

NAPHILL GAZETTE



JANUARY 1969

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N A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L F R E E C H U R C H

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The annual bazaar was held on November 30th and was opened by Wing Commander & Mrs. Randell who also judged the Christmas Card Competition for the children.

The hall was filled with an enormous quantity and variety of items for sale, provided as usual by most of the sections and activities who use the hall and its playing field throughout the year.

A record nett profit of £196 6s. 10d. was made during the afternoon, a tribute to the stall holders and their members who worked so hard to put on such a magnificent display.

Special mention, I think should be made to the three 'back-room boys' Doug. Tooby, Geoff. Mitchell and Frank Cox who so ably looked after all the money taken during the afternoon and produced the final account so promptly.

B.H.

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 January</u>		<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
January	5th	Mrs. Tyler	Mr. P. Syson
"	12th	Mr. A. Cooper	Sister Margaret Smith (Covenant Service)
"	19th	Mr. P. Steare	Rev. Eric Firth
"	26th	Sister Margaret Smith	Mrs. H. Lord.

We note with pleasure that Rev. Eric Firth will be conducting the evening service on January 19th. Many will remember him as superintendent Minister of the Circuit some years ago. He has now retired and is living in High Wycombe.

M.G.B.

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

Sunday, January	19th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
"	"	26th	Holy Communion
		Sunday School every Sunday	9.0 a.m. 2.30 p.m.

We must apologise for altering the time of Christmas Day Service after the Gazette had gone to press, and we hope no one was inconvenienced. Christmas is a particularly busy time for the Clergy, and as the Revd. John Bradford had to come from Wendover to take the service, the alteration was unavoidable.

Looking ahead, we have booked the Village Hall for a Rummage Sale on March 1st - but more about this next month.

We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Horticultural Society continued....

As soon as the business part of the meeting is disposed of, there will be a Gardening Question Time; so bring along your wives or friends and your questions - which may be in writing or put direct to the Panel who will do their best to give you helpful answers.

We have made arrangements for the following items of gardening interest to be made available for 1969:-

Sedge Peat	16/-	per bag
Moss Peat - Polybale	22/-	" "
Moss Peat - Minibale	15/-	
Levington Compost - Seed or Potting	28/-	
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Chasmor	10/6	" "
Shallots Red	2/-	per lb.
Shallots Yellow	1/9	" "
Onion Sets	2/6	" "
Lawn Grass Seed without Rye Grass	3/-	" "

Gladioli: If there is sufficient demand, a list of selected varieties will shortly be available from which you may order any numbers of corms. Other varieties would also be available, your choice, minimum order 25 corms. All at reduced prices. Please place your orders with any member of the Committee, or to me at 'Braeside'.

Make a good start to the New Year by coming along to the A.G.M., pay your subscriptions early, persuade a friend to become a member and help us to carry your Society through another successful year.

Happy New Year to you All.

----- A.H.B. -----

G A Z E T T E S T A T E M E N T O F A C C O U N T

30th September, 1968

Balance	£65 9 4	Stationery, Printing, Postage Etc.	£137 1 0
Collection	78 13 10	Competition Prizes	4 0 0
Bank Interest	1 17 3	Reserve Fund for future Equipment	100 0 0
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Donations & postal subs.	41 17 6		
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Signed:- D.C. Tooby Treasurer
 R.S. Piercy Editor
 G. Mitchell Auditor.

EDITOR'S CORNER

This month we present a healthy looking balance sheet, due to the fine band of workers who produce the Gazette and to the willing collectors who go round the village every year - not forgetting Bill Warner who delivers it every month. It will be seen that a contingency fund has been opened. This is because Messrs. Lawrence Bros., who so kindly allow us to use their printing press, have warned that they may one day sell the machine, and we would like to be in a position to buy it. Although we have no idea at the moment, where we would put it.

I am sure everyone will want to join me in congratulating the volunteers who have lighted up the Christmas Tree. It is safe to say that it has never looked better.

It is in the nature of things concerning we mortals, that the oldest inhabitant of the village does not hold the honour for very long, but I feel I must pay a small tribute to the late holder - Mrs. Tooby of Abbotsbury. The sweet and sunny disposition of this old lady, endeared her to one and all.

At about the time this issue goes to press, the previous editor John Holmes goes into hospital for an operation, and I know that the good wishes of all readers will go with him.

N A P H I L L W. I.

Despite the foggy weather there was a good attendance at the December meeting which was opened by Mrs. J. Balls, the new President.

A Coffee Morning at Mrs. Percy's realized £4 2s. 0d. and the W.I. Stall at the Naphill Village Hall Christmas Bazaar raised £39 13s. 4d.

Three artist members, namely Mrs. A. Bull, Mrs. D. Butler and Mrs. M. Piercy were congratulated on having pictures hung at the Aylesbury Exhibition.

Members were given a most entertaining afternoon by Miss Hibberd, who talked on "Hats Through The Ages". A large selection of hats, covering the years from saxon times were modelled by W.I. members and ranged from the austere saxon headdress and puritan hats to the dramatic wimple and later on, to the demure, flirtatious bonnet of the regency period, and the gay elegance of the 'naughty nineties'. Miss Hibberd caused much amusement with her remarks relating to the bejewelled Elizabethan and Georgian wigs (which left much to be desired from the hygiene aspect). Mrs. Bull gave a vote of thanks to Miss Hibberd.

The competition for "A Hat depicting a Song Title" was judged by Miss Hibberd and prizes were awarded to Mrs. Gilson and Mrs. Osborne.

At the January meeting, which will be an open one, Miss Ellis, Assistant Governor of Holloway Prison will be speaking. The competition will be 'The Prettiest Christmas Card'. Tea Hostesses for the meeting on the 2nd of January 1969 are:- Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Boothroyde, Mrs. Cottingham and Mrs. Gilson.

D.A.L.

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

Our usual December Party on the 9th was a great success and generally seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. It was wonderful to see so many members with their guests, together for this occasion.

Mrs. Wood did a grand job organizing our activities and really got things going with a swing. We had many entries for the "Party Mask" competition, all were magnificent works of art and the judges were hard put to it to decide the winners.

Refreshments provided by the Committee were much appreciated and soon demolished. The evening ended on a seasonal note with carol singing in the candlelight.

Our new programme commences in January and for the first meeting on the 13th we are to have a visit from a member of High Wycombe Fire Brigad who will give us a talk on 'Safety in the Home.'

The Chairman and Committee wish all the members a happy and prosperous New Year and hope that one of their resolutions will be to attend every meeting! We should also like to take this opportunity of inviting any ladies in the Naphill area who would like a friendly evening out, to join us on the second monday in every month at 7.30 p.m. in Naphill Village Hall.

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 twelfth Christmas Party of Naphill & Walters Ash Over Sixties on December 14th was a very happy event and the Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to its' happiness - to the Sicilian Concert Party and the Squaws and particularly to those who helped with transport; also to the Village Hall Council for the hanging decorations in the Hall and for the illumination of the Christmas tree in time for this party.

Mrs. Hussey and Mr. Tweedale who are now our two eldest members with combined ages of 185 cut the Christmas Cake which had been made, and beautifully iced by Mrs. G. Smith. Buttonholes were given to all over ninety and to Mr. & Mrs. Rivett who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding.

With sadness, we record the passing of Mrs. Tooby Snr., who was our eldest member ages 97, and until recently never missed a meeting if it was at all possible for her to attend. We sympathize with Mr. & Mrs. D. Tooby, also with Mrs. Judge who has recently lost her husband.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to remind our members of the next meeting on the 3rd of January 1969, when Mrs. Fraser's pupils will entertain with dances.

C.B.W.

MR. & MRS. DOUGLAS TOOBY wish to thank all friends for their kindness in their recent bereavement.

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MARCH

AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Naphill Church Rummage Sale	1st	2.30 p.m.
Private Party	1st	7.00 p.m.
V.H.C. Meeting	3rd 31st	8.00 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday	8.00 p.m.
Dancing Classes	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	3 - 6.15 p.m.
Play Groups	Each Tues, Wed, Thurs (Term ends 27th March)	9.15 - 12.15
Welfare	5th, 19th	2.00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	6th	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Whist Drive	7th, 21st	7.30 p.m.
Library	7th, 21st	6.30 - 8 p.m.
W.I. Rummage Sale	8th	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	10th	7.30 p.m.
Fete Committee Meeting	11th (B.R.)	8.00 p.m.
Conservative A.G.M.	12th	8.00 p.m.
Over 60's	14th, 28th	2.30 p.m.
Naphill Friends Club	14th	7.00 p.m.
Scout & Guide Rummage Sale	15th	2.30 p.m.
V.H.C. A.G.M.	17th	8.00 p.m.
Chiltern Crusade	19th	7.00 p.m.
Tennis Club Rummage Sale	22nd	2.30 p.m.
V.H. Spring Dance	22nd	8.00 p.m.
Horticultural Society Lecture	24th	8.00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	27th	2.30 p.m.
W.I. Whist Drive	28th	7.30 p.m.
Naphill Methodist Youth Club	29th	7.00 p.m.

