearance of a winter scene and far removed from the poet's lines about living in England now that April's there. With undug soil and seeds still in the packets, un-mown lawns and weeds growing apace, those peas and beans and summer flowers, and deck chairs on the lawn would seem to belong to a fantasy world. However, experince tells us that as a rule mother nature has a way of catching up with things and, as the daffodils bloomed in April, so will the blossom in May and the roses in June.

What we must do is take advantage of any oppotunity that comes along to catch up with sowing and planting, but remember that there is a big diffrence between early and late May for many of these sowings and plantings. Carrots, beetroot, spinach, broad beans can be sown at once, runner beans and dwarfs after the first week. Cabbage, brussels and other greens can be planted out as and when available, but marrow, cucumber, outdoor tomatoes and summer bedding plants won't be safe until the end of the month and early June won't be too late, and of course there is still time to get those gladioli in. Dahlia tubers may be planted during the month if they are well covered with two or three inches of soil, but dahlia plants will be safer under cover till the end of the month. You see, its all a matter of priorities, and although a few crops ought to be in by now, many others can wait for several weeks yet.

In the greenhouse things are also a bit tricky with the increasing demand on space as the final picking out is completed, and plants pricked out earlier beginning to run up a bit. These must be got into the cold frames or under cloches to begin the hardening off process, even the shelter of a wall or hedge can be useful for this purpose. The whole idea is to get the plants gradually used to the outdoor positions they will eventually occupy, bearing in mind that frost and snow is not unknown even in May.

A.H.B.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

My apologies for the cancellation of the Spring Show, and thank you all for your kind enquiries and kindnesses shown. I am now much better although still under Doctor's orders.

With regard to the visit to Wisley on Saturday May 14th, cost of trip including admission and gratuities is 7/6d per person.. One does not have to be a member to take advantage of this cheap trip but most interesting outing. Set meals or cafeteria snacks are available inside the gardens, and there are still a few seats available on the coach.

Orders for Chasmor have been completed for the time being and there are a few bags for disposal to anyone who would like them. The price is still 9/- a cwt.

The Chelsea Flower Show is being held on Tuesday May 24th to Friday May 27th inclusive, a few tickets - free to members - are available for most of these days. Will members wishing to avail themselves of this offer please notify the Secretary as soon as possible so that a fair allocation of the limited number of tickets available can be made.

A.H. Busby

NAPHILL YOUNG NEIGHBOURS

Promptly at 6 p.m. on Saturday 16th April the Young Neighbours and their friends set out for their eagerly awaited Theatre outing. We were not disappointed. Everyone enjoyed the Show "Charlie Girl" and afterwards we were fortunate enough to find somewhere to have a meal. Finally, we arrived home tired but happy at the unprecedented late hour of 2 a.m. !

On May 9th we are to have a lecture and demonstration of Home Dressmaking Today given by the manufacturers of the interfacing material 'Vilenc'.

Please don't forget that our Keep Fit classes have recommenced at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday evenings, in the School Hall.

TENNIS CLUB

We were very pleased to see so many members and friends at our Wine and Cheese Party on 1st April. This was a most successful evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Your Committee have now fixed club evenings for Tuesday and Friday. There will always be people ready to play on these two evenings, so do not hesitate to come along, a partner will always be available.

Mondon evening is the evening for Junior coaching, commencing on the first Monday in May.

We must all thank Mr Vic. Hildersley for his quick action in arranging the repair of the tennis club pavilion. I dread to think of the damage that could have been caused had the pavilion been open to the elements just recently.

Don't forget our Rummage Sale which has been fixed for Saturday, 26th May, at 2.30 p.m. Will all members try to collect as many articles as possible for a successful Sale.

V.P.

THE RAYSTEDE CENTRE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE, RINGMER, SUSSEX

The Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare is a private animal welfare centre which was started some ten years ago by Miss Raymonde-Hawkins in the garden of her own bungalow and in the adjacent fields. During the ten years, many demands have been made on the generosity of those who banded themselves together calling themselves "friends of Raystede". During the last year alone over 3,000 animals came through the gates. The types varying from hampsters to horses prove how very fickle human owners are towards the animals they take into their homes for an all too short period. It is sad when people tire of their pets, and the animal welfare societies of the country have to be the ever willing reception centres for these animals.

Animals which come to Raystede Centre for Animal Welfare are received by a group of understanding people, who work tirelessly for their welfare, whilst never stinting their work and constantly in need of more income.

The centre has its own surgery where it treats the animals of those unable to pay full veterinary fees. It is the practice never to allow a cat out, until it has been speyed or neutered, so that another vast number of animals will not be created. There is also a crematorium where the bodies of deceased animals can be disposed of with dignity and peace, within the boundaries of Peaceways; which is a retirement centre for aged horses etc., still able to enjoy life.

The "Animals Quarterly", is the magazine produced by the Honorary Organiser, and can be obtained direct from the centre for 5/- a year.

The Animal Health Insurance Scheme is perhaps one of the most useful branches of its work, for those who are frightened of the cost of veterinary treatment for their animal. By the payment of 6/- a month, the veterinary fees for anything connected with the health of the animal are paid by the centre through a veterinary surgeon of the free choice of the owner of the animal.

A Gift Shopp in the garden asks for your unwanted birthday and Christmas presents to sell in aid of the funds, and equally as no animal is ever refused when in need, so too no contribution to the funds in kind or money is ever refused either !

Pamphlets describing the Raystede Centre and the Health Insurance Scheme, can be obtained from Mr. E. Pym, "Fernlands", Naphill, and also specimen copy of the Magazine

M.R.H.

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C O O K I N G    W I T H    W I N E

Cooking with wine is gaining in popularity in this country, although of course it is still in its infancy overall. Nevertheless, the growing number of people seeking the sun in France, Italy and Spain whilst on holiday are developing a taste for meals cooked in wine. It is my considered opinion that the general impression that a meal has to be continental for wine to be used in the cooking is completely wrong. I also think that we in this country can produce a meal every bit as good as the continental; it rather infuriates me to hear our cooking joked about on the Continent. I have been fortunate that I have been entertained by private families in France, Italy and Spain and whilst admitting that the meals produced have been superb, I maintain that the majority of British housewives can also produce a beautiful meal when the occasion demands it. It is of course very true that the French make a fetish of cooking, they are experts, they use wine for practically every dish in the same way as they drink wine with most meals, significantly there is very little tummy trouble in France.

There is one basic reason for using wine in cooking. It is because you like the flavour it gives to the finished meal, it could be that you are not too sure about using wine for cooking, but the rules for wine and spirit cooking are very simple. I feel sure that most people have at Xmas time poured brandy or rum over the Xmas pud and failed to set it on fire; the only method to do this successfully is to warm the spirit in a small pan so releasing the alcohol, then when a match is applied to the spirit it immediately bursts into flame. The same technique is used for every dish which is 'blazed' or flamed, but in most cases it is a mistake to serve a dish straight away as soon as the flames have gone out; the sauce will retain a raw taste so it should be left to cook a little longer, the spirit loses its rawness and the sauce should be just right.

With ordinary table wine the system is similar, hardly any recipes call for blazing of table wines, anyway the alcoholic strength of these wines as I have mentioned before is not sufficient to allow "blazing". Instead the wine is left to bubble over a fairly fierce heat after it is first poured into a casserole containing the joint or slices of meat. Then, when it is slightly reduced and concentrated, its alcoholic content already partly evaporated, you lower the heat, transfer the pot to a low oven and leave the wine to transfer its flavour to the vegetables and the meat itself. Just one glass of inexpensive red wine can and does make a considerable difference to a meal.

With fish, such as prawns, scampi, fillets of sole, etc., the white wine used for the sauce is again thoroughly cooked. I am sure that a lot of people have witnessed the table-cooking of dishes in the various restaurants around the country.

In the case of soups one can add sherry to add to the flavour, obviously the wine in this instance is not cooked. I would like to make it very clear that my only talents for cooking amount to Eggs and Bacon. I am not therefore a "Cordon Bleu", I do, however, really believe that "Cooking in Wine" does a lot for most meals, one does not have to follow a recipe blindly, for instance should a particular recipe call for a glass of red wine and you happen to have a drop of inexpensive port left, then by all means use it instead.

As regards the wine, whether red or white, used for cooking, aim for a good Vin Ordinaire, these are inexpensive and ideal for cooking. A useful tip for any red or white wine you may have left over from a meal: Pour the wine left into a small bottle that will just about take the wine, cork up and use as soon as possible. Remember to make the bottle as airtight as possible, do not keep this wine too long as you might find it has turned vinegary. A medium sweet wine is usually better when cooking in white wine; I think a Graves is ideal.

W.J. Barrett

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

The cricket season for 1966 commences for Naphill Cricket Club on Saturday May 7th, which we hope will be the start of warm and sunny weather. The club is always ready to welcome new members. We have our net practice on Tuesday evenings and anyone interested in playing for the club is welcome. Fixtures for May are as follows:

|       | <u>First Eleven</u>  |  | <u>Second Eleven</u> |     |
|-------|----------------------|--|----------------------|-----|
| May 7 | Marsh Gordons - Home |  | Prestwood            | "A" |
| 14    | Cadmore End Away     |  | Holmer Green         | "H" |
| 21    | West Indian S.C.Home |  | Winchmore Hill       | "A" |
| 28    | Hazlemere Away       |  | Radnage              | "H" |

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Sunday Fixtures: May 15th Wye Valley - Home. May 22nd Aylesbury Nomads - "H"  
May 30th Peppard Sports "H".

On May 25th we play West End in the first round of the High Wycombe and District Cricket League Knock-out Cup.

We are once again appealing for a Lady or Ladies to serve teas in the Village Hall for every other Saturday and some Sundays. The Club will pay 15/- per match. Enquiries to G. Brown, Rosewood, Downley Road, Naphill.

G.L. Brown

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D A R B Y   A N D   J O A N   C L U B

An annual event that we all look forward to with great pleasure is the visit of the school children who come to sing to us. Trained by Mrs Giffiths and Mrs Syrett, they arrived in full force and gave us a jolly good programme of songs of every variety, including "Three Blind Mice" when we old people joined in the chorus. Singing is a most healthy exercise for heart and lungs, and we hope the children enjoyed themselves as much as we did. This event when Old and Young meet for mutual amusement is always popular, the older group recall their own childhood when they sang the same songs, and for all we know the children look at their elders and think "some day we shall look like them and we hope we shall be just as good-looking".

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' O V E R   6 0   C L U B '

The renaming of, the 'Darby & Joan' Club to the 'Over 60 Club' was unanimously approved at the Annual General Meeting on Friday April 15th at the Village Hall. Dr and Mrs Bayley, who founded the Club exactly 9 years ago, felt that they were unable to carry on in their capacity as Chairman and Secretary and it was therefore decided to re-organise by a general vote of those present. Mr Geoff Smith took the chair for the meeting and, after giving full details of the financial situation, conducted the voting which resulted in the following officers being elected:

|               |   |                  |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| President     | : | Dr Bayley        |
| Chairman      | : | Mr. W.H. Pearson |
| Vice Chairman | : | Mrs Osborne      |
| Treasurer     | : | Mr G. Smith      |
| Secretary     | : | Mrs White        |

Committee (including the above)

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Mrs Bayley  | Mrs Reed   |
| Mrs Brazier | Mrs Tooby  |
| Mrs Piercy  | Mrs White  |
| Mrs Pearson | Mr A Busby |

A Rummage Sale for the above will be held in the Village Hall on May 14th - 2.30.

The new Committee will do all they can to carry on the good work of Dr and Mrs Bayley, but would appreciate the attendance of many more new members to the 'Over 60 Club'. Do come and spend a pleasant afternoon every fortnight.

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I thought perhaps some of the newer residents of Naphill may like to know how we managed before we had a Village Hall. Concerts were more popular than drama in those days. We used the old school, pulling back a partition which divided the class room, thus it was one long room. The seating was the children's desks tipped up to make a back rest; rather hard of course. We also used the building belonging to the Mission Hall for social events, which was then called the Coffee Room. Our first W.I. Meetings were held there. We had Whist Drives and Club Nights, taking turns to go early to light the stove, fill the oil lamps etc. We even had dinners at Xmas for the older folks. On looking at our lovely new kitchen at the Hall we wonder how on earth we managed.

E.G.

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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 October 12th.

A Coffee Morning in aid of the above will be held at "Abbotsbury", Main Rd (Opposite Mini-Market) on Saturday June 4th from 10.30 am - 12 Noon. Tickets 1/6d. Raffle and Bring & Buy Stall.

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Mrs Clements wishes to thank all who came to her Coffee Morning. A cheque for £16. 3. Od has been sent to the Local Multiple Scholosis Fund.

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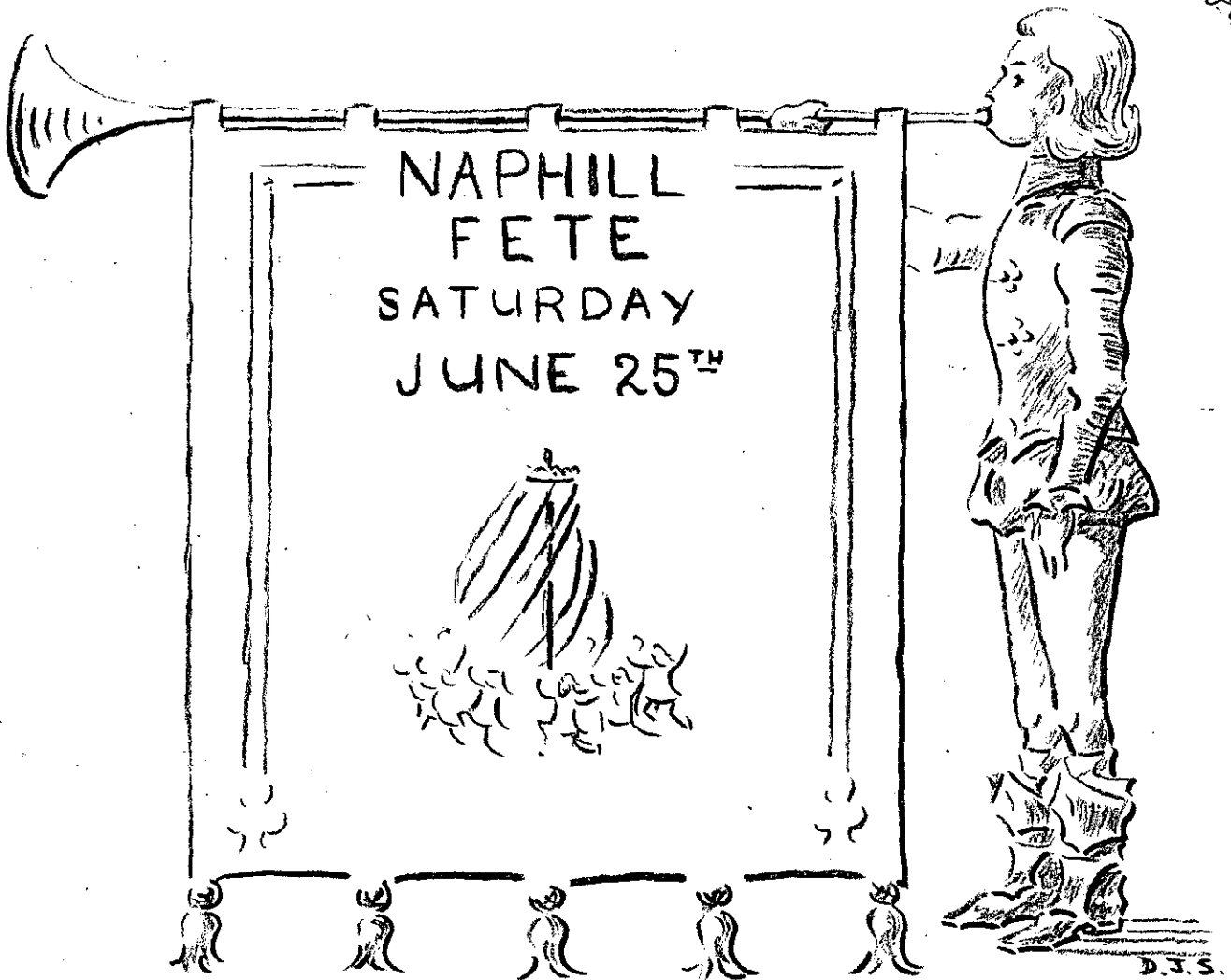
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| Mothercraft Class  | Every Monday (Not Whit)              | 2.30 pm      |
| Drama              | Every Tuesday                        | 7.30 pm      |
| Dancing Classes    | Every Tuesday                        | 3.30 pm      |
| Infant Welfare     | Wednesdays 1st. & 15th.              | 2.00 pm      |
| Youth Club         | Every Wednesday                      | 8.00 pm      |
| Bingo              | Every Thursday                       | 8.00 pm      |
| Whist Drives       | Fridays 3rd. & 17th.                 | 7.30 pm      |
| Library            | Fridays 3rd. & 17th.(C.R.)           | 6.30 - 8 pm. |
| Young Neighbours   | Monday 13th.                         | 7.30 pm.     |
| Thursday June 2nd. | W.I. Meeting                         | 2.30 pm      |
| Monday " 6th.      | COUNCIL MEETING                      | 8.00 pm      |
| Friday " 10th.     | Darby & Joan                         | 2.30 pm      |
| Friday " 24th.     | " " "                                | 2.30 pm      |
| SATURDAY " 25th.   | F E T E                              | ALL DAY      |
| " " "              | Chat-'n-Eat<br>(Cheese & Wine Party) | 8.15 pm      |
| Thursday " 30th.   | W.I. Meeting                         | 2.30 pm.     |

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

At the May Meeting of the Council Mrs. Osborne was welcomed as the new representative of the Over 60's Club and Messrs. Barrett, Lawrence, and Turner as further representatives of the General Public.

More sand has been purchased for the Children's Sand Pit and it is hoped that we shall now have some summer for the Pit to be enjoyed.

The subjects of the new football pavilion and car park continue to be discussed and it is hoped that something tangible will result before the Autumn.

The continued depositing of rubbish near the Hall is much regretted, and although the Scouts and Guides kindly clear the ground, it is felt that a request to everyone not to cause this nuisance should really not be necessary.

AGENDA FOR MEETING ON MONDAY 6th JUNE.

1. New football pavilion.
2. Financial Statement.
3. Fete.

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SOFTLY - SOFTLY.

It seems a long time ago since speculation was rife in the Village as to who were the newcomers at the Guest House down Stocking Lane as tunnels were excavated and hutments erected in 1939.

Yes, it was another of those many business organisations that were being evacuated from London during the War. The news soon spread that it was the Co-operative Permenant Building Society who were to be the new owner of Chiltern House and many of their Staff had to seek accomodation in our homes which started the merging of town and country into what proved to be a very happy relationship which was further re-inforced when quite a number of our Villagers found employment at Chiltern House.

This happy relationship was further cemented into real friendship by the many social events jointly organised in our Village Hall and at Chilterns. The Whist Drives and Dances, the re-juvenated Mens Club galvanised into life by Mr. Skilton, the Concerts in the Village Hall with that rich tenor voice of Charlie Parker and the antics of Terry Scott of the now famous 'Hugh and I' television series, and the Cricket Matches with Stan. Jordan and others.

These are just some of the names and events that come to mind that will conjure up many more in the memories of many Gazette Readers. The end of hostilities saw the beginning of what has been a very gradual return to their London Headquarters now re-built and extended into an imposing new structure in the Borough of Holborn, and incidentally a partial return to the neighbouring High Wycombe of their Printing and Central Registry departments. But the last of the holiday makers and the last of the Staff are now gone from Chiltern House, soon the dull thud of the Auctioneers hammer will leave it empty and forlorn. Softly-Softly, after over a quarter of a century the erstwhile emergency headquarters of the Co-operative Permenant Building Society slides into history but leaving many happy memories and many of us in Naphill now say Goodbye and Thankyou for the Memories.

Anon.

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

The Speaker at our May Meeting was Mrs. M. Walker whose talk was sponsored by the makers of "Vilene," the interfacing material. We had an extremely enjoyable evening. Miss Walker gave a really interesting talk on the uses of "Vilene" which she demonstrated with a great variety of Samples. Many of us picked up several dressmaking tips and the Dress makers amongst us rushed home with renewed enthusiasm to start 'creating' something or other.

Next month on Monday June 13th we shall be having a really glamorous time. Mr. Wade from 'Jeans' a Hair dressing Salon in Amersham will be giving us a hairdressing demonstration and many of our Members will be acting as Models for him. Why not join us for the evening and discover how to be an even more exciting 'you.'

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Mr. R. Horner.

The Gazette had been lying dormant throughout the war and for a few years after, until Reg. Horner conceived the idea of reviving it. The Village Hall Council greeted his proposal with enthusiasm and the Gazette was reborn.

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My predecessor as Editor, Mr. John Holmes, is distinguished in several fields, but the world of sport is not one of them. So I found the following conversation rather amusing:

The Baker on his rounds. Good morning Mr. Holmes, nice day for the cup final.

J.H. Oh, yes, I suppose it is.

Baker. I expect you'll be looking in.

J.H. Looking in? Oh, the T.V. Why yes. Yes indeed.

Baker. Well, who do you think is going to win then.

J.H. Ah, that's difficult. Let me see. I think perhaps the favourites will just manage it.

Baker. Yeah, I think so too. Well cheerio.

