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NAPHILL GAZETTE



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

Whist Drive	January 12th and 26th	7. 30 p.m.
Library	12th and 26th	6.30- 8. 00
Drama	Every Tuesday, commencing 9th	7. 30
Bingo	Every Thursday	8. 00
Dancing Class	January 9th, then every Tuesday	3.00- 6. 15
Nursury Play Group		
	Tuesday, Weds, Thurs	
morning each week, commencing	9th	9.15-12. 15
Welfare	January 3rd and 17th	2.00- 4. 00
Men's Club	Every Tues, Fri and Sat evenings	
W.I.	January 4th	2.30
W.I. Committee	January 25th	2.30 (C.R.)
Young Neighbours	8th	7.30 - 9.30
Over 60's	19th	2.30
Men's Club Dinner	20th	

At the December meeting it was announced that Mr. F. Gibbons, Hazledene Cottage, Main Road would, in future, have charge of the key of the Hall, so all those who have bookings must apply to him and return the key to him immediately after their function is over. Will all users of the Hall please note that the emergency lights (which switch on from behind the partition near the fire extinguisher), which must be on during performances taking place after dark, should be turned off before the Hall is left for the night, otherwise the batteries run down and the Bucks Fire Brigade then complain to the Hon. Sec. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT.

It is understood that the Mission Hall may be hiring the Hall on Sundays (mornings, afternoons and evenings) during 1968. There will be certain exceptions, of course, such as Remembrance Sunday, Carol Service, and on those Sundays after Saturday functions which have been late and clearing up operations are necessary.

The Committee who ran the Bazaar were complimented by the Chairman on the successful outcome, some £120 being raised for the funds. The financial result of the Dance, which was generally voted as being most successful so far as the band and refreshments were concerned, was a disappointment to the organisers who had spent such a lot of time in preparation, only £4 being the profit.

The Christmas Tree outside the Hall, which has been such a feature in recent years has become quite an item on our budget - last year it cost £20. It was felt that we should try to keep this feature going, but on a smaller tree.

This meeting, being the last at which the Chairman for 1967 would preside, was then called upon by Mr. Wooster to express its appreciation of Mr. Pushman's chairmanship, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him.

A particularly mean thing happened during the week ending the 9th December. Some person or persons dug up large pieces of turf to a depth of about 15 inches near the cricket pitch. It is inconceivable that anyone would wish to do such a nasty thing. Can anyone help in identifying the culprits?

R.C.R.

Now that 1967 has passed, my year of office as Chairman of the Village Hall council has come to an end and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those members of the Council and the many helpers throughout Naphill and Walters Ash for their support and help during the past twelve months.

The Village Hall and Playing Fields have provided the centre of social activity for many years and has given inestimable pleasure to us all and I hope will continue to do so for many years to come.

Yours sincerely, R.C. Pushman.

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

Evensong	January 21st	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	January 28th	9.15 a.m.

Most people will have heard that the Revd. Michael Westney and his family are leaving Naphill early in January to move to Banbury, where Mr. Westney will continue his ministry. We are sure they go with the good wishes of everyone. We hope to see a successor in residence at the School House soon, who can be certain of a friendly welcome from the people of Naphill.

Once again we are appealing for unwanted goods of every description with which to stock the stalls at the Spring Rummage Sale booked for 24th February at Naphill Village Hall. Please remember us when you have goods to dispose of. A word with Mrs. E. Parslow at Blenheim Cottage or Mrs Waid of Christopher Close, will quickly arrange collection and storage.

W.W.

THE NAPHILL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
(formerly the Naphill Mission)

As from 1st January 1968 the name of the Naphill Mission will be changed to The Naphill Evangelical Free Church. The change of name does not imply any change of doctrine or worship.

On Monday 1st January a final Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the Mission at 7.30 p.m. This will be the last public service in the building as demolition will begin soon afterwards. The members have undertaken to do the demolition work themselves and hope to have completed this task by May, when the builders should

begin work. The builders anticipate that they will take about a year to complete the new building.

Meanwhile the Sunday services will be held in the Village Hall (with just a few exceptions) and the arrangements for week-night meetings will be announced each Sunday for the following week.

If sufficient material is available, a history of the Mission will be published. Should anyone be able to help in this by sending us old newspaper cuttings, etc. which could be photo-copied, these would be very much appreciated.

Monthly announcement of services:

Sunday Services in the Village Hall :

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

EDITORS CORNER
No Lights on the Christmas Tree

Some time ago I wrote a piece about our Christmas Tree. How it had been presented by Dilwyn Knox and first illuminated by Don Ing, who had kept it up until his untimely death. I threatened that if future generations failed to keep up this tradition, I for one would come back and haunt them. I little thought that the present V.H.C. would let us down in this manner. For a let down it was, both for Don Ing's memory and for the village of Naphill. What a feeble and inept decision. The people of Naphill would have found the money if they had been asked. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen of the Council "this was a dreadful boob, please see that it doesn't happen again".

That well known Naphill businessman Laurie Butler had a curious experience recently when he was accosted in the streets at Henley by a young woman who asked him for an interview. She told him that people were being murdered by a secret weapon called a Sun gun and the doctors were calling it lung cancer and other things in order not to frighten us. Even the Pope's prostrate trouble was put down to this cause, and she produced a pamphlet explaining all this. Being convinced that he was dealing with a crank, Laurie, who loves nothing better than a leg pull, proceeded to invite her back to his flat. He accompanied the invitation with sundry leers and winks, of such a nature that she fled in terror, and I can only say "serve her right". We have enough troubles without people inventing more.

The children of Naphill School are I hope making notes this holiday for an essay competition to be called "Christmas in Naphill". Mr. Bradley will make the arrangements as to age Groups etc., and the Gazette will offer a prize of a premium bond each to the various winners.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS SEPTEMBER 1967

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

Will all members please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall Billiard Room on Monday January 15th at 8 p.m., when new members will also be welcome. As this meeting will mark the beginning of a new year, a good attendance and the early payment of this year's subs would be an encouraging send off to the new committee.

We are expecting the delivery of Peat almost any day now and would appeal to all members to collect as soon after delivery as possible.

There have been hints of a possible small increase in the cost of 'Chasmor' which we hope to be able to avoid by administrative measures (sounds posh) but we may be able to maintain the present price at least for next month's order, so please let us know your requirements quickly, also for onion sets at 2/6d per lb.

On Monday February 5th we have arranged for Mr. Douglas Chadbone, who many of you know, to give an illustrated talk on horticultural photography. This should prove an interesting evening both for gardeners and those interested in nature photography. This will be an open night and we shall welcome members and friends alike.

Another date for the Diary. The Hughenden Horticultural Society are holding a 'Gardeners Question Time' in the Kingshill Village Hall on Tuesday January 16th at 8. p.m. and invite any of our members and friends to what should be an interesting evening.

Just to re-cap : A.G.M. Monday January 15th. Kingshill Gardeners Quiz Tuesday January 16th. Horticultural Photography Monday February 5th, and Chasmor orders as soon as possible. Happy New Year

A.H. Busby

G A R D E N N O T E S

As this issue of the Gazette is appearing on January 6th it will be time to clear away the decorations and the Christmas cards and, I hope, put away the bi-carb. We should then be in fit enough condition to at least consider the coming gardening season.

Catalogues are still arriving through the post, and by now you will know what seeds, plants and shrubs were included in your Christmas presents, so get those orders off for your requirements as soon as possible.

If you are planting new roses (bushes, not climbers), raspberry canes or black currants, these should be cut well back for the first season; in the case of raspberries and black currants this will mean that you get no fruit this year but will make up for it next year with plenty of strong healthy fruiting wood that will develop later in the season. Roses will of course bloom this year, but by cutting back you will get a vigorous new frame-work for future development.

Don't forget the black cotton or other protection for fruit and flower buds, polyanthus in particular, if its not too late. I have lost a lot already by the attention of the sparrows and bullfinches.

Remember when forking round trees, shrubs and roses, or in fact any established plants that lots of their roots are only a few inches under the soil, so take care and don't dig too deeply.

The recent frosts may have loosened some of the recent plantings; if so, tread them back into position, and if spring cabbages appear to be a bit leggy, draw up some soil to the level of the bottom leaves to prevent them from being blown about by cold winds.

Should we get a fine spell of weather, shallots can be planted and if the site for them is on heavy clay it would help them if they are planted on slight ridges drawn up similar to those made when ridging potatoes but not quite so high of course.

In the greenhouse, sowings of onions, brussels, lettuce and early cauliflower can be made, cuttings of late flowering chrysanthemums taken, and stools of the early flowering kinds brought inside ready for producing cuttings for next month. When taking these cuttings, choose sturdy shoots about three inches long, rejecting both the over fat ones and those that are drawn and spindly.

Those Christmas pot plants should be given as much light as possible, kept free from draughts and watered regularly, at least twice a week, and if you require any advice regarding the growing of hyacinth bulbs, get in touch with any member of the local Brownie Pack - they are experts if the splendid plants they produced at the Over 60's Club Christmas Party are any guide. Well done, all of you.

A.H.B.

NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

On December 8th Mr. Pearson introduced Wing Commander Randall who in turn introduced his panel of one lady and three gentlemen at our 'Any Questions' afternoon, which was a new innovation. Questions picked at random from a box containing 44 were efficiently dealt with by each member of the panel and were so interesting that many members could have gone on listening long after the allotted period.

At the Christmas Party on December 16th a varied programme had been arranged. First an entertainment by Naphill Brownies, who then presented each member of the Club with a hyacinth bulb which every Brownie had planted and grown for the occasion. We are indeed fortunate to live in such a happy spot as Naphill when such good will exists between the very young and the elderly. Thank you Brownies and Leaders for your kind thoughts and hard work. The tea that followed, consisting of Ham and Salad, Fruit Jellies, Trifles, Mince Pies and Cakes, also crisps which Mr. Barratt of the Wine Cellar had very kindly presented, was all consumed with relish. The Christmas cake made by Mrs Gray and iced by Mrs Geoff Smith was delicious. After tea Naphill W.I. Drama Club presented a Comedy 'Seaside Holiday', producer Mrs Blanche Weeks, which brought forth much laughter and applause and was obviously thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by beautifully rendered carols by Naphill Methodist Church Choir conducted by the Choir Master, Mr. Norman Mead. This was a perfect ending to a delightful party. Before departing, each member received a gift. Grateful thanks to all who helped make the party such a success.

If over 60, why not join our Club at the next meeting on January 19th at Naphill Village Hall at 2.30 p.m., when Mrs Knox will show transparencies of India and other parts of the world and Mr. Knox will give a commentary.

Best Wishes to all our members for 1968.

C.B.W.

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

Our Stall at the Christmas Bazaar was well filled with a good selection of home-made cakes, biscuits, sweets and preserves of many kinds, also Christmas novelties. Many thanks to all those who helped in any way to make it such a success. The few unsold cakes were soon demolished by the children along with fruit squash at 2d a cup, thoroughly enjoyed after their entertainment in the Scout hut. The total amount raised by the stall was over £14.

Despite the snowy weather we had over 50 present at the Party on December 11th. Mr. J. Wood (from Messrs Kipping & Wood, Walters Ash) kindly acted as M.C. Everyone joined in the party games, then helped themselves to refreshments from a table laden with food brought by members. It is always surprising what a wonderful variety of savoury and sweet snacks emerges on these occasions.

A highlight of the evening was the judging of the edible necklaces. The ingenuity of the ideas gave the judges a difficult task, but the worthy winners were Mrs Chamberlain and Mrs Storewood. The evening closed with carol singing to the piano.

We start the new year with a make-up demonstration on January 15th by Max Factor Ltd.

N A P H I L L W. I.

"Mr. Pickwick" came to Naphill W.I. on 7th December in the person of Mr. John Greaves, whose talk was entitled "Dining with Dickens". It was interesting to hear about the meals of one hundred years ago.

Mr. Greaves delighted members with his colourful presentation of extracts from many of Dickens books, and mouths watered at some of the succulent menus . A seasonal touch was added by the description of a Christmas pudding - "a speckled cannon ball , blazing, with a piece of holly on top".

Mrs Bull thanked Mr. Greaves for his most entertaining talk.

At the beginning of the meeting members observed a minutes silence in memory of one of the Institute's oldest members, Mrs. Mabel Watson, who died on December 4th.

Mrs Weeks, President, read letters from Mrs. Hayward and Mrs Kent, thanking the W.I. for fruit and flowers received whilst in hospital.

A new member, Mrs Brown, was welcomed.

A Coffee morning at Mrs. Piercy's in aid of the Adopted Family realised £5.16.0d, and the W.I. Stall at the Naphill Christmas Bazaar raised £47.10.0d.

A Competition for the prettiest home-made cracker was judged by Mr. Greaves and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Gilson, Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Cottingham.

B.M.C.

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.

January 7th	Mrs Cooper	Sister Sylvia Darwent (Covenant Service)
14th	Rev.H. Hadwen	Mr. H. Lord
21st	Mr. P. Bodker	Mrs Holt
28th	Sister Sylvia Darwent	Mr. J.C. Best

The Village Carol Concert on Sunday 17th December proved very successful. Your gifts for OXFAM amounted to £11, 5. 4d, which has been gratefully acknowledged. Thank you one and all for your support - hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Childrens Gift Service - Sunday December 24th: The children performed their parts in the Nativity Scene with reverence and sincerity. We were pleased to share this service with so many friends, and were only sorry Rev. Westney was unable to be there - we wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. David Church very kindly and ably deputised at very short notice. Your gifts amounted to £8.7.6d for "Christian Aid". We look forward to more 'joint efforts'.

We would like to take this opportunity of saying "Thankyou" to the Rev. & Mrs Westney for their kindness and friendliness, and although we are a little sad that they are moving away from the Village, we sincerely wish them every success in their new field of service.

On the evening of the 24th December, a Carol Service was very ably led by Mrs Tucker assisted by some of the young folk - readings and carols were very much enjoyed. After the Carol Service a Carol Party set off round the village after partaking of 'hot soup'. If you did not have the pleasure of hearing us maybe we shall be

doing "your end" next year - we find it impossible now to cover the village in one evening. We were grateful for the support of young people from neighbouring churches and for the general warmth of our reception. Incidentally, your appreciation in terms of money amounted to £8, which was donated to the Sick Fund.

M.G.B.

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

At long last there is a roadside path throughout the village (with apologies to residents at the eastern end of the village !) A battle which has lasted for more than ten years has now been won. Our next vigil must relate to the potential cross roads halfway down Coombe Hill which our planners have permitted by allowing proposed development on the left hand side of the hill coming from Wycombe. No doubt we shall see traffic lights there in years to come !!

Travellers to London by road who pass through Hazlemere will be pleased to learn that traffic lights will be placed at the cross roads during the next year.

Bus shelters have been in the news lately. The one by The Wheel has been repaired and the seat restored, the latter idea having been paid for by the Village Hall Council. The bus shelter at Cryers Hill is being moved bodily by crane to a new site adjacent to the lay-by.

R.C.P.

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

Extract from a letter from a Naphill emigrant to Australia. Pete Didcock of Moseley Road sailed last June, taking the long sea route round the Cape:

"My first job in Aussie was doing a mail delivery but I found the dogs didn't like me very much. If the dogs in Naphill bite as often as they do out here Mr. Coleman has my sympathies. At the moment I'm working for a Mulesing Contractor. We travel round New South Wales, Western Victoria, parts of South Aussie, and up into Queensland. You might have heard about mulesing sheep, but I shall explain. It might be of interest to some of the readers of the Gazette. We catch the sheep and cut off a piece of skin round the tail and a strip down the back of each rear leg. After about three weeks it heals up and stretches out the wrinkles and leaves a bare patch. It stops them from getting dirty which in turn stops them from getting fly struck. So much for my work, now a bit about what its like out here. At the momemnt we are suffering the worst drought for years. You could make a fortune if you sent us some of that good old English rain. Its really great out here, plenty of room for everyone. Its nice to go for a drive without getting caught in a traffic jam. The Aussies are really a friendly lot and they go out of their way to help if you're stuck for anything. We get quite a lot of British birds out here and the native birds are really beautiful, I could write volumes describing them. I've only been out here a short time but I really like it. There is loads of opportunity if you are prepared to work hard and save. I find it easier to save here than it is back home".



THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - 2nd DECEMBER 1967

It was grand to see the Village Hall so full of people for the Village Hall Council's Annual Christmas Bazaar. The village certainly turned up in force to give their support to this event and the result was most gratifying to all who helped, for a profit of approximately £130 was made towards our funds. Father Christmas was visited by 150 children who all received gifts, and about the same number had, judging from the sounds from the Scout and Guide hut, a hilarious and happy time being entertained by Tony Green.

The Bazaar Committee would like to thank everyone, organisations and individuals who helped to make the afternoon such a success, and may I thank the Committee for all their hard work.

E.C.

We would like to thank the friends who so kindly provided transport in the last few weeks, and also W.I. and Over Sixty Club members for the lovely flowers sent. Thank you.

Ron Watson and Frank Avery

Mr. & Mrs Judge would like to thank all friends for their gifts and kind messages during Mr. Judge's recent illness. We wish you all a very Happy New Year.

WHIST DRIVES :

A very pleasant evening was spent in the Village Hall on Friday December 15th at the Annual Christmas Whist Drive. It was a "Full House" and many lovely prizes were won, generously given by Members and Friends in the Village. Sumptuous refreshments were served during the interval which included delicious mince pies, cakes and scones, made and given by members and friends. Mr. P. Jackson was M.C. and Mrs Hawes was in charge of the Raffle. Mr. & Mrs Tapping ably assisted in the kitchen. A profit of £15. 7. 6d was made for the Village Hall funds, and I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to making the evening such a marvellous success.

Whist Drives are held fortnightly in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. the next one being held on January 12th-1968.-- We invite any one to come along and spend a pleasant evening where you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

M.E.B.

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J.S. Smith
FEBRUARY 1968

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Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00
W.I.	Thursday 1st	2.30
Play Group	Tues, Wed, Thurs each week	9.15 - 12.15 a.m.
Art Classes	Every Thursday (B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Men's Club	Tues, Fri, Sat evenings	
Naphill Evangelical Church	Every Sunday	10.00 - 12 a.m. 3.00 - 4 p.m. 6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
Horticultural Society	Monday 5th (B.R.)	8.00 - 9.30 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30
Dancing Classes	Tues 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th	3.00 - 6.15
Welfare	Weds 7th and 21st	2.00 - 4.00
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday (B.R.)	9.30 - 11.30
Whist Drive	Friday 9th and 23rd	7.30
Library	Friday 9th and 23rd (C.R.)	6.30 - 8.00
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Young Neighbours	Monday 12th	7.30 - 9.30
W.I. Open Night	Saturday 17th	7.30 - 10.00
W.I. Committee	Thursday 22nd (C.R.)	2.30
Naphill Church Rummage Sale	Saturday 24th	2.30 - 4
Tennis Club		
A.G.M.	Tuesday 27th (C.R.)	8.00

Complaints were made again about the appalling state of the extension to the Car Park and the Hon. Sec. was urged to get the Contractor to complete in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

The new ceiling has been completed and new window curtains fitted. The Council are now getting estimates for re-decoration.

Disappointment was reported from various sources about the fact that there was no lighting of the Christmas Tree last year. As reported in the last number of the Gazette, the cost is very high. It is hoped that all those who deplore the lack of our Village feature at Christmastide will come to the Annual General Meeting on the 18th March with suggestions as to how to finance this affair which all would like to see continued.

Mr. Lever of The Leaves, Naphill Common, was unanimously co-opted to the Council.

The Council hope that 1968 will be a bumper year for improving the Hall and Fields, and all are asked to note the following dates in their diaries:-

Annual General Meeting - 18th March
 Dances : 16th March, 22nd June, 5th October, 14th December
 Fete : 22nd June
 Bazaar : 30th November

ANNUAL SPRING DANCE : 16TH MARCH 1968. The last Dance run by the Council at the beginning of December proved to be most successful and this was undoubtedly owing to the excellent band and its M.C. The opportunity has been taken to book the band again for the Spring Dance to be held in the village hall on 16th March, and it is hoped that even more people will want to come.

Once again there will be refreshments, many spot prizes and of course a well stocked bar. Tickets can now be obtained from any Council member - if you don't know one please ring Bill Latham (Naphill 3265) or Grant Woodruff (Naphill 3396). There is a limit to the number of people who can get in the hall, so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

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SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 1968 ANNUAL SPRING DANCE

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Preachers for February: 11 a.m. 6.15 p.m.

Feb 4th	Mr. P. Syson	Rev R. Dickey
11th	Mr. K. Peatey	Sister Sylvia Darwent
18th	Mr. P. Parkins	Mr. K. Hiscock
25th	Sister Sylvia Darwent	Dr. G. Rose
	(Holy Communion)	

The Rev. R. Dickey, who is to conduct the evening service on Sunday February 4th, is the Chaplain at the U.S.A.F. in High Wycombe.

We shall be pleased to welcome Dr. Rose as our preacher on Sunday February 25th. This will be the first time that he has conducted a service here since his recovery from injuries sustained in a serious accident last year.

NAPHILL METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL : The Sunday School Party was held in the schoolroom on Saturday, January 13th from 3 till 6 p.m. The children enjoyed games, tea and a short concert arranged by the teachers with the help of a few welcome mothers.

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

Evensong	February 18th	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	February 25th	9.15 p.m.
Sunday School	every Sunday at	2.30 p.m.

This is the month when the Rummage Sales commence, so we look forward to seeing all our supporters and friends laden with goods, at the Village Hall during the morning, as well as all our customers with well filled purses during the afternoon.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE, NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL, FEBRUARY 24TH
SATURDAY - 2.30 P.M.

.W.W.

G A R D E N N O T E S

The weather has prevented us from getting on the garden lately, and until things dry up a bit it is as well to keep off it, but have a look round and see that any loosened plants are re-firmed, and there will probably be some broken branches on some of the shrubs after all that snow. If this has happened, it may be worth while to clean up both sides of the snags with a sharp knife and then bind together with raffia and seal this with stiff clay or grafting wax in the hope that the snags will rejoin - its worth a try; this is of course if the branch is not completely severed.

There is still not much we can do in the open garden apart from cleaning up any accumulated rubbish from hedge bottoms and to finish the pruning of fruit trees, and should the weather improve, digging over the vacant ground. The top few inches of established raspberry canes can be cut off as they seldom produce any worthwhile fruit, and those yellow leaves that have fallen from the greenstuff make a good hiding place for slugs, so collect them up and put them on the compost heap or dig them in, in another part of the garden of course.

It is often difficult to get early sowings of broad beans, early peas and shallots, but if a greenhouse, cold frame or even cloches are available, they can be started off now; if under cloches of course they will be planted where they are to grow, but in greenhouse or frame they can be started off in boxes and planted out later. Onions, lettuce, early cabbage, early cauliflower and early brussels can also be started and should be pricked out into other boxes as soon as they have made reasonable growth, but remember they will need hardening off before they are planted out in the garden.

Care is still needed when watering house plants at this time, plants in bloom or coming into bud or flower need more water than those that are resting or have finished blooming. Any bulbs that have finished blooming and are to be planted out in the garden later should not be planted out just yet - keep them in their pots a bit longer and at least shelter them from the worst of the weather, it's still winter although the snowdrops are showing colour.

A.H.B.

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

For the benefit of those members who were unable to be present at the Annual General Meeting, perhaps a brief reference to some of the things that were discussed, would be of interest.

All the Officers and Committee who served during 1967 were re-elected for a further term, and a pleasing feature of this part of the business was that two of our newer members volunteered to serve on the committee; they were Mr. A.H. Wait and Mr. H. Wiseman.

The dates for our two Shows are July 6th and September 14th. A resolution that subscriptions should be increased was defeated, it being pointed out that the 2/6d per year now charged was a minimum and that anyone who felt they would like to contribute more could do so. Another resolution that was agreed upon was that some classes for novices restricted to residents in the Naphill and Walters Ash area, should be included in the July Show Schedule. The actual classes will be given in the next issue of the Gazette so that there will be plenty of time to make your preparations.

From time to time we have been asked to include such classes in our schedules and when this has been done the support has not been good. We want these classes to be a success but this can only happen if those of you who don't usually show, will have a go. We know that the general standard of exhibits at our Shows is fairly high, but in the proposed restricted classes you will all be on the same level, so its up to you.

On Monday February 5th at 8 p.m. in the billiard room, we have arranged for Mr. D. Chadbone to give an illustrated talk on Garden Photography; please come and bring your friends.

Our next delivery of "Chasmor" will be at the end of the month - this will be in 1/2 cwt bags and there will be an increase in the price of not more than 2/- per cwt. Please let us have your orders so that you have it ready for the Spring offensive.

A.H. Busby "Braeside".

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

Having lost three members through death since Christmas - Mr. Hatt, Mr. Arthur Brown and Mrs D. Piercy, our January meeting opened on a bad note, but our Chairman was pleased to welcome back several members who had not been able to attend for some time either through being ill themselves or tending others who had been ill.

Mr. & Mrs C. Knox came to show and comment on transparencies of India and other parts of the World, and Mrs Knox looked charming in her Sari. Unfortunately through the bulb fusing in the projector we were deprived of the pictures, but Mr & Mrs Knox filled in the time recounting humorous tales of their adventures.

We are indeed fortunate in having such a talented Pianist as Mrs Mines Snr, who after playing our Theme Song and Birthday Chorus, played a pianoforte solo with great skill, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on February 9th, when Bledlow Ridge Follies will entertain, and we still have room for new members.

C.B.W.

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

Dear Mr. Editor,

As one of the many people who were strongly against the proposal to erect the false ceiling in the Village Hall, at least in the low position it has now been placed, I would like to put on record that I admit I was wrong. Having seen the finished job, I willingly admit it looks very nice indeed and congratulate the Chairman and Committee of the Council for their wisdom. I reserve my judgment on its acoustic qualities and offer the suggestion that a coat of paint on the walls will finish the job off. I am personally not thrilled with the new curtains, but who is a mere man to judge such womanly articles.

W.H. Pearson

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

I would like to second W.H. Pearson's letter on the new Hall ceiling. I too was against it and the arguments against are still valid, but they are outweighed by the vast improvement in the hall's appearance. Congratulations.

A well known Naphill landmark has disappeared, and though the Mission Hall was as ugly a building as you could find anywhere, I cannot help feeling a nostalgic pang. All through my early years the Mission Hall bell used to call the faithful to worship every Sunday, and occasionally it clanged at other times, for the road was covered with loose stones, and no boy was considered to have a good throwing arm until he had hit the bell. Alas, how long ago !

This month we print the four essays by schoolchildren, which Mr. Bradley and I have adjudged to be the best of their age groups. The 4 winners will each receive a premium bond. Best of the runners up was Julie Kitchener.

Katie Butler - 7 years. Christmas in Naphill

Every Christmas when I wake up I nearly always wake up at 8 o'clock. Then I go to my father's bedroom and ask him if I can go and see if Father Christmas has been. Dad said "Yes". I had a warm feeling as I climbed down the stairs. In the hall I looked at my harvester's (Fred was his name) tank. And I thought to myself "I wonder if you saw Father Christmas my little harvester ? I wonder ". Then I hurried into the lounge where the presents usually are. I stepped slowly into the lounge, and what a sight ! Then I stopped to think. "I wonder if Mum will like her present. I wonder if Dad will like his." But then I walk in. Oh ! What a lovely presents. Touch Tapestry ! Spirograph ! Bubble Bath ! Pick up Monkeys ! Oh what a lovely surprise. Now church. The gospel is nice "Body of Christ", the priest says. I say "Amen". I enjoy Communion.