When the list of proposals for a long term development plan for the Village Hall was considered it was decided that a survey should be made of the fabric of the building. It would not be sensible to build on to a structure that was not in itself sound.

As mentioned in the January issue of the Gazette, urgent repairs are found to be necessary including the roof, on which a lot of work is required, the boiler chimney, the gutters, drain pipes and fascia-boards, toilets and so on. In fact, £500 will barely cover the cost and it seems to me that here is a case for a lot of self-help. Some of the work must be done by the experts and these will be engaged, but much can be done by volunteer labour by villagers working at week-ends under the watchful eye of professionals who have already offered their services.

Members of the Council have been enlisted for a Working Party when the weather improves and the materials have been purchased from the different jobs. I appeal to other men in the village who are willing to help us in this communal task to please contact me at Bowland House, Main Road, Naphill (Tel; 3265). Under present weather /continued.....

At the Village Hall Continued

conditions one cannot chose a specific date on which to do the work but I would like to compile a list of volunteers on whose help I can call when the time arrives. I would give you as much notice as possible.

Anyone who helps the Council to make money for the maintenance of the Hall and Playing Fields, and there are many of you, knows what hard work is required to raise even a small amount for a given purpose; and this doesn't go very far these days. Here is a chance to save quite heavy expenditure and in doing so it might make all of us who help feel a little more pride in our very fortunate inheritance.

----- H.Latham, Chairman, Village Hall Council.

A N N U A L S P R I N G D A N C E - 22nd MARCH 1969

Once again we have another of the Council's dances nearly upon us and tickets are now on sale from:-

- Pat Syrett, The Finches, Christopher Close.
- Joan Latham, Bowland House, Main Road (Tel:3265)
- John Ward, The Wheel, Main Road (Tel: 2210)
- Judy Woodruff, Heatherlands, Downley Road, (Tel: 3396)

As usual, John Ward of the Wheel will be providing the licensed bar and Susan and Jack Stallwood and their ever willing helpers will be providing free refreshments. Daisy Leek will be looking after the raffle.

We are expecting a large demand for the dance, particularly as the same band as the one at the enormously successful Christmas dance is coming again.

8.30 p.m. - Midnight

Licensed Bar	Tickets 10/-
Spot Prizes, Raffle.	The Ashill Band

The date of the March Meeting of the Village Hall Council is Monday 3rd March. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 17th March. The April Meeting will be on Monday, 31st of March.

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<u>Preachers for March</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
March 2nd	Mr.W.J.Parkins	Mr.Andrews
" 9th	Mrs. Jarvis	Sister Margaret Smith (Holy Communion)
" 16th	Mrs. Pike	Mr.R.Daykin
" 23rd	Sister Margaret Smith	Mr.A.M.Poolc.
" 30th	Mr.W.Osborne	Miss Pusey

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Naphill Methodist Church Continued.....

The Social Hour after the service on Sunday, February 16th was very successful and was enjoyed by a good number of friends. Miss Shirley Smith showed slides of Cornwall and Devon and there was community singing of favourite hymns chosen by visitors from other churches. The pianist was Mrs. M. Bowler. We hope to announce the date of another of these Social Hours during March.

----- MG.B. -----

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

Services.

Sunday, March 16th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
" March 23rd	Holy Communion	9.0 p.m.

Naphill Sunday School meets each Sunday at 2.30 p.m. in the Old Village School. We have approximately 30 children on the roll, at present ranging from 3 to 11 years of age.

A few parents of the younger ones prefer to stay with their children for company, and we are very pleased to have them do this. After a short opening service, we split into two groups for stories and practical work, the under 5's in one group and those of school age in the other. Then we combine again for a closing hymn and prayer before dismissal at approximately 3.15 p.m. Any child interested would be welcome to join us at any time.

J.L.

On March 1st is the Church Rummage Sale at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. We hope those who have been before will come again, while those who visit us for the first time will be doubly welcome. We hope to have the usual bargains and of course, all the usual helpers. If you have any goods for disposal, please bring them along on Saturday morning.

A General Meeting will be held at the Church on Friday, 14th of March at 8.0 p.m. mainly for the purpose of electing a new committee. This meeting provides the opportunity for all church people in the village to come and express their views on church matters, also questions can be asked.

----- W.W. -----

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

On February 10th we had a delightful evening with Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Hutchings - the Crimplene Agents from Quality Knitters of Hayes, Middlesex. Our Village Hall resembled an overgrown Market Stall with a magnificent array of Crimplene products.

Every aspect in the production of the material was described for us and afterwards, Mrs. Sherman gave us many hints on sewing up the material to the best advantage. We are hoping to see our members parading round the Village in their 'glorious creations' in the near future.

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Naphill Young Neighbours Continued....

There were few of us who managed an entry for the "Best Dressed Vegetable" competition, but those who did had certainly gone to a great deal of trouble.

Miss Gould from Emblers, the Jewellers will be coming on Monday, March 10th to talk to us about jewellery. Those of you who remember her previous visit will know the wonderful collection of rings and trinkets which she passed amongst us to illustrate her talk.

N A P H I L L W. I.

The February meeting was well attended in spite of the bitterly cold weather. Mrs. Balls reported that the play performed by the Drama Group was very well attended and was well received. Members were asked to fill up questionnaires in order to help with a national census of Womens' Institutes.

Mrs. Woods gave a Cookery Demonstration of quick supper snacks and members afterwards tasted the many sweet and savoury dishes. The vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Adams. The competition for six mince pies was judged by Mrs. Woods and prizes awarded to Mrs. Evans and Mrs. McCue.

A Coffee Morning held at Mrs. Pearson's in January raised the grand sum of £7 ls. 6d. Members were asked to note the following dates in March:-

March	8th	-	W.I. Rummage Sale
"	24th	-	Group Meeting at Hughenden
"	28th	-	W.I. Whist Drive.

The next meeting on the 6th of March will be Members Day and the organisation of this is in the hands of Mesdames Bullock, Butler, McCue, Gillie, Hayward and Tooby.

D.A.L.

H E R E W E C O M E G A T H E R I N G

The evening's entertainment started well, although a little late. The atmosphere was a little unlike most Amateur Dramatic Productions I have had the pleasure of attending as there was a lack of music before the curtain rose. However, the curtain opened on an excellent set as flowers bloomed as I am sure they do in Naphill gardens. The play had a good lively pace and this was maintained throughout the whole performance. The stage was free of props which brought out very good character acting in every part. All the parts were very well cast and played; and Dorothy Smith was at her best with Harriet, a domineering mother-in-law. Doug. Tooby made a convincing Vicar with his Henierocallis which brought much amusement to the audience. Carol Wild was also well cast and Maurice Balls made a perfect husband. Gray Meriteth, portrayed by Philip Parsons, executed his part with vigour, precision and excellent diction which seemed to encourage the other members of the cast to enunciate.

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Here We Come Gathering continued..

Alan Shrimpton's part as George Hawkins was tailor-made for him I feel sure, but I have yet to see a more passionate furniture remover when he kissed Shirley, played by Connie Cox. Evadne Potter, played by Angela Denning was absolute fun to watch, she was a real impish schoolgirl. Tony Leeson as Luke the pedler was well made up and he played with great confidence.

The play was really good fun to watch and by all accounts well up to the standards of previous performances. Full marks to the producer and all who helped to produce such a successful performance.

J.M. Shipman.

NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES

Owing to the cancellation of our entertainers through illness, the afternoon of February 14th was spent playing Bingo.

We are indeed a fortunate Club. We are the recipients of a lovely posy bowl given by Mr. & Mrs. D. Tooby in memory of Mrs. Tooby senior; also, Mrs. Gilson's daughter sent us two bunches of Daffodil buds and a gorgeous box of chocolates.

On March 14th, we hope to have Mrs. E. Poynter to entertain and we look forward to March 28th when Naphill school children will again visit us and no doubt cheer us all in their usual delightful manner.

C.B.W.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Viewers who have been watching the T.V. series "The Mountbatten Story" must now be convinced that despite the handicap of a royal relationship, Lord Louis Mountbatten has proved himself one of the great men of our time. All the more pleasant to record therefore, that he has found time to answer the article by A.G. Flippence in our last issue. As his Lordship is not on our mailing list, I had sent him a copy.

I am asked by Parish Councillor D.C. Tooby to congratulate the Authorities on the prompt snow clearance and gritting, carried out, in Naphill. With pleasure.

I am also asked by Village Hall Treasurer D.C. Tooby, to say that he will be pleased to accept any contributions to lighting the Christmas Tree, as a result of Mr. Poole's excellent suggestion last month.

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Editor's Corner continued....