J.B. Ah, good morning Ron. Come in, come in. Now for goodness sake, tell me who's playing in this cup final to-day.

Ed.

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

Preachers for June

|       | <u>11. a.m.</u>                           | <u>6.15. p.m.</u> |
|-------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 5th.  | Sister Sylvia Darwent<br>(Holy Communion) | Miss Darvill.     |
| 12th. | Rev. W.G.Ream M.A.                        | Mr.Ellins.        |
| 19th. | Mr. A. Cooper.                            | Mr.F.Gregory.     |
| 26th. | Family Service.<br>Sister Sylvia Darwent. | Mr.M.Dick.        |

We invite you to our services, and draw your attention to the Family Service on Sunday morning June 26th when very young children will be cared for in the schoolroom while parents attend the service.

The collection in the Village for the National Childrens Homes realised £53.18.10d. We thank all who gave so generously.

M.G.B.

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

|                |                                        |           |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| HOLY COMMUNION | June 5th.                              | 9.15.a.m. |
| EVENSONG       | June 19th.                             | 3.30.p.m. |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL  | 1st Sunday at Hughenden<br>Church.     | 2.45.p.m. |
|                | 2nd. 3rd. & 4th Sundays<br>at Naphill. | 2.30.p.m. |

The discussion group held on Wednesday evenings at 8.30.p.m. has started well and we have been pleased to see so many people from the Methodist Church. At the first meeting in June, on the 1st, we have a guest speaker to talk about the Samaritans, a voluntary organisation which exists to help those tempted to suicide or despair.

May I also remind you that we are running a coach to Earls Court on 29th June to hear the Evangelist, Billy Graham. This is another joint Methodist/Anglican venture - details from Mr.Brown, Ingleside, Main Road or Mr.Westney, The Old School House, Louches Lane.

Looking ahead, we have booked Naphill Village Hall for a Rummage Sale early in September. Please remember, we have storage facilities for bulky goods.

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.

Resolutions for the A.G.M. in Albert Hall appeared much more interesting and easier to understand when explained so conversantly by Mrs. Sunley V.C.O. at Naphill W.I. May Meeting.

Mrs. Sunley had obviously given much thought to the matter which helped members after discussion, to form their decisions more assuredly.

Mrs. Sharland of Lacey Green W.I. who is representing both Lacey Green and Naphill at the Royal Albert Hall also attended and noted our views.

Mrs. Lorriman gave a vote of thanks to Mrs. Sunley.

Our President congratulated the Drama Club who has won the cup for the best mixed team in the Drama Finals at Aylesbury, this being the third year in succession they had won it. The Producer Mrs. B. Weekes was also congratulated for having achieved three successes out of four productions this year, one being Bledlow Ridge who won the cup for the best team in Class A.

The result of the Whist Drive held in the Village Hall on March 18th was £12.17.7d. The coffee morning given by Mrs. Rabson and Mrs. Robbins realised £5.16.6d.

Members heard with regret that Mrs. Lorriman one of the Committee members would be leaving the district shortly.

Mrs. Kilby who recently left the District had kindly presented a beautifully bound Birthday Book and matching Address Book to the Institute.

An interesting Report of the Annual Council Meeting at Aylesbury was read by our Delegate Mrs. Gurney.

Mrs. A.V. Goodchild won the Prize for a child's knitted cardigan.

After tea a Bring and Buy Stall was opened by Mrs. Sunley proceeds to defray cost of visit of Finsbury Old Folk in June.

On June 2nd Mr. Richard Rogers will give a talk on "The Craft of the Silversmith". Sixpenny Parcels Competition:-  
My Oldest piece of Silver.

Tea Hostesses:- Mesdames Blackwell, Janes, Lawrence and Page.

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

With the co-operation of the weather our party spent a very pleasant day at The Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens at Wisley on Saturday May 14th.

The rhododendrons and azaleas were a lovely sight and the

rock gardens, as usual proved of great interest to all the party.

The spacious lawns and the grand trees of the Pineturn each had their admirers and the greenhouses with their orchids, oranges and fuchsias were a real delight.

It seemed difficult to imagine that sweet pea plants similar to those seen at the 'Trials' would be producing blooms for our Show on Saturday July 9th.

We make no apologies for reminding you that this will be our 21st early summer show and we hope that everyone will do their best to make it a memorable one either by exhibiting something from their gardens, or persuading others to do so, whether they live in Naphill or Timbuctoo!!

If you have nothing of show standard in your garden you will still be able to help by bringing along something for the Gift Stall and Messrs. Wooster and Kettell who will be in charge of this part of the show say they will accept anything you care to bring along even non-horticultural goods, more about this next month.

Those of our members who availed themselves of the tickets for Chelsea Show were all agreed that it was a grand show and we would take this opportunity of reminding you that anyone interested in the Sweet Pea, Delphinium or the Royal National Rose shows can obtain free admission tickets by applying to our Secretary.

A.H.B.

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#### O V E R 6 0 ' s C L U B

April 29th Mr. Pearson opened the meeting and asked members to let the Committee know their wishes regarding future programmes. It was unanimously agreed that Mrs. R. Reed should be Vice Chairman jointly with Mrs. Osborne.

Mr. Pearson then had a very pleasant duty to perform to congratulate Mrs. Tooby Snr. on attaining the age of 95 on that day, he handed her a Birthday Card and Pelargonium form the Club. Another member Mrs. Pearce reached the age of 85 on the same day.

Mr. B. Wooster dressed in farmers smock and using Bucks dialect entertained with lightening sketches and continuous patter.

On May 13th Mrs. Roberts gave a talk on prevention of accidents, illustrated with transparencies.

We were pleased to welcome six visitors from Lacey Green and Looseley Row 81st club as our guests.

Mrs. Warwicker of the Welfare Committee brought leaflets which dealt with services available to elderly people.

With the better weather our numbers have increased but we have plenty of room and would welcome anyone who is eligible, to join us every other Friday and spend a happy afternoon.

Our speaker on May 27th was Mrs. John Hall.

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Rummage Sale such a success. The profit amounted to £31.

C.B.W.

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### Wines of Austria and Switzerland.

In Austria both white and red wines are made, it is the white wine however that is really worthy of consideration. Around the old town of KREMS, about 70 miles from Vienna, and at DURNSTEIN are made the wines from the Sylvaner, Riesling, Traminer & Weltliner grapes. These are white wines and very agreeable on a hot day in a well-iced glass. One gets the impression that these wines are rather light in alcohol, this can be an illusion as I find them inclined to be heady more especially as the thirst quenching qualities on a summers day makes one perhaps have that extra glass. Red wine is made in Burgenland in the eastern part of Austria, close to the Hungarian border. It is dark in colour, rather heavy and inclined to be sweet.

The best Swiss wines are grown on the shores of Lake Geneva, Lake Neuchatel and in the Rhone Valley, most of them are white. The Lake Geneva vineyards are the biggest and are divided into two parts by Lausanne - La Cote to the west, and Lavaux to the east as far as Vevey, a charming town famous for its wine fetes. The wines are very similar to a dry Moselle, a description which could be applied to most Swiss white wines. Those made along the shores of Lake Neuchatel are often semi-sparkling, making a five-pointed star in the glass when poured out.

I understand that every visitor who drinks the local wine is immediately acquainted of this fact.

In the Valais, round the town of Sion, where the vineyards are reputed to be higher than any others in Europe, is made the white wine called Fendant. Switzerland's best red wine, Dole, is also made in this area.

W.J.Barrett.

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

At last we have got to the safe period of June and the planting out of tender subjects can be completed without fear of frosts. There has been a lot of die back on roses this year in Naphill district giving the bushes that half dead half alive look. There is only one thing to do with them and that is to cut out all this dead and dying wood back to healthy growth, and whilst you are looking round the roses keep an eye open for caterpillars and greenfly.

Of course the better plan is not to wait until you see that they are there but to spray to prevent them coming.

Depending on your likes and dislikes, there are quite a few sowings and plantings to be made such as planting out leeks, celery and celeriac, and the remainder of the green stuff.

Sow beet, carrots, garden swedes and turnips for late supplies. Make sure that runner bean supports are strong enough to stand the strain of high winds in August and September when the plants will be in full leaf. Older residents will appreciate this point but our newer friends in the Village may not.

As a matter of fact anything growing more than eighteen inches high needs some sort of support unless shelter from a wall, fence or hedge is available. I am thinking rather of such subjects as dahlias, chrysanthemums, delphiniums and gladioli. It is not too late to sow seeds of wallflowers, sweet williams and other biennials.

A.H.B.

I N A N A P H I L L C O U N T R Y G A R D E N .

( to be sung in a minor key.)

Petrol fumes and uproar,  
Rattle! Back-fire! Bang!  
In an English Country Garden.  
Wailing of transistors,  
Where once the sweet birds sang  
In an English Country Garden.  
Jet planes tear the blue sky,  
Motor-bike and car  
Crash their gears and tout without a "Pardon!"  
Peace there may be somewhere  
Very very far  
From a Naphill country garden.

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T E N N I S C L U B .

The tennis season is progressing well and we seem to be welcoming quite a few new members to our ranks. Everyone is invited to come along and play on any day or evening, but remember that Club Nights are Tuesday and Friday when you can always be sure of a partner.

It is also pleasing to see so many people turning up for Coaching on a Monday evening.

Our Men's team are busy now playing their fixtures and upholding the good name of the Club, and please, all keep Saturday 4th June free to come along and cheer on our mixed-doubles team who will be playing a friendly match against Wolverton.

DON'T FORGET OUR RUMMAGE SALE THIS AFTERNOON (Sat. 28th MAY) at 2.30 p.m. AT THE VILLAGE HALL. BARGAINS FOR ALL.

To Members and Friends. Please bring your rummage to the Hall this morning.

V.P.

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N A P H I L L F O O T B A L L C L U B .

The Season 1965-66 was not, I am sorry to say, one of the Club's most successful. After having gone the best part of the Season looking doomed for relegation, the 1st Team did however stave off this ignominy with a spirited fight back in last few weeks which kept them in the 1st division for at least one more season. This comeback could well be due to two of our old stalwarts returning to the Club to-wards the end of the Season after a spell with Risborough Town F.C. namely, Jeremy Piercy and Bob Preece.

The Reserves once again had a very steady Season, finishing just above half-way in Division 4.

We look forward to next Season not only with the hope of better things to come, but also to the possibility of the erection of our own changing rooms with showers. This actually is a joint venture with the Cricket and Tennis Clubs. Plans and preparations of this undertaking are now well under way.

Next Season of course we hope to welcome back all our old players and also any Newcomers to the Village who are interested in playing football will be more than welcome.

Finally, our thanks to the Members of the Community who have added much needed vocal support to the Matches. Let's hear more of you next Season.

A. Lawrence.

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

The First team have had a very disappointing start this season, loosing their first three games to Marsh Gordons, Cadmore End and the West Indian S.C.

The Reserve team have had a better start, losing the first game to Prestwood, winning the second one against Holmer Green and on Saturday 21st May they drew with Winchmore Hill.

The Sunday Eleven have had two games, winning one and losing one.

FIXTURES FOR JUNE.

FIRST X1.

|           |                 |       |
|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| June 4th. | Lacey Green.    | Home. |
| " 11th.   | Hampden.        | Away. |
| " 18th.   | Booker.         | Home. |
| " 25th.   | Caribbean Club. | Away. |

SECOND X1.

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Lacey Green.  | Away. |
| Hampden       | Home. |
| Booker        | Away. |
| Tylers Green. | Home. |

SUNDAY MATCHES.

|          |                     |       |
|----------|---------------------|-------|
| June 5th | R.A.F.High Wycombe. | Home. |
| " 19th   | Maiden Erlegh.      | Away. |
| " 26th   | Age v Youth.        | Home. |

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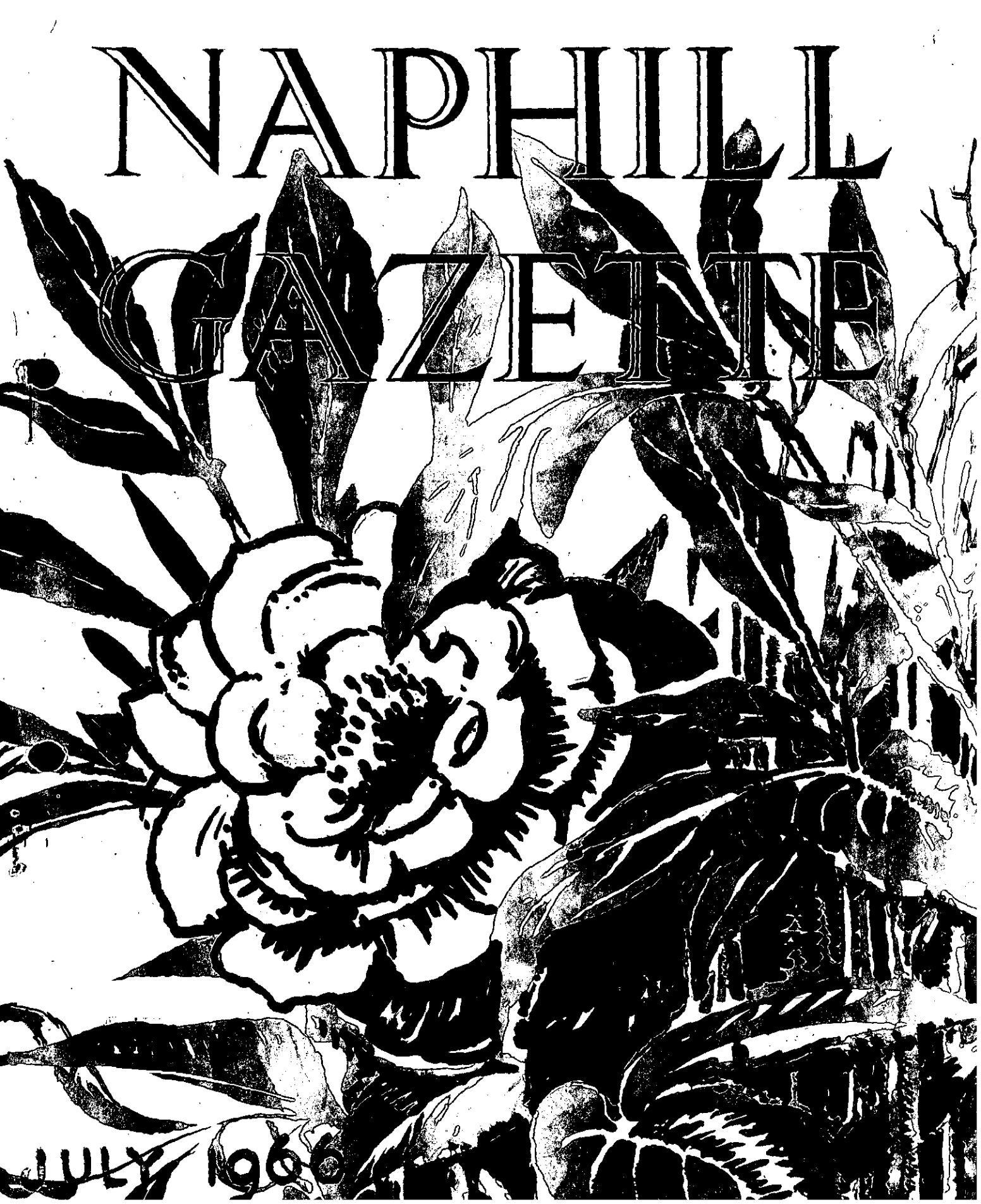
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| Mothercraft Class | Every Monday                            | 2.30 pm         |
| Drama             | Every Tuesday                           | 7.30 pm         |
| Dancing Classes   | Tuesday, 5th & 12th                     | 3.10 pm         |
| Infant Welfare    | Wednesday, 6th & 20th                   | 2.00 pm         |
| Youth Club        | Every Wednesday                         | 8.00 pm         |
| Bingo             | " Thursday                              | 8.00 pm         |
| Whist Drives      | Friday, 15th & 29th                     | 7.30 pm         |
| Library           | " , 1st, 15th & 29th                    | 6.30-800 pm(CR) |
| Young Neighbours  | Monday 11th                             | 7.30 pm         |
| Saturday 2nd July | W.I. Art Evening<br>(Meeting 2.30-4.30) | 7.30-9.30       |
| Monday 4th July   | COUNCIL MEETING                         | 8.00 pm         |
| Thursday 7th July | W.I. Meeting                            | 2.30 pm         |
| Friday 8th & 22nd | Over 60's                               | 2.30 pm         |
| Saturday 9th July | Horticultural Show                      | ALL DAY         |
| " 16th            | Private Party                           | 7.30-1200 pm    |
| Monday 18th       | The Mission House                       | 9. - 1230 pm    |
| Tuesday 19th      | " " "                                   | 9 - 1230 pm     |
| " 19th            | Conservative "Cheese & Wine             | 7.30-1030 pm    |
| Wednesday 20th    | Mission Hall                            | 9.00-1230 pm    |
| Thursday 21st     | " "                                     | 9.00-1230 pm    |
| Friday 22nd       | " "                                     | 7.00- 900 pm    |
|                   |                                         | 9.00-1200 pm    |
| Saturday 23rd     | Birthday Party                          | 6.00-1200 pm    |

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

The Council are grateful to Messrs. Lawrence for offering to clear the more inaccessible parts of the Hall. This will be done very soon.

The Bucks Branch of the National Playing Fields Association is holding its Annual Flag Week during the week commencing 26th Sept. The Village is much indebted to this body and Mr Rose will be pleased to receive names of those who would be willing to help for a few hours.

The new pavilion for the Football Club looks like going ahead very soon. Plans have been submitted to the Rural District Council.

Sympathy is felt for Mr Frank Gibbons who is rather under the weather. He is much missed at the Hall, and efforts are being made to find another Hall Keeper until he is fit again. The Council's best wishes for his rapid recovery are offered.

The Council are very pleased with the result of Mr Bert Jones' efforts with the gang mower. The field is looking in excellent shape.

AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 4TH JULY :

1. Result of Fete
2. Financial Statement

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

Preachers for July

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

July 3rd  
 10th  
 17th  
  
 24th  
 31st

Mr. M. Brittin  
 Mrs Neville  
 Mr. F. Howard  
  
 Mr. H. Lord  
 Mr. K. Lewis

Mr J. Hodgkinson, B.A.  
 Mr. H. Falconer  
 Sister Sylvia Darwent  
 (Holy Communion)  
 Miss Pemble  
 Mrs Ing

On Sunday afternoon, June 12th, a Musical Programme of high quality, given by pupils of Mr Harold Mead in the Church schoolroom, was greatly appreciated. Violin Solos were contributed by Mr. Norman Mead and a collection was taken for Missionary Funds.

AN APPRECIATION OF MRS ETHEL ANDERSON:

The Methodist Church at Naphill has suffered a sad loss by the death of their much respected and beloved organist and member, Mrs Ethel Maud Anderson. For many years she has served so ably and faithfully at our services and other functions and she will be greatly missed, both by our Church and by other organisations in the village, which she was always so ready to help in her capacity as accompanist. We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Mr. Anderson and other members of her family.

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We also regret to record the passing of two much loved older members of our church - Mrs Victor Shrimpton who was Naphill's oldest inhabitant - aged 98 years, and her sister, Mrs Sidney Piercy. The sisters died within two hours of each other. They both took a keen interest in all church and village activities, and we shall always remember their friendliness and generous hospitality.

M.G.B.

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

|                |                                          |         |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Holy Communion | July 3rd                                 | 9.15 am |
| Evensong       | July 17th                                | 3.30 pm |
| Sunday School  | 1st Sunday at<br>Hughenden Church        | 2.45 pm |
|                | 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th<br>Sundays at Naphill | 2.30 pm |

Hughenden Church Magazines have been distributed free of charge in various parts of the village for a number of years. The cost of producing them has now risen to 9d per copy, so the P.C.C. are having to think afresh about the policy of free distribution. We are sorry about this, but to make sure of your copy month by month why not contribute to the cost ?

W.W.

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

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| 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.

Members were pleasantly surprised at the June meeting, when Mr. Richard Rogers gave his talk on 'The Craft of the Silversmith'. It was one of the most humorous for a long time; while he displayed numerous articles which he had made, a copper plate, a spill holder, pendants which teenage girls love to wear to swing while they dance, copper bangles, rings etc., he told how an abezandrite stone changes colour from indigo blue when weather is dull to amethyst in the sun and ruby at night, interspersed with various witty jokes. Mrs Osborne gave a vote of thanks.

The competition for "My Oldest piece of Silver" was won by Mrs Nicholson with a minature Vinaigrette, second, Mrs Bull.

Mrs Piercy welcomed Mrs Sharland of Lacey Green, who gave her report of the A.G.M. at The Royal Albert Hall. She had been impressed with the glamorous hats, and the enthusiasm of Mrs Pike when singing Jerusalem. A welcome was also extended to Mrs Bryant who was staying in the village.

A letter was read from the Adopted Family.

The Raffle and Bring & Buy stall at the May meeting realised £6.2.1d in aid of the Finsbury Old Folks who came by invitation on June 14th and spent a very happy day in Mr & Mrs Gilson's house and garden; each guest was given a posy and new laid eggs on leaving, and each lady chose a hat and each gent a tie from the vast collection. Their comment on leaving was "The best day they had ever had".

An Art Exhibition and Coffee Evening will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday July 2nd at 7.30. Admission 2/6d (including refreshments). Proceeds in aid of Multiple Sclerosis.

