

# NAPHILL GAZETTE



JANUARY 1967

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THE NAPHILL GAZETTE WISHES ALL READERS

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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At the December meeting members were glad to hear that the new football building was going on all right and that it is hoped to bring it into use in January.

Miss S. Coles was welcomed as the Council member representing the Scouts and Cubs, and Mr. G. Brown as the Cricket Club representative.

The Rangers have kindly promised to keep the War Memorial Stone and surround in order for 1967 and were warmly thanked for undertaking this.

The Bazaar had been a great success, netting about £130, against this expenditure of the following sums this month were:-

Gang Mower repairs	£64
New tank for tractor	£ 9. 10. 0.
Sundry repairs to Hall	£20.
Electrical alterations & Christmas Lighting	£52.

New curtains are needed on the stage and these may cost well over £50, so it will be seen that without the Fete, Bazaar and Social Club's profits, we should be hard put to it.

It was reported that the recent collection for the Gazette resulted in the sum of about £55 being raised.

At the conclusion of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was passed with enthusiasm to Miss Cooper for her great work in 1966. She is succeeded as Chairman for 1967 by Mr. R. Pushman.

AGENDA FOR MEETING 2/1/67:

1. Final A/cs of Bazaar
2. Sale of Gate
3. Finance
4. Stage Curtains
5. Hard core for extension to Car Park

R.C.R.

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.

Jan 1st	Sister Sylvia Darwent (Covenant Service)	Mr. A. Cooper
" 8th	Mr. W. Dodd, BA, BSc.	Supply
" 15th	Mr. K. Peatey	Sister Sylvia Darwent
22nd	Mr. J.H. Hodgkinson, BA.	Mr. D. Rance, BA
29th	Mr. P. Syson, B.Sc.	Mr. W. Parkins

M.G.B.

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

Services:	Holy Communion	Jan 1st	9.15 a.m.
	Evensong	Jan 15th	3.30 p.m.
	Sunday School	2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays	

Do you remember the Whist Drive we had last year? we hope our next will be even better. Please book the date - Friday January 6th, Village Hall, at 7.30 p.m.

We can provide an outlet for those things you no longer need! Our RUMMAGE SALE has been fixed for the end of February, so please tell anyone connected with the church that you have goods to give us, or 'phone Mrs Wood, Naphill 3163.

A party of Naphill people are visiting the Pantomime on Ice at Wembley on January 7th. There may still be room for you, if you ask quickly.

W.W.

We shall be reopening the Discussion Group at the church on Wednesday, 18th January. On January 25th, the course "The People Next Door", will commence and continue each Wednesday (excluding Ash Wednesday February 8th) until March 15th. The time will be 8.30.

M.W.

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

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

Back in 1940 when John Holmes was Principal of the Manchester School of Art, he appeared on a Brains Trust with Wilfred Pickles and other well known personalities. As a result of this meeting Pickles came to talk to the students. In those days he was well

known in the North as Billy Welcome. So it came about that nearly four years ago when John was Editor of the Naphill Gazette he decided to write to Wilfrid and suggest Naphill as a venue for Have-a-go. And now it is all over and we are trying to make up our minds as to what we thought of it. As far as featuring the Village of Naphill goes, I admit to being disappointed, and everyone will have a different idea as to who should have been on the programme, but consider two things. I know of one or two ideal subjects who refused to co-operate, and I think the producers, coming amongst complete strangers did a very good job. Hearty congratulations to those who took part. The programme was taped by several people and if anyone would like to hear a re-run, please get in touch with Mrs. Hampton, The Retreat, Pursells Meadow.

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The other event on the Village Hall stage this month was the three act drama Murder at the Vicarage. I was under orders to report on this, but with great daring and ingenuity I passed the job on to Wing Commander Randall, RAF, whose interesting and helpful report appears on another page. I cannot help saying what a pity it was that Stan Butler, making his debut after years behind the scenes, should have been let down by the effects dept. The play was about a murder and Stan was a corpse with a hole in his head and they kept talking of the spreading blood, but the only thing spreading on Stan's head was a bald patch. Tomato ketchup is cheap enough.

Walking round Naphill Fete last June I met a little old gentleman with a twinkle in his eye, and almost saluted. For this was Oliver Coles, one-time captain of His Majesty's Home Guard in Naphill. Some strange choices were made in picking Home Guard officers up and down the country, but the choice of Captain Coles was one of the happiest. All through the war I never heard a single man criticise him, and they were a very critical lot. He is now in his eighties, and on behalf of all the company I say "Happy New Year Sir".

The first shots fired in anger by Home Guards came from two men of the Hughenden Section. Don't miss next month's thrilling instalment.

Ron Piercy

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPT 1966

<u>1965</u>		<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
£ 38	To Balance 1st Oct	£ 74	£ 4	By Administrative Exp. £ 9
£ 60	Village & RAF Collection	69	£68	Stationery & printing 114
£ 12	Donations & Postage		-	Purchase of
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£ 2	Interest GPO A/c	3		
<u>£147</u>		<u>£227</u>	<u>£147</u>	<u>£227</u>
	Prepared by D Tooby			Audited by G.T. Smith

## MURDER AT THE VICARAGE

I had never previously seen a production by the Naphill W.I. Drama Group. "Please do not expect too much from us" they said! They need not have worried. Along with everyone else in a packed Village Hall I truly enjoyed the performance of Agatha Christie's well known mystery thriller, Murder at the Vicarage - a delightful play with a typical Agatha Christie twist in the last scene, which surely could not be anticipated by those who have not previously seen the play. The build up of suspicion falls on almost every member of the cast (corpse and police excepted) and the final unravelling of the mystery is quite a revelation.

I was particularly impressed by the scenery. What a delightful room was created, a real country vicarage atmosphere which definitely surpassed my expectations. Unfortunately there was one exception - that awful rumpled and wrinkled coconut matting all over the stage! Full marks to all the cast for managing to overcome such a difficult hazard so competently.

The casting was excellent. Harold Bannister as the Vicar wore "the cloth" as to the manner born, and his was a most accomplished performance. Coral Wild as Griselda gained in confidence with the passing of the scenes and showed her true merit in the final one. Connie Cox was convincing in the part of the maid with more lines than is usual in such plays. Michael Commons, Alan Shrimpton, Douglas Tooby and Chris Brown did well in the male supporting roles, but Mary Bradley's performance was marred by too hasty delivery and movement. The role of Inspector Slack was given very adequate authority by Richard Pushman. Marion Lovell, as the dead man's wife and Maurice Balls as her lover were smooth and effective particularly in the last scene, but I give special bouquets to both Maud Brown who played the difficult and wordy part of the village gossip and snoop in most accomplished style and to Muriel Piercy whose performance as Mrs Price-Ridley stamped her as one who must have had much theatrical experience (apart from the years which surely were spent in Poona !! ).

Yes, this really was a pleasant and entertaining production. Our thanks are due to the Producer, Blanche Weeks, the whole cast and all who did so much to enable us to spend such a happy evening in our Village Hall. I look forward to the next production with interest.

Bill R.

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## NAPHILL YOUNG NEIGHBOURS

On 12th December we held our Christmas Social; about 80 members and their guests attended, many in imaginative fancy dress costumes. Roy Perry was our M.C. and ensured that the evening went with a swing. In addition to an excellent buffet and party games (which we were all pleased our husbands could not see) we were entertained by the folk singing group, Jennifer Smith and her three brothers. We wound the evening up with carol singing led by the folk singers.

The prize for the most original fancy dress went to a group who had disguised themselves as a Zebra-crossing, and that for the prettiest went to Mrs Harvey who wore a very attractive sari.

At our next month's meeting we shall have a film and talk on the furniture industry given by a representative of Parker Knoll.

We should like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy New Year.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

My Six Wives was the title of a talk by Mr. Bryant Peers to Naphill W.I. members on December 1st. In giving a vote of thanks Mrs. R. Bull voiced the opinion of a number of the members when she said "If only we had been taught History at school as Mr. Bryant Peers had given his talk, we would have found it much more interesting"

An Xmas parcel has been despatched to the adopted family.

The Coffee Morning at Mrs Jacks realised £5 and the Whist Drive at Mrs Thynne's £3.4.0d. The next Coffee Morning will be at Mrs Bulls on January 12th 1967 and Mrs Kent will stage a Whist Drive at Mrs Pearson's house on January 18th 1967.

At the General Meeting a film about National Trust will be shown by Mr. Roberts and the tea hostesses are Mrs M. Brown, Mrs Blick, Mrs Brion and Mrs Paton.

C.B.W.

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1ST NAPHILL GUIDE CO:

The Bazaar on November 19th was one of our most successful, resulting in over £90 for our hut maintenance fund.

On December 2nd, the Brownie Pack joined us for an Open meeting. Five Brownies came up into the Company and two Guides were enrolled. Mrs Capell, our District Commissioner, was with us and she presented various badges and stars, which included three First Class badges. The First Class test involves a considerable amount of all round knowledge and skill from swimming and first aid to knowledge of the movement, and map reading, and we sincerely congratulate the three girls concerned.

One Christmas Good Turn was to collect used stamps. These are sold and the proceeds help to educate and feed blind African children.

Congratulations to the following badge winners:

Second Class: Elizabeth Anthony, Christine Selby. Pathfinder: Janet Bolding, Teresa Butler, Diane Dixon. Horsewoman: Jane Key. First Class: Janet Bolding, Clare Budden, Caroline Thynne. Part 2 of Ranger Star: Susan Barrett.

J.M.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Mr. Mitchell's nature transparencies and commentary were greatly enjoyed by the members on December 9th, especially interesting was the information regarding fungi.

On December 17th the 10th Xmas Party took place in the Village Hall when approximately 80 members and invited guests sat down to tea. An attractive Xmas cake made by Mrs. D. Tooby was cut by Mrs E. Smith. A variety entertainment given by local people consisted of songs by Mr. Cyril Leeson, carols by girl guides who also presented a packet of sweets to each member, a duet by Mr. A. Shrimpton and Mr. H. Pearson, and a trio by Mrs R. Piercy, Mrs L. Brown and Mrs Carol Wild, in Japanese costume. Accompanied by two attractive young ladies and a fairy, Father Christmas arrived by sleigh - gifts were then distributed. The party ended with Old Lang Syne.

On January 6th 1967 Mr. Rose will show and comment on some holiday transparencies.

We wish all members a happy and prosperous New Year.

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## L E A R N I N G T O D R I V E

In this day and age, being able to drive a motor car can make life easier for a lot of people, for travelling to places of business, shopping, conveying the children to school, or a nice moonlight drive through Bradenham Woods with the girl friend. Most modern cars are fitted with a heater and even winter driving can be quite pleasant.

The earliest age permitted by law to commence to drive a motor car is 17 years. The first step before starting to drive is to acquire a Provisional Driving Licence which costs 10/- and is valid for six months. An application form to obtain a licence can be obtained from any Post Office.

The best way to learn to drive is to take a course of lessons with a first class school. With a good school you will be taught on a dual-control car which gives utmost safety and confidence in all circumstances. Please do not let your husband, father or boy friend teach you to drive - it usually ends up with tears, frayed tempers and sometimes, a long walk home.

The Ministry of Transport recommends to learner drivers that they be taught by a Ministry of Transport Approved Driving Instructor. A list of Driving Schools who employ Ministry of Transport Approved Driving Instructors can be obtained from The Ministry of Transport, Stuart House, 23/25 Soho Square, London W.1.

After a few lessons your instructor usually arranges for you to apply for the driving test as the waiting period for the test may be up to two or three months. Some instructors hold the view that a pupil may need a lesson for each year of their age. This could be quite expensive for some! To pass a driving test you must satisfy the examiner that you are a safe and competent driver and you must be fully conversant with the contents of the Highway Code and must be able to recognise and describe the new International Road Signs.

After you have passed your driving test, remember that your driving career has just started and it is now up to you to improve your standard of driving. Try to drive smoothly - make your braking smoothly. One driver I know thought his passenger was continually nodding off to sleep until it was pointed out to him that his braking was harsh and jerky. If your passenger suddenly disappears into the back seat it means you are accelerating too harshly.

Plan your course ahead , avoid last minute decisions, always try to be in the right gear in the right place at the right moment. Concentrate on your driving all the time, concentration is the keystone of all good driving and this will also ensure skilfull handling of your car.

The Highway Code urges all drivers to be courteous, and a good driver goes further and acknowledges the courtesies extended to him by every road user, and courtesy is a great factor in road safety.

J. Perry  
(Hughenden Valley)

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

The death has occurred of Mr. Phil Evans, late of Box 127, Gatooma, S. Rhodesia, aged 52. Husband of Margaret (Babs) Shrimpton, of Naphill.

They both felt they had the call to go to Africa to help educate and help, the children especially. There, Mrs Evans started needlework classes in her home, for mothers who had never seen a needle or cotton. She taught the African women how to make and sew for their families, also to cook and lots of odd jobs about their homes. They ran Sunday School, gave parties for the children. Colour or creed did not matter to them. They were God's children.

He will be sadly missed, but his wife, son and daughter-in-law also three grandchildren, will continue the good work as he would wish.

He died as he lived, unafraid. My sympathy goes out to the family. From an old school pal of Mrs Evans.

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BABIES : The printer and assistant editor of the Gazette have brought out a special edition. Stop Press news. It's a BOY James Benjamin Lawrence.

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Jackie ) has made Albert & Rene proud grandparents  
(Reed)Adams ) with the arrival of Michael John Adams

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

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AT THE VILLAGE HALL:	JANUARY 1967	
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 pm
W.I. Committee	Thursday 5th & 26th	2.30 pm C.R.
Young Neighbours	Monday 9th	7.30 pm.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 pm
Over 60 Club	Friday 6th & 20th	2.30 pm
Whist Drive	Friday 6th (Naphill Church)	7.00 pm
Whist Drive	Friday 13th and 27th	7.30 pm
Library	Friday 13th and 27th	6.30-8.00 C.R.
Dancing Class	Tues 10th, 17th & 24th, 31st	3.10 pm
Charity Party	Saturday 14th (Mr. Shrimpton)	
Birthday Party	Friday 20th (Private)	
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"	Saturday 28th	"

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WINNERS OF THE BAZAAR CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW: 1st: Miss Rodway,  
2nd: Commander Gun-Cullingham, c/o B1 Office, Aldgate, EC2,  
3rd: Bristow. 4th: E.A. Gray, Naphill School. 5th: Mrs A.  
Russel. 6th: E.C. Halsey, Hillcroft, Naphill. 7th: A. Brown, Hunts  
Hill cottage, Naphill. 8th: D. Brooks, c/o Lawrences, Naphill.  
9th: B. Smith, Walters Ash Farm. 10th: H. Tapping, Naphill.  
11th: Mrs Jenkins, 22 Ash Close, Walters Ash. 12th: Mrs Parslow,  
Casa-Mia, Naphill. 13th: A. Marriott, c/o Wren Davis Ltd.  
14th: D. Keen, Forge Cottage, Naphill

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#### NEW BADGE FOR RAF HIGH WYCOMBE:

The illustration on the front cover of this Gazette is the new station badge for the RAF Bomber Command unit at Naphill, and has been approved by Her Majesty The Queen.

The RAF High Wycombe Badge depicts a thunderbolt supported by two pillars indicating the station's support for the Headquarters of RAF Bomber Command. The main feature of Bomber Command's Badge is a thunderbolt. The High Wycombe motto "Non Sibi" means "Not for One's Self".

The Badge will be formally presented to the station by the Air Officer Commanding Bomber Command Directly Administered Units, Air Vice Marshal W. Carter, CB, DFC.

RAF High Wycombe is commanded by Wing Commander W.J. Randall, OBE.

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

COMMITTEE MEETING	Monday 6th February	8.00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	Thurs 2nd & 23rd	2.30 p.m. B.R.
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
	Also Weds 1st, 8th & 22nd	
Dancing Class	Tues 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	3.10 p.m.
Over 60 Club	Friday 3rd & 17th	2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday 10th & 24th	7.30 p.m.
Library	" " " "	6.30-8.00 p.m. C.R.
W.I. Open Night	Saturday 11th	
Young Neighbours	Monday 13th	7.30 p.m.
Horticultural Soc.	" "	8.00 p.m. B.R.
Naphill Conservative	Wednesday 15th	8.00 p.m.
Rummage Sale		
Naphill Church	Saturday 25th	2.30 p.m.
Naphill Night	" "	7.00 p.m.

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Several important dates were agreed at the January Meeting of the Village Hall Council. Will all readers please make a note of these in their new diaries ?

Annual General Meeting Wednesday 15th March: At this meeting six members of the Public are elected for service on the Council for the coming year. There is also the decision to be made as to whether there will be a Fair on the Field in the Autumn. At this meeting the opportunity will be taken for the Chairman to auction a five-barred gate surplus to requirements - here is the chance of a bargain.

The Annual General Meeting gives the opportunity to praise or blame the Council for the way they are managing the Hall and Field.

Naphill Night - Saturday 21st February: The Wine and Cheese party held last year was a great success in bringing new and old inhabitants together. As the name of Wine and Cheese has become a trifle demode it has been decided to call the affair 'Naphill Night'. Don't miss this !!

Naphill Fete - Saturday 24th June: You must ALL come.

A hearty welcome was given at the meeting to Mr. Pushman and Mr. Woodruff as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively, and to Mrs. Harper representing the Young Neighbours.

AGENDA for Village Hall Council Meeting Monday 6th February:

1. Minutes of last meeting.
2. Matters arising therefrom.
3. Naphill Night
4. Car Park

R.C.R.

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

Services: Holy Communion	February 5th	9.15 a.m.
Evensong	February 12th	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School	2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays	2.30 p.m.

'The People Next Door' Weds evenings 8.30 p.m.  
 (Excluding Ash Wednesday)

This is an Interdenominational Course of study and action.  
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Rummage Sale: February 25th - Village Hall - 2.30 p.m.

This is the first of the 1967 series of rummage sales, so don't hoard those unwanted things - pass them on to us as we will gladly collect, if you will 'phone Naphill 3163. Alternatively, anyone who attends Naphill Church will gladly arrange to have your goods collected.

Attendance at our January Whist Drive was marred by a snow shower, but those who came were well rewarded for we had some excellent prizes and choice refreshments. We tender our thanks to those who helped in any way.

W.W.

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

Preachers for February:

	<u>11. a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
February 5th	Sister Sylvia Darwent (Holy Communion)	Mr. N. Parkinson
" 12th	Mr. B. Sutcliffe	Mr. D.A. Gregory
" 19th	Mr. W.O. Haines	Sister Sylvia Darwent
" 26th	Mr. P. Springell	Mr. M. Brittin

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On Wednesday February 1st at 7.45 we invite you to see a Film dealing with the work of Home Missions.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Friday January 13th when Miss Shirley Smith, our Home Missions Secretary, showed beautiful coloured slides and gave an interesting commentary on her holiday in Saltzburg.

M.G.B.

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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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E D I T O R S   C O R N E R

Last month I claimed that the first shots fired in anger by Home Guards during the war came from two members of the 4th Bux Battalion F. Company, Hughenden Platoon, Headquarters, The Old Mission Hall Naphill. Although I remember it very well, I have taken the facts from the official history of the 4th Bux by Leiut. Colonel Kentish, D.S.O. It was June 1940 and the police were setting up road blocks here and there to check car drivers. They often asked for two L.D.V's to help, with orders to fire on any car that failed to stop. It was at a road block in Hughenden Road that two local men were on duty. The history does not give their names so I will refrain from doing so. In the late evening a car came along at great speed, failed to stop, and the policeman had to jump for his life. Our two heros, who had not fired a rifle since 1914-18, stepped smartly forward. There was a double report and the back and front windows of the car were shattered. The vehicle skidded into the hedge and stopped. The constable ran up, opened the rear side door, and a body fell out. The driver slumped over the wheel his head dripping blood. In the back sat two passengers paralysed with terror. It turned out that they were air-men from Walters Ash, and three were unhurt but rather drunk. One bullet had knocked off the drivers cap, removed a strip of skin the length of his head and gone some way towards sobering him up. They were held until an escort arrived to collect them. By a coincidence F. Company was called "The Walters Ash Relief Column."

Ron Piercy

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

A Note from the Retiring Chairman of the Village Hall Council:

First of all I would like to thank everyone - organisations and individuals - who helped with the Christmas Bazaar and the Tramp Supper. A lot of hard work by many people made the day a success, both socially and financially.

May I again appeal to all users of the Hall to leave it in the condition they find it and especially, to remove all rubbish. Unwanted articles are still left behind, e.g. a dozen current buns in a box! We have a most conscientious caretaker in Mrs Timberlake and she keeps the hall and other rooms in excellent order. We can make her job easier if we all do our bit.

Recently, the cupboard containing the special china was found open. A few articles have been broken and chipped, but also, plates etc. had found their way into the general cupboard. It has now been sorted out and counted and the key for this special china cupboard will in future be kept by Mrs Leek, Aldin, Pursells Meadow. Any person hiring the china should collect the key from Mrs. Leek. They will be asked to sign for it and will be responsible for the china until the keys are returned.

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A suggestion was made that the balance of Mrs Smart's legacy to the W.I. should be used to purchase something which could be used at W.I. monthly meetings. Mrs Halsey proposed that a tea service and tray should be bought for use on the President's table.

The speaker on February 2nd will be Mrs Snow with a demonstration of Dried Flower arranging, and the competition will be for the best arrangement of dried flowers, leaves and twigs. Sixpenny parcels will be collected and sold. The tea hostesses are: Mrs Blackwell, Mrs Jones, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Rabson.

Open Night will be on February 11th.

C.B.W.

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### GARDENING NOTES

My apologies for non-appearance last month, but January is not much of a gardening month is it? This month we are a little more hopeful, what with the snowdrops being in bloom and many other kinds of bulbs popping through the soil are sure signs that Spring is round the corner.

If we do get a nice spell during the month and the soil is right, I daresay some of you will be chancing an early sowing of broad beans, early peas and a row of shallots, but should the weather be unkind you can still start these three crops off by sowing them in four inch deep boxes, using a fair amount of peat or leaf soil in the mixture. Place the boxes in the cold greenhouse or frame or in a good light position in the garage, shed or spare room window, and with a little care when transplanting into the garden in late March or early April by taking care not to damage the roots, they will get away and give you an early crop.

At this time of year a greenhouse with heat or a soil warming outfit in the frame, a real start can be made with the above three and many more such as brussels, lettuce, early cabbage and lettuce or onions.

Prune the fushias on the same lines as your roses, water them and start them into growth, box up begonias in moist peat ready for them to start into growth, and crysanthemums should be brought inside and cuttings taken as they become available, and a start made with salvias, lobelia and antirriniums (snapdragons will do Audrey) these should have the warmest spot available. Dahlias can be started into growth if cuttings are needed to increase your stocks, but those that will be planted as tubers in the open garden should still be kept cool, and if they begin to shrivel an occasional slight sprinkle with warm water will help to keep them plump.

A.H.B.

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### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the billiard room on Monday February 13th at 8 p.m., and after a reasonable spell of inactivity it is hoped that as many of you as possible will spare a

couple of hours of your time to be with us on that date, and we will be lenient with late comers who cannot miss their 7.30 television programme !

The usual A.G.M. business will be done at the meeting and one extraordinary matter will also have to be dealt with - the appointment of a new President. Dr. Bayley who has served the Society so splendidly in this capacity since the Society's formation 21 years ago, will not be seeking re-election for health reasons. So bowing to the inevitable, can we have your nominations please !

Some members don't bother to attend this annual meeting because they think the Society is running satisfactorily, and anyhow they are not the types to take part in the active work, but a good attendance at the one business meeting a year does give the Officers and Committee some encouragement to carry on with the day to day work of the Society.

We have not applied to the Incomes and Prices Board to increase our membership fees, so it would seem that they will have to remain at the price fixed 21 years ago, at least during the Period of Restraint, but we would like to point out that the 2/6d is the minimum charge for membership. However, there is no restriction on increasing our membership, and we cordially invite any newcomers to the village to come along to the meeting if they would like to join, also any lapsed members who want to renew acquaintance.