Naphill cricket lovers will be interested to hear that a score card has been received from an Australian Club simply named "West", which shows that one Didcock F., took 6 for 50 in 18 overs and then scored 52 in an opening partnership of 66. It seems that the hard Aussie wickets suit Frank and I am sure that Frank's style will suit the Aussies.

Broadlands,
ROMSEY,
Hampshire.

14th February 1969

Dear Mr. Piercy,

Thank you for your letter and for sending me a copy of the Naphill Gazette which you edit. I have read the contribution of Mr. Flippence with much interest.

He is wrong in imagining that my Father was a candidate to be the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet for the post of First Sea Lord senior to that and the First Sea Lord was the real Commander-in-Chief of the Navy as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

MOUNTBATTEN OF BURMA.

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

At its' recent meeting your Committee accepted an offer from the Irish Peat Development Authority to give you, our members a Film Show/ Lecture on Peat.

The Programme for this lecture will be as follows:-

1. An excellent colour film "Life for the Soil" - running time 20 minutes (This has full sound.)
2. This is followed by a talk on many aspects of peat utilisation, the origin of peat and the qualities necessary for best results. How to determine good peat etc.
3. At the conclusion of the talk questions will be welcomed as a vital part of the meeting. Discussion is entered into and inspection of samples used during the talk is invited.

This should be an interesting evening, light refreshments supplied. There will be no charge for admission, but small donations in the retiring plate would be appreciated. The date is Monday 24th March at 8 p.m. in the Main Hall. Come along and bring your friends - whether members or not - all welcome.

Chasmor has now arrived. Please come and collect while supplies are available. Come and support your Team at the Gardening Quiz - Friday, March 14th at 8 p.m.

A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

Looking at some old gardening notes I find that by this time I should be planting just a few early potatoes in a sheltered part of the garden or sowing some hardy annual seeds such as calendula, candy tuft, larkspur etc., sowing broad beans, planting onion sets - but why go on? All this of course, is impossible under the present snow and frost conditions. Wasn't it 1963 that the gardens were solidly frozen until the middle of the month? It looks as though it could happen again, but I hope it won't.

In many seasons this could have been good advice for late February and early March and followed with complete success. There is an old garden maxim that says 'you can't garden by the calendar'. It may be a little worrying to some of our friends in the newer houses who have recently bought and planted new shrubs or perennial plants and of course, recent plantings in the older gardens. One should avoid the temptation, on the first opportunity, to dig them up and see how they are doing.

If they were planted when the soil was frost free, a nice helping of peat at the roots and firm planting, then all should be well. Some may be retarded a little, that is they may not show signs of life so early as those planted in previous years, but you will do them no good at all by trying to hold a post-mortem before death has been ascertained. It would be helpful to examine all plants, once the ground is frost free, to make sure none have been lifted in the soil by frost action - a gentle squeeze with the boot will soon put this right.

A.H.B.

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

On Wednesday, 19th March, the Chilterns Crusade comes to Naphill. A Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. at which the Rev. Alan Stephens, the main Crusade evangelist, will speak.

The Chilterns Crusade is organised by a group of Christians who normally worship in different churches including Baptist, Methodist, Brethren, Congregational, Elim Pentecostal, the Salvation Army and the Church of England, who have got together in order to bring the Good News of Jesus to the people of the Chilterns, e.g. the Chairman of the Crusade Committee is a local Church of England Vicar, the Rev. David Croad; the Evangelist - the Rev. Alan Stephens - was once a Methodist and is now in fellowship with the Baptist Church; and the Crusade is supported by the Naphill Evangelical Free Church.

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S H E R R Y

In view of many requests to recommence my articles on Wine, I decided to start with the most popular of Wines now being drunk in this country today.

Sherry once caused the defeat of a British Army. In 1625 Charles I sent 10,000 men and ninety ships to attack Spain. When they landed outside Cadiz, the men were hungry and thirsty. They looted a Sherry storehouse, unaware of the drink's potency. The next day dawned on a very sick army. Those who could walk staggered back to their ships - those who were too drunk to move were massacred by the enemy. Times have changed however, since we have learned how to cope with and enjoy this versatile wine.

Sherry is a fortified wine, a little brandy is added after fermentation is complete. Sherry has approximately twice the alcoholic content than that of table wine, that is why it has such long keeping qualities; even an opened bottle will last from one Christmas to another without much deterioration.

There is a Sherry for every palate, the heavier and sweeter sheries are best after a meal. The drier and lighter ones are the world's best aperitifs.

Sherry is made in Spain.. Because of the very poor soil, the vines have a struggle for existence. It is this struggle which makes the grapes ideal for wine. They are gathered in early September and laid out in the sun to dry and shrivel. The remaining juice or "musto" is then extracted. Although in some vineyards, machines are now pressing the grapes, others retain the age old practice of pressing the grapes by foot. Men wearing cowhide boots with heavy nails in the soles tread the grapes in a large trough, pips and stalks are trapped between the nails, and a layer of grapeskin forms over the soles, the boots are changed for clean ones and the treading begins again. The juice is left to ferment in oak casks. In the new year it will be a young wine.

A peculiar characteristic of sherry is the "flor" which all growers love to see appearing on the surface of the butts. Flor means Flower. It is not a flower but a white mass of yeast cells which impart a special colour and bouquet to give Sherry its' taste.

Sherry is a blended wine, young wine is fortified with grape spirit and allowed to rest before being blended (married with older wines. The older wine is contained in butts formed in tiers three or four high. When part of their content is drawn off it is replaced with slightly younger wine. This is known as the "Solera System".

A brand of sherry may be a blend of wines from any number of soleras and in this way, sherry has traces of the oldest wines in the system. Thus it will be seen that there is no such thing as a Vintage Sherry. In conclusion, I would recommend that sherry be drunk cold, not iced, but a short ime in the "fridge" will improve the taste.

W. J. Barrett.

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

A Grand Jumble Sale is to be held in Naphill Village Hall on Saturday, 22nd March, 2.30 to 5.0 p.m. - this will include a Home-made Cake Stall.

All contributions of rummage and/or home-made cakes gratefully received. These can be delivered to Mrs. Sawyer, 4 The Glebe, Naphill or please contact her by 'phone (Naphill 2226) to arrange collection.

NEW SEASON:

Will all members please note that the new season will commence at Easter, 5th April.

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

Please note that there will be a meeting on the 14th of March, in the Village Hall at 8.15 p.m. All members and would-be members welcome.

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

On Friday, March 7th, from 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. in the Town Hall, High Wycombe. Tickets 12/6 each. Please apply to:-

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APRIL

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

Drama	Every Tuesday	8. 00 p.m.
Dancing	1st	3. - 6.15 p.m.
Welfare	2nd, 16th	2. 00 p.m.
Library	3rd, 18th	6. 30 - 8 p.m.
W.I.	3rd	2. 30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8. 00 p.m.
Play Group	Every Tues, Weds, Thurs commencing 22nd	9. 15 - 12-15
Over 60's	Friday 11th, 25th	2. 30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	Monday 14th	7. 30 p.m.
Drama Dress Rehearsal	Weds 16th	7. 30 p.m.
Whist Drive	18th	7. 30 p.m.
W.I. Committee	24th	2. 30 p.m.
Art Class	24th	7. 30 p.m.

Community Spirit :

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking those volunteers who turned up at the Village Hall on Sunday morning March 16th. It was a bitter cold, dull day with a thin east wind and occasional cold drizzle. And these good men and true were actually digging out drains and gutters and renewing rainwater pipes in these conditions. All for free !

This is a list of those who came:- Mr. P. Mines who organised the materials, Mr. W. Pemberton, Mr. A. Leek, Mr. L. Brill, Mr. G. Mitchell, Mr. I.W. Kelloway, Mr. D. Turner and Mr. G. Woodruff. There were one or two sons in action and Miss Latham and Mrs Leek brewed up.

It was a splendid job well done, and the Village Council are most grateful to you. Who says there's no goodwill and communal spirit in the village ?

H.L.

NAPHILL VILLAGE FETE - Saturday, 14th June : The theme of the Annual Fete this year is International, and we hope that many children will dress up and help to make a mammoth procession. Mr. Alan Shrimpton, of Kate Cottage, Main Road (Tel. No. Naphill 2325) is in charge of the procession and we hope that all the village organisations will produce a float. Will those taking part kindly let Alan know by the 17th May. Be sure to book your lorry early - who will be the winner of the Rose Bowl this year ?

As usual we have a Grand Draw, stalls and side-shows, tug-of-war, and many other attractions including archery and a dog show!

Please keep the date 14th June free and come along and bring your friends and make this Fete a winner.

Village Hall Floor : Mrs Timberlake would like to express her apologies that the floors to the Village Hall have not been polished to her usual high standard. This is due to the fact that the polishing equipment has been out of order. She would also like those people who use the hall to please replace the chairs in stacks at the back of the hall and not leave them in the Committee Room.