Our next meeting on July 7th will be Members' Meeting. Tea hostesses: Mesdames Parslow, Pearce, Paton and Randall.

C.B.W.



### T H E   C L U M P S

This view of the Clumps on Naphill Common has now vanished and may never be seen again. The absence of grazing animals has turned the open common into a wood. Photograph by Lester Brown.

### T H E   S O U N D   O F   M U S I C

Long ago there must have been an ancestor of the Parslows who passed on a strain of musical ability to the present generation. First there was A.G. (Brusher) Parslow, who taught himself to play the cornet. In order to escape from family and friends he used to go out on Naphill Common and climb a tall tree, there to practice undisturbed. He followed this by learning to play other instruments, and then took up conducting, leading the old Naphill Brass Band in many a competition and concert. When he died a year or two ago, he was one of the best known conductors in Wycombe and District. Then there was his cousin Ethel (Mrs Stanley Anderson). The young Ethel scraped together a few coppers for piano lessons and soon outstripped her teacher. When Victor Shrimpton, listening to my late father's excellent bass, and the lovely voices of Ralph and Connie Ginger, decided to form a "glee party", they gave him Ethel's name as a pianist. His heart sank at the thought that there was only an untrained country girl to play for all the lovely things he had in mind, but soon he confessed to amazement at the way in which she mastered everything he asked of her. These were great days for Naphill's music lovers with such things as Hiawatha, and Handels Messiah, given in the Mission Hall. But Mr. Shrimpton died and the glee party folded up. But Ethel went on playing for a group of young people who called themselves the "Evergreens", and also coaxed a tune out of a wheezy old organ at the Chapel, until the grand day when she was able to break in the new one. Now Ethel has died and the manner of her death was hard indeed on those who were left, but yet had something appropriate about it. For she fell back from her stool while playing an anthem

at the Sunday School Anniversary, and never regained consciousness. It might almost be said that Ethel passed into the next world to the accompaniment of her own music.

I would also just mention that our principal village songstress Janet Tapping Judge, is also half a Parslow. And now I wonder when the next musical member will arise. Is he or she as yet unborn, or has the strain finally died out. Only time will tell.

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

On Monday June 13th the Young Neighbours Club was delighted to welcome an unusually large number of its members to the monthly meeting. The occasion was a magnificent Hairdressing Demonstration provided for us by Mr Wade of Jeans Hairdressing Salon, Amersham. Many of our members were invited to act as models for shampoos and set, 'a perm' and hair colouring. Mr Wade explained to us that hair acted as a frame to the face and that a good hairdresser would advise his customer on styles to suit individual features. He proceeded to tell us how hair was permed and the effects the various hairdressing procedures had on it. Gone, he said, were the days when customers felt cautious about having their hair dyed or tinted. In 1966 hair colouring had become an asset to beauty and fashion as had the wig and hair piece. Later, Mr Wade judged a "best kept hands" competition, which was won by Mrs Audrey Tucker.

Everyone enjoyed the evening enormously and Mrs Butler thanked Mr. Wade and his staff for coming and entertaining us so well.

Next month, July 11th, we are to have a talk on the New Wycombe Hospital. The competition is "The Biggest Button I could find".

C.D.H.

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

Before you go on your holidays there are a few jobs that will need attention in the garden. One is to have a real go at the weeds, because those little ones will be real big ones in no time during this growing weather. Another job is to mow the lawn and trim the edges really short. But if you are not going on holiday for another week or two there are other jobs which need to be done. Sow carrots for storing, round beet, lettuce and endive, spray potatoes with bordeaux or dithane against blight, harvest shallots, start to earth up leeks and celery. Divide and replant the bearded irises, that is those with the thick thong-like roots - not the bulbs, prick out wallflowers, sweet william, canterbury bells and other bi-ennials into a nursery bed. Sow pansies and violas and plant autumn crocus; take cuttings of pinks and sun roses and border carnations. Stake and tie chrysanthemums and dahlias regularly, and if you want some good long stems on your dahlia flowers, rub out all but one bud on each shoot and also a few of the side shoots.

Those grass cuttings are useful for mulching sweet peas, roses and other decorative bushes, also fruit trees and the runner beans. Sow Brompton stocks and border carnations to flower next year. Pick off dead flowers wherever seen; this will help to prolong the display.

Tomatoes and cucumbers in greenhouse or frame need regular watering, particularly the cucumbers - they are real boozers, and don't forget that azalea in the pot that you want to bloom at Christmas - it needs watering both at the roots and overhead. Those cyclamen laying on their sides in the odd corner of the shed and all dried up - shake them out of their pots and give them some new soil and start them into growth again.

Well we have wandered about a bit this time, but the various jobs don't take long, do they !

A.H.B.

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### NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER 60's CLUB

On June 10th a Garden Party at Moseley Lodge Farm had been planned, but when drizzling rain commenced in the morning the Committee sought advice and were told thunder storms threatened, so they decided to prepare tea in the Village Hall as usual, then the perverse English weather changed to brilliant sunshine.

Among the six guests we had invited from Hughenden was Mrs Dyer who entertained with two recitations, and after an early tea members were transported to the farm and enjoyed a treasure hunt and quiz in the fresh air and sunshine.

June 24th was members day.. An outing to Streatly is being arranged for August.

Our Club meets alternate Fridays at 2.30 p.m. and we welcome anyone over sixty years old to join us.

C.B.W.

Members and Committee of the 'Over 60' Club would like to offer sincere sympathies to the families of both Mrs Caroline Shrimpton and Mrs Lillah Piercy who died on Tuesday June 21st.

Mrs Shrimpton was a regular member until a few years ago and Mrs Piercy a very keen member till her recent ill-health prevented her from attending the Friday meetings and she will be sadly missed.

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### A CAREER FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

The motor trade today is one of the few industries offering an interesting and rewarding career to the young man leaving school. There is an ever increasing demand for skilled mechanics and persons for managerial positions; in fact modern trends show that a career in the Retail Motor Trade can provide security for the future.

If you have a son leaving school this year who thinks he would like to take up this career, please call in or send your son along to see Mr. N.J. Russel (Russel's Motor Service) for a free booklet "A Career in the Retail Motor Trade".

THAT WAS THE FETE THAT WAS -----

It's over, but we won't let it go without a brief word of congratulations, commiseration and thanks.

Congratulations to Miss Cooper and her Committee on the splendid organisation this year. I spoke to no one who was not impressed with the lay-out and the programme planned.

Commiseration to the same people, that it rained and that their splendid programme could not be carried out.

Thanks ! Well, one could fill the Gazette if one were to mention every individual who had devoted time and energy, or given of his generosity towards this gala day. A huge thank you then to those who gave and those who carried out orders; to the band that played, to the performers who performed and those who could not on account of the weather; to the women who baked and made sandwiches and to those who served at tea-time; to the Mums who made fancy dresses and those who decorated floats; to those who turned out to support on not the brightest of days.

I have just one special thank-you, to Mr Jack de Manio, who came more or less straight from work to open our fete. He opened it in his usual easy, affable manner, toured the stalls and spent liberally, and then helped to swell the funds by signing autographs.

I write this on the Sunday, so it is too early to know what the takings might be. We cannot hope for a record because of the weather but at the gay Chat-an-Eat party last evening, committee members seemed optimistic of a reasonable sum. Details will be published next month. WELL DONE ALL.

FOR YOUR NOTICE

UNCLAIMED: W.I. Raffle Prize. Will the holder of PINK TICKET NO. 230 call at Moseley Lodge Farm where 3 bottles of wine await him. The GIANT PANDA was won by the holder of YELLOW TICKET No. 54.

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PRIZE WINNERS IN GRAND DRAW

|            |          |                                                  |
|------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1st Prize  | No. 2027 | B. Dent, 60 Greenwoods, Walters Ash              |
| 2nd Prize  | No. 3185 | P.J. Didcock, 19 Moseley Road, Naphill           |
| 3rd Prize  | No. 3455 | Mrs J.M. Wells, Oak Cottage, Christopher Close   |
| 4th Prize  | No. 267  | T. Sanders                                       |
| 5th Prize  | No. 1993 | Mrs Carter, 302 Hughenden Road, High Wycombe     |
| 6th Prize  | No. 3132 | Susan Can, The Farmhouse, North Dean             |
| 7th Prize  | No. 4472 | N.J. Harper. 23 Ash Close, Walters Ash           |
| 8th Prize  | No. 2347 | Mrs W. Oakford, Redlands End.                    |
| 9th Prize  | No. 2613 | Mrs. H. Braisher, 3 Louches Lane, Naphill        |
| 10th Prize | No. 4897 | Mrs. G.M. Russell, Holmlea, Cryers Hill Rd. H.W. |
| 11th Prize | No. 3506 | Miss J. Denning, Park View, Walters Ash.         |
| 12th Prize | No. 5013 | W.H. Pearson, Chapel Lane, Naphill               |
| 13th Prize | No. 2660 | R. Butler, The Band                              |
| 14th Prize | No. 3418 | G. Smith, 164 West Wycombe Road, High Wycombe    |
| 15th Prize | No. 103  | Mrs. G. Shrimpton, Santona, Warrendene Road.     |
| 16th Prize | No. 3014 | V.F. Potter, 145 Templewood, Walters Ash.        |
| 17th Prize | No. 3312 | M. Watson, Naphill                               |
| 18th Prize | No. 5227 | Mr. D. Bedford, Beechwood, Bryants Bottom        |
| 19th Prize | No. 4365 | Mr. Boyce, Horsleys Green School.                |





ROYAL VISIT TO HQ BOMBER COMMAND

Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Gloucester visited RAF High Wycombe on Tuesday, 24th May, 1966, arriving and leaving by a helicopter of the Queen's Flight.

Her visit, which she made as Air Chief Commandant of the W.R.A.F., was for the express purpose of seeing and talking with the girls who work side-by-side with the men of the Royal Air Force.

Met by the Air Officer Commanding in Chief, Bomber Command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle and the Station Commander, Wing Commander W.J. Randall, Her Royal Highness saw almost everything which goes to support the operational efforts of Headquarters, Bomber Command. Her tour included visits to the Education Section, where she saw and used ABALOT ONE, a new teaching method pioneered and developed by the unit education staff, on to the newly completed station church of St Mark, and ending her busy day with a visit to the operations centre, justly famous for the part it played in mounting the '1000 Bomber Raids' over Germany during World War Two.

ART FOR ENJOYMENT'S SAKE  
NAPHILL W.I. COFFEE EVENING AND EXHIBITION

"I only know of two great painters in the world", said a young lady to Whistler, "Yourself and Velasquez". "But", replied Whistler, "Why drag in Velasquez ? ". In striking contrast the ladies and gentlemen of the Naphill W.I. Painting Group rarely sign their paintings.

The forthcoming exhibition is again disguised as a Coffee Evening but those who attended the first and crowded exhibition last year will want to be there to see the sixty or so new paintings to be shown in the Village Hall on Saturday July 2nd at 7.30-9.30 pm.

There would seem to be increasing appreciation for the unique work of art and of the more lasting satisfaction which a painting can give as compared with a printed reproduction. More people are experiencing the thrill which comes in the choice of possession of that once-for-all creative quality which can never be adequately copied. Naphill connoisseurs are offered an enjoyable and convenient opportunity of exercising individual discrimination and appreciation. Necomers may well be surprised at the vivacity, variety and accomplishment revealed.

The subjects are more varied than last year and consist of interiors, portraits and landscapes of the Thames near Marlow.

There will be a high standard of hospitality characteristic of Naphill W.I. and refreshments are free. Tickets of admission, 2/6d, may be obtained in advance or at the door. For good measure the proceeds will be given to advance the Campaign for the relief of Multiple Sclerosis.

The day July 2nd.      The Time 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.      The Place:  
Naphill Village Hall

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

Saturday July 9th is the date of our 21st annual early summer show and once again we are hoping for the support of our members and friends.

There are many ways in which all of you can help, which added together makes for success by perhaps putting something in the Show such as one rose, a delphinium or any of the other flowers, fruits, vegetables and cakes listed in the schedule.

Perhaps your garden produce is not quite up to show standard; then as we mentioned last month there will be a Gift Stall, and if you tried hard you might find a bunch of flowers or some vegetables or even bake a cake to put on this stall.

Alright, your garden is a wash-out, and you can't cook; have a look in the store cupboard for a bottle of something, whether it's wine or ketchup, a jar of jam, or something in a tin. The goods on

this stall will be offered for sale during the Show, so if you are unable to put something on the stall perhaps you might buy something off it. If you only visit the Show, Admission 1/-, we shall be pleased to see you, and if you have a go in the Raffle we hope you win a prize, and should you be able to stay for the Auction at 5.30 there will be plenty of bargains.

If you have something for the Gift Stall that is too bulky or inconvenient for you to manage, then please contact Mr. Bert Wooster, "Silvertiles", Burdett Close, Walters Ash, by giving him a ring - telephone number Naphill 2294 - he will willingly collect from anyone in the Naphill - Walters Ash area. Once more - the date is Saturday July 9th, open from 2.30 till 5.30. Hope to see you.

A.H.B.

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-----O R A N A P H I L L U R B A N  
G A R D E N

Reading the lament under the heading of "A Naphill Country Garden" in last month's Gazette, one is apt to say "how true" and pass on to something else. However, it is well worth reading again and giving it some thought. Often I wish folks would send comments or sequels to my own stories to our Editor for publication, so I trust the anonymous autherwill not mind my penning the thoughts he has provoked.

The reason that it is worth thinking about is that just a little of the remedy against noise lies with most of us. If each is more considerate then each will have a little benefit. By and large however, I do not think that most of the worst noise we endure is of village origin. The internal (or infernal) combustion engine is the main culprit. Firstly because of its own inherent noise as it performs its functions. Secondly, because it means that people can travel faster and therefore further, thus meaning that no villages are now the remote havens of peace they once were. It is permissible to suggest that we are in fact no longer a true village but a suburb of Wycombe. Indeed, there are times when in the pitiless yet pitiful eight o'clock scramble along the Valley I think we are a suburb of London. Our Main Road is now named in a truly urban sense.

Having decided that engines are the main source of our noise I will now try to be loyal to the village by suggesting that most of it is not of local origin. Jet planes? ---not ours. The bulk of the traffic? ---journeying through and again not ours. That 60 m.p.h. suicidal stampede in the small hours of the morning? this means there has been "something on" at the Camp, and is the Camp really a part of our village?

I have every sympathy for the writer of the verses that set me off on this train of thought, but the peace we remember in nostalgic moments is gone forever here-a-bouts. The quietest few hours of the whole year during daylight now left to us are in the afternoon of Christmas Day. We have got to learn to live with the motor car and I confess there are moments when I hate them all - except my own !! More consideration on the part of

us drivers is the only hope of relief from noise, but even then the result would be negligible. Does your neighbour believe you have sixteen doors on your car, each to be slammed separately ?

R. Bull

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## T E N N I S C L U B

First of all, the Tennis Club would like to thank all those people who helped to make our Rummage Sale such a great success.

The Men's Shield team are still putting up a good show against their opponents and the Club's own tournament is now getting under way. Don't forget that all finals will be played during weekend 16/17th July.

The Monday evening coaching sessions are progressing so well that both courts are always filled, both with the younger members and also some new members wishing to "brush up" on their tennis.

V.P.

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Two sisters, charming and for all their years lively and interested in the people and activities of the Village, died within an hour or so of each other on the morning of June 21st.

Mrs Caroline Shrimpton and Mrs Lilla Piercy had throughout their long lives been well loved and respected, and the sadness of their going was shared by the whole village.

Mrs Piercy was the mother of our Editor and the Gazette offers sincere sympathy to him and his family.

Our sympathy goes too to Mr. Alan Shrimpton and his family.

A.L.

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK. We sincerely thank all the collectors for the many hours they gave in distributing and collecting throughout Naphill and Walters Ash.

This combined effort by the Methodist Chapel and Naphill Church amounted to £52.18.9d.

Our thanks too are due to all those who gave so generously and made this splendid result possible.

C.B.White  
E.G.Wood

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Mr S Anderson, Arnold and Betty would like to thank all friends for their kind messages; also the lovely flowers. Special thanks to all who helped during our sad bereavement.

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# NAPHILL GAZETTE



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August 1 VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL MEETING 8.00 p.m.  
 25 W.I. Committee 2.30 p.m.

|                |                         |                |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Mothercraft    | Every Monday (not 29th) | 2.30 p.m.      |
| Drama          | " Tuesday               | 7.30 p.m.      |
| Dancing Class  | " "                     | 3.30 p.m.      |
| Infant Welfare | Weds 3rd and 17th       | 2.00 p.m.      |
| Youth Club     | Every Weds              | 8.00 p.m.      |
| Bingo          | " Thurs                 | 8.00 p.m.      |
| Whist Drive    | Friday 12th and 26th    | 7.30 p.m.      |
| Library        | Friday 12th and 26th    | 6.30-8.00 C.R. |
| Over 60 Club   | Friday 5th and 19th     | 2.30           |

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

Meeting of 4th July: The Council were glad that Mr. Kent had kindly cut the outfield. The hedges all round the field have become very overgrown and the Hon Sec was pleased to report that they would be cut at the end of the month.

The Council heard with regret that Mr. Frank Gibbons is still under the weather and all wish him a speedy recovery.

All consents have now been received for the new football pavilion, so the day should not be too far off before we see the Club with a home worthy of them.

Despite the bad weather it looks as if we shall have made a profit from the Fete of about £150. Owing to Mr. Gibbon's illness and heavier expenses for upkeep of both the Hall and Field the Council is continually faced with having to increase income and the inclement weather on Fete Day did really give us a blow.

A firm from High Wycombe is cleaning the Hall weekly, but if any local person is willing to take on this job, the Hon Sec would be pleased to hear from them.

Advertisement: Wanted - Man for polishing and woman for cleaning the Village Hall.  
 Apply R.C. Rose, Blacksmiths.

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

| <u>Preachers for August</u> | <u>11 a.m.</u>                            | <u>6.15 p.m.</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------|
| August 7th                  | Mrs Nash                                  | Mr. E.M. Andrews |
| 14th                        | Mr. E.C. Pullen                           | Miss R. Clark    |
| 21st                        | Sister Sylvia Darwent<br>(Family Service) | Mr. B.Sutcliffe  |
| 28th                        | Mrs A.Cooper                              | Mr. F.G. Horne   |

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of another dear friend, Mrs Green. Her friendliness and help for others will always be remembered, and we wish to express our sincere sympathy to her husband and other members of the family.

M.G.B.

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

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| Holy Communion | August 7th  | 9.15 a.m. |
| Evensong       | August 21st | 3.30 p.m. |

Being a holiday month, some of our activities take a rest also. The Wednesday night discussion group will not meet during August but will reopen in September on a date to be announced.

The Sunday School will also be closed during August and will reopen in September on a date to coincide with the return of the day schools.

Once again, may we ask you to turn out your wardrobes and the loft and give us those treasures you have been hoarding and do not really want. Please let one of the following committee members know if you have anything at all that we can sell at our Autumn Rummage Sale. Mesdames J. Balls, M. Carter, J. Goodman, J. Hopkins, J. Simmonds, M. Smith, M. Straffon, M. Eager, H. Parslow, E. Wood.

RUMMAGE SALE - NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL - SEPT 3RD - 2.30 P.M.  
PLEASE HELP AND PLEASE COME.

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

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

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We regret the rather small edition this month and the slashing of articles, which has been necessary owing to staff holidays.

Ed

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

Sir,

May I ask for a little publicity for the Wellesbourne Evening Institute. Classes begin on 19th September. Enrolment at Wellesbourne school 12th - 14th Sept (inclusive) 7 - 9 p.m. Subjects include G.C.E. O level courses in English, Maths and Technical Drawing; French and German Conversation, Drama, Keep Fit, Fencing, Dressmaking, Flower

Arrangement, Cookery, Art & Crafts and Badminton. We also run the Ladies Keep Fit classes at Naphill School, Weds at 7.30 and Art classes at Naphill Village Hall on Thurs at 7.30. Prospectuses will be available in local shops and at the school.

Yours sincerely, David C. Church.

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Dear Sir,

I read with interest the article "Softly Softly" in the Naphill Gazette of June 1966 and would like some further information on "Chiltern House".

I work for the new owners of "Chiltern House", the Timber Research and Development Association (T.R.A.D.A) and they have asked me, as I live in the village, to compile a history of the place; I would be grateful for any help that you or any of your readers can give on the History or more personal stories attached to the house.

In return I would suggest that a short history of T.R.A.D.A. and a description of its work might be submitted to you for publication within the next couple of months; if you think this will be of interest to your readers.

Yours faithfully, N.S. Herbert-Smith

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#### NAPHILL W.I. PAINTING GROUP EXHIBITION

In the Village Hall the impression was that of a small West End Gallery with the paintings spaced on well-lighted screens and flower arrangements placed so as not to compete with the pictures. Last year's members' work was inspired by a care-free spirit of adventure. This year showed, in the majority of cases, a more serious academic approach. With a group of students painting the same model and with the Billiard Room as studio, the problems of lighting and space are considerable. If in a few cases perspiration had tended to check inspiration the progress made was nevertheless notable.

Prominent amongst the group subjects were a number of portrait studies of Mrs Knox. They afforded interesting comparisons of treatment and arrangement and many overcame the difficulties of representing the various textures of skin, hair and costume. The paintings of Anne Bull, with adroit composition, and of Muriel Piercy, were excellent in their modelling of the features, colour and texture. Amongst the several other studies were those by Joyce Fountain and Ken Stewart: the latter with some lack of colour variety.