Julie Warner - 7 years. Christmas in Naphill

On Christmas Eve we had visitors they had five children and it was very good because we played games. Just a while before Christmas we went to a Christmas bazaar. And there was a Punch and Judy. We went but I thought it babyish. My sister did not. Of course she is that much younger than me. On Christmas Eve I stayed awake, I kept thinking I heard footsteps but there were not any, and on Christmas morning when I saw my presents I was very pleased indeed. So was my Mummy and Daddy. They had lots too. They stayed in bed and Diane and I opened their presents for them. Mummy had a scarf from Daddy and me. Diane, Daddy and I all got her a radio.

Heleen Trotman - 8 years. Christmas in Naphill.

Our neighbour Mr. Flippence had a stall at the Christmas bazaar in the Village Hall on December the third. I had a go at it and I think its a waste of money. You had three dice and if you could throw under fifteen or over forty in three goes you would win a pound.

Lots of parents came to the school carol service on the Tuesday and the Wednesday to hear the children of Naphill County Primary school sing. Anne Westney play the Indian bells in a hymn called Christmas is Coming and Caroline Alabaster and Joanah Lewis played the recorder.

On Christmas Eve the carol singers came round and we gave them two shillings for their box. The Wednesday before Christmas we put up our decorations and Tommy (my cat) started to play with the coloured balls on the tree thinking they were ping-pong balls.

(So that old sailor and his dice have been rumbled at last. Ed.)

Guy Sharrock - 10 years. Christmas in Naphill

Christmas is a happy and joyful time, and I am going to tell you about Christmas in Naphill.

About a week before we break up, our tradition is to hold a Carol Service for all the Mothers and Fathers.

Mrs Syrett our music teacher teaches us beautiful carols and joyful songs and we sing them with all our hearts and minds. The decorations we hang up and the school is full of joy. About two days after the juniors have their parties. They bring lots of delicious food for us to enjoy. We have films and games and while we are watching the films the teacher puts out the desks so they go round the classroom and there is room to play games in the middle. At the end of school we go home full to the brim after a scrumptious tea.

The following Wednesday we break up and we pack up all our things and shout "Three cheers for Mr. Price".

When we go home we have a lot to carry so it is tough work going home.

When I have staggered home I unload all my stuff and I have a little rest. Each night near Christmas when Dad comes home we run out to see if he has got the tree. One night we ran out and there it was, What a beauty. Dad brought it in and rested it against the wall. "There would be a lot to do so NO Fooling", said Dad. In my brothers room there is a loft, and so I went and got Dad the ladders. Dad got up into the loft and when all the stuff was down we took it into the lounge and started to put everything in place. When we had nearly finished I said "When are the lights going on?", Mum said, "Now". When we had put the lights on, I went over to the switch and pushed it down; it worked. Then we went to bed. Two days passed by and on the third day my Grandpa, Auntie, Uncle and their son and another lady came down. The next day (Christmas Day) we opened our presents, we ate we played and at night we were a wee bit tired. We all got into bed after a happy day. So that is how I had Christmas in Naphill.

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

About 50 members braved the elements to attend our January meeting, to see a "Make-up" Demonstration by Mr. Castle of Max Factor Ltd. Mrs Pauline Bluett volunteered to act as model. Soon we forgot about the cold weather outside and escaped into the world of glamour and beauty. The various stages of making up the face were followed intensely. First the preparation of the skin from a great selection of cleansers and fresheners. Then the application of the rouge, powder and lipstick. Lastly the eyes highlighted by eye-liner, eye-shadow and mascara. The finished result was most pleasing and natural looking. We determined to pamper ourselves a little more in future in both time and money spent on our beauty treatment.

Our next meeting on February 12th will be a talk om Ghana and Sierra Leone by Mrs Oxley (illustrated by slides). We are running a Thrift Stall so if you have any out-grown clothing please bring it along.

J.L.

N A P H I L L W . I .

Members of Naphill W.I. who braved the cold and snow on January 4th were most grateful to Miss Arne for coming at short notice to take the place of Miss Gould who unfortunately was ill. Her entertaining talk "On Being Taken for a Ride in Turkey" made everyone forget the weather outside. Entrusted with a spare part for a 1927 Morris car owned by a Turkish Colonel, who was very pro English, Miss Arne and her friend left England. After battling with the Customs en route they finally reached their hotel in Istanbul. As they were unpacking, the Colonel arrived and to show his gratitute insisted on taking them to stay with an artist friend. The Colonel, whose favourite expression was "I fix", seemed to have a magic button behind the lapel of his coat, which when shown sent everyone jumping about to obey his orders. So

before they knew where they were cases were repacked and all three were installed in the 1927 two-seater Morris and started off on quite a hazardous journey through the night. They reached the Bosphorus, crossed by boat to Uskudar and then were driven on, finally reaching the artist's house up in the mountains in the early morning. After looking round the extraordinary house with its painted walls, "Victoriana" sitting room, and lack of suitable sleeping accommodation, the two ladies decided that they preferred a little more civilization and after a brief rest "escaped" and returned to Uskudar by taxi and school bus.

Mrs Cottingham thanked Miss Arne for her entertaining talk. Prizes for the Competition "My oldest piece of jewellery" were won by Mrs Smith and Mrs Weeks.

The speaker for the February meeting will be Miss Howard on Rugmaking. Tea hostesses for this meeting are Mrs Butler, Mrs. Bowler, Mrs D.L. Brown and Mrs Evans.

W.I. Open Night is on Saturday February 17th, when members are asked to bring one guest. 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

J.M.Cottingham

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

CAFE CONTINENTAL : After a lapse of 2 years, I propose producing a second edition on Saturday March 30th. Although this is not intended as a money-making effort, I propose charging 5/- for admittance, half of the proceeds to go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the remainder to the Village Hall funds. With the limited seating accommodation in the Village Hall, the number of tickets to be sold will have to be restricted, so it will be a great help if those who wish to come will let me have their names fairly early. Tickets will be available by the time this goes to press. I can assure you of a pleasant and entertaining evening.

W.H. Pearson, 'Dalsnibba', Chapel Lane
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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB : Annual General Meeting - Tuesday February 27th at the Village Hall at 8 p.m. followed by Fish and Chip Supper. (please bring your own fork !)

To every neighbour I have in FORGE ROAD: My heartfelt thanks for the floral tributes and kind words you gave me in my sad bereavement. Instead of feeling alone, I feel surrounded by friends. God bless you all.

Olive Wingrove

SIMMONS, Valerie. Congratulations on your 21st. Good Luck and Good Health. Love Mum and Dad

SIMMONS, Valerie. Congratulations Val on your 21st February 14th. May Good Luck, Health and Happiness be yours always. Love Ian and Pauline

THE NAPHILL ELDERLY FOLKS DINNER COMMITTEE wish to thank Mr & Mrs John Ward of the "Wheel" for a donation of £31. 6. Od (Result of Xmas Draw). Our appreciation is expressed to ALL who helped to make this amount available.

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Welfare	Weds, 6th, 20th	
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W.I.	Thurs 7th	2.30
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Young Neighbours	Monday 11th	7.30 - 9.30
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Village Hall Council Spring Dance	Sat. 16th	8.00
Village Hall Council A.G.M.	Mon. 18th	8.00
Scout & Guide Rummage Sale	Sat. 23rd	2.30
W.I. Committee	Thurs 28th	2.30
Continental Cabaret	Sat 30th	

It is nice to think that those who agitate and succeed in getting the authorities to act are appreciated. The following anonymous letter was received at the Hall this month 'I take my hat off to the Mother and Lady's for the foot path through Main Road, Naphill they got brains Cheero'.

The February Meeting of the Council had a very full Agenda. Mr. Rex Lever was welcomed as a new member of the Council. The stage is being improved for the handling of scenery at a cost of £45. Mr. Latham, this year's Fete Secretary, announced that Col. A. Lynn of the U.S.A. Air Force will open the Fete. The general motif of the Fete will be Merrie England, so will the whole Village, mums, dads, children and grandmas and 'pas please start making their costumes to make this the best Fete ever.

The amount spent on the Hall this year has been greater than it has ever been; new ceiling, lighting, stage improvements, etc., so the Fete must be a great success.

The Council learnt with pleasure that the Tennis Club are refurbishing their courts. The Club is a great asset to the Village, particularly for the growing generation.

It is hoped to drain the football pitch, but this will cost some £250, so we will have to wait till we know how much money we have to play with after the Fete.

The Naphill Elderly Folks Dinner Committee have decided to discontinue the Annual Dinner, as it is considered that it has outlived its object. They have asked the Village Hall Council if the Council will run it in future and the matter will be discussed at the Annual General Meeting.

There is a certain amount of large concrete blocks which have been taken from the field to make room for the Junior Football pitch. Would anyone like to take them away or, better still, pay us something for them.

All those with the good of the Village at heart (and thats all of us we hope) will be welcomed at the Annual General Meeting at the Hall on the 18th March at 8 p.m. Please note in your diaries.

R.C.R.

C O M M O N S R E G I S T R A T I O N A C T 1965

Villagers are reminded that if they wish to apply for free registration of a right of common they must do so before 30th June 1968. For 18 months after that date they can still apply but will have to pay £5 for their application. If anyone thinks they are entitled to common rights and wishes to claim them, they should apply to the Bucks County Council and ask for Form C.R. Form 9.

R.C.R.

A N N U A L S P R I N G D A N C E 16TH M A R C H

The M.C. of the band at the dance on 16th March is Bill Crosier the well known personality on B.B.C's Family Favourites. So if you still want some tickets, and there are a few left, please get in touch with a Council Member or ring Bill Latham (Naphill 3265) or Grant Woodruff (Naphill 3396).

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The Fete is to be held this year on Saturday 22nd June so please put the date in your diaries. For the last two years we have been bedevilled with bad weather and so we all sincerely hope we shall be luckier this year. But in case not, we are having a contingency plan which will get as many activities as possible under cover.

More details of this will be announced nearer the time but perhaps you would like to know what other arrangements have been made for the day.

First of all the theme for the day is "Merry England" and it is hoped this theme will run right the way through the various activities and side shows including the fancy dress dance we shall be having in the evening. It is hoped the floats will follow the theme and there are many variations which come to mind such as Robin Hood, Henry VIII, the early part of Elizabeth I's reign, madrigals, Morris dancing and so on. The children's fancy dress parade will not however be limited to "Merry England".

We are also pleased to say that Colonel A. Lynn, the base commander of the United States Air Force station at Dawes Hill has agreed to open the fete for us and he has promised to bring a tug-of-war team. Punch and Judy together with some magic has been arranged for the children - a great success last year, and it is also planned to hold a bumper bingo session in the evening.

It can be seen that already a lot has been arranged and a lot more is planned. We shall tell you more about it in the next three issues of the Gazette.

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 3	Mr. Hodgkinson	Mrs Pike
10	Rev. H. Adams, B.A.	Mr. W. Haines
17	Sister Sylvia	Mr. F. Howard
	Darwent	
24	Mr. P. Steare	Mr. R. Lloyd
31	Mr. H. Lord	Sister Sylvia Darwent (Holy Communion)

M.G.B.

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

Services:

Evensong	March 17th	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	Mothering Sunday	
	March 24th	9.15 a.m.
Sunday School	Every Sunday	2.30 p.m.

We were pleased to have the Revd. H.E. Bayley of Hazlemere, to take the Evensong during February. Mr. Bayley was at one time resident in Naphill and took a very active part in Home Guard Affairs, so must be known to many of the older residents. You may remember the Editor's remarks in the December issue of the Gazette. Perhaps one day he will be able to visit us again.

The new assistant curate to Hughenden Parish Church, the Revd. Michael Beevor with his wife and family plan to move into the School House at the end of February. We hope his stay with us will be a happy one, and he can be assured of a friendly welcome from church people of all denominations and non-churchgoers alike, in the typical Naphill manner.

W.W.

G A R D E N N O T E S

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers. Whether or not the weather will follow this pattern is anyone's guess but it certainly indicates that we should be doing something about sowings and plantings in the open garden. So, with the usual qualification - if weather and soil conditions allow - here are a few reminders.

Assuming you have already done your winter digging and left the soil open and rough the first job will be to rake down the surface and get it into nice pliable condition. When sowing small seeds use the rake handle or the edge of a length of board and press this evenly into the soil to form the drill, and don't sow too deeply, especially small seeds. What to sow? Onions, parsnips, a pinch of lettuce, early peas, broad beans, early cauliflower and early cabbage. Parsnips seem to take a long time germinating and it is often difficult to detect the rows when the weeds start to grow, and if you sow some radish seeds with the parsnips they will germinate earlier and show you where the parsnips should be.

If you have already sown any of the other crops in the greenhouse they will be quite alright where they are for another week or two, but later in the month they should be moved into the cold frame to harden off.

There are various opinions as to the best time for pruning roses but if they have not yet been done they should be attended to this month.

Growth is commencing in the herbaceous border so be on the look out for slugs. They love a feed of nice young lupin or delphinium shoots, and now that the bulbs are visible a light hoeing to loosen the top soil and check those weeds that are germinating would be helpful.

Petunias, lobelia, antirrhiniums and salvias can be sown in the greenhouse and it is not too late to sow some sweet peas which can also be sown where they are to bloom at the end of the month. There is plenty of time yet for sowing the half hardy annuals such as nemesia, marigolds, astors and others because if sown too early they are liable to be blooming in the boxes before you get the chance to bed them out.

*****A.H.B.*****

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

As promised last month your Committee has considered the inclusion of some Novice Classes for the July Show (July 6th). It was decided to include six new classes open only to residents of Naphill and Walters Ash who do not usually compete at our Shows, as follows:

1. Three H.T. roses in one container
2. Three stems of Floridunda roses in one container
3. A vase of any garden flowers mixed or otherwise to be judged on quality of blooms and not for decorative effect
4. A bunch of radishes with own foliage
5. Two lettuce - one variety
6. Any other vegetable

Perhaps some explanation of class 6 might be helpful. In this class one could show for example a dish of peas or a dish of potatoes, or a dish of broad beans or a dish of beetroot or, say, a pair of cauliflowers, in fact any vegetable in good condition and fit for table use, except lettuce or radishes which would of course be shown in classes four or five. More about these classes in next month's Gazette.

"Chasmor". Our next delivery is expected on Saturday March 2nd, or at latest Saturday March 9th. Will all those who ordered please note these dates and collect as soon as possible. It will be in half cwt bags at the new price of 10/6d per cwt.

Peat. A further supply is now available at 15/- per cwt. There is a small surplus to orders of both Chasmor and Peat for anyone who has not already ordered - first come first served.

Just a word about the Garden Photography evening. This was most instructive with some excellent photographs taken shown and explained by an expert, but small attendance at such meetings give little encouragement to the organisers in planning future events.

A.H.B.

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

On February 9th when the Bledlow Ridge Follies entertained with old time songs we were taken back to our younger days. Mrs Munger won the Match Box competition with over 130 articles packed in and the prize for the best hyacinth was awarded to Mrs. F. Parslow.

We have three meetings in March, 1st, 15th and 29th. On March 1st Mr. Wooster will speak about his travels in Egypt and Africa, illustrated with transparencies mostly of Game Reserves and rural areas showing native costumes and villages. March 15th will be an Open Meeting. Please bring your friends, as when booking the North Thames Gas Board to show films we had to guarantee an audience of at least 50, so please turn up in good numbers.

C.B.W.

N A P H I L L W.I.

There was a good attendance at the February meeting of Naphill W.I. on a sunny winter afternoon. Mrs Howard held everyone's interest with her demonstration on Rugmaking. In fact, many members were keen to learn more about this rewarding pastime. Mrs Piercy thanked Mrs Howard. Prizes for a handmade pincushion were won by Mrs Piercy and Mrs Sawney.

Mrs Weeks, President, read a letter of thanks for donation of £50 to N.F.W.I. appeal.

A coffee morning held at Mrs Pearson's home on January 11th during the snowy weather raised £6. 7.9d.

Members were asked to note two dates in March - March 2nd for a Rummage Sale and March 15th for the W.I. Whist Drive. The Speaker for the March meeting will be Mr. Eric Roberts on "Television and B.B.C."

Tea hostesses for March are: Mrs Adams, Mrs Blick, Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Brion.

J.M.C.

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

Once again we had over 50 members present at our monthly meeting even though some of our regular attenders were missing through illness. Our speaker was Mrs Oxley who had lived for 8 years in Ghana and Sierra Leone. She brought along some excellent coloured slides to illustrate her talk. From them it was obvious what a country of contrasts Ghana is. On the one hand the simple peasant folk scratching a living as best they can, then the sophisticated types many of them copying Western ideas in dress and way of life. Nevertheless the poor woman on the beach gathering fuel in her long draped traditional robes, and the native fishermen at work made a far more colourful scene than the bus conductor in his Western type uniform. The buildings too varied tremendously. We saw the very latest type in Accra, then the elegant Court House and Houses of Parliament from the old Colonial days, yet further along the same street women were cooking fish on the pavement outside their pitiful shacks. The Europeans had the most gorgeous gardens - oleanders, boutgainvilleas, lemons in blossom and fruit, jasmine, but oh the lawns ! almost khaki brown through lack of rain, yet the storm drains (3 - 6 ft deep) in all the streets were evidence of the torrential downpours they get. The last part of the talk gave us a glimpse of what life is like for wives who accompany their husbands to outlying parts. Mr. Oxley was engaged in the building of an iron ore plant miles up river from civilisation. Their weekly shopping expedition was done by boat - a 2½ hour sail down the river to the nearest shop. Yet the little community built up their life and leisure, the latter including badminton and swimming in a modern pool. We even saw Santa arrive, and a band of carol singers looking incongruous in their tropical white shorts and shirts.

After Mrs Warner had thanked the Speaker we had a word game. Everyone had to think of a list of boys' and girls' names starting with the letters of the word "Valentine". This was won by Mrs. A. Tucker. Our raffle (a spring cleaning kit in plastic bucket plus hand cream) was won by Mrs M. Stevens.

Next month we have a lecture by a Member of the Consumers' Association "Which" magazine. Competition: "A Plate Garden".

J.L.

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

The combined Guides, Rangers, Brownies, Scouts and Cub Scouts will be holding their Annual Spring Jumble Sale on March 16th at the Naphill Village Hall. This is a popular event especially for buyers who will no doubt once again find the usual bargains. Jumble will be collected on Saturday morning 9th March and shou'd anyone have some for collection perhaps they would let any members know.

The Scouts have arranged to visit the Booker Air Park on Saturday afternoon 9th March. This should prove to be an interesting afternoon. As well as Gliding and Power Flying the Park offers many other indoor recreational facilities.

A Parents Open Night will be held on March 14th at 7 p.m. when several Cub Scouts will be transferred up to the Scouts. The Leaders will be pleased to welcome as many parents as possible on this evening

P. Mines, Group Scout Leader

Last month we printed four essays by Naphill schoolchildren. This month we have a selection of poems :

Christmas by Lorna Majewski - Age 11.

The snow is deep
As it lies on the ground
The houses are covered
And doors are made sound.

The poor wild birds,
Flutter about
Will they survive ?
I very much doubt

The sky is dark
It is dreary and dim,
A stray dog roams
I would hate to be him.

The trees lean o'er,
With the weight of the snow,
The moon tries to shine,
And the wind tries to blow.

A bright light shines
Through a window so small,
A gay Christmas tree,
Stands in the hall.

Although its so cold
It's a rare happy time,
People all cheer,
And the church bells do chime.

What Mary thought

By Robin Smith. Age 10.

How do you think Mary felt
When her child was born so small and forlorn ?
And how do you think she felt
When the Kings came three
For that child to see ?
And how do you think she felt
When shepherds came four
With a lamb as they were only poor ?
And how do you think she felt
With the angels watching from above
Watching and giving that child all their love ?

The story of Christmas

By Katie Butler. Age 7

This is the crib	The angels came
As old and as true	To shepherds out on the hill,
It's about the Babe Jesus	"The King is born,
Mary and Joseph too.	And rules good-will"

If I had Wings

By Susan Rolfe Age 8

If I had wings, if I dare
I'd stand up on a tin and fly up in the air
I'd stand up on a table or up on a chair
And flap my wings and fly up in the air.
If I had wings I could fly
And rest upon the clouds that
Float in the sky.
Past the sun
And very soon I could be
As high as the moon.

Night came quickly
Then the rain
Time to go home again
Past the moon
And past the sun
Long ago my day had just begun

The Snowman

By Fiona McLurcan Age 7

I made a snowman he has on a hat
I made a snowman I made him like that,
I made a snowman he has on a scarf,
I made a snowman he makes us all laugh,
I made a snowman I gave him a pipe,
I made a snowman He'll melt when its ripe.

The First Christmas

By Mary Swinley Age 10

At Christmas Time,
The bells begin to chime,
In church we are able,
To remember Jesus in a stable,
Sleeping in a manger,
Angels guard him from danger,
Shepherds bring him a lamb,
While angels brightly sang,
Wise men three,
Bring splendid gifts for thee,
With these great treasures,
You have brought us all pleasures.

Bells

By Pamela Cassidy Age 8

Big bells and little bells
Ringing every Monday
Door bells
Church bells
Ringing every Sunday.
Silver bells and gold bells
Shining in the sun,
I like bells
Nor two or three
But every single one.

O W L S A N D H A W K S

Not long ago I was reading an account of the prey taken by the Barn Owl. The studies had been carried out in fourteen different localities, and the results showed that the diet consisted of about 53% voles, 13% mice, 12% shrews, 18% rats, 3% birds and 1% moles. These results were obtained by studying the pellets cast by the owls at their roosting places, which they often frequent for months, or even years. I would say the results show the Barn Owl to be a very useful bird.

At one of the sites a Tawny Owl, and a pair of Kestrels were also present, and a study of their pellets showed that the Kestrels took about 90% voles and the rest of their diet consisted of birds, worms, lizards frogs etc.

The tawny owls diet consisted of 50% rats, about 30% mice, voles and shrews, and the rest was made up of rabbit, mole, beetles and earthworms.

At this site it was interesting to read that the Barn Owls nested in a haystack where the farmer had arranged the bales to make a tunnel for them, as he was one of several farmers in the area who realised and appreciated their value. All too often the sight of a bird of prey proves irresistible to the man with a gun !

Barn Owls at the moment are suffering a severe decline and need all the help they can get. Many farms which used to have them have not seen any for several years. I remember seeing them at both ends of Naphill, when I came here about twelve years ago, but I have not seen any recently. The Tawny, on the other hand, seems to be doing nicely, and is quite plentiful.

The Kestral is holding its own round here too, but the Sparrow Hawk is getting very scarce, not only here but over most of the country. A pair has bred regularly in a local wood, but I think in the past two years they have been unsuccessful, although they were present in the Spring as usual.

Toxic chemicals used in agriculture have killed many birds of prey in recent years, but I believe the danger has been realised, and the chemicals are now used more discriminately. I hope so anyway, and I should like to finish these notes by asking anyone who enjoys a walk round with a gun, to please spare any birds of prey he may come across, as there is no doubt they do much more good than harm. They are also exceedingly handsome and a visual asset to the countryside.

John Humphrey

I N L I E U

You will have missed "EDITORS CORNER" this month and will be sorry to know that our Editor has been stricken with flu. His anecdotes of a place visited or a personality encountered are a refreshing contrast to the factual reports that comprise the greater part of the Gazette - rather like looking at a painting after photographs I find they give me a feeling of nostalgia for my own younger, more mobile days when I met and talked to a greater number of people than I do now - now that I am emeshed in a cocoon of housework, babies and nappies.

On your behalf, and my own, I send good wishes to our Editor and hope that he will be out and about again, gathering gleanings for our next issue.

A.M. Lawrence (Asst. Editor)

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

"I have pleasure in informing you that the Naphill Elderly Folks Dinner Committee have donated the sum of £5. 5. Od to our funds."

D. Tooby, Hon. Treasurer

Our thanks to the Elderly Folks Dinner Committee for it's generous donation.

Asst. Ed.

Dear Editor, I wonder whether the good folk who attend the Methodist Chapel realise what a nuisance they cause each Sunday, by turning their vehicles in the gateways of the residents of Chapel Lane and by cutting up the grass verges.

Strangers who come down the lane cannot be blamed for not knowing the difficulties of turning, but for the Chapel goers, who come week after week, there is no excuse. Surely their obvious and simple solution is to reverse the few yards from the main road to the Chapel and so avoid all the "mud wallowing". There appears to be ample land adjoining the Chapel to make an adequate turn-around, if the railings were removed. Or, better still, make a car park at the side of the building and so prevent the lane from becoming blocked which frequently happens when vehicles are parked on both sides.

Yours sincerely, Ruth Charnock,
"Greenways", Chapel Lane

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

NAPHILL CONSERVATIVE BRANCH : The Annual General Meeting of the Naphill Conservative Branch will be held at 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday 13th March 1968 in the Village Hall. All members are cordially invited to attend.

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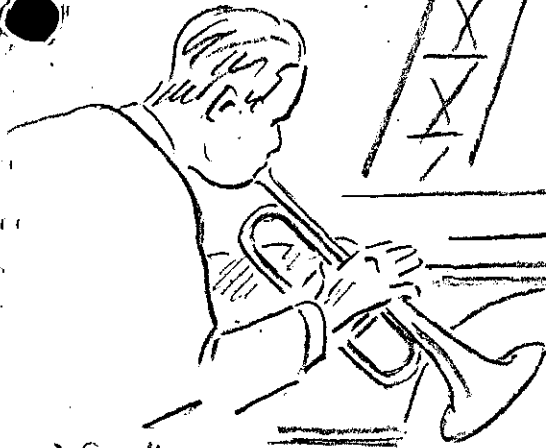
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Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
Mens' Club	Tues, Fri. Sat each week	
Play Group	Tues, Weds, Thurs " "	9.15 - 12.15
Dancing Classes	2nd, 9th, 30th	3.00 - 6.15
Welfare	3rd, 17th	2.00
Dressmaking "	Every Weds (B.R.)	9.30 - 11.30
Drama Rehearsal	3rd	7.30 - 9.30
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00
W.I.	4th	2.30
Art Classes	Every Thursday (B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30
Whist Drive	5th, 19th	7.30
Library	5th, 19th	6.30 - 8.00
Naphill Evangelical Church	Every Sunday	10.00 - 12.00
		3.00 - 4.00
		6.15 - 7.30
Young Neighbours	8th	7.30 - 9.30
Drama Rehearsal	10th	7.30 - 9.30
Drama Public		
Performance	13th	7.00 - 10.00
Over 60's	19th, 26th	2.30
Cricket Club Dance	20th	8.00 - 12.00
W.I. Committee	25th (C.R.)	2.30
Naphill Church		
Whist Drive	26th	7.00 - 10.00
Drama Festival	27th	2.30 - 9.30

The Village Hall Council A.G.M. 1968 :

There was a welcome increase in the attendance at the Village Hall Council meeting on 18th March - 46 as compared with 27 the previous year. It is to be hoped that this trend will continue, now that the population of Naphill grows considerably each year.

Mr. Richard Pushman, last year's chairman, gave a full account of the work done by him and his committee for the year 1967. There had been achievements and disappointments. Among the year's achievements were listed:

1. The Fete. Despite calamitous weather a profit of £140 had been made.

2. The new ceiling in the Village Hall. Much discussion had taken place in the council before a decision had been reached. Once the deed had been done, praise had been a-plenty and it is generally agreed that the appearance of the hall had been greatly improved.

3. The Stage Curtains. These, too, had greatly improved the appearance of the hall. Special thanks must go to the W.I. for its help and support.
4. The Side Curtains. These had been a final enhancement to the Village Hall.
5. The clearing of rubbish from the common. This very splendid and worthwhile operation had been sponsored and to a great extent carried out by the W.I.

Mr. Pushman then listed some of the disappointments of 1967.