The Committee

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

NAPHILL CONSERVATIVE BRANCH :

(1) Annual General Meeting. The annual general meeting of the Naphill Conservative Branch will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th February 1967 at 8 p.m. All paid up members of the Branch are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

(2) Coach Trip to Oxford Pantomime. The Naphill Conservative Branch will be running a coach to the Oxford Pantomime - Dick Whittington - on Saturday 18th February 1967. The coach will leave Smith's yard at Walters Ash at 5.30 p.m. Centre stalls seats have been booked, and the inclusive cost of coach and seats will be approximately 18/6d. Anyone wishing to go please contact Mr. Tooby, Mr. Perry, Mr. Monks or any committee member. First come - first served.

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MRS FRASER'S DANCING CLASSES:

Congratulations to Lyn Humphrey on passing her Primary Examination at the recent Royal Academy of Dancing Ballet in Education Examinations.

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THE ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER COMMITTEE gratefully acknowledge receipt of £19. 9. Od received from the "Wheel" as a result of the Xmas Draw. Our thanks are given to all who helped in any way.

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COMMITTEE MEETING	Monday 6th March	8.00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	Thursday 2nd and 30th	2.30 p.m.C.R.
A.G.M. Village Hall		
Council	Wednesday 15th	8.00 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
	also Wed. 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th	
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Dancing Class	Every Tuesday	3.10 p.m.
Over 60 Club	Friday 3rd, 17th and 31st	2.30 p.m.
W.I. Jumble Sale	Saturday 4th	2.30 p.m.
Military Whist Drive		
(Cup)	Friday 10th	7.30 p.m.
Library	Friday 10th & Thurs 23rd	6.30 C.R.
Jumble Sale (Over 60s)	Saturday 11th	2.00 p.m.
Young Neighbours	Monday 13th	7.30 p.m.
Whist Drive (W.I.)	Friday 17th	7.30 p.m.
Jumble Sale	Saturday 18th	2.30 p.m.
(Scouts & Guides)		
Private Function		
(Mr. Jackson)		7.30 p.m.

At the February meeting of the Council the Chairman expressed the hope that all inhabitants of the village would heed the invitation in the February Gazette to come to the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Hall on Wednesday the 15th March at 8 p. .

Several quotations have been received for extending the Car Park and it is hoped that something will shortly be done to ameliorate conditions when large numbers of cars come to the hall and fields in bad weather.

New stage curtains will shortly be provided in the Hall. This will, of course, make the rest of the place look dowdy, so that the Council will have to face up to spending money on re-decoration.

The auxilliary heating has now been changed to long bars in the roof and it is felt that this may now be accepted by all as successful.

The hanging of electric light bulbs on the fir tree outside the hall has been a feature for many years. The cost was trifling to start with, but has now been creeping up rather alarmingly, a bill for £21. 9.3d for last Christmas having been received. Whether we should continue this is a subject which might well be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

Some ill disposed persons have pulled up the plaques in front of the trees commemorating King George VI's Silver Jubilee and others. This will, of course, entail expenditure which ought never to be necessary.

Agenda for Council Meeting Monday 6th March.

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. Matters arising therefrom
3. Car Park
4. Weedkiller and Fertilizer for the Field

Bucks Free Press Representative for Naphill: It will be remembered that Mr Alan Shrimpton was our representative for some years, then Mrs Hampton took over. She has now found that she cannot carry on any longer, but the village is lucky that Mr. Harry Pearson, Dalsnibba, Chapel Lane, has now signified that he will be willing to take this job on. All Village Organisations who have news which they wish to be considered for insertion in the Bucks Free Press, should therefore send the copy to Mr. Pearson.

R.C.R.

Naphill Fete: Last month we announced that the Fete this year is to be on 20th June. The Council appreciate that it is still a long time from June but as in a good year, if everybody comes, we can hope to make over £200 profit, we thought we would remind you once again to put the date in your diaries. At this stage we are not in a position to say what our plans are, but you may be interested to know the committee has already been formed and we have had the first two meetings. Suffice to say that we believe we are developing a really exciting and interesting programme for you, and let us hope the weather is a little kinder than last year. We will let you know our plans progressively in the next three issues of the Gazette, but in the meantime any ideas or offers of help will be most welcome. The Chairman's telephone number is Naphill 3122.

J.G.W.

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

Services:	Holy Communion	March 5th	9.15 a.m.
	Evensong	March 19th	3.30 p.m.
	Holy Communion		
	Easter Day	March 26th	9.15 a.m.

'The People Next Door'  
Wednesday Evenings 8.30 p.m.

Sunday School At Hughenden Church 1st Sunday  
At Naphill Church 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

New Residents might wish to note that we regularly have Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month and Evensong on the third Sunday, with additional services on Festivals.

Mothering Sunday, March 5th, is the name often given to the fourth Sunday in Lent and probably originated from the habit of families visiting 'Mother Church' on that day. There also seems to have arisen a custom of visiting one's mother and giving a gift, at one time a form of cake called a "Simmel", a rich sort of plum pudding. The custom lapsed for a time but has now been revived, much to the advantage of stationers and florists, who do a vast trade selling cards and flowers respectively, which are now the usual form of gifts to mothers.

Good Friday, March 24th, seems so inappropriate a name for this particular day. It is thought to be a corruption of 'God's Friday'. The custom of eating hot cross buns on Good Friday is derived from a pagan habit of eating bread marked with a cross at public sacrifices. In this we have a connection between buns and the crucifixion.

W.W.

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

Preachers for March:

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

March 5th	Family service conducted by Sister Sylvia Darwent	Mr. C. Burrell, M.A.
12th	Mr A.E. Steevens	Mr. D.S. Howard
19th	Women's Anniversary Services Mrs Caten. Soloist Mrs M.Bowler.	Mrs Greenstreet Soloist Mrs Judge
26th		
Easter Day	Mr. Rundle	Sister Sylvia Darwent (Holy Communion)

The Annual Women's Rally will be held on Wednesday March 22nd. The President will be Mrs Greenstreet, the Speaker, Mrs Dickson, and the Soloist, Mrs Olwen West. Tea will be served.

M.G.B.

Naphill Methodist Sunday School: The Annual Sunday School party was held on Saturday 28th January 1967. Scholars who attended enjoyed playing games in the schoolroom from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Tea and amusements were kindly provided by the Sunday School teachers.

Sunday School classes are held every Sunday morning from 10.15 a.m. till 11. 15 a.m. and children of all ages will be made very welcome.

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

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

ALAN BROWN

Just about twentythree years ago two baby boys were born in Naphill. One was my son and the other the son of my old school chum Albert Brown. And Alberts son was spastic. It was only natural therefore that my wife and I should often ask ourselves, as many other parents will have done, suppose it had happened to us. Could we have coped as well, and as bravely as Albert and Nancy Brown have coped. Of course the answer is that no one knows until they have to try. Almost everyone in Naphill must have met Alan out in his wheel chair and almost everyone will have received from him a cheery greeting. But now this

brave little soul has gone and our thoughts are with his sorrowing parents. Like Job of old, they were sorely tried, and like Job, they were not found wanting.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

The exquisite Dried Flower arrangements demonstrated to suit the particular rooms they were placed in, and the hints passed on to Naphill W.I. members by Mrs Snow on February 2nd, have made them eager to dry their own flowers and leaves this summer in readiness for arranging next winter. Mrs Piercy thanked Mrs Snow, especially for passing on the hints. The competition entries for dried flower arrangements were judged by Mrs Snow and prizes awarded to Mrs Bull, First, and Mrs Brill, Second.

Three new members were welcomed, Mrs Cottingham, Mrs Evans and Mrs Marshall.

The new tea set and tray purchased out of Mrs Smart's legacy was in use on the President's table for the first time.

An outing to London for shopping has been arranged for March 7th.

A Whist Drive will be held in the village hall on March 17th. A letter of appreciation for Christmas stockings sent to Amersham Elderly Folks Ward was read, and Mrs Piercy read a letter from the Adopted Family expressing their gratitude for the gift of clothes and money.

On March 2nd a Travel talk will be given by Mrs Paton on a walk through the centuries (Oxford). The competition will be a decorated egg. Collection of eggs to be given to a local children's home or hospital.

The whist drive organised by Mrs Kent at Mrs Pearsons resulted in £2. 3. 6d and the coffee morning at Mrs Bulls, £9. 2. 0.

The tea hostesses for March are, Mrs Butler, Mrs Bowler, Mrs Drake and Mrs Gurney.

A Rummage Sale will be held in the village hall on March 4th at 2.30 p.m. The committee will be at the hall at 10 a.m. to receive rummage.

A Display by a team of Ukranian Dancers from Reading was the highlight of the Open Night held in the village hall on February 11th. Performing their own special style of National Dance to appropriate music by two members of the troupe, they delighted all present with their quick footwork and poise, their picturesque National dress made and embroidered by themselves or members of their families added colour to a very interesting display.

A number of games and competitions were enjoyed by everyone, including a Mask Parade which showed excellent ingenuity by all participants.

The unanimous verdict was that it had been a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

C.B.W.

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1ST N A P H I L L G U I D E S A N D R A N G E R S

Thinking Day is here once again, and as usual we send greetings to Guides overseas and wish the Chief Guide a Happy Birthday on

22nd February.

This year the High Wycombe Division held a special Thinking Day service at the Town Hall on 19th February, a service much enjoyed by all who attended.

The Rangers are practicing hard for the County Keep Fit competition, to be held at Chesham on 3rd March.

The next Jumble Sale will be held on 18th March at the village hall.

Special congratulations to Janet Bolding who has gained her all-round cords. Well done Janet ! And also to the following badge winners: Emergency Helper - Christine Selby, Teresa Butler. Cooks - Penny Proffitt, Iris Featherstone. Map-Reader - Janet Bolding, Teresa Butler. Health Needlewoman - Janet Bolding, Teresa Butler.

J.M.

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N A P H I L L F. C.

Final preparations are now being made for the coming Easter Tour to Amsterdam, and there are still spare seats available for players or non-players. Anyone interested please phone Naphill 3084.

The team has now settled down into a useful unit, having reached the semi-final of the Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup and a safe middle of the Table League position.

Results:

	<u>1st Team</u>		<u>Reserves</u>	
Westbourne	2 - 2	Prestwood 'A'		10-1
Chesham Moor	6 - 3	Misbourne Monnechs		2-6
Wycombe Wanderers	3 - 4	Bourne End Res		3-2
Gt Kingshill	1 - 1	Sands Res		1-6
Cookham Dean	3 - 1	Sands Res		0-9

Fixture: Saturday 4th March 1967 - Maidenhead Norfolkian Cup  
Semi-Final. Naphill v Iver. K.O. 3.00 p.m.

M.J. Commons

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

We were delighted to see three new members at our Club last month. Owing to the illness of several of our members the numbers were lower at our last meeting, when we were favoured by a visit from Lacey Green W.I. who presented a play entitled "The Mad Hatters".

Mr. Busby will give a talk on gardening at our next meeting on March 3rd.

Our Rummage Sale will be held on March 11th in the village hall at 2.30 p.m. Anyone who would like goods collected please get in touch with Mr. Pearson, "Dalshibba", Chapel Lane, Naphill 2317, or any committee member.

The coach will leave the village hall on March 13th at 4.15 p.m. for the visit to the Black & White Minstrel Show.

C.B.W.

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FROM OUR NEW ZEALAND CORRESPONDENTS

Most of the weather here comes across the Tasman sea from the south coast of Australia and we are able to study the maps and know our weather well in advance. However, occasionally the wind changes round to the east and comes in from the Pacific. This usually means wind and rain, and all the locals go beserck to get out to the west coast beaches with deep sea fishing lines. A large polythene bag is blown up and fixed to the line and then released to be blown out to sea, dragging out the line with twenty or more baited hooks. The line generally goes out as far as a mile, is left for half an hour and then hoisted in loaded with Snapper, the most common local fish. On the one occasion when I went out, the wind dropped before the line had cleared the giant breakers - most disappointing.

I hear Jim Livingstone has been robbed - I should lock your door next time Jim !!

I thought I would add a few words of interest for the women readers as regards prices etc out here. Butter is 2/8d per lb (just gone up), sugar is 3/- for 6 lb, flour is 1/9d for 3 lb (was 1/9d for 6 lbs until today), rump steak is 4/6d a lb and lamb (loin) is 2/8d a lb. On the other hand jam is 4/- a lb (strawberry) and runner beans and peas cost as much as 4/- a lb but go down to 2/- for a peak period of about 2 weeks. For a good coat you have to pay £20 and a man's good quality suit costs between £35 and £45. Shoes are not as good as English ones, but still cost from £4 to £8.

There are a few different vegetables eaten in great quantities here, which so far have not all appealed to us, mainly pumpkins which are a great favourite, although not with us. One vegetable which we have quickly grown to like is the Kumera (sweet potato).

S & C Piercy

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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

Last month Mr Bowie of the National Dairy Council, gave a talk and showed slides on the manufacture of English County cheese. The slides showed us the process of turning milk into curds and whey by rennet in large vats. After gentle heating the whey is run off and the curd allowed to settle. The curd is then cut into blocks and these are turned out at frequent intervals and piled to continue drainage. After passing through an electrically driven curd mill which cuts them into small pieces, salt is added to preserve the finished cheese and to bring out the flavour. The curds are packed into cloth-lined molds and the new cheese is pressed for 24 hours. Finally the cheese is removed from the moulds and allowed to ripen for about 4 months.

We finished the evening with coffee and samples of different types of English cheese.

At our next meeting on the 13th March there will be a lecture on gem stones given by Miss S. Gould. There will also be a competition for the prettiest piece of jewellery. So bring along all those baubles, bangles and beads, girls !

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

Although we cannot go full steam ahead with sowings and plantings till next month, there is plenty to be done during March. Digging and manuring should be got on with whenever soil conditions allow, and the planting of roses and other shrubs completed as soon as possible.

Vegetable sowings in the open garden this month, if not already in should include pasnips, onions, shallot, onion sets, broad beans and leeks: also early potatoes, cos lettuce, a small quantity of globe beet and early carrots, also brussels and early cabbage. If broad beans, early peas and shallots or early cauliflower were started under glass earlier in the year, they must be thoroughly hardened off before planting them out in the garden, by giving them all the light and air possible at least during the day, for about a week, and then both day and night for a few more days.

The pruning of roses has become a rather controversial subject and opinions differ as to the best time to do this work, ranging from November till March, and it would appear from all the evidence that it doesn't matter too much which month you choose, so it is a matter of doing it at a time that gives you the best results. I choose March because by that time the buds are active and it is easy to see which parts are healthy and which parts dead or have failed to survive the winter. Anyhow, if you have not pruned yet, get the job done this month and don't worry about having to cut off those new whoots that have grown rather long, owing to the mild weather the bushes will soon produce some more, and remember you have the choice of pruning hard to produce fewer but better roses, or lightly to give more blooms if not quite such good ones.

If those gladioli have come through this winter safely, rub off the dead outer skins and plant them towards the end of the month. Also at that time there are a number of hardy annuals that can be sown where they are to flower such as candytuft, calendula, larkspur and poppies.

There is still time to lift and divide overgrown clumps of perenials such as delphiniums, rudbeckias, pyrethrums and many others. Before replanting the newer outside pieces, dig in some manure or fertiliser to give the new plants a good start.

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

The attendance at the Annual General Meeting was not so good as is usual, so for the benefit of those who did not attend there are one or two points of interest that arose during the meeting, to which we should like to draw attention.

Quite a few members and vice-presidents forgot to pay their dues for 1966. The resignation of De Bayley from active participation in the work of the Society was received with great regret. He was made a Life Member of the Society as a token of appreciation of 21 years valued service.

Mr. A.J. Gould who has served on the Committee for many years, was appointed as our new President, and we know he will do his best to uphold the high standard of this office set by Dr. Bayley.

Mr. H. McDonnell who has served as a valued committee man during his stay in Naphill, will shortly be leaving the village to make a new home in Dorset. Both he and Mrs McDonnell will be missed by a large circle of friends; our best wishes to them in their new venture.

Our balance in hand although still not large, was doubled during the last year. The full list of Officers and Committee for 1967 were appointed as follows: Mr. A.J. Gould - Chairman, R.R. Ginger, Vice Chairman, C.J. Watkins - Secretary, A.H. Busby - Asst Sec., J. Humphrey - Treasurer, K.J. Lunnon - Assistant Treasurer, G.T. Smith. Committee: J. Batts, H.C. Hussey, S.P. Blick, W. Parslow, R. King, L.W. Wright, A.S.A. Wooster, E. Shrimpton, A.L. Rivett. K. Hussey. A.H. Kettell has been invited to fill the vacancy created by Mr. H. McDonnell.

Wycombe Show representatives: J. Batts, A.H. Busby, Auditor: Councillor E.C. Halsey. Village Hall representative: A.S.A. Wooster.

Any of these gentlemen will be pleased to collect your Subs which are now due, take your orders for Chasmor, and give you any information you may require regarding the Society. The dates for our two Shows this year will be July 8th and September 9th.

A.H. Busby, Hon Sec.

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NAPHILL LOCAL LABOUR PARTY : A Meeting of the Naphill Labour Party is to be held at "Sunnyhill", Stocking Lane, Friday 10th March at 8.30 p.m. All those interested are welcome to attend.

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APRIL 1967

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

COMMITTEE MEETING	Monday 3rd April	8. 00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	Thursday 6th & 27th	2. 30 p.m. C.R.
Drama	Thursday 13th	3. 00 p.m.
	Friday 14th	7. 00 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday, and Weds 5th & 12th	7. 30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8. 00 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday 7th & 21st	7. 30 p.m.
Library	Friday 7th & 21st	6. 30 p.m. C.R.
Dancing Class	Monday 3rd, Tues 11th, 18th & 25th, Saturday 29th	3. 10 p.m. 10 a.m.
Golden Wedding	Saturday 8th	
Young Neighbours	Monday 10th	7. 30 p.m.
Over 60 Club	Friday 14th & 28th	2. 30 p.m.
Rummage Sale (Tennis Club)	Saturday 15th	2. 30 p.m.
Dance - Cricket Club	Saturday 15th	7. 30 p.m.
Drama Festival	Saturday 22nd	All Day

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The Annual General Meeting was held in the Hall on Wednesday 14th March, there being under 30 people present. Considering that we have one of the best halls and playing fields in the County and that the village has the entire responsibility for maintaining them, this was disappointing for the Council.

Miss Cooper, the Chairman until the end of December, gave a summary of the happenings during 1966 and expressed her deep appreciation of the efforts of all those who had given substantial help in keeping the place going: without such willing help we should, indeed, be hard put to maintain our wonderful heritage. Mr. Pushman the Chairman for 1967, who presided, gave an outline of what the Council propose to do during the current year. The new Football Pavilion was nearly completed, the Car Park is to be increased by 400 square yards in April, new curtains for the stage would be supplied in the next few days, redecoration of the hall would follow and volunteers would be continuing the re-decoration of the Committee Room, etc.

After many years of voluntarily auditing the accounts, Messrs Blaikie & Co of High Wycombe had been compelled, through pressure of work, to give up this task. The Meeting agreed that a hearty vote of thanks be sent to them for all the time they had given in the past. Messrs Halsey, Mitchell and Woodruff were appointed Honorary Auditors for 1967.

Besides the representatives of the various organisations who constitute the Council, six members of the public are appointed each year. The following four were appointed at the Meeting,



leaving two vacancies to be filled as soon as possible:- Mesdames Jack, Hampton, Syred and Latham.

The Hon. Treasurer's accounts showed a healthy state of affairs, but the expenditure proposed would deplete our resources considerably.

The Chairman paid tribute to the Gazette which, under the Editor, Mr. R. Piercy, supplied the village with all the local news so well.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding and to Miss Cooper for her Chairmanship during 1966.

FOR YOUR DIARIES: THE FETE, SATURDAY 24TH JUNE 1967.

FOR SALE: Offers are invited for a 9 foot 5-bar gate, value about £12. Offers must be received by Mr. Rose, Blacksmiths, up to the 1st April.

R.C.R.

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T H E F E T E

Please correct the mistake we made in the Gazette last month about the date of the fete. It is Saturday 24th June, so please mark your diaries.

Our plans are now much further forward and we will soon be able to tell you full details of the arrangements. But you may like to start thinking about the decorated floats for the procession. In 1966, floats competed for a Rose Bowl given by the year's chairman, Miss Edna Cooper, and it will be presented again this year for the most original and best decorated float. Anyone can enter - so start thinking now. Let's have some really new ideas. An important part of the procession is of course the children's fancy dress parade, and it is never too early to start preparing.

Last year, in spite of the terrible weather, there were very long queues for donkey rides for young children. We would like to shorten the queues if possible, and we ask if anyone can help by providing donkeys. Please ring Naphill 3396 (Woodruff, Heatherlands) or Naphill 3315 (Miss Cooper, Kinnoul) if you can help.

On Fete Day, in the evening we are planning two activities. First, there will be a bumper BINGO SESSION in the Scout & Guide hut and secondly, in the Village Hall there will be the MIDSUMMER NIGHT of dancing with refreshments and licensed bar.

J.G.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 April

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

April	2nd	Mr. M. Brittin	Mrs Holt
	9th	Mr. H.R. Falconer	Mrs Tyler
	16th	Mr. M. Dick	Mr. A. Cooper
	23rd	Rev. W.G. Ream, M.A.	Mr. H. Lord
	30th	Mrs Cooper	Sister Sylvia Darwent

On Sunday April 2nd, at 2.30, the Choir will go to Lacey Green Methodist Church to sing the Cantata "The New Jerusalem".

We invite you to a Missionary Evening at 7.30 p.m. on Friday April 7th-slides of Rhodesia will be shown by Mr. R. Wells. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall.

M.G.B.

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

Holy Communion	April 2nd	9.15 a.m.
Evensong	April 16th	3.30 p.m.
Sunday School	at Hughenden Church	1st Sunday
	at Naphill Church	2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays

DOES THIS CONCERN YOU ? In the near future a deputation from Hughenden Parochial Church Council is to visit Whitehall to discuss the subject of Naphill Old School now used for church services and as a Sunday School. It would be very helpful if any of the older Naphill residents could produce evidence in the form of documents, old newspaper cuttings or old letters which would show that the school buildings were used for services, religious education, as well as regular education, in days gone by.

If anyone has written evidence of this sort we would be most grateful for the loan of it, and please communicate with Dr. D. Bedford at Hughenden Manor, Mr. E.C. Halsey at "Hillcroft", Naphill, or Mr. W. Wood at "Hale End", Christopher Close, Naphill.

Finally, please pay no attention to rumours you may hear, but wait for reliable information in the Naphill Gazette or Hughenden Parish Magazine.

W.W.

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

I hopereaders will forgive another mention of the Home Guard. Many Naphill people will remember H.E. (Bill) Bailey, an old friend of mine, who brought his family down to Naphill for the duration, joined the H.G. and quickly became one of our most popular sergeants. When Bill's elder son, Brian (Buster) Bailey grew up he became a parson in the C of E, and now when he comes to visit, presents my wife and I with the incongruity of greeting a parson with "Hello Buster". The second son Malcolm, was tragically drowned in a holiday accident. These two events probably influenced Bill to make abig decision. Retiring from work in his late fifties, he

decided to devote the rest of his life to the service of others and set about following his son into the Ministry. So on February 24th my wife and I had the pleasure of seeing him ordained as a priest by the Bishop of Willesden at Northwood. It was a service lasting about 2 hours, full of ancient ritual and tradition, and somewhat to my surprise my interest never flagged. Afterwards the Bishop and the two new priests administered communion to over 300 people. We then adjourned to the church hall where toasts were drunk to the church, my lord Bishop, and the new priests. Though I am not a churchman, I could not help feeling a little enriched by the experience, as I drove home that night. I know that every ex-Home Guard will want to join me in wishing the Rev.'Sarnt' Bailey every success in his new career as a 'Fisher of men'.

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There was another Bill Bailey who came down from London and joined the H.G. This one worked at Chiltern House and lived in the valley. I should not like readers to confuse them, as this second Bill B - a most likeable chap - might well have been cannon fodder but I fear could never be a cannon.

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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 Society is affiliated to a number of specialist National Societies such as the Royal National Rose Society, the National Sweet Pea Society, the British Gladioli Society and the National Chrysanthemum and Delphinium Societies. Most of these societies hold their annual shows in London in due season and allocate a limited number of free passes to member societies such as ours. They also issue an Annual or Year Book each year which naturally contain much valuable cultural information and up-to-date reviews of new varieties etc. These Year Books and tickets are available to our members on application to our Secretary.