EXTENSIONS TO THE VILLAGE HALL

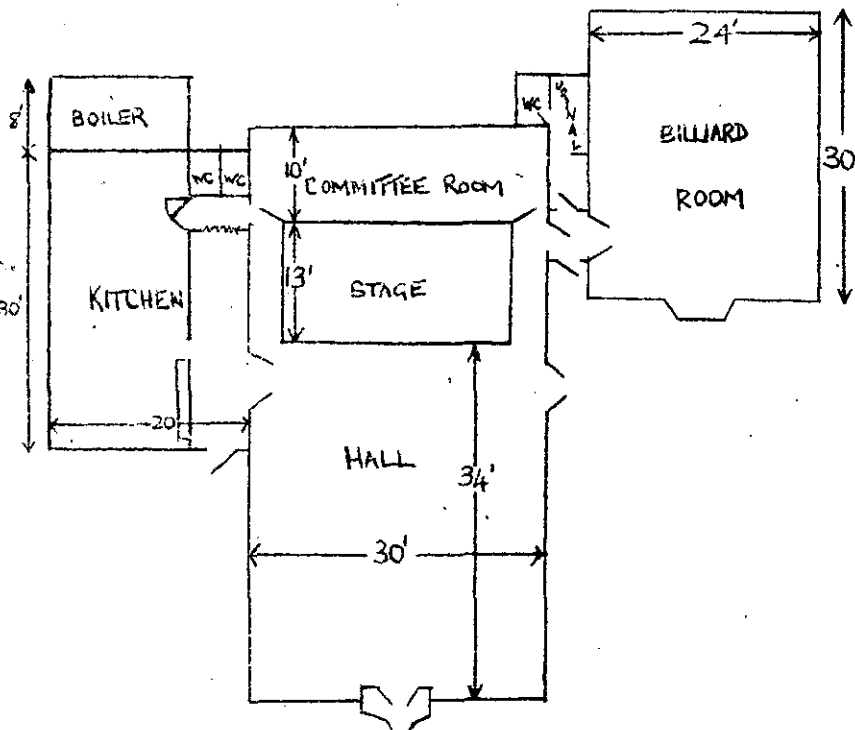
You have heard from my predecessor, Mr. Woodruff, that thought is being given to a long term development plan for the Village Hall.

Arising from the ideas put forward by the various clubs and societies are a number of firm priorities. These include more and better toilet facilities for both men and women, more storage space, and, perhaps in conjunction with both these, an extension to the Hall itself. The car parking facilities are also unsatisfactory and will be given attention, but the point about this note is the structure of the hall.

Some of the more talented members of the Village Council have put forward drawings showing how the improvements and extension might be made but it is thought that there must be plenty of architectural talent in the village which could provide some competition. The basic outline and measurements are given below and I shall be most grateful, and delighted, if anyone with an interest in this sort of thing would let me have a drawing of his or her idea of how the changes should be made.

Send them to BOWLAND HOUSE, MAIN ROAD, NAPHILL.

H. Latham





SANDSTONE

Like many of our local industries, sandstone digging belongs to a past era. This business of stone masonry was carried on side by side with the better known brickmaking yards of Walters Ash. The sandstone side of the business was run for many years by Messrs J. Smith & Sons, our local road contractors, and also by Messrs T. Bristow & Bros, "over the hedge".

The picture depicts one of these great monsters commonly found in deep pits from which the brickmakers clay had been extracted, and was all of 35ft down. Taken in mid-winter, the sun just reached the stone for about 15 minutes at mid-day so time was short. It shows how the iron wedges are fixed into prepared holes, then each one banged in turn with a very heavy iron "sledge-hammer". The shadow on the stone shows this plainly.

Patience was the virtue needed most because this hammering process went on for hours, and in this case, nearly two days, before a crack could be seen. Once split, the way was open to repeat the process on the sections until they were small enough to be hauled to the surface by block pulley and tackle. The stonemason then got on with his real job of cutting out and trimming to shape anything that happened to be the needs of the moment.

There are still one or two persons about who worked at the job, and still some of us who remember it, but we are getting fewer fast.

The village has one permanent reminder of this trade in the War Memorial cairn outside the Hall. I know there was some /continued ...

misgiving in certain quarters when it was decided to erect this type of thing, but it has at least two good qualities. First, it is restful to the eye, and secondly it is imperishable. It will be there when most of the cement type of memorial begins to drop.

It is also known that Walters Ash sandstone was transported in horse and waggons to Windsor to be used in Castle renovation. That was a long time ago - too long!

L.F.B.

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

Our photographer Lester Brown has been persuaded to describe one of his pictures for us, though he is too modest to say that it appeared on the cover of the "Amatuer Photographer". I am told that it's special merit is in giving two different views of the same operation, one in shadow profile. The stonemason is Ralph Turner who will be known to all old residents. Lester himself is almost the last of Naphill's brickmakers, and well qualified to write about these two old village industries. As most readers will know he was stricken rather early in life with total deafness which is the main reason he took up photography as a hobby, to the great benefit of the Naphill Gazette. I remember my late father, at the request of the first Editor, writing a short article on these huge stones in which he disputed the claim that they came under the group known as "Sarsens". I will try and find it to reprint next month.

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

April Services :

Easter Day	Holy Communion	11.15 a.m.
Sunday 20th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
Sunday 27th	Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.

Easter is a particularly busy time for the clergy, so we have changed the time of the Easter Day service to 11.15 a.m., which will give the Revd. John Bradford more time to travel over from Wendover. It may even be found a more suitable time for the people in our village.

In spite of the usual worries, our rummage sale was a great success with a profit in excess of £50, largely due to the efforts of thirtyseven helpers.

Hughenden Parish Church Annual General Meeting is announced for Friday the 11th of April at 7. 45 p.m. Naphill is of course, within the Parish of Hughenden.

May we wish you a Happy Easter.

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 6th	Easter Day Sister Margaret Smith (Holy Communion)	Mr. A.E.Steevens /continued.....

children together with a house-father and mother, of one nationality, are housed in one building. They are chosen by a committee of doctors, social workers and psychologists and picked because of their potential intellect. The children join the village at the age of about 11 or 12 years and study there for at least 6 or 7 years. The Pestalozzi children share the Seldiscombe village school with the local children and has the full co-operation of the Sussex Education Committee. The students lead a very busy life and even in their 'leisure' time actually farm the land, lay concrete and even become mechanics ! The nationalities of these children are various and they come from Thailand, Tibet, Jordon, Poland, India and Nigeria. The Open Day for the Pestalozzi village is on 12th July. The talk was accompanied by colour slides. Mrs Bullock gave a vote of thanks.

The competition, which was to guess the combined weight of the Members Day Committee - namely Mesdames Bullock, Butler, McCue, Gillie, Hayward and Tooby, was won by Mrs Harris. Mrs Leek thanked these ladies for an enjoyable afternoon. The next meeting will be on 3rd April when the speaker will be a B.O.A.C. Air Hostess. There will be an exhibition of "gifts from abroad". The hostesses for April are: Mrs G. Hussey, Mrs Hayward, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs McCue.

D.A.L.

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

Although we are still waiting for some decent weather before getting on to the garden, it is not advisable to wait until you want your supply of Peat, Growmore and Chasmoor. We are carrying a small stock of Chasmoor but other goods are only available against firm orders. Don't wait for better weather, get your stocks in now so that you don't have to waste a fine day that could be spent digging.

Some members have expressed interest in a visit to Syon House with its acres of laid out gardens and large garden centre. Our friends at Hughenden Valley are organising a visit for Sunday June 29th, starting 12 midday. Cost of coach 8/-, admission to ground 5/-, this latter price is reduced by half for old age pensioners and children. It was thought inadvisable to run two separate trips so arrangements have been made for anyone in Naphill who may be interested, to go on this joint trip.

At our A.G.M. it was suggested that the committee should consider the possibility of obtaining a trophy for the Floral Art classes at our Show. We have now been fortunate in having such a trophy kindly presented to us by Mr. Ken Pearce in memory of Mrs Pearce whose recent sad passing was regretted by all; and as a mark of appreciation of the happy times and friendly atmosphere they have enjoyed at our Shows both as members and successful exhibitors over many years although not resident in Naphill. We feel sure that this trophy will help to attract more entries to the Floral Art classes, and as a further effort in this direction the committee have now purchased a number of niches so that the exhibits can be more attractively staged. We now need the support of the ladies, and any male who dares, to make these classes a feature of our Shows.

Wisley Gardens can look very lovely in the Spring. If you are planning a visit, call on our Secretary for free admission tickets.

A.H.B.

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

In spite of the awful gardening weather I know that some of you have managed to make a start with some of the early crops, but most of us are still waiting for our heavy clay soil to dry out a bit, and although the long range weather forecast for the next few weeks is not very encouraging, the sun must surely shine before long.