A pair of boots provided a subject which would have delighted Van Gogh. Said to be the property of the Editor of the Gazette (who presumably carried on in carpet slippers while lending them as models), these boots had obviously covered miles over fields in rain or shine and in cow-sheds. They had an antique quality acquired in long and worthy service. Built of imperishable leather they had an individuality all their own. The W.I.

painters had appreciated them as a sort of monument to agriculture and the countryside. Amongst the painters of this subject who had made the most of this opportunity were F.S. Clements, Muriel Piercy, both with assured handling and delightful colour and lighting, Dorothy Butler, with rich impasto, Margaret Strange and Rita Barnes.

The weather had been particularly difficult for out-door sketching. Even without rain the clouds can vary the lighting in an infuriating way. In such conditions the more courageous the painter and the more confidence in what the eye sees, rather than in what the mind knows, the better the result.

Amongst the views of Bisham Church from across the river at Marlow those of Agnes Gilson and Rita Barnes had good broad treatment. In certain cases the large white notice-board in front of the church appears as a white patch of paint straight from the tube and somewhat out of key. This is mentioned as an example of the painter's dilemma. A white-painted object cannot be so light in tone as a white cloud in the same picture and the tone relationship must be preserved. The Impressionists were good at this! Agnes Gilson also showed an attractive painting of trees, vaguely reminiscent of Corot and a small study of daffodils.

Ann Bull's painting of trees and of Bisham Church were distinguished by an effect of space and fresh air which results from true relationship of tones, and her small wood or lino ? cut had fine line consistency and showed a strong sense of design. Besides a painting of Bisham Church, Dorothy Butler had a study of lilies of the valley with good paint quality. Muriel Piercy's panoramic view of Bradenham was attractive and interesting though the wide view brings its own problems of composition. Margaret Strange showed admirably broad treatment in a painting of landscape with trees. Rita Probert showed a still-life with interesting pattern values. In a figure study where the colour and pattern values predominated Joyce Fountain seized, with notably direct brush work, the fleeting expression of the face, wine bottles and glasses sparkled on a green table cover in the painting by F.S. Clements of unusual composition on a rather long and narrow canvas, and D. Gosling achieved consistent treatment in a still life with an original colour sense: holding the interest of the viewer without realistic detail.

A subject which would have interested Dutch painters of the 17th Century was a juicy joint of beef with a chicken which was the principal work of Denis Syred. This showed skill in the handling of the different textures and the drawing and details of the chicken's head were particularly noted. Rita Barnes also painted a worthy study of the same subject, interesting in colour and treatment: though the texture did, perhaps, suggest the advisability of slow cooking !

A screen devoted to drawings was distinguished, amongst others by D. Butler's accomplished line drawing of a boy seated at a table and by Harold Tweedale's assured presentation of a bridge.

It should be added that the above comments are based upon an all-too-hurried review before the show opened and from brief and almost unreadable notes. The intention is to offer to Gazette readers, in as much space as the Editor allows, a general but by no means comprehensive impression of the work in a very successful exhibition.

## BOMBER GIRLS TO DO THE NIJMEGEN MARCHES

Members of the WRAF, from stations all over Britain, assembled at RAF Odiham during a recent weekend to take part in Elimination trials for Holland's Nijmegen Marches.

The trials were tough and matched the real thing, for in this, the 50th of the Nijmegen Marches, the WRAF were determined that all who went had a better than average chance of completing the event.

For three days the trialists tramped 25 miles a day, tumbling into bed footsore and weary only to rise in a few hours to do another 25 miles.

15 girls emerged at the end of the third day who had completed 78 miles in less than 33 hours. Of these, 7 girls were from Bomber Command, 4 of whom came from High Wycombe.

The tenacious 15 go to Nijmegen by air on 24th July as the official WRAF (UK) team and over the period 26th to 29th July 1966 will march 100 miles (25 miles a day in less than 11 hours) to match their toughness against the best in Europe. The High Wycombe girls are: Flying Officer (W) Sheelagh Duly, SACW Margaret Dowling, SACW Christine Hunter and SACW Susan Spencer.

The rules of the competition are simple - contestants, who go as a team of between 10 and 15, must finish as a team each day, having completed 25 miles in under 11 hours, and this they must do for 4 days making 100 miles in all.

The origin of the marches is obscure, but it is known that the villages of that area of Holland pride themselves on their ability to march long distances and have been proving it for years. Nijmegen, as the centre of the area, started the present series of marches in 1909 and their popularity has grown until now it is an international affair. How well the High Wycombe girls do will be known at the end of this month, but whatever the result they have proved tough enough to represent their service and this in itself is a compliment to their ability.

Flt Lt E. Longhurst, RAF

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

It was rather unfortunate that the date of our Show clashed with that of the Broom-Wade Horticultural Society. No doubt this sort of thing adversely affects both shows, creating divided loyalties among exhibitors and visitors alike, and we sincerely hope this sort of situation will be avoided in future.

Although exhibits were fewer, this was partly made up for by the magnificent non-competitive display of fuchsias put up by the Kimble Fuchsia Nurseries.

The Floral Art classes were again well supported as was the Rose section, but without those two well known exhibitors R.G. Parsons and Don Picton, the Sweet Pea section was a little thin. One cannot leave out of this show a report on the successful efforts of Messrs A.S.A. Wooster and A.H. Kittell with the Gift Stall which brought in the very useful sum of £10.0.0, and they are quite confident that again, with your help, this sum will be exceeded at our next Show on Saturday September 9th, and don't forget that at this

Show we shall have reached our 21st birthday, and we are hoping that you will help to make it a memorable one.

If any of you have any gladioli showing colour by the time you read this, with good straight stems, with plenty of buds forming and finishing with a good point, let the Secretary know, they may help us to win that cup at Hastings on Wednesday August 3rd.

At our July show a rather well grown pot of tradescantia was left in the hall kitchen - will the owner please collect from "Braeside" as it is still safe and in good condition.

A.H.B.

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## THE YOUNG NEIGHBOURS CLUB

On Monday July 11th we had a most unusual talk by Mr. Holroyd, Secretary of the High Wycombe Hospital. We had invited him to tell us something of the new hospital that is being built in our midst, which together with Amersham Hospital, will serve the surrounding area. By the end of the evening a good many of us were ready to rush down to the new High Wycombe hospital, as patients, if need be, to experience many of the space age inventions that are incorporated in its design. One of these is a sort of "Assembly Line" which places in front of the unsuspecting patient a neatly laid tray with the appropriate menu, which has hardly been touched by the human hand, from the kitchen to the ward.

There will be no meeting during August as many people will be on holiday. However, we are having a Coffee Morning on Wednesday August 10th at "The Retreat", Pursells Meadow, 10.30-12 noon, tickets 1/-. There will be a "Bring and Buy" Stall, and anyone is welcome to while away an hour or so with us.

C.D.H.

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## HIGH WYCOMBE AREA DOG RESCUE & WELFARE SOCIETY

Since the founding of our Society in March 1963, the necessity of finding "Hard Cash" to carry on our good work is ever a major problem. To date more than 600 dogs have been saved from destruction and placed in good homes.

One of the Societies main source of revenue is from a "Dog Rescue" stall in Wycombe market, every Friday from 1 - 4 p.m. The site of this stall is under the quaint 'Old Market House', perched on arches, built and designed in 18th century, by the famous Adam Bros. This stall is run by one or two ladies who undertake this work voluntarily, selling various articles presented by well wishers. Do come along and see us at the stall and have a chat about our doggie problems.

You can of course join our Society at a minimum annual subscription of only 5/- (Marlow 3840) - To help our funds, or, would you be willing to help in a more practical way, such as:

- (1) Helping personally, running and working the stall,
- (2) Organising Jumble Sales, and other ways of finding cash.
- (3) Some of you may be kind enough to help with transport, a problem which is acute. This entails collection of dogs from Wycombe Police, after rescue, and taking them to boarding kennels or homes.

- (4) Finding homes, for rescued dogs, always on hand.
- (5) Willing to undertake a voluntary telephone enquiry 'Roster', to answer queries re dogs generally (weekends).
- (6) Undertake some clerical work in connection with day to day routine of our Society.

The strain on the few active members is too great, please help now, so that we can continue - Remember, no dog ever refused help.

Don't forget to see us at MARLOW DOG SHOW. For the British Legion - 2.30 pm - 6 pm, at Higgins Park, August Bank Holiday, 29th. WYCOMBE SHOW, on THE RYE, September. "PRINCE" will be at both Shows.

The sum of £3. 6. 3d was donated by friends at Naphill Fete. Thank you all for your generosity and your interest in PRINCE.

Donations or Subscriptions may be sent to either:-  
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Miss M. Brocklesby (Hon Treas.), 170, Little Marlow Rd., Marlow.  
High Wycombe 21693 - Marlow 3840.

Mr. E. Pym, Fernlands, Chapel Lane, Naphill

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#### G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

The forecasters warned us that July would be a cool wet month and that seems the way things went, with the result of twisted and broken flower stems, spoilt blooms and other wind damages one usually experiences with this type of weather. However, the root crops seem to be enjoying this kind of weather.

It is time to think of geraniums, border carnations, aubretia and other cuttings, and to do something about it. Using a sharp knife, take off some good healthy shoots and trim off most of the leaves to prevent too rapid transpiration of moisture, then cut cleanly across the stem just below a leaf joint, leaving a cutting of some two or three inches according to type. Now get two flower pots, one larger than the other, in the larger pot put drainage crocks and soil sufficient to bring the smaller pot in line with the top of the larger one. Now fill the space between the two pots with a sandy soil mixture, place your cuttings in this, leaving the small inner pot for watering. Place these in a cold frame, greenhouse or on a window ledge and shade from too much direct sunlight, and don't blame me if you haven't got some well rooted cuttings in four or five weeks time.

This is the time of year when many of you get anxious about the tomatoes in the greenhouse because they are not ripening fast enough, and start slashing at the leaves to let the sun get at the fruit. This is a great mistake because it prevents the fruit from swelling, resulting in a smaller crop, and does no real good at all. If the plants have an excess of leaves, taking one off here and there does no harm and in fact helps to allow a free flow of air around the plants, thus avoiding mildew, and of course any leaves below the trusses of fruit already taken can be removed without harm. What the plants need is potash wood or bonfire ash is good and safe, but sulphate of potash sprinkled around the



plants, away from the stems, and well watered in will do the trick.  
Don't forget that for bulbs to be in flower at Christmas, it's time to get them ordered.

A.H.B.

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## B R I T I S H W I N E S

The Romans brought the cultivation of the wine to Britain as they did to most of Europe, and in mediaeval times most vineyards were attached to the monasteries. When Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries in 1536 and founded the Church of England, the vineyards were neglected and wine ceased to be made in England.

There have been sporadic attempts to revive the cultivation of wine-producing grapes in this country. In recent years wine has been made in Hampshire and there has been an attempt to revive the Welsh vineyards planted by the Marquis of Bute at the end of the last century.

These natural wines grown by enthusiasts should not be confused with the British wine which is sold commercially today in very large quantities. This is made from imported dehydrated grapes must which pays no import duty. Water is added and, by use of cultivated yeast, fermentation takes place in This country. Duty is then levied at a lower rate than that paid on imported wines. British wine is consequently made by delayed fermentation rather than by fermentation in its country of origin, and it therefore does not conform to the internationally accepted definitions of wine,

Also outside this definition are the many fruit and vegetable wines made in Britain, such as elderberry and dandelion, no doubt many readers have tasted these fruit wines and found them excellent and very, very heady. British wine made from the grape is usually sold under the brand name of the manufacturer or merchant and most of it is of the fortified port and sherry types. Although this is not the best way to make wine, British products made by reputable firms are perfectly palatable and have served as an introduction to the fascinating world of wine drinking for many people at modest cost.

W.J. Barrett

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Wilfred and Alan Shrimpton would like to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy in their recent bereavement, and the kindnesses shown to their mother during her lifetime.

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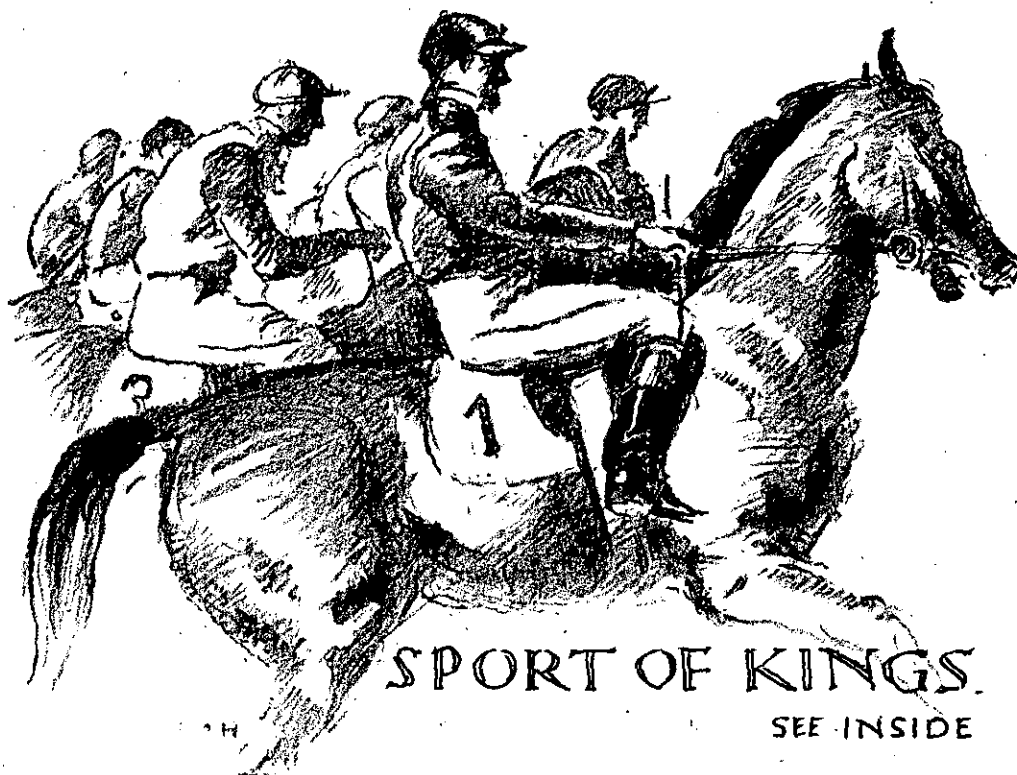
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| Council Meeting    | Monday 5th             | 8.00 pm         |
| W.I. Committee     | Thursday, 1st and 29th | 2.30 pm         |
| Bingo              | Every Thursday         | 8.00 pm         |
| Over 60 Club       | Friday 2nd and 30th    | 2.30 pm         |
| Jumble Sale        |                        |                 |
| Naphill Church     | Saturday 3rd           | 10 am - 4.00 pm |
| Mothercraft        | Every Monday           | 2.30 pm         |
| Drama              | Every Tuesday          | 7.30 pm         |
| Infant Welfare     | Weds 7th and 21st      | 2.00 pm         |
| Youth Club         | Every Wednesday        | 8.00 pm         |
| Library            | Friday 9th and 23rd    | 6.30 - 8.00 CR  |
| Horticultural Show | Saturday 10th          | All Day         |
| Young Neighbours   | Monday 12th            | 7.30 pm         |
| Wedding Reception  | Saturday 17th          | 8 am - 7 pm     |
| Dancing Class      | Tuesday 20th and 27th  | 3.30 - 5.30     |
| Whist Drive        | Friday 23rd            | 7.30 pm         |
| Scouts Jumble Sale | Saturday 24th          | 10.30 - 4.30    |

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#### THE TIDY AND CLEAN VILLAGE HALL

One afternoon early in August a gentleman (who shall be nameless) took me on a tour of the Village Hall to draw my attention to the amount of "junk" that was lying around everywhere. I think, perhaps, we all know, but have not wanted to see, the very untidy state, behind the scenes, in our very pleasant hall. Having had my eyes opened wide, I wondered what could be done about it but I did not have to wonder for long. With a little planning regarding cricketers' teas (they ate in the kitchen) and a few 'phone calls enlisting some willing helpers, a team worked very hard all the weekend. The result was an enormous bonfire, a lot of dust and several wives and mothers washing a few very dirty shirts etc. and a beautifully junk free tidy hall, billiard room, committee room and loft - the latter now providing a much needed working place for making scenery and fete and bazaar equipment etc.

To complete the picture, a noble party of "chars" have scrubbed all but the Hall floor and an inspection this evening showed what a grand job had been done.

We are most grateful to ALL (and I know they would wish to remain nameless) who helped to give our hall a New Look - everybody who uses it will benefit by having the joy of using rooms that are not junk laden and therefore full of dust. I understand that a team are going to paint some of the interior walls and this will really make the place look good. A very big THANK-YOU from me, the Council and the users of the hall for all this wonderful hard work.

May I now appeal to EVERYONE to see that the Hall is kept clean and tidy. If all users will clear up after each function it need never get into such a mess again. Remember that if each organisation

leaves just one piece of "junk" behind, very soon there will be hundreds of pieces of junk. Please, please be tidy. Don't leave any rubbish behind you when you leave. Don't destroy the marvellous job that has been done.

We are grateful to Mrs Timberlake for taking on the job of cleaning the village hall while Mr. Gibbons is not able to do it. She, I know, will appreciate the efforts of those who have set her off to a good start and your co-operation in the future.

KEYS. The loft will now be locked and a notice will appear on the Notice Board in the hall telling you who has the keys to this and also to the pantehnicon and the cupboard in the corner of the billiard room. These keys will not be on the main bunch any more.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** The broad plans for a Bazaar and Childrens entertainment have now been laid and this will take place on Saturday, December 3rd. Father Christmas has been written to and should be with us on that day to give presents to the children. Keep this Saturday afternoon free and watch the Gazette for more details. There will also be a 'do' arranged for the evening.

**AN AFTERTHOUGHT:** Before the Fete I appealed in the Gazette for helpers for side-shows etc. and also for any new ideas. I had ONE telephone call from a willing newcomer to the village. When I thanked her and told her she was the only person who telephoned me offering help, she said "I nearly didn't 'phone, I thought you would have dozens of 'phone calls". Could this be the reason why YOU didn't offer ?

It would be interesting next year to disprove the old saying "Too many cooks spoil the broth". Fete broth needs a lot of stirring anyway.

E. Cooper

**AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING:**

1. Christmas Bazaar
2. Armistice Service
3. Car Park
4. Finance

At the Village Hall last month there were:

1. 2 windows broken
2. 2 slats on the roundabout broken
3. A mass of litter round the swings
4. Climbing on the roof

Please tell your children that all the damage has to be paid for by the people who are doing all they can to please them.

R.C.R.

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

Preachers for September

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

|            |                                           |                       |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4th        | Mr. D.S. Howard                           | Mr. P. Springell      |
| 11th       | Mr. F. Slade                              | Sister Sylvia Darwent |
| 18th       | Sister Sylvia Darwent<br>(Holy Communion) | Mr. F. Deane          |
| 25th       | Harvest Festival Services                 |                       |
|            | <u>11 a.m.</u>                            | <u>2.45 p.m.</u>      |
| Mr. Daykin | Childrens Gift Service                    | Sister Sylvia Darwent |
|            |                                           | <u>6.15 p.m.</u>      |

On Monday September 26th at 7.30 p.m. a Harvest Supper will be held, followed by a Sale of Gifts.

A Rummage Sale will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday September 17th at 2.30 p.m.

M.G.B.

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

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| Holy Communion              | Sept 4th               | 9.15 a.m. |
| Evensong (Harvest Festival) | Sept 18th              | 3.30 p.m. |
| Sunday School               | Sept 11th, 18th & 25th | 2.30 p.m. |

We extend, as in past years, a warm invitation to members of the Methodist Church to attend our Harvest Evensong.

The Sunday School re-opens this month on 11th; the discussion group will be re-opening on Thursday 15th. We trust that this will be even more successful than the last session.

NOTE: RUMMAGE SALE on September 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

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

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

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RAF Bomber Command have been holding a painting competition for local schools in connection with Battle of Britain Day. We are pleased to note that among the winners is Phillip Knight of Naphill School. The six winners will be entertained to tea at the RAF and taken to see the flying display at Finningley airfield, near Doncaster. The competition judges particularly praised Naphill and Booker Hill schools for the way their pupils work was exhibited.

Ed.

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

Well we didn't quite win the Battle of Hastings, or to be more precise, the British Gladiolus Societys affiliated Societies Cup, but we did the next best thing and came in Second. Just a couple of little better spikes would have made all the difference; however, congratulations to Arthur Gould and helpers for getting so near. The only other local Society competing was Wycombe Horticultural and they failed to get a place, so, well done Naphill.

The Royal National Rose Society would like to know how many members of our Society are also members of that body, so if you belong please let our Secretary know so that he can supply this information as soon as possible.

We regret to inform our members that Messrs Jones & Rivett are unable to continue the arrangement with our Society whereby members have been able to obtain discbunt on purchases from that company, owing to increasing overhead charges. We thank them for past services and hope that members will continue to support this local company.