Also, we are affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society which holds fortnightly shows throughout the year, also the Great Autumn show, and the highlight of the year, the Chelsea Flower Show. Free passes to all these shows are available in limited quantity to our members, so if you would like to take advantage of these facilities, make sure you are up to date with your membership card.

Members and non-members can also purchase the really cheap 'Chasmor' fertiliser at 9/- per cwt. This low cost is made possible by your Society's special bulk buying arrangement, and except for a small commission charge to the funds this is passed on to you.

These are two very good reasons why you should become a member for a minimum of 2/6d per year.

We also have a few vacancies in the Vice Presidents list and members wishing to nominate suitable persons should notify the Secretary.

A.H. Busby

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

Spring is here, and the urge to get cracking in the garden is working up to fever pitch for the enthusiast and producing some very ingenious reasons "why not" among the pressed men. Just a word in the ear of those latter folk; that bit of land surrounding your house is part of what is called home, and a bit of grass, a few flowers, with a row or two of vegetables out the back, won't take up all your leisure time.

How is the lawn looking? if you haven't got one, now is the time to sow the seed or get the turves. If it has a few bare patches, scratch these with a rake, sow some seed, just cover with some fine soil and criss cross a few strands of black cotton about three inches above the soil. If your lawn is weedy, just rake or brish off any rubbish, small stones etc., then get the mower working, follow this with a dressing of Chasmor, then when the weeds start growing treat with one of the hormone weed killers (read carefully themakers instructions on the label) and don't cut the lawn till about three days after treatment.

Potatoes, peas, early carrots, onions for pickling, there are special varieties for this purpose such as Pearl Pickles, turnips, lettuce, and many kinds of greenstuff if you want to grow your own plants of kales, cabbage, late brussels, savoy and broccoli, and of course summer spinach; beetroot often runs to seed if sown too early, so leave them till the end of the month if you want to be sure.

Montbretias and gladioli can go in now, but before you plant the gladioli remove the dead outer skin and you will find on the top tiny pyramids which are the embryo shoots; if you want one good spike per corm, cut out any of these little shoots bar the one nearest the centre, it might help you to win a prize at the Show in September.

Continuing on this idea, knock all shoots off potatoes at planting time, except two or at the most three, and you will have fewer 'little uns'. If you grow delphiniums or the perennial phlox, remove all shoots except three in each clump, and you will get much better spikes of bloom. Any Questions?

A.H.B.

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N A P H I L L   W . I .

The Travel Talk given by Mrs Paton to Naphill W.I. on March 2nd was entitled "A Walk through the Centuries (Oxford)" commencing in Saxon times and ending in the 20th Century when Hitler planned to take up quarters there after bombing London out. In 1167 the complexion of the town changed completely when Henry 7th had an enormous quarrel with France. Students came away from Paris and settled in Oxford but were not popular with the townspeople as they contributed nothing to the town and were not disciplined, so high prices were charged for students' lodgings.

Mrs Kent, when giving a vote of thanks, said that she was very glad that Hitler did not fulfil his plans.

After buying new crockery, a small balance still remained from Mrs Smart's legacy, and Mrs Blackwell proposed & members agreed, that it should be used to purchase new tea trays and tea spoons.

The prizes for the best decorated eggs were won by Mrs Butler first, and Mrs Nicholson second. The result of the coffee morning given by Mrs Piercy in aid of the adopted family was £8.12.6d and Mrs Jacks whist drive realised £2. 6.6.

Savings certificates were presented to two members - Mrs Pushman and Mrs Dibbens for their recently born babies.

An outing to Bourneville is being arranged for April 11th, and a Drama Evening on April 14th, 2/6d including refreshments. Also, the Drama Festival at Naphill will be held on April 22nd.

The talk at the April monthly meeting will be "China Today" given by Miss Fisk, and the Competition will be an "Exhibition of Fans".

Tea hostesses for April are Mrs Page, Mrs Parslow, Mrs Stuart and Mrs Lawrence.

C.B.W.

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### NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH 'OVER SIXTY' CLUB

March has been quite a busy month, highlighted by the Jumble Sale held on Saturday the 11th at which a profit of over £40 was recorded. Our thanks to all members who not only contributed but attended the Sale which resulted in this record amount being added to the Club funds. Our thanks, too, to all those good people, not directly attached to the Club, who gave jumble and helped to sort in the morning and assisted on the stalls in the afternoon.

On Monday the 13th, 30 members paid a visit to the 'Black and White' Mistrel Show in London. A pleasant coach journey in brilliant sunshine was only a prelude to the enjoyment of the Show, and this was made all the more enjoyable by a gift from a Friend who wishes to remain anonymous, of a box of chocolates for each Lady and cigarettes for each Gentleman. Our sincere thanks to this generous donor.

At the kind invitation of Wing Commander Randall, C.O. of Headquarters (Unit) Bomber Command, 30 members attended the first performance of a Play 'Open House' at the Chiltern Hundreds Club on Thursday the 16th. A very well acted and amusing comedy was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and our thanks go to both Wing Commander Randall and Flight Lieutenant Smith who made the arrangements. We would also like to record our thanks to those very willing people who arranged transport at such short notice.

Also arranged by Wing Commander Randall, was a visit on Friday 17th by Miss Audrey Wormoll from the American Base at Daws Hill, who showed some very interesting transparencies of America.

Will all members make a special note to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Club on Friday April 14th, to elect Officers and Committee for the next 12 months.

W.H.P.

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### NAPHILL YOUNG NEIGHBOURS

On Monday 13th March we had a very well informed lecture on gem stones given by Miss Gould of Emlers the Jewellers in High Wycombe. It was very interesting, and as she explained about

each stone in detail Miss Gould passed round many rings for us to sigh over ! At the end of her talk we all took great delight in trying them on. She also gave us some useful hints on cleaning rings.

At our next meeting on Monday April 10th, we will have a talk on gardening, given by Mr. Busby who lives in the village.

There will be no thrift stall at our next meeting but this will be continued in May to give you a chance to sort out all those summer dresses.

We have booked a coach and theatre tickets for Saturday 29th April to see "Theres a Girl in my Soup" at the Globe Theatre, Haymarket. There are more tickets available than will be required by members of the Young Neighbours, so we will be pleased to welcome anybody who would like to come. The cost will be 29/- for coach and theatre tickets. Anyone interested please contact either Mrs Harper, 23 Ash Close, Walters Ash, or Mrs Elliott, Claremont, Chapel Lane, Naphill Common.

M.E.

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T E N N I S C L U B

The Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Club was held on Tuesday March 21st, when the following Officers and Committee members were elected. Chairman: Mr. Dennis Syrett, Treasurer: Mrs Molly Bowler, Secretary: Miss Jean Lawrence, Match Secretary: Mr. Tony Redrup, Club Captain: Mr. Tony Lawrence, Coach: Mr Vic Hildersley, Miss Edna Cooper, Mr. Bill Rackstraw, Mr. Colin Hussey.

New members will be very welcome and may like to contact any of the above for any information.

Spring is a little early this year, and already members are drifting on to the courts and will very soon now be playing enthusiastically. Come and have a bash!

Coaching again is being arranged and Club evenings - full details of which will appear in next month's Gazette.

Date to remember: 15th April - 2.30 p.m. Tennis Club Rummage Sale.

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

WHIST DRIVES: A very successful Military Whist Drive was held in the village hall on March 10th when groups from Hughenden, Stokenchurch, Bomber Command and Lacey Green competed for the silver cup given annually. Congratulations to Stokenchurch on being the winner this year. Come along you Naphill Residents and get some practice in so that we can win the cup back again next year. Whist Drives are held every other Friday at 7.30 p.m. and the next one will be on Friday April 7th, in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome.

R.W.

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LADIES KEEP FIT CLASSES: Wednesday 7.30 - 9.30. Commence April 17th at Naphill Primary School.

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ART CLASSES: Thursday 7.30 - 9.30. Commence April 6th at Naphill Village Hall Billiard Room.

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NAPHILL W.I. DRAMA present 2 One Act Plays on Friday April 14th at Naphill Village Hall. Doors open 7.30 p.m. Curtain Up 8.p.m. Tickets 3/6d including refreshments, can be obtained from Drama Members or at the door on night of performance.

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

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

COMMITTEE MEETING	Monday 1st May	8.00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	Thursday 4th & 25th	2.30 p.m. C.R.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Cheese & Wine (Tennis Club)	Saturday 15th	8.00 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday 5th & 19th	7.30 p.m.
Dancing Class	Tuesday 2nd, 9th 23rd & 30th	3.10 p.m.
	Saturday 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th	10.00 a.m.
Library	Friday 5th and 19th	6.30 p.m. C.R.
Young Neighbours	Monday 8th	7.30 p.m.
Over 60s Club	Friday 12th and 26th	2.30 p.m.

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Everyone seems pleased with the new stage curtains, and now the Council will proceed with the window curtains and the re-decoration of the Hall.

At the April meeting of the Council the Chairman reported that two members of the Cricket Club have volunteered to mow the field. The Council are very pleased to accept their offer, indeed they are always ready to accept services of any kind. The resources of the Council are never too much and all voluntary work is much appreciated. Perhaps there is an electrical expert who will repair our loud speaker and record player ?

The playing fields have been under review by a sub-committee and it is proposed to form an additional football playing area with a set of posts away from the main pitch.

The Council is grateful to Mr Butler for repairing the children's merry-go round. Would anyone like to help Mr. Pearson to re-decorate the Committee Rooms ?

R.C.R.

Agenda for Council Meeting 1st May 1967 :

1. Minutes
2. Finance
3. Programme for the next six months.

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T H E F E T E  
24th June

The latest news about the Fete is that RAF Halton have agreed to provide the Apprentices Pipe Band to lead the Procession. This band has a very high reputation and it should be a great attraction. The band will also play during the afternoon.

The raffle tickets will soon be on sale, and we hope that members of the committee will be on your doorsteps asking you to buy as many as you can afford. The prizes are really attractive this year. First of all, the top one is a lady's or gentleman's sheepskin jacket, or if the winner prefers it, sports equipment to the value of £25. The second prize consists of two very attractive matching suitcases, and the third is a Ronson table lighter. There are of course many other prizes, including a hamper of groceries as the fourth. Please buy these raffle tickets; we are sure you will appreciate this is a most important part of our Fete finance.

Don't forget the floats for the procession. Knowing that the RAF Halton Band is a Pipe Band, perhaps this will give you some ideas on how to decorate some of them. Don't forget too, that these floats will be competing for a Rose Bowl. We haven't yet had any offers of donkeys - please help if you can.

The next issue of the Gazette (in June) will give final details but in case you have forgotten, there will be a Bingo Session and a Midsummer Night dance (with bar) during the evening of Fete Day.

J.G.W.

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

Please note the following revised service dates:

May 7th	No service at Naphill	
May 14th	Whit-Sunday - Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.
May 21st	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
May 28th	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.

We were glad of some response to our April appeal for the loan of documents. It is most important for us to have as much written evidence as possible, to show that Naphill Old School was used for religious education and services in the early part of the century, for without sufficient evidence Naphill may be faced with serious difficulties in retaining the building for church services.

Letters, timetables, school reports or certificates relating to religious education may be of the greatest use to us, so please search amongst those old papers and see what you can find. Mr. E.C. Halsey or Mr. W. Wood would be glad to have the loan of them, but our time is running short.

Confirmation classes for adults in Naphill are being planned for the summer months. These are intended as a means of preparing men and women, whether baptised or not, for full membership of the Church of England, but by attending, no-one is committed to go forward for confirmation.

It must be many years since adult classes were held in this village, so this opportunity should be considered very carefully. Please ask the Revd. M. Westney for more details.

W.W.

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

Preachers for May

May 7th Sunday School Anniversary

11 a.m.  
Mr. Hodgkinson  
(special items)

6.15.p.m.  
Mr. Hodgkinson  
(items by choir and  
Youth Group)

2.45. Demonstration by the scholars and young people  
"The King's Highway", followed by tea.

May 14th Sister Sylvia Darwent  
(Holy Communion)

Mr. B. Rixon

May 21st Mr. N. Brook

Mr. B. Loader

May 28th Mr. Parkins

Sister Sylvia Darwent

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A most enjoyable evening was spent on Friday, April 7th when Mr. Wells showed coloured slides he had taken in Rhodesia and gave a most interesting commentary. £8. 5.0d was raised for our Missionary Project.

On Sunday April 9th after evening service, we were invited to join our Anglian friends in a talk and discussion on the Life of John Wesley. Rev. S.A.C. Dickens introduced the subject for the evening - this was followed by a discussion and readings from John Wesley's own Journals. We learned that he visited and preached at High Wycombe on 18 occasions between the years 1745 and 1790 - travelling on horseback. The following are some interesting entries in his journals:-

Sept 25th 1746. I came to Wycombe, it being the day on which the Mayor was chosen, abundance of rabble, full of strong drink came to the preaching on purpose to disturb. But they soon fell out amongst themselves so that I finished my sermon in tolerable quiet. Mr. B. went to the Mayor and said "Sir, I come to inform against a common swearer - I believe he swore an hundred oaths last night, but I marked down only twenty! "Sir", said the Mayor "you do very right in bringing him to justice, what is his name ?". He replied "R----D----". "Why, that is my son" answered the Mayor. "Yes, sir" said Mr. B, "so I understand". "Nay, sir" said the Mayor, "I have nothing to say in his defence.- If he breaks the law, he must take what follows". (Ralph Dean was Mayor in 1734, 1744, 1746 and 1758).

Jan 16th 1764. I rode to High Wycombe and preached to a more numerous and serious congregation than I ever saw there before. A large number was present at five in the morning.

Nov 30th 1781. The thunder had been uncommonly dreadful, and the lightning had tore up a field near High Wycombe and turned the potatoes into ashes.

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The Methodist Church Choir sang the Cantata "The New Jerusalem" by T.Mee Pattison on Sunday afternoon April 23rd lead by their conductor Mr. Norman Mead. The soloists were Janet Judge, Shirley Smith, Jack Judge and Harold Mead. The accompanist was Jean Lawrence.

The magnificent sum of £62. 17.2d was raised by the house to house collection for the National Childrens Home. Grateful thanks are extended to all who helped by giving or collecting.

M.G.B.

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N A P H I L L W.I.

Miss Fisk's charming manner when giving her interesting talk on "China Today" delighted members of Naphill W.I. at their April meeting. Miss Fisk also said that the percentage of doctors was one to 250,000 people and that some people had never seen a doctor. We heard that a few Chinese women still bind their feet and that China tea is very stimulating. Mrs Gilson gave a vote of thanks.

The President welcomed four new members, Mrs Randall, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Jenks and Mrs Young. A letter was read from Mrs Janes expressing thanks for the gift she had received while in hospital.

Prizes for the prettiest fans exhibited were given to Mrs. Gilson for a fan commemorating the first Boat Race, and to Mrs Knox whose fan was composed of peacock feathers.

The committee for Members Day in July will be - Mrs Rabson, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Jack and Mrs Leek. Mrs Jones will lead the May meeting when resolutions will be discussed. The competition will be "A Cottage Picture". There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

The tea hostesses for May are:- Mrs Cottingham, Mrs Evans, Mrs Marshall and Mrs Tweedale.

The outing to Bourneville was very much enjoyed by all members who went on April 11th.

C.B.W.

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The attractive and colourful new stage curtains, partly subscribed for by the Womens Institute, were appropriately used for the first time on Friday, April 14th at the Village Hall when 2 plays were presented by the W.I. Drama Group to a 'Full House'. Both were directed and produced by Mrs Blanche Weeks who has devoted so much time and energy over many years to this type of entertainment. The first, a Period Comedy, 'The Mayor of Torontal' by Gwenyth Jones, brought out the acting qualities of all the cast and stressed the fact that considerable time had been spent at rehearsals. The Victorian scene was made all the more realistic by the wonderful costumes of the period which gave it the air of those bygone days. The Mayor, so ably portrayed by Harold Bannister, who accepted the opportunity to give a faultless and word-perfect performance. On stage for practically the whole of the play, he came up to the high standard we have come to expect of him.

Muriel Piercy as Madam Sloboda was suitably cast and spoke her lines with strength and clarity as well as giving a wonderful facial expression performance. It was difficult to realise, whilst watching this experienced actress, that she is the nice person we know so well. The combination of the young Husband and Wife was effectively acted by Maurice Balls and Marion Lovell. These two, as always, blended together very well, one the erring husband, the other, the adoring wife till learning of his supposed indiscretions. Maud Brown, the woolley-headed Miss Svidnik, in addition to being word-perfect, took the part with feeling and expression. She is certainly an actress of high quality and dedicates herself to every role she is given.

To separate the Grocer (Doug Tooby) and his shadow (Phil Parsons) would be impossible. Doug gave one of his best performances and really did seem annoyed at the loss of his pound of butter. Phil is obviously a real actor though in this case had a subordinate role which did not allow him to use the full scope of his abilities. Nevertheless, his presence could not be doubted.

Madam Baranya (Carol Wilde), though not appearing till late in the play, was a very alluring hypnotist and skillfully arranged a marriage with the Mayor. One wonders if she really did need this medium to attain her ends.

Anna, the Mayor's housekeeper, was realistically played by Dorothy Smith (recovering from a very recent indisposition). This forceful and domineering character looked the part and spoke the part with true realism.

This was a play of the highest quality both in acting and production and fully deserved the praise it was given.

A final word about an artistic and welcome newcomer to the 'Backstage' brigade, Paul Treadaway, who designed and painted the many 'props' and photographs which were admired by all present. Without doubt, he will be used in many future productions.

In contrast, the supporting play 'Holiday Eve' gave all the actors the opportunity to 'let their hair down' and this they most certainly did. Even after watching every rehearsal, one lady was literally 'in stitches' with laughter at the final rehearsal, and had the play lasted any longer than it did would most certainly have needed medical attention.

W.H.P.

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## N E W S F R O M R A F H I G H W Y C O M B E

Police Constable/Actor/Announcer/RAF Policeman: Sergeant George Ambrey Parsons, a recent arrival at RAF High Wycombe, has been all of the things the title states. He came to us from RAF Gutersloh in Germany and has recently been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. His first love is amateur dramatics and to further this he has joined the Naphill Women's Institute Drama Group. With his experience and keenness he should prove to be a useful addition to the Group and we hope he will tread the boards in the near future.

### New Years Honours:

Flight Sergeant David William Argue, a Ground Radio Fitter employed in the Communications Centre at HQBC, was awarded the British Empire Medal for his services to the unit.



G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

May is a month of decision as to whether the wallflower and polyanthus should stay another week and the brussels left for one more picking of shoots before they make way for the summer flowers and another row of peas. Also, if they have been removed and the soil freshened up with manure or fertiliser, we should plant out the summer flowers, the runner beans and marrow ?

However, and perhaps most important, we can only guess whether fickle May will earn her name of the Merry Month or will she create merry hell among we gardeners by letting the blustering winds blow through her hair and billow her frosty mantle over our tender off-springs. Even in the small area of Naphill, some gardens seem to escape the effects of late May frosts while others seem to suffer quite a lot of damage. My advice to newcomers and those in doubt is, wait till next month before planting out dahlias, begonias, marigolds (French and African), marrows and runner beans and other such tender subjects, that is of course unless you are prepared to protect them if necessary.

But it may be alright to sow marrows, runner beans, etc. during this month, but note the difference between sowing and planting - seeds sown will have the protection of the soil for a week or two, but plants will be out there on their own.

Then of course there is the important point regarding plants, if they are properly hardened off before planting out they will stand up to adverse conditions better than those that come straight out of a greenhouse.

With all these ifs and buts in mind, first get in further rows of peas, lettuce, radish, beet, potatoes, or any of those vegetables you like, sow runner beans and french beans, cucumber and marrows, which will bring you towards the end of the month when you can think about planting out the tender stuff.

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

Subscriptions for membership are coming in nicely. Minimum 2/6d - Vice-Presidents minimum 10/-. Have you paid yours yet ? A word about 'Chasmor'. Will members and others please give in your orders before you want to use this good and cheap fertiliser and not wait until you see the lorry arrive with other people's orders. To obtain the extremely cheap rate at which we offer this commodity, 9/- cwt, we have to order at least two tons, and we cannot order this amount until we get firm orders. This stuff makes a useful top dressing for all crops (except azaleas and rhododendrons) from fruit to flowers, vegetables or lawns. The earlier you order the sooner we can arrange delivery.

Several members have already had tickets to visit the Royal Horticultural Societys Gardens at Wisley, and this month is perhaps the most spectacular of the year, at least for rhododendrons and azaleas. The gardens are open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. except Sundays when the times are 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets of

admission to the Royal National Rose Society Gardens at St. Albans are also available from June 17th to September 30th, times 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. except Sundays when times are 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

There are a few tickets for the Chelsea Flower Show available for Thursday 25th and Friday 26th - first come first served.

All these tickets of admission are free to members and of course their wives, as part of the service.

The High Wycombe Chrysanthemum Society invite anyone interested to a lecture on chrysanthemums by that well known grower Mr. George Wilson at the Globe P.H. on Wednesday May 3rd at 7.30 p.m., and our friends from Downley have arranged a trip to Springfield Bulb Centre, Spalding, on Sunday May 7th.

A.H. Busby

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F R O M   N E W   Z E A L A N D

I now find myself back in the poultry industry, rearing chicken for the second largest firm in the country. This is situated at Henderson, a most attractive suburb of Auckland. It is a centre for wine making and fruit growing. All around us we have vineyards and orchards with trees covered with luscious peaches etc. A 20 lb crate of peaches costs 15/- approx.

New Zealand makes enough wine to supply not only all the population of the country, but a small export market as well. N.Z. vineyards are regarded as up and coming. The wines are very reasonable, anything from 5/- to 15/-. Connoisseurs spend time driving round and trying out different wines from different vineyards. Some of the local sherries are reputed to be very good.

Many people in Naphill will remember Pete and Barbara Stevenson. We had dinner with them recently and Pete and I downed a superb bottle of sherry from a vineyard not far from here. The children are all fit and growing fast.

S & C Piercy

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER 60 CLUB

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on Friday April 14th when 30 members were present. The retiring Chairman thanked Members and Committee for their help during the past year which had been a pleasant one as well as a financial success. Starting the new year with a bank balance of £150 Mrs Rene Reed was elected Chairman. The Joint Vice Chairman was Mrs Gray and Mrs Braisher.

Because of the excellent work she has done during the last 12 months, Mrs White was persuaded to continue as Secretary as also was Mr. Geoffrey Smith as Treasurer, a post he has held for many years so successfully. Mrs Wood and Mrs Gilson who were re-elected were welcomed on to the committee.

The ex-Chairman would like to thank those members who were unable to be present at this meeting, for their help and encouragement during his term of office and feels sure they will give the new Chairman their full co-operation. Unfortunately, the Life-President, Dr. Eric Bayley, the Founder of the Club, was not present, for the first time in 11 years, owing to a long illness.

W.H.P.

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C H A R L I E S L A M E N T

For sixteen years I've been a proud cat  
 With a nice fresh platter of milk on the mat  
 Little I knew what fate was in store,  
 the day that Ron ----- last came to our door.  
 Now pasturised milk is thrown out by the saucer,  
 as I prove to my mistress I'd rather drink water.  
 True this story you'll find and my feelings will share  
 If you gaze in my corner at home in "Bon Air"

Forge Road

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1ST NAPHILL GUIDE CO:

As numbers have gone up in the Company, a sixth patrol has recently been formed with Elizabeth Anthony as Leader.

Some of the Guides are attending a course at the Fire Station in High Wycombe, after which they hope to gain the Fire Fighter Badge.

It was rather disappointing that more parents did not support our A.G.M. The slides shown by Wing Commander De le R. Bird of the R.A.F. Himalayan Expedition made a most interesting end to the evening.

Congratulations to: Maureen Swansbury and Christine Selby for winning their Cooks Badge, and Janet Bolding the Collectors Badge.

1ST NAPHILL RANGER CO:

The Third Annual County weekend at the Bucks Youth Centre, Aston Clinton, did not disappoint the Rangers. Activities were many and ranged from astronomy and archery to flower arranging and folk singing. After much hard work the Rangers, with the help of some of the older Guides, were placed second in the County Keep Fit Competition - well done girls !