1. The Car Park extension. Unfortunately the contractor had failed to complete the work and in wet weather the area was in a deplorable state. The Hon. Sec. Mr. R. Rose is still trying to get a satisfactory answer from the contractor.
2. The Lottery. There had been delays in getting the scheme going but it is still the intention of the Council to go ahead with plans within the next month or so.
3. The Christmas Lights. The Christmas tree lights had been greatly missed by all. The decision to do without lights last year had unfortunately been forced on the Council by rising costs. Happily arrangements for next year have already been discussed. The lights will go up, providing the labour to fix them can be found.

Mr. Pushman concluded by thanking his council and all members of the public who had helped to make his year in office so successful.

Mr. Tooby then presented the financial report. The most significant increase in revenue came from the more frequent hiring of the hall. Mr. Tooby said 1968 should be even better. The financial report was accepted.

There followed the election of 6 public members. For the first time in many years, 8 names were proposed, Two of these names were later withdrawn leaving the required six.

Mr. Woodruff as Chairman for 1968, then outlined his plans for the future. He suggested that the Council would have to look further ahead than one year at a time, and he would be asking for proposals of the Council's major expenditure items for the next five years. In this way better use could be made of grants from the various Councils and Associations. Possible major items were:

1. Drainage of playing fields.
2. Car Park improvements.
3. Billiard Room ceiling.
4. Lavatories.
5. Additional storage.
6. Possible extension to Village Hall - the hall had been built with this in mind.

Sources of income for 1968 were:

1. Four dances to be held.
2. The Fete - the theme of which is to be "Merrie England".
3. The Lottery.
4. Bazaar in Autumn.
5. Extra revenue will come from hall lettings to Mission Hall and Play Group.

Other Items on Agenda

1. Elderly Folks Dinner. There was a good discussion on this topic. All regretted the disbanding of the E.F.D.C. but the reasons were appreciated. The funds were being handed over to the Over 60's Club and it was hoped that this annual Christmas event could be so arranged as to include non-members.
2. Christmas Tree Lights. Again there was general interest in this topic. The Chairman assured the meeting that the Big Tree would be lit this year.

Other Business.

Mrs. Bolton brought to the notice of the Council the speed of one or two drivers using the bottom gate of the playing field, near the children's playground. Many thought that the Council should put up a notice, reminding drivers of the presence of children and advising them to take the necessary care.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking all those who had attended the meeting.

A.M. Lawrence
(from notes by A. Lawrence)

At the March meeting of the Council members were glad to see that the re-decoration was completed. The lighting of the stage was also in hand and will be completed before this Gazette is issued. The Council will be glad if all Organisations will carefully consider and instruct their representatives to come to the June meeting fully advised what in order of priority should be done next. For instance, there is the improvement to the billiard room estimated to cost £300, provision of extra sanitary accommodation, and many other desirable works to be considered. The Hall belongs to the Village and the Council wants to do those things most desired by the majority of its inhabitants.

Many enquiries have been made about the state of the addition to the car park. It is definitely hoped to have this in satisfactory order soon.

The outdoor seat in memory of the late Dr. Eric Bayley has been ordered and will shortly be erected in front of the hall.

R.C.R.

The dance held on 16th March was most successful financially as over £30 profit was made; this compares with £5 profit from the last dance, and is largely due to the contribution and hard work of the Young Neighbours who prepared the buffet - everyone was most complimentary about the food. Thanks also are due to Harold Tweedale who looked after the door and the raffle. The band perhaps was not as successful as the one we had previously and we are ensuring that it will be better at the next dance on Fete Day, 22nd June.

It was very pleasing to note that the new ceiling significantly improved the warmth of the hall and no complaints were received either about it being too cold, a common complaint in the past, or about it being too stuffy - a worry which some people had when the new ceiling was being considered. Thanks also to all who helped to clean up the hall at the end of the dance.

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

Services:

Holy Communion	Easter Day	9.15 a.m.
Evensong	April 21st	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	April 28th	9.15 a.m.
Sunday School	Every Sunday	2.30 p.m.

Easter is the time when more people go to church than at any other time of the year, and Diocesan Authorities usually take the number of communicants at Easter as indicative of the support each church is getting. This may have been a useful 'yardstick' in days gone by, but times are changing and this may no longer be true.

Easter services will be held at the usual times at Hughenden, and at Naphill at the times given above.

We look forward to seeing all our friends and supporters at our Whist Drive in Naphill Village Hall on April 26th at 7.30 p.m. This is our Spring Whist Drive, usually so well attended.

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 7th	Women's Anniversary Services	
	Mrs Caten	Mrs Greenstreet
	Soloists:	
	Mrs M. Bowler	Miss Shirley Smith
April 14th	Family Service (Easter Day)	
	Sister Sylvia Darwent	Mr. E. Steevens
	(Holy Communion)	
April 21st	Mr. A. Cooper	Mrs Mann
April 28th	Mr. P. Wright, M.V.O.	Mr. B. Sutcliffe

The Annual Women's Rally will be held on Wednesday April 10th when the speaker will be Mrs. Laurie. Many will remember that she and her husband were in charge of the Red Shield Club at Walters Ash

during the war. The soloist will be Mrs Janet Judge.

M.G.B.

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N A P H I L L W. I.

Two new members, Mrs Streeter and Mrs Youd were welcomed by the
President at the March meeting of Naphill W.I. At this meeting,
Mr. Eric Roberts of the B.B.C. spoke of the ingenious work of the
Radio Effects Department. Many sound effects were transmitted live,
but often experiments were recorded to get the desired result on the
air - for example, two metal music stands banged together produced the
best cutlas fight.

The B.B.C. boast that it can produce any sound effect from its
vast library - however, it was stumped by a child's request for "the
beating of angels wings".

Mr. Roberts also mentioned the news readers on T.V. and their
special art of reading the news and yet looking at the viewers. Mrs.
Kent gave a vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts.

Prizes for a Humorous Poster for a Jumble Sale were won by Mrs.
Bull and Mrs Piercy.

Open Night on February 17th was enjoyed by all and the competition
for "an outrageous hat" brought some magnificent creations.

A Coffee Morning at Mrs Bull's raised £15 and at the Rummage Sale
on March 2nd £22. 15. 5d was taken. There will be a Drama Evening on
Easter Saturday April 13th in the Village Hall, when two plays will be
performed.

Lt. Col. Sherwood will give a talk on "Wild Life in Africa" at the

next meeting on 4th April. Tea hostesses for this meeting are Mrs Leek, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs Page and Mrs Parslow. The competition will be "A sculptured animal from a block of salt.

B.M.C.

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

Our members turned up in full force on March 11th (over 50 again), to hear Mr. Webster of the Consumers' Association talk to us about "Consumer Protection". Most people have heard of the magazine "Which" produced by this organisation. It compares various samples of a certain product, testing these for quality, value, good design, etc. However, few of us previously realised that these goods are actually bought by the Association to ensure that a true sample is obtained and not a specially tested model supplied by the firms. The organisation, a non-profit making concern, now has 500,000 members.

Mr. Webster urged us to be prepared to be complaining consumers where necessary and use the various bodies there are for our benefit, not only his organisation but others like the Citizens Advice Bureau, Public Health and Weights & Measures Inspectors, M.P's and local organisations. Be more discerning he urged. Notice if the weight of the bar of chocolate has gone down along with the "2d off" the price. See how thick is the glass of the next jar of hand cream you buy. Beware of so-called "sales-offers" and hire purchase rates, and read guarantees carefully. Most people, he reckoned, were ignorant of existing safeguards and unable to keep pace with changing selling methods. But with the help of these organisations we can take on a battle with the manufacturing giants for our rights. So next time we have a grévanche we must be prepared to make a scene and not vent our wrath on our long-suffering husbands or the next-door neighbour.

Next month it's back to glamour with a demonstration of Hair Tinting by "Clairol".

We are organising a Saturday evening theatre trip on April 6th to see "Lets Get a Divorce" produced by the Windsor Rep. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 7 p.m.

J.L.

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

For the first time the editorial column deals with the local football club, in recognition of their being at the head of Div. 1 and in the final of the Wycombe Cup. Though I should point out that Div. 1 means Div. II, and the real Div. 1 is called the premier Div. Childsh, but there it is. Being a recent flu victim I timed my arrival for the semi-final with Burnham at the start of the second half and was just in time to see David Blamey and the ball arrive in the Naphill net for the first goal of the match. It appears there had been a horrid misunderstanding between left back Jem Piercy and goalie Martin Day. I had chosen a bad moment to arrive. I asked Geoff Smith, who once was a footballer of some class, "How are they doing;" Geoff removed his trilby and tore a few of his remaining hairs. "They are running round in circles like a lot of throttled earwigs" he replied. But this was only exasperation at Naphill

losing although dominating the play. The forwards were missing chances on the ground, and were outclassed in the air, where only John Evans looked able to hold his own. But soon I saw Piercy stealing up for a corner to add his height to Evans' support. A good move provided one of the shortees drops back. It soon paid off when he jumped for Mick Bowler's corner and managed to shield the ball from a very good goal-keeper, so that it bobbed about on the line until Steve Williams popped it in. In extra time that industrious forward Styles scored the winner. The large and enthusiastic crowd reminded me of the days of my youth when Ralph Biggs was banging the goals in, and old Tommy Kempster, leaning far over the line, received a Les Brown corner on the earhole, and we boys learnt some new words. Long ago. The final will probably be at Loakes Park on Good Friday and I hope many of my readers will turn out in support.

It is always nice to be first with the news, so it was pleasant to see our article on Laurie Butler's strange interview with a woman at Henley repeated almost word for word in the Sunday Mirror by journalist Quentin Crewe, who had obviously met the same woman.

By the time this is in print there will be reliable records of the first cuckoo having been heard and seen. "And seen" is quite important because many first cuckoo reports originate from the skilled mimicry of errand boys, although to a much lesser extent now than in the days of my youth. Instead of imitating cuckoos, owls and peewits they find more interest in Daleks or hee-haw police sirens. The most skilled cuckoo imitator I ever heard was one of Mr. Hopkin's carpenters when building a nearby bungalow.

It was at W.I. Open Night that someone said they had heard of someone who knew someone who had heard a cuckoo. The kindest answer is to suggest they were mistaken. If it is a close friend you could safely call him a silly nit. I will try to explain why it is most exceptional for this bird to be heard until the last days of March, with the main numbers arriving by mid-April.

Cuckoos spend our winter in Central and Southern Africa which is a heck of a long way away. If you have driven to the Mediterranean coast you perhaps thought it quite a distance, and this is only a fraction of the cuckoo's journey. Migrating birds do not generally take long tremendous flights as it is physically impossible for them to store enough energy for such a performance. They drift along, perhaps only a handful of miles a day, avoiding as much as possible any long sea flights or high mountain barriers. They sleep and they eat and it is in the eating that we find the key. Most of our summer visitors are insect eaters and this includes the cuckoo. The insects they need only hatch at certain temperatures and so the migrating birds keep well behind the hatching line of the insects. As the spring (or a warmer temperature) creeps North, the insects hatch and the birds follow behind. If any outstrip the food supply they die. Small birds only live about a day and night without fuel

for energy and heat and so to my way of thinking it is impossible for a cuckoo to be heard before the end of March except under freak conditions of weather. If after the start of spring the bleak weather returns and the insect hatch stops, the summer migrants die in large numbers - of starvation.

Here is another intriguing thing about this bird. The adult birds born last year will go back to Africa in late July. The youngsters born this year will not start until August and early September. That little bundles of feathers can fly without signposts to South Africa at the end of our summer, to return to the same fields again the following spring is something I never fail to look upon as a miracle.

Finally, did you know that only the male bird has the "cuckoo" call? The female makes a most pleasant bubbling call instead and is as hard to mimic as the "cuckoo" is easy.

R. Bull

I always think the female is just stuttering in her eagerness to say yes, but it may be different this spring as it's leap year.

Ed

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

Any member who might be interested in the following Shows to be held in the Royal Horticultural Society's halls in Vincent Square and Greycote Street, Westminster, London, during this month may obtain free admission for these events by applying to me at the below address for tickets.

- R.H.S. Flower and Garden Equipment Show April 2nd and 3rd
- The Alpine Garden Society Show April 9th and 10th.
- The R.H.S. Spring Flower Show and Daffodil Show April 18th & 19th
- The R.H.S. Flower Show and Rhododendron Show April 30th & May 1st

We are expecting the next delivery of "Chasmor" on Saturday March 30th or at latest Saturday April 6th, so watch out for the blue bags.

Now a word about those Naphill and Walters Ash only beginners classes at our July Show. Roses, lettuce and radishes will all benefit by a top dressing of "Chasmor" during the growing season. Perhaps the two worst enemies of the rose bloom are greenfly and the damaging little green caterpillars that attack the young shoots and buds. They are the cause of those mishapened blooms and damaged petals which the judges will not approve. So have that spray handy and any good insecticide and take action at the first sign of trouble.

We have been pleased to welcome quite a number of newer residents to the village as members during the last few months, others will be welcome.

Details of membership, supplies of "Chasmor" and tickets for the Shows as at the beginning of these notes, can be obtained from A.H. Busby, "Braeside", Chapel Lane, just near the telephone kiosk.

A.H.B.

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

There are quite a few sowings and plantings to be attended to during the next few weeks such as the sowing of most autumn and winter greens, that is of course if you wish to grow your own plants, but I expect many of you will wait a bit and buy any plants needed, which of course saves time if not money. But if you want to be sure of your favourite varieties or perhaps would like to try out some of the exciting new varieties that you have been reading about, then autumn cauliflowers, cabbage and in fact most of the autumn and winter green stuff, brussels, cabbage, broccoli and savoys can be sown.

With the sowings of lettuce, early carrots, radishes and peas, don't sow too many of these at one go. From now on sow at intervals of several weeks so that you can maintain a supply throughout the summer months.

When planting those potatoes, which should have been laid out in trays to chit, or develop shoots, these shoots should be reduced to say, the three strongest, and remember May frosts are not unknown in Naphill, so not too early with the planting unless you are prepared to do a bit of covering up if needed.

Plants of onions, early cauliflower, lettuce etc., sown in the greenhouse or from early in the year should be well hardened off before planting out in the garden this month, this also applies to autumn sown sweet peas.

Any new flower plants for the herbaceous border should be got in as soon as possible now, and these and other established border flowers will benefit from a top dressing of "Chasmor" at this time, as also will the spring cabbage bed.

Ferns and other foliage house plants can be re-potted this month if they need it, and if you have an azalea that you would like to keep for flowering next year, that is the indica type that are grown in pots, then see that they are well watered and free from frost.

Most seeds of summer bedding plants can now be sown in the greenhouse, but leave those such as marigolds, zinnias, stocks and astors till the end of the month, they will still have time to make good plants by planting out time.

A.H.B.

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

There were thirteen people present at the A.G.M. on the 27th February and a lot of ground was covered - proceedings were halted for a short while to enjoy a snack of fish and chips! Mr. D. Syrett, retiring Chairman, gave a special welcome to newcomers and outlined the activities of the club over the past year. Our new Chairman for the ensuing year is Mr. Tom Bolton of 2, The Glebe, who appears admirably suited and well situated for the task of overseer! Mr. Ron Piercy has been invited to act as our President this year and we are hoping he will be willing to fill this role.

Our main project has been the resurfacing of the top court together with new posts and new netting, and we are hoping to raise some £200 to cover the cost by procuring small loans free of interest from members and friends - e.g. if 20 people loan say £5 each free of interest this would bring in £100. The Village Hall Council -

bless them - have already offered £50 free of interest towards this, for which we are truly thankful. The Football Club have also promised a gift of £25 later in the season, which also is very much appreciated. Anybody wishing to help, please contact the Chairman or the Treasurer - Mrs Bowler, 10 Vincents Way, Naphill.

Subscriptions: After serious debate these have been assessed as follows:

Junior: 5/- (exclusive of balls - secondhand balls may however be purchased by Junior Members from the Club at 6d each.

Semi-Senior: £1. (16-18 yrs including students over 18 yrs receiving full time education).

Adults : £3. £3. 10. 0d after July 1st). Also - special offer for this year - £5 joint sub. for husband and wife. (£5.10.0d after July 1st).

Junior Coaching: is being arranged for 11 yr olds and over (not under) Monday evenings 6 - 8 p.m. commencing May 6th until July 8th - for which there will be a charge of 5/- in addition to the Junior Subscription, payable in advance. Numbers may need to be restricted and names and fee should be paid direct to Mrs Bowler, Treasurer, 10 Vincents Way, on or before May 6th.

Club Evenings: This has proved successful and has again been arranged for Tuesday and Thursday of each week commencing Tuesday April 16th.

In conclusion, may I repeat a welcome to new members - any interested person(s) please contact the Chairman or any member of the Committee.

Play has already commenced and it is hoped to arrange some tournament 'get togethers' in the early future.

J.L.

NAPHILL COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

The school hall is booked regularly on two or three evenings a week for badminton and keep-fit classes. If anyone in Naphill is thinking about using the hall during the coming months, they should contact me as soon as possible, as requests for hiring the hall are being received from organizations outside the village.

W.A. Bradley

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

A very pleasant afternoon was spent on March 1st when Mr. Wooster showed a number of really beautiful photographs which he had taken, mostly of birds, their nests and haunts. Some of these pictures had been awarded Gold and Silver medals in London.

On March 10th the North Thames Gas Board brought interesting films. The first one of the Rigging in the North Sea, the second of beautiful Scotland round about Fort William and some of the wild life there. In the third one we were surprised to see Miss Jean Shrimpton cooking.

After March 29th meeting, owing to Good Friday, an interval of three weeks will elapse before our next meeting which will be on April 19th, when Mrs John Hall will be the Speaker. Members who have heard her before will know that we can look forward to a very happy afternoon.

The next meeting will be the following week on April 26th which will be the Annual General Meeting and eleventh Birthday Party. After the election of officers a musical programme is being arranged with Mrs Marsden at the piano, so please turn up in good numbers.

We are indeed grateful to the R.A.F. Wives Club who recently donated £5 to our Club.

C.B. White

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

Unsigned letters will normally end up in the fireplace, but after some thought, I make an exception of this one after crossing out some portions of it.

Ed.

"Nostalgic Memories". "Happy days not so long ago, one could walk down "The Short Road" as it was always known to local people, "Forge Road" as signposted now. Reaching the common, turning left one saw a most delightful stretch of common called "The Ladies Mile". A wee path just room to walk or push a pram ran by the hedgerow. To the right of this path was a lovely stretch of grass which would put many a lawn to shame. One could see right down the Chapel Road, an unbroken view. Progress came, as it must, and the main sewer was put in right through the middle of the "Common Lawn". Main sewer to us was a blessing as our "little house" was in the back garden and not very sanitary !!! The common of course has never been the same since but at least it was left quite tidy. Today this same walk is a disgrace. Builders have arrived. Planning permission given, rightly so, as it could be a beauty spot. It has never been termed a road and builders to my mind should see that the condition of the track is made good when the buildings are finished. Also each householder could at least try to keep the small bit of frontage in reasonable repair (the material is available). At the time of writing the stretch of path just above the Black Lion where building has just commenced, is dangerous to children, old people walking, also tradesmen who we positively rely on to deliver our goods. This to my way of thinking should be rectified by the owners of the land or builders who are hoping to sell the houses.

As to the rubbish, it is disgusting to think that the Women's Institute or Girl Guides should even have to think of clearing up someone else's rubbish. What is wrong with each one doing their bit ?

The Common belongs to Sir John Dashwood, and we are all privileged to use it as long as we are reasonable. The fun we had as youngsters. Rope swings from the trees, houses made from pulled up ferns. Many a romance started that way, I'm sure. We really enjoyed without destroying the beauty of the common. To all who live down this stretch of common, let's have less grumbling and a little more practical work done. It will never deserve the name Lady's Mile again, but please do not let it become Misery Mile or Moaners Mile.

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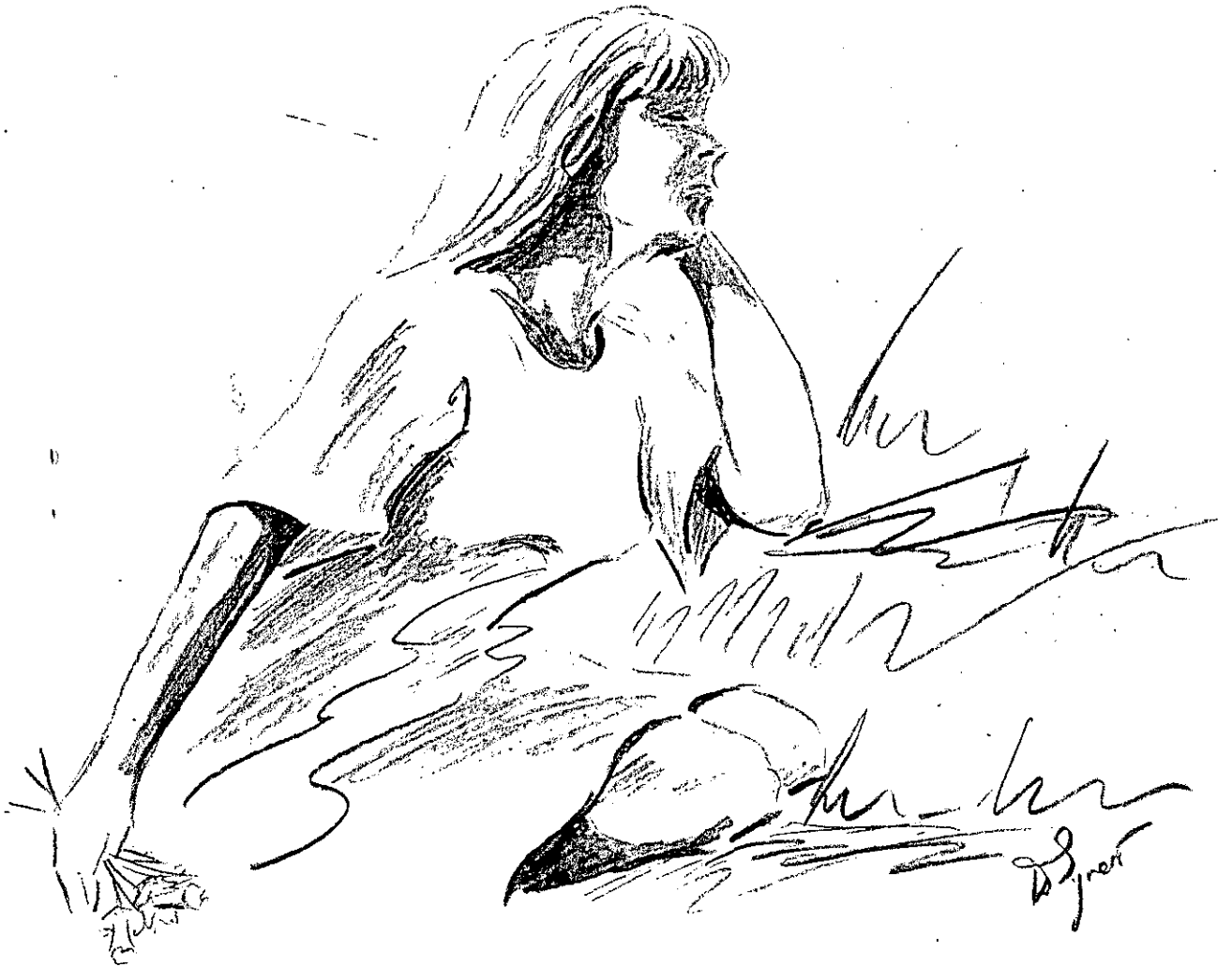
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Play Group	Tues, Wed, Thurs each week	9.15 - 12.15
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00
W.I.	2nd	2.30
Whist Drive	3rd, 17th, 31st	7.30
Mens Club	Tues, Fri, Sat each week	8.00
Library	3rd, 17th, 31st	6.30 - 8.00
Tennis Club		
Rummage Sale	4th	2.30
Naphill Evangelical Church		
Every Sunday		10-12
		3- 4
		6. 15- 7.30
Drama	Every Tuesday	8.00
Dancing Classes	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th	3.00 - 6.15
Over 60's	10th, 24th	2.30
Cricket Club		
Dance	11th	8.00
Young Neighbours		
	13th	7.30
W.I. Rugmaking		
School	13th	10.30 - 3.30
Mothercraft	20th, 27th	2.00
W.I. Committee	30th	2.30

At the April meeting of the Council, welcome was expressed by the Chairman Mr. Woodruff to the following who had been elected at the Annual General Meeting to represent the General Public:- Mesdames Jack, Syrett, Hampton and Cooper, and Messrs Levers and Harper. Welcome was also given to Mr. H. Pearson representing the Drama Group and to Mr. Enfield representing Naphill Church.

Contrasts

Council members and many others had collected half a lorry load of broken bottles, paper, old cans etc. deposited by persons near the hall.

A small boy had written apologising for breaking a window and offering to pay.

Does this show that the younger generation will make the Village a better and tidier place. Lets hope so.

Will representatives of organisations on the Council please ensure that, if they cannot come themselves to Council meetings, someone comes in their place.

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 May: 11 a.m. 6.15 p.m.

May 5th	Young Peoples' Day Miss Standing	Sister Sylvia Darwent With young people taking part in the service
May 12th	Mr. Rundle	Mrs Holt
May 19th	Sister Sylvia Darwent	Mr. B. Rixon
May 26th	Sunday School Anniversary Mr. N. Nibloc	Mr. N. Thorne

We welcome ladies to our weekly Womens' Fellowship meeting on Wednesdays at 2.30.

The amount collected round the village in April for the National Children's Homes was £64. 14.0d. Grateful thanks are extended to all helpers and donors who made this wonderful result possible.

M.G. Brown

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

Evensong	May 19th	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	26th	9.15 a.m.
Sunday School	Every Sunday	2.30 p.m.

It was encouraging to see so many Naphill people at Hughenden Church on 22nd March, to hear the Bishop of Buckingham, in the dual capacity of Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Education and as our Suffragen Bishop, explain the position regarding the Old School at Naphill, now used as a church, and the School House. It was a lively meeting, many differing points of view being expressed and many questions were asked. As this was a public meeting, no decisions could be made.

The future of the church in Naphill is the responsibility of the vicar, the churchwardens and all members of the Parochial Church Council at Hughenden.

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way to make our February Rummage sale such a great success. The final net result was £55. 13.0d.

W.W.

THE NAPHILL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday Services in the Village Hall :

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

THE PIONEERS : The Pioneers, the youth group of the Naphill Evangelical Free Church, has been in existence since last September. Each week a varied and interesting programme has been provided, including the occasional film, visiting speakers, quizzes and other activities, also there is time for informal discussion over refreshments. The programme for the summer months will include outdoor activities; on most Wednesdays they meet on the recreational field at 7 p.m., and all young people are welcome - following this there will be a get-together for all young people at the Mission House at 8 p.m. Also there will be a sponsored walk arranged sometime during the summer.

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

The Gazette carried a most intriguing front cover last month. I think either rabbits, or bunnies, or something, were presented in order to publicise the event which Harry Pearson was organising in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th March in aid of the Multiple Schlerosis Society. Those of us who attended would certainly have had our "animal instincts" aroused - had we seen the Naphill Gazette before the show! - but in the event we would have been disappointed for Cafe Continental failed to live up to that type of build up.

BUT what we did see was a show which deserves only the highest praise for its variety, skill in presentation, and the element of surprise which was maintained right up to the final curtain.

We all sat at tables laden with goodies prepared and served by those indefatigable and charming ladies of the Womens Institute. They excelled themselves and must have worked tremendously hard both before and during the show in our interests.