Saturday, September 10th is the date of our next Show, and will be the 50th organised by the Society during its 21 years. Many of our members have loyally supported us for all that time and it is worth recording that Dr Eric Bayley has served as a very worthy President for the whole of that time, as has A.H. Busby as Secretary; three others also belong to the 21 Club, Mr. J. Batts and Mr. R.R. Ginger - Committee. Ralph Ginger of course is our present Chairman, and Councillor E.C. Halsey, who has been our Honorary Auditor for the whole period. We hope that the 50th Show on our 21st Birthday will be a good one. The weather this season has not been the best for gardening so we do not expect to break records, but with your extra exhibits, and your birthday gift for the Gift Stall, in short that little extra effort for a special occasion, can make it a successful one. Do phone Mr. A.S.A. Wooster, Naphill 2294, if your gift it too bulky to carry, and he will collect. Show schedules are now available.

A.H. Busby

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

September means Autumn and Harvest, and it depends now on our fickle climate as to how long or short the time will be for getting many of the crops safely into store, or the protection of greenhouse, cloche or frame. Apart from this there are a few things that might be done among the hardier crops that will help out during the winter months.

Now is a good time to sow a row of turnips, not for the root crop but to provide some nice green tops for cooking after the turn of the year; at the same time sow a row of winter spinach, green stuff can get short during the winter and these two will make a change if you haven't tried them before, and then of course there will be the spring cabbage to plant out.

Tomatoes in the greenhouse should be given one more dose of potash to hurry on the ripening process, as they will soon have to make way for the chrysanthemums and other plants that will need winter protection.

Many conservatories and greenhouses lay empty and forlorn during winter and early spring because it may be too costly to apply heat during that time, but with a little heat on the coldest nights, why not pot up a few polyanthus or a flowering shrub or two like forsythia or roses, or sow now some seeds of clarkia, mignonette and winter flowering stocks; prick out into pots and boxes when large enough. Then there are many flowering bulbs specially prepared for forcing - all these need very little heat and are worth trying.

AH.B.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER 60's CLUB

On July 22nd Mrs Langley, a former Naphillian, entertained us with recitations and songs accompanied at the piano by Miss Leach who also played duets with Mrs Langley.

Although it rained when our coach left Naphill on August 5th, we were favoured with sunshine and warmth when we arrived at the Swan Hotel, Streatley on Thames, and we were able to enjoy tea in the garden alongside the river in such a peaceful and charming environment. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

We have an interesting and varied programme arranged until our Xmas Party which will be held on December 17th, when all members will receive an invitation.

We would welcome anyone over 60 to join us at the Village Hall on alternate Fridays at 2.30 p.m.

C.B.W.

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

We did not hold our regular meeting in August because so many people are generally on holiday during this month. However, we were most grateful to Mrs Audrey Hampton for holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday August 10th in the garden of her home in Pursells Meadow. Although it was not as well supported as we would have liked we were very pleased that the proceeds amounted to £3 clear profit.

On Monday September 12th, we shall have Mr. Barratt of the "Wine Cellar" to visit us. He will be giving a talk on wines and, what we are all looking forward to, a taste as well ! This meeting will also be an Annual General Meeting and we hope that as many of our members as possible will come, and that some of you will want to help us on the committee during the coming year.

The Keep Fit classes are re-commencing on Wednesday September 21st at 7.30 p.m. in the School Hall. Any lady in the village who is interested in a little exercise, is invited to join us.

C.D.H.

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THE SPORT OF KINGS  
Or a Little Touch of Harry

When my friend John wrote that he was coming home from Cyprus on leave, and could I get any tickets for some sporting occasion, I at once thought of Harry. If you haven't met Harry yet you probably soon will. The matter was no sooner mentioned than done, and Harry informed me that he had arranged to borrow the use of a Box at Ascot. This was a new experience for both John and me. We set off one fine morning, and as we were about to mix with the rich and famous, the ladies had done their best, for we picnic-lunched off salmon sandwiches, a bottle of wine, fresh raspberries and cream, and laced coffee, and approached Ascot in jovial mood. We passed a car park which said 3/6d, another which said 10/- and a third which read £1 a day, and finally reached one right opposite the Grandstand where the sordid subject was not even mentioned. A number was pinned on our car and when the policeman saw this he held up everything and directed us in. Attendants scuttled along in front and showed us to a parking spot marked with this number. Our immediate neighbours were a large Rolls-Bentley and a Bristol. Harry distributed lapel badges with this magic number and we passed into the grandstand forecourt. Great vases of flowers were everywhere and behind each one a grim faced man in a bowler hat. These were Ascot's security guards, and no doubt every one an 007. A glass portico led us on to a magnificent moving staircase which took us up into the heart of the building. There were dozens of little Tote windows for box-holders and hundreds of people betting, but all with complete decorum. After several flights of stairs and glass doors we came to the back of the boxes and at last to a door which bore our number. Inside was a smiling waitress and a table laid for tea. So far we had seen everything except a racecourse, but now we went up the steps out of the box and the whole panorama of Ascot lay spread out before us. Below was the Royal box with a neat little garden in front guarded by several more bowler hats. The Royal chairs were empty today, but not, I'll wager, from choice. Well, someone has to do some work. So now after instructions from Harry, I placed my first ever bet on a horse race. My system was to choose any name which took my fancy. I had five bob on every race and won exactly nothing. Of course it would have been different if I had taken Harry's advice. For the Brown Jack stakes he announced that Shira was going to win. "Put this on for me" said John, "me too, me too" said the ladies. But clever dick backed a horse named Mary Read, because it was the name of a young lady with whom I used to play tennis. I watched without envy but in awed fascination as Shira flashed past the post. The others were very sympathetic as they went off to collect their winnings. After this we went down through a special tunnel for boxholders to see the saddling enclosure. If a horse winks at you, back it, said Harry. One of them did appear to give me some sort of a signal but it wasn't a wink. "Oh look at those

poor little jockeys" said my wife, "a puff of wind would blow them away". Harry chuckled. That, he said was Lester Piggott and Scobie Breasley. Back in the box a sumptuous tea was waiting for us. The owner of the box must pay a fabulous sum in rent, and the bill for all meals must be sent to him - we therefore voted him a prince of good fellows. Now let me assure my friends that I have not caught betting fever and remain convinced that racing is not my game. But I must admit, I'm a little worried about my wife.

Ed

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N A P H I L L W. I.

Members Day at Naphill W.I. July meeting proved that good organisers existed among non-committee members. Mrs Rabson ably presided and introduced Miss Douglas and Mrs Brown from the Beauty Department of a well known Wycombe Store, who demonstrated Revlon Beauty Preparations using a Committee Member, Mrs A. Bull as a model. The demonstrators were thanked by Mrs Robbins, after which Members Day Committee served a most enjoyable tea. Mrs Piercy expressed thanks to the members and said how much she has enjoyed sitting back.

A new member, Mrs Jones, was welcomed, and a Savings Card presented to Mrs Strange's baby.

Letters of thanks were read from Finsbury Elderly Folk who had recently been entertained.

At the recent Village Fete, the W.I. won the first prize - a Rose Bowl - for the best decorated float, Carnaby Street. The proceeds from the W.I. stall were £27.

The Art and Coffee Evening was also a great success both socially and financially, resulting in a profit of £22.15.0d.

During August a Coffee Morning was held at Mrs Gilsons and a Tea Party at Mrs Kent's Farm.

The meeting on Sept 1st will be an Open Meeting when Mr. Mayes of Wycombe Public Library will speak about Old Wycombe. It will also be the Harvest Festival, and produce will be auctioned in aid of the Adopted Family.

Tea Hostesses are: Mrs Jack, Mrs Tooby, Mrs Gurney and Mrs Robbins.

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T E N N I S C L U B

First of all we must congratulate Judy Redrup on winning the Ladies Singles Competition. An excellent Finals game was played out between Judy and Mary Coles, showing a very high standard of play indeed.

The mixed doubles this year was won by Jean Lawrence and Vic Hildersley, and we must also congratulate them on their fine game.

Now that the evenings are beginning to draw in, the Committee's next aim is to please all members with a pleasant social season. Discussions are under way for a Dinner Dance and details will be printed in the next issue of the Gazette.

V.P.

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

NAPHILL ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER: A Coffee Morning will be held at 6 Louches Lane, Naphill, on Wednesday September 7th - Bring and Buy Stall and Raffle, from 10.30 am to 12 noon. Tickets 1/6d.

Invitations for the Elderly Folks Dinner on Wednesday October 12th 1966 will be delivered by the 20th 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 Balls, "Westfield", Main Road, Naphill, telephone number Naphill 3071, after 22nd Sept.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ATTENDING THE DINNER: You must have been a resident in Naphill or Walters Ash before 1st January 1964, and also be now:- (a) Over 65 years of age (in case of husband and wife, both may attend if only One has reached this age). (b) A widow or widower (any age).

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MRS FRASER'S DANCING CLASSES: Congratulations to the following pupils who recently passed the Primary Grade of the Royal Academy of Dancing Ballet in Education Examinations:- Caroline Alabaster (Commended), Barbara Eager (Commended), Anne Clements (Pass plus), Susan Pope (Pass plus), Sally Anne Smith (Pass), Jennifer Mines (Pass). Congratulations also to Teresa Butler (Pupil Enid Frost Ballet School), who assists at the classes, on passing Grade 3 (Highly Commended).

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

MRS FRASER'S DANCING CLASSES : Classes held on Tuesdays at Naphill Village Hall. New Term commences September 20th. Further details from Mrs Fraser, Telephone Naphill 3308.

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|----------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|
| COUNCIL MEETING            | Monday   | 3rd         | 8.00 pm         |
| W.I. Committee             | Thurs    | 6th & 27th  | 2.30 pm         |
| W.I. Harvest Supper        | Monday   | 1st         | 7.00-11.00 pm   |
| Mothercraft Class          | Every    | Monday      | 2.30 pm         |
| Drama                      | Every    | Tuesday     | 7.30 pm         |
| Dancing Class              | "        | "           | 3.30 pm         |
| Infant Welfare             | Weds     | 5th & 19th  | 2.00 pm         |
| Bingo                      | Every    | Thurs       | 8.00 pm         |
| Whist Drive                | Friday   | 7th & 21st  | 7.30 pm         |
| Library                    | Friday   | 7th & 21st  | 6.30-8.00 pm CP |
| Dance                      | Friday   | 7th         | 9.00-2.00       |
| Rummage Sale W.I.          | Saturday | 8th         | 10.00-4.00 pm   |
| Conservative Dance         | Saturday | 8th         | 8.00-12.00      |
| Young Neighbours           | Monday   | 10th        | 7.30 pm         |
| N.E.F.D.C.                 | Weds     | 12th        | All day         |
| W.I. Whist Drive           | Fri      | 14th        | 7.30 pm         |
| Over 60 Club               | Fri      | 14th & 25th | 2.30 pm         |
| Methodist Church<br>Bazaar | Sat      | 22nd        | 9.00-5.30 pm    |

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

COUNCIL MEETING NOTES: At the September meeting members were glad to learn that Mr. Gibbons was much better and would be taking over some of his previous work at the Hall.

The Annual Remembrance Service will be held as usual on Remembrance Sunday at the Hall at 3 p.m. and afterwards at the Memorial Stone for the Laying of Wreaths from the various organisations.

The top of the roundabout in the children's playground is to be replaced at a cost of £22. This is a blow which has to be faced and the money found somehow.

The Football Pavilion has been commenced - it will cost £900. The club has a certain amount in hand but is far short of this sum. The Council has given the club £50 and loaned them a further £50.

AGENDA FOR OCTOBER MEETING:

1. Progress of New Football Pavilion
2. Arrangements for Christmas Bazaar
3. Finance
4. Hall repairs

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER 1966. The Village Hall and Playing Fields Council try to arrange two social events and maney raising efforts during each year. One is the Fete, which raised an appreciable sum but not as much as if the sun had shone all day for us. The other is planned for 3rd December and we would like this to be a bumper occasion, give enjoyment to all and raise the necessary funds to provide the ever increasing sum needed to maintain and improve the facilities of the Hall and Playing Fields. Please keep the afternoon and/or evening free to attend some of the events which are being arranged for that day.

In the afternoon there will be:

A Bazaar in the Village Hall, including a Grand Christmas Draw.

A visit by Father Christmas bringing presents for the children.

An entertainment by Tony Green for the children in the Guide and Scout hut.

In the evening there will be:

A Tramp Supper and Social Evening in the Village Hall.

Final details of all these events will appear in the November issue of the Gazette and you will then be told where you can obtain tickets for all the functions.

May I repeat what I said before the Fete ? Any help offered to the Bazaar Committee from organisations or individuals will be received with open arms. We need things to sell, prizes for the Grand Draw and helpers for the stalls and for preparation on the morning of the Bazaar. The members of the Committee are:

Mr. A. Lawrence, Mr. W.H. Pearson, Mrs Jack, Mrs Brill, Mrs Leak, Mrs P. Syrett and myself.

If you are newly resident in the village, don't be backward at coming forward with an offer to help.

E. Cooper  
Hon. Chairman,  
Village Hall Council

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N A P H I L L C H U R C H  
(CHURCH OF ENGLAND)

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Holy Communion  | October 2nd                                                                                            | 9.15 a.m. |
| Evensong        | October 16th                                                                                           | 3.30 p.m. |
| Sunday School   | October 9th, 16th,<br>23rd, 30th                                                                       | 2.30 p.m. |
| Study Group     | Wednesday evenings                                                                                     | 8.30 p.m. |
| Visits:         | Royal Choral Society Carol<br>Concert - 17th December.<br>Ice Pantomime, Wembley -<br>7th January 1967 |           |
| Harvest Supper: | Hughenden Village Hall<br>Monday 3rd October 1966                                                      |           |

May we thank all those who supported our recent Rummage Sale or helped in any way. The result - just over £40 - exceeded our hopes and expectations.

We were pleased to welcome so many visitors to the Harvest Service in September. The church was beautifully decorated and we were able to distribute Harvest Gifts to about thirtysix elderly or sick people in the village.

The Sunday School is once again in full swing and the Revd. M. & Mrs Westney will be pleased to see any children of school age, particularly the children of new residents. The afternoon class lasts only 45 minutes, which is not too long, even for the youngest.

W.W.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1966: The final figures show a net result of £1,461 for High Wycombe and District, the expenses being only £17. Of the £435 collected in the district surrounding High Wycombe, nearly one eighth came from Naphill. WELL DONE NAPHILL.

E.G.W.  
C.B.W.

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

Preachers for October

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

October 2nd  
" 9th

Mr. W. Parkins  
Mr. M. Brittin

Mr. P. Syson  
Rev. A.Kingsley-Turner, MA.  
(Chairman of the District)

" 16th

Sister Sylvia Darwent  
(Family Service)

" 23rd

Rev. Haldane Adams, BA

" 30th

Mr. W. Parkinson Sister Sylvia Darwent  
(Holy Communion)

Our Autumn season begins with monthly fellowship meetings, and Group discussions with our Church friends held on various Weds evenings, alternately in the Naphill Church and the Methodist Church under the leadership of Sister Sylvia Darwent and Mr. Westney.

The choir will be meeting every Thursday evening - with Mr. N. Mead conducting - to rehearse a new Cantata, and will be pleased to welcome new members.

It is most unusual for a village Methodist Church to have the privilege of hearing the Chairman of the London and North Western District - Rev A. Kingsley-Turner, at a Sunday evening service. We welcome you to join us on Sunday October 9th.

Our ANNUAL BAZAAR on Saturday October 22nd, will be opened by Mrs. L. Taylor at 3 p.m. On the same day at 8 p.m. in the Methodist Church, a Concert will be given by the Red Cross Choir under the direction of Miss E. Benstead, L.R.A.M.

M.G.B.

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THE NAPHILL MISSION

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

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EDITORS CORNER

There must be a good many readers who will remember a day at Naphill school about the year 1925. We had been told that the Head was leaving, and with the thoughtless cruelty of children we ran out of the gate shouting "The Gaffers got the sack". But the day came when we had to meet the new Gaffer, and our ideas of a headmaster were more than somewhat victorian. We saw a large red-faced man with broad shoulders and muscles - which used to hit sixes for Naphill with very little backlift - that made us wonder what it would be like to be caned in future. But the first few days passed cautiously, though he almost won us by his use of the phrase "you people", instead of "children". And then one morning during a dull old scripture lesson, he sat back, made his gammy leg comfortable, and said "that reminds me of one day when I was in Mesopotamia" ....

..... From then on scripture lessons became, for me at least, a time of magic. We marched twenty miles a day across the desert, were shot at by Turkish snipers, ate rats and mice in the seige of Kut, and marched into Jerusalem in triumph with Allenby. He also told us watered down versions of soldiers' jokes, and what the vicar would have thought of these scripture lessons, only his master knows. Alice never gave to Lewis Carroll one half the rapt attention that we gave to Bernard Isaac Benwell. He never did succeed in knocking a working knowledge of vulgar fractions into my thick head, but I usually managed to sit next to that mathematical genius Ken Bristowe which just got me through exams. And then dammitt we both finished up with a shovel at the wrong end of a cow.

Well, Mr & Mrs Benwell now live in retirement near their son who is a doctor, and every old Naphillonian of that era will want to join me in wishing them well.

BACKWARDS CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

M. Muggeridge

The Anglian Church in the old school has filled a long felt need in Naphill. It has an enthusiastic congegation, a resident curate, and co-operates excellently with the Methodists. One would expect the bishop to be purring like a cat. But there are strong rumours about the village that His Grace's thoughts be in other directions. The site is valuable and the rumour says it is to be sold for development. Rumour is a lying jade sometimes and I should be happy to print a denial of this one.

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The Annual Collection on which the Gazette depends, will be held sometime in October. If the magazine still meets with your approval, please show it in the usual way.

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P R I Z E W I N N E R S S E E T H E A I R S H O W

The six Battle of Britain Painting competition prizewinners plus one spare twin brother, complete with escort Terry Longhurt (a member of the Royal Grammar School C.C.F.) and Mr. Gale the headmaster of Guinions County Primary School, set off at 7.30 am last Saturday morning on the long run by coach to RAF Finningley, near Doncaster.

A little reserved at first, the boys soon thawed out and with the advent of large packs of sandwiches, apples, chocolate and cake, the time soon passed and Finningley was reached by 12.45 pm.

The "Sticker" provided for the coach saw them quickly through the streams of traffic and an RAF officer, specially provided, was waiting to take the party around the static display of aircraft and then on to the VIP's enclosure.

We were soon lost in the technicalities of methods of reducing "barrier effect" and gazing in awe at the huge size of the Vulcan in the servicing hangar - how it dwarfs you when you are standing beneath it! "Blue Steel" the stand-off bomb, is bigger than you would imagine but it didn't evince so many excited comments as the "Red Top" and "Bloodhound" missiles did. There's a moral there, somewhere!

The flying display was superb. Gnats, Lightnings, Vulcans, Jet Provosts, Shackletons, F100's and a Phantom rolled, banked and roared their way across the sky. In the Cavalcade of flight from the year 1783 onwards we saw the Montgolfier Balloon, a scale flying model of the Wright machine, coming through the years to five Lightnings passing over head on re-heat - most impressive and noisy!

Off to nearby RAF Lindholme for supper and bed, though I'm not sure anyone slept very much, and home again for Sunday tea. The boys at the end were livelier than when they started out. The escorts? I'm not so sure.

Flt Lt E. Longhurst, RAF

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

The young neighbours gathered in the Village Hall on the 12th September hopeful that Mr. Barrett of the Wine Cellar, Naphill, would spice his talk on wine with some liquid examples! in the event, we were not disappointed.

The net result of the evening was that we all went home thankful to Mr. Barrett for an interesting talk and ready to do battle with the most intransigent wine waiter at any 5 star restaurant. Before going home, however, we held the Annual General Meeting. The minutes of last year's meeting were signed by the Chairman and the accounts for the year agreed. The following committee members were chosen for the forthcoming year: Mrs D. Harper - Chairman, Mrs B. Butler - Vice-Chairman, Mrs M. Stevens - Treasurer, Mrs M. Elliott - Secretary. Other committee members: Mrs D. Jenkins, Mrs S. Stallwood, Mrs J. Warner, Mrs M. Humphreys, Mrs S. Stone and Mrs O. Stone. Mrs Harper on behalf of the members, thanked the retiring Chairman Mrs Butler, for all the hard work she had undertaken during the year.

At our next meeting, Mr. Ashford will give a talk on the History of Wycombe. There will also be a Thrift Stall, and members are asked to bring any articles that they have for sale and to price the articles themselves.

A coach has been booked for Saturday 1st October for a trip to Southend to see the Illuminations. Several seats are still available at 14/6d each, and anyone interested should contact Mrs Harper of 23 Ash Close.

M.E.

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N A P H I L L F.C.

With four fixtures played the 1st Team appear to have settled down into a useful side and should make an impression in the Wycombe Combination this season. Although the first two fixtures were lost, this was largely due to positional experiments by the selectors. With a good performance against a strong Wycombe 'A' side, the team gained confidence and convincingly defeated M.L. Sports of Slough in the Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup. The Reserves have started off well in Division 4, and will be challenging for positions in the first team. Results:

- 7 Sept v Gt Kingshill Away W.C. Div I - Lost 1 - 3
  - 10 " v Sands Rovers Home W.C. Div I - Lost 0 - 2
  - 14 " v Wycombe Wanderers 'A' Home W.C. Div I - Draw 1-1
  - 17 " v M.L. Sports Slough Away - First round Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup - Won 3-1
- Goal Scorers - A. Chubb, 4. J. Evans, 1.