The Rangers have planted seeds in the garden round the Memorial Stone. They hope that they won't get pulled up for weeds before they have a chance to flower.

Mr. Priffitt is kindly giving the Rangers a series of talks on 'Home Planning' which they are enjoying very much.

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

"A Garden is a lovesome thing, God wot'. We also wot that to keep it that way requires regular attention coupled with some skill and knowledge! We were, therefore, very pleased to welcome to our meeting this month, Mr. Busby who is a recognised expert in Naphill and further afield, on horticultural matters. He was able to pass on to us many useful tips and suggestions on how to achieve the best results in our gardening endeavours. We are most grateful to him for giving us such an interesting evening which, we hope will be reflected in bigger and better flowers

and vegetables in our gardens this year!

We were particularly pleased that so many members were able to be present on such a wet and cold evening, and also to welcome a number of new members.

Our next meeting is on May 8th, when we shall turn from sowing to sewing! A member of the Singer Sewing Machine Company will give a talk and demonstration which we are sure will be most interesting. There will also be a Thrift Stall at this meeting, so will members please bring anything suitable.

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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 is once more upon us and we look forward to many pleasant games during the season.

Two Sunday matches were arranged during April and we have quite a few Sunday matches arranged during the season.

The Club is always pleased to welcome anyone interested in the game, either as spectators or playing members. Tuesday night is our official practice night but most nights during the week we are practicing on the playing field, and hope as many as possible will come along.

Our fixtures for May are as follows:

<u>1st XI</u>	Capt:	J. Evans	
May 6th		Prestwood	Away
13th		Lacey Green	Home
20th		Hampden	Home
27th		Great Kingshill	Away

<u>2nd XI</u>	Capt:	N. Herbert-Smith	
May 6th		Cadmore End	Home
13th		Hazlemere	Away
20th		Kingsmead	Away
27th		Downley	Home

Sunday Matches

	Capt:	F. Didcock	
May 14th		Stoke Mandeville Hospital	Home
28th		Wye Valley	Home
29th (Mon)		Peppard Sports Club	Away

The Club would be very grateful for any volunteers to help with the teas during the season. Anyone willing to help, if only one Saturday or Sunday during the summer, please contact G.L. Brown, Rosewood, Downley Road, Naphill.

\*\*\*\*\* G.L. Brown \*\*\*\*\*

NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER

A Rummage Sale will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday June 3rd. Please collect any rummage you have and bring it to the Hall after 10 a.m. on the morning of the sale.

If you would like any collected please contact any of the Committee:

- Mrs E. Hussey (Chairman), "Bramley, Stocking Lane.
- Mrs Reed, 6 Louches Lane.
- Mrs Smith, "Waldens", Main Road (Naphill 3302)
- Mr. & Mrs M. Balls, "Westfield", Main Road (Naphill 3071)
- Mr. & Mrs Tooby, "Abbotsbury", Main Road (Naphill 2308)
- Mr. Tweedale, "Ashfield", Main Road.
- Miss Cooper, "Kinnoull", Main Road (Naphill 3315)
- Mrs Piercy, Moseley Lodge Farm (Naphill 2137)
- Mrs Batts, Rose Cottage, Louches Lane
- Mr & Mrs. Hayward, "Moonraker", Speen.

If you would like to attend the dinner and have the necessary qualifications please contact Mrs. M. Balls, Westfield, Main Road, Naphill. Qualifications: You must have been resident in Naphill or Walters Ash before 1st January 1966. 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).
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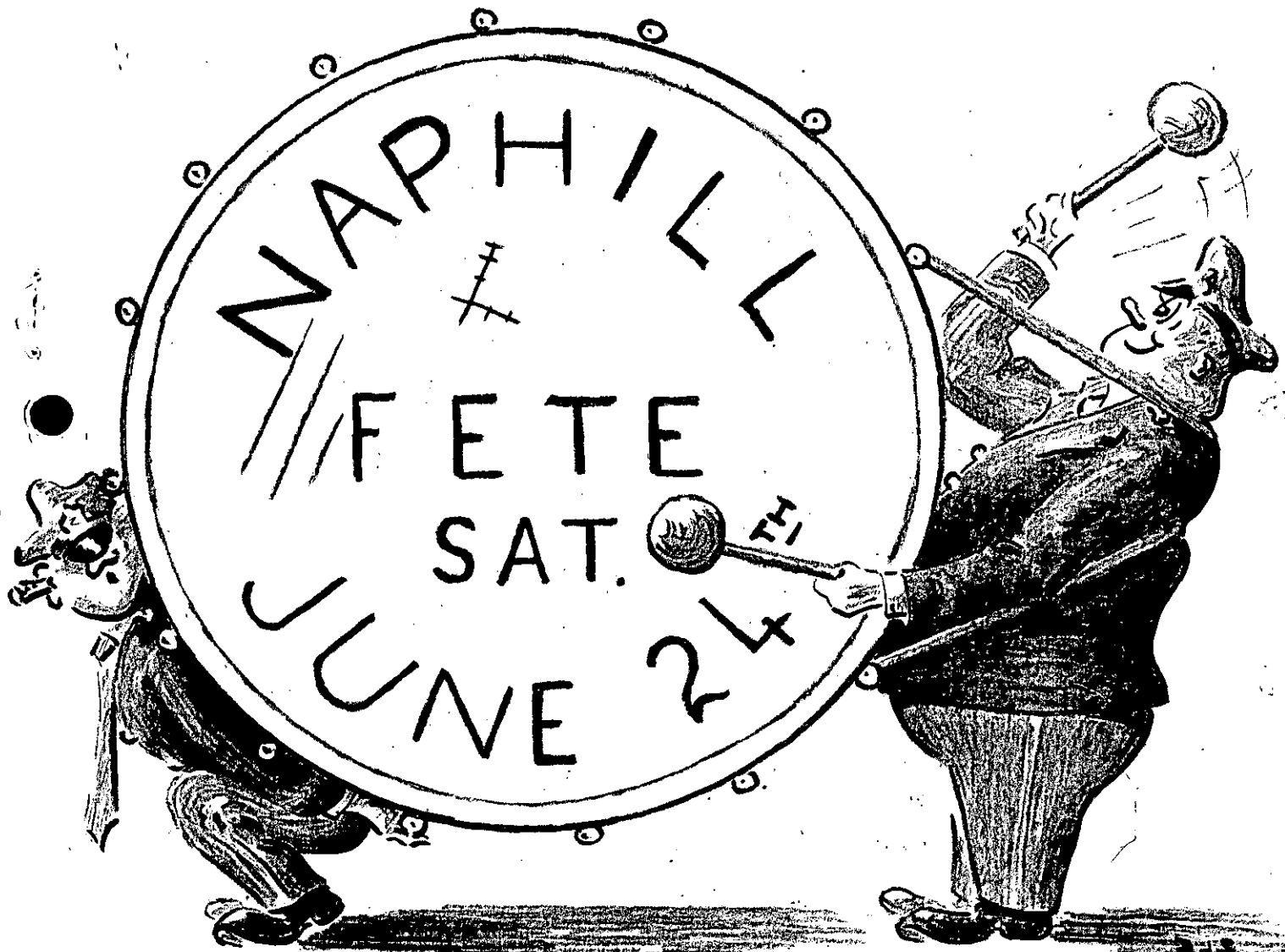
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A T T H E V I L L A G E H A L L

COUNCIL MEETING.	Monday 5th June	8.00 p.m.
Rummage Sale for Elderly		
Folks Dinner.	Saturday 3rd June	2.30 p.m.
W.I. Art Exhibition.	Saturday 17th June	10 - 12 a.m.
" " Coffee Evening.	" "	7.00 p.m.
<u>NAPHILL FETE.</u>	Saturday 24th June	
W.I. Committee	Thursday 1st & 29th	2.00 p.m. C.R
Whist Drive	Fridays 2nd 16th & 30th	7.30 p.m.
Library	Fridays 2nd 16th & 30th	6.30 p.m. C.R
Over 60s Club	Fridays 9th & 23rd	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	Monday 12th	7.30 p.m.
Dancing Classes	Monday 12th	7.30 p.m.
	Tuesday 6th 13th & 20th	3.10 p.m.
	Saturday 10th	10.00 a.m.

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The arrangements for the provision of a false ceiling were finalised at the May Meeting of the Council, so soon we hope to see the Hall in a greatly improved state.

The Council is very concerned that children climb on to the roof of the Hall. The Police have been asked to apprehend anyone found indulging in this dangerous pastime. Apart from danger to life and limb the roof has been damaged. Will all parents please warn their children not to do this stupid thing.

The Council is now in the throes of arrangements for the Fete which is getting very close - SATURDAY THE 24th JUNE. The tickets for the Annual Draw are now available from all members of the Council.

R.C.R.

Agenda for Meeting on Monday 5th June.

1. Fete.
2. Accounts.
3. New W.C.s.
4. New building for stage storage.
5. Committee Room Floor.

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LIBRARY.

Most of us are aware of the Bucks County Library which is open on alternate Fridays in the Committee Room. The Hon. Librarian (Mrs. Rose) has been asked by the Buckinghamshire Old Peoples Welfare Committee to facilitate the issue of books to those who are housebound through illness and find it impossible to get to the Library, so that if they will let the Librarian (Mrs Rose Blacksmiths, Downley Rd. Naphill) know, she will do her best to bring books to them.

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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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Albert Hall in June and Mrs. A. Bull was chosen as delegate for this event.

Mrs. Randall gave an interesting and comprehensive report of her visit as delegate to the Aylesbury Council Meeting and was congratulated by Mrs. Brazil later for her excellent report.

We were all proud of Naphill W.I. Drama team when they again won the cup for the best mixed team at the Aylesbury Festival. Mrs. Blackwell thanked our President, Mrs. Weeks, who is also the Producer, for their splendid achievement. This was also seconded by Mrs. Brazil. The Coffee Morning at Mrs. Balls realised £6.10.0 and the Whist Drive at Mrs. J. Lawrence's £1.15.6d. A Vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Brazil by Mrs. Piercy. The Collage Picture Competition was judged by Mrs. Brazil and prizes were awarded to Mrs. H. Pearson and Mrs. Gurney. Mrs. Osborne was the winner of the guessing of Committee Members childhood photographs and Mrs. Mitchell second. A Demonstration of Summer Cooking will be given by Mrs. Rayment of the Southern Electricity Board at the June Meeting, and the Competition will be - The best use of one egg and a shilling. The Tea Hostesses are Mrs. Blackwell, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Brill and Mrs. Mitchell.

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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

Despite the belated arrival of the Demonstrator at our evening meeting on May 8th, those of us interested in sewing enjoyed the demonstration of the very latest sewing machines manufactured by Singer. Some of us were even brave enough to use them! However, the price will unfortunately inhibit most of us from rushing out to buy the particular model we may have fancied.

At our meeting next month, on June 12th at 7. 30 p.m. Mrs. E.M.Humphrey will be giving us a Millinery Demonstration. So that, Ladies will be the time to gather ideas for your latest Summer Creations! We are very grateful to Mrs. Maureen Elliott for the loan of her garden, where we shall be holding a COFFEE MORNING on Wednesday June 7th, 10.30 to 12 noon. Admission 1/6d. The address is Claremont, Chapel Lane, Naphill. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall. We shall be pleased to welcome anyone from the Village who cares to come along.

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N A P H I L L A N D W A L T E R S A S H O V E R 6 0 C L U B.

We are pleased to report that our Meetings have been well attended recently and we were fortunate to have our M.P.'s wife, Mrs. J. Hall as our Speaker on April 28th who after her talk conducted a Quiz. and presented the Winners with bars of chocolate as prizes. This was also a special occasion, the 96th birthday of Mrs. Tooby Senr. On May 12th Mrs. Knight of Chinnor who is the Sister of one of our Committee Members gave a most interesting commentary on her beautiful transparencies of Greece while Mrs. Gilson kindly operated the projector. A Coach ride is being arranged for May 26th.

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N A P H I L L F E T E D A Y  
Saturday 24 June 1967 on the Playing Fields  
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The final details for our village day and we hope you will all come

P R O C E S S I O N

This will leave Forge Road at 2.0pm. Assemble from 1.30 - children in fancy dress - decorated floats - anything you like. (Small children can join the procession anywhere on route).

O P E N I N G C E R E M O N Y

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  - 3rd. Prize - Ronson Gaslighter
  - 4th. Prize - Groceries
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T H E E V E N I N G

B I N G O S E S S I O N

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Any gifts, prizes or offers of help would be welcome. Gifts to the village hall during the evening of 23 June. Helpers for the day at information centre.

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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE FUND FOR THE BLIND. A THANKYOU NOTE.

Naphill 1967 Geranium Day and House to House Collections.

I have pleasure to forward our official receipt for your most welcome and pleasing remittance of £22. this resulting from the above which you aided by other kind friends so successfully arranged in support of the above Fund. The result, particularly bearing in mind the current "squeeze and freeze" conditions, is indeed a very gratifying one and I am confident that you and your Helpers must have left no stone unturned in order to have raised such a splendid amount. In tendering to you, to them and all good folk who favourably responded to our appeal my heartfelt thanks, I indirectly reflect the gratitude of the 893 blind persons who reside in Buckinghamshire and who, through our voluntary services on both local and national scales, derive benefit.

I trust that you and your helpers, having so freely expended time and talent, will reap reward in knowing in so doing aid has been rendered a local worthwhile cause and through your good offices we shall continue to be similarly favoured during many future years.

Yours sincerely, Percival J. Jestico. Sec.

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G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

June brings the roses, but I wonder how the first crop of this very popular flower has been affected by that nasty spell of frosts we have had recently? Looking around, it would seem that these first blooms will be a little late and many of the young growths have no buds in them. Where this has happened, it may help, if these growths are shortened to encourage the lower buds to develop and thus hurry along the process of flowering. There are three other troubles that can be expected to appear on roses from now on, Aphis, Caterpillars and Black Spot. If you have only a few bushes Aphis and Caterpillars can be controlled by squashing them between the thumb and finger, a bit messy but remember they will make a mess of your roses if you don't do something about it. Of course a good spraying with the appropriate insecticide is a much cleaner way. We should now be clear of frosts and all the summer bedding plants can be put out also Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Marrows and Runner Beans. When those Dahlias have become established, the tops should be pinched out to encourage strong side shoots and earlier blooming. Sown now and later thinned to at least six inches apart, Swedes can be grown quite successfully in the garden, earlier sowing and crowded plants spell failure. Those blustery winds of last month are a reminder that any tall growing plants need some sort of support on these hills, particularly Delphiniums, Chrysanthemums, Dahlias and later on, Gladioli. Don't forget to make further sowings of lettuce, radish and other salad crops, and pot grown Azaleas and Camelias can now go outdoors sinking the pots to the rim in partial shade.

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

Those Members who have visited the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens at Wisley this year have been full of praise for the wonderful display of colour in the rock gardens, and Rhododendrons and other spring blossoms in many parts of the gardens

If you would like to pay a visit at any time, free tickets are available at any time from our Secretary. Most of the Chelsea Flower Show tickets were taken up this year and there will be another wonderful display at the Great Autumn Show in September together with the National Chrysanthemum Societys early flowering Show. This will be another grand day out for garden lovers. Would you like to reserve tickets for this event?

Next month on July 8th is the date of our next Show and we hope you will all be trying to grow something good for this event or at least bringing along something for the Gift Stall. Surplus garden products will be welcome and you Experts with pot plants, if you can pot on a few spare ones for the Stall they would be very acceptable. We are expecting delivery of another load of "Chasmor" during the next few days and all those who missed the previous delivery will be accomodated this time. This is just the stuff to use for giving the bedding out plants a good start, and the green stuff and runner beans just love it. Free tickets of admission to the Royal National Rose Society and the National Sweet Pea Society Shows are available. Both Shows are being held this month.

A.H.Busby.

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"Meadow View,"  
Stocking Lane. 1.5.67.

Dear Sir, I have recently moved to Naphill and have read and admired the spirit of your publication, "NAPHILL GAZETTE" I realise the amount of work that must go into a paper of this kind and I would like to offer any voluntary help that I am able to give. I would be pleased at any time to submit cover designs or other illustrative work. Yours sincerely, Paul J. Treadaway.

It is a pleasure to receive this kind of letter and I have no doubt we shall take advantage of the offer. Ed.

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T E N N I S C L U B

Spring Rummage Sale. Thankyou one and all for your support - it certainly was a grand turn out. After selling like mad for the first hour we still had enough left to sink a battle ship. However Mr. Charles Brown came to our rescue with his outsize lorry and took the remnants. Profit amounted to £34.

Cheese and Wine Party. This proved quite a gay social evening and welcomes were extended by our Chairman, Mr. D. Syrett, to prospective new Members and Visitors - including some of the victorious Beaconsfield team who had been playing the men's team that afternoon.

Fixtures. Club Evenings - Tuesdays and Thursdays. New Members welcome. See notice board in Pavilion for full details of coming events.

J.L.

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MORE ABOUT BADGERS.

A Gentleman from Terriers who is also addicted to Badgers, phoned me one evening earlier in the year asking me to let him know if I ever came across a dead one, as he would like to try skinning and stuffing one. By a strange coincidence, a week later, Roger Hussey told me he had found one lying dead outside a local sett, apparently unmarked apart from scratches on the stomach. Without more ado we set out and brought the animal home. The next evening I passed it on to my friend at Terriers. By another coincidence he had already been told of this dead Badger by someone else who lives in Naphill, and he had spent some time trying to find it. He was unlucky that time as Roger, in the meantime, had craftily hidden it. The Gentleman from Terriers then called in the aid of another man, who I think must be a Doctor or Medical student, as they carried out a post-mortem as well as the actual skinning. The result, "Complications in childbirth", bringing on internal haemorrhage, which probably caused a lot of pain, thus causing her to scratch her tummy.

They found two perfectly formed cubs, which together with various other organs, were preserved and now reside, I believe, in Barts Hospital, London. It just goes to show that complications don't only happen to humans. Very few people have seen a live badger, as they are seldom about in daylight, but we in Naphill now have a unique opportunity, as Badgers are now living in Coombe Lane. I don't think I am giving away any secrets by saying this, as the chalk they are digging out of the bank is very nearly on the road. Maybe they have lived there in the past, as they have a habit of moving house, and eventually going back to setts they have occupied years before.

Anyone then, driving up or down Coombe Lane at night, especially around dusk, may see one, the white stripes on their faces will show up well in the headlights. Perhaps the Council should erect signs at the top and bottom - "Beware, Animals on Road."

J. Humphrey.

I too was told about this dead Badger and went to have a look, but our Contributor had been there first.

Ed.

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NAPHILL WOMENS INSTITUTION.

ART EXHIBITION AND COFFEE EVENING to be held on SATURDAY JUNE 17th at NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL. Doors open 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Tickets including Refreshments 2/6d.

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NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB

Match results for May.

<u>1st XI</u>			<u>2nd XI</u>			
May 6th	Prestwood	42	Naphill	29	Cadmore End 53	Naphill 185
" 13th	Lacey Green	66	Naphill	93	Hazlemere 175	Naphill 64
" 20th	Hampden	28	Naphill	70	Kingsmead 76	Naphill 102

Fixtures for June.

<u>1st XI</u>			<u>2nd XI</u>		
June 3	Marsh Gordons	Home	June 3	Marsh Gordons	Away
" 10	Tylers Green	Away	" 10	Radnage	Home
" 17	West Indian S.C.	Home	" 17	Desboro S.C.	Away
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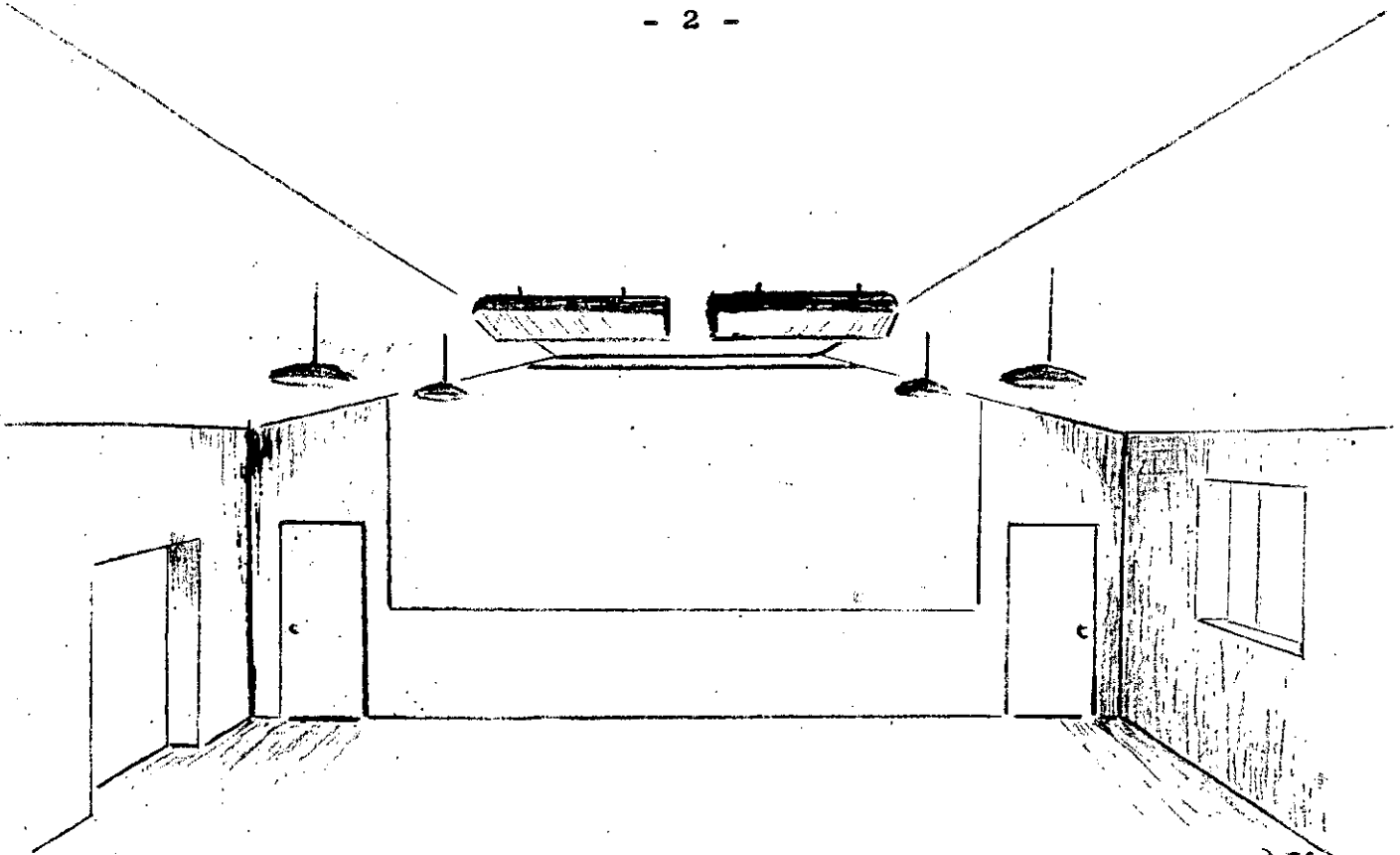
Committee Meeting	Monday 3rd July	8. 00 p.m.	
W.I. Committee	Thurs 6th	2. 30	C.R.
Drama	Every Tuesday	7. 30 p.m.	
Welfare	Weds 5th & 19th	2. 00 p.m.	
Young Neighbours	Monday 10th	7. 30 p.m.	
Over 60 Club	Friday 7th & 21st	2. 30 p.m.	
Horticultural Society (Preparation)	Friday 7th	7. 30 p.m.	
Horticultural Show	Saturday 8th		
Bingo	Every Thursday	8. 00 p.m.	
Naphill Conservative Cheese & Wine Party	Wednesday 11th	8. 00 - 10 p.m.	
Whist Drive	Friday 14th, 28th	7. 30 p.m.	
Library	Friday 14th, 28th	6. 30 - 800 p.m.	
Mission Hall	each morning, 17th, 18th, 19th 20th, 21st	9.30 - 12.30 p.m. a.m.	