It was somewhat strange not to have a programme, or to have any idea what we were to see, but as the evening went on we saw the plot behind this arrangement and there was unfurled before us a truly splendid variety performance which would have been cheap at three times the cost of our entrance tickets.

The first half gave us Roy Perry with his quickfire jokes; Megan Evans who sang with her delightfully melodic voice and crystal clear diction; David Scott who astounded us with his mind reading act put over with such a professional style (in the image of Armstrong-Jones?!), the Four Indian Squaws who delighted us all with their obviously well rehearsed act, life-like papooses and costumes correct to the last detail and finally a delightful touch in which Harry Pearson brought on Blanche Weeks and paid tribute to her contribution to the village in a burlesque of the "This is your Life" programme.

Those delightful refreshments were then duly and speedily put away, the Raffles were disposed of, and we were hoodwinked by Harry Pearson

into thinking that the USAF warrant officer was merely there to draw the winning tickets. Surprise, surprise, and delight, delight ! The curtains were drawn and there was the full might of the United States Third Air Force Military Band to play for us for the rest of the evening - despite all the previous attempts of the British Musicians Union to prevent it. Persistent Pearson's tenacity, foresight and salesmanship had paid off and we were indeed fortunate to have this most accomplished band playing for us in the Village Hall. Some achievement when one remembers that normally they perform at the American Embassy, Columbia Club, The Dorchester etc. etc.

So many "thank yous" are necessary when such an ambitious event has been so successfully staged but I am sure that all who participated will not mind my making particular mention of Kay Pearson and Harry Pearson. I know that Harry worked for many months to produce Cafe Continental for us. He really did a magnificent job and the result was something which we shall all remember and cause us to hope that it will not be another two years before we see another variety show of this nature.

B.R.W.C.O.C.U.N.I.T.

When I asked Wing Commander Randall to write this report I little knew that he himself was to be one of the hits of the evening. Ed.

NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

There was a record attendance of members on March 29th when Mrs Allen of Chinnor spoke of her experiences as an Army Officers wife in foreign lands. Six members of the Chinnor Darby and Joan Club with their Leader Mrs Banks also came, and Mrs Banks gave an interesting account of how their club functions. They were impressed with our club and ready to try some of our ideas and congratulated us on being a happy club. Some of our members may be able to visit their club later in the year.

On April 19th we had our annual visit by Mrs J. Hall, who held everyone's interest as she spoke of her visits to Atlanta and Gibraltar, and also conducted a quizz.

The Hard of Hearing Club Choir under the leadership of Mrs Rogers, are coming on May 10th and hope to entertain with popular songs, costume solos and duets and songs from the shows.

An outing is arranged for May 24th.

We have had a pleasant surprise in the form of a cheque for £5. 5. 0d donated to our club from Naphill Women's Institute, the result of part proceeds of Coffee Mornings held in private houses. This is the second cheque received from them during the year and we are most grateful.

C.B.W.

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

At our April meeting, "Clive" from the firm "Clairol" gave us a demonstration on hair tinting. Two of our members, Mrs D. Harper and Mrs. P. Gould volunteered to act as models whilst the rest of us watched with interest as the procedure began. One type of tinting shown was to lighten the hair 4 to 5 shades and the other to cover the grey hairs.

Whilst this took place we in the audience learnt about the structure of hair and were shown samples of "Clairol's" products.

One complete tinting kit was donated as an extra raffle prize by "Clive". The original raffle provided by the Club was a gorgeous Easter egg and was won by Mrs Evans.

After the coffee break, the models emerged from behind the scenes and obligingly walked round the hall so we could all pass judgement. I think it was unanimously decided that each lady's hair had been transformed without losing a natural appearance. (Perhaps just as well considering the two unsuspecting husbands waiting at home, and who were happily in for a surprise, not a shock!)

Our meeting next month consists of a display entitled "Spring Fashions and Childrens Shoes given by John Hearn Ltd., of High Wycombe.

J.L.

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

The Final

The Football Club just failed to win their final at Loakes Park, losing by the only goal of the match. But it was a great occasion, and we felt the true olympic spirit. The result did not matter too much. The important thing was taking part. Wives, mothers and sweethearts were there, and I met men who had played for Naphill 40 years ago, and village newcomers all giving their support. The old war cry of "Up the ill" rang out all round the ground, and Beacons Bottom seemed to have brought half Stokenchurch with them, but they seemed a bit shy of yelling "Up the Bottom ". Naphill played the better football but failed in front of goal, and just before the end the experienced Ivor Ashby scored the winner. But it was an evening to remember.

The First Round

The W.I. Drama Group gave us a preview of their entries for this year's festival. The Greek comedy was well done and should be in the running. It was a treat to see the part of a pretty young girl played by an actress who actually had those qualifications. But if the artists models cannot be nude, for heavens sake don't let them expose lots of modern white underwear. I thought "Tail of Fire" could be really great, but it needs a lot more rehearsal and team work. The same pair of young lovers were not half so effective in this one, and the girl, after sitting in the stocks being jeered and pelted, still looked like a bride going to a white wedding. And the old couple when forced into the stocks, really must put up a bit of a struggle,

they gave the impression of being anxious to get sat down and put their feet up. But if all the cast get to work on this one, I can see the adjudicator going overboard.

N A P H I L L W. I.

There was a good attendance at the April meeting and members were interested in a talk by Lt. Col. Sherwood on "East African Wild Life". He illustrated his talk with colour slides of many of the animals. He said that lions are delightful creatures and gave a word of warning for motorists in the Kenya National Park - Elephants have the right of way ! Mrs Bull gave the vote of thanks.

Prizes for a competition for an animal sculptured from a block of salt were won by Mrs Youd and Mrs Pearson.

The Whist Drive held in March raised £7. 9.1d and a Coffee Morning at Mrs Smiths home raised £5. 1. 4d.

The President, Mrs Weeks, announced that £1.1.0d had been sent to Dr. Bayley's Memorial Fund and £5. 5. 0 to the "Over Sixties" Club.

Miss Beckton will speak on the Resolutions at the May meeting. Tea hostesses for the meeting will be: Mrs Rabson, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Edna Tooby, Mrs Tweedale.

B.M.C.

A B O U T A D V A N C E D D R I V I N G

Road accidents do not just happen, they are caused, and a basic cause is human error. This has been said before, but it cannt be repeated too often.

The long awaited and much needed improvement to our roads system will remove many existing hazards, as well as much mental irritation, and will undoubtedly contribute towards a reduction in accident figures. But all road users have a part to play in reducing accidents. Too many drivers regard the passing of the learner drivers test as representing the end of their motoring education instead of the beginning. It should be the ambition of all drivers to become advanced drivers and take a high pride in their driving.

What is "ADVANCED DRIVING"? It is the ability to handle a car with intuitive skill and to behave toward other road users with consideration and unselfishness. An advanced driver should always be a safe driver because of his or her aptitude for concentration, a constant care and never failing courtesy to other road users, and intelligent anticipation and observation coupled with all this an enthusiasm and a technical skill in handling a motor vehicle under all conditions.

A driver with roadcraft knows how to avoid awkward and possibly dangerous situations, good roadcraft not only prevents accidents but makes driving less arduous.

Cornering is one of the most important features of advanced driving, the first thing to remember about cornering or taking sharp bends is to reduce speed and complete any braking which may be necessary while on the straight, the need to reduce speed and to what extent will be governed by the sharpness of the bend and the degree of visibility ahead, for a right hand bend closer into the nearside than the normal driving position, this gives a greater angle of visibility, for a left hand bend rather out towards the centre line than

normal position to increase the angle of sight, corners and bends should be taken under progressive acceleration whenever possible, however slight.

Common faults of many drivers today are cutting corners or taking them too wide, approaching bends too quickly and making insufficient use of driving mirror and signals.

With regard to overtaking, the first requirement in overtaking is patience, the second is judgement, the good driver first consults his mirror, gives a clear signal of his intention to pull out, overtakes as quickly as possible and regains nearside, taking care not to cut in on the overtaken vehicle.

Some years ago the Institute of Advanced Motorists was formed with the aim of encouraging better standards of driving, all motorists with reasonable driving experience can apply to take the advanced driving test. The test is of about two hours duration and embraces all types of thoroughfare, busy streets to unrestricted highways and winding country roads, speed could be applied in unrestricted areas but it must always be consistent with safety and prevailing conditions. The candidate will be expected to have a knowledge of road signs and signals and to conform to them, and will also be expected to give and appreciate the value of a simple running commentary when driving - that is, expressing aloud his observations and intentions, the examiner will not under any circumstances condone any breaches of the law.

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At the conclusion of the test, the examiner will inform the candidate if he has passed or failed, if a candidate has failed the examiner will tell him exactly why.

An Advanced Driving Certificate is issued to all who pass the test, and the Institute of Advanced Motorists badge becomes available to each member, who are entitled to display the badge on their cars.

The advanced driving tests are carried out in most large towns, the nearest Test Route to this area is Oxford or Reading, the test fee is £3. 0. 0. and £1.1.0 membership fee if the candidate passed the test.

The test is a strict one, but it is straightforward examination which is based on the system of driving laid down in "Roadcraft" the Police Drivers Manual, this manual can be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office or from W.H. Smiths & Sons at a cost of 3s.6d. Great advantage can be obtained from the study of this manual before taking the advanced test. Application forms and details of the test can be obtained from:- The Secretary, Institute of Advanced Motorists, Empire House, Chiswick, London W.4.

J. Perry
Hughenden Valley

G A R D E N N O T E S

The bright dry weather during early April followed by some real good rains have been almost ideal for preparing the ground, and making those early sowings and plantings.

If only we can be spared some severe May frosts then it seems that we shall be well on the way to a good gardening year.

With shallots, onions, including the sets, parsnips, early carrots, peas and lettuce all going ahead fast, it is time to plant out summer cabbages, early cauliflower and early brussels, and of course sweet peas.

Check up on those weeds while they are still small and can easily be dealt with by hoeing or the use of paraquat; much better than pulling them out by hand when they have been left too long.

Runner beans can be sown in the open any time after 7th May, but of course these, the marrows, outdoor cucumbers and the like can be sown earlier if they can be given protection from frost if needed. By the end of the month, we hope, the danger of frosts will be past and it will be full steam ahead with the planting out of the summer bedding flowers.

It is generally accepted that we give some sort of supports for runner beans, garden and sweet peas, but expect dahlias, chrysanthemums, delphiniums or broad beans to stand on their own feet, but experience suggests that it is better to give them some kind of help to withstand the summer gales and thunder storms that we get most years.

Apart from completing the planting of potatoes, there is quite a bit of seed sowing to be done according to size of plot and likes for the pot. Successional sowings of peas, lettuce, radishes, beet, carrots and broad beans, sowings of chicory, spinach and many others.

The cyclamen corms can now be dried off and the dead blooms on the azaleas carefully broken off without damaging those developing shoots behind them, keep them growing on and like those camellias they must never want for water.

A.H.B.

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

Its "Sold Out" of "Chasmor" for this season and we shall be taking no more orders till the Autumn. The last orders for Peat will have arrived, we hope, by the time this issue of the Gazette is to hand. Thank you customers, we must now get down to the job of preparing for the July Show.

By the way, it seems there is a fair amount of interest in growing fushias in pots; well there will be a class for the best grown fushia in a pot, any size, at the July Show - we hope to see how well you can do it on the day.

We have a limited number of tickets for the Chelsea Flower Show available to members for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 22nd, 23rd and 24th. These of course are free on application. Tickets are also available for the Wisley Gardens, and although there is much to be seen of interest at almost any time of year, perhaps the most colourful month is May, with the Rhododendrons, azaleas, flowering cherries, lilacs and many other trees and shrubs in full bloom. In the wild garden are magnolias, primulas and enkianthus and with much more to interest in the rock garden and greenhouses, perhaps more than one visit would be needed this month to see all there is to be seen.

Have you any flower pots or boxes that have contained bedding plants for which you have no further use ? If so, you may bring them along to the "Chasmor" dump from where we would arrange distribution to members who could make use of them and would be prepared to donate something to the funds for their use. So clear out those garages and sheds - flower pots and boxes only - we will do the rest.

A.H. Busby, "Braeside."

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Announcements

The Elderly Folks Dinner Committee have unanimously decided to cease the Annual Dinner. The funds held have been handed over to the Naphill Over 60 Club.

JB/DCT

Amanda and Tony Lawrence have pleasure in announcing the birth of a son Gavin Anthony on Saturday 27th April. A brother for Mark, Margo and James.

NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket season commences on Saturday May 4th and the fixtures for May are listed below.

<u>1st XI</u>			<u>2nd XI</u>		
May 4th	Marsh Gordons	Home	May 4th	Loudwater	Away
" 11th	Lacey Green	Away	" 11th	Winchmore Hill	Home
" 18th	Wheeler End	Home	" 18th	Tylers Green	Away
" 25th	Hazlemere	Away	" 25th	Hazlemere	Home

Sunday XI

May 12th	Wycombe 'A'	Away
May 19th	R.A.F. High Wycombe	Home.

Our Club Dance is being held on Saturday the 11th May in the Village Hall and any members still requiring tickets please contact the Secretary, G.L.Brown, Rosewood, Downley Road, Naphill.

G.L.B.

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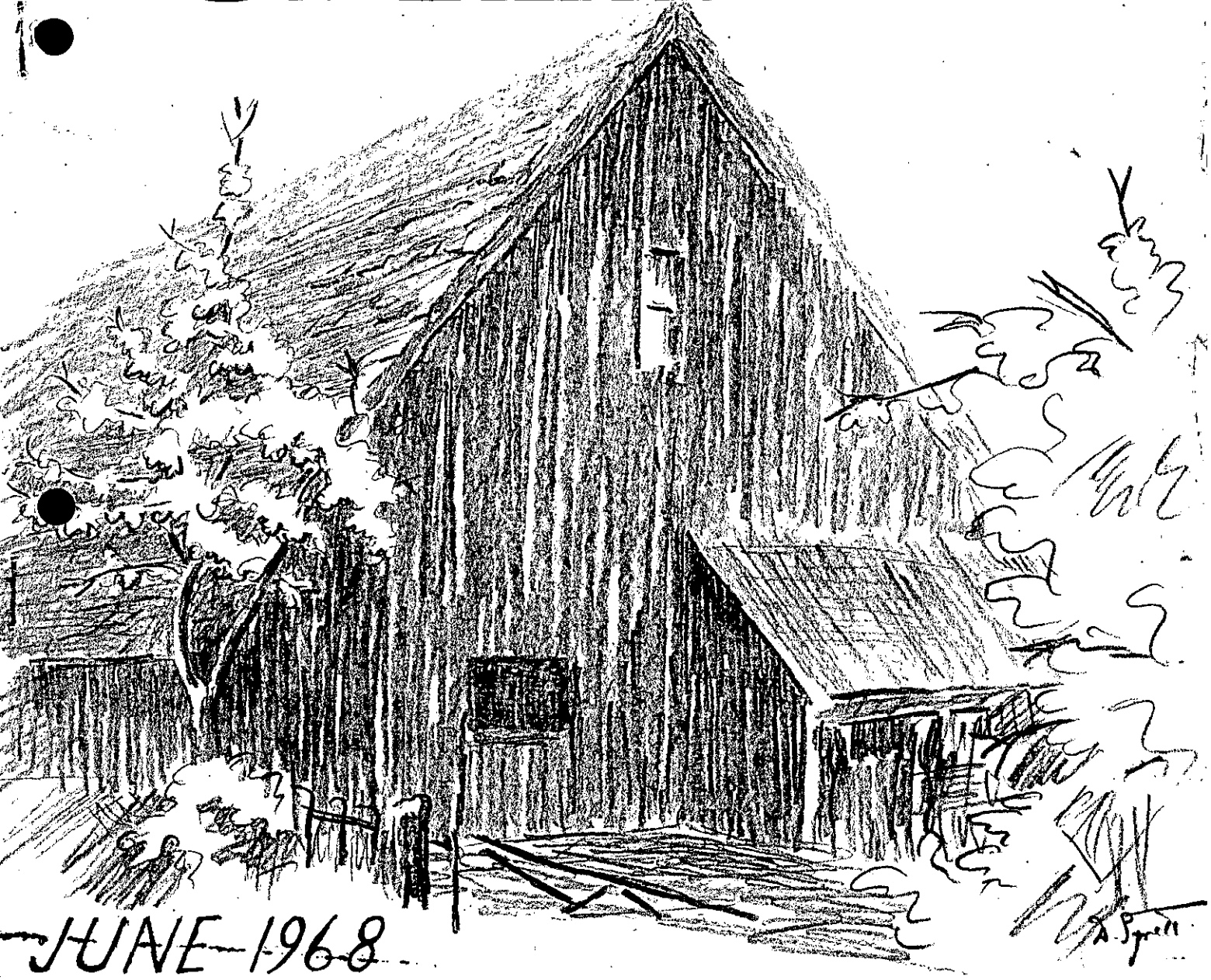
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A T T H E V I L L A G E H A L L

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Naphill Evangelical Church	Every Sunday	10 - 12 noon 3 - 4 p.m. 6.15- 7.30 p.m.
Mothercraft	Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th	2 - 4 p.m.
Play Group	Each Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday commencing 11th Wednesday 5th, 19th	9.15-12.15 p.m. 2.p.m.
Welfare Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
W.I.	Thursday 6th	2.30 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Thursday	9.30-11.30 a.m.
Art	Every Thursday	7.30-9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	Friday 7th, 21st	2.30 p.m.
Art Evening	Saturday 8th	7.30- 9.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday 14th, 28th	7.30 p.m.
Library	Friday 14th, 28th	6.30- 8.00 p.m.
NAPHILL FETE	SATURDAY 22ND	ALL DAY
Midsummer Dance	Saturday 22nd	8.00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	Thursday 27th	2.30 p.m.
Dancing Classes	Tuesday 18th, 25th	3 - 6.15 p.m.

At the May meeting of the Village Hall Council it was reported that the Brownies had kindly said that they would clean up round the Hall.

The Council is very grateful to them.

The Boiler has at long last given up the ghost (after 40 years service), and a new one - to give 200,000 B.T.U. has been ordered. This will cost about £250 and will leave the Council destitute, as the Treasurer reported that only about £250 remains in the kitty.

The Car Park is still in a mess and a discussion took place as to whether a hole should be drilled or whether it could be tackled as part of the drainage scheme for the field, about which the Council are hoping to get a grant from the Ministry of Education.

The Bench commemorating the late Dr. Bayley has arrived and will be placed in position as soon as a satisfactory price has been agreed.

R.C.R.

Apologies to all contributors whose items have been held over owing to Fete Reports taking so much space.

Editor.

THE FETE - 22nd JUNE



Colonel Arthur G. Lynn

The Fete is only three weeks away now, so here is news of all the things that have been planned. To start with, as we have been terribly unlucky during the last two years with bad weather, we have made special plans this time to cope with the situation if it rains. So whether the sun shines or it pours with rain - come to the village hall on 22nd June.

The procession of floats will start from Forge Road at 2 oclock and all the floats should assemble there from 1.30 p.m. The theme it is hoped the floats will follow (as is the theme for the whole fete) is Merrie England, and if you have not yet decided what to do, several variations come to mind which might help, including Robin Hood, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I, madrigals and Morris dancing. The children's fancy dress parade will be part of the procession from Forge Road, but costumes need not follow the fete Merrie England theme; children please dress in whatever you like.

At 2.30 p.m. the fete will be opened by Colonel Arthur G. Lynn, the Commander of the 7563rd Air Base Squadron at High Wycombe Air Station. Colonel Lynn is no stranger to Britain, having served here during the second world war and more recently at Ruislip before coming to High Wycombe. We very much appreciate the honour of having Colonel Lynn with us on June 22nd. His second task after opening the fete is to judge the floats and the fancy dress parade.



Whiteleaf Archery Club

Important changes have been planned this year when compared with previous fetes. We are very pleased to tell you that the Whiteleaf Archery Club will be demonstrating their skills, and arrangements have been made for fete visitors to have a go themselves with three arrows for a small charge. We are also staging "beat the goalie" - Dennis Syrett has very kindly agreed to be the "keeper". These are far from being the only innovations; we have "Knur and Spell", "Pall Mall"; bowling at stump; drain pipe; fortune telling; tossing haysack; volley ball; wheelbarrow race and others too. Of course we have not neglected the old favourites such as tug-of-war; tombola; spinner, and many others. We have made a special point of providing a considerable variety of activities for children including Punch and Judy; children's tombola; donkey rides; and also - most important - a creche is to be provided to enable parents to go off on their own for a short time. We shall also be able to eat and drink; teas, ice cream, soft drinks. And a surprise - come and see Nell Gwynne.

The Grand Draw will be held at the end of the afternoon, and as always we have some useful and interesting prizes. They include a portable transistor radio, a record player, a Black and Decker power tool kit, a camera, and a set of bathroom scales.

The tickets have been on sale some time now, but volunteers and council members will continue to be selling them right up to the 22nd June and on the day itself you will be able to buy as many as you wish.

During the evening we have two activities planned. First there is a bumper Bingo session in the Scout and Guide hut, starting at 7.30 for 8.0 p.m. Secondly, to round off the day's activities, we are holding a Midsummer Dance. Earlier in the year we said the dance may well be fancy dress, but on representations from many people we decided to keep it to lounge suits.

Since last Christmas we have held two village dances and they both proved to be exceptionally popular. As a result of this we have been forced to limit the number of tickets to 100 so please get them as quickly as possible from council members if you have not already done so. They only cost 7/6d each and this includes light refreshments. Tickets can be obtained from Pat Syrett, The Finches, Christopher Close; Bill Latham, Bowland House, Main Road; Grant Woodruff, Heatherlands, Downley Road. There is a licensed bar and the band is a real winner; two of the members were with us at the Christmas dance last year.

The Council and the Fete Committee very much look forward to seeing you all on the 22nd June, and we hope you will support us at our most important annual event. And don't forget; even if it rains there will be plenty to do and enjoy.

Lucky number programmes are now on sale which give you details and times. But in summary:-

- 2.00 p.m. Procession starts from Forge Road
- 2.30 p.m. Colonel Lynn opens the Fete and judges the floats and fancy dress parade.
- 2.30 p.m. onwards - the fete proper - many new side shows - plenty to do and enjoy - come even if it rains.
- 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. Bingo
- 8.30 p.m. Midsummer dance.

F E T E R E F R E S H M E N T S

Many people have kindly offered to help in some way with the refreshments at the Fete.

However, we still need tea, sugar, butter and sandwich fillings, so if anyone reading this could give something in this line, we should be very grateful.

Either Mrs. Piercy or myself would be pleased to receive your gift, or it could be handed in at the Village Hall on the morning of the Fete, between 10 and 11 a.m. - if possible.

Thank you

Joan Latham, Bowland House,
Main Road.

V I L L A G E F E T E - H E L P E R S ' M E E T I N G

I should be grateful if all those who have agreed to be responsible for one activity or another on the afternoon of the Fete will please come along to a short meeting in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12th.

The layout of the field and the general organization will be discussed, including wet weather plans.

H. Latham - Chairman, Fete Committee

C O M M O N S R E G I S T R A T I O N A C T 1965

After 30th June, 1968 it will cost £5 for the registration of Rights over Command Lands and after the end of 1969, no application will be accepted. It will be a pity if claims are not made as rights will be lost for ever.

I have some spare forms saying that persons wishing to avoid paying the £5 may send in a form. The best way is to send a C.R. Form 9 at once to the Bucks County Council, Aylesbury. If any one wants further information they should apply to any lawyer. Please apply if you think you have a case.

R.C.R.

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

Holy Communion	June 2nd (Whit Sunday)	9.15 a.m.
Evensong	June 16th	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	June 23rd	9.15 a.m.
Sunday School	Every Sunday	2.30 p.m.

The recent Whist Drive resulted in £19 2s. 0d for Church Funds. Many thanks to those shopkeepers in Naphill and High Wycombe, also our many friends, who gave us prizes and refreshments and those who supported us, to make this such a happy and successful evening.

E.G.W.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

We sincerely thank all collectors and all who gave so generously. Any envelopes uncollected from those on holiday or out when our collectors called, will be gladly received by either Mrs. C. B. White, MYTILENE, Main Road (near Mini-Market) or Mrs. E.G. Wood, HALE END, Christopher Close. The final result will be announced in next month's Gazette.

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

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

<u>Preachers for June</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
June 2nd	Mr. E. Barnett	Mr. D. Gregory
June 9th	Mr. K. Lewis	Sister Sylvia Darwent (Holy Communion)
June 16th	Rev. H. Hadwen	Mr. E. Jarvis M.A.
June 23rd	Mr. J. Hodgkinson B.A.	Mr. F.S. Deane
June 30th	Sister Sylvia Darwent (Family Service)	Mrs. Cooper

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METHODIST CHURCH Continued

A RUMMAGE SALE will be held in the Schoolroom on Saturday, June 8th at 2.30 p.m.

M.G.B.

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

Our late Spring Rummage Sale was a feather in the cap of our new Committee and realised a profit of £34. Thank you one and all for your help and support.

Club Evenings.

Tuesday and Thursdays. Play is now in full swing and we invite members and would-be members to come along if they have not already done so. Don't forget the closing date for the reduced fees is June 30th.

Tournaments

Be sure and get your name on the lists in the pavilion Finals Day has been fixed for July 20th - 21st.

Matches

One or two have already been played. The recent League Match with Beaconsfield at Naphill resulted in a score of 5 - 4. Naphill unfortunately, being the loser but it was a very close finish.

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

FIXTURES FOR JUNE

1st X1

June 1st	Hampden	Home
" 8th	Booker	Away
" 15th	Great Kingshill	Home
" 22nd	Prestwood	Away
" 29th	West Indian S.C.	Home

2nd X1

June 1st	Hampden	Away
" 8th	Booker	Home
" 15th	Great Kingshill	Away
" 22nd	Prestwood	Home
" 29th	Holmer Green	Away

Sunday Fixtures

June 2nd	Aylesbury Nomads	Away
" 3rd	Peppard S.C.	Away
" 16th	Wye Valley	Home
" 23rd	Age v. Youth	Home
" 30th	High Wycombe W.W.W.	Home

After a very wet start to the season it is hoped that the weather will improve during June. The first match of May was played in the rain and the 1st X1 lost at home. The Reserves played against Loudwater and won their game. The two following Saturday games were abandoned because of rain.

Two Sunday games were played during May and the one played on May 12th against Wycombe 'A' was lost, but on Sunday May 19th the Sunday X1 beat a team from the R.A.F.

G.L.B.

A final word of congratulation to the Football Club who, after losing in the Cup Final, went on to win their League Championship.

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

The 11th Birthday Party and A.G.M. was held on April 25th, when Mrs. A. Reed was re-elected Chairman for another year and last years' Committee were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mrs. M. Balls.

Mrs. Tooby Snr. who celebrated her 97th birthday on the 28th of April was presented with a pot of chrysanthemums.

After the business was concluded, entertainment was given by Mrs. Marsden and Mr. & Mrs. R. Giner.

During tea a large birthday cake was admired and everyone expressed surprise when it was cut to find it was an ice-cream cake specially made and suitable inscribed by Messrs. Walls.

Mr. Crane was busy taking a cine film during the afternoon, and we are all looking forward to seeing it in the near future.

We were all sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. E. Goodchild (Aunt Liz) who has left the district to live with her niece for a while. We shall all miss her very much. A pot of chrysanthemums, with best wishes for her happiness in her new home - from the Over Sixties Club - greeted her when she arrived in Wales.

Mrs. P. Mines recently explained to Members the New Look training for Brownies which is to get out and do something for others instead of learning to tie knots. If you need any odd jobs done, please apply to Mrs. P. Mines. A member also spoke very highly of the guide who had spring cleaned a room for her.