Reserves:

- 10th Sept v Bourne End Res. Away W.C. Div 4. Won 5-2
  - 17th Sept v Pioneer Scouts 'A' Home W.C. Div 4. Draw 2-2
- Goal Scorers: C. Keeble 4. R. Flower 2. P. Mines 1.

The Club will be flying to Amsterdam next Easter, where a fixture against a local Dutch side is being arranged. At the time of writing there are a few vacant seats; any non-players who are interested please contact the Hon. Secretary, 1 Westmoreland Villas, Naphill Common.

M.J.C.

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The HQBC Wives Club are holding an Autumn Bazaar on Friday, October 28th at 6.30 p.m. to be opened by Lady Kyle. It will be held in the Social Activities Club (past the Chiltern 100 Club and NAAFI - next to Sgts Mess). If you are looking for a bargain, or a chance to do some early Christmas shopping, do come along. We have stalls for groceries, cakes, gifts, jumble, books, toys, lucky dip, bran tub, buried treasure (do bring the children), and raffles to offer you.

Admission 6d - children free. The proceeds will be shared between local civilian charities and Club funds, so your support will be much appreciated.

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

Although our Birthday Show didn't break records in the number of entries staged, there were a record number of flowers on view, and for the first time we had to stage the overflow in the Committee Rooms. Never before have we had such a grand display of dahlias, which many people thought were of a better standard than those of the Wycombe Show on the previous week. For good measure the chrysanthemums and gladioli were also well represented and of a high quality.

The Birthday spirit was also evident in the Floral Art classes and here again a very high standard was reached. We had hoped that the special class for a decorated cake to mark the 21st Birthday of the Society would have attracted a greater number of entries; however, those that were on view were very mouth watering and artistically done. Our Dorothy Smith gained first prize here, and the cake had a happy and appreciative ending as I think Chris will agree, and I think most people will also agree that each entry of this class was worthy of a first prize.

Another pleasing feature of this show was the continual stream of visitors throughout the day, which resulted in our best "Gate" for many years. Altogether a grand show, so a big Thank You to all who helped in any way to bring this about, either as exhibitors, visitors, and those who contributed once again to the success of the Gift Stall - not forgetting the Committee who had one of their biggest headaches in years in preparing and staging the exhibits.

The Birthday donations were also greatly appreciated and helped to make the event if not a financial success, at least a lesser drain on our funds for many a year.

Time now for autumn digging and lawn dressing, and we feel sure of further demands for "Chasmor", and we are hoping to arrange for a delivery of this popular commodity during the next few weeks, so please let us know your requirements as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

A.H. Busby, Hon Sec.

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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

The invitations for the Dinner on October 12th have now been delivered. If you have not received one and have the qualifications for attendance as shown below, please contact Mrs M. Balls, "Westfield", Main Road, Naphill - telephone Naphill 3071.

Qualifications for attending the Dinner: You must have been resident in Naphill or Walters Ash before 1st January 1964, and also be now:

- A - Over 65 years of age (in the case of husband and wife, both may attend if only one had reached this age.
- B - A widow or widower (any age)

A very successful Coffee Morning was held at 6 Louches Lane on September 7th - the profit was £16. 6s. 6d.

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Old Naphillionian Graham Pipe receiving his Wings at a camp in Germany

Graham writes "The job here looks like being very interesting and demanding and I have to work hard for promotion exams - I often think of Naphill and my early school days under Mr. Kilby at the old school. After we moved I enjoyed coming back for the summer holidays to renew my friendship with Chris and Terry Brown and have some good times on the common, perhaps a little more sober than some of our boyish games. When I return I hope that not all the old beauty spots will have been swallowed up. Please give my regards to any who remember me. G.P."

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

There have been some rather cool nights just lately which are a reminder that any time now we can expect frosts, that will put an end to another year's floral display, and time to get the root crops into store.

Hedges should have their last trim of the season and, thankfully, the lawns will soon be given their last cut and the mower oiled and greased and put away for the winter.

Those of you with greenhouses must clear out the tomatoes and other occupants that have finished their period of usefulness, to make way for the begonias, fuchias and similar less hardy plants that will need this protection if you want to save them for another year. No part of the remaining tomatoes need be wasted as all sizeable fruits can be stored in boxes between sheets of newspaper and will ripen in due course, the smaller ones can be used straight away for making green chutney.

Dahlias and gladioli can be dug up and dried off as soon as they have finished their usefulness, and chrysanthemums cut down and put under the cover of the cold frame, and if there is still time get those surplus runner beans salted down for winter use.

All this will mean plenty of stuff for the compost heap; please don't dump it on the common or other, to you, out of the way places - it will all make good stuff for digging in next spring.

With the cleaning out of spent summer flowers, the job of planting out of polyanthus, wallflowers, tulips, daffodils and other spring flowering subjects should be completed as soon as possible. Have you forgotten those bulbs you plunged in that shady corner or dark room in the hope of getting flowers for Christmas? Have a look at them now and then and see that they haven't dried out, and when the pots are nicely filled with roots and an inch or so of top growth is visible, gradually get them accustomed to light but don't introduce them to heat yet, but keep them cool, and if you have an azalea that was given to you as a present last winter, bring it indoors at once; it will now be quite happy in the bathroom.

A.H.B.

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#### H O W C H A M P A G N E I S M A D E

In response to a number of requests for a detailed description of how champagne is made, I decided to go fully into the subject; from this description it will be realised that producing this world famous wine is very costly, hence the reason for champagne being expensive.

FERMENTATION. First of all the natural fermentation of the "Must" or grape juice takes place in the casks. The must "boils" and the grape sugar contained in the juice is transformed into alcohol which remains in the wine, and into carbonic gas (CO<sub>2</sub>) which escapes into the air through the bunghole left open for that purpose. After a month's fermentation the liquid cools down again of its own accord and the must has then become wine. All the sediment falls to the bottom of the casks where it forms the "lees".

RACKING. With the first cold days of winter the wine is racked, that is, drawn off its lees into fresh casks.

BLENDING. This consists of mixing together the wines of different growths and sometimes of different years (except in the case of vintage wine) to obtain the type of wine peculiar to each firm. The proportions of the different types of wines are decided by "tasting". Whereas wines obtained from black grapes give strength, vinosity and body, those obtained from white grapes will bring their lightness, delicacy and elegance. The judicious blending of these different wines will ensure the success of the "Cuvee". This blending is made in huge casks provided with paddles and, when perfectly mixed, the wine is bottled in the spring.

BOTTLING. Having added the proper quantity of sugar and cultivated yeast necessary to give it its sparkling qualities through the second fermentation, the champagne shipper will now put his wine into new and very strong bottles which have been thoroughly washed. These are immediately corked and each cork is secured by a special steel hook or clamp called an "agraffe". The bottles are then lowered

to the cellar where they are placed carefully in piles. Here will begin, at a low temperature (50°F), the second fermentation or "prise de mousse", which transforms the sugar which was added into alcohol and carbonic acid gas. This not being able to escape, remains in solution in the wine, making it sparkle and giving a pressure of 60-80lbs per sq inch. The bottles will now be stored in the caves until required. But this second fermentation has developed more sediment which will have to be expelled from the bottles to avoid any sign of cloudiness and ensure the perfect brightness of the wine. The next process, therefore, prepares the wine ready for shipment.

SHAKING OR "REMUAGE". Should the bottle be shaken, this sediment would foul the wine and render it unfit for drinking. In order to get rid of it the bottle is placed neck downwards in a sloping position on a "pupitre", a sort of rack pierced with holes, and skilled and specially trained workmen each day give the bottle a rotary and quick movement which brings the sediment progressively to the inside face of the cork. This work takes four or five weeks. The bottles will then be stored "en masse sur pointe" (upside down) until they have matured and are required for the next process.

DISGORGING. This is the name given to the ejection of the sediment. The bottle is first of all dipped, neck downwards, in a refrigerating liquid at a temperature of 4°F and, after a short time, there is a small lump of ice formed in the neck of the bottle, securing the sediment on the cork. The clamp is then removed and as the cork shoots out under the pressure of the carbonic acid gas, so does the ice and sediment.

DOSAGE. Now the sparkling wine is as clear as crystal but is quite "dry", the fermentation in the bottle having consumed all the sugar. To each bottle is now gradually added, in different quantities according to the taste of the people for whom it is intended, some sweetening liquor" obtained by melting to saturation very pure cane sugar in non-sparkling champagne wine kept for that purpose. In this way is obtained a choice, from the "Brut" to which no syrup is added, to the "extra dry" and the "demi-sec" which is the sweetest type of champagne.

CORKING. The bottle now receives its second and last cork, cut from the best Spanish bark, so as to prevent "leakage" or "cork smell" or "corky" bottles. Then a wire or "muselet" secures the cork, which is compressed and receives the metallic capsule. Both cork and capsule bear the trade mark of the firm. The bottle will stay in the cellars a further short period so that the wine and "liquor" can thoroughly mix together and, after a final examination, it goes up to the packing room where it is carefully and neatly "dressed" before being laid with its straw envelope into the case which will convey it to its final destination. Every champagne cork must by French law have the name champagne on the side and the bottom and, if applicable, the year of the vintage.

All the foregoing constitutes the "Champagne Method" and although all champagne is sparkling, not all sparkling wine is champagne. Finally, it should be remembered that champagne always has a natural tendency to sparkle, one of the principal reasons for its success.

W.J. Barrett

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Y O U T H C L U B

All members of the Youth Club are urged to attend the A.G.M. which will be held on Wednesday, October 5th, at 8.0 p.m. Any parent who would like to come along will be welcome.

Members of last season's football teams are reminded that several shirts have not yet been returned. These should be handed in as soon as possible.

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On September 2nd an interesting afternoon was spent viewing various transparencies of Mr. Pearson's also of Mrs Gilson's holiday in Ireland.

We were pleased to see a larger attendance on September 16th when Mrs Langley and choir visited us.

On September 20th some members were able to enjoy a coach ride to view the Autumn tints and very much enjoyed a surprise visit to Cooks Hall Farm by kind invitation of Mrs Kent, where tea had been provided.

We have interesting programmes arranged for the next few meetings. Transparencies of India, also of America and Canada, and a talk of life in foreign parts, are some of the attractions.

New members are still welcome, and gifts of hard-lidded books and monthly magazines would be appreciated.

The death of Mrs Pearce at the age of 85 was a sad loss. The committee would like to acknowledge a gift by Mrs Moore in appreciation of the pleasure her mother got from her visits to the club.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

When Mr. Mayes from High Wycombe Public Library addressed members of the Naphill W.I. on September 1st, we heard how Wycombe had developed, starting with the first dwellers in wooden huts at Holywell Mead, obviously selected because of flat ground and river water necessary for raising sheep and pigs. Wycombe grew from a village to a town very quickly. Evidence of Roman occupation was obvious when a Roman villa was unearthed when the new swimming pool was built in 1932.

Wycombe had two advantages; beech woods providing nuts to feed hogs, and streams to run paper mills. Then there were three industries, cloth making, lace making, which made Wycombe prosperous as so much lace was required for men's clothes at neck and wrists. Lace schools were commenced, and in the 1780's a small factory started and in 1830 ten or eleven more.

Mrs. H. Pearson thanked Mr Mayes for his very enlightening and interesting talk.

Mrs Piercy read a letter from the Multiple Sclerosis Society acknowledging £22.15.0d raised at the Art Exhibition and stating that their representatives had found the exhibits most interesting.

A parcel of socks, jumper and bed socks had been sent to our adopted family and a friend of Mrs Piercy had visited them while on holiday.

The proceeds of the Coffee Morning at Mrs Gilson's amounted to £3. 4. Od and Mrs Kent's tea party £3. 8. 6d.

Our Harvest Supper will be held in the Village Hall on October 1st, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets 5/- each.

The next Monthly Meeting will be our Birthday Party on October 6th, when entertainment will be given by Jean Warrant, Ian Glennis and Elizabeth Parker with famous duets from the theatre.

A Rummage Sale will be held in the Village Hall on October 8th, and a Whist Drive at the Village Hall on October 14th at 7.30 p.m.

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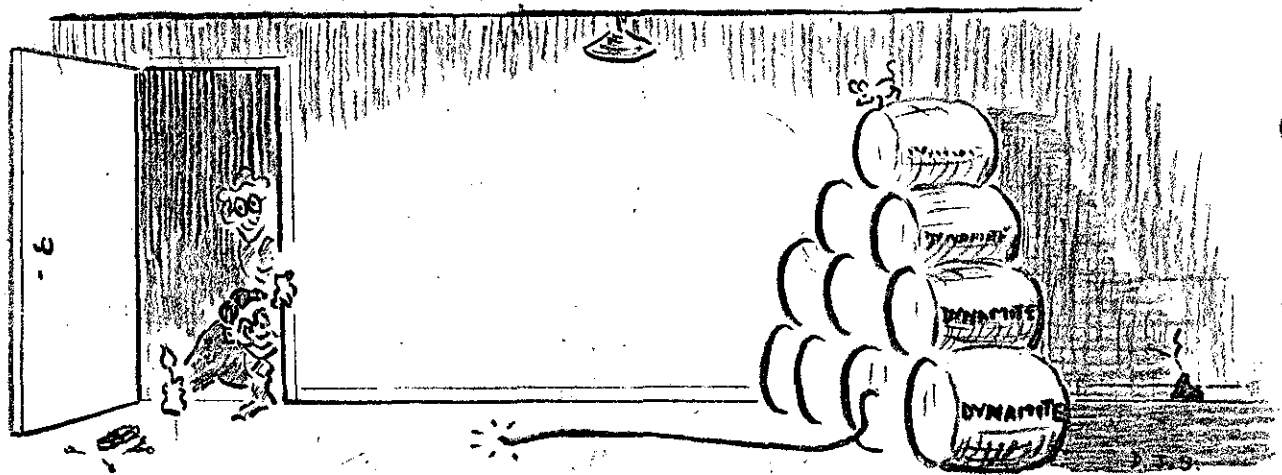
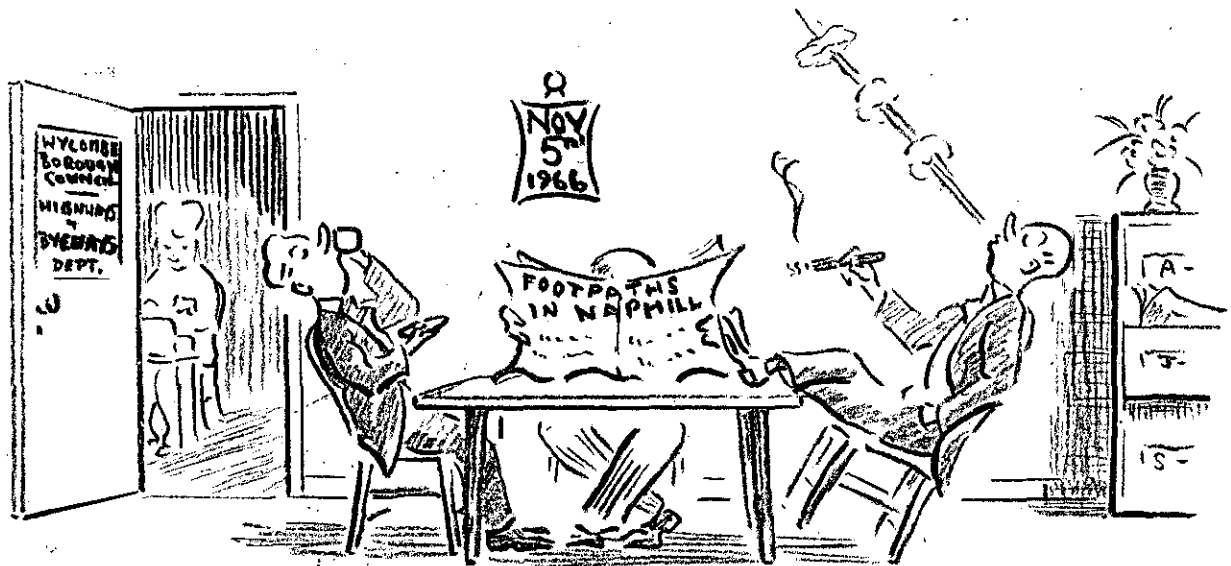
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THE VILLAGE HALL KEYS. I feel I must draw everyone's attention to the chaos which has been caused recently owing to the fact that the Village Hall keys have not been returned to their proper place after the hall has been used. On two occasions in the last three months the keys have been "missing" for several days. The first time they were eventually found in the hall covered up by some netting. The second time, the keys were returned after two to three weeks with no comment or apology for their absence. On both these occasions great inconvenience was caused to other users of the hall and especially to our Secretary and Caretaker.

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the following and ask that great care is taken by all users of the hall to follow the correct procedure and replace the keys in the correct places:

1. Only the key to the outside kitchen door should be taken from the hall and returned, after locking the door, to its usual place. This key now has a piece of metal attached in the hope that its presence in the pocket or handbag will be very obvious.
2. The bunch of keys which opens cupboards and other doors etc. in the hall, should be left hanging on the nail in the kitchen.

Can we hope for no more trouble caused by "missing" keys ?

E. Cooper, Hon. Chairman

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

Preachers for November

11.a.m.

6.15. p.m.

November 6th

( Chapel Anniversary Services

( Dr Rose

Rev L. James

November 13th

Sister Sylvia Darwent

Mrs Ream

November 20th

Mr. Bodker

Mr. Green

November 27th

Mr. H. Lord

Sister Sylvia  
Darwent

The Annual Bazaar on October 22nd was a great success, making an approximate profit of £130. Our grateful thanks are extended to all who helped in any way, and to our many generous friends who sent gifts. In the evening a most enjoyable concert was given in the Schoolroom by the Red Cross Choir under the direction of Miss Evelyn Benstead, L.R.A.M. Mr. N. Mead was the Chairman.

M.G.B.

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N A P H I L L C H U R C H  
(CHURCH OF ENGLAND)

Holy Communion

November 6th

9.15 a.m.

Evensong

November 20th

3.30 p.m.

Sunday School

November 13th, 20th  
and 27th

2.30 p.m.

Study Group

Wednesday evenings

8.30.p.m.

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

|                  |            |                 |
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| Sunday Services: | 10 a.m.    | Family Service  |
|                  | 3 p.m.     | Sunday School   |
|                  | 6. 15 p.m. | Evening Service |

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

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM MR. & MRS BENWELL: " It is nice to know that we are not forgotten by many old friends in Naphill, and that "you people" still remember some things that happened at school. By the way it was 1923 when we arrived - what a long time ago it seems! Our 5 years or so residence at the School House was very eventful and busy - both in school and in the life of the village. You mention the so-called scripture lessons - I hope some of the serious side managed to sink in. I am sorry about the vulgar fractions though - albiet they aren't very important anyway. Do you remember our school concerts ? also our happy times with football, cricket and Mrs Benwell's coaching of the girls netball team. I well remember a final cricket match against Downley which started at about 3 and we managed to win at about 8 p.m. The village cricket team too was a delight and so thoroughly enjoyable - I managed to hit a very few sixes up to just over 10 years ago, but began to get too slow. We were interested especially in the activities at the village hall, which has obviously fulfilled our hopes in the 20's that it would be of great value to the village. It was a hectic time raising the original £1200 so building could start. Those concerts and other entertainments in the old school - turning out all the desks, erecting the stage and humping our piano in and out - sometimes two or three times a week. Penny collections weekly, and finally the great day when the stones were laid, and then just before we left for Reigate - the official opening of the Hall and a grand opening concert to a packed house. We both feel that in this way we left a little mark in Naphill.

We are living very happily here - back in a village again, after over 8 years in retirement. Our son and daughter-in-law live about 15 miles away and we are watching the growth of four lovely grandchildren, and we see them very often in their home and they come here to visit us. May we congratulate you on the Gazette - you have made a good job of it. Yes I remember Audrey Mines (Gazette typist) and of course the Lawrences (Gazette printers). Please give my best wishes to all we know. Mrs Benwell joins me in sending our kind regards".

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Reading the Editor's yarn in last month's Gazette about Mr. B.I. Benwell almost brought tears to my eyes. Memories flooded back, not always pleasant ones for me as I was one of the naughty girls (or so I was told). One thing besides hitting sixes at cricket, he could also swipe a cane well and truly. I wonder how many of my school pals remember following the huntsmen one fine afternoon. Instead of being

back in school at 1.30 p.m. we arrived wet and bedraggled at 2.30, twenty boys and two girls. Mr. Benwell lined us all up in front of the remaining class and caned us on both hands. I can still feel that cane B.B. !! It also brought back memories of Miss Williams (Gert to us). Does Phil Lawrence remember how "we two" always had to sit in the front row so that Miss Williams could keep her eye on us. One day we "hummed" 'Good King Wenceslas' without moving our mouth or our expression. She, poor soul, was really baffled and questioned everyone as to who was the culprit. I wonder if the Editor remembers being sent into the lobby for some mis-demeanor? About ten minutes after I was also sent into the lobby for misbehaving - I can still see Mr. Benwell's face when he eventually opened the door for me to come out and out came "we two all smiles". Ah, Happy Days !!

He really was the best master we ever had. He was strict, but made every subject interesting. Mrs Benwell also took us girls for netball. I was a bit of a trial to her too, but could play and run well, therefore always kept my place in the team. I well remember Will Ward having a fight with a teacher who shall be nameless. She ended up in a puddle and her long navy bloomers were more than visible. We other kids roared with laughter. Mr. Benwell would not recognise the writer of this epistle, but I wish him and his wife Health and Happiness in his retirement.