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The question of litter in the Village was again discussed at the June meeting of the Council. The Rural District Council have been asked to replace the rubbish bin which they supplied near the Childrens' Playing Ground and it is hoped that it will be used. Volunteers are always clearing up litter round the hall, and indeed all over the place. Is it too much to appeal to parents to bring up their families in such a way that they will be tidy? So far as larger pieces of rubbish are concerned, it is noticed that old cars, cycles are being deposited all over the village. Will inhabitants please notify the Rural District Council who will arrange for this kind of rubbish to be collected.

AGENDA FOR MEETING 3RD JULY 1967:

1. Fete Finance
2. General Accounts
3. New building for Stage Storage
4. Committee Room Floor.



The proposed provision of a false ceiling for the Hall is illustrated by our artist Mr. D. Syrett.

This will have a threefold purpose, viz. it will conserve the heat which now largely escapes from where it is needed up into the apex of the Hall; it will thus save fuel, it will vastly improve the look of the hall, and finally it will save re-decorating the space now occupied by girders etc. It is hoped to carry out this work in the near future.

R.C.R.

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N A P H I L L ' S   A Q U A   F E T E   1 9 6 7

It was a cruel stroke of fate that a fine summer spell of hot dry weather should be so effectively terminated by torrential rain on the day prior to our Annual Fete and that on the actual day, with uncanny accuracy, the rains came down again to coincide with the opening. However, the plans and hopes of six months of hard committee work could not be lightly put aside and, despite the rain, the show went on.

Fortunately the procession, with its six decorated floats of a higher standard than ever before, the carefully prepared children's fancy dress, and the excellent Halton Apprentices' Pipe Band, made an unforgettable spectacle.

Sir Francis Dashwood opened the Fete to a fanfare of trumpeters and then performed the difficult task of judging the floats and fancy dresses.

Stalwarts of the village manned the side-shows despite the rain, and their equally stalwart neighbours supported generously the many interesting stalls.

The exact measure of the financial success cannot yet be stated but the Fete Committee express their appreciation to those people who braved the weather and supported generously the event which can and must raise a valuable part of the Village Hall and Playing Fields annual income.

Fortunately the evening was unaffected by the rain. The Bingo session was a "full house" and the Midsummer Night's Dance was a financial success and was enjoyed by all those present.

Thanks must be given to those members of the Village Hall Council, helpers and friends who worked so tirelessly to make this year's fete a success - they will, I know, excuse my not mentioning them by name but they do have my sincere thanks and the admiration and gratitude of all those thinking people who know that successful fete days don't just happen.

R.C. Pushman, Chairman

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NAPHILL FETE 1967: The result of the Grand Draw was as follows. All winners should apply to Mrs Brill, "Vinette", Main Road, Naphill, with their winning counterfoil, to collect their prizes:

- 1. 542 Hussey, Woodside, Walters Ash
- 2. 2209 M.J. Todd, Formburg, Bovington Green, Marlow.
- 3. 2652 J. Judge, 33 Ash Close
- 4. 2654 J. Judge, 33 Ash Close
- 5. 1094 Woodruffe
- 6. 3903 R.J. Stibbon, Mereworth, Stonefield Rd.Naphill
- 7. 595 Mrs M.E. Stevens, Marden, Pursells Meadow.
- 8. 369 Ellis, Old King George, Speen.
- 9. 1740 Miss Lesley Parsons, 65 Woodcock Ave, Naphill
- 10. 3924 D.J. Dunn, 98 Hughenden Avenue, High Wycombe.
- 11. 643 Mrs C. Rogers, Havendale, North Dean.
- 12. 1619 Mrs Amanda Lawrence, Downley Road.
- 13. 3532 Gibson, 32 Ash Close.
- 14. 4703 Putnam
- 15. 3460 Coles, Wild Cherry, Naphill Common.
- 16. 4265 Swinley, 102 Bradenham Beeches.
- 17. 831 F.D. Jarret, Met. Office, H.Q.B.C.
- 18. 3843 Mrs. Haw, Montcrest.
- 19. 3902 R.J. Stibbon, Mereworth, Stonefield Rd.

The Lucky Programme was 593. Prize to be claimed from Mrs. Brill, as above.

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

July 2nd and 9th	No Services	
July 16th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
July 23rd	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.
Every Sunday	Sunday School	2.30 p.m.

On Wednesday July 19th, the Revd. W.G.B. Ream, Superintendent Minister of the High Wycombe Methodist Circuit, will be the Guest Speaker at the Wednesday Evening Meeting in Naphill Anglican Church at 8.30 p.m. This promises to be a very interesting evening to which everyone is invited.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Garden Party - 'Ravensmere', Cryers Hill - Saturday 8th July, 2.30 p.m.  
 Rummage Sale - 16th September  
 Whist Drive - 29th September

W.W.

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

Preachers for July

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

July 2nd	Mr. W.O. Haines	Mrs Cooper
9th	Mr. E. Pollen	Sister Sylvia Darwent (Holy Communion)
16th	Mr. P. Bodker	Mrs Godwin
23rd	Mr. D. Church	Mr. Ives
30th	Sister Sylvia Darwent	Mr. E. Andrews

A most enjoyable day was spent on Saturday June 17th when the Sunday School scholars with their teachers, parents and friends went in two coaches to Bognor. The warm sunny weather made it a happy day for all.

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

The Third Annual Exhibition of paintings, drawings and lino-cuts by members of the W.I. and their friends was held at a Coffee Evening in the Village Hall on June 17th. As in previous years the show was characterised by a lively variety of subjects and treatment, and this year by a marked advance in enterprise and boldness of attack. The difficulties and limitations imposed by having to work in

artificial light have led to an interesting experiment in the use of coloured flood-lights, for instance, a large group of innocent farm implements have taken on the lurid suggestion of implements of torture and the blue-lighted portraits to dramatic overtones. Pattern value and composition in the still-lives are important and well understood though colour is apt to be too monochrome.

The most outstanding paintings to show real appreciation of the medium and a full use of colour are as follows: the portrait of a girl in red by Ann Bull; the still-lives of farm implements and of the dressmaker's model by both F.S. Clements and D. Syrett; the reclining figure in red by Dorothy Butler; the still life of the dressmaker's model by K. Stewart.

Of the landscapes and outdoor sketches, D. Syrett has a delightful farm-yard with distant vista, and K. Stewart shows an excellent composition of buildings and cows.

There are charming garden scenes by Muriel Piercy and Dorothy Butler showing excellent colour sense, and Rita Probert's "Bradenham Church" is strong and attractive. F.S. Clement's garden hut with trees is good in colour and composition. H. Tweedale's precise and careful drawing, especially his roof construction, are a pleasure to look at, and his very skilful photographs of the class at work add much interest to the exhibition.

It is evident that the members of the class are very happy and have much enjoyment. Mr. Piggot is to be congratulated on his students' success.

As always the presentation of the work and the delightful flower arrangements filling the platform gave great pleasure to everyone who saw them.

The proceeds from the evening will go to the National Federation of Womens' Institutes.

V.C. Holmes

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#### E D I T O R ' S   C O R N E R

A neighbour of mine is concerned about children scribbling on Naphill's new walls. Sometimes the scribbles need to be rubbed out quickly, but mostly they are long wavy lines in chalk. He says that constant scrubbing will spoil the face of the bricks and as he used to be a brickmaker, he should know. Perhaps a stern word from parents and schoolmaster will do the trick, but I find my sympathy is a trifle muted by the memory of how difficult it was to scribble anything on a well trimmed hedge.

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I always prefer a green leaf to a red brick, so when our gardening correspondent asked me to come and identify a shrub he had grown, I was interested. Various names had been suggested but none of them quite fitted the bill. It was a buttonhole given to him years ago and he had planted it; and when A.H.B. plants a cutting it grows. We agreed to have another look when the plant was in flower, and one day last May I was taken to see it. Clusters of mauvey pink flowers nestled among the evergreen leaves. Each leaf had a tiny

margin of yellow and the flower smelled like heaven. As I gazed at them a memory came back of an old Daphne mezereum which I had dug up recently and the wood had a similar feel. I said "Arthur, a pound to a penny its an evergreen Daphne". There is a wild Daphne which grows in these parts called Laureola and a comparison with its leaves confirmed the guess. But I am only a learner in these matters, and a second name is just as important with shrubs as with people. A walk round the Saville Gardens provided the answer. Theirs were not nearly such good specimens as A.H.B's, but they did have a name plate. Daphne Odora Marginata. The last name refers to the tiny yellow edge to the leaves, and full marks to any reader who had guessed the answer. And now there will be one more temptation when next I potter round a nursery.

Ron Piercy

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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

Last month Mrs Humphrey gave us a most interesting talk and demonstration on the Art of Millinery. She showed how the shape of a hat is moulded and then embellished to produce the final result. Mrs Humphreys made it all look relatively simple, so expect some "Ascot Creations" from the Naphill Young Neighbours !

Next week we shall be shown how to give the "Kiss of Life". This is a technique we all hope we shall never be called upon to use, but the more people who know it, the better. We hope, therefore, that as many of our members as possible will be able to attend this meeting.

After the resussitation classes, we are having a "make, bake and eat". Members are asked to bake their favourite cake, flan, biscuits or what-have-you, and to exchange recipes over coffee.

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N A P H I L L W . I .

Several summer dishes were demonstrated by Mrs. Rayment of the Southern Electricity Board, at Naphill W.I. held on June 1st.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Over-Sixties Club, thanking the W.I. Drama Club for a donation of £5. 12. 9d which was part of the proceeds of a recent Drama Evening.

Mrs R. Watson also sent a letter expressing thanks for flowers she had received from the W.I.

The Coffee Morning given by Mrs H. Pearson realised £7.7.0 and the Bring & Buy Stall at the May meeting made £2.5.2½d. The competition for the best use of an egg and one shilling was won by Mrs. R. Piercy.

Members' Day proved so popular last year that we are all eagerly awaiting the next one on July 6th.

By kind invitation of Bomber Command Young Wives' Club on June 6th some of our members enjoyed a demonstration of Hair Tinting given by a very glamorous and charming lady.

The W.I. Art & Drama evening on June 17th in Naphill Village Hall was a great success.

C.B.W.

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Coach trip on May 26th was greatly enjoyed in spite of our driver taking the same route as was traversed on one of our outings last year, but it was interesting to see the housing development at Downley and Totteridge. The highlight of the afternoon was a surprise tea at the home of Mrs Gilson by her kind invitation.

A most interesting talk on Africa was given on June 9th by Miss A. Kelham, made more delightful by her clear enunciation and humour.

Our next meeting is Members' Day with a Bring & Buy Stall in aid of Naphill Fete.

On July 7th we hope to pay a visit to the Festival of Flowers at High Wycombe Parish Church, and on July 21st, weather permitting, a Garden Party is being arranged at the home of Mr. & Mrs G. Smith.

C.B.W.

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

Those gardeners who only have a lawn, some flowering shrubs and a couple of small flower beds are able to relax, as apart from the weekly lawn mowing, the picking off of any dead flowers, there is little for them to do in the garden. But for those of us who also grow vegetables there are quite a few sowings and plantings to be done. Time to sow spring cabbage seed, some endine for autumn use, and more spinach to stand the winter. One could also sow turnips, stump rooted carrots, lettuce, and another row of early dwarf peas. Plantings of broccoli, late savoy, in fact any late maturing greenstuff that you can find room for to keep supplies going next winter.

If you have a boundary hedge of holly, beech, yew or hornbeam, now is the time to clip them. Privet, hawthorn and lonicera will need several clippings during the season.

If you would like to have some dried herbs for winter use, the best time to cut them is just before they come into flower. They should then be tied in small bundles, not too tightly, to allow the air to circulate through them. Hang them in an airy room or shed away from the sun and let them dry thoroughly before storing.

Continue to feed all growing plants, but not too close to the stems - put it just beyond the spread of the leaves, because that's where the feeding roots are.

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

Schedules are now available for our Show on Saturday July 8th, and by the looks of some of the Naphill gardens there should be some very good exhibits on view. It is much more fun being a contestant than a spectator - why not be both ! bring your exhibits along in the morning and then come along in the afternoon and see how they compare with the rest.

With the fruit, flowers and vegetables, see what the schedule says regarding numbers, cauliflower 2 heads or strawberries 12; pick the right number with a spare or two in case of accidents, choosing

those of good shape and colour and all nice and even, and reasonably free from blemish. Roses should not be blown and showing a centre, but have a pointed centre with a few outer petals fanning out, not tight buds.

In the decorative classes you are on your own, but strive for a balanced exhibit, any larger blooms at the base and smaller blooms and decorative material towards the edges to give lightness - this also applies to colours, darker to the centre, paler shades to the outside.

Jams should be of good consistency and flavour, and watch the cooking or simmering; too much is just as bad as not enough; fill the jars to the top. When set smooth the top with a hot spoon to give it a nice smooth finish. Cover and label with variety and date, and clean the outside of the jar with a clean rag slightly moistened with meth-spirit to remove finger marks etc.

Cakes are not my province - King Arthur even burnt them, but if yours doesn't come up to expectations, put it on the Gift Stall.

All flower lovers must visit High Wycombe Parish Church during the Flower Festival, July 7th, 8th and 9th, where they will see many beautiful flower arrangements by the leading flower arrangers in the district. This, with a visit to our Show, will make a pleasant weekend.

A.H. Busby

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

On Friday June 9th, the Company held an Open Meeting and were pleased to welcome Miss Freeman, Wycombe Division Commissioner, who came to present Proficiency Badges, also a First Class Badge to Teresa Butler and All-Round Cords to Teresa and also to Clare Budden. Our special congratulations to both these guides on their achievement.

Part of the evening was spent outside, and a tent pitching competition between parents and guides was well and truly won by the parents ! Campfire songs brought the evening to a close.

The second Scout/Guide Field Day was held at Hughenden Valley on Saturday June 17th. After such a warm spell it was disappointing to have such a cold day for the event, but this did not seem to lessen the enthusiasm of the competing teams.

The following badges have recently been won:

- Map Reader : Elizabeth Anthony. Clare Budden, Christine Selby.
- Child Nurse )
- Sick Nurse ) Penny Proffitt. Iris Featherstone.
- Emergency Helper )
- Child Nurse : Christine Selby
- Firefighter : Janet Bolding, Teresa Butler, Iris Featherstone,  
Penny Proffitt, Christine Selby, Sylvia Spiers.

J.M.

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

RESULTS FOR JUNE:

1st XI

June 3rd	Naphill	114	Marsh Gordons	58 for 7 wkts
10th	Naphill	137	Penn and Tylers Green	32
17th	Naphill	82	West Indian S.C.	128

2nd XI

June 3rd	Naphill	146 for 7 wks.	Marsh Gordons	77
10th	Naphill	144	Radnage	105
17th	Naphill	180	Desboro S.C.	66

Fixtures for July

1st XI

July 1st	Booker	Home
8th	Prestwood	Home
15th	Lacey Green	Away
22nd	Hampden	Away
29th	Gt Kingshill	Home

2nd XI

July 1st	Lane End	Away
8th	Cadmore End	Away
15th	Hazlemere	Home
22nd	Kingsmead	Home
29th	Downley	Away

G.L. Brown

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

'Hedgerow', Chapel Hill, Speen

The Editor, Naphill Gazette:

Dear Sir, It may interest your readers to know that in the neighbouring village of Speen we are holding a Fair on Saturday, 15th July.

The Fair is to be opened at 2.30 by Roy Castle the television and screen personality, and among the attractions will be childrens races and fancy dress competitions, tug-of-war, piano smashing, and many sideshows. Refreshments will be available including a licenced bar. Lucky programmes are to be sold at a shilling each and there are worthwhile prizes to be won.

All proceeds of the fair are to be used to improve the village amenities.

I hope you will find space to announce this event and look forward to support from residents of Naphill. Yours truly, G.C. Ellis

Speen Fair Committee

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

NURSURY PLAY GROUP : A Nursury Play Group will commence on Tuesday, 5th September in the Naphill Village Hall, running for three mornings per week, from 9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. The day

Mrs V. Pushman, "Cantata", Naphill Common, Naphill 3122

Mrs S. Harvey, "Gable Cottage, Main Rd Naphill 2107

Naturally a number of large toys will be needed and therefore, should anybody have available any suitable toy, either to donate or sell, we should be very happy to hear from them.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK : We sincerely thank Mrs Mitchell and her Girl Guides for distributing the envelopes this year and all the collectors for the many hours spent collecting throughout Naphill and Walters Ash. This combined effort by the Methodist Chapel and Naphill Church amounted to £45. 11. 1½d.

Our grateful thanks are due to all who gave so generously and made this excellent result possible.

C.B. White. E.G. Wood

THE NAPHILL ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER : Committee report a successful Coffee Party held at "Abbotsbury" on 17th June 1967, and thanks are due to all who helped in any way to produce nearly £15.

HMH/WRH/EDT/DCT

NAPHILL CONSERVATIVE BRANCH : The Naphill Conservative Branch will hold a 'Cheese and Wine' Party in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th July 1967 at 8 p.m. Admission is by ticket price 7/6d from any committee member or from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. Monks, "Homelands", Clappins Lane, or Mr. D. Tooby, Hon. Treas., of 'Abbotsbury', Main Road. All members and supporters are cordially invited to attend, and it is hoped that Mrs John Hall, and possibly, Mr. John Hall, M.P., will be there.

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Committee Meeting	Monday 7th	8.00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	Thurs 31st	2.30 p.m. B.R.
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday (see below)	8.00 p.m.
Over 60 Club	Friday 4th & 18th	2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday 11th & 25th	7.30 p.m.
Library	Friday 11th & 25th	6.30-8.00 p.m.
Young Neighbours	Monday 14th	7.30 p.m.
Dance(Football Club)	Saturday 19th	8.00-12.00
Welfare	Wednesday 2nd & 16th	2.00 p.m.

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At the monthly meeting held in July, concern was expressed about the new extension to the Car Park which was a quagmire on Fete Day. The Hon. Sec. explained that the Contractor would put a final coat down in October and he had been asked to finish it with a better type of Hoggin.

The Council discussed the question of what type of extension, if any, should be carried out at the Hall. The need for better Committee Room accommodation, more space for scenery and modern sanitary accommodation is very noticable to all users of the hall. As the hall was erected in 1928 when the population was about a quarter of what it is now, this is not surprising. The majority of the Council felt, however, that it would be preferable to leave the size of the Main Hall as it is at present and concentrate on improving what we have except for adding the spaces and sanitary accommodation mentioned above. It is possible that we can get a grant from the Ministry of Education towards this and the making of the false ceiling which was referred to in the July Gazette.

The Fete was, of course, a great disappointment this year owing to the truly terrible weather, and it is doubtful whether we shall make more than £100 profit.

Mr. A. Payne was welcomed as a new member of Council, representing Hughenden Parochial Church Council.

**IMPORTANT:** Each year the same band of people work hard arranging the Fete. Will anyone who uses the facilities of the Hall and appreciates how lucky we are to have these amenities, volunteer to organise the 1968 Fete, please ?

R.C.R.

**NAPHILL SOCIAL AND BINGO CLUB:** In order that our organisers may have a well earned rest it has been decided to cancel the Thursday Bingo Session for three weeks during August. Please therefore make the following notes in your diary:-

- Thursday August 4th, Bingo as usual
- Thursdays 10th, 17th and 24th August - NO BINGO
- Thursday 31st August, Bingo as usual

Mr & Mrs Philip Lean will soon be departing to another area and Naphill will be losing two stalwart helpers. It would be wrong to allow this event to pass without recording our appreciation of the help and hard work that Mr & Mrs Lean have put into so many of the social functions of village life.

We wish them well in their new home and hope to see them from time to time.

R.C.P.

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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 August 11 a.m. 6.15. p.m.

August 6th	Mr. Aldous	Miss Clark
13th	Mr. Springell	Sister Sylvia Darwen
20th	Mr. E. Rose	Mrs Holt
27th	Mr. D.S. Howard	Mr. Steare

M.G.B.

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

Our early Summer Show was in many respects a success; it was well supported by you, our members and of course by many of our friends. The Gift Stall was a great success and set a high target for the September Show.

Mr. & Mrs Kettell are to be congratulated on the splendid work they put in, especially as they were without their joint managers Mr & Mrs Wooster who were unable to return from their holidays to help as they had intended, owing to Mrs Woosters illness, but we hope they will be with us again for September.

As expected, the fruit and vegetable sections were below standard owing to those late frosts we had, but there seems no accounting for the poor number of entries in the Floral Art section except of course that some of the usual contestants were on holiday. Perhaps another reason was that these classes need some fresh ideas, which you can be sure will be reviewed for next year, and if any of you have any suggestions to make we shall be pleased to hear from you.

We hope some of you found the High Wycombe Chrysanthemum Society's stand, and also that of the South Bucks Aquarist Society, of interest.

Wisley is still proving of interest to many members - have you been yet? why not call round for a ticket, it's free to you.

Many of our Hughenden friends support our Shows, and they will be pleased to see anyone from Naphill at their Show on August 19th as exhibitors or visitors; why not call round for one of their schedules.

At the passing of Dr Eric Bayley, a founder member of our Society and its active President for 21 years, may we add our tribute to one of natures Gentlemen. His life was submerged in the welfare and well being of our Village and its many-sided activities; We also shall remember him.

A.H.B.

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G A R D E N I N G N O T E S  
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Most jobs in the garden this month are perhaps just routine, hedge clipping, grass mowing, which has not been quite so pressing during the dry spells, but the weeds keep growing, and aphids and black fly simply refuse to take a holiday this year, so its hoeing and spraying and dusting.

Have you tried "Weedol" for keeping down the weeds ? its some very good stuff, but please read the instructions carefully before you start using it.

Are those tomatoes ripening alright this time ? if not, you cannot blame it on to lack of sunshine this year, but if they are not, try giving them a weekly dose of sulphate of potash.

Many of the crops are becoming a little distressed owing to lack of rain which has somehow missed us lately, and they would be grateful for a good drink if you can spare it. Otherwise it will have to be mulches of grass mowings and even young shoots of hedge clippings or anything similar, even layers of polythene can be a great help in conserving moisture.

Again, when we get these dry spells our Naphill clay is liable to crack open which, of course, allows more of that reserve of moisture to escape, and it will help to avoid this if you keep the dutch hoe going on the top inch or so of soil to form a dust mulch and keep those cracks closed.

A.H.B.

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB  
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Our Club visited the Festival of Flowers at High Wycombe Parish Church on July 7th. The exquisite Floral arrangements were breathtaking and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the outing, and a surprise treat of strawberries and cream kindly provided by Dr and Mrs Bayley for our tea really made our day.

It was pleasing to see a number of Pot Plants entered in the special class for OVER 60s at the Naphill Horticultural Show. Congratulations to the prize-winners:- Mrs. A. Rivett, Mr. A.H. Busby and Mrs Gray.

A Garden Party will be held at Mrs Piercy's, Moseley Lodge Farm, on August 4th. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall.

C.B.W.

It is with sadness we report the passing of Dr. Bayley, in his 90th year. He was President and Chairman of our Club for 11 years. His love and kindness will be remembered by all; nothing was too much for him to do, he worked for us always with a smile. Our thoughts and sympathy must be for Mrs. Bayley in losing such a wonderful partner.

R. Reed, Chairman  
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A CORNER OF OLD NAPHILL  
photographed by Lester Brown

This cottage, owned by Miss Lucy Sharpe, has perhaps the last brick and flint built privy at the bottom of its garden, which I hope will be preserved as an ancient monument. Ed

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E D I T O R S   C O R N E R

Tributes pour in to the life and works of Dr. Bayley, evidence of the deep affection in which he was held in the village. For this good and gentle man tried very hard to live by the precept "Love thy Neighbour", and Naphill folk will rest assured that for Eric Bayley "All the Trumpets Sounded On The Other Side".

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Have you ever wondered what parish councillors really do. From next month Mr. R. Pushman will contribute a short account of parish council news affecting Naphill. Now we'll find out.