Don't forget the Garden Party at Mrs. Bayley's, Plum Tree Cottage on June 7th - weather permitting. If wet, the meeting will be in the Village Hall as usual. A reminder of Members Day on June 21st, and bring any work you have ready for exhibition.

C.B.W.

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

On May 13th Mr. John Hearn and an assistant came along to our meeting to speak to us about footwear. The family business they represent is one of the few local independent shoe shops left in this day of multiple concerns and co-ops. First of all we learnt about points to watch when buying childrens' shoes where fitting should always take priority over styling (how to convince daughters of this point, even the experts were at a loss to explain). However, several shoes were shown which could happily please both camps.

A useful point to note is that this shop willingly checks for any mother, a child's shoes suspected of being outgrown and no charge is made or pressure brought to bear to buy new. Remedial footwear is also available, and alterations carried out to Doctor's instructions to correct foot ailments. Shoes can also be treated by silicone to make them waterproof, if required.

Finally, Mr. Hearn himself whetted our appetites by giving us a glimpse of some new autumn styles. Patent shoes in "Antique Brown" with a new type of heel; a large selection of shoes and sandels were there for our inspection. Many of us came away feeling how wonderful it would be to own such a range of shoes. By comparison, our shoe "wardrobes" seemed completely inadequate. However, it was pleasant to dream awhile.

The June Evening Mystery Tour has proved so popular, our coach is more than filled and a second one will have to be ordered. At the time of writing, seats are still available in this, so if anyone is interested they should contact the Hon. Sec. Mrs. J. Warner.

J.L.

N A P H I L L W I .

Mrs. Piercy presided over the May meeting of Naphill W.I. and gave a warm welcome to Miss Beckton, the County Secretary. Miss Beckton was able to clarify many points relating to the Resolutions for the A.G.M. at the Royal Albert Hall in June, and particularly, the one regarding the proposed increase in membership fees.

Mrs. Pearson gave Miss Beckton a vote of thanks on behalf of the many members present.

Two new members Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Clark were welcomed. Letters of thanks were read from Mrs. Osborn for a gift received whilst in hospital, and from Mrs. Read for the donation of 5 gns to the "Over 60s Club".

Mrs. Balls, Secretary, read Mrs. D. Brown's comprehensive report on the 48th Annual Council Meeting at Aylesbury.

£32 was raised at the Drama Evening in April and £7 11s. was made on teas at the Drama Festival. A Coffee Morning at Mrs. Cottingham's brought in £5 8s.

Mrs. Humphreys judged a Cake Competition and prizes awarded by Hills & Partridge Ltd., were won by:- 1. Mrs. Bull 2. Mrs. Pearson 3. Mrs. Randall.

There will be an Open Meeting in June and a demonstration on "Scandinavian Ways of Bread". The Competition will be for a table centre decoration. Tea hostesses for the meeting are Mrs. Janes, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Robbins and Mrs. Wood.

The Drama Group commence their summer season with weekly play-readings. We welcome new members especially M E N. Any further information can be obtained from members of the group - 'phone Mrs. D. Smith Nap. 3302, Mrs. Piercy 2137.

*****B.M.C.

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

On Friday, May 10th at the Naphill Scout & Guide Headquarters Janet Bolding and Teresa Butler were presented with their Queen's Guide Certificates by Mrs. G. Wills, the County Commissioner. It is not easy to become a Queen's Guide, there are many tests to be passed and a high standard of achievement in camping, knowledge of the Commonwealth and service to others amongst other things, has to be reached. Janet and Teresa are the first Queen's Guides in the Naphill company and many parents and friends were present to join in the congratulations.

Janet did her three months service at Booker Hospital, where she helped with the washing up and laying tables. Her one day's service was spent helping a neighbour with young children.

Teresa has been helping with the Naphill Brownie Pack for over two years. Her one day's Service was spent helping a member of the "Over 60's" with her spring cleaning.

During the evening three Brownies came up from the pack and Mrs. Wills enrolled four recruits. Several Guides were presented with badges and Christine Selby received her First Class Badge. Mrs. Wills then presented Mrs. Bolding with a Thanks Badge in appreciation of the help she has given the company in various ways. Mr. Bolding was included in the award for his work as Treasurer of the Joint Parents' Committee.

The evening ended with a camp fire during which the Brownies and Guides did stunts and the Rangers gave a comic fashion parade.

J.M.

GARDEN NOTES

Last month produced a mixed bag, weatherwise, some cold snaps (that blackthorn winter?), thunderstorms, rain, some sunny spells and ground frost.

With about a week to go from writing these notes, the fruit blossom and the little fruitlets of gooseberries and currants are still free from frost damage and with a little luck this should be a good fruit year.

From now on we can plant out those summer bedding plants, the marrows, cucumbers, sweet corn and tomatoes and sow the seed of chicory, endive, swedes and turnip. Then there are the radish, lettuce, summer spinach, peas, beans or that bed of parsley that you keep meaning to sow, and, of course, the cabbage, brussels, cauliflower, broccoli and other plants to be got out for providing the autumn and winter green stuff - and, of course, the celery and leeks. I know all of you don't grow all of these crops because you haven't the room, the inclination or a liking for them.

The bedding plants for the summer display are so numerous that it would need a seed catalogue and not the 'Gazette' to mention them all, so you will have to make your own choice of these. In the herbaceous border, delphiniums, peonies and other taller growing flowers will be needing some support, as will the chrysanthemums and dahlias to guard against wind damage; and if you still want to grow a few sweet peas this year, it would be better to buy plants than sow seed at this time. Now that the frames and greenhouses have been relieved of the boxes of bedding plants, there will be more room for the tomatoes, cucumbers or maybe some melons. These two later plants can be grown quite successfully under cloches.

Don't sit down yet, there is the lawn to cut, potatoes to be earthed up, the roses to be sprayed and don't let those weeds get the upper hand.....

A.H.B.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

With only a few more weeks to go before our Show on Saturday, July 6th it will soon be the moment of truth for those novices classes or as we say, for those that don't usually exhibit at our Shows.

Radishes take from three to five weeks from seed sowing to maturity, depending on the weather and they should not be allowed to get dry for the whole of that period. Floribunda Roses should have the centre bud taken out of the cluster, which will allow for the remainder to come into bloom.

Lettuce should be growing away now, water if the weather turns in dry, keep a look out for greenfly and spray on sight; some slug bait will also be a safeguard.

Don't squeeze pea pods to find out if they are full, but get yourself between the pod and the sun and you will be able to see how they are filling up.

Whatever you intend to show, make sure that you have the right number, and that flowers have reasonably long stems, that the exhibit is fresh and free as possible from blemish and even; in other words get eight radishes as near as possible the same size and shape, the two lettuce with nice firm hearts and as alike as possible.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Continued...

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A.H.B.

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

A while ago a friend expressed to us his surprise that we should want to leave Naphill. Now that the time has arrived for our departure, we too begin to wonder.

We find ourselves wondering why it is that the birds' songs sound that much sweeter, that the flowering trees and shrubs in Naphill seem a little more beautiful and that everything about the place seems so much more pleasant this year. We feel that we are leaving one of the nicest and best organized villages in England and our only reason for going is that our own home town by the sea can offer us, in retirement, just that wee little more.

Therefore, with conflicting feelings we say "Thank you Naphill for sixteen happy years."

*****Harold and Iris Bannister*****

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

R.S.P.C.A.

I am most grateful to the kind helpers who assisted with the collection on Flag day. Also everyone who contributed towards raising £17 12s. Od.

We hope to hold the Annual Rummage Sale later in the season. Further details will be announced in the Gazette.

Meanwhile, we shall be grateful for any discarded clothing, toys household goods etc., and will gladly arrange to collect if you 'phone Naphill 3193

L. M. Sharpe Hon. Sec.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

The Chairman and Committee of the High Wycombe branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society would like to thank Mr. Pearson and his associates for the very enjoyable evening they spent at his Cafe Continental and for the wonderful donation of £32 10s. Od. We should also like to thank all those concerned in the Coffee Morning at Moseley Lodge Farm and for the cheque for £9 10s. Od. We can assure you that this money will be very well spent on the welfare of our Scleratic members. Many thanks, Yours sincerely,

M. Morley.

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The house to house collection for the Buckinghamshire Blind amounted to £21 6s. Od.

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Mens' Club	Tuesday, Friday, Saturday each week	
Play Group	Tues, Weds, Thurs each week (until 18th)	9.15-12.15 a.m.
Dancing Class	Tues, 2nd, 9th, 16th	3.00- 6.15 p.m.
Welfare	Weds 3rd, 17th	2.00- 4.00 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
W.I.	Thursday 4th	2.30 p.m.
Dressmaking (BR)	Each Thursday	9.30-11.30 a.m.
Art	" " " (until 11th)	7.30- 9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	Friday 5th, 19th	2.30 p.m.
Horticultural Show	Saturday 6th	2.00- 5.00 p.m.
Naphill Evangelical Church	Each Sunday	10- 12 3- 4 6.15- 7.30
Young Neighbours	Monday 8th	7.30- 9.30
Whist Drive	Friday 12th, 26th	7.30
Library	" 12th, 26th (C.R.)	6.30- 8.00
Football Club (Benefit Dance)	Friday 12th	
Naphill Evangelical Church	Saturday 13th	7.30- 9.00 p.m.
Private Wedding Reception	Saturday 27th	

As the R.A.F. is celebrating it's 50th birthday, the first Air Force to do so, we are pleased to show the new badge of Strike Command as our front cover. It is now an open secret that H.Q. Strike, will shortly incorporate both Coastal and Signals commands, making this the most important R.A.F. centre in the country.

Ed.

At the June meeting, the Council was very sorry to hear from their Hon. Secretary, Mr. Ronald Rose, of his temporary indisposition. They hoped he would soon feel well enough to resume his arduous duties and in the meantime the Chairman would cover the work (J.G. Woodruff, Heatherlands, Naphill 3396).

Several meetings ago, the Council agreed to look ahead and asked everyone interested to submit their ideas for major expenditure items for the next five years. We have received suggestions from the W.I. and the Horticultural Society; the last date is July 1st, so could all who have ideas please put them forward as soon as possible.

Mrs Leek, after several years of very hard work, has reluctantly had to give up running the Bingo on Thursday evenings. This brings in £130 - £150 net revenue to the village hall finances, but apart from that, provides pleasure and enjoyment to over 70 people each week. The immediate past chairman, Richard Pushman, kindly stepped in for the chairman on 13th June and told all Bingo players of Mrs Leek's decision. We have one or two ladies who are interested in taking over, but as nothing has yet been confirmed, the Council would very much welcome offers from anyone willing to take over this responsibility.

Owing to difficulties with dates, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd July instead of Monday 1st July.

J.G.W.

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

Services

Evensong	July 21st	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	July 28th	9. 0 a.m.

The time for the Communion Service has been changed from 9.15 to 9.0 a.m. in order to fit in better with services at Hughenden. We hope no-one will be seriously inconvenienced by this change. It is far better to come a little late rather than not to come at all; although English people are usually punctual in their attendance at Church. This is in distinct contrast to Continental Churches, where people seem to come and go at all sorts of times.

Our good wishes go to Miss Jennifer Smith and her husband on their recent marriage. Jennifer, for a long time played the organ at Naphill Church, which was much appreciated.

W.W.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK : We are pleased to announce the recent combined effort by the Methodist Church and Naphill Church amounted to £40. 7. 2d.

C.B.W. E.G.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 July:	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
July 7th	Mr. D. Church	Miss Capell
14th	Mrs Mann	Sister Sylvia Darwent
21st	Mr. A.E. Steevens	Mr. H. Lord
28th	Sister Sylvia Darwent	Mr. J. Best

We are very sorry that our Deaconess, Sister Sylvia Darwent will be leaving us in August. She will be going to the West Indies on Missionary work. There will be a farewell party for her at Cryers Hill Methodist Church on Friday, July 19th at 7.30.

M.G.B.



Sir Ludwig Guttman being presented to the Commander-in-Chief, Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle and Lady Kyle at the 50th Anniversary Luncheon of the R.A.F. Sir Ludwig is head of the Paraplegic unit at Stoke Mandeville, and this was his second visit to Naphill (see Art Exhibition).

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

I first heard about the Royal Air Force as a small boy getting my hair cut by Jim Thompson the village barber. Jim loved to tell stories of his great days in France in 14 - 18 when he was a rigger for the legendary Captain Ball. Last month I had the honour to be one of the village representatives at a luncheon to mark the 50th anniversary of the R.A.F. I was given a lift by Air Commodore Clappen, who, resides in Clappins Lane, was a qualified pilot in 1912, and by a small coincidence, shared a room with Captain Ball. After lunch while the port was circulating, I meditated on the 30 years that Naphill has been so close to Bomber Command, and making every allowance for the mellow mood of the moment, it seemed to me that relations had always been extremely good. Never effusive, but with goodwill on both sides. Soon after the Gazette was started, the first editor began making monthly conjectures as to what it could be that was coming to the village and was so highly secret. And since there cannot be an omelette without a broken egg, I remembered old Will Lacey's cry of anguish when he first saw a surveyor on his small-holding - "you can't take this land, thats my living". But there was surprisingly

little disturbance to the village, though we could ill afford to lose our bluebell wood. For some years we wondered how far the tentacles would spread, but most of the land we worried about has now been built on anyway. And let us have a look at some of the benefits; the hundreds of jobs for local people, the way in which the camp lent its staff and equipment year after year to make possible the Old Folks Christmas dinner, and their readiness to co-operate with the Village Hall Council. And on a somewhat lower plane, the ex-airmen who have given a richer and fuller life to some Naphill girls. I can even recall a confirmed Naphill bachelor who succumbed to a member of the W.A.A.F. And on the subject of public relations, I would say that these have never been in better hands than those of Wing Commander and Mrs. Randall. We shall miss them when they shortly retire.

These thoughts passed through my mind as we rose to drink a toast to the Royal Air Force. We made a strangely assorted little group containing the A.D.C. to the C in C, another officer sporting one of the finest moustaches in the service, and the unmilitary figures of Councillor Morton of Kingshill, Alderman Darby of High Wycombe and myself. But this cross section of life was just about what the organisers intended, and I am sure we all drank that toast with deep feeling.

N A P H I L L W. I.

W.I. PRESS REPORT: 6th June 1968

Attractive and appetising open sandwiches were made for members of Naphill W.I. to sample during a demonstration at their June meeting of Scandinavian ways of using bread.

Prizes for a table centre decoration were won by, 1. Mrs Piercy, 2. Mrs Youd. A new member, Mrs Boothroyd, was welcomed by the President Mrs Weeks.

A coffee morning at Mrs Lawrence's home raised £4, and profit from the Raffle and Bring & Buy stall at the May meeting was £3.16.6.

An interesting report by Mrs Saunders of Lacey Green W.I. of the Annual General Meeting at the Albert Hall was read by Mrs Balls.

The July meeting will be a Surprise meeting, and members are asked to be at the village hall by 1.45 p.m. and to bring their tea with them.

J.M.C.

THE NAPHILL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday Services in the Village Hall :

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

GARDENING NOTES

Once again those rains, with wind have been sorting out the taller growing plants that have not been provided with some support, and has laid them low.

As the organisers of our Village Fete can testify, it often turns in wet and cold either just before, during, or just after Fete day. What a pity that those rains we wanted for the garden had to come in full spate on Fete day; we could have waited another day or two for that, in exchange for a nice sunny day in which to have watched those gaily decorated floats and the ingenious fancy dresses concocted by their mothers, for those kiddies, and it would have followed as a matter of course that the village hall funds would have ripened in that sunshine.

Now back to weeding and grass mowing, but at this time of year there is surely a little sugar to coat the pill in the tang of fresh mint in those new potatoes and fresh picked garden peas, young carrots, crisp lettuce, the ripening strawberries, currants and raspberries or at least the increasing colour in the flower borders. These things have to be entered on the credit side as against the debits you moaned about earlier on, such as backache, cost of fertilisers, pest sprays etc., and I agree with your wife - it does help out with the housekeeping. Don't forget to add something, too, for that lovely bowl of roses, or other flowers that are now gracing the sideboard.

Just a few reminders; complete the planting of winter green stuff, leeks and celery, sow turnips for the winter store, another batch of lettuce and radish, a row of first early peas, for a late cooking, and some endive for autumn use. Pick off dead flower heads to avoid seed pod formation and prolong the show of flowers, and if you have a cyclamen saved from last winter, re-pot it in fresh soil and start it into growth.

A.H.B.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Saturday July 6th Flower Show Day, and as you have seen by the schedule there are classes for cakes and jams, fruit, flowers and vegetables. We know that those members who usually show, will do so again this year, and to the newcomers and those who don't usually exhibit, whether members or not, we would like to refer to classes 42 to 47. Here you will not be competing with the experts, so have a shot; and if it takes you up till show day to make your mind up we will accept your entries on the morning of the show. Remember, freshness and freedom from blemish are the things to aim for, a reasonable length of stem on flowers, and match up those vegetables so that they are as even in size as possible, and don't forget you can still enter any of the other classes in the schedule.

Now a word about the Gift Stall - see back page of schedule. We shall be pleased to accept anything saleable for this stall, a cake or cakes, a pot of jam, a bunch of flowers, a few pot plants, in fact anything saleable, and if you are unable to bring them along on the Friday evening previous to, or the morning of the show, please contact any member of the Committee who will arrange to collect.

Finally, if you would like to help in any way in the running of the Show by helping to man the Gift Stall, raffle tickets, a spell on the door or to help with the erection of staging on Friday evening, or dismantling after the show, don't be shy - we shall welcome you. It is sometimes said that "the spectator sees most of the game" this may be true, but the participants get the most enjoyment.

A.H.B.

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The bluebells and countryside were at their best when the Over Sixties Club had their ride round Fingest and Christmas Common on May 24th, and everyone came back to tea saying "it was wonderful".

Although the weather could have been warmer for the garden party held by kind invitation of Mrs Bayley at Plum Tree Cottage on June 7th, it at least kept fine and everyone spent a pleasant afternoon admiring the well kept lawns and flower borders.

The Committee would like to thank members for the wonderful cakes, also gifts for the Fete stall which raised the sum of £2 which will be handed to the Fete treasurer. We thank members too for entertaining and helping when some committee members were busy preparing for the village fete on the following day. Mrs Mines in her usual style entertained at the piano, Mrs Munger ably recited, and films of the Birthday Party and Garden Party were shown by Mr. Crane, which would have been lovely if the village hall blackout had been adequate.

A Garden Party will be held at Mr. & Mrs R. Piercy's home, Moseley Lodge Farm, on July 5th, and on July 19th Mr. Christopher Smith will show transparencies of Rhodesia, when we hope the black-out will be improved.

Our transport rota is being curtailed through various reasons. If there are any owner drivers in the vicinity willing to help on alternate Friday afternoons to convey members to and from the hall, offers to Mrs Bayley, Plum Tree Cottage, Main Road, phone Naphill 2239 would be appreciated.

C.B.W.

N A P H I L L A R T E X H I B I T I O N 1968

The Art Exhibition and Coffee Evening held in Naphill Village Hall on Saturday 8th June attracted 150/200 visitors and friends. The group was thanked by Sir Ludwig Guttman and Lady Guttman, as guests for the evening, for the donation made towards the new Stoke Mandeville Paraplegic Sports Stadium. Sir Ludwig explained how the proposed new Stadium would help the patients and how it was to be designed and constructed.

The exhibition of Paintings by the group continued the high standard set in previous years with a freshness of approach and variety of methods which are indicative of the enthusiasm shown by members under the able tutelage of Mr. G. Piggott.

The paintings of K. Stewart, D. Butler and D. Syrett show much talent, and refreshing portraits by D. Riggs, D. Leeson, A. Bull, M. Piercy and company prove 'Corri' to be a favourite model for the group.

The variety of work was delightful with sensitive flower studies by H. Tweedale and G. Barkers, macabre still-life groups of a skull candlelit, several landscapes and a charming historical copy by D. Custance after Monet.

The amount of energy and work which the group produced for this one evening exhibition, was aided by beautiful floral arrangements on the stage and a plentiful array of refreshments which made the evening a great success for Naphill's W.I. Group.

C.B. Francis. Des. R.C.A., (Tutor in
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A SQUIRREL TALE

A lovely Sunday afternoon last summer, my family and I were out walking on Naphill Common with our two dogs. The birds singing, trees in full leaf with boughs overhanging the narrow footpaths, we strolled, taking in the fresh clean air. Trying to walk as quietly as possible so that we could see the little grey squirrels and rabbits that shot across our path every now and again. "So near and yet so far", I had thought to myself so often. How nice it would be to pick one of these dear little creatures up. Little did I know then that this was to be the day - not to be forgotten in a hurry. The dogs, barking excitedly, tails wagging furiously and noses poking into the undergrowth, had found something - yes - a little grey squirrel. Poor little creature was petrified and stood rooted to the spot, while we struggled to get the dogs away. Not knowing whether it was hurt, I bent and placed my hand gently round its back, and as I lifted him from the ground he sunk his sharp little teeth right into my finger ! I replaced that squirrel a lot quicker than I had picked him up, and off he ran, while I, with the rest of my family, wended my way home, nursing a very swollen and painful finger. Nothing drastic happened as a result of the bite, although my husband, jokingly, assured me I should have squirrel fever, and take to eating nuts !! The following week, quite unthinking, I bought myself a packet of salted peanuts !!! I just fancied them. The motto perhaps - look, don't touch.

E.A.Y.

Our correspondent was lucky to get off so lightly. The grey squirrel is well named the Tree Rat.

Ed.

THE FETE

We have now had our third consecutive wet fete day. But in spite of this everyone from the village and many from outside rallied to the course in a marvellous way and the village hall council are most grateful. So far I haven't been given any figures about the money we made, but I will let you know in the next issue of the Gazette.

Colonel and Mrs Lynn really were very impressed by what they saw, particularly the floats and fancy dress, and they asked me to say how much they enjoyed themselves during the afternoon.

There have been simply scores of people who have helped in the preparation of the fete and of course on the day itself, and I think you will agree it is not possible to mention all their names in a journal like this. But I thank them all very sincerely and in particular the Chairman of the Fete Committee, Bill Latham.

In the evening we had a good Bingo session and an excellent dance which was fully sold out. Both of these activities contributed to the finances of the day, and once again I would like to thank the many helpers involved. Finally, the following is a list of the winners of the Fete Draw :-

J. Woodruff

1st	Record Player	- Tim Charnock, Chapel Lane	2386
2nd	Black and Decker Kit	- P. Piercy, Ashfield	1154
3rd	Transistor Radio	- P. Olson, Horsley Green	43
4th	Camera	- Ruth Tilly, 57 Marlow Rd.H.Wycombe	3067
5th	Bathroom Scales	- Mrs. R. Davies, 5 Hamilton Road, High Wycombe	2473
6th	Grocery Prize	- B. Glenister	4334
7th	5 galls petrol	- Patricia Lewis, 162 Parkwood, Walters Ash	3451
8th	Teaset	- J.M. Clift, 166 Parkwood Walters Ash	3486
9th	5 galls petrol	- W. Stallwood, 2 St. Anns Cottages	558
10th	Grocery Prize	- B. Heap, Horsley's Green	21
11th	Garden Chair	- Mrs H. Tweedale	1105
12th	Wine	- Mr. H. Tweedale	1134
13th	Chicken	- B.O. Watkiss, Met. O. Stanmore	232
14th	Bacon (£1)	- Mrs A. Newell, 3 Moseley Cottages	525
15th	Chicken	- Mrs Bean, Plum Tree Cottage	2349
16th	Garden Voucher	- Margaret Shrimpton, Kate Cottage	4898
17th	Garden Voucher	- Mrs Rolfe, "Nigella", Battingswood Gardens	3339

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To fix someones car with a new top hose,
He adjusts their brakes and checks their tyres
Then it's ready and waiting for Mr. Myers.

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<u>1st XI</u>			<u>2nd XI</u>		
July 6th	Marsh Gordons	A	July 6th	Loudwater	H
13th	Lacey Green	H	13th	Winchmore Hill	A
20th	Wheeler End	A	20th	Tylers Green	H
27th	Hazlemere	H	27th	Hazlemere	A

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

Bingo	Every Thursday	8. 00 p.m.
Mens' Club	Every Tues, Fri, Sat	
Over 60's	Friday 2nd, 16th, 30th	2. 30 p.m.
Naphill Evengelical Church	Every Sunday	10 -12 a.m. 3 - 4 p.m.
Welfare	Weds 7th, 21st	6. 15 - 7.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday 9th, 23rd	2 - 4 p.m.
Library	Friday 9th, 23rd	7. 30 p.m.
Private		6. 30 - 8.00 p.m.
Wedding Reception	Sat 17th	All day
Drama	Tuesday 27th	7. 30
W.I. Committee	Thus 29th	2. 30

At the last Council meeting it was reported that the new boiler had arrived and would shortly be installed - an expensive but essential commitment. The new one is bigger than the old and there should be no difficulties with hall heating. The curtains have now been lined, and this completes the renovation of the main room in the hall which started at the end of last year with the installation of the false ceiling. It all looks very attractive.

In the Gazette last month an appeal was made for help to run the Bingo. Even before the Gazette was published, we were able to confirm that Mrs Joan Parslow and Mrs Ann Yeo had agreed to take over ; Mrs Parslow has accordingly been elected a member of the Council.

J.G.W.

FETE FIGURES : Someone once said "Statistics are like bikinis - what they reveal is interesting, but what they conceal is vital". However, I earn my living practising the black art, and the habit of seeing life through numbers is now deeply ingrained. The latest result is the following statistical view of the 1968 Fete.

If all the coins taken in Fete activities were laid end to end down the Main Road, they would stretch from the Mini Market to the Post Office - and we would be most unlikely ever to see them again. 39 children took part in the Fancy Dress Parade - if they had been laid end to end, we really would have had a problem on that stage ! 182 "children" saw the Punch and Judy show in the Scout hut and they each had 437 sq. ins of floor space.

Although $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins of rain fell over the weekend, only 0.2 ins were recorded for the day of the Fete (that in itself is enough to shake one's faith in statistics !). Some 283 cups of tea were drunk, giving a total gallonage slightly more than the amount of rain that fell on the roof of the Village Hall during the Fete. Despite the rain, villagers shot 162 arrows under the supervision of the Whiteleaf Bowmen (no casualties were recorded !).

The Wheel completed $287\frac{1}{2}$ revolutions during the afternoon, and 4, 327 draw tickets were sold - giving a chance of 1 in 255 of a prize (very much higher than that for the Pools or Premium Savings Bonds - I really must buy more tickets next year). Seventy-three and a half cars used the car park (receipts £3/13/6 at 1/- a car !). In the evening 2,342 counters were placed on Bingo cards and 216 feet danced round the hall.

Unfortunately I had no opportunity to record Nell Gwynn's vital statistics, but take it from an expert that they had a statistically significant connection with the fact that she had sold all her oranges half-way through the afternoon.

In the jargon of my trade some of the figures I have quoted would be termed "guesstimates", but there is no doubt about the most important figure of all - the net profit of £190. This is well above profits in the last two wet years. In fact the very good support for what was virtually an indoor Fete has encouraged this year's committee to leave for next year plans for providing more covered space for yet more activities - Let it rain for a fourth year running if it dare !

R.A.L.

A HOLIDAY DIARY IN THE SOUTH ISLAND OF NEW ZEALAND
specially written for the Gazette

Saturday, 24th February. An uneventful journey down through the North Island, covering the 430 miles in $11\frac{1}{2}$ hours with three stops, just about wore us out before we started. We were very glad of a two-day rest in Wellington with Ian and Anne McCue, and of course Duncan, their new baby son.