Those of you who took my advice earlier to sow broad beans, peas and shallots in boxes, should be having some likely looking stuff by now : give them all the light and air possible and only cover if frost is likely - give them this treatment for a week or two before planting out. This also applies to onions, early cauliflower, sweet peas and similar crops; give them this hardening up treatment before planting out and don't transplant from a warm greenhouse to the open garden in one go. It would also help if after the hardening off process and when planted out in the open garden, they were given the protection of some twiggy stems to help break the force of cold winds.

I hope those of you who recently bought gladioli will now be planting them four to six inches deep, a little fertiliser at bottom, a handful of sand on this on which the corm will rest, cover the corms and mix a little more fertiliser in the top few inches of soil.

If you want to grow your own plants of autumn and winter greenstuff, seed may be sown in the open during the next few weeks.

Get those onion sets planted out, and if you get trouble with these or shallots being pulled out of the ground there are two causes for this; birds looking for nesting material, or worms trying to get that trailing piece of foliage into their holes. The answer is to snip off those trailing ends with scissors before planting.

Sow beetroot, plant early potatoes, plant evergreens and if you are building up a herbaceous border, seeds of many of these subjects can be sown in the open garden during April and May.

If you have a greenhouse and would like to grow some freesias for blooming next winter, now is the time to sow the seed.

A.H.B.

P O R T

Port is a fortified wine, pure grape brandy being added, but an explanation of this follows later.

The dark purple grapes from which port is made are grown on the banks of the river Douro in Portugal, in a strictly delimited area of approximately 1250 square miles along the upper reaches, near the Spanish frontier. Much hard labour, over the centuries, has carved terraces out of the steep red hills. The soil is very poor and stony. It is this soil, plus the climate, that gives the grapes the flavour which makes Port the greatest dessert wine in the world.

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

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When the "must" has the correct combination of sweetness and alcohol, the juice is drawn off into vats and pure Grape Brandy is added to kill the yeasts, thus stopping the fermentation. This brings the wine up to the required alcoholic strength and retains some of the natural sweetness. All Ports are blends of several wines chosen to marry together to make a wine with a distinctive quality.

VINTAGE port is a blend of wines all of one year. Wood ports are blends of wines of many years and different ages, matured in cask and so making a wine of constant quality and style. They can be Ruby port, Tawny port, Crusted port or vintage character port. Ruby is generally a blend of young, and Tawny a blend of older wines. Crusted port is a Ruby port which has matured in bottle for 4 or 5 years and Vintage Character is a port which has been carefully blended to give it the style and flavour of a vintage port but which is not made with wines all of one year

W.J. Barrett

1ST NAPHILL SCOUTS AND CUBS : Bob a job week for 1969 will be held during the week 7th - 12th April (Easter week). The boys will be calling on most households during this week and it is hoped that some small job can be found such as cleaning shoes, chopping wood and errands etc. The Bob-a-job week has now become the main fund raiser for both local, District and National level of the Scout Association. Our own Group have over 60 members and as well as weekly meetings offers boys the chance of camps in various areas and District Competitions, as well as hikes and rock-climbing for the older boys.

Each Cub or Scout will have a supply of 'Job Done' labels for you to display in windows should you not have any more jobs.

P. Mines. Group Scout Leader

1ST NAPHILL BROWNIES : The Brownie Pack continues to flourish with a full Pack of regular Brownies. At present there is a waiting list of 15 wishing to join. However, unless adult help in running the Pack is soon found the future seems uncertain, as the present Brown Owl will be leaving at the end of June.

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

Another of our members passed away on February 26th, Mr. C. Stacey, and we all sympathise with Mrs Stacey and Mrs Tucker.

After a few members had expressed a wish for a game of whist, Mrs Gilson arranged a Drive at her house and a very happy afternoon ensued.

In spite of wintry weather there was a record attendance at the club on March 14th when Mrs Poynting entertained, and her versatility charmed everyone. The De Luxe raffle was given by Mrs Gilson in celebration of an aunt attaining the age of 100 years.

The 11th of April is our 12th A.G.M. and Birthday Party and falls on exactly the same date as the first Birthday which was on April 11th 1958. At the conclusion of business and election of officers Mr. Crane will show films of various local events.

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

Miss Gould from Emlers, the well known High Wycombe jewellers, gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on Gem Stones, with some wonderful samples which we all tried on afterwards. Most of us realised that it might be the nearest we would get to some of the fabulous rings she brought with her.

The competition was guessing the combined weights of the committee and was won by Mrs Brenda Butler.

Next month is 'Costumes thro the Ages', with some demonstration garments! For any new members who might like to come along, we do hold a thrift stall where you can buy or sell any good quality clothes, shoes, etc.

The competition will be a spring flower arrangement in an egg cup, wineglass, paste jar, or anything small, so please let us have a good selection to choose from.

S.C.H.

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

Anyone for tennis ? With thoughts turning to warm summer evenings now is the time to get those racquets out and blow off the dust; have those strings mended: find those shorts you haven't worn for so long. The Tennis Club is about to come out of hibernation and will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting after Easter. So if you feel slighted at not being invited to the professional circuit this year come and take it out on us. There's something for everyone. League matches for the dedicated, club tournaments for the enthusiastic - or just an energetic set of two in pleasant company on club evenings.

Tempted ? Don't put it off any longer - make a decision. Join the rest of us with waist-line problems ! Just come along on any fine Tuesday or Thursday evening, or contact Jean and David Sawyer at FAVELL HOUSE, THE GLEBE (Naphill 2226).

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

NOTICE OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF PARISH MEETING - PARISH OF HUGHENDEN :

Notice is hereby given - that, THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING for the above named Parish will be held at Hughenden Village Hall on Monday the 31st day of March, 1969, at 8 o'clock in the evening. Such persons only as are registered as Local Government Electors for the Parish will be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting.

The Business to be transacted at the Meeting will be as follows:

1. Minutes of the 1968 Annual Parish Meeting.
2. Any matters arising from the Minutes.
3. Parish Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1968

/continued

4. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council
5. Any other Parish business.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1969.

Signed F.G. Moreton
Chairman of the Parish Council

I would like to thank all friends for their kindness to Cecil during his illness, and my sincere thanks for all your letters of sympathy.

L. Stacey

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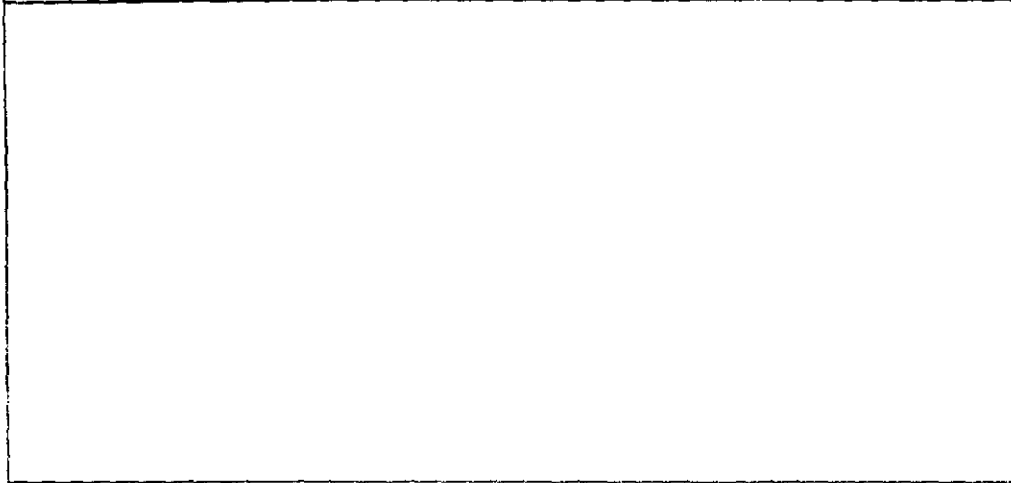
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LOAKES PARK - THE WYCOMBE CUP



As forecast elsewhere in these columns, Naphill duly became the holders of this cup, and let us admit that fortune smiled on them. In the first minutes a Wendover back passed the ball to his goalie without ascertaining his whereabouts and everyone on the ground stood frozen as the ball slowly entered the net. For the next half hour 'The Ill' were masters, but Wendover speeded up their game and gradually got on top, and at the vital moment they were awarded a penalty. - And they missed it. - Naphill took fresh heart. The left wing pair who had not been checking, suddenly worked the ball along that top touch line in the manner of Braisher and Britnell, forty years ago. Bill Styles pulled it back from the byeline right into the path of a horde of onrushing Naphillites, and it was Ian Butler who swung a leg and crashed it home.

Just previously the Editor and printer of the Gazette had spotted Terry Riches with his camera and stationed him with orders to snap the goal as it was scored. Terry played his part nobly, but alas he followed the victorious Naphill team into the communal bathroom. When one of the Naphill players, who shall be nameless, rose like Venus from the waves, wearing only a broad smile and a mug of champagne, Terry snapped him. What happened next is obscure. I will only say that water got in the camera and the space above remains vacant. "Barry Barrett's" article on champagne has been postponed to make room for Football, but as Bill Blunt presented the club with a dozen bottles of it they were in no condition to care how it was made.