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I couldn't help laughing at Harry Pearson's indignation when he read in the Gazette that a coffee morning was to be held in Mrs Pearson's house. Now I see that a Garden Party is to be held at Mrs Piercys. Well, the Ladies are wearing trousers to Buckingham Palace. It seems as if they're wearing them in Naphill.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

Naphill Members' Day once again proved very successful. Most members thought the Meteorological office existed just to provide weather information, but after listening to Mr. Virgo's very interesting and enlightening talk of how ships on the high seas and aviation depend on this information, of how high winds affect the paying proposition of these, and how the Central Electricity Board can generate more heat according to a forecast, Civil Engineers and agriculture also benefit, as do Bug Scientists who specify when bugs breed, and can spray according to weather conditions, one realises that the work of this office really enters into the life of the community in a very large way. Mrs Rabson thanked Mr. Virgo for his very interesting talk. After this, members provided and served a very luxurious tea to the detriment of a few waistlines. but nevertheless greatly enjoyed.

The result of the coffee morning in aid of St. John's Ambulance Fund was £7.16.6d, and the proceeds of the Art and Coffee evening, £15. 2. 9d, which goes to the W.I. National Federation. The total made on the W.I. Stall at the Fete was £17. 10. 0d.

Mrs Bull gave a very comprehensive report of her visit to the Royal Albert Hall and of some of the fashions, the Resolutions and other incidents. Mrs Bull also reported on Mrs Jacob's talk on Finance.

A proposal for a Handicraft, Flower and Produce Show to be held in September 1968 was voted for by a large number of members present.

The next Monthly meeting will be on September 7th 1967 when Mr. Bernard Moss will speak on Adventures in Australia (with slides). It will be the Harvest Festival in aid of the Adopted Family.

After a musical guessing competition had been won by Mrs Randall, the President Mrs Weeks, thanked Members' Day Committee for arranging the afternoon.

The Tea Hostesses for September are Mrs. Brion, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Marshall.

C.B.W.

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

A Letter from Australia :

" It was on a foggy drizzly July morning last year that I left dear old Mother England to venture on a 2½ year posting to what I imagined to be Sunny Australia. Arrived down under in Adelaide on the Saturday evening with the temperature at 44° - the coldest day of the year - what a welcome for the "Pommie ! "



Contrary to many people's thoughts, Australia isn't a land of brilliant sunshine with kangaroos bounding to and fro, but a land of contrast; very hot in summer - up to 110° and cold in winter - down to 36° or so. We are situated approx 20 miles from Adelaide, a 25 minute drive by car if you have one, and boy are they a necessity. Travel is fairly cheap with petrol (super grade) at 40 cents a gallon i.e. 3/- sterling, but cars are expensive to buy - over £700 for a good second-hand used car suitable for the roads out here (where's Ted Russel ? ).

The other cities that I've so far visited such as Melbourne and Canberra, are really beautiful and this is one reason why people want to come back here again after a tour. Well I'll have to leave this land of sunshine in January 1969 but won't be at all pleased at the thought of coming back to SNOW (what's that ?) in my home village of happy people, NAPHILL ! " (Clive Hall)

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"Dear Sir, I read your comments with interest, in last month's issue, regarding children scribbling on the recently built walls in Naphill and your obvious answer "if the hedges had remained this could never have happened". I couldn't agree more, but I am afraid (to use the much coined phrase) "you must move with the times, you can't stop progress", one has to choose the lesser of two evils.

For years now (myself included) parents have been screaming out for a footpath, so children and aged folk could walk through the village in comparative safety, and at long last the Ministry of Transport, along with the County Council, have allowed enough funds, for this to happen.

I can appreciate your point of view that they are not pretty things to look at and that the rural aspect is going, or gone for ever, but let's face it, hasn't the whole village life changed to what you and I can remember. In my opinion Naphill is fast becoming nothing more than a suburb of High Wycombe, and how long will the High Wycombe Corporation be content to limit their boundaries to Hughenden Park. Sooner or later I am sure, Naphill will be included in the High Wycombe Borough, and then we shall have the erection of ugly lighting columns for street lighting, that only dogs will appreciate, apart from people who have moved here from town areas, plus higher rates.

No, Mr. Editor, in these modern times one cannot stand still, that's why, with this so called progress, and the modern inventions, who knows, for millions of people the WRITING IS ALREADY ON THE WALL

Alan Shrimpton

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Please note that Mr. E.L. Pym is only an ordinary member of the Society, and is unable to undertake any further duties on their behalf locally. All communications to 69 Priory Avenue, High Wycombe, Bucks.

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

Results & Fixtures

First Eleven:	July 1st	120 for 9 wkts dec.	Booker	109 for 5 wkts.
	July 8th	80	Prestwood	117
	July 15th	104 for 6 wkts	Lacey Green	101
Second Eleven:	July 1st	92	Lane End	51
	July 8th	130	Cadmores End	68
	July 15th	62	Hazlemere	131 for 7 wkts dec.

August Fixtures

First Eleven

Second Eleven

Aug 5th	Marsh Gordons	Away	Marsh Gordons	Home
12th	Tylers Green	Home	Radnage	Away
19th	West Indian S.C.	Away	Desboro' S.C.	Home
26th	Carribean Club	Home	Wheeler End	Away
Sep 2nd	Booker	Away	Lane End	Home

Sundays

August 13th	Aylesbury West Indians	Home
20th	Wycombe 'A'	Home
27th	Aylesbury Nomads	Away
28th	Royal Agricultural Hall C.C.	Home
Sept 3rd	Peppard Sports	Home
17th	Maiden Erlegh	Home

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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

Mr. Taylor of the British Red Cross came to our meeting last month to explain the technique of the kiss of life. After his talk we were able to try out this valuable information on a dummy which Mr. Taylor had brought with him.

The second part of our meeting was occupied with members sampling each other's favourite dishes and exchanging recipes.

There will be no meeting in August, but we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a happy summer holiday. The next meeting will be on 11th September when Mr. Humphrey will give a lecture on Natural History, illustrated with colour slides. This will be followed by the Annual General Meeting, and we hope as many members as possible will attend.

M.E.

I am sure the Men's Club would be happy to learn that technique from the Young Neighbours !

Ed.

## G A R D E N B I R D S

The goldfinches are back in the garden. They usually arrive around the beginning of June, and the first sign we have of their arrival is the twittering song of the cock. They are not very noticeable as they do not come to any food we put out, nor do they run around on the lawn like the blackbirds and thrushes. If we look over the vegetable patch though, we might see them feeding on the seeds of groundsell and thistles. This year they have a nest high in the hedge in an elder; last year in a mountain ash, and before that in a buddleia.

The linnet is a small brown bird with very similar habits. We often get a pair nesting in one of the boundary hedges though nearly always four to six feet off the ground. Greenfinches and bullfinches often nest in gardens also, though once again they are more often heard than seen during the nesting period. These two are not welcomed by the keen gardener as they can do quite a lot of damage. In February and March the bullfinches diet consists largely of fruit buds, though these are probably fairly harmless for the rest of the year. The greenfinch has got his bad name for eating buds of the beautiful little shrub the Daphne.

In contrast, the great-tits who live in the box in the apple tree, and the blue-tits who live in the box on the house wall, are very conspicuous. They are always on the bird feeders and their cheery calls are heard all the year round. Even when the young have left the nest the family parties come trooping back along the gardens as they make their way around the district.

Robins, wrens and hedge sparrows are familiar to us all, but if we live near a wood or the common we might be lucky enough to attract a nuthatch if we put out some fat or peanuts. This year a pair nested in a nearby tree but I fear the cock was caught by a cat. Anyway, he disappeared and a week or so later the hen left as well.

One bird which I should like to see in my garden is the spotted flycatcher. I have seen nests in three gardens nearby, but never yet in mine. They are quite tame and often build in climbing shrubs which are growing up the walls of the house. They like a prominent perch from which they can dart out over the lawn in pursuit of flying insects which they catch on the wing.

Although I sometimes wonder when I see the sparrows pecking off the flowers of my polyanthus, or attacking my peas as they come through the ground, I know full well that my garden without the sight and sound of the birds would be a very dead garden indeed.

J. Humphreys.

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

Committee Meeting	Monday 4th	8.00 p.m.
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Over 60 Club	Friday 15th & 29th	2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday 22nd	7.30 p.m.
" " (Naphill Church)	Friday 29th	7.00 p.m.
Young Neighbours	Monday 11th	7.30 p.m.
Welfare	Wednesday 6th & 19th	2.00 p.m.
Library	Friday 8th	6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
	(No Library on 22nd or 6th October)	
Ante-Natal Clinic	Monday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	2.00 p.m.
Nursery Play Group	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, each week	9.15 - 12.15
Horticultural Show	Saturday 9th	All Day
Concert Rehearsal	Wednesday 13th	7.30 - 10.30 p.m.
Concert	Friday 15th	7.30 p.m.
Rummage Sale	Saturday 16th	2.30 p.m.
(Naphill Church)		
Dancing Class	Tuesday 19th, 26th	3.00 p.m.
Jumble Sale	Saturday 23rd	2.30 p.m.
(Scouts & Guides)		
Dance - Naphill Good Companions	Saturday 30th	8.00 - 12.00 p.m.

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At the August meeting of the Council sympathetic references were made to the death of Doctor Eric Bayley who had been such a tower of strength to the Village for so many years. The Chairman said he had written to Mrs. Bayley on behalf of the Council and a silent tribute was made to him. It may not be known to all the inhabitants of the Village that owing to the late Dr. Bayley's forethought various medical comforts are held by Mrs. Mealing and are available by reference to her. These comprise bed-pans, etc. and at present there are two invalid chairs which always seem to be needed by someone or other. We could do with a few more so if anyone has such a thing it would be gratefully received. The Council have not received any offers from anyone to organize next years' Fete and the Honorary Secretary will be glad to hear from anyone to undertake this.

Agenda for Council Meeting - September

1. To receive Finance Committee's report on works of improvements to the Hall.
2. To fix definite date for the Christmas Bazaar.
3. Treasurer's report.



Library Owing to the Honorary Librarian's being on holiday, there will be no Library on Friday, the 22nd of September and the 6th of October.

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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.
September 3rd.	Sister Sylvia Darwent (Holy Communion)	Mr. Best
10th	Mrs. Mann	Mr. J. Crossley
17th	Mr. B. Sutcliffe	Sister Sylvia Darwent
24th	<u>Harvest Festival</u>	
	Mr. B. Rixon	Rev. R.J. Kaye
	(A Children's Gift Service will be held at 2.45 p.m.)	

On Monday, 5th September a Harvest Supper and Sale will be held at 7.30 p.m. We welcome Rev. R.J. Kaye to our Circuit - he is to be our new Superintendent Minister as Rev. W.J. Ream M.A. is leaving to take over a circuit in the North-West. We shall have an opportunity of getting to know Rev. Kaye as he is conducting the Evening Service on Harvest Festival Sunday.

The weekly Womens' Fellowship Meeting will recommence on Wednesday, September 6th at 2.30 p.m. when the Speaker will be Sister Sylvia Darwent. We extend a very hearty welcome to the ladies of the village to join with us in this friendly meeting.

Our Church is now looking very much brighter after complete re-decoration externally.

M.G.B.

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

### Services

September 17th	Evensong.	3.30 p.m.
24th	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.

Sunday School each Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

Rummage Sale at Naphill Village Hall on Saturday, 16th September at 2.30 p.m.. This is the first of the Autumn Rummage Sales, so come along early and secure the best bargains.

Whist Drive at Naphill Village Hall on Friday, 29th of September at 7.30 p.m. We have some good prizes and can promise you an enjoyable evening. Make a note of these dates in your diaries.

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

"The Naphill Magazine and your letter put me in as good a humour as it is possible for anyone to be in when 35 good English miles have

to be travelled to get to work in the morning. It took my mind back to the full and happy days I spent in Bucks among the friendliest group of folk that could be found anywhere on the earth - as I know it, at least. The further those years recede, the more precious they are to me. The great quality you all possess is to traffic in humour - to give and to take the hard knocks and to know when they are delivered with the mind - if not the face - in a broad smile. Anyone with a sense of controlled humour, and a thirst (not necessarily strictly controlled) has two incalculable gifts and despite caperings of politicians and the plunderings of the taxman, I don't feel that mine have been extinguished yet.

Your reference to the Home Guard set up a merry Train of thought reminding me of the indisputable fact that Hitler did not attempt to try conclusions with us at close quarters. That may have been a coincidence - on the other hand it may have been prudence. They were the days! When Mr. Ring (ex-policeman) presided at "The Wheel"; when "The Blacksmith's Arms" stood four-square to Naphill Common; and when the Rev. Father Flood of Piggotts (where the Gill family proliferated) was in full spate at the "Sportsman's Arms" and Norman Ridgely steered an erratic course up and down Speen Hill!!

Thanks again for provoking these strong recollections. I would like to return to the old stamping ground but the impossibility of getting a house in your parts must be reserved for expense account barons and other magnates. I would lead a happy retirement anywhere on the hills in your quarter of the world.

When I was criminal enough to reach the age of 62, my Society heaved me out with an Edwardian pension. For the last 18 months I have had other employment and now I have a job back in London (9.30 - 4.30 p.m.) within spitting distance of my former London office. I hope to hang on to it until August of next year when I shall attach myself to the receiving end of the State Welfare Services. I hope I shall not be jostled out of line because having contributed to the National Treasure Chest for so long and in such large measure, it will be gratifying to draw a little back, siphon-wise.

I still watch Wycombe Wanderers from afar. They provided me with pleasure and ripe material for argument "about it and about". The mention of Dennis Syrett's name in your magazine (a worthy effort, forsooth) conjured up visions of Loakes Park and Wembley.

Do you see Geoff Smith? If I was certain he could read, I would write to him.

All the best. Don't forget that as much as I like Letchworth, I prefer the society of the many friends I made when I was admitted to your tribal customs.

Bill Bailey (H.V.)

EDITORS CORNER



OLD COTTAGE, NEW WALL IN NAPHILL  
(photographed by Lester Brown)

Alan Shrimpton's interesting letter last month hardly answers my point. I am for footpaths but against long monotonous walls. I await with interest the first landowner who combines a footpath with a nice hedge. Have you noticed the "Progress" at which the level of the main road is rising? The concrete path my father laid to our front gate is now 18 inches below the road. A neighbouring cottager has to ascend two steps to get out, whilst at the other end of the village Harold Tweedale tells me that a passing bus sometimes splashes water through his bedroom windows. But Naphill will always extract humour from such things. The County Surveyors have created a form of land-locked harbour at the foot of Forge Road, and Ted Syrett is lucky to have another entrance to his shop. Recently he put out a notice saying "High Tide 6 p.m." while across the road John Holmes' notice read "Only local ratepayers may use the Swimming Pool."

R.P.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

September 9th is the date of our next Flower Show and to us the most important one of the many that will be held during this month; schedules are available to all intending exhibitors.

There are still many of you who come along on the day and, after viewing the exhibits say 'I could have shown this or that fruit, flower or vegetable as good as those'. Well, why don't you? It will prove your point if you get a prize label, and won't cause an international crisis if you don't. Class 9 - Three Beetroot; Class 21 - Two Cabbage; Class 50 - One spike Gladioli; Class 61 - One Rose bloom - just a few of the 101 classes in the schedule. Surely your garden can produce at least one such entry?

However, failing this, don't forget the Gift Stall. Messrs. Kettell and Wooster will be pleased to collect anything you have if you are unable to bring it yourself on the day. Whether you grow it, make it, bake it or even cadge it, they won't mind because they can sell it.

Ours is one of many Shows this month and the following will be well worth a visit. First the London Shows for which free admission tickets are available to our members.

The Royal National Rose Show	September 5th & 6th
The National Dahlia Show	8th & 9th
(these will be held in the R.H.S. Halls, Westminster)	

The R.H.S. Great Autumn Show, together with The National Chrysanthemum Show at Alexandra Palace	September 19th, 20th, 21st.
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Nearer Home:

The Wycombe Show on the Rye	September 2nd
Wycombe Chrysanthemum Soc. Show St. Anne's Hall	4th
Naphill Show, Village Hall	9th
Downley Chrysanthemum & Dahlia Show	16th
Wycombe Chrysanthemum Soc. Show & Roundabout P.H.	25th
High Wycombe Show, Town Hall	30th

There will be a small admission charge at all these local Shows. The choice is up to you

A.H.B.

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

We shall soon be hearing and perhaps joining in, that grand old Hymn:-

Come ye thankful people come,  
Raise the song of harvest home,  
All is safely gathered in,  
'Ere the winter storms begin.

A reminder that another season is coming to an end and that those potatoes should be stored. Some carrots, beet and turnips soon to be boxed up in some dry earth or sand, some runner beans to be salted down and the onions harvested.

Many of the summer annuals are beginning to look past their best but these, the roses and other flowers should be regularly dead headed to keep the plants tidy and keep the flower display going as long as possible.

Watch out for the grey aphid on greenstuff, also those caterpillars and spray on sight. Earwigs can be easily trapped by laying half opened empty matchboxes, flower pots, tins or other containers half filled with dry grass among the places where they are troublesome. There is no need to stick these flower pots on poles, just lay them on the ground. Examine them daily, tipping out the contents onto a concrete path or other firm ground, then do a quick soft show shuffle on the earwigs, place the receptacles and repeat daily.

Don't give up on those weeds and say 'let them get on with it', because they will do just that and leave you a bonus of seeds to annoy you next Spring.

As you clear spent crops from the ground, put the waste on the bonfire or compost heap and finish the job by lightly forking over the soil. This will not only give the garden a tidy appearance, but make things much easier later on when you start winter digging. Don't forget to order your "Chasmor" ready for digging in during the winter.

A.H.B.

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

The month of August is the one month of the year when the Haghenden Parish Council does not meet. However, matters have been discussed at earlier meetings which do affect the residents of Naphill.

It has now been agreed that immediately after the first frosts, the hedge around the Louches Lane allotments will be cut back to a height of two feet in the hope that fresh growth in the Spring will produce a more manageable hedge.

Footpaths have also been in the news and instructions have been given for the cutting back of nettles etc. on what was known as the old Cinder path between Naphill Common and the main road and also, for the poisoning of weeds along the short footpath adjoining Pursells Meadow and Chapel Lane.

The Parish Council is particularly anxious that the main footpaths within the parish, and in particular within the Naphill ward, should be kept open to provide both recreation and, what is perhaps even more important, short cuts. Any obstructions should be reported to one of the Naphill representatives, namely Mr. R. Hapton, Mr. R. Pushman or Mr. D. Tooby.

Many anxious mothers will be pleased to note that after long representations to the road authorities, the long awaited footpath is now virtually completed along the village.

R.C.P.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER

Invitations for the Elderly Folks Dinner which is to be held on Wednesday, 11th October, 1967 will be delivered by 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. M. Balls, "Westfield", Main Road, Naphill, Telephone Naphill 3071 after 21st September.

Qualifications for Attending The Dinner:- You must have been a resident in Naphill or Walters Ash before 1st January 1966, and also be now

- (a) Over 65 years of age (in the 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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M R S F R A S E R ' S D A N C I N G C L A S S E S

Congratulations to the following pupils on passing their Royal Academy of Dancing Ballet in Education Examinations:-

Primary Grade

Linsey Evans (Commended)  
Susan Ellis (Pass Plus)  
Karen O'Grady (Pass Plus)  
Mary-Claire Powell (Pass)  
Carol Stone (Pass)

Grade 1.

Caroline Alabaster (Commended)  
Barbara Eager (Commended)  
Caroline Bonser (Pass Plus)  
Sally Smith (Pass Plus)  
Philippa Fitzgerald (Pass)  
Jennifer Mines (Pass)  
Susan Pope (Pass)  
Lyn Humphrey (Pass)

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

A Coach was arranged to convey members of the Over Sixties Club to and from the Memorial Service for Dr. Bayley, which was held at Hughenden Parish Church on July 29th, 1967.

The Garden Party held at Moseley Lodge was well attended and very much enjoyed on August 4th. A few people including Mrs. A. Riches from a Prestwood Home were also invited. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Piercy for the use of their home and garden and we would also like to thank Mrs. Knox for presiding at the piano.

The Handicraft Exhibition at the Guildhall was an outstanding success and the exhibits were of a very high standard, especially those made by 79 and 80-year-old members. Prizes were not awarded but a few "very good" labels were attached and we congratulate Mrs. Jermy who had one of these pinned to her afternoon tablecloth.

The next meeting will be an OPEN one, to be held on the 15th of September when a film of Ceylon will be presented by the Ceylon Tea Company. Please make this known and bring along your friends to see the film and have a cup of tea made by experts of the Ceylon Tea Company

C.B.W.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

Members of the Finsbury Red Cross Club paid their annual visit recently and were favoured with a really hot summer day. Mr. & Mrs. Gilson once again provided a luxurious lunch and permitted their home and garden to be used for the occasion, for which we thank them.

After games and competitions with everyone having at least one prize, tea was provided by the W.I. Committee and each guest was given six new laid eggs and a bunch of flowers when leaving. Their comment: 'the best outing we ever had.'

The next W.I. Monthly meeting will be on the 5th of September when Mr. Bernard Moss will speak on Adventures in Australia (with slides). It will also be the Harvest Festival and the produce will be auctioned in aid of the Adopted Family.

The Tea Hostesses are: Mrs. Brion, Mrs. Gurney, Mrs. Jack and Mrs. Marshall.

C.B.W.

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Mr. & Mrs. D. Southam of Beehive Cottage spent their summer holiday in Canada this year. They spent two days at EXPO and Mr. Southam kindly sent us his impression of this exhibition of the century. It is necessarily brief as it had to be contained within the flimsy sheets of an air-mail letter.

"We spent three days at Montreal, two of these at EXPO and a marvellous show it was too.

The pavilions are scattered over five islands in the middle of the St. Lawrence river, the centre and the largest of these housing the most prominent pavilions. The Russian Pavilion stood on one of

the smaller islands and the American opposite on another - very strategic I thought.

The American show was poor, mainly concerned with their achievements in the lad of films, whilst the Russian Pavilion was given mainly to boasting of their achievements in technology. The theme of this entire show was "Man and his World" and how the trumpets were out.

The French show was rather disjointed mixing technical triumphs with art and culture. The Scandinavian countries contributed good, interesting shows.

The panoramic views from the top of some of the pavilions were as fantastic as the shows inside. Camera techniques and the use of film were the main medium used and quite a lot in 3 D. With so much to see in so short a time one finds it difficult to create a coherent picture, without the use of film.

I have left the Sunday Punch to last and, as in the Miss World contest, shall name the best pavilion last.

The general opinion seemed to be that the CZECHOSLOVAK pavilion was second best and, need I say it, I felt very proud to hear so many nationalities say "THE BRITISH WERE BEST."

My, we both had a job to get through the doors after seeing the show ourselves."

Mr. & Mrs. Southam have since returned from their holiday. I was eager to know why "The British were Best." I have found Mr. Southam's description of the British Pavilion so interesting that I have asked him to write about it for next month's issue.

A.L. (Assistant Editor)

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

A Buffet Dance will be held on Friday, the 6th of October, from 8.00 - 12.00 p.m. at "The Crown", Pishill, Nr. Henley. Tickets - £1, obtainable from the Chairman, Mr. Dennis Syrett, or any committee member. A coach will be running from Naphill - if requiring seats please contact Mr. D. Syrett.

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CHILDREN'S DANCING CLASSES:- Are held at Naphill Village Hall on Tuesdays, from 3.00 - 6.00 p.m. Autumn Term commences September 19th. Further details from Mrs. Fraser (Telephone Naphill 3308)



DRESSMAKING CLASSES:- Term commences on Wednesday, 20th September  
9.30 - 11.30 a.m., in the Billiard Room, Naphill Village Hall.

ART CLASSES:- Term commences on Thursday, 21st September  
7.30 - 9.30 p.m., in the Billiard Room, Naphill Village Hall.

LADIES KEEP FIT CLASSES:- Term commences on Wednesday, 20th  
September 7.30 - 9.30 p.m., at Naphill Primary School.

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V I L L A G E H A L L H I R I N G S

Due to pressure of business, Mr. W. J. Barrett of "The Wine Cellar" Naphill is no longer able to accept telephone bookings for the Village Hall.