Sunday and Monday were spent seeing the beaches and other scenery around Wellington. The weather was quite good and we managed to have a swim on Sunday, after collecting a lot of colourful Paua shells. We also collected some Pippies on Monday (a small shellfish similar to mussels) and cooked them for tea.

Tuesday, 27th. In the morning we set out on the ferry in calm sunny weather, for which we were very thankful. The approach to Picton is through the Queen Charlotte Sound; we had heard many glowing reports of this part of the journey but we were a little disappointed with the barren hills surrounding the otherwise attractive blue water.

On disembarkation we set off via Queen Charlotte Drive for Nelson, some 80 miles away on the North Head. Here we saw the real beauty of the Marlborough Sounds, bush clad hills descending into deep, clear blue waters. On reaching Nelson we set up camp on the waterfront. It is a pleasant town, surrounded on the east and south by hills and flat fertile lands to the west. Here market gardens and orchards are in profusion.

Wednesday, 28th. The main beauty of the South Island lies south so we lost no time setting off down the west coast hoping to reach the Franz Joseph Glacier. It is said that to enjoy the South Island scenery one must have fine weather so we were keeping our fingers crossed. However, it was not to be and before we had covered 20 miles we were under heavy clouds. By lunchtime we reached Greymouth, a fair way down the coast, but the weather was worsening. To add to our difficulties several of the many bridges were rail/road bridges. This means a bridge some 70 yards long, just wide enough for one car with the single rail track down the middle! We just had to hope that a train didn't come while we were on the bridge !! The rain became worse as we drove on from Greymouth. All the rivers were now swollen and we were worrying about getting through. Every now and then we came across flooding over the road and it was quite unnerving driving through thick rain forest with not a sign of habitation or another vehicle. On studying the map we found the nearest settlement was Harihari about 15 miles south. We struggled on in worsening weather only to find that all the accommodation was taken due to the fact that a bridge had been carried away 20 miles further on. Eventually a couple in a Motel cabin with a spare bedroom took pity on us and offered us shelter. You can't imagine how relieved we were.

Thursday, 29th. This morning the cloud was clearing from the sea and we could see the previously hidden mountains all around us. The bridge, it appeared, would not be open before mid-afternoon so we had to think of something to do locally. Our cabin mates informed us that back up the line some fifty miles, at Hokitika, was the sole New Zealand Greenstone (Jade) factory, so without further ado we set off back the way we had come !! This proved a good idea as we were able to view the scenery which the previous day we could not appreciate because of mist and heavy rain. The greenstone factory proved very interesting and we were able to purchase some samples quite reasonably.

The broken bridge was reached by 3 p.m. and the sun was now well out although the high alps still held the cloud. The old bridge looked so rickety that it is a wonder it had not gone before! Fortunately the new bridge was nearly complete and a passable track of timber had been laid by the time we arrived. Once over the bridge we took a track out to the coast to see a colony of rare white herons. After passing through several floods we came to the inlet with no sign of herons. Here we ate a belated lunch in pleasant, quiet surroundings. As we set off back to the road we saw them; taking off from behind a headland. They made an impressive sight of black and white, flying gracefully some 300 yards away.

Late afternoon saw us at the Franz Joseph Glacier; what a truly magnificent sight ! White with tints of icy blue, glistening in the last rays of the sun. We did not go close as there was mud and water everywhere, caused by yesterday's floods and slips of rock and mud. By nightfall we could see the peaks by moonlight and were very hopeful for the next day.

Friday, 1st March. A glorious morning! We were on the road at 8 a.m. and drove back for a final view of Franz Joseph and to study the local history. We then went on to the Fox Glacier, 15 miles to the south. The unsealed road had suffered a great deal of damage and was muddy and quite dangerous in places. However, we got through, with a hole in our exhaust pipe to our cost. Fox was a sight to equal Franz Joseph and this time we got right up on the ice, and how much bigger and more treacherous was the ice close up. Before leaving the glaciers we wanted to drive out to Gillespies Beach to see a colony of seals. To our great disappointment the road was closed owing to the floods in the rain forest near the beach. Instead, we took a walk through some beautiful bush country to peaceful Lake Matheson where we had wonderful views of Mounts Tasman and Cook in all their snow-capped glory.

At 2 p.m. we made the decision to go right through the Haast Pass non-stop, 170 miles of unsealed mountainous road through to the southern lakes. Through tropical rain forest down the west coast and then inland up the Haast river to the Gates of Haast and up over the mountains and down through the beech forest to Lake Wanaka and Lake Hawea, where we thankfully found a Motel with vacancies at 7 p.m. Our car never faltered once; a great experience if you don't do it too often. I caught a glimpse of a chamois darting across the road - how I wish I had six weeks to spare, hunting, shooting, trout and salmon fishing for the taking. We were truly sorry to leave Westland National Park behind us.

March 2nd. After the previous day's exertions we were glad of a late start and a leisurely drive down to Wanaka and then on away up north for the first time. Our destination was the Hermitage mountain lodge in Mt. Cook National Park. This end was reached by 3.30 p.m., driving through barren, sun-scorched hills and on dusty metal roads. It was fortunate that we passed so little traffic as each time the dust reduced visibility to almost nil. Eventually we reached Lake Pukaki, 30 miles long and 3 miles wide. Not a ripple to be seen, truly the mirror lake. At the Hermitage we saw some breathtaking views of Mt. Cook and the Tasman Glacier which covers 1,200 acres and in places is approximately 2,000 feet deep. It is the largest ice stream in temperate latitudes outside the Himalayas. In two days we have covered over 300 miles by road and our starting point (Fox Glacier) is now only forty miles to the north west !!

March 3rd. This morning was windy and the weather looked like changing for the worse. Mt. Cook could no longer be seen. However there was some sunshine about so we set off on the tortuous track that led to the Ball Hut and the nearest point to the Tasman Glacier. High in the alpine country lives the Kea, a mountain parrot of dark green plumage with vivid orange under the wings. We were lucky enough to see half a dozen of them, completely unafraid of us. Time was once again against us on our tight schedule so we were back on the road heading north through the barren hills of south Canterbury. Fine views of the alps and superb lakes relieved the monotony. After Fairley, rich pastoral land smothered with fat healthy sheep came into view, so different from the forests and mountains we had left behind.

March 4th. Today we rose with the dawn and drove into Christchurch before the traffic had built up. The hottest day so far, must have been well into the 80's. Christchurch is very English, green and picturesque, full of parks with flowerbeds everywhere, and the river flowing gently through. The cathedral is small by English standards but nevertheless it is a noticeable landmark.

After lunch we decided to drive up the coast to Kaikoura and spend a day relaxing in the sun. We reached Kaikoura by late afternoon and looked forward to another day of glorious sunshine,

March 5th. Not to be disappointed, the sun was high and bright by 7 a.m. and we were on the beach by 9 a.m. A lovely spot this steep, pebbly beach, ideal for a good swim, with a surrounding coral reef. To my delight we found there was a seal colony not a mile away and at low tide we were scrambling over the rocks to get to them. We soon found one sleepy old girl (I think) and we got right up close but did not dare touch her! I wanted a really good picture so I scrambled over the sharp coral and waded through the channels for a quarter of a mile and hoped the tide would not come in! I found quite a colony and went to within 8 feet and quickly took my leave as they are quite brave when altogether.

March 6th. The weather was cooler today and a depression from the south west was forecast. Our immediate objective was Blenheim but the clouds were gathering and rain was imminent, so we pushed on to Picton and caught the boat a day early, having a wonderful crossing in calm sunny weather.

March 7th. A day of indecision! The car was not going well as we set off for Napier, nor were we for that matter. We stopped outside Masterton for lunch with the weather cloudy and the prospects not good. After a chat we decided to turn west instead of east at Woodville and head straight for home. We reached Taihape by evening and there we spent the night (about 240 miles from Auckland).

March 8th. Rain greeted us today and we sped home as fast as we could go. We reached home at 5.30 p.m., having booked the car in for a service the following Monday.

It was an unforgettable holiday and we only wish we had had more time as there was so much more to see.

S & C Piercy

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

Services:

Evensong	August 18th	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	" 25th	9.00 a.m.

Sunday School closed during August and early
September

On Saturday, September 7th, in the Village Hall at Naphill, at 2.30 p.m., we shall hold our Autumn Rummage Sale in aid of church funds. Please give Please come Please buy

As most people know, the Revd. M. Beevor has left the staff of Hughenden Church, having accepted a similar post in Hampshire. Services at the church are continuing as usual, which should dispel any rumour to the contrary.

W.W.

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

Preachers for August:	11 a.m.	6.15 p.m.
August 4th	Mr. D.S. Howard	Mr. R. Warden
11th	Mrs Tyler	Rev. D. Reed
18th	Mr. Leigh	Mr. Harrow
25th	Mr. A. Cooper	Mr. Davies

There will be a coffee morning with a Bring and Buy stall on Wednesday August 7th at 4 Vincents Way, Naphill. This will be in aid of Home Missions.

M.G.B.

Before I leave this area I should like to say how much I have enjoyed my association not only with the Methodist Church but also the Church of England and the village community as a whole. My only regret is that having to share myself between four villages has meant I have not been able to enter as fully into the life of the community as I should have liked. However, my memories of Naphill and the people who live here will be happy ones and I am sure that I shall often think about you when I reach Jamaica. Perhaps I may even be able to send a little sunshine for the next Fete!

Sylvia Darwent

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Sunday Services in the Village Hall :

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

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Garden Party held on July 5th in the garden of Moseley Lodge Farm by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs R. Piercy was well attended and the weather being favourable members were able to admire the garden and enjoy the Bingo and Competitions which had been arranged in the lovely setting.

On July 19th, Dr. Christopher Smith, B.Sc, Ph.D, son of Mr. and Mrs G. Smith of "Waldens", gave a most interesting description of the transparencies which he showed of Rhodesia. By coincidence it was almost 4 years to the day since he came to say goodbye to the club and Dr. Bayley asked him to return some day and tell us all about his visit. This has now been accomplished, and the vote of thanks given by Mrs D. Tooby expressed the appreciation of us all for a delightful afternoon. Thanks to the efforts of Mrs D Smith the black-out is now efficient.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Osborne back after her very long illness and trust her recovery will be long lasting. We have lost two of our older members during the month - Mr. H. Munger and Mrs Lucy Parslow, and we all sympathise with their relatives.

On August 2nd, Mrs Cox will conduct a Tupper Party which we hope will be well attended as this will be somewhat different from our usual meetings.

The coach for Bourton-on-the-Water will leave the hall at 1.30 p.m. promptly on August 16th. Members may either bring their own tea or obtain it from a Cafe, as they desire.

August 30th will be a holiday, and we re-open on September 13th with a Local Art afternoon.

C.B.W.

AN APPRECIATION : The family of the late Mr. Harry Munger would like to thank the neighbours for their kindness's to them over his long period of illness. Thanks also to friends with cars who made it possible for us to be with him almost every day of the last five months while he was in hospital, for gifts from the Chapel and other organisations. Thank you one and all.

Mrs A. Munger
4 Ash Place, Walters Ash

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

This is the month when many crops may be harvested, and sowings made to ensure a supply of vegetables during the coming winter and spring. Shallots, autumn sown onions, and sets, potatoes as soon as the haulm stops growing, this will give you less slug eaten and diseased tubers.

Sow seeds of endive, coleworts, winter spinach, turnips for roots and tops, spring cabbage, winter lettuce and onions for planting out next spring or for pulling as spring onions, and of course radishes for present use. Any losses from earlier plantings of winter greens should be made good.

Hedges of holly, yew, box, beech and hornbeam should be clipped now, also privet and hawthorn. As soon as slack currants have been picked, cut out as much as possible of the old wood that has borne fruit to allow the young stuff to develop which will provide next year's crop. This also applies to raspberries, and also pull

out all weak and unwanted canes that are growing outside the rows.

It will soon be time to think about bulbs and a few that will pay dividends for an early start are snowdrops, winter aconite, chionodoxas, squills, persian cyclamen, autumn crocus, colchicums and belladonna lily. If you are thinking of having a few bowls of bulbs in bloom at Christmas this year, look out for the specially prepared bulbs whether it is tulips, hyacinths, daffodils or narcissi, that will be on sale very soon now, the ordinary bulbs sold for spring flowering are no use for this work.

Have you forgotten those cyclamen corms ? and those azaleas in pots, although we have had a fair amount of rain, a little extra from the water can will do no harm.

A.H.B.

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

Our Show on July 6th although, as usual, showing a financial loss, was in many respects quite a good one. There were some very good exhibits, a steady flow of visitors throughout the period of the show, and the Gift Stall and Auction were well supported. There was, however, one disappointment, the support for the novices classes was very, very, poor, a total of four entries in the six classes provided proves something but we are not quite sure what. If there were no flowers to pick or vegetables to gather on the day, then we are sorry that your gardening efforts have achieved so little, or was it that you hadn't the nerve ? come, come, we are among friends. Of one thing we are quite certain, if only a dozen people either members or not, had brought along a couple of entries each, surely not a high target, the organisers would have been well pleased, but four entries from three people from how many gardens in Naphill and Walters Ash ?

Our next Show on September 14th will have no Novice classes, but we are hoping that with more things available from the garden, a few more will make the effort and show something.

Tickets (free) for visiting the R.H.S. gardens at Wisley are still available, also the following Annuals. The Rose, Sweet Pea, Dahlia, Crysanthemum, Delphinium and Gladioli.

A.H.B.

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

For our July meeting Mrs Smith from the Aylesbury Collage of Further Education, gave a talk on how to make home-made wines. She chose to demonstrate "Tea Wine", but we learnt how to make several others from flowers, fruits, vegetables and cereals. As the wines take up to two years to mature, we were unable to sample that evening's product, but Mrs Smith brought with her several different kinds for us to taste and compare. She reckoned that most types could be made for about 6d a bottle, so obviously this is a very economical way of stocking up the wine cellar.

In pride of place on the table was the silver rose-bowl (full of dark red roses) won by the club for our entry in the float competition at Naphill Fete. Many thanks to the men-folk who helped with our effort. We hold the trophy for a year.

We do hope to have a good attendance at the Annual General Meeting on September 9th when new members will be elected on to the committee. There will also be a film show by Princes Risborough Photographic Society, and to tie up with this theme our competition will be "Your funniest holiday snap".

J.L.

N A P H I L L W.I.

Naphill were fortunate to have a fine day for their Surprise Meeting in July. Thirtyone members enjoyed a coach trip through the Buckinghamshire lanes to Runnymede. They visited the Commonwealth Air Forces Memorial which stands on Cooper's Hill and from it can be seen a superb view spreading out over seven counties. They also visited the John F. Kennedy Memorial nearby.

Tea was taken down to the river bank where everyone was able to enjoy a quiet half-hour in the sunshine before returning home.

The W.I. stall at Naphill Fete raised £24 and a Whist Drive at Mrs Clarke's home made £1. 3. 6d.

R.M.C.

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

Philip and Sue Lacey are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Ann, on July 23rd.

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Naphill Evangelical Church	Every Sunday	10 - 12 3 - 4 6.15 - 7.30
Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
Mens' Club	Every Tues, Fri., Sat	8.00 p.m.
Welfare	Wed. 4th, 18th	2 - 4 p.m.
Village Hall Council	Wed. 4th	8.00 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
W.I.	Thursday 5th	2.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	Friday 6th, 20th	7.30 p.m.
Library	Friday, 6th, 20th	6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
Naphill Church Rummage Sale	Saturday 7th	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	Monday 9th	7.30 p.m.
Play Group	Every Tues, Wed., Thurs (Half Term 29th, 30th, 31st October)	9.15 - 12.15
Naphill Evangelical Church Meeting	Wednesday 11th	7.30 - 9.00 p.m.
Over 60's	Friday, 13th, 27th	2.30 p.m.
Horticultural Show Preparation	Friday 13th	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Horticultural Show	Saturday 14th	2.30 p.m.
R.S.P.C.A. Rummage Sale	Saturday 21st	2.30 p.m.
W.I. Committee	Thursday, 26th	2.30 p.m.
Art	Every Thursday (Commencing 26th)	7.30 p.m. (B.R.)
Scout & Guide Rummage Sale	Saturday 28th	2.30 p.m.
Village Hall Council Autumn Dance	Saturday 28th	8 - Midnight
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday (commencing 18th)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Dancing Classes	Tues. 17th, 24th	3 - 6.15 p.m.

It may be remembered that at the Annual General Meeting this year it was decided to plan the future capital expenditure items for the Village Hall and Playing Fields. Each club or activity associated with the Council has now submitted its ideas on its' own planning requirements, to which have been added some ideas of the Council itself. All these have been collated to enable the Council to make decisions in a logical manner and to apply for grants from the Ministry of Social Services and the National Playing Fields Association. A sub-committee will now be examining the various suggestions and it will eventually report to the full Council for discussion, debate and decision.

Suggested items include:- Improving the car park, repairing the roof, providing a tarmac path from the car park along the side of the Scout & Guide hut, possibly additional tennis court, false ceiling in Mens' Club room, replanning lavatory and cloak room accommodation, extra storage space and extending the size of the hall.

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As the first Monday in September is August Bank Holiday, the next Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 4th of September.

A N N U A L A U T U M N D A N C E 28th S E P T E M B E R

The Council's next dance starts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 28th of September in the Village Hall. The previous three dances have all proved extremely popular and it is suggested you get your tickets as soon as possible. As usual tickets cost 7/6 and can be obtained from:-

Pat Syrett, The Finches, Christopher Close

Bill Latham, Bowland House, Main Road

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N A P H I L L F R I E N D S ' C L U B

Some time ago it was decided to form a Naphill Friends' Club, an association of residents from Naphill and Walters Ash, who would agree to donate £5 annually to the funds of the Village Hall Council.

For this subscription, membership of the club would be granted and this in turn would entitle the member to participate in various social activities organized from time to time. Each member would also be eligible for a quarterly Lucky Draw, details of which would be circulated

Because of administration difficulties, membership will be limited to 100 persons and the membership subscription will be payable in full.

Up to 60% of the proceeds will go to the upkeep of the Village Hall and Playing Fields and the balance will be for the benefit of club members.

Membership cards will be available during September from:-

Mr. R. Pushman, 'Umtata', Naphill Common, Naphill.

Mr. D. Tooby, 'Abbotsbury', Main Road, Naphill.

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

We welcome our new Deaconess Sister Margaret Smith who will be conducting Service on Sunday morning, September 1st.

Preachers for September

11 a.m.

6:15 p.m.

Sept. 1st Sister Margaret Smith

" 8th Mr. H. Lord.

" 15th Mr. K. Peatey

" 22nd Mr. H. Lord.

" 29th Harvest Festival Services

Mr. W. O. Haines.

Children's Gift Service at 2.45 p.m.

Mr. F. Slade.

Mr. M. Brittin

Sister Margaret Smith
(Holy Communion)

Mrs. Jarvis

Rev. R. L. Kaye.

On Monday September 30th A Harvest Supper and Sale of Gifts
at 7.15 p.m.

M. G. B.

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

Services.

Evensong	September 15th	3.30 p.m.
Holy Communion	September 22nd	9.0 a.m.

Sunday School will re-open on September 8th at 2.30 p.m.

The holidays are nearly over, so we hope to see all our Sunday School children once again on the 8th of September at the church on the corner of Louches Lane and Main Road.

The teaching is based on the faith and practice of the Church of England and the children will find plenty of variety in the lessons. It only lasts about forty minutes, just long enough for children to maintain their interest without getting bored.

W.W.

R U M M A G E S A L E

Saturday 7th September	2.30 p.m.	Naphill Village Hall
PLEASE GIVE	PLEASE COME	PLEASE BUY

Rummage can be collected by 'phoning Mrs. Wood, Naphill 3163; Mrs. Simmonds, Naphill 2274 or calling at Mrs. E. Parslow, 1 Blenheim Cottage, Main Road, Naphill.

EDITORS' CORNER

Wilfred Smith was born at Downley and roamed as a boy on Naphill Common about the year 1890. He married Eva Brown of Naphill and lived here for many years. To me, he is but a shadowy figure, though I remember an interview with Mrs. Smith whereat it was alleged I had been pulling the pigtails of their daughter Monica. He was always a keen naturalist and when he retired to live in Hampshire, he became warden of the Stanpit Marshes. During this period he read in a Nature Magazine of a special study being undertaken on Naphill Common. This filled him with such a flood of memories that he sat down and wrote the following letter to the South Bucks branch of their journal, which I have permission to reprint. More about Wilfred next month.

"Naphill Common" By. W.G. Smith - published September 1948

What a thrill I got reading of the new Special Study area of Naphill Common and what a flood of memories it brings back! Somehow my life has been bound up with the old common ever since I could crawl. My earliest recollection is of trying to climb a grass mountain which, I found later, was just a low grass bank. How we revelled in the hot summer sunshine in those early days; in the smell of bedstraw, the heady wind-borne scent of fields of charlock. We chased & prisoned the bumblebee in beds of dwarf-thistle-down; watched the hordes of honey bees at heather, marvelled at the pure, fragile beauty of harebells - I marvel still.

As legs grew stronger expeditions went further afield; always the same restless urge for closer contact with nature, for the myriad sights and scents and sounds which make up the "country".

Parts of the common are much changed since then. What are now oak glades were then vast areas of gorse, golden in the early spring sunshine, resounding with the miniature explosions of bursting seed-pods in the hot summer sun. Some parts were covered with natural

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"Naphill Common" continued....

juniper forests; many so closely growing that it was difficult to force a way through them; many, beautifully symmetrical columns of verdure 15 or 20 feet high. Alas! both gorse and junipers were the natural prey of the fire-raising vandal and have almost disappeared.

One small triangular area quite close to the study area was famous for its' spotted orchis; another for the lesser butterfly orchis we always found there. This is, I think, the most deliciously fragrant of our native orchis; I remember that the correct time to find it was when the bracken was boys' shin high and the knuckles just beginning to expand. This same area was much favoured by the nightjar; nothing can efface the joy of discovering its' two white-mottled eggs.

The study area has changed little I think, except that the hedge has felt the hedgers' hook. Here, near the great beach, masses of sloe and bullace billowed from the hedge on to the grass sward. Near the ~~hill~~ ^{hedge}, in the hedge grew tall old yew trees in one of which we would be sure to find, by climbing a robin's nest in the fork - I wonder do they nest there still? Near the northern end of the area grew (and, I believe still grows) our special nut tree, an ancient specimen even in those days, which always yields full pockets; and near here also grows a young oak which bears the largest acorns I have ever seen. Another spot always visited is the ferny ditch under Gt. Cookshall Wood with its' deep dell and huge over-hanging beech.

One of our special treats was to picnic at a spot higher up the common where an old grass-grown ditch made a convenient camping place. Little did we think that on that very spot pre-historic man had lived. Subsequent investigation proves that the old ditch is part of the Grims' Ditch system and at this spot formed a triangular camp - a shape I believe to be unique in ancient earth works. It is easy to trace the camp and find what I take to be the camp dewpond. Parts of the camp are now heavily overgrown. The ditch petered out northward to re-appear in Bradenham Wood, Park Farm Bottom and Lacey Green. Southwards it probably went away to West Wycombe Hill, where a sloping hollow road still runs down the southern side. Northward, along the wooded ridge ~~of~~ ^{of} the same hill, is a well defined section of the ditch complete with dewponds or rather, waterholes. The triangular camp on the common is still used by scouts and other enthusiasts for camping; surely a record case of continuity of tenure. Two sweet cherry trees grow in the camp which suggests permanent occupation in the not-so-distant past. Further up the common at a spot called locally Bradenham Hill are what are known as the 'Rings' - low, circular, grass-grown ditches, the interiors planted with a variety of parkland trees. I have never been able to decide whether these earthworks are pre-historic or a comparatively recent work of some landscape gardener with an eye for effect. This much is sure:- the trees are an estate planting of the last 120 years or so. Tradition says that a cottage once stood in the small meadow adjoining; there is a small orchard of fruit trees growing on the common at this spot. Note that one 'ring' is incomplete where it backs on to the meadow ditch; which seems to argue that the meadow was there first; or of course, the ring may have been levelled when the meadow was made.

Further down the slope toward Bradenham are some fine beehives well worth seeing

Adjoining the little meadow is a pond - Willow Pond, quite close to which grows an oak with a magnificent spread. On the opposite side of the narrow part of the common is an enclosure where within my memory stood a cottage long since pulled down. The sweet bay tree stands in what was once the garden, where a board now offers English & Irish

"Naphill Common" continued.....

camping; we could never decide what the Irish brand signifies unless sleeping with the pigs; yet, believe me, there are many worse beds than dried bracken, which is what the pigs enjoy.

Other recollections concern a mallard which nested in the fork of a tree at 'Lady Horse Pond' the finding of the spider orchis at two widely divergent spots; the digging of edible earthnuts which grow so plentifully all about the common (this valuable information was handed down from youthful generation to generation); Daisy Pond - unrivalled for frog spawn; Mannins' Pond which never dries up in the hottest summers, loved for its great overhanging beech with its feet in the water and the huge yellow-bellied newts we caught there with a worm on a bent pin; the great grey shrike which nested in hawthorns at Downley and impaled his lunch on the thorns. We did not at that time appreciate the significance of this last event.

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

Our Tupper Party was well attended - prizes and 17/6 went to the Club Funds. Rain spoilt the drive to Bourton-on-the Water, but we meet and enjoy ourselves whatever the weather. Mrs. White and Mrs. Gibson missed the ride; both on the sick list. Our next meeting is on the 13th of September:- "Local Art" Mr. Peddle on Basket Work and Mrs. Bull on Painting.

M.R.

N A P H I L L W I.

Members were able to show their skill in Handicrafts, Cookery and Flower Arranging at a Produce and Handicraft Exhibition on the 1st of August.

There were a good number of entries in the Cookery Section and the trophy for the most points awarded in this section went to Mrs. K. Pearson.

In the Handicraft Section the trophy was won by Mrs. Boothroyd.

There was a blaze of colour in the Floral Displays and exhibits ranged from miniatures only 2½" overall to front facing arrangements in vases, also pot plants and victorian posies. The trophy was shared by Mrs. Gilson and Mrs. M. Piercy.

There were classes for under 11 year-olds and 11 - 16 year olds. In the small cake making and wild flower arranging they really excelled.

The judges gave some useful criticisms and hints about all the entries, which will, no doubt, prove useful for future exhibitions. At the meeting on September 5th, a talk illustrated with coloured slides will be given by Mr. Rawlings on "Large Gardens of Distinction and small ones of Beauty". Tea hostesses for this meeting are Mrs. Brill, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. L. Hussey.

T H E T I D E S

By Susan Rolfe, age nearly 9

On a late afternoon
In the grip of the moon
The sea washes fishes up to the shore
Where they sliggle their hardest more and more
Some are big
And some are small
Some will wriggle
And some will crawl
But some cannot escape at all.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Saturday, September 14th is the date of our next Show and although, as we have said many times before, it is not a condition of membership that you must, or even should exhibit at these Shows, how nice it would be if you did.

After all, it isn't too difficult to find one nice rose or a good spike of Gladioli, three beet or a couple of marrows, and what about that nice pot plant you have been telling your friends about?

Alright, you have nothing in your garden - your admission - we hope that your continuing membership of the Society will in due course improve this state of affairs.

You haven't got a good garden, but you cannot say out loud you haven't got a good wife who never makes a pot of jam or bakes a decent cake, so over to you Madam....

Although you might agree that he is a poor gardener, nothing like the chap next door, why not have a shot at floral art, you can beg a few flowers from next door for this or even as a last resort, and to his eternal shame, buy some for these classes.

Still no? Then persuade the kiddies to have a go at the garden on a plate.