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

W.I.	May 1st	2. 30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8. 00 p.m.
Play Group	Tues, Weds, Thurs a.m.	9.15-12 15
Art	Every Thursday (B.R.)	7.30-9. 30
Whist Drive	2nd, 16th, 30th	7. 30
Library	2nd, 16th, 30th	6.30-8. 15
Drama	Every Tuesday	7. 30
Dancing	6th, 13th, 20th	3-6. 15 p.m.
Welfare	7th, 21st	2. 30
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday (B.R.)	9.30-11.30 a.m.
Over 60's	9th, 23rd	2.30 p.m.
Village Hall Wine and Cheese Party	9th	8.00 p.m.
Private Party	10th	All day
Young Neighbours	12th	7.30 p.m.
Dance	24th	
W.I. Committee	29th	2.30 p.m.



ANNUAL FETE DANCE : The next Village Hall Dance will be on Fete Day, Saturday 14th June and tickets will be on sale from 5th May from:-
 Pat Syrett, The Finches, Christopher Close,
 Joan Latham, Bowland House, Main Road, (Naphill 3265)
 Judy Woodruff, Heatherlands, Downley Road (Naphill 3396)
 Tickets will cost 10/- each and as usual refreshments will be included, and there will be a licensed bar and spot prizes.



WINE AND CHEESE EVENING : The Naphill Village Hall Council are again holding a Wine & Cheese Evening to introduce new residents of the village to the various clubs and societies that are active in the village. This will be on Friday May 9th at 8 p.m. in the village hall. Representatives of the clubs etc. will be present to give all help and information to all interested.
 It is also hoped that persons other than new residents will come to show how friendly the people of Naphill are.
 Tickets are 3/6d each and are obtainable from :-
 Mrs Betty Brill, Vinette, Main Road.
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 THE NAPHILL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday Services:

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



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

Preachers for May

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

May 4th
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18th

Rev. H. Hadwen
Mr. R. Daykin

Mr. F. Slade
Mr. J. Crossley B.Sc.

Sunday School Anniversary

Mr. R.W. Crook will conduct the morning and evening services and there will be a special children's service at 2.45 presided over by Mr. Crook.

25th

Mr. W.S. Rose

Mr. A. Cooper

From the proceeds of the Youth Club Easter Dance in the Village Hall, £2 has been sent to Cliveden Youth Club for their scheme to provide a building in the grounds of the Canadian Red Cross Hospital.

M.G.B.

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

Services:

Sunday	18th May	Evensong	3. 30 p.m.
Sunday	25th May	Whitsunday Holy Communion	9. 00 a.m.
Sunday School	Every Sunday		2. 30 p.m.

Christian Aid Week May 11th to 17th : Once again, High Wycombe Council of Churches is arranging for a collection throughout the village, for donations to help their fight against disease, homelessness, poverty and famine, things which few, if any of us, have ever experienced. Please give as generously as you can. Practically all the money collected goes to the cause for which it is given, the only expenses are for printing, stationery, stamps and 'phone calls, an infinitesimal proportion of the whole.

N A P H I L L W. I.

At the April meeting a tribute of a minute's silence was paid to the memory of founder member Mrs A.V. Goodchild.

The meeting was well attended to hear a very interesting talk by a charming B.O.A.C. air hostess, Miss Ellis. An exhibition of Gifts from Abroad was well supported with objects from all over the world.

The result of the Village Hall Whist Drive was £5. 19. 9d and the Rummage Sale made £18. 1. 4½d.

V.C.O. Mrs Wood will be the speaker at the May meeting and the subject will be the N.F.W.I. A.G.M. Resolutions. The tea hostesses will be Miss J. Lawrence, Mrs Page, Mrs Parslow and Mrs. V. Pushman. The competition is An Article Embroidered in cross stitch, and there will be a Bring & Buy Stall.

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

The cricket season commences on the 3rd May and the fixtures for the month are as follows:

<u>1st Eleven</u>			<u>2nd Eleven</u>		
May 3rd	Downley	Away	May 3rd	Broomwade S.C.	Home
10th	Kingsmead	Home	10th	Desboro S.C.	Away
17th	Loudwater	Away	17th	Loudwater	Home
24th	Marsh Gordons	Home	24th	Marsh Gordons	Away
31st	Cadmore End	Away	31st	Cadmore End	Home
	May 26th	Peppard S.C.		Away	

The club would be pleased to hear from any gentleman interested in cricket to act as umpire for the reserve team, remuneration is same as Wycombe League Umpires plus free tea at all matches. "Rosewood, Downley Road for details.

G.L. Brown. Hon Sec.

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

Our meeting last month was 'Costume thro' the ages' when Mrs. Alex Graham from the Oxfordshire Costumes Service came and gave us a very interesting talk and demonstration. She explained how costumes had changed through the centuries from early Greek to the 1920's. Six of our Young Neighbours modelled eighteen of these costumes and thoroughly enjoyed doing so!

Our competition was fairly well supported and was won by Mrs Barbara Tole with a charming arrangement of spring flowers in a basket.

Next month our speaker will be Mrs. Joy Bodkin from "Beauty Counsellor". Membership fees are 5/- per year and 1/- a month, but non-members are always welcome at 1/6d per month.

S.C.H.

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

April 11th was the occasion of the 12th A.G.M. and Birthday of the Club. Mrs. G. Smith was elected Chairman and the Committee was again elected en bloc.

Members who visited Cooks Hall Farm by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs Kent spent a very pleasant afternoon in lovely sunshine seeking to solve a treasure hunt in the farmyard. Great interest was taken in admiring three calves, one only born that morning, and also watching the milking of the cows, the intricacies of which were all explained by Mr. Kent. Mr. Crane was kept very busy with his cine camera. After which all adjourned indoors for the ever welcome tea. We are indeed most grateful to our charming host and hostess and for all the time they spent to ensure that our visit was such a success.

On May 9th we hope to have a Concert Party entitled "Sands, more Bits & Peices", and on May 23rd a visit from Miss Kelham.

C.B.W.

EDITOR'S CORNER

I have discovered the article by the late S. Piercy entitled NOT SARSENS and it makes an interesting follow up to Lester Brown's feature last month on the ancient stone cutting industry of Naphill. First published in April 1937 it leaves me wishing that I could write like my old man. I am informed by J. Smith & Sons that this sandstone is known in the trade as Denner Hill stone, though it is not found at Denner Hill. My guess would be that this arose when stone for repairing Windsor Castle was carried in wagons from Denner Hill Farm.

It is now possible to see what harm this long winter has done in the shrubbery. The deciduous Ceanothus, Gloire de Versailles, looked a goner but I am relieved to see it shooting from lower down. The evergreen variety Burkwoodii is quite dead. The chairman of the V.H. Council has a goodsized one of these on a south wall, but even this has suffered so severely that it cannot be recommended for Naphill. The variety C. Vietchii is another matter and Bill Stallwood Junior has one which even on a north wall has hardly suffered at all. The Cistus or Rock Roses are also tender and three of my varieties have only just survived. The fourth which is the choice purple and pink one I kept in a cold greenhouse as a precaution. But in the Chapel Road Harry Pearson has a cistus sheltered by a low wall which has not suffered. Of the Olearias, O. Haastii and O. Albida have survived while O. Traversii is dead. But in Fred Healey's garden there is what I regard as a minor miracle. When I saw he had acquired a Callistemon or Australian Bottle Brush, I would have given him any odds that he had wasted his money. I crept in recently just to give myself the pleasure of saying Tut-tut, and then crept out again quickly, for there it was looking green and alive, and I haven't seen it in any other garden north of Poole in Dorset. My Camellia, which we used to regard as tender, has not suffered at all and looks ready to burst into flower at any moment.

Congratulations once again to our footballers who by the time this is printed may be the holders of the Wycombe junior cup, and are also in the final of the Chesham Charity cup.

This month's cover is Blossom Time on Naphill Common by Lester Brown. Last month's picture is of an owl which came down a Naphill chimney and was snapped a few minutes later by Geoff Mitchell.

" NOT SARSENS

In CORNWALL are to be found boulders and blocks of sand which are called Sarsons, or Greyweathers. These have no relation to the rock and strata of the district, but geologists tell us that they were carried there by glaciers during the Ice Age and deposited in the district.

SARSENS - continued

Now geologists are very clever at reading the riddle of the rocks and deposits of the earth's surface, but when they tell us that the sandstone of Walters Ash is sarsens, glacier carried boulders, then they are wrong. Chalk, clay, brick earth and sandstone, that is the sequence over an unimaginable period of time during which the earth's surface was built up and washed away again.