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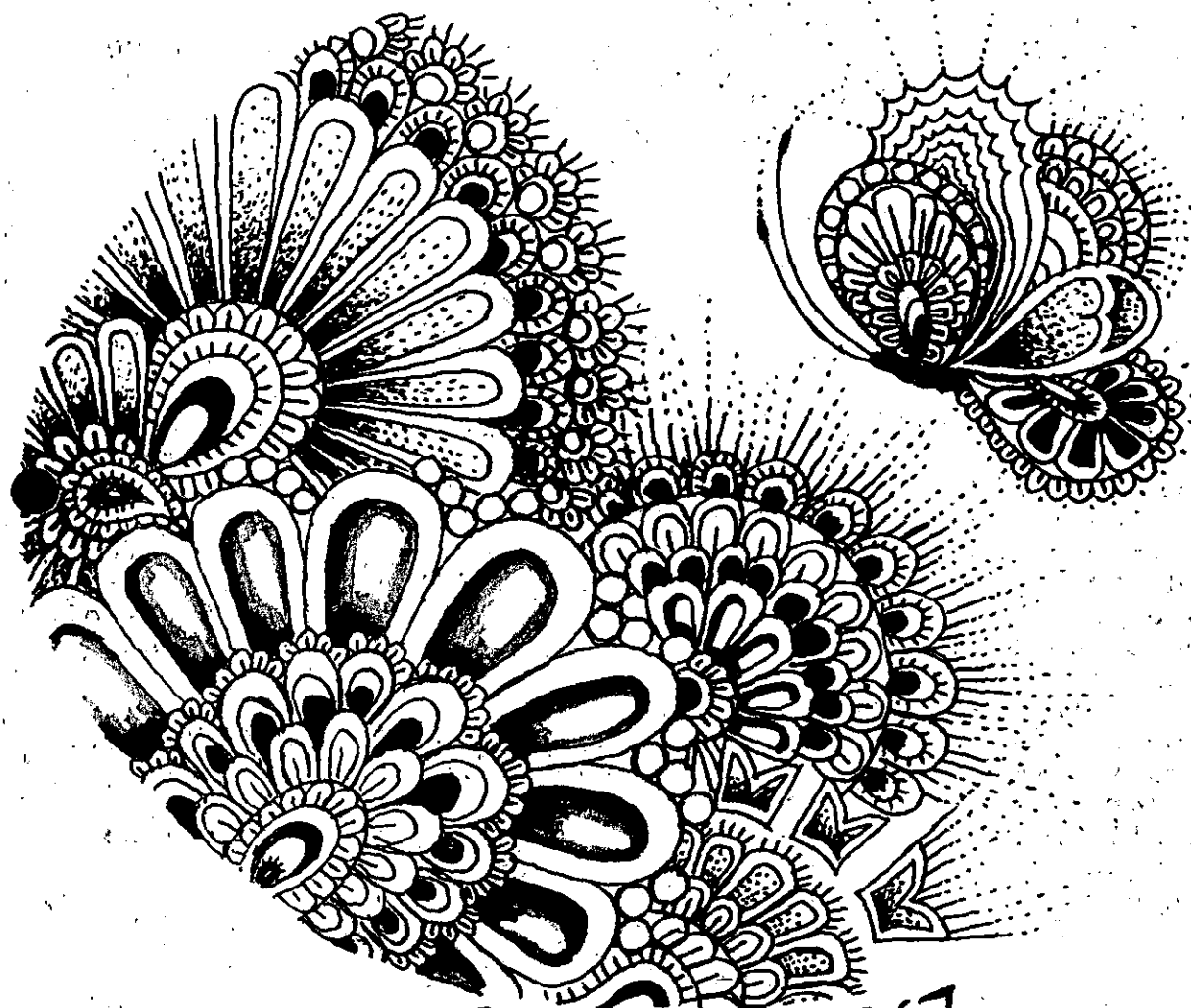
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Over 60 Club	Friday	13th & 27th	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday		8.00 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday	6th	7.30 p.m.
Military Whist Drive	Friday	20th	7.30 p.m.
Library	Friday	20th	6.30 - 8.00
Dancing Class	Tuesday	3rd, 10th & 17th	3.00 p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	Monday	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd.	2.00 p.m.
Nursery Play Group	Tues, Weds & Thurs	each week	9.15-12.15
Rummage Sale W.I.	Saturday October	7th	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	Monday	9th	7.30 p.m.
Elderly Folks Dinner	Wednesday	11th	
Rummage Sale R.S.P.C.A.	Saturday	21st	2.30-4.00
Whist Drive W.I.	Friday	27th	7.30 p.m.
Methodist Church Bazaar	Saturday	28th	3.00 p.m.
Welfare	Wednesday	4th & 18th	2.00 p.m.

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In view of all that the late Doctor Eric Bayley did for the village the Council decided at their September meeting to provide a bench with a suitable inscription near the Hall primarily for the use of the elder folk of the village. It is expected that the various Societies of which he was President or Chairman will wish to contribute a composite sum from all their members, but from those unattached Mr. Tooby will be glad to receive contributions.

The Chairman has suggested a means of providing money for the Hall and Fields by way of Quarterly lotteries, and the Honorary Secretary has been instructed to ascertain from the Chief Constable of Bucks under what conditions this may be done legally. If approved, this idea should result in an excellent way to assist in keeping the hall going and at the same time let everyone have a mild flutter.

The Council welcomed Mr. Chubb representing the Football Club, Mr. P. Mines representing the Scouts, and Flight Lieutenant Budden the Royal Air Force.

Will all users of the Hall please replace the chairs, piano etc., as they found them !

The Annual Bazaar will be held in the Hall on Saturday 2nd December. Will everyone please make a note of this !

R.C.R.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Preliminary notice of this important annual event ! Please mark this date and time in your diary - December 2nd at 2.30 p.m.

We hope the Bazaar will provide an enjoyable outing for all the family and a wonderful opportunity for purchasing all those small Christmas gifts - so often left until the last moment.

It is rumoured that Father Christmas has again been invited to attend and is already planning his schedule. Our old friends Punch and Judy will be there, and tickets for this show will include free raffle tickets.

There will be many stalls and side-shows and the usual Christmas Draw - something for everyone in fact, so please resolve to come and support the Village Hall Council in this venture.

C.D.H.

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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 1st  
8th

Mr. Rundle  
Family Service  
Rev. Aylott

Mr. Parkinson

15th  
22nd

Mr. Ellins  
Mrs Cooper

Mr. Horne  
Mr. A. Cooper  
Sister Sylvia Darwent  
(Holy Communion)

29th

Mr. N. Thorne

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On Friday, October 13th, a Social Evening with refreshments and a Bring and Buy Stall will be held, in aid of the Re-decoration Fund.

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

Services:

October	15th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
	22nd	Holy Communion	9.15 a.m.
	22nd	Harvest Evensong	
			3.30 p.m.
Sunday School	each Sunday	at	2.30 p.m.

Discussion Group :  
 October 18th Fellowship meeting at the Methodist Church - 7.45 p.m.  
 25th Speaker - The Revd V. Fugler of Speen  
 Baptist Church at Naphill Church - 7.45 p.m.

These discussion evenings have proved very popular and a wide variety of interesting subjects are planned for the Autumn services. Please do not be misled by the word 'discussion'; you are very welcome to sit and listen and you need not utter a word.

Once again, thanks to much goodwill and hard work, the recent Rummage Sale was a great success, the profit being over £53.

W.W.

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

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

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 D E E R

During the last twenty years large areas of trees have been planted by the Forestry Commission. This has not affected the Chilterns much, and our woodlands stay more or less constant in size. Deer are mainly forest dwellers, and this increase in forest land has led to a country-wide increase in deer.

The Red Deer is our largest, and their main strongholds are Scotland, Exmoor in Devon, and Thetford Forest in Norfolk.

The Roe Deer is much smaller, and they are distributed over most of the country, though rare or maybe absent in Bucks.

The Fallow Deer might be called the middle sized deer, and again is well distributed, and is present in the area bounded by Henley, Marlow, Lane End, and Stokenchurch, and most probably in other nearby localities also.

The Muntjac or Barking Deer, which is about the size of a large dog, is plentiful to the North of us, and I have heard of it at Speen, and seen it near Kimble. It likes woods with thick undergrowth. When disturbed it barks long and loud !

I often wonder why we do not have any deer around Naphill, as there are plenty of suitable places, although it may be that I just haven't seen any. I do not suppose the Editor would welcome them anyway, as a herd of deer can cause severe damage to a field of crops overnight. Once, last year, on Naphill Common I saw some tracks in the mud, which I thought were deer tracks. I measured them, came home, and got out the Handbook to check. They were too small for Fallow, too large for Muntjac, too wide for Roe. Puzzled, I turned the page to "Domestic animals whose tracks may be confused with Deer" .. and there were my tracks - A Naphill Pig !

John Humphrey

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EDITORS CORNER

Once again the month of October has come around and sometime during the month you will have your annual chance to show if you wish the Gazette to continue. A collector will call, and I am not going to ask you to give generously but to give what you think it is worth. The way costs are rising it will soon be costing 5/- per copy per year.

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John Humphrey writes this month on Deer. It may interest him to know that a couple of years ago I found something had made a track through a hayfield. It led across Clappins Lane and up the other side. A day or two later someone told me they had seen a small deer using this track. One or two other people saw it and then it disappeared for good. I expect some local marksman enjoyed a bit of roast venison.

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I see there was almost a tragedy when some children ate Deadly Nightshade berries, so a little word of warning to those unused to the countryside. The bright red berries which can be found in the hedge-row at this time of year is Woody Nightshade which is mildly poisonous. Warn your children against it by all means, but do not tell them it is the Deadly variety, otherwise when they come across something that looks like nice blue cherries, they may feel free to eat them.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Shows are over for another year and at the September one, although there were fewer entries than last year, this was accounted for by the difficult season and more particularly the gale that blew up on the Tuesday before the Show. We had reports of dahlias snapped off at ground level, roses strewing the lawns, runner beans uprooted and gladioli torn to ribbons. In spite of all this there were some wonderful blooms on view and it is a long time since we have seen such a grand display of chrysanthemums in the Village Hall. Dahlias were first class, and the Ladies are to be congratulated on their efforts in the Domestic and Floral Art sections.

Mention should also be made of the praiseworthy efforts of the children in their classes; there seems to be a moral here for the grown-ups!

Finally, three cheers for Bert Wooster and his helpers on the Gift Stall, who exceeded all expectations by raising the magnificent sum of some £26 - easily a record amount in all our twenty two year history, and to them, the bringers and the buyers, a heartfelt Thank You.

We are expecting the Autumn delivery of "Chasmor" during the next week or two, and for the best results this should be dug in during the winter, so let us have your orders please.

Now is the time to give the lawns an Autumn dressing, and Chasmor is just the stuff you need and we know of nothing cheaper.

In January we are taking delivery of a trial order of Peat. This will be in one hundredweight polythene bags of a well known proprietary brand. The usual retail price is around £1. 0. 0. per bag but our price will be 15/-. You will have to collect from us on the same lines as for Chasmor. Closing date for ordering Peat is December 15th - any committee member will accept your order, but please note the date.

Note to non-members - our Annual Subscription is 2/6d per year minimum.

A.H.B.

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## G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

Any time now we can expect frosts, so it is time to get those begonias, fuchias and other less hardy plants under cover if you wish to save them for another season. It is tempting to leave those geraniums etc. for another week or two because they are still flowering well, particularly if the tomatoes are still growing in the greenhouse. But get them out and store all sizeable ones in boxes or drawers covering each layer with tissue paper. They will ripen in due course and will come in useful for late salads or the frying pan. The smaller ones can be used for making chutney and the stems and leaves if healthy, can go on the compost heap, so nothing will be wasted.

Carrots, beet and turnips can be stored in boxes of dryish earth or sand, but if you have no room to store them, a good layer of peat along the rows will help to keep them in good condition for a long time.

Gladioli corms and dahlias should be well dried off before putting them away for the winter. Dahlia tops should be cut off before bringing them inside, but begonias and gladioli should be left for a week or two until they snap off easily from the corms.

I know it is tempting to leave any flowering subjects in the garden at this time if they are still flowering, but it is better to sacrifice these blooms that can be cut off any day now by frost, they can go on the compost heap and make way for the bulbs, wallflowers, polyanthus, forget-me-nots and other spring flowering subjects.

Plant out spring cabbage if not already done, and clean up the herbaceous border.

If you have any azaleas standing in pots outdoors, they must now be brought under cover.

Avoid washing day for making bonfires of anything that must be burnt, and collect the ash while dry and keep it till next spring; useful stuff this.

A.H.B.

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## NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Over Sixties Club enjoyed films shown by the Ceylon Tea Company on September 15th, also the cup of tea which had been made by Mr. Smith, a representative of the Ceylon Tea Company. Everyone received a free sample of tea and a chocolate roll to take home.

The songbirds of Naphill School will entertain on October 13th, and we extend an invitation to parents and friends to come to this meeting.

A Coach Outing has been arranged for October 27th.

Central Aid have had a request from a party of school girls for names of people who would like to be visited now and then, and who would like shopping and small jobs done for them. If anyone wishes to avail themselves of these services please get in touch with Mrs. A. Reed, 6 Louches Lane, Naphill (Chairman of our Over Sixties Club), or Mrs. White, Mytelene, Naphill (Hon. Sec.) or any committee member.

C.B.W.

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

" We moved to Naphill from Holmer Green in January of this year and have made quite a few friends in the village. We derive a lot of pleasure from keeping in touch with activities in the village through the Gazette and would be grateful if you would insert the announcement of the birth of our daughter:

On 7th June to Marion and Tom Wilks of 3, Pursells Meadow, a daughter, Nancy Jane, a sister for Andrew. "

T.A. Wilks.

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Welcome to Naphill, Nancy Jane. Ed.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

Members enjoyed a most illuminating talk with slides by Mr. Bernard Moss on 'Adventures in Australia' at the September meeting. His extensive journey by many different forms of transport, from Darwin, south to Alice Springs, Adelaide, Melbourne and thence north to Sydney and up the coast to Cooktown in Queensland, covered so much of the country, that he was able to tell us about many different aspects of life in Australia. We heard of their remarkably quick progress in Industry, especially in steel which they now export to this country. It was interesting to see, in contrast, his slides of Wild Life, especially of birds and flowers, the colours being really beautiful. Mrs Randall thanked Mr. Moss on behalf of the members for a most interesting talk.

Nomination papers were distributed to members for next year's committee.

Produce from the Harvest Festival was auctioned and £6. 2. 0d was raised for our Adopted Family.

Other dates to be remembered are - Jumble Sale on October 7th and Whist Drive on October 21st.

Our next meeting is the Birthday Party on October 5th when the entertainment will be by Mr. & Mrs. Hollige.

K.P.

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

To start our September meeting Mr. Humphrey showed a collection of beautiful colour slides taken during the four seasons of the year, which included many local views. The wide variety of birds, butterflies and flowers must have needed a great deal of patience to photograph, and members were surprised at the number of wild birds to be found here in Naphill. Most of us resolved to keep our eyes open in future and try to appreciate more fully the wealth of beauty which we have here on our own doorstep.

The evening continued with the Annual General Meeting and the following officers were elected for the coming year. Chairman - Mrs. D. Jenkins. Secretary - Mrs J. Warner. Treasurer - Mrs. M. Stevens.

New members will be made very welcome and the Club's aim at all times is to provide a pleasant and instructive evening out for all who come along.

Our next meeting will include a film by the local firm of Ercolani, so do come and join us on the 9th October.

J.W.

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NAPHILL UNDER 14 YEARS FOOTBALL

Naphill have entered a team in the Wycombe Under 14 Football League for the second year running, and the first fixture was played on Saturday 23rd September. The match was against a Totteridge Wanderers 'B' team, and although it was a home fixture it had to be played on Wycombe Rye Council ground. The team had its first win ever - 3 goals to 1 - the scores being : B. Ing, R. Alabaster, R. Brown. The team was chosen from the following players: B. Kitchen, R. Budden, B. Ing, M. Butler, R. Alabaster, C. Stallwood, Robert Lowson, David Sanders, Roger Brown, Jon Mines, James Bromfield, S. Ibbitson and B. Boddy.

The next match is against Chalfont St Peter away, on Saturday morning at 10.30.

As the boys are now only allowed to use the playing fields on a Sunday morning, our home fixtures will have to be played out of Naphill if the opponents will not agree to play on Sunday.

P. Mines

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R.S.P.C.A.

Rummage Sale - 21st October.

It is now more than two years since we held a rummage sale for the R.S.P.C.A. The response to our appeal was marvellous, and once again we are asking for your help. Everyone is aware of the good work the R.S.P.C.A. is doing night and day. We are so anxious to make the Sale a success.

Will you please give us any unwanted Clothes, Toys, Furniture, China, etc. you can spare. We shall be most grateful for anything and will gladly arrange to collect if you will phone Naphill 3193.

Lucy M. Sharpe, "Harlyn", Naphill  
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We invite you to Naphill Tennis Club Buffet/Dance at The Crown, Pishill, Friday 6th October, 8 - 12 p.m.

Tickets available £1 (including buffet). Please contact the Chairman - Mr. D. Syrett, or any committee member. Coach transport available from Village Hall if required.

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A T   T H E   V I L L A G E   H A L L

Committee Meeting	Monday November 6th	8. 00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	Thurs " 2nd & 30th	2. 30 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday	7. 30 p.m.
"	Sunday 5th	3.30-9. 00 p.m.
Library	Friday 17th	6.30-8. 00 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday 3rd & 17th	7. 30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8. 00 p.m.
Nursery Play Group	Tues, Weds, Thurs each week	9.15-12.15
Dancing Class	Tues 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	3.00 p.m.
Over 60 Club	Friday, 10th and 24th	2.30 p.m.
Scouts/Guides Autumn Fair	Saturday November 11th	2.30 -5.30
Combined Sports Club Dance	Saturday November 11th	8.00 p.m.
Young Neighbours	Monday November 13th	7.30 p.m.
Cricket Club Dinner	Wednesday " 22nd	7.00-11.00 p.m.
Rummage Sale(Tennis Club)	Saturday " 25th	2.30 p.m.
Drama	Monday " 27th	3.30 p.m.
Village Hall Council (Xmas Gift Wrapping)	Wednesday " 29th	8.00 p.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	Every Monday	2.00 p.m.

Village Hall Bookings: With immediate effect all Hall Bookings must be made with Mr. D. Turner, Redcot, Main Road, Naphill (almost opposite Pursells Meadow).

Mr. Barratt, who has kindly been the Village Hall Bookings secretary, has had to relinquish the office due to pressure of work. The Council are grateful to him for the help he has given over the past two years.

R. Pushman

Fund Raising for the Village Hall and Playing Fields:

At the October meeting of the Village Hall Council, it was agreed to implement a suggestion whereby a donation of £5 per annum to the Village Hall funds would result in a quarterly draw, 40% of the proceeds being distributed as cash prizes, the remaining 60% being retained to provide income for the village hall. It is hoped to find at least 100 subscribers of £5 each per year. There will be draws in December, March, June and September. The first prize will be £45, with a runner up of £5. Therefore a doner of £5 stands one chance in 25 of winning £45 a year. For administrative reasons the organisers would prefer one payment of £5 per year, by Bankers Order, cheque or banknotes; however, it is appreciated that some readers might prefer to pay in two instalments, and it is hoped to arrange this.

If you are interested in helping the Village Hall finances in this way, please complete the form and return it to either:-

Mr. R. Pushman, "Umtata", Naphill (Telephone 3122), or  
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R. Pushman

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At the October Meeting of the Council, attention was again drawn to the alarming amount of litter which was still being left around the hall. It is, of course, difficult to find the culprits, and if all inhabitants could let any Council member know the names of people they happen to see causing this nuisance, the Council will consider taking steps under the Act to deter others from acting in this regrettable manner.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 1967 : The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday the 12th November in the Hall, with subsequent laying of wreaths on the Stone of Remembrance.

The Reverend R.L.J. Kaye of the Methodist Church will take the Service and the The Royal Air Force, together with all branches of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Movement will parade and attend both ceremonies. Will all members of the public who wish to join in this tribute to the Fallen, be in their places in the Hall by 2.15 p.m. please !

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 November: 11. a.m. 6.15 p.m.

November 5th	Chapel Anniversary Services	
	Sister Sylvia Darwent	Rev. Denis Reed
12th	Mr. P. Steare	Sister Sylvia Darwent
19th	Mr. Niblo	Mr. O. Davies
26th	Mr. W. Dodd, B.A.,	Mr. D.S. Howard
	B. Sc.	

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

Services:

Evensong	November 19th	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	November 26th	9.15 a.m.
Sunday School	each Sunday	2.30 p.m.

The Sunday School is growing in size and there are now four classes, each suited for the particular age group. The classes last about fortyfive minutes, so if your children do not already attend a Sunday School, they will be made very welcome.

W.W.

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

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

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

Our October meeting started with a talk given by Mr. Blamey representing Ercol Furniture of High Wycombe.

He described the rural craft of chairmaking practiced in the Chilterns 2 or 3 centuries ago, when the "bodgers" made use of the local beech and elm trees, creating by hand what we now call the "Windsor Chair". These ancient designs and crafts have now been adapted to the needs of mass production to such an extent that today at the "Ercol" factory one chair is produced every 10 seconds.

We then saw a most interesting film in colour tracing the manufacture of a chair from the felling of the tree to the finished product in the factory, where it was fitted with upholstered cushions complete with zipp fasteners. The film showed the famous Ercol band in action, and we heard how the firm was built up from nothing by Mr. Ercolani now 83 years of age but still taking an active part in running the business he created.

The next meeting on November 13th will be a demonstration of Cake Decoration by a member of the Staff of the Aylesbury College of Further Education.

Competition: A Centre-piece for an 8" Christmas Cake.

J.L.

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N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H O V E R S I X T I E S C L U B

We were pleased to see a record attendance of members at the Over 60's meeting on October 13th and also to welcome two new members. The entertainment given by Naphill school children delighted everyone. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Bradley and Mrs P. Syrett for bringing the

children, and congratulations to Mrs Syrett for so successfully training the children, also for accompanying at the piano and conducting the unaccompanied items.

We would also like to congratulate the orchestra and the young compere who so clearly and capably announced each item that we feel a great future lies ahead of him.

After tea, a stool made and given by Mr. Cecil Stacey was raffled, the winner being Mrs E. Smith, and the amount realised was £3. 16. Od.

A letter was read from Mrs Wood thanking the Club for good wishes etc.

C.B.W.

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### F O O T B A L L

NAPHILL BOYS IN THE NEWS: Included in the Wycombe and District Boys (under 15) team which met and defeated Amersham Boys 1-0 in the 2nd Round of the English Schools Trophy on October 21st at Ernest Turners Ground, were 3 Naphill boys, namely:- John Bromfield who played left back, Alan Stallwood, centre half, both of Moseley Road, and Robert Brown (goalkeeper) who lives at 'Highmont', Main Road. We wish them luck and hope they continue to make progress in the competition.

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### G A R D E N I N G   N O T E S

November 5th will, I suppose, as usual, witness the burning of lots of Guys to the accompanying yells of delight from the kiddies, to say nothing of the banging and swishing of fireworks under the strict supervision, I hope, of father. I suppose this is the only time of the year when neighbours don't really grumble about bonfires, so why not take advantage of this situation and either donate your garden rubbish to the nearest Guy Fawkes Pyre or have your own bonfire and fireworks. Afterwards, remember to collect the resultant ash before it becomes wet and store it in a dry condition until next spring when it will give a fine start to seedlings if sprinkled on the seed bed; it will give a boost to sweet peas if mixed with the top few inches of soil at planting out time, and will improve the flavour of your early potatoes, and many other crops as well.

Having got rid of the rubbish from the spent crops, the hedge trimmings and the yellow leaves from the brassicas, dig and manure any vacant ground and leave the surface rough for the winter, but don't use the fork among the brussels, broccoli and other green crops: just run the dutch hoe between them as all these crops like a good firm root run if they are to produce firm heads, hearts or sprouts.

From now on is the time for planting new roses and other flowering shrubs, fruit trees and bushes or perhaps a boundary hedge. If you are planting these don't dig in any fresh manure in the mistaken belief that you will be giving them a good start. Rather give them a handful of bone meal and three or four good handfuls of peat, or even bury any grass turf upside down beneath them and save the manure as a top mulch. Of course it is quite

safe to dig in fresh manure while digging any vacant plots for next year's crops.

Get those spring bedding plantings completed as soon as possible and remember that wallflowers belong to the cabbage family and should be planted firmly if you want them to grow nice and bushy, and of course polyanthus, forgetmenots and sweet williams should also be well firmed in. Don't forget that if you have one or two of these plants left over they can be potted up and brought indoors or in the greenhouse to provide you with some cheap house plants.