Finally, if you have a friend who is a good gardener persuade him to come along, anyone can exhibit at these Shows.

Failing all else don't forget the Gift Stall and the Auction of Flowers at 5.30 p.m. See you?

A.H.B.

"Congratulations to A.H.B. (Arthur Busby) who has been elected an Honorary Life Member of the High Wycombe & District Show Association."
Ed.

GARDEN NOTES

I suppose most of us feel like raising merry heck with the weather rather than to "Raise the song of Harvest Home", but with the shortening days and yellowing leaves among some of the garden crops we are reminded that it is time to prepare for winter and to think about next spring "ere the winter storms begin....."

Potatoes and onions should now be lifted and stored and, unless you prefer to leave carrots, beet and turnip in the ground and take what is left after slugs and weather damage has taken its' share, then some of these roots should be lifted and stored in boxes of moist peat, sand or even dryish earth.

Of course, the best way of storing onions and shallots is to rope them and hang them up in a cool airy shed. If you are unable to master this work of art, then make a hammock of some small mesh netting in the garage roof and spread them out on this.

Then, of course, there are runner beans to be salted down and later on, those green tomatoes to be placed in boxes between sheets of newspaper to ripen later on. Funny how we blame the lack of sunshine for the non-ripening of tomatoes and then at the end of the season we place them in the dark to ripen!

However, after all this, there is much to delight us in the garden during September - runner beans and winter green stuff looking well, roses in their second flush, chrysanthemums and dahlias in full bloom, and many other autumn flowers such as rudbeckias, helianthus and gladioli still giving a grand show.

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Garden Notes continued.....

So with the prospect of some reasonable weather during the next few weeks why not clear up those potato haulms the cabbage stumps and pea sticks, pick off the dead flower heads and pull up any summer bedding plants that have finished flowering and like the soap advertisements we can add brightness if not whiteness to the garden for many weeks yet.

A.H.B.

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

The Editor,

While admiring the very attractive seat erected outside the Village Hall to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Eric Bayley, I was amazed to see that within 24 hours of it being placed in position, the name 'JOHN' had been crudely carved in the seat.

Although this sort of desecration would not have bothered Dr. Bayley, I am sure the donors of the seat will be very concerned.

Perhaps the parents of 'JOHN' will read this and take the appropriate action.

Yours sincerely,
'ANGLICAN'

R.S.P.C.A.

Once again we are holding our Annual Rummage Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday, September the 21st. May I appeal to all animal lovers to support this worthy cause.

I will gladly arrange to collect anything however small or large, we can sell, to make the sale a success.

We endeavour to make this Rummage Sale an outstanding event, with good quality clothes etc., and promise every customer a bargain.

Make a note of the date - Saturday, 21st September at 2.30 p.m.

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T E N N I S C L U B

A.G.M. Please note this will be held in the Village Hall Committee Rooms on Tuesday, September 17th at 8. p.m. - come along and 'air your views.'

Dates to keep in mind.

Rummage Sale - November 9th

Annual Buffet/Dance will again be held at the Crown, Pishill, on Friday, November 1st. Tickets 30/- Apply early for tickets, obtainable from any committee member.

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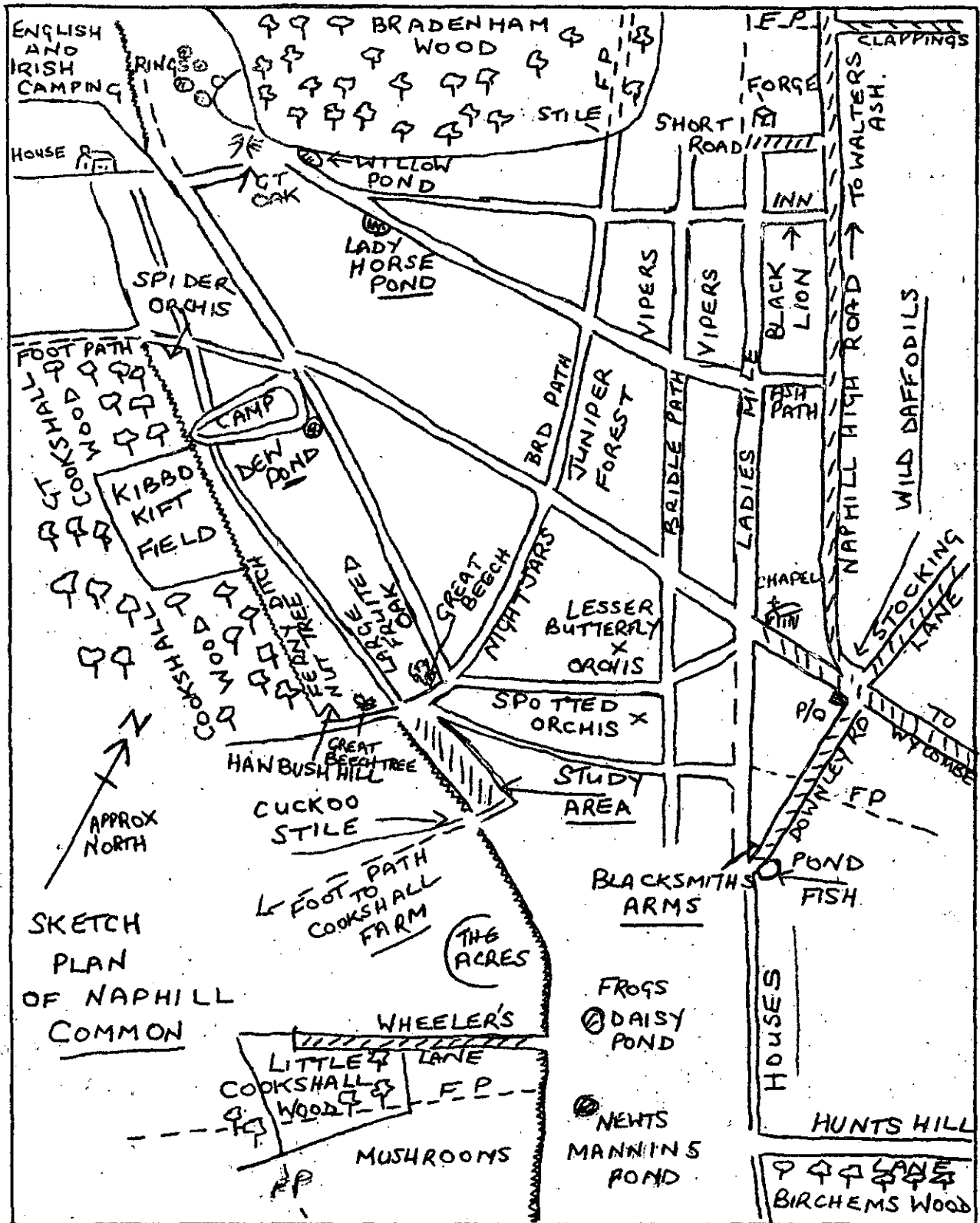
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O C T O B E R At The Village Hall

Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
Mens' Club	Every Tues., Fri., Sat.	8.00 p.m.
Play Group	Every Tues; Wed., Thurs. (Half Term 29th, 30th, 31st)	9.15 - 12 15
Welfare	Wed., 2nd, 16th	2.30 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
W.I.	Thursday 3rd	2.30 p.m.
Art	Every Thursday	7.30 - 9.30
Whist Drive	Friday 4th, 18th	7.30 p.m.
Library	Friday 4th, 18th	6.30 - 8.00
W.I. Rummage	Saturday, 5th	2.30 p.m.
Naphill Evangelical Church	Every Sunday	10 - 12 3 - 4 6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
Village Hall Council	Monday, 7th	8.00 p.m.
W.I.	Wednesday 9th	2.00 - 5 p.m.
Over 60's	Friday 11th, 25th	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	Monday 14th	7.30 p.m.
Good Companions Dance	Saturday, 19th	7.30 p.m.
W.I. Whist Drive	Friday 25th	7.30 p.m.
Methodist Bazaar	Saturday 26th	3.00 p.m.
W.I.	Thursday 31st	2.30 p.m.
Dancing Classes	Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd	3 - 6.15 p.m.

Some months ago it was mentioned that Mr. Rose, the Council's Hon. Secretary for many years, was not well and that he had asked if someone else temporarily, could take over the work of secretary. This has been arranged. Unfortunately Mr. Rose has now told the Council that he feels he may be unable to take up the job again and has suggested that a new secretary be found. He also very kindly offered to help as much as necessary during the early days of the new secretary's period of office. The Council expressed its sincere thanks for all the work Mr. Rose had done for the Council and the village, and expressed its regret that he felt this way. The Council hoped that Mr. Rose would be able to continue to come to council meetings in the future.

The question of a new secretary, of course, raises a problem. There would be considerable advantages if the secretary were able to devote daytime hours to the work as opposed to having to rely on scurrying around during the evenings and at weekends; but any offers or suggestions for a new Hon. Secretary would be most welcome. If there is anyone who is willing to take on this job, the Council would be most grateful if he, or she, would contact the Chairman, J.G. Woodruff, Heatherlands, Naphill Common (Naphill 3396).

L I G H T S ON THE C H R I S T M A S T R E E

The Editor of this journal wrote rather a strong letter, in January about how much he deplored that there were no lights on the Christmas Tree last year. At the A.G.M. of the Village Hall Council in March, several suggestions were made about how money should be raised. But the one aspect that was not considered, was the possibility of not being able to get anyone to put up the lights.

Lights on the Christmas Tree Continued....

The Council has written to W. Thatcher in Desborough Road, from whom there has been no reply at all, and also to Electrical Installations who say they cannot do the job. The Chairman of the Village Hall Council would welcome ideas, particularly from all those who were so vociferous in this condemnation at the A.G.M. The Chairman, therefore invites all those who feel strongly, to come to a short meeting at 7.45 p.m. at the Village Hall - just before the next Council Meeting on October 6th to put forward their suggestions. Perhaps in the meantime they could make some enquiries of people or firms who might be willing to do the job for us.

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

11a.m.

6.15 p.m.

October 6th

Family Service
(Sister Margaret Smith)

Mr.P.D. Steare

October 13th

Mr. D. Gregory

Mr. D. Vinton

October 20th

Mr. G.F. Young

Sister Margaret Smith

October 27th

Mr. E. Barnet

Dr. D.C. Blackley B.Sc.

On a recent sponsored walk organized by Methodist Youth in aid of "Shelter" - three Naphill walkers raised the splendid sum of £32 10s., as a result of their efforts alone. We congratulate Miss Shirley Smith on completing the course of 33 miles and David Taylor and Carole Creswell who very nearly reached that distance.

On Saturday, September 14th, our Church schoolroom was used as a checkpoint and refreshment stop by a party of Young People from Wembley Park Methodist Church who were walking for 50 miles, from Wembley to Thame to raise money for Mentally Handicapped Funds.

MGB

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Services

Sunday, 20th October

Harvest Evensong

3.30 p.m.

Sunday, 27th October

Holy Communion

9.0 a.m.

The Harvest Service usually attracts larger congregations than usual and we hope this year will be no exception. We are appealing for gifts of fruit and particularly tinned goods which we shall distribute within the village as is our custom.

We are pleased to announce a profit of £60 from our recent Rummage Sale and extend a word of thanks to all those who supported this effort.

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NAPHILL CHURCH continued...

One purchaser of raffle tickets asked for her prize - if by chance her ticket was drawn - to be given to an elderly person in the village. As things turned out, one of the tickets did actually draw a prize, so we were able to take a nice dish of grapes and pears to an elderly housebound lady living in Louches Lane.

W.W.

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

Our cover this month, drawn by Wilfred Smith, is printed by permission of "British Empire Naturalists, South Bucks Branch". If any readers would like to join, I can put them in touch. The map shows Naphill Common as it was from time immemorial down to about 1930. It was then that the ecology underwent a complete change, when the last farmer (probably Arthur Nichols) employed the last boy (probably Ken Bristowe) to mind a herd of cows on the common. At that point the trees took over. The end of Wilfred's unique Juniper forest was only hastened by the fire vandals he mentioned last month. It was doomed anyway, as were the heather patches where adders sunned themselves. I suppose this map will bring back a different memory to many people. When he mentioned the larder of the Red Backed Shrike in tall hawthorns near Downley, I at once, remembered getting a Butcher Bird's egg from the same spot, 30 or 40 years later. My neighbour Fred Smith had forgotten all about the Kibbo Kifts, but his eyes lighted up at the memory of wild Duck's eggs around Lady Horse Pond. And what of these K.K.'s? I remember them in their green shirts camping on the common in summers long ago, but I am indebted to Geoff Smith of Waldens (these Smiths are not related) for the following information. They were associated with the Social Credit Party which afterwards, came briefly to power in Alberta, Canada. Geoff remembers a meeting on Frogmore in the 20's addressed by a Greenshirt, when young Bob (now Alderman) Darby asked "Do you intend to overthrow the Government by constitutional means only?". Bob Darby persisted with his question, but there was no satisfactory answer, which was probably one good reason why the Kibbo Kifts have faded into limbo.

N A P H I L L & W A L T E R S A S H D A R B Y & J O A N

Our meeting on September 16th enjoyed watching Mrs. Ann Bull and Mrs. Piercy arranging Flowers; Local Art shown in the background made a happy afternoon. Friday October 11th is our first evening meeting at 6 p.m; Mr. Mead and choir will entertain us at 7 p.m.. We invite anyone who cares to join us at 6.30 p.m. for this Open Meeting. Transport would help to take Elderly folk home - 8 p.m.

R.R.

MR. & MRS. J. LAWRENCE wish to thank everyone who helped them raise funds for their Barbecue in aid of Oxfam. We made £42 2s. so hope a few of the many needy somewhere in our world will find a little comfort from the combined efforts of Naphill people.

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

Last month we appealed to you to support our Show on September 14th and offered suggestions on the various ways you could help. One of these was that you persuade the kiddies to have a go at the Garden on a Plate.

'Phew! you, or somebody did and what a response - it gave the Committee one of its' biggest headaches in years to sort out that lot. The 63 entries broke all records at any of our Shows for the number of entries in any one class and probably a record for any Show in Bucks for "A Garden on a Plate" For good measure, they also staged some jolly fine exhibits in the Flower Arrangement and the Vegetable Character Classes. Well Done Children.

For the rest of the Show, well you saw for yourselves, those fine Chrysanthemums, Dahlias and Gladioli; the Vegetables, Cakes and Jams. Although, as usual, there will be a financial loss on the event, we were well pleased with the days' results.

We thank all those who came along on such a wet day in such good numbers to support our efforts.

Again, we are very grateful to all those who, in spite of the many calls on their generosity they receive from the various Village organisations, gave such splendid support to the Gift Stall- either by bringing, or buying. This stall has been the means of greatly reducing our losses on our Shows in recent years and we should like to say a special Thank You fo Mrs. Darvill and Ken Hussey who have so successfully organised and run this stall for our 1968 Show. They in turn, would like to thank those many people who so kindly supplied the Gifts.

Will all members please take the following item as urgent!

Orders are now being taken for "Chasmor" and the sooner we get enough for the minimum two tons, delivery can be arranged (November we hope). We also have arranged for the bulk purchase of the following:-

Eclipse Sedge Peat 15/- per bag	As last season
Shamrock Irish Moss Peat	
Mini Bales	15/-
Poly Bales	22/6
Levington Compost either seed or potting	
Giant size	28/-
National Growmore per cwt	25/-
"Chasmor" per cwt	10/6

We understand that all Peat prices will be increased by 7½% in January, so stock up now.

A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

Yes, I agree with you the weather this so-called summer has not been very encouraging to our gardening efforts and the forecasts are still rather gloomy.

However, the weather men do say that the weather we have experienced in South East England this summer only happens about once in thirty years, so with this hope for next Spring, we should not delay any longer in preparing for next years' first display of colour.. I have always tried to avoid saying too much about what you should grow in your gardens because that should be a personal choice, but, although, many of you seem to make a good job of planting out your summer bedding - tall at the back, short at the front - the blending of colours or even bold beds of one colour only, when it comes to Spring bedding so many of you as one local worthy puts it "plonk in a couple of dozen daffodils and dab out a few wallflowers and leave it at that".

Even if you only use wallflowers, forget-me-nots, daffodils, tulips or sweet williams, these can be had in various heights from a few inches to a couple of feet, and again, if the beds are exposed to winds, it is better to plant these shorter varieties than the taller ones.

Again, there are a number of smaller growing bulbs that could take the place of say, the lobelia or allysum you use in the summer border.

It is often recommended to plant bulbs in the lawn but in small gardens with only a small lawn this practice is not very worth while because it will be late June or early July before you can mow the lawn without cutting off the foliage of the bulbs and of course, if you do this before they have died down the bulbs will suffer.

However, there are plenty of odd corners where a few bulbs could be planted to grow in a semi wild state and give a nice splash of colour in the spring, such as underneath a hedge or perhaps under a flowering shrub, particularly those kinds that loose their leaves in the winter.

I know quite a few of you are growing an odd azalea in a pot that has been outdoors during the summer, these should now be brought under cover and given a liquid fertiliser, say every week or so to help build up those buds.

A.H.B.

G A Z E T T E C O L L E C T I O N

Some time during October, a collector will be calling for your yearly payment. We only ask you to give what you think it is worth, so if you give 6d., we shall know what you think of us. Rising costs mean that the 12 copies per year have cost nearly 5/-.

Ed.

N A P H I L L W. I.

The beauty of the English garden was brought to Naphill W.I. on colour slides at their September meeting. Mr. Rawlings illustrated his talk with pictures of both natural and man-made gardens. These ranged from the glory of the golden daffodils in Spring at the Valley Gardens in Windsor to the riot of colour that Autumn brings to Sheffield Park in Sussex, and from the flower beds surrounded by neat box hedges at Hampton Court to the sunken garden at Kensington Palace. A peep was also taken at the roof garden at Derry & Toms in Kensington.

After the singing of Jerusalem, members stood in silence for one minute in memory of one of the Institutes' newest members, Mrs. Clarke who died on September 1st. Produce from the Harvest Festival was auctioned and £5 15s. was raised.

Members were asked to fill in nomination papers for next years' committee and also to make a note of the Rummage Sale on October 5th and the Whist Drive on 25th October. The Group Meeting will be held at Naphill on October 9th and the speaker will be Miss Julia Cairns.

Next month's meeting will be the Birthday Party on October 3rd and entertainment will be given by Miss Picaver.

B.M.C.

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

At our first meeting since the summer break, we were entertained by members of the Princes Risborough Photographic Society who showed us a splendid selection of short films.

The programme opened with a film about insects of all kinds magnified to screen size. This really emphasized what intricate shapes and colourings the commonplace creatures around us possess, things like caterpillars, ants and bees.

The next film featured a delightful toddler who captivated our hearts from the start as he went about his chores helping "Grampy" feed the hens and later fishing. We thoroughly enjoyed the varied programme which finished with a most interesting record of Princes Risborough Carnival showing the spectacular and the human side alike.

After a break for coffee we got down to business and held the Annual General Meeting when the new Committee was elected.

On October 14th there will be a talk on the work of the Cheshire Homes by A.R. Beishon, Esq., new members are very welcome to join us on this occasion.

J.L.

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

Please Mr. Editor, put a stop to these anonymous letters that have started appearing in the Naphill Gazette, this is not the National Press, but friendly Naphill's Own. In my youth you always said "If you can't put your name to it, don't write it."

I'll guarantee the anonymous Anglican didn't moan or complain when the office block was built near St. Pauls, thus hiding one of the views of Wren's magnificent masterpiece, but then the Ecclesiastical Society had a large interest in the development company, or did they object when the Glebe Land was going to be built on; but they were right in saying that Doctor Bayley would not have bothered - about the name-carving.

You will have to remember "Anglican" that 'boys will be boys' even in this day, and for all you know, there may be another famous woodcarver in the offing

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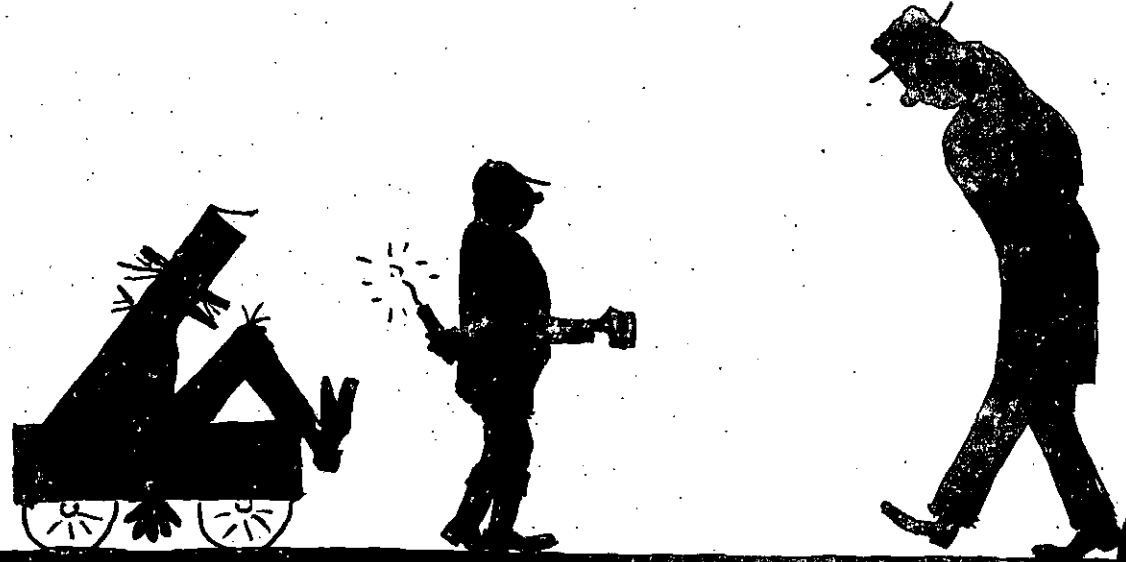
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Whist Drive	1st, 15th, 29th	7.30
Mens' Club	Tues, Fri, Sat weekly	8.00
Library	1st, 15th, 29th	6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
Naphill Evangelical Church	Every Sunday	10 - 12 3 - 4 6.15 - 7.30 p.m.
Village Hall Council	4th	8.00 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday	8.00 p.m.
Play Group	Tues, Wed., Thurs each week	9.15 - 12.15
Dancing Classes	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	3 - 6.15 p.m.
Welfare	6th, 20th	2.00 p.m.
Dressmaking	Wednesday mornings	9.30 - 11.30
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
W.I.	7th	2.30 p.m.
Art	Every Thursday	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	8th, 22nd	2.30 p.m.
Tennis Club Rummage	9th	2.30 p.m.
Remembrance Service	10th	3.00 p.m.
Young Neighbors	11th	7.30 p.m.
Scout & Guide Autumn Fair	16th	2.30 p.m.
Drama	20th, 27th	7.30 p.m.
W.I. Committee	28th	2.30 p.m.
Village Hall Council Christmas Bazaar	30th	2.30 p.m.

So far no one has offered his or her services as the new Hon. Secretary for the Council. All Council members are asking friends and neighbours if anyone is willing to take on this task. They are also asking at meetings of clubs and societies associated with the Village Hall. The Chairman of the Council would be very happy to hear from anyone who would like to do the job (Naphill 3396); it is essential that we get someone soon.

At the last meeting, arrangements for putting up Christmas Tree lights were made; many thanks to all those who turned out on the 7th of October to help plan it all.

The Armistice Day Service this year in the Village Hall will be held at 3 p.m. on the 10th of November and the Rev. Dickins will be taking the service. Once again we have been fortunate enough to get an R.A.F. contingent which will be led this year by Wing Commander Staines.

The next Village Hall Dance will be held on the 14th of December (the day we are putting up the Christmas Tree lights) and we hope everyone who wants to come will put it down in their diaries, and get tickets, which are now available, from Council Members.

J.G.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 November

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

November 3rd	Chapel Anniversary Services	
" 10th	Mr. Donahue	Mrs. Cooper
" 17th	Mrs. Pike	Mrs. Godwin
" 24th	Mr. Springell	Sister Margaret Smith (Holy Communion)
	Mr. G. Ives	Mr. P. Todd

We extend best wishes for their success and happiness in the future to Miss Carol Creswell, Miss Julie Suthers and Miss Jeanette Heron who have already got to College and to Miss Margaret McKellar who is now serving in the W.R.E.N.S. We miss them in our Church and Sunday School where they have done valuable work.

We regret the passing of Mr. Wilfred Percy who had been a Senior member, Local Preacher, Trustee and friend to all. A short memorial service was held on Sunday, October 15th to pay tribute to him and his devoted work for the church.

M.G.B.

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

The Editor,
Naphill Gazette, Naphill

Dear Sir,

We must protest at one of your articles in issue No. 207.

In the item about Christmas tree lights you stated that we said we cannot do the job this year; this is completely untrue.

We have never refused to carry out this work; last year we were not asked to do it; this year we were invited to quote for it but had to decline. A copy of our letter to the N.V.H. Council is enclosed herewith for your information.

We trust you will put the matter right in your next issue.

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It appears the Village Hall Secretary in his notes did not appreciate the difference between "cannot do the job" and "decline to quote."
Ed.

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VILLAGE HALL BAZAAR

This year's Naphill Village Hall Bazaar will take place on the 30th of November and will be opened at 2.30 p.m. by Wing Commander Randall.

As usual, for the children there will be a visit from Father Christmas, who will distribute presents for all age groups. There will also be a magician and conjurer as well as an inter-schools competition for the creator of the best Christmas card.

Stalls have already been organized to sell soft toys, handicrafts, potted plants and preserves, cakes etc. As usual, the bottle stall competition will be there for you to try your luck.

For the Dads, a Do-it-Yourself stall will be selling at give-away prices, Formica, plywood, plastic shelves and table tops.

Don't forget to have a go at the Naphill Grand Prix Motor Race. The winner gets a James Bond racing car hat - all for 6d.

Teas, of course, will be available and also, this year, freshly prepared hot-dogs.

Finally, don't forget the Draw. Tickets are now available from all Council and Committee members - the prizes include a hamper of goodies, a turkey and of course, bottles of liquid refreshment.

See you all, we hope, at 2.30 p.m. November 30th in the Village Hall.

B.H.

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

Sunday 17th November	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
Sunday 24th November	Holy Communion	9.0 a.m.

The meeting held on October 11th, to hear Haghenden Parochial Church Council discuss the future of the church buildings in Naphill, was attended by fifty people including members of the general public.

It was gratifying to hear so much well informed comments and pertinent questions from members of the public, for it proved once again that Naphill is a vigorous community.

We heard of various legal complications in connection with ownership of the land and buildings and not until these have been resolved, can future plans be worked out. It may well be, that even if we lose the legal battle, the weight of public opinion in Naphill could well turn the decision in our favour.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

So the future lighting of our Christmas tree seems to be assured. Offers of help came from several quarters, including the R.A.F. In truth 'the pen is mightier than the sword.' And somewhere perhaps the shade of ex-Flt Sgt Ing H.C.D., will give a quiet smile of approval that his old service should be helping to perpetuate his idea.

The future of Naphill Church is not so happy. There seems to be some doubt as to who owns the place. It could be that it already belongs to the people of Naphill, but I rather think the owners will prove to be the church commissioners, in which case do not assume that all is well. It appears that if the good Anglicans of Naphill wish to continue going to church in this building they must first buy it - from the Church..... Not all the scriptwriters of the B.B.C. could beat that for a situation. But when ownership has been established there is to be a public meeting. So let us with-hold all judgements.