"Shrimp"

This is Mavis, not Jean. I well remember being one of the caned twenty but not alas the episode in the lobby. I must have been a late developer.

Ed

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E D I T O R S   C O R N E R

I have been gratified by the number of people who ask "how is the shrubbery", so herewith a little more. The experts say that the acid test of a garden is its appearance in winter, so I have been trying to get a little winter colour. The spot chosen contained a couple of heathers large enough for a blackbird to nest in every year, so I have added two or three more. The fragrant Viburnum Bodnantense will I hope start blooming this winter. It starts now and blooms on and off till March. Last spring I added a young mahonia and I see it has flower buds ready to burst out in February. These are long primrose yellow flowers and very scented. A little Witch Hazel, Hammamellis Mallis is also there but these are very slow growing and therefore expensive. If you have 50/- to spare you could get one to bloom this winter. They put up a lovely show on leafless branches. Then there are berries. I am trying a Viburnum Davidii to see how it stands a Naphill winter. If its successful I'll get it a mate and hope for some turquoise blue berries. And I have been given a little male Skimmia to go with my two females. These show bright red berries all the winter, but though the ladies are covered in flowers the little chap is not. He need only produce one spray and I will consummate the marriage with the help of a rabbit's tail. I have attended at many different nuptials in my time, but Skimmias will be a novelty.

If any reader has not been contacted by a Gazette collector and wishes to contribute, boxes will be found in the village shops during early November. \*\*\*\*\*

Backwards Christian Soldiers: The Rev. Dickens called to discuss the Naphill Church, and he is obviously fighting hard to prove, in his own words, that people are more important than money. But negotiations are still going on, and no statement can be issued yet. \*\*\*\*\*

I am informed by Flt Lt Longhurst of the R.A.F. that the station will be holding its usual bonfire and firework display on November 5th and local people are welcome. The celebrations will be held in the field opposite the main entrance. \*\*\*\*\*

N A P H I L F. C.

October has seen a start made to our changing rooms and showers, and subject to sufficient money being raised we hope to complete the project this year. Donations towards the cost have been received from the Village Hall Council, W.A. Blunt, Esq., and A.E. White, Esq., and anyone wishing to make a donation should send it to J.R. Evans, Little Orchard, Downley Road.

Although the first team have been playing some good football, the ball just hasn't been right for them in front of goal - as a result the last three fixtures have gone the other way. The reserves are already challenging for promotion to Division 3, having taken 11 points from 6 matches, and at the moment occupy the No. 2 spot in Division 4.

Results

| <u>Naphill</u> |         |                    | <u>Naphill Res</u> |              |
|----------------|---------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| v Westbourne   | at Home | Won 5-0            | v Turnpike         | Away Won 4-0 |
| v Westbourne   | Away    | Lost 4-5 (Bob Cup) | v Wooburn Res      | Home Won 4-3 |
| v Broomwade    | Home    | Lost 2-4           | v Chesham B.B.     | Away Won 7-3 |
| v Wooburn      | Home    | Lost 1-3           | v Pioneer Scouts   | Won 10-1     |

M.J. Commons

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For the first time Naphill have entered a team in the High Wycombe and District Under 14 Football League. The first game against Totteridge Scouts ended in a 2 each draw. The next fixture is at home against Whiteleaf Wanderers on Saturday morning at 10.30.

Any support, assistance with the team and transport, will be appreciated by the boys.

P. Mines

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

A Buffet Dance has now been arranged for Friday, 11th November, at the Royal White Hart Hotel, Beaconsfield. A most enjoyable evening is anticipated with dancing to the David Hart Trio. Tickets are now on sale, Price 21/-d inclusive of buffet, and these can be obtained from Mr. Dennis Syrett, Mr. Vic Hildersley or Mrs Valerie Pushman (Naphill 3122). Will you please all make an effort to support this function. Everyone is welcome whether members or just friends of the Club. \*\*\*\*\*

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FATHER CHRISTMAS will arrive in the VILLAGE HALL at approximately 4 p.m. and will be bringing presents for the children. Tickets will be on sale on the day.  
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N A P H I L L Y O U T H C L U B

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting of the Youth Club held on 5th October was most disappointing and, as a result, it was decided to discontinue further Wednesday meetings until such time as support for the Club could be accurately ascertained. There was a small group of interested persons, with whom it was agreed that a discussion as to the future of the Club should be held at a later date.

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L E A R N I N G T O S W I M

A heated swimming pool for Naphill School children was no doubt beyond the wildest dreams of the 'old gaffer' of 1925. This is no longer anybody's dream, but reality. The children took their first plunge early in July and the pool remained in use up to October 14th when the water temperature was still in the upper seventies.

How delighted we all are with this great achievement of providing our own pool, but none of it would have been possible without the tremendous spirit of co-operation which exists among parents and friends in the village, many of whom will gain nothing for themselves from their efforts, but who nevertheless joined in and helped where help was needed, from fund-raising to labouring.

The main fruits of our labours belong to the future, but the progress already achieved during the short period in which the pool has been in use is most encouraging. Many children have already taken their first strokes, fourteen passed the 3rd class certificate test and nineteen passed the 2nd class, but most impressive is the overall growth in confidence and improvement of standards of the whole school population from the five year olds upwards.

Four teachers from the school attended a course of instruction in swimming during the summer term with an A.S.A. coach, which resulted in an enlightened approach to the teaching of this new skill, with swimming aids such as rings, floats and inflatable arm-bands being freely used. Instruction is given in a variety of strokes from the earliest stages, but the front crawl receives greatest emphasis as the easiest stroke for most beginners. Teachers also continued instructing the older children during the summer holiday. These voluntary efforts of the teachers and their enthusiasm has played a great part in the successful start to our swimming programme.

All our efforts are proving well worthwhile. We look forward to next year with enthusiasm; we look back to last year with gratitude.

W.A. Bradley, Headmaster

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N A P H I L L W. I.

Naphill W.I. celebrated their 44th Birthday on October 6th with a party, and members were entranced when entertained by Ian Glennie and Jean Warrand who sang famous duets from the shows, accompanied by Elizabeth Parker at the piano. Mrs G. Smith thanked the entertainers.

An unusual birthday cake in the shape of an open book, made and



iced and suitably inscribed in W.I. colours by Mrs Stuart, was cut by three members who were celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries.

Mrs Piercy welcomed visitors from Downley, Hughenden, Speen, Hampden and Lacey Green.

Our next meeting on November 3rd will be the Annual General Meeting when the speaker will be Mrs Snow, V.C.O. Please come and record your vote. The competition will be "An Inexpensive Supper Dish for Two" - cost and recipe to be written down. Please note the meeting will start at 2.15 p.m. The Tea Hostesses are Mrs Butler, Mrs Dunford, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Lawrence.

On October 1st nearly 80 members and friends enjoyed a traditional Harvest Supper in the Village Hall when the menu consisted of Minestrone Soup, Ham with Roast Potatoes in Jackets, Apple Tarts and Cream, Biscuits and Cheese and Coffee. The entertainers were: Miss Eleanor Simey, Harpest, and Mrs Green, Pianist and Soloist.

C.B.W.

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GARDENING NOTES

Although at the time of writing we have had no frosts to cut down the dahlias, it will do them no harm to cut them down and get the tubers under cover, those gladioli too want coming out and if you can lay them out in a shed or similar place with the foliage still on this will allow any goodness left in the foliage to return to the corms.

An important job at this time is to clear up any spent crops, rake leaves from the lawn and collect any yellowing leaves from brussels and other green stuff and put them on the compost heap.

I had a young visitor the other evening who came to ask my advice on how to take cuttings (incidentally, he still attends the Naphill Primary School), and it occurred to me that others might need this advice, and if you haven't tried your hand at taking cuttings now is a good time to try, with a few of the easier ones such as privet, laurel, forsythia, escallonia, roses, black or red currants and gooseberries. Take some pieces of this year's growth, say a foot long, cut just below a leaf joint and nip out the top just above a leaf joint; take off all leaves from the lower half, then get the spade and thrust it into the soil and lever back and forth a couple of times to make a V shape trench. Put a layer of sharp sand in the bottom, place the cuttings in this at six inch intervals, they should be six inches deep and laying to one side of the trench - then return the soil and make sure that they are all nice and firm.

One more thing - with gooseberries and redcurrants all buds except the top three or four should be taken out so that they will grow on a leg in the form of a short standard, and if these buds are left on they will form further side shoots and you will end up with a tangled mess.

A.H.B.

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Owing to a congestion of bookings for the Village Hall we are unable to hold a proposed Whist Drive, but as an alternative the Committee has arranged a Transparencies Evening to take place on the

Billiard Room on Monday November 14th commencing at 8 p.m. This time we are not asking you to bring along your transparencies but have arranged a three-part programme as follows.

Mr. A.S.A. Wooster will be showing some of his Woodland Scenes and Flower Arrangements and others of general interest. Mr. J. Humphrey will be bringing along some more of his popular Natural History subjects together with some Wisley shots which will revive memories of our visit there last May. Mr. Roy Hussey will be bringing along his collection of some 24 wild orchids that he has photographed, many of them within a short distance of Naphill.

This three-part programme will be linked together by Naphill's own Man of Mystery and Magic, "Delsnibba".

So, with Woodland Scenes, Flower Arrangements, Natural History, Wisley, Wild Orchids and Mystery, we feel that this is a programme for everyone. There will be no charge for admission, but there will be a retiring collection.

As this will be our last get together of our 21st Birthday Celebrations year, we are looking forward to meeting you all on Monday November 14th at 8.p.m.

There are still a few bags of 'Chasmor' available to those who hurry, and no more orders will be taken until the new year.

We have just discovered the Balance Sheet of the 1921 Cottage Garden and Poultry Show which contains a reference to the 1920 Show, and most of the older residents will have memories of the 1914 Show during which the police requested local members of the Territorial Army to report for duty (1914-18 War). Has anyone records or memories of earlier or other shows of these times? We shall be very pleased to hear about them.

A.H. Busby

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### NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Members very much enjoyed Miss Mathieson's slides of India, also Mrs Alan's very interesting talk on her life in foreign parts, and are looking forward to Mrs E. Brown's slides of America and Canada, also to November 11th when Dr Mary Watson will speak about China. Those who remember the happy afternoon when Naphill Young Neighbours visited our club last year, eagerly await their visit on November 25th.

We were pleased to welcome back one or two members who had been absent through illness for a while.

Gifts of discarded woollen garments which can be unpicked and re-knitted, also monthly magazines, would be appreciated.

C.B.W.

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### NAPHILL SCOUT/GUIDE JOINT COMMITTEE

The absence of news items in the Gazette does not mean that there has been any less activity. On the contrary.

The proceeds of a successful Jumble Sale in September were divided between the Scout Group and the Guide Company for running expenses.

The new officers of the committee are: Mr. C.M. Winter-Taylor (Chairman), Mr. B. Glenister (Secretary). and Mr. P. Bolding (Treasurer).

Plans have been approved to extend the Joint Scout/Guide Headquarters to provide adequate storage space for camping and training equipment. It is hoped to carry out the extension within the next few months, provided some grant aid towards the cost is received from the Ministry of Education.

A Grand Autumn Fair is being held in the Village Hall on Saturday, November 19th 1966 at 2.30 p.m, to be opened by Wing Commander D. Le R. Bird, A.F.R.Ae.S. This event will provide an excellent opportunity of purchasing all kinds of gifts, christmas cards, toys, clothes etc. There will be competitions and side-shows and special attractions for the children, including Merlin's Cave. At 4 o'clock there will be a display by members of the Aylesbury Gymnastic Club whom many of you saw on the trampoline at the Summer Fete. A welcome is extended to everyone - join in the fun and banish November gloom !

If you have any unwanted articles that may be suitable for a White Elephant, Gift or Bottle Stall, we shall be very pleased to hear from you - please contact any Scouter, Guider, member of the Committee, or R.C. Wells at Oak Cottage, Christopher Close, Naphill.

1ST NAPHILL RANGER CO: The Rangers although still few in number<sup>R.C.W.</sup> enjoy their varied activities. The County Camp was held this year at Little Hampden. Naphill were 3rd this time, a good effort. After an excellent camp fire on Saturday evening, there was an exciting 'Cops & Robbers' type of game on the common which lasted until nearly 1 a.m. !

The S.E. Ranger Round-up at Crowborough Camp near Tonbridge Wells was great fun. Visits to nearby Lewes were arranged and also to the Chairley Heritage where the thalidamide babies are cared for.

Two Rangers helped at the Old Folks Dinner on October 12th. Child Care bars have been won by Julie Suthers and Susan Barrett, and a Nursing Service bar by Christine Mitchell - Congratulations !

J.M.

1ST NAPHILL GUIDE CO: After Thinking Day on February 22nd the next important date in the Guide Year was the Annual Banner Service, held this year in High Wycombe Parish Church on May 8th. Unfortunately the parade had to be cancelled because of heavy and prolonged rain, but the service was a very inspiring one.

The Field Day on June 8th, held on Hughenden Valley Cricket Ground, proved a great success, and very much enjoyed by all who took part.

During the summer the guides have taken part in a newly formed South Bucks Netball League. Although the opposition proved very stiff, the girls enjoyed playing and won several matches. Camps have been very successful this year. The Whitsun camp for second class guides at Little Chalfont was great fun. At summer camp at College Farm near Buckingham, we were joined by guides from the High Wycombe All Saints company and had an enjoyable week despite very mixed weather. One of the highlights was a visit to Wooburn Abbey where several of us obtained the Duke's autograph. As usual we helped with the children's crèche at the Wycombe Show - a service much appreciated by mothers with young children.

Mrs Wills, our County Commissioner, suggested a County Good Purpose project to be completed by October 1st. Money was to be raised for the following 1. Famine Relief. 2. To provide solid shelter on County camp sites. 3. For Company and Pack funds. The Naphill Brownies, Guides and Rangers raised £17, by a Ranger competition evening, patrol efforts and a joint Brownie-Guide Coffee morning.

Congratulations to the following badge winners: Second Class - Penny Proffitt, Maureen Swansbury. Child Nurse - Janet Bolding, Clare Budden, Jane Key, Diane Dixon, Teresa Butler. Camper - Clare Budden, Caroline Thynne. Cook - Diane Dixon, Janet Bolding. Sick Nurse and Needlewoman - Clare Budden. Speaker - Teresa Butler, Diane Dixon. Health and Artist - Janet Bolding. Emergency Helper - Caroline Thynne, Janet Bolding. Little House Emblem - Caroline Thynne.

J.M.

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

At our October meeting we were very pleased to welcome Mr. Asford from the Wycombe Historical Society. His talk on the history and origins of High Wycombe was of interest to everyone. We were intrigued to learn how the centre of High Wycombe has evolved through the centuries, although so much of it has now disappeared through re-development and improvement schemes.

We had some success with our Thrift Stall and members are invited to bring any articles they wish to sell to our next meeting.

On November 14th at 7.30 p.m. we are having a talk on Interior Decorating by Mr. Pinker from Sandersons, the wallpaper people.

The committee will be very grateful if our members can remember to bring the articles they have made for the Village Hall Bazaar and any gifts they care to provide for the old folks raffle. Thank you.

C.D.H.

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

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 1966:

Please don't forget the above date. This is when the Naphill Cricket, Football and Tennis clubs combine and organise their annual dance, which is in memory of Don and Iris Ing. We should be pleased to welcome anyone who wants to come along on the evening in question. The three clubs have about 40 tickets each allocated - the price is 7/6d for four jolly good hours of dancing to "Ken Rose and his Orchestra". There will be a licenced bar, and nice refreshments, to satisfy everyone's thirst and hunger. So do contact the secretary of any of the three sports clubs in the village if you want to come and support this very special effort.

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

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NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB: The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday November 15th at 8.00 p.m. We extend a warm welcome to all who are interested in cricket to attend, this is your club - why not have your say. NOVEMBER 15TH at 8 p.m. G.L.B.

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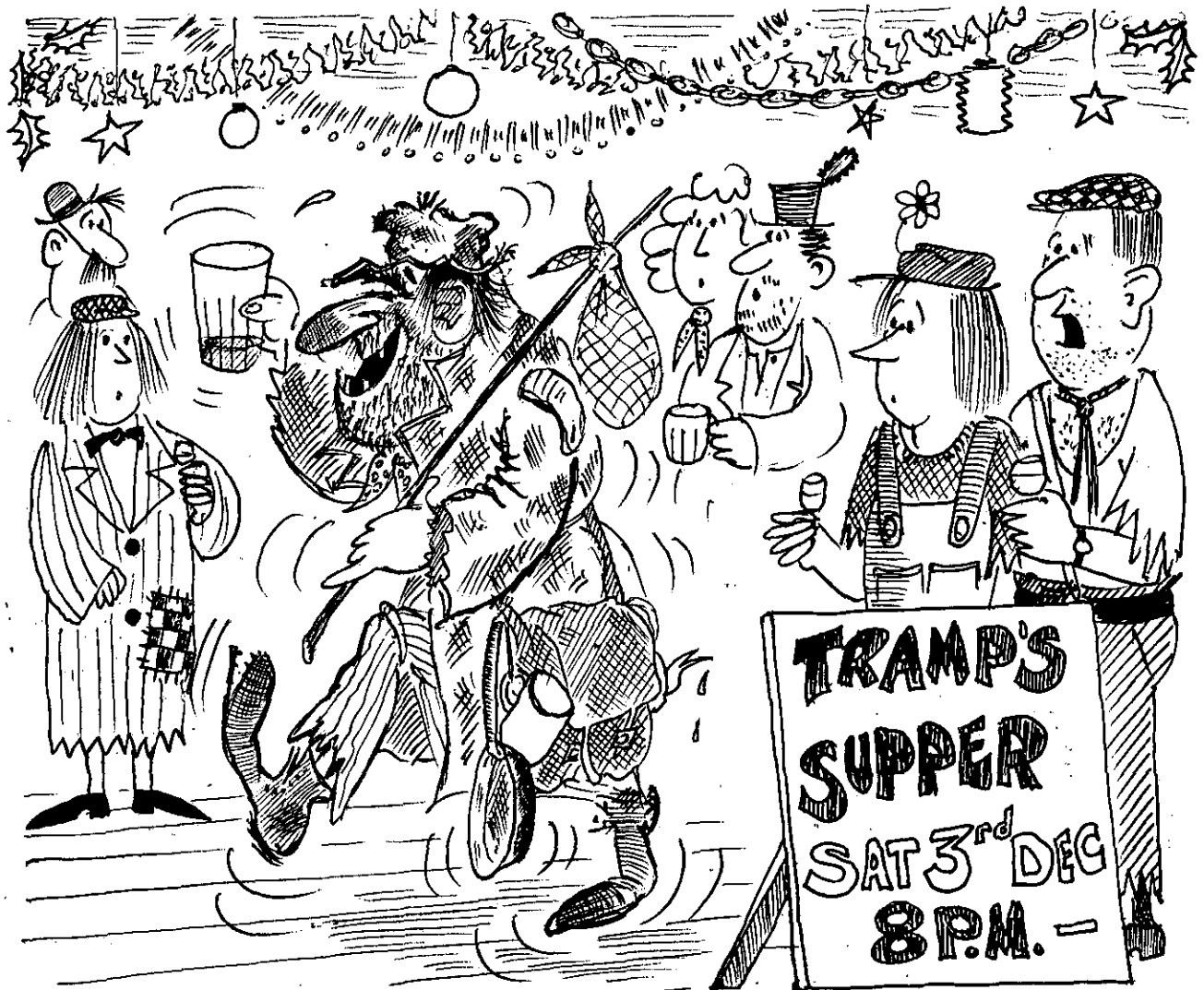
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# NAPHILL GAZETTE



"I haven't seen him before either, he must be on the Committee".

D E C E M B E R 1966

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

|                                     |                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| COUNCIL MEETING                     | Monday 5th                          | 8.00 pm                |
| Bingo                               | Every Thursday                      | 8.00 pm                |
| W.I. Committee                      | Thursday 1st & 29th                 | 2.30 pm                |
| Whist Drive                         | Friday 2nd & 30th                   | 7.30 pm                |
| Xmas "                              | Friday 16th                         | 7.30 pm                |
| Library                             | " 2nd, 16th & 30th (C.R.)           | 6.30-8.00 pm           |
| Xmas Bazaar                         | Saturday 3rd                        |                        |
| Mothercraft                         | Monday 5th, 12th & 19th             | 2.30 pm                |
| Drama                               | Tuesday 6th & 13th                  | 7.30 pm                |
| Dancing Class                       | Tuesday 6th, 13th                   | 3.30 pm                |
| Infant Welfare                      | Wednesday 7th and 21st              | 2.00 pm                |
| Drama Dress Rehearsal               | Weds 7th, & Friday<br>9th, Sat 10th | 6.00 pm                |
| Over 60 Club                        | Friday 9th                          | 2.30 pm                |
| " " " Party                         | Saturday 17th                       | 2.30 pm                |
| Young Neighbours                    | Monday 12th                         | 7.30 pm                |
| Village Carols<br>(in aid of Oxfam) | Sunday 18th                         | 8.00 pm                |
| B.B.C.                              | Monday 19th                         | 6.45 -9.00 pm          |
| "                                   | Tues 20th                           | Afternoon &<br>evening |

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The heating of the Hall is rather a perennial subject but it still occupies consideration. At the November meeting it was again discussed and it is hoped that steps suggested will cause an improvement.