Have you tried growing a few early strawberries in the greenhouse; pot up a few plants now, sink them into a spare corner, and in the new year move them into the greenhouse, giving them the usual pot plant treatment.

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

We now have orders covering the ton of peat provisionally ordered for early January, but we are still prepared to take further orders up to December 15th, but would like to emphasise that only firm orders can be dealt with and there will be no spares.

By the time these notes appear, 'Chasmor' will have been delivered to us, and we hope that those who have ordered this will have collected their orders. There will be no more deliveries until the new year, but we are now taking orders for the next delivery; why not let us have your requirement now and avoid disappointment later on.

Last year we invited orders for lime and there was a poor response. We are unable to deal in small quantities of a few cwts, but we can offer members a considerable saving if we can guarantee a bulk order of at least two tons. Once again we are inviting orders for lime to be available early in the new year. If we can get firm orders for two tons, or put another way, 40 members to order one cwt each.

If you wish to take advantage of these offers, let us have your orders please by December 15th. "Chasmor" 9/- per cwt, Peat 15/- per cwt, Lime would be approximately 5/- per cwt.

A.H. Busby

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

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Footpaths and the litter problem/in the September and October meetings of the Hughenden Parish Council. Twice quarterly maintenance of footpaths, to prevent their becoming overgrown was agreed. Concern was expressed at the state of footpaths across neglected and derelict fields, and action must be taken to keep these paths defined.

Litter louts can now be fined up to £100 in respect of the rubbish dumped in the countryside, and action is contemplated against these people who treat Naphill common as a scrap yard. It is hoped that prosecution will follow present investigations.

There are still many uncultivated allotments and local residents who are interested in cheap fresh vegetables and a healthy constitution are invited to contact the Parish Clerk: Mr. R. Wooster, "Cobbers", Great Kingshill.

Some years ago the Parish Council was requested to provide a new burial ground as the local churchyards were considered full. This was done at quite considerable expense to ratepayers. Those who have seen the new cemetery at Four Ashes, Cryers Hill, are impressed with its beauty and its delightful location - strange is it not that there have been only five burials there as opposed to over 20 in the "full" churchyard.

R. Pushman

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

News from a trip to Lake Toupa , New Zealand: Lake Toupa, the largest of N.Z's lakes, is situated in the centre of the north island. We had agreed to meet Ian McCue and his wife there for a weekend to save one or the other travelling the length of the island for a meeting, some 400 miles.

We set off on Friday evening for an 80 mile journey to Hamilton in the heart of the Waikato country, N.Z. best dairy country, where we were to stay the night. Early next morning we set off again driving on good roads, flat green scenery, somewhat resembling Wiltshire. After the beautiful farmland of the Waikato came the pine forest clad hills of Tokoroa district, not a good place to drive through during winter. As the forest gave way to pasture one noticed how sharply the hills rolled, stretching as far as the eye could see in the distance. It took us just over 2 hours to travel 100 miles to Toupa, which tells a tale of not only good roads but of clear roads.

After meeting Ian and his wife and getting up to date with all our news over a cup of coffee, we set off to explore the sights. I was disappointed with the mud pools, they were dirty and stank of sulphur; nevertheless worth seeing. We were all taken with the geothermal power station at Wairakei. It looked like something from outer space, with rows of gigantic pipes twisting and turning over the hills with great funnels sticking out of the ground billowing and hissing steam as if it were an express train. The hydro-electric power station a few miles away was just as fascinating even though it lacked the 'out of this world' effect. The outstanding feature of this project was a sluice gate for the overflow from the dam. The overflow runs through a rocky gorge descending 1,000 ft over a hundred yards. Within seconds of the two large gates opening thousands of tons of water were pouring through the previously dry gorge.

The trout which exist in the lake and adjoining rivers are of a size I have never seen before. Anybody can fish for them at any time during the season by use of fly and spinner only, bait of any kind is illegal, as is any form of commercial sale. They are for sport alone. Unfortunately we did not have time to try our luck.

No visit to Toupa's thermal region is complete without a dip in the hot baths. The four of us hired a pool and enjoyed the sensation of bathing nude in a temperature of 105 degrees (in private of course !! )

S & C Piercy

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N A P H I L L W. I.

When Naphill W.I. celebrated it's 45th Birthday on October 5th, the village hall was filled to capacity. Unfortunately Mr. & Mrs Hollidge who were scheduled to entertain, were unable to come and members were very grateful to Miss Carroll for deputising at very short notice and for showing and explaining beautiful slides of places she had visited in U.S.S.R., Moscow, Leningrad - the Venice of the North, and St Petersburg, a lovely city. Miss Carroll said that Russian Woman were not smart, but friendly, fond of reading, and the childrens books were delightful. Miss Carroll was thanked by Mrs Robins for her interesting slides and for coming at such short notice.

Members partook of a delightful tea and the birthday cake was cut by the oldest member, 96 year old Mrs Tooby, Snr, assisted by Mrs Cottingham who had made the delicious cake, and Mrs R. Piercy and Mrs K. Stewart who had so tastefully iced it.

Mrs Weeks, President, read a letter from Mrs Wood thanking the W.I. for many cards and flowers received during her illness.

Resolutions for the Aylesbury Council Meeting were discussed and Mrs R. Piercy and Mrs M. Balls would attend as delegate and visitor.

Members were invited to meet on November 4th to assist in clearing the rubbish from the common.

A shopping outing to London was arranged for November 16th. The result of the coffee morning held at St. Michaels was £5. 2. 6d.

Mrs Thirlway will be the speaker at the annual general meeting on November 2nd 1967. There will be 6d parcels and the competition is a 'Hat made from Culinary Articles.' The tea hostesses are Mrs Evans, Mrs R. Hayward, Mrs Rabson and Mrs Gurney.

C.B.W.

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

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE

Saturday 2 Dec  
8.30 p.m. - Midnight

BOB GARDNER BAND

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Tickets 7/6d each (including refreshments). Tickets can be obtained from:  
H. Latham: Bowland House, Main Rd, Naphill (3265)  
Mr. Tooby: Abbotsbury, Main Road, Naphill (2308)  
R. Pushman: Umtata, Naphill Common (3122)  
G. Woodruff: Heatherlands, Downley Rd " (3396)  
Mrs P. Syrett: Christopher Close, Naphill  
or any Council member.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR : The weeks are speeding by and the day of this important event, Saturday December 2nd, will soon be with us. The Bazaar will be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Mrs M. Bayley, who is well known to many of us in the village.

Tickets to the Punch and Judy Show will be obtainable, price 1/6d, from Naphill Primary School, the Young Neighbours Club and the Play Group. The Show will commence at 2.45 p.m. in the Scout hut at the rear of the village hall. Each ticket will include a free chance to win an exciting raffle.

Father Christmas should arrive promptly at 4 p.m. always providing there are no hitches, and that the Reindeer don't go on strike for more pay !

There will be the usual 'Christmas Draw' with numerous prizes including wines and spirits and a Christmas hamper.

We shall be doing our best to part you from your money at the side shows and stalls. Amongst these will be stalls selling cosmetics, jewellery, aprons, cakes, pastries and sweets etc.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

C.D.H.

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PERSONAL: We would like to express our sincere thanks for the numerous letters, cards, gifts and messages of goodwill received during Mrs Wood's recent illness, and particularly our appreciation of the warm-hearted offers of transport to and from the hospital for visiting, involving the sacrifice of many leisure hours.

We are both very grateful for this overwhelming kindness.

Wm and Edith Wood

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NAPHILL GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB: The above club held their annual Dance in Naphill Village Hall on Saturday Sept 30th, when a friendly crowd of one hundred let their hair down and enjoyed themselves to the music of Grant Stevens. It was decided to donate any profit made to research into Rheumatoid Arthritis, and after all expenses were paid the sum of £13 was realised. This amount has been sent to the local branch at Stoke Mandeville.

We would like to thank you all who supported this function, and hope that we will have the pleasure of your company next year, when we shall be running the dance for the same cause.

R.S.

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NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER COMMITTEE : The Committee would like to thank all those who helped in any way on the evening of the dinner to make it once again a Happy and Enjoyable event for the elderly folk.

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A NOTE OF APPRECIATION: I would like to say a sincere THANKYOU to all who helped in any way to give us such a wonderful evening at the Village Hall on October 11th. I am sure all who were fortunate enough to attend will join with me in showing their appreciation of all the hard work that must have gone into preparing such a marvellous event. The hall and tables were beautifully decorated, a silent tribute to the artistic talent of the Village. The food was excellent and the service cheerfully and promptly carried out by volunteers who must have gone home very tired. The entertainment was first class and everything was organised down to the last detail, even to the extent of having cloakroom attendants. To finish an excellent evening, guests were taken home by cars owned by local residents. This village is indeed fortunate in having such a willing band of workers who are always eager to give their time and energies to making others happy. Thank you one and all.

M.E.B.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB : Remember the 25th November - Grand Autumn Rummage Sale, in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m.

Members and Friends please do your bit. Hall will be open from 10 a.m. to receive goods - if transport is required to collect your offerings please contact any committee member.

Help will also be greatly appreciated on the day - either morning or afternoon, or both.

Buffet Dance at the Crown, Pisshill, proved a very enjoyable successful venture. Thank you organisers - thank you supporters.

NAPHILL SPORTS CLUBS : Don and Iris Ing Memorial Dance on Saturday 11th November - Tickets 7/6d - available from any Club Committee Member (Cricket, Football or Tennis).

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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS : Invite your contributions to our stall at the United Charities Bazaar on November 18th at the Town Hall High Wycombe. All gifts welcome to: Mrs Sawny, Kingswick Cottage, Main Road, Naphill.

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Library	1st, 15th, 29th	6.30-8.00 p.m.
Village Hall		
Christmas Bazaar	2nd	2.30 p.m.
Village Hall		
Christmas Dance	2nd	8.00-12.00
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
	Sunday 3rd	3.30- 7.30
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00
Dancing Class	5th and 12th	3.00- 6.00
Nursury Play		
Group	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	
	each week until 14th	9.15-12.15
Drama Dress		
Rehearsal	6th	7.30-10.00
Drama Production	8th	7.30-10.00
W.I.	7th	2.00- 5.00
W.I. Committee	28th	2.30 (C.R.)
Over 60's	8th	2.30
Young Neighbours	11th	7.30 -9.00
A.G.M. Cricket		
Club	13th	8.00-10.00 (C.R.)
Over 60's Party	16th	2.30
Welfare	6th and 20th (see important	
	notice below	2.00- 4.00
Men's Club	Every Tuesday, Friday and	
	Saturday	

IMPORTANT :    WELFARE - WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER 1967 :

Would only those mothers who wish to consult the doctor attend the welfare on this day.    There will be NO food sales. The inconvenience caused is much regretted but is unavoidable due to construction work in the Main Hall.

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At the October meeting of the Council it was reported that the Memorial Seat in memory of Doctor Bayley, which is to be erected in front of the Hall, had been ordered. It is proposed to erect this in the New Year.

The new ceiling for the Hall will be installed during the week commencing 18th December.

The Bazaar is being held on the 2nd December and it is hoped that the whole village will support this affair.

The Women's Institute was complimented on its efforts in clearing up the rubbish on the Common. This has also been reported in the Bucks Free Press.

The Hall was full for the Annual Service of Remembrance on November 12th, and the Council is much indebted to the Rev. Kaye for taking the Service.

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL

TODAY

2nd DECEMBER 1967

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

To be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Mrs. E. Bayley.

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COME AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL FUNDS.

W.I.Stall, Young Neighbours stall, Toy and Novelty Stall.

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FATHER CHRISTMAS

will arrive at approximately 4 p.m. With presents - so bring the Children.

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IN THE SCOUT AND GUIDE HUT at 2.45 p.m.

TONY GREEN

will entertain the Children. Tickets 1/6 including free raffle

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IN THE EVENING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

CHRISTMAS DANCE.

8.30 p.m. to midnight Licenced Bar

BOB GARDNERS BAND

Tickets 7/6 including refreshments.

Complaints continue to pour in about the state of the Car Park. It is hoped that the Contractor will soon be in a position to consolidate and make it usable.

It is very disappointing for Mrs Timberlake, who tries to make the Hall look attractive by way of providing flowers for the vases, to find on several occasions lately that they have been overturned and the flowers scattered. It may be accidental, of course, but no word of apology has as yet been received.

Mr. Latham has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the year 1968. It is with pleasure that the Council notes that newcomers to the Village take such an interest in its welfare, and he is assured of help from all.

R.C.R.

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 3rd	Mr. Hodgkinson, B.A.	Miss Anstey
10th	Sister Gertrude	Mr. E.Jarvis, B.A.
17th	Mrs Tyler	Mr. N. Parkinson
24th	Mr. D. Gregory	Carol Service

At 2.45 in the afternoon of December 24th there will be a Gift Service (Money Gifts for Christian Aid), when a short Demonstration "Round the World at Christmas" will be given by the scholars of the C of E and Methodist Sunday Schools; Leader, Rev. M.E.W. Westney. Buffet Tea in the Schoolroom. Parents and Friends will be very welcome.

On Christmas Day, December 25th, a service will be held at 10 a.m. conducted by Mr. Ryan Bowler.

December 31st Mr. Rundle Mr. E. Barnett

There will be a Jumble Sale, including real bargains in good condition, clothing etc., on Saturday December 9th at 2.30 in the Methodist Schoolroom.

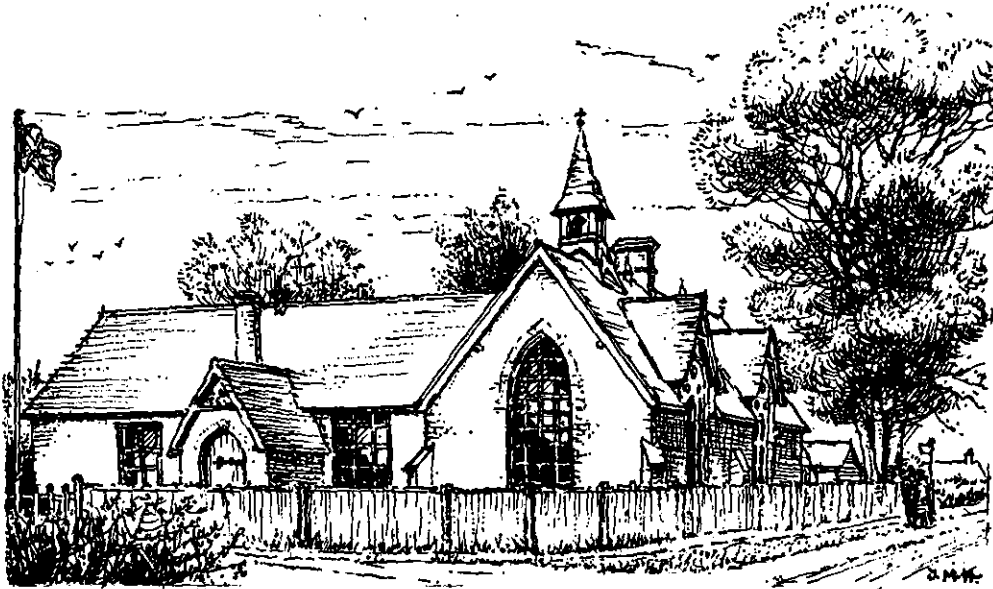
On Friday, December 15th at 7.30, Slides entitled "Naphill 1967" will be shown. Light refreshments. Collection in aid of Home Missions.

M.G.B.

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

Sunday Services :

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



NAPHILL CHURCH  
 (Corner of Louches Lane)

Evensong	December 17th	3. 30 p.m.
Holy Communion	Christmas Day	9. 15 a.m.

At Hughenden Church

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols	Christmas Eve	6. 30 p.m.
Midnight Mass	Christmas Eve	11. 30 p.m.
Holy Communion	Christmas Day	8. 00 a.m.

This month, the normal monthly communion service will be suspended in anticipation of a larger congregation on Christmas Day. At Naphill Church on Christmas Day, we often meet visitors to the Village, who come year by year to their communion at this church, and we are always pleased to see them. We hope too, that members of the church who sometimes find it difficult to attend, will be able to join us on this great Church Festival.

W.W.

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POPPY DAY House to House Collection amounted to over £106

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T H E Y   D I D   N O T   F O R G E T

Miss Linsay Evans and Miss Clare Budden laid wreaths on the Naphill Memorial Stone on behalf, respectively, of village Brownies and Girl Guides. Wreaths were also laid on behalf of the Cubs and Boy Scouts, at a service held on the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday. (Photograph by permission of the C.O. H.Q. (U) Bomber Command).

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E D I T O R S   C O R N E R

It is a pleasure to announce that the Gazette collection was a record, amounting to more than £75. As I only asked you to give what you thought it was worth, it was gratifying to find some nice crisp banknotes in the tins. But any danger of the staff getting swollen heads was obviated by reports of people putting in sixpence for a year's magazines. Well, they are entitled to their opinion. A Downley reader, Mrs A. Hawes, writes "Please find enclosed 10/= note. I look forward eagerly to every copy." Thank you Mrs Hawes, and also all the Naphill readers who took the trouble to write. And "thank you" to the loyal band of collectors who painstakingly covered the whole of this long and scattered village. We hope to publish a statement of our accounts shortly. The new Auditor is Geoff Mitchell of J. Smith & Sons, a worthy successor to Geoff Smith who has served us so well in the past.

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Readers will remember that I wrote recently of a former Naphill Home Guard who had become a minister of the Church of England. I am glad to inform any ex members that they can now hear their old colleague preaching. The Reverend H.E. Bailey has returned to this district having been appointed curate at Hazlemere Parish Church, where we hope he and his wife will be very happy.

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I have been amusing myself recently by carving a rather misshapen owl out of a little block of marble. David, our student lodger, immediately named it Isaiah. As David is a Sunday School teacher, I was not surprised that he chose a biblical name, but I wondered why Isaiah. "Because", said David, "One eyes higher than the other" - Ouch - - -

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I have been amusing myself recently by carving a rather misshapen owl out of a little block of marble. David, our student lodger, immediately named it Isaiah. As David is a Sunday School teacher, I was not surprised that he chose a biblical name, but I wondered why Isaiah. "Because", said David, "One eyes higher than the other" - Ouch - - -

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N A P H I L L W.I.

Mrs Weeks, President of Naphill W.I, welcomed Mrs. Gillies and Mrs Gray, two new members, on November 2nd, before commencing the business of the A.G.M., and also welcomed Mrs. Thirlway, V.C.O.

A letter was read from Mrs G. Hussey thanking W.I. for flowers and cards she had received while in hospital.

Mrs Ball, Secretary, read the minutes of the last A.G.M. and also gave a very interesting report of the Aylesbury Council Meeting.

Mrs G. Smith reported on the year's National Savings, Mrs. Piercy on the Adopted Family, and read a letter from them and displayed goods which would constitute the Xmas parcel which would be despatched shortly.

An excellently prepared Treasurers Report given by Mrs Bull, Treasurer, showed a balance in hand of approximately the same amount as at the commencement of last year.

The President, Mrs Weeks, who is also Drama Producer, reported on Drama; proceeds from productions had greatly boosted W.I. funds and a large amount had been donated towards new stage curtains for the village hall. Mrs Weeks said "lets keep the flag flying" and quoting from Mrs Balls' report of the Aylesbury Council Meeting, "The W.I. is the pulse of the Empire".

Mrs Weeks was re-elected as President and Mrs Osborne thanked the retiring committee.

Mrs Edwards of the W.R.V.S. spoke about the new emergency training and outlined the basic welfare work , and was thanked by Mrs Weeks.

Mr. Dewey kindly showed a film of Naphill Fete Procession which included the W.I. Float.

The Tellers from Downly were thanked by Mrs. White.

The Tea Hostesses for December 7th are:- Mrs Gillies, Mrs Jack and Mrs Osborne. A talk "Dining with Dickens" will be given by Mr. John Greaves, and the competition will be "The prettiest filled home-made christmas cracker."

The Drama Club will present "Heaven and Charing Cross" in the Village Hall on December 8th and 9th.

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MRS I.K. GRIFFITHS - Teacher

Many people have expressed a wish to contribute to a permanent memorial to Mrs Griffiths who was for the last nine years teacher at Naphill school until her death on 30th October this year.

She came to Naphill in 1958 specialising in Art and Needlework, but it is for her work in English and Drama that she is best remembered. Modern Mathematics provided a new challenge in recent years, which she accepted with her customary zest and skill. She had great human qualities and cared deeply for the welfare of each child in her care. As Deputy Head she shared the responsibility of running the school.

We have lost a great friend and teacher. It is fitting that we commemorate her work for the children with a memorial that would be both ornamental and useful to the school, in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Griffiths. Any contribution you care to send to school will therefore be used to provide a climbing frame of a design which is both artistic and functional. W.A. Bradley, Headmaster

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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 were very pleased to see so many new faces at our November meeting, bringing the attendance to over the 50 mark.

Miss Maddock of the Aylesbury College of Further Education gave us an interesting demonstration on the art of decorating Christmas cakes. Even the "old hands" among us picked up many new tips, so families watch out this Christmas for a new flavour to the marzipan ! No more rocky snow scenes with robins on the pillar-box or snow goblins sledging down Mount Everest. We now strive for the perfectly smooth surface to our cakes with trellis work and hand made marzipan flowers and leaves.

At the Bazaar this year on December 2nd we are running a "Home Made Eats" stall, and look forward to having a good selection of cakes, biscuits, preserves etc. to sell. Please have contributions at the Village Hall after 10.30 a.m. on the Saturday.

Our Xmas Party is on December 11th. This year we are not having fancy dress but everyone is asked to wear an edible necklace. Members are asked to bring sufficient refreshment along for 1 person (or 2 if they are inviting a guest).

J.L.

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W I N T E R   B I R D   W A T C H I N G

The winter months can be very rewarding to the bird watcher. Most of you will know that many birds are attracted to your garden by the food you put out for them.

But did you know that our countryside in the winter often contains large numbers of birds from Scandinavia and Northern Europe. Redwings and Fieldfares in the fields and hedges, Bramblings in the beechwoods, and our local Blackbirds, Chaffinches, and Goldcrests are re-inforced by large numbers of foreign birds. There is also the chance of spotting a real rarity, such as a Great Grey Shirke, which sometimes appears.

I am writing this in mid-November, and at the moment there are really large numbers of Fieldfares and Redwings about, and on Sunday the 12th, I saw my first Bramblings of the winter along the old lane to Lacey Green, near Smalldean Lane, mixing with a flock of Chaffinches. I hope they will still be with us when you read this.

Another aspect of winter bird watching is to look at the skies during the early morning and late evening. Many birds form into flocks in the winter, and they often collect in regular communal roosts.

Gulls, for instance, roost in thousands on the large London reservoirs, and fly out to the fields to feed in the mornings, and back again at night. Parties of twenty or thirty pass over Naphill daily. Starlings, too, roost in enormous numbers, and large flocks pass over us every morning and evening.

In fact, the skies are often crowded for the last two hours of daylight, and if anyone is out for an afternoon stroll on a nice Sunday in the next few months, keep half an eye on the sky, and you will probably be amazed at the numbers of birds you will see.

John Humphreys

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19TH HIGH WYCOMBE NAPHILL SCOUT GROUP

The 19th High Wycombe 1st Naphill Scout Group are maintaining their position as the premier youth organization in the Village for boys. Over the last year the troupe and pack have entered most of the district competitions and the Scouts only just missed winning the football trophy, being beaten by Micklefield in the final by 2 goals to 1.

The Summer Camp was held at Timberscombe on the lovely Exmoor, and although a disappointing number went to the camp it was very successful.

With the new design for Scouting now introduced the Group is looking forward to an even more successful year in 1968. On Nov. 9th a combined hike with the Girl Guides is arranged in conjunction with the Youth Hostel Association. On December 30th there will be a film show with interesting films of New Zealand and the Cook Islands. In the New Year arrangements are made to visit the Booker Air Park and it is hoped to publish a full list of events for the year.

The new uniforms will soon be generally available and it is expected that every member will have one before the end of the year.

The Group will be requiring much more help from parents and friends and would like to hear from anyone who would assist with organization of events or with test work etc.

P. Mines (Group Scout Leader)

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G.L. Brown

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