In the warm shallows of a sea that human eyes never gazed on teeming life builds up the chalk. Later the floor of the sea emerges, and dry land, with strange reptiles appears. Later still comes the Ice Age. Great glaciers are formed. They move rocks beneath their tremendous weight, and grind the granite into clay. They cover the site of the once-warm sea and the land where the Sabretoothed Tiger roamed. Again there is slow change. In the short summers the ice begins to melt, till only the Welsh and Scottish mountains remain covered with snow and ice. The glaciers leave the chalk covered with boulder clay.

Every Spring the melting snow sends torrents of water from the hills, cutting channels through the clay, and bringing sand. In the summer the beds of water courses are a beautiful white sand. Round the bends of the channels the spring torrents make great whirlpool pot holes, which remain full of water in summer when the bed of the stream is dry. Next Spring, when the torrent flows again the sand and the clay of the banks are washed into the pot holes, the sand being separated from the clay by the centrifugal force of the whirling water. The centre of the pool is a nucleus of clean washed sand, and the water is thick with a muddy clay silt, free of the stones which have sunk to the bottom. The next spring the torrent has again changed its course, the bend is washed away, the site of the pot hole is covered with refuse of the bank, and another pot hole is being bored in the channel further downstream.

Ages pass. Stone Age man appears. He comes from the East and the South across what is now the English Channel and North Sea. He has, like the wolves, followed the migrating deer going ever northward as the ice recedes. The Welsh mountains are being disintegrated by frost, sun and water. The rivers cut great valleys, the river deltas build up the land.

Come men who raised Stone Henge. Come early Britons, come Romans, Danes, Saxons, and the early mixture. The seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth century, and men are cutting stones and making bricks. They dig out the clay and break the boulders. The centre of the boulder is often soft with a beautiful washed sand. It has not hardened to the centre. The men find that they are digging out a hole, the sides of which are no good for brick. They come to the bottom, they have cleaned it out, and our pot hole is empty.

This, then, is where the geologists are wrong. The Sarsen is a boulder carried a great distance from its parent sandstone strata by glacial action. The Walters Ash stone was formed where it was found. The pot hole theory is borne out by the brick clay found in the same hole, both being deposited at the same time by water action. In the woods one can still find traces of the sandy water channels. It is the same sand, but mixed with a fine clay silt which makes it

SARSENS - continued

unfit for commercial purposes, but the most of it has disappeared through denudation.

Thus we pry into the old earth's secrets, and the Great Lord God is very pleased to find his creatures doing so, but we did not hear what he said. Was it "Guessed right", or was it "Guess again" ?
'COURIER' "

We are pleased to afford a little publicity to our neighbours over at Beaconsfield.

Ed.

Whilst at Windsor on May 10th, 1269, King Henry III in the fifty-third year of his reign granted to the Abbess and Nuns of Burnham Abbey the right to hold a fair at Bekenfeld every year.

That was 700 years ago, and to mark the 700th anniversary the town of Beaconsfield will be celebrating by holding an eight-day festival culminating in the actual Street Fair, which will on Saturday May 10th 1969 transform Beaconsfield Old Town.

At the request of the Town Council, a Committee was formed by members of the Round Table to organise and liaise the festival. The result is a week of events calculated to entertain the people of Beaconsfield and the surrounding districts.

Throughout the week entertainments will include a Variety Show, Youth Review, Film Show, Organ Recital and Piano Recital. The local Chamber of Commerce are organising a shopping week, with special prizes, and the Beaconsfield Historical Society are staging an Historical Exhibition in the County Library, Reynold Road, Beaconsfield.

From May 9th-11th a Festival of Flowers will be held in St. Mary and All Saints Parish Church. This is organised by the Beaconsfield Flower Decoration Society.

Tuesday May 6th will see the appointment of the official Town Crier and Ale Taster. This will be on the green in Old Town.

Philatelists will be keen to purchase one of the special commemorative envelopes being sold by the Rotary Club. If posted on the day of the fair, the envelope will receive the special one-day only frank.

A special "700" shop at 28 London End, Beaconsfield will be open to sell the souvenir programme as well as tickets for the various events.

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

The term ended with much activity for the top class. On Sunday 23rd March the Choir sang at the Lacey Green Methodist Church, and on the Friday 28th March the Over Sixty Club was entertained in the Village Hall. On April 1st the School Choir was joined by the Speen Choir for a musical evening in the school. In addition many children provided solo and group items. The singing in the school is enjoyed by all the children and the standard reached is a credit to Mrs. P. Syrett.

On Friday 28th March the School Gymnastic Championships were held for the first time and the standard reached was exceptional for the age of the children competing.

Results: Girls	1st	Joanna Lewis
	2nd	Susan Reeve
	3rd	Stella Cardus

Boys	1st	Kevin Bacon
	2nd	Andrew Walker

Special prize for younger girls : Elaine Tucker

Many children entered the Brooke-Bond Competition for schools, results being:

Writing - Pamela Flett; Book Token. Robin Smith ; Certificate of Merit
 Free Writing - Robin Smith ; Book token. Wendy Allcock " " "
 Infant Art - Melvin Wellbourne " " Stephen Whitmore " " "

The children did not enter the Junior Art Competition as the subject "Summertime" did not fit in with the class studies.

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

We were very pleased with the "turnout" at the Film Show and talk on Peat for the Soil, and also that those who came along enjoyed the evening. This has encouraged the Committee to consider further such events during next autumn and winter.

With the light evenings most of you will be busy cultivating your plots, and we shall be occupied in organising our two Shows which will be held on July 5th and September 13th. Any member wishing to visit the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens at Wisley may obtain free entry tickets from our Secretary at "Braeside", Chapel Lane - these are freely available to all members, even those who have recently joined, and they can make use of these free entry tickets as often as they wish during the year.

We also have available free entry tickets to Shows of the various National Societies to which we are affiliated; most of these shows are of course held at the R.H.S. Halls, London. These include the Rose, Sweet Pea, Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Shows. We also have the year books from these societies which are free on loan to any member interested.

We have now almost sold out of 'Chasmor' for the summer season but supplies of peat and growmore are still available.

Our membership is slowly increasing although there have been some lapses, owing we feel sure to a little forgetfulness. The annual minimum subscription of 2/6d we feel sure is within the means of anyone and has remained constant since the Society's inception, but of course we raise no objection if you feel you would like to pay a little more. Last year our Vice Presidents gave us excellent support and we look forward to this pleasant state of affairs continuing during the present year.

Although the tickets for Chelsea Show are almost all taken up, we will do our best to accommodate any late applications.

We understand our President and his Lady have recently returned safely from their trip to New Zealand, and we say Welcome Back, and look forward to hearing and seeing something of their experiences in the near future.

A.H.B.

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

A time ago it was the continuous wet weather that kept us off the garden and more recently although there has been some bright dry spells those cold winds have not been very pleasant. All this has meant that things are a little late and likewise progress with the gardening jobs has got a little behind. However, we are now into the merry month of May and time for the cuckoo and thoughts of runner beans, marrows, cucumber and summer bedding plants. Older inhabitants know it is a bit chancy to plant these subjects in the open garden before the end of the month and that early June would be much safer unless of course you are prepared to cover up when the forecast says that frost may be expected! May is a tricky old lady.

We can also expect that wind and rain will be giving those taller growing plants like delphiniums, dahlias, chrysanthemums and gladioli a bit of a bashing at some time during the season, so why not get some stakes and ties ready and attend to this work as the plants need it.

Those of us with greenhouses have been struggling with the usual problem this last few weeks, trying to find room for those tomato plants and wondering what to do with chrysanthemums, dahlias, bedding plants and what have you. This is where that extra bit of frame space comes in handy, and of course all those plants that will eventually be planted out in beds and borders should be exposed as much as possible to the elements, avoiding cold winds, heavy rain and draughts, to get them used to the outside conditions, or what is generally termed hardening off. Plants that can go out now are summer cabbage, cauliflower and the rest of those potatoes.

Successional sowings of peas, carrots, lettuce and radish also seakale beet, also the long and globe varieties for later supplies. Pick out the tops of broad beans when in full flower and if you are fond of them, sow another row to help supplies going. Watch out for caterpillars on roses and greenfly anywhere, and those young weeds are coming through, so get the hoe going.

A.H.B.

GOODCHILD : Gladys, Ron and Louis, sincerely thank all relatives, neighbours and friends, for their messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes, received in their recent bereavement.