Arrangements for the Christmas Bazaar are well advanced and it was announced that Mr. Stephen Williams, the producer of Have a Go, will be at the Bazaar to meet as many as possible of the local inhabitants. As announced in another column, Wilfred Pickles will be here on the 20th December.

Mr. G. Woodruff was elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1967.

The Council agreed to pay £25 towards the cost of a new cloth for one of the billiard tables and to replace the front curtain on the stage.

Remembrance Sunday: The hall was full for the Annual Service on Sunday the 13th November. It was gratifying to have the Commanding Officer of the H.Q. Unit of the Royal Air Force, Bomber Command with a contingent of airmen and airwomen. About 60 Guides and Scouts attended. The Vicar took the service and Mrs Bowler played the piano. Wreaths were laid at the Memorial Stone at the conclusion of the service.

"HAVE A GO!" with WILFRED PICKLES is visiting the Village of NAPHILL on Tuesday, 20th December 1966 (6.45 - 8.00 p.m. at the Village Hall).

B.B.C. Invitations to watch this broadcast (not to be interviewed in it) will be available to Local Residents over the age of 12. These may be requested by placing a SELF-ADDRESSED UNSTAMPED ENVELOPE in the box which will be provided at NAPHILL POST OFFICE from the 3rd to 7th December inclusive (during business hours). A separate envelope should be used for each person desiring an invitation and since the envelopes received in the box will be returned to their addresses from London, it is essential that the full postal address is given.

If necessary, a Draw will be made by the B.B.C. for the Invitations available and notification sent to those whose requests cannot be met. B.B.C. Invitations are free.

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This is the last issue of the Gazette for 1966 and I feel we cannot let the old year go without a word of praise for the variety of covers we have enjoyed during the past twelve months. The illustrations have added a gaiety and interest to the Gazette and on the odd occasion when the old cover has been reverted to there has seemed to be a look of mourning about our monthly paper. Illustrators have been Mr. J. Holmes, Mr. D. Syrett, Mr. H. Tweedale and Mr. P. Booth. The current cover has brought a new and welcome name, Mr. D. Kane from Bomber Command. Mr. Tony Lawrence has been in charge of the sometimes tricky, sometimes messy business of colouring and printing.

We thank you, gentlemen, for sacrificing the time and summoning up the egergy needed to produce these contributions, and may we hope for your continued willingness in 1967.

An afterthought for the ladies: Maybe it's just the suffragette in me, but it would give me great pleasure to see our sex represented on the list of illustrators for 1967.

A.M. Lawrence

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

Preachers for December

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

December 4th  
11th  
18th

Mr. K. Lewis  
Mrs Pike  
Mrs Mann

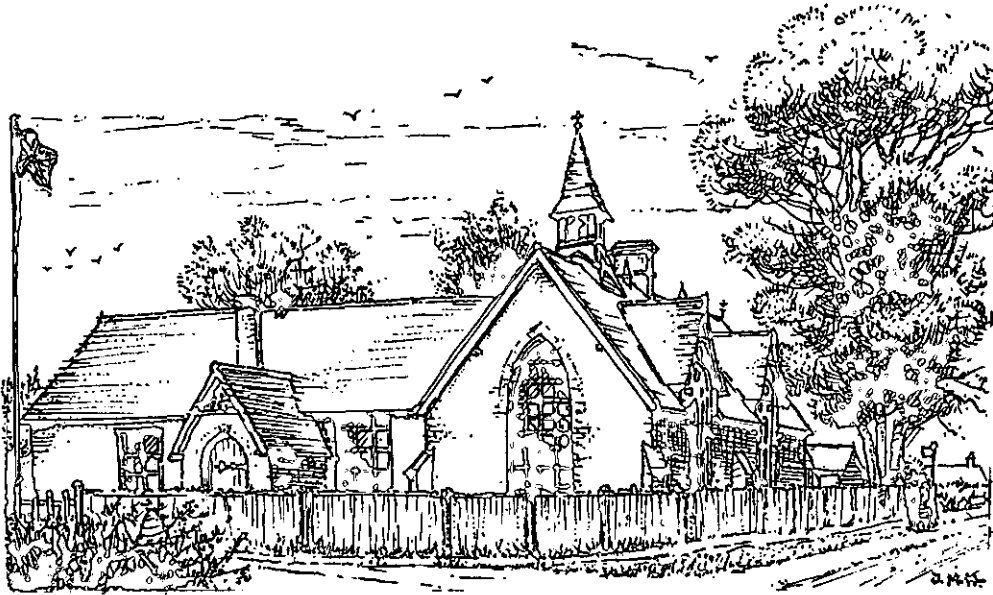
Mr. F. Howard  
Mr. W. Osborne  
Sister Sylvia -  
Carol Service

In the afternoon at 2.45 - Childrens Gift Service

25th Christmas morning service at 10 a.m.  
conducted by Mr. Ryan Bowler  
No evening service

M.G.B.

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N A P H I L L C H U R C H  
 (Corner of Louches Lane)

|                     |                               |            |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Holy Communion      | December 4th                  | 9.15 a.m.  |
| Evensong            | December 18th                 | 3.30 p.m.  |
| Holy Communion      | Christmas Day                 | 9.15 a.m.  |
| Sunday School       | 2nd & 3rd Sundays in December |            |
| At Hughenden Church | Christmas Eve                 |            |
| Midnight Mass       |                               | 11.30 p.m. |

Just a year ago, Mr. Michael Westney was ordained Deacon at Cuddesdon and now, on December 18th at Slough Parish Church, the Bishop of Buckingham is to ordain the Revd. M. Westney to the Order of Priesthood. We are sure that his many friends in Naphill will be thinking of him on this day and will join us in expressing Good Wishes for his future.

W.W.

The discussion Group closes for the Christmas break on December 14th. Please note that the meeting on December 7th will be held in the Methodist Schoolroom. We hope to reopen the group late in January to study the course "The People Next Door". This course has the support of the British Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, and people from all denominations will be very welcome. More details next month.

M.W.

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

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

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'HOW YER GONNA KEEP 'EM DOWN ON THE FARM  
NOW THAT THEY'VE SEEN PAREE ?



As many of you will know our editor and his wife have been gallivanting around Paris and the South of France. We all hope they had a splendid holiday, but Mr. Pearson of Chapel Lane has had this wondering thought.

A.M.L.

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

"Trevone"  
Coombe Lane  
Naphill

Dear Sir

Having read with horror of the Aberfan tragedy, and how after this disaster money will now be made available to make other coal tips safe I am made more conscious than ever of a similar (though on a smaller scale) danger threat in this village.

For many years parents have pleaded for a pavement to be laid through the village, but apparently money is not available. I feel that with more children going to the school plus more traffic on the road, an accident sooner or later is inevitable, and after that no doubt a pavement will be constructed.

Can we not act before it is too late and gain something from the tragedy of the weekend in South Wales?

If possible I would like this published in the Naphill Gazette.

Yours faithfully, H.P. Sharrock (Mrs)

May I say a very large and sincere thank you to the R.A.F. for their marvellous bonfire and firework display. I am sure that the delight shown on the children's faces was enough to show that the efforts of the organisers was well worthwhile.

As a parent of two (civilian) children present, I am certain that I speak for many others when I say, well - done, and many thanks to all concerned who must have put a lot of effort and hard work into such a splendid show. Yours with gratitude, Marion E. Lovell

Heather Cottage  
Downley Common

Dear Sir, Please find enclosed 10/- note as my annual Sub to the Naphill Gazette. Thanks for another year's interesting literature. Yours faithfully, A. Hawes (Mrs)

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

Our last event in our 21st Birthday year on November 14th was a most enjoyable occasion. This programme of transparencies by members for members and friends started off with shots of our July Show taken by Ken Lunnon, and featured Sweet Peas. Then followed John Humphrey who added to his growing reputation for good photography and a keen observation of nature, with some intimate pictures of wild life including badgers at work and play, wild birds and butterflies, and a face to face meeting with a fox, all freely interspersed with hill and woodland scenes and close ups of wild flowers and orchids. Whilst projectors were being changed for the second part of the programme our own man of magic, Harry Pearson, gave a slick demonstration of card manipulation.

Then lights out and Roy Hussey's collection of more wild life, rural scenes and a comprehensive series of wild orchids which would be hard to beat.

More projector and screen changes, and meanwhile Mr. Pearson again mystified with an audience participation of a paper tearing display that ended with a message.

Then Bert Wooster (unaided by Jeeves) to the accompaniment of soft background music, delighted his audience with scenes of sunshine and shadow, rain and snow and impressive sunsets, followed by examples of the Flower Arrangers Art, demonstrating live fan pyramid and pedestal arrangements colour blends and balance, all enlivened by a knowledgeable commentary.

As this will be our last report for 1966, the officers and committee wish to thank everyone who has helped in any way to make this celebration year a success and to wish them and gardeners everywhere, a Happy Christmas and many wishes come true.

A.H.B.

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

F.R.H.S. stands for Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society, but it could also mean Frost, Rain, Hail and Snow, the sort of weather

we can expect at this time of year, so perhaps we could take a look at the garden from indoors this month. For the next four months this often is a pretty dull one because so many people look upon a garden as a summer enjoyment - or do they ! - and don't realise that just a few well placed shrubs can make the place become alive and interesting even in winter. A variegated laurel, a golden conifer, or a golden privet hedge will illustrate the idea, or perhaps an evergreen or two, particularly if they also have flowers, or better still if these flowers are followed by berries; perhaps the following dozen will help to give you some further ideas. Just two from the dozens of berberis - bealii and B thanbergii, both evergreen with flowers and berries, cotoneaster salicifolia and horizontal is semi-evergreen with berries. Cydonia (usually known as japonica) early flowers and later fruits for making japonica jam, Knaphill scarlet and Pink Lady. Escallonia, C.F. Ball and Donard Star pink. Two cherries, Ama-No-Gawa pale pink, and subhirtilla autumnalis - intermittent pale pink flowers from late autumn to spring. Pyracantha boccinia evergreen with red berries and the varieties halandic orange and rogersiana - yellow berries. Not forgetting of course forsythia, jews mallow and flowering currant. These are a few of the better known ones but any good catalogue will give you lots more.

Now a quick look indoors. No flowers or pot plants ? why not try some arrangements with similar materials as suggestēd for the garden. Bare twigs from say, a forsythia, which can look quite attractive but will be more so in a few week's time when flowers appear, silver birch which will burst into leaf, and wild cherry into leaf and blossom long before its appointed time outdoors - there are lots of others, why not try.

As this is the last article before Christmas, may I say Best Wishes for a happy time, and if you get stuck for ideas for Christmas presents, no gardener will say NO to more plants, shrubs or tools and who would say no to a nice pot plant or some flowers.

A.H.B.

(Note from the typist: please excuse my ignorance if I have misspelt any of the names of the shrubs - I have a lot to learn about gardening ! )

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

At our November meeting we were particularly pleased to welcome so many new members, and we hope any other young wives in the village who are interested will not hesitate to come to our meetings. Our speaker at this meeting was Mr. Pinker, a representative of Sandersons who manufacture wallpaper. He gave us an interesting illustrated talk on choosing wallpapers, with particular emphasis on the pleasing effects that can be attained with different shades and patterns.

Next month's meeting on 12th December will be a 'Social', and members are invited to come in fancy dress. Each member may bring one guest and enough food for themselves and their guest. Members are also asked to bring a wrapped parcel valued at 1/-.

M.E.

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FINAL NOTICE

IT'S THE VILLAGE HALL
BAZAAR TODAY

Don't forget to come to:

- The Bazaar at 2.30 p.m. Plenty to buy and to spend your money upon
Childrens Punch and Judy 3.00 p.m. In the Scout & Guide Hut - Admission 1/6
Father Christmas arrives 4.00 p.m. In the Village Hall
Tramps Supper and Social 8.00 p.m. Admission by ticket (2/6d) to Tramps Only. ALL MUST BE SUITABLY DRESSED.

HAVE A GO

Most of the real village characters seem to have died off in the last 20 years or so, but I think Naphill could still hold its own on this programme. If I were producer I would start off with Wally Stacey who used to trim our road verges, and follow with Mrs Tim and Alan Shrimpton. That should give it a good start. The B.B.C. always likes some good old uns, so Mrs Lucy Parslow and Doc Bayley should provide a nice contrast. The R.A.F. should be represented by Wing Commander Randall, and the newcomers by our man of mystery Harry Pearson. He could tell of his embarrassing moment when he arrived on the stage and found he really had "nothing up his sleeve", and finally the Gazette correspondent of the W.I. could explain that unfortunate misprint when it was reported that the W.I. held classes in love-making - the g was missing.

I present this programme to the B.B.C. free of charge.

Ed

NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

In November we enjoyed a talk by Dr Mary Watson on "Her Life in China", and also Mrs. E. Brown's slides taken on her recent visit to America, when Mrs Brown gave a very interesting commentary and exhibited treasures which she had collected in America.

We are looking forward to Mr. Mitchell's slides on December 9th. We hope to see all our members at our party in the Village Hall on December 17th at 2.30 p.m.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our members and helpers a very Happy Xmas and New Year.

C.B.W.



N A P H I L L W. I.

In the absence of Mrs Piercy the annual general meeting of Naphill W.I. held on November 5<sup>th</sup> was presided over by Mrs Weeks who also read the President's Annual Report. Mrs Weeks introduced Mrs. Snow, V.C.O, who gave an interesting account of Denman College and spoke of the welcome that is extended to all visiting members. Mrs Snow also superintended the election of President for the coming year and congratulated Mrs Bull, the Treasurer, on her clear and concise financial report.

The Secretary reported on the year's activities, and a brief account of Drama events was given by the producer who mentioned that a 3-act play entitled Murder at the Vicarage would be presented at the Village Hall on Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>.

An interesting report of the half-yearly Council meeting at Aylesbury where 70 Institutes were represented, was given by Mrs. Halsey who had attended as delegate.

The retiring committee were thanked by Mrs. G. Hussey. A prize for the best savoury supper dish for two was awarded to Mrs. Pearson.

The Committee elected for next year is:

President: Mrs. B. Weeks. Vice-Presidents: Mrs Piercy and Mrs. G. Smith. Secretary: Mrs Ball, Treasurer: Mrs A. Bull. Committee Members: Mrs Gilson, Mrs Hussey, Mrs Kent, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Randall, Mrs Robins, Mrs Thynne, Mrs Wood and Mrs White.

The tea hostesses for December are Mrs Brill, Mrs E. Tooby, Mrs Jack and Mrs Osbourne, and the competition is a filled Xmas stocking to cost up to 2/6d to be given to Amersham Old Folks Ward (Ladies and Gentlemen).

An interesting and happy A.G.M. was brought to a close after another competition for the largest number of four letter or more words made from 'FEDERATION' was tied by Mrs. G. Hussey and Mrs Gurney - after cutting, the prize was given to Mrs Gurney.

On December 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Bryant Peers will give a talk on "My Six Wives" (King Henry).

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N A P H I L L F. C.

Both teams have had a successful month, the only defeat being at Wendover, where the first team after twice leading for long periods, finally went down 7-4. The Reserves have extended their unbeaten run to 11 games, and remain unbeaten this season. Our congratulations to Mick Bowler who netted all seven goals against Turnpike - well done Mick - unfortunately though we have not received a five-figure offer for him so that we can complete our changing rooms at an early date. Results:

|                      |                           |                     |                          |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Happy Wanderers Away | Won 6-3 (Wye Cup 2nd Rd)  | Wycombe C.F.E. Res. | Home Won 5-2             |
| Old Windsor Home     | Won 3-0 (M.N. Cup 2nd Rd) | Rainbow Sports Res  | Away Draw 3-3 (Cup)      |
| Wendover             | Away Lost 4-7             | Rainbow Sports Res  | Home Won 3-1             |
| Marlow Rangers Home  | Draw 1-1                  | Wallaby Sports      | Away Score 1-2 Abandoned |
| Wooburn Ath Away     | Won 1-0                   | Turnpike Res        | Home Won 7-3             |

\*\*\*\*\*M.J.C.\*\*\*\*\*

NEWS FROM RAF HIGH WYCOMBE

Charity Bazaar: The RAF High Wycombe Wives Club held a very successful bazaar at the beginning of November - in actual fact it was the 28th October, which was too late for inclusion in the November "Gazette". Lady Kyle opened the bazaar and from the start business was brisk. Wing Commander W.J. Randall, Officer Commanding RAF High Wycombe acted as auctioneer for items that needed "pushing". As a result of the bazaar, donations go to Cheshire Homes, Gerrards Cross, the new Walters Ash Brownie Pack, Naphill Scout Group, Naphill Playing fields fund; High Wycombe Dog Rescue Society, and also a certain number of old folk in the area will be getting Xmas coal.

Community Spirit: Seventy - two USAF Sergeants and wives from Jawes Hill - were entertained to a social evening in the Sergeants Mess at No. 3 Site on 10th November and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The visitors also included Lt Col George J. Hoerter and Commander W.G. Larry, U.S.N., with their wives. Among the RAF officers present were Cdr W.J. Randall, Sqn Ldr K.C. Brown and Sqn Ldr G. Grey. The M.C. was Flight Sergeant A. Vecchi.

Remembrance: In company with other members of the community, a contingent of RAF and WRAF personnel were present at the Naphill Service of Remembrance on Sunday 13th November. Remembrance services are short, but they serve their purpose in reminding us all of the men and women in two world wars who died defending their, and their childrens' freedom.

"Not for One's Self": The major event in November, for us, has been the approval by the Queen of a station badge. It depicts a thunderbolt supported by two pillars and is a very real and graphic illustration of the support given to Headquarters Bomber Command by the station. The motto "Non Sibi" means "Not for One's Self". The new badge was presented to the officers and men on parade by the AOC in C Bomber Command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, on Tuesday, 22nd November 1966. I trust that we will always live up to the motto "Epigram"

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T H E D O G H A S G O N E

Life for most of us is at a very low ebb at four or five o'clock in the morning, and those who greet a summer's morning at such an hour are in the minority. To be awakened so early by a frantic scratching at the back door would not be my cup of tea at all. As some sort of consciousness returns the realisation would come that it was not some night-prowling animal trying to get in, but someone else's dog trying to get out, to pay the penalty of too much to drink too late the previous night. In a weak moment it is easy to say to your friend "Oh don't put Fido in the kennels whilst you are on holiday, I will look after him". You think differently when you are administering to Fido's weakness at the crack of dawn. You yawn and grumble and bounce from wall to wall as you sleepily progress towards the back door and the dog that is nigh to bursting. The dog has wriggled out before the door is open a couple of inches and for a moment you stand shivering before you feel a similar urge yourself and go and

pay your own visit. Then back to the door to let Fido in again, but all is deathly quiet. Softly you call his name but there is no response. Then still violently shivering the fact dawns that Fido, your best friend's dog, has gone. Speed is essential because he is probably sniffing after his owner's car and a vivid picture comes to mind of a dog in full cry down the A.30 to Devon. "Everybody up" you shout. "No, it's not a fire, the dog has gone". Without enthusiasm - in fact with open hostility - the household puts overcoats over pyjamas and searches the nearby lanes and fields. In due course the dog will be found sitting outside its own gate and all ends well.

Taking care of other people's pets during the holiday time can be very hazardous. Most pets seem to die in June, July or August as many of you will know. Children's goldfish are probably the easiest to cope with because if one dies it is simple to find a replacement in the pet shop and no-one is any the wiser and no tears are shed. One word of warning however. Always buy one the same size or a little larger. A goldfish can grow whilst a kiddie is on holiday but it can never shrink. And however well the child takes your teasing at home, never, never, send a postcard saying "Ann cooked some chips and your fish was delicious" as I did once.

Budgies are more difficult if there is a death. Although you may find an identically coloured bird you will not get one that says the same nursery rhymes. Cats will often return to their homes and if a dish of food is left out daily they will otherwise fend for themselves quite happily on their own territory and even if they seem to have gone missing, will re-appear only a few minutes after the return of their owners. There is always the temptation for the owner of a deceased pet to think "it woudn't have happened if I had not gone away" so any bereavements are most unfortunate for those taking on the job of foster-owner. They too know of these thoughts. Exotic and difficult pets are not likely to come your way because owners of these tend to be dedicated people who will never go on holiday until such a pet finally goes the way of all flesh.

Although you vow to yourself that you will not look after anyone's pets again, you know in your heart of hearts that you will do so when the time comes. This small service is just one facet of everyone's desire to be a Good Neighbour.

R. Bull

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

POPPY DAY COLLECTION: This year's collection in the village amounted to £45. 10. Od. Thank you all, and may we especially thank all the collectors who so nobly trudge the lanes defying the cold and damp of November days.

M.S.J. and J.M.W.T.

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VILLAGE HALL WHIST DRIVES: If you want to spend a pleasant social hour or two, come along to the Village Hall on Friday December 16th when we are holding our Christmas Whist Drive. Plenty of prizes and a friendly atmosphere. When you have paid us a visit once, you will want to come again, as we hold a whist drive every other Friday, and the next one in December will be the 29th.

A cordial invitation to all friends, especially new comers to the village.

R.W.

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VILLAGE CAROL CONCERT on Sunday December 18th at 8.p.m. in the Village Hall. Proceeds for OXFAM. Items include:

- Community Carol Singing led by Keith Oliver and Orchestra.
- Methodist Choir
- Peter and David Brownridge
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- Children from Naphill School.

M.C - F.S. Deane

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