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

For our October Meeting we were pleased to welcome one of the most sincere speakers we have had. Mr. A. R. Beishon spoke to us of the work of the Multiple Sclerosis Society and the help and support it provides for the sufferers of this disease and, of course, their families, for whom sometimes the burden can be very heavy. Mr. Beishon was able to amplify his talk with a splendid film which enabled us to see how people with Multiple Sclerosis may be affected. Many of them are able to lead really useful lives for a considerable number of years. Unfortunately, as yet there is no cure for this disease. We were very grateful to Mr. Veysey, of Coombe Lane, who loaned us his projector to show the film and who was kind enough to come along and run it for us as well.

On November 8th, we shall be helping to entertain the Old People at their meeting at 2.30 p.m. We shall welcome any of our members who are able to come along to help.

There is a 'Shopping Trip' to London by coach, organized for November 20th - a Wednesday - leaving the Village Hall 9.15 a.m., and leaving London at 4 p.m. Members or non-members interested should contact Mrs. B. Streets, Naphill 3108.

May we take this opportunity to remind you that at the Village Hall Bazaar on Saturday, November 30th, we shall be running a cake and produce stall and we hope you are all planning what your contribution will be!!

Our next meeting will be on November 11th and Mr. S.E. Virgo will be 'Talking about the Weather' which should interest us all. The competition will be for the best 'Midget Jug'.

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R.S.P.C.A.

May I take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped in anyway towards making the Rummage Sale a success and raise £30. 11s. 0d. The unsold goods have been sent to the R.S.P.C.A. Clinic in High Wycombe where they hope to hold another Sale to add to the funds. I would like to state that the Inspector will always come to the assistance of any sick or ill treated animals and the service is absolutely free.

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Lucy M. Sharpe.

THE COLLARED DOVE

This summer the Collared Dove has arrived in Naphill and Walters Ash in considerable numbers. Their three syllabled song "coo-coo-cuk," can be heard daily in many of our gardens.

The spread of the bird through this country has been extremely rapid. It first bred in Norfolk in 1955. In 1957 it bred also in Moray, Lincoln and Kent, and in 1960 it was breeding in nine counties. The bird originated in Asia, and has been spreading North-westwards from the Balkans, across Europe since 1900. It is still spreading and increasing its numbers, and odd birds have been seen in our Western Islands. How long before it reaches America?

There have been some at Speen for several years, but this year I have seen them in quite a lot of towns and villages in the area. At a nice sheltered spot in the Risborough valley something approaching a hundred of them roosted in a row of ivy-covered hawthorns throughout last winter. It is a bird which, like the sparrow, we are much more likely to see in our gardens and parks, than in the countryside, as it certainly likes to live alongside man.

It's food is mainly grain and seeds and a few berries. In my garden they eat the odd scraps and pieces of bread which we throw out. I have not yet seen them eating any of my crops, but whether they will start eating the greenstuff in hard weather, like the Wood Pigeon, remains to be seen. With a bit of luck they will all go to Risborough for the winter, and eat someone else's!

However, it looks as if the Collared Dove is here to stay, and I think it is good to get something new to replace the species that are declining for one reason or another. At one time there were Nightjars, Nightingales, and Tree Pipits on the Common, but it is now mostly woodland and no longer suitable for them, though the Tree Pipit still breeds in a few other spots round about. Also, the Barn Owl and Sparrow Hawk are getting scarce. The appearance of the Collared Dove certainly does not make up for the loss of these fine birds, but it does help a little.

Another thing, a few months ago I wrote an article on Deer, and their absence from the Naphill woods. This summer I have seen a Muntjac (that is the tiny deer) at one end of Naphill, and some tracks at the other end, so it seems there are a few about.

John Humphreys.

N A P H I L L W. I.

There was a good attendance at the Village Hall on October 3rd when Naphill W.I. celebrated their 46th Birthday. Miss Maria Picaver gave members a most amusing entertainment of songs, stories and sketches - many in dialect. Mrs. Weekes thanked Miss Picaver for a very enjoyable performance.

After a delightful tea, the Birthday cake was cut by Mrs. H. Kent who had made the delicious cake, and Mrs. M. Piercy and Mrs. D. Smith who had decorated it, so beautifully with red roses and leaves in the W.I. colours. A new member Mrs. Bullock was welcomed by the President at the beginning of the meeting.

A Coffee Morning at Mrs. Balls in September raised over £3. Mrs. Piercy read a very welcome letter from the adopted family in Austria, and members were asked to support the W.I. Whist Drive on October 25th.

The Annual General Meeting on 7th November will begin at 2.15 p.m. for voting. V.C.O. Mrs. Christie will be the speaker. There will be 6d parcels and the competition will be 'old and new pairs of objects. Tea Hostesses for this meeting are Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Blick, Mrs. Blackwell and Mrs. Butler.

B.M.C.

G A R D E N N O T E S

Perhaps one of the biggest problems this last few weeks has been the getting rid of what we generally call garden rubbish:- weeds, leaves and spent crops like runner beans, carrot tops and so on. Thanks to Guy Fawkes, we shall be able on November 5th - either openly and in league with the youngsters, or stealthily (and, we hope, unnoticed in the general furore) indulge for once in a year the simple pleasure of a bonfire without too many black looks and banging shut of windows.

So, if you can get those apples and pears pruned this week-end, the taller growths on the rose bushes shortened to avoid them being blown about during the winter, the old pea and bean sticks collected into a nice heap, you will be all set for "the off".

Any soft material such as decaying leaves from the winter greens and the last crop of lawn mowings should go onto the compost heap and if you sprinkle some 'Chasmor' between the layers as you build the heap, you will have some good stuff for digging in next spring.

Now is a good time to take cuttings of many kinds of shrubs. Good healthy pieces of this year's growth are needed; cut just below a bud at the base and just above a bud at the tip, thrust the spade into the soil and rock back and forth to make a 'V' trench of suitable depth. Sprinkle some sharp sand into the bottom, plunge the spade in again a few inches away and push the soil up to the cuttings to make them firm.

Not plants in rooms or greenhouse such as ferns and foliage plants, Anisias, geraniums etc., that have finished their season's growth should now be watered less frequently, but any that are coming into bloom - cyclamens, azaleas, cinerarias and others should not be

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GARDEN NOTES Continued..

allowed to dry out. How are the hyacinth bulbs in the plunge bed or dark cupboard? Those for Christmas blooming should now be showing their green tips, keep them moist, but don't hurry them into the light and warmth until next month.

A.H.B.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Owing to the quick response to our request in last months' Gazette, we were able to arrange for the delivery of four tons of 'Chasmor' earlier than expected. All orders for this fertilizer have now been completed and we have a few bagssurplus to those orders, for anyone requiring them. Over five tons of Peat and Levington Compost have been ordered and collected to date and we can still accept orders for these goods as listed in last months' Gazette.

It has been our pleasure to welcome several new members this year, and almost all our older members have again renewed their membership. If you are not quite sure whether you have paid yours for 1968, you should have a receipted Membership Card to prove it - if not, excuse this reminder.

Provisional figures from our Treasurer suggest that the loss on our September Show will be approximately £13. 0. 0. Full details of these and our other accounts will be given at our Annual General Meeting in January.

Now, in deference to Tony Lovell's appeal last month, the person responsible for the above is

Arthur H. Busby.

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Several members said how much they enjoyed the evening meeting on the 11th of October when the Methodist Choir rendered the Cantata "The Good Shepherd". Grateful thanks to all who helped with transport and refreshments.

We look forward to the Young Neighbours Club entertaining us on the 8th of November which, judging by past events, will prove a memorable afternoon.

On the 22nd of November, Sargeant Kenneth Stone from the Aylesbury Police Force will be speaking on Road Safety and showing films.

C.B.W.

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

The annual Buffet/Dance will be held at "The Crown" Pishill, again this year, 8.00 - 12 midnight on Friday, November 18th. Single and Double tickets are available from members of the committee, and for those interested, a coach has been arranged - leaving the Village Hall, Naphill at approximately 7.15 p.m. (seats bookable)

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB Continued....

A Rummage Sale is to be held in the Village Hall on the 9th of November starting at 2.0 p.m. A feature of this sale will be a home-made cake stall, and, of course, all contributions in this line - as well as 'jumble' and help - will be gratefully received!

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Naphill Evangelical Church	Every Sunday	10 - 12	
		3 - 4	
		6.15	- 7.30
Village Hall Council	Monday 2nd	8.00	
Drama	Every Tuesday	8.00	
	Wednesday 4th		
Mens' Club	Tues, Fri, Sat	8.00	
Play Group	Tues, Weds, Thurs		
	mornings until		
	12th December	9.15	- 12.15
Dancing Classes	3rd	3	- 6.15
Welfare	4th, 18th	2.00	
Dressmaking	Weds mornings	9.30	- 11.30
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00	
W.I.	Thursday 5th	2.30	
Art	Thursday evenings	7.30	- 9.30
Over 60's	Friday 6th	2.30	
Private Party	Friday 6th	7.00	- 12
Dancing Class	Saturday 7th	2.30	- 5.30
Christmas Party			
Methodist Youth Club Dance	Saturday 7th	7.30	
Young Neighbours	Monday 9th	7.30	
Free Church Meeting	Weds 11th	7.30	
Cricket Club "	Weds 11th (B.R.)	8.00	
Play Group Xmas Party	Thurs 12th	2.30	
Whist Drive	Friday 13th, 27th	7.30	
Library	" " "	6.30	- 8.00 (C.R.)
V.H.C. Christmas Dance	Sat 14th	8.00	
Over 60's Christmas Party	Sat 14th	2.30	
Naphill Friends Club	Mon 16th	7.00	
Blind Club Party	Tues 17th	2.30	
Social Club Dance	Sat 21st	8.00	
Carol Service	Sun 22nd	3.00	

CHRISTMAS DANCE
14 December 1968

Only a few tickets are available for the Annual Christmas Dance from Grant Woodruff, Heatherlands, Downley Road (Naphill 3396). The tickets cost 10/- each and this includes excellent light refreshments (provided by Susan Stallwood and her many helpers). There will be as usual a licensed bar (provided by John Ward of the Wheel). As an inovation we are making "dress optional" and we hope a lot of people will come in dinner jackets/long dresses and help make the dance a friendly Christmas occasion. Don't forget :

8.30 pm - Midnight

Licensed Bar (Tickets 10/- (including refreshments))
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SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 1968 in the VILLAGE HALL

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NAPHILL REMEMBERING THE DEAD OF TWO WORLD WARS
SUNDAY - 10th NOVEMBER 1968.

Following the appeal in the Gazette last month, no less than four people have offered their services as Hon. Secretary to the Council. The Council expressed its sincere gratitude at the last Council meeting and elected Mrs. Netta Grafham of 18 Oak Chase which is the first turning on the left down Clappins Lane. Mrs. Grafham, who is not yet on the telephone, recently came to the village from Worcester where she was Organiser of the Citizens Advice Bureau. The Council welcome her to the village and look forward once again to having an Hon. Secretary at Council meetings. She has already taken up her duties.

Also at the last Council meeting, the officers for 1969 were elected. They are : Chairman - Mr. Latham; Vice-Chairman - Mr. Harper; Hon. Treasurer - Mr. Tooby; Assistant Hon. Treasurer - Mr. Turner; and in order to help Mrs Grafham during the initial stages, Mr. Woodruff will be Assistant Hon. Secretary.

Unfortunately the Gazette will have gone to press before the outcome will be known, but two special meetings within the Council were called in November. One on 22nd November to discuss urgent hall maintenance and long term planning; the other was on November 24th to discuss the appointment of a groundsman, to purchase proper ground maintenance equipment and to discuss the finances of the playing fields.

Please do not forget helpers have offered to be at the village hall on 14 December at 10.0 am. to help put up the Christmas Tree lights. Finally, the Council wishes everyone in the village a very enjoyable Christmas and Happy new year.

N A P H I L L F R I E N D S C L U B

The above club is now in existence and already some thirty people have enrolled for membership. Their five pound donations to the Village Hall and Playing Fields have been most welcome and the club organisers hope to obtain a further seventy subscribers during this coming month. The Club will be holding four meetings in the year at the Village Hall on the following dates.:

Monday 16th Dec. 1968 : Friday 14th March 1969 : Friday 20th June 1969 : Friday 26th Sept 1969 : starting at 7.45 p.m.

On Monday 16th December an inaugural meeting will take place and would be members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions received before 8.30 p.m. will entitle the donor to full membership and participation in any benefits which will be available later in the evening.

Readers are reminded that club membership will be restricted to one hundred. There is no reason why one appointed representative should not hold membership on behalf of several persons if this is desired. Further details and information can be obtained from Mr. R. Pushman, "Umtata", Naphill 3122, Mr. D. Tooby, "Abbotsbury", Naphill 2308. R. Pushman

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

Preachers for December

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

December 1st
8th
15th
22nd
25th

Mr. K. Lewis
Mr. D. Gregory
Mr. D.C. Church
Mr. B. Sutcliffe
Christmas Day
by Mr. Ryan Bowler.

Sister Kathleen
Mr. J. Crossley, B.Sc.
Sister Margaret Smith
Carol Service
Service at 10 a.m. conducted

29th

Rev. Marcus Pattern Mr. N. Nibloe

Following the evening service on Sunday December 1st, a Social Hour will be held, with musical items and community singing (your favourite hymns).

M.G.B.

THE NAPHILL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday Services in the Village Hall :

10 a.m.

Family Service

3 p.m.

Sunday School

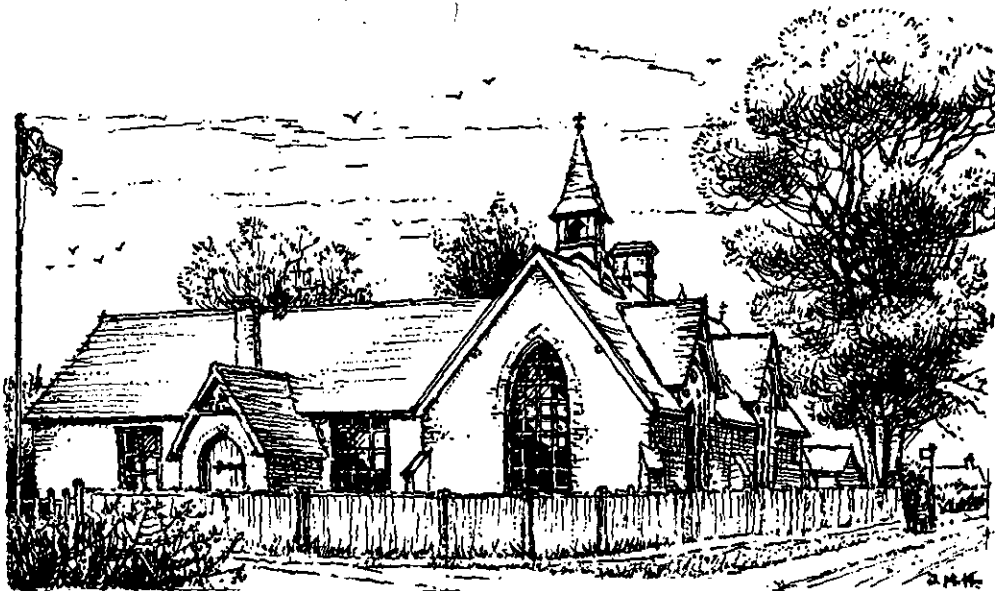
6. 15 p.m.

Evening Service

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

Mr. Virgo of Strike Command Met Office, intrigued us at our November meeting, with the number of unusual uses the weather forecasts are put to. He brought along a fascinating contraption and several charts to help us appreciate how much is involved in preparing the weather forecasts.

Mrs Brenda Butler won the competition for the best smallest guy. On Monday December 9th we shall be having our usual Christmas Party when we are hoping to get the round of Christmas Festivities off to a good start. We do hope all our members will come and invite a guest as well. You are asked to bring a shilling parcel. There will be our usual super raffle, and the competition is for the prettiest party mask. C.D.H.



NAPHILL CHURCH
(Corner of Louches Lane)

Sunday December 15th	Evensong	3. 30 p.m.
Sunday December 22nd	Holy Communion	9. 0 a.m.
Christmas Day	Holy Communion	9. 0 a.m.

It was a pleasure to have the Rev. H.E. Bayley once again, to take the Holy Communion Service in November. Fr Bayley has a busy life, in fact on the Sunday he came to us he had already taken a service at Bledlow Ridge and then had to go to Widmer End, to be followed by services at his church in Hazlemere.

The Christmas Day service at Naphill provides an opportunity for those who cannot always manage to attend regularly during the year. There are several good reasons for coming - The Birthday of Christ - The last opportunity this year - A day of Celebration. The turkey can be put in the oven before you come and breakfast can wait until you get back, and if you have guests, they will surely not mind waiting for half-an-hour until you return.

Extracts from The Hughenden Parish Council Meeting: 11th November 1968

1. Reported that Christopher Close was still awaiting a top surface to the road.
2. Through circumstances beyond their control the bus shelter at Woodcock Avenue will be re-sited in front of the Chiltern 100 club, Walters Ash.
3. Assurances were received from the Planning Authority that any further shop development in Naphill would be discussed with the Council, and if necessary re-siting of bus stops, and provision of NO PARKING signs would be made.

Concern was expressed that development of shops should be allowed so near Purssells Meadow on such a dangerous road, particularly as the school exit and entrance is so near. We are keeping a watchful eye on the situation.

4. Strong indignation was expressed that the Planning Authorities were permitting a cross road to be built on the most dangerous part of Coombe Hill (opposite to Wedewood Drive) (New estate to be built.) At a site meeting arranged by the Hughenden Parish Council recently the authorities concerned were asked to attend but failed to appear, and as we had only 24 hours to act, a petition in the village was organised and we managed to get nearly 100 signatures of protest which was forwarded to the meeting at the Wycombe Rural District Council offices (of which the Parish Council had only learned by accident). This meeting was postponed. We are not very optimistic about the final result, as correspondence with all the power that be evinced negative results, it would appear that it has been decided that a cross road should go there and you can put up with it. Our Member of Parliament took up the cudgels on our behalf but could only forward us a copy of a reply made by the Bucks County Council which did not help the situation. This cross road will be a death trap (to motorists and bus travellers) so if you feel as strongly as the Hughenden Parish Council do about it please send in a brief note of protest to one of the undermentioned councillors:

Cllr. R. Pushman, "Umtata", Naphill Common

Cllr. R. Hampton, The Retreat, Purssells Meadow, Naphill.

Cllr. D. Tooby, Abbotsbury, Main Road, Naphill.

The above Councillors are at your service at any time to discuss matters concerning Naphill and Walters Ash

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

I doubt if anyone will agree with our Parish Councillor about the shop developments, but there can be no two opinions about a cross road on Coombes Hill. The mentality of Planners who permit this kind of thing is beyond comprehension.

I have received a magazine entitled Naphill School, printed like the Gazette, by Tony Lawrence and with a cover by Dennis Syrett. It is packed with interesting facts and information, and is probably the first of its kind in Bucks. Intended primarily for parents, there is a limited number of copies available on application to the Headmaster.

With the appointment of a new Secretary to the V.H.C. Mr. Ron Rose's resignation will now take effect. Everyone concerned feels that this should not happen without a word of appreciation of his long service. Few people know of the amount of work he has done. For example, he pursued the matter of the Hall's rates to one of the highest tribunals in the land and finally got them reduced to about a fifth of the original demand. I have received enough information about him to fill several Gazettes but space does not allow it. He was always approachable and if sometimes a touch of asperity crept in, this was very understandable - sometimes a full council meeting would try the patience of a saint, and bless his heart Ron Rose is no saint. He is

just a chap who has done a tremendous amount of steady grinding work on behalf of the village and the time has come for the village to say a very big thankyou.

P.S. I had hoped to print a photo of our hero but my spies could not find one.

N A P H I L L W. I.

Before commencing the business of the A.G.M. Mrs Weeks, President of Naphill W.I. welcomed a new member, Mrs F. Pushman. A very warm welcome was also given to Mrs Williams, V.C.O.

Proceeds of the Rummage Sale on 5th October were £17. 12. 8d; the Whist Drive on 25th October raised £9. 17. 0d and a coffee morning at Mrs Cottinghams made £4. 2. 0d. Mrs. Piercy gave a most interesting report on the Aylesbury Council meeting and also reported on the Adopted Family and said that a Christmas parcel was being despatched to them shortly.

A very comprehensive Treasurer's report was given by Mrs Bull, which showed a balance in hand to start the new year.

A report on the Drama Group was given by Mrs Weeks. In spite of appalling snowy weather conditions on two nights of the production last December, a profit was made. One of the two plays produced in April reached the County finals, which were non-competitive.

Mrs Weeks, speaking as President, thanked members for their support during the past year, but asked them to make more use of the Suggestion Box, to enable the committee to meet their requirements.

The Annual Report was given by Mrs Balls, Secretary. It showed that Naphill W.I. had a very full and successful year.

Mrs Williams, V.C.O. recalled that when the W.I. movement started in 1919, the V.C.Os wore a very severe uniform, and so she was delighted to hear now of the youthful look and enthusiasm from the Courts meetings.

Mrs D. Smith gave a vote of thanks to Mrs Williams. Mrs Balls was elected President for the coming year.

The speaker for the meeting on 5th December 1968 will be Miss Hibberd who will talk on "Hats through the Ages". The competition will be "Hat depicting a Song Title". Tea hostesses for this meeting will be Mrs M. Brown, Mrs Brion, Mrs Brill, Mrs Bowler.

B.M.C.

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

A delightful entertainment was given on November 8th by Naphill Young Neighbours.

On December 6th, Mrs G. Smith and Mrs R. Piercy will demonstrate cake decorating.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held on December 14th (Saturday) from 3 pm - 6 pm. Extra offers of transport, especially at 6 p.m. would be welcome for this occasion.

Mrs Fraser's Dancing Class will entertain us on January 3rd 1969.

We take this opportunity of wishing all our members a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

C.B.W.

G A R D E N N O T E S

As this will be the last article for 1968, may I take this

opportunity of wishing all gardeners a Very Happy Christmas and may at least some of your presents be gardening ones. One of the jobs to be done at this time of year is what is generally termed winter digging, which includes perhaps just forking over the ground between shrubs, rough digging the vegetable plot or trenching for special crops, or double digging. There are various opinions as to how deep one should dig, but I am sure no one in Naphill would dig so deeply for gardening purposes as the young enthusiast who, on taking over his first garden, was seen by his neighbours furiously digging in a trench almost as big as himself. On the neighbour enquiring as to why he was digging so deeply he replied "I have read in my gardening book that you should dig the plot two spits deep and I can spit further than this in one go.

Another job that can be undertaken at this time is pruning. First plums, cherries and other stone fruits should be summer pruned, if this is needed, to avoid gumming or bleeding. Many flowering shrubs should be pruned after flowering. With roses, I am one of those who like to prune during March - April, but think it advisable to shorten any tall growths to prevent the bushes being rocked and damaged during winter gales. But before undertaking any pruning tasks, first ask yourself why? If the answer is "don't know" leave it alone, but you can usually be quite safe in cutting out any dead wood and bearing in mind the foregoing remove all boughs that are crossing and rubbing their neighbours.

A.H.B.

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

We offer our congratulations and good wishes to John Humphrey who will shortly be leaving Naphill to take up an appointment in Wales as Warden of a Nature Reserve. We shall be very sorry to lose him for he has been an active and valued member since 1956 of our General Committee. When John gave us one of his illustrated talks on local wild life we were always sure we were in for a real treat, and I am sure that his articles in the Gazette on this subject will be greatly missed by its readers, unless our Editor is able to persuade him to write to us from time to time.

We shall also miss our President Mr. Arthur Gould and his good lady - only temporarily of course as they recently left for a six months visit to New Zealand. Our good wishes go with them and we are sure that camera will be recording some interesting shots for our delight next year.

Another year's activity is almost ended and next month we shall be holding our Annual General Meeting. This will take place in the billiard room on Monday January 20th 1969 at 8 p.m. It is hoped that we shall be able to dispose of the business part of the meeting in good time to allow for an Any Question session on the lines of the well known Gardeners Question Time. You will be able to ask your questions from the 'floor' or if you prefer, put them in writing and hand them in at the meeting.

We are now taking orders for our next delivery of Chasmor, which we hope to receive during February, and we shall be announcing details of other trading goods in the January issue.

To all our Members, Vice President and friends, may you enjoy a peaceful, happy and enjoyable Christmas.

A.H.B.

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

The Editor
Naphill Gazette

Rubbish : Mr. Busby is rightly concerned with the difficulties in getting rid of garden rubbish, and suggests having one glorious bonfire on Guy Fawke's Night, so that it should not attract adverse comment. In fact it is a problem all the year round.

There are always the wickedest weeds and pests which should be burnt, as well as prunings and heavier material, and in many small gardens there is no suitable space for a bonfire or even a compost heap. Also, in the ever-increasing smokeless zones it may be that no bonfire is allowed at all. What then is the small gardener supposed to do? Is he condemned to grow no more flowers or vegetables (until the next war?) No dustman will take garden rubbish. Even flowers from the house can be refused. It is therefore a serious national problem about which no gardener need feel apologetic. It merits the attention and the combined might of all the horticultural societies in the country - to the end that they may attack the problem with the local authorities, who should make provision now for the disposal of garden as well as household waste - or else - our England will not be a garden much longer, but only a concrete desert.

V.C. Holmes

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

Colouring Prize to Local Girl : In a colouring competition run by Everett's Post Office Stores, Naphill, on behalf of the Wavy Line Group, a Spirograph - a pattern drawing toy for children of all ages and parents too, - was won by Caroline Alabaster of "The Cherries", Main Road. The prize was presented to Caroline in the Post Office Stores on Saturday 16th November.

During the last three weeks in October children under eleven had the opportunity of entering the competition by taking an entry form and colouring the drawing of Captain Cook discovering Australia 198 years ago. The acting headmaster of the Naphill County Primary School, Mr. I.W. Kellaway, very kindly agreed to judge the many entries received, and Caroline's colouring has now gone forward to the final of the Wavy Line South Midland Region. The child whose entry is judged the best in the Region will win an 8 day holiday in Majorca for himself or herself and his or her parents.

We wish Caroline success in the final judging. Everetts, Post Office

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G.L.B.

NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB : The Annual General Meeting of the club is being held in the Billiard Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th Dec at 8.00 pm. We will be pleased to welcome anyone interested in the Club.
G.L. Brown

THE BRITISH LEGION wish to thank everyone who helped in any way with the house to house distribution of poppies for Remembrance Day.

NAPHILL W.I. DRAMA: The 3 Act play "Here we come gathering" has been postponed till Friday January 31st and Saturday 1st February 1969.

WE INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL VILLAGE CAROL CONCERT
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Compere+ Bandmaster : Eric Dobson.

P.S. There will as usual be a collection for O.X.F.A.M. during the
CONCERT.

THE NAPHILL PIONEERS : We would like to thank all who sponsored us on our sponsored walk in July - when we raised £41. 10s towards equipment for the youth department of the new church.

We are putting on a Pageant on the Life and History of Naphill on Wednesday 11th December in the Village Hall at 8 pm. Further details will be displayed in strategic positions in the village nearer the date.

NAPHILL BRANCH CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION : announce that their Annual Dance will be held at High Wycombe Town Hall, 7th March 1969. Please make a note of the date - Full Details Later.

D.C.T.

Mr & Mrs Douglas Tooby send Xmas and New Year Greetings to all their friends in Naphill and Walters Ash, and state they are NOT sending cards this year

WHIST DRIVES. The annual Christmas Whist Drive will be held in the Village Hall on Friday December 13th 1968 at 7.30 pm. There are good prizes to be won and good refreshments during the interval. All are welcome. Do come and help to support your Village Hall. Whist Drives are held every alternate Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. and the proceeds go towards the upkeep of your Village Hall. The next Whist Drive is on January 10th 1969.

R.W.

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