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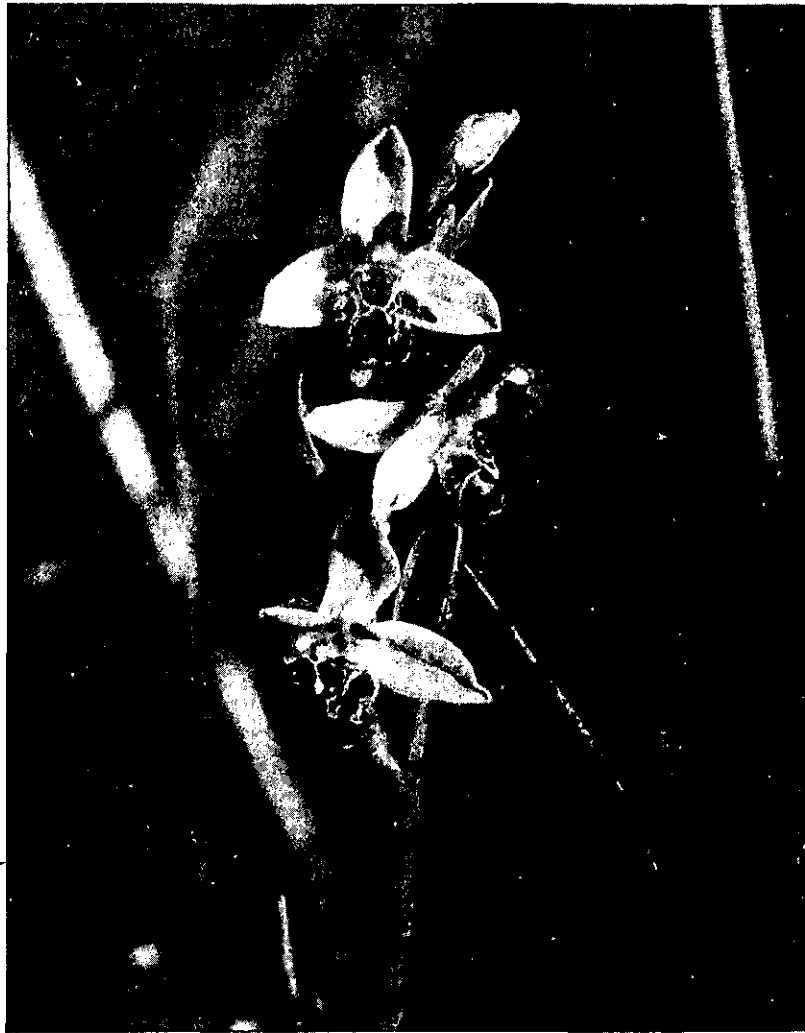
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JUNE

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

Dancing	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th	3.00 - 6.15 p.m.
Welfare	4th, 18th	2.00 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
W.I.	5th	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Art	" " (B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	6th, 20th	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	9th	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	13th, 27th	7.30 p.m.
Library	13th, 27th (B.R.)	6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
NAPHILL FETE	14th	All Day
V.H.C. Summer Dance	14th	8.00 p.m.
Naphill Friends Meeting	20th	7.00 p.m.
Art Evening	21st	7.00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	26th (C.R.)	2.30 p.m.

V I L L A G E C O U N C I L M E E T I N G
5th May, 1969

The important item of the evening concerned the heavy maintenance programme required to keep the fabric of the Hall in good condition. Arrangements will be put in hand for the roof and boiler chimney to receive attention now that the warmer weather has arrived. A meeting has been arranged with a representative of the national Council for Social Services who are to help the Council in their application for a grant to improve the Village Hall.

Mr. Enfield reported that the Fete preparations were well under way and he looked forward to seeing many helpers on the Friday evening, June 13th, and on the actual day of the festivities.

The Council were very pleased to be able to elect Mr. Rex Leaver to the position of Vice-Chairman.

N A P H I L L F E T E J U N E 14th, 1969

Our tame scribe reports furious activity throughout the Village as the great day (June 14th) approaches. The midnight oil has been burnt on more than one occasion in the committee room of the Village Hall by members of the Village Fete Committee who have been seen pouring over plans of the playing field, consulting Old Moore's Almanac and dusting the village crystal ball. Contacts have been made with Air Sea Rescue (in the event of wet weather), the R.S.P.C.A. (for guidance on the finer points of running a dog show), the Jockey Club (for the horse racing) and the Royal Aircraft Establishment (for details of the terminal velocity of arrows.)

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NAPHILL FETE Continued

All this goes to prove that the handful of men and women who organize the Village Fete have left no stone unturned, no avenue unexplored to provide YOU with a varied afternoon's entertainment. Organisations taking part are well advanced (we hope) with their preparations. If you haven't hired a lorry for your float, don't worry, it's far too late now. A prize of a gallon of beer and a whopping great bill for damages is ready for the first person to break the sound barrier in the Archery butts. Have you every used a bow and arrow? You can try for yourself on June 14th.

This is Naphill's great day, remember the proceeds go to a worthy cause - the upkeep of the Village Hall & Playing Fields. So take advantage of all the nail-biting, chaos and confusion that has gone into the planning of this Fete and do come along. If the sun shines there is no finer part of England than the Chilterns and there will be plenty of Ice Cream. If it rains, you can't get flooded on the Chilterns and anyhow, Wet Weather Plans have been made - and remember Air Sea Rescue have been told! So please come along and have a look around, you may even enjoy yourself.

H.M.

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

Preachers for June

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

June	1st	Mr. E. Andrews	Sister Margaret Smith
"	8th	Women's Own Anniversary	
"		Mrs. Pipe	Mrs. Greenstreet
"	15th	Mr. D. Gregory	Mr. K. Lewis
"	22nd	Mrs. D. Short	
		B.Sc. M.A.	Rev. Eric Firth
"	29th	Mrs. Nash	Mr. W. O. Haines.

Our Sunday School Anniversary Services were held on Sunday, 18th May. Morning and evening services were conducted by Mr. R. Crook and items by the children and choir were included. We were very pleased to see so many parents and friends at the afternoon service, when the children presented two items "The Lord's Prayer" and "May-time" and the Primary Class sang "Thank Him" so sweetly. The soloists at the evening service were Miss Shirley Smith, Mrs. Janet Judge and Mr. David Taylor.

M.G.B.

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

Services.

Sunday	15th June	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
"	22nd June	Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.
Sunday School		Every Sunday	2.30 p.m.

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

Last month Mrs. Joy Bodkin came from "Beauty Councillor" and gave a very interesting talk and demonstration on how to keep ourselves young and attractive with the art of make-up.

Our next meeting is on June 9th when High Wycombe Family Planning Clinic are coming to talk about the 'pill'! Our competition is 'your prettiest piece of china.'

We are still urgently in need of volunteers to help with:- Hoop-la, teas and the float. Would anyone interested, please contact the Chairman, Mrs. B. Streets at Naphill 3108. Could we also remind you that non-perishable goods i.e. tea, sugar etc., can be brought to the next meeting. Cakes, sandwiches and fillings to be taken to the Village Hall on the Fete morning between 10 - 12 noon. Anyone wanting cakes to be fetched, would they please contact the chairman at the above number.

W.I.

About 50 members attended the meeting with Mrs. Balls presiding. The speaker was Mrs. Wood V.C.O. who spoke on the resolutions for the Albert Hall Meeting in June. These were discussed and voted on, so that our delegate would know how the W.I. Wished her to vote.

The preliminary round of the County Quiz was then held, volunteers were called for to find two members to represent the W.I. in the next round. The Quiz was organized and run by Mr. Kelloway with the help of 3 school girls. The finals are to be held at Stowe Park next year - this being the Golden Jubilee of the W.I. The two members are Mrs. D. Smith and Mrs. McCue; and the two reserves are Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Marshall.

Play Readings are now being held every Tuesday at 8 p.m., and we would like to extend a welcome to any one in the Village who may be interested, (especially men). Next Play Reading will be held at "Traveller's Joy" (Mrs. Bullock), Main Road, Naphill at 8 p.m.

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 Club has been well attended recently and we were pleased to welcome back several members on May 9th who had been kept away through long standing illness and they all enjoyed the variety show given by Sands W.I. members.

On June 6th, we hope to have Mr. W.Blick of Maidenhead with transparencies and on June 20th Mrs. Good speaking about antiques. If members possess any and would like to bring them along Mrs. Good may be able to value them.

We regret the passing of Miss W. Janes, who was a member before leaving the village.

C.D.W.

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

I had hoped that someone in the village would have been moved to send me a few lines on the passing of those well known twins "Chuffy" and "Wally" Stacey. It may surprise some people to learn that they were twins, but Wally used to say "No wonder I be short, he stood on my 'head for nine months." Those of us who knew them well, knew how alike they were. The difference in height and the preference of one for the chapel and the other for the pub, were merely superficial. They had the same flashes of humour, and the eagerness to talk to anyone on any subject, but particularly of the village they loved so well. Many a local parson has tried to get Wally's elbows off the bar and I overheard Mr. Jones of the Mission one Sunday evening thus:- "Ah Good Evening Wallace, I do hope you are not on your way to the pub", to which Wally replied, "Now that's a funny thing you should say that Reverend, cos that's jest where I be off." And now he has clipped his last roadside hedge and Cecil's long illness is over and we miss them both exceedingly. An old drinking companion of Wally's has sent the following tribute from Singapore:-

On the Death of an Old Friend.

"Old Wally Stacey died last week"

(A letter from a friend)

With sorrow genuine and deep,
The Village mourned his end.

Old Wally was a humble man,
A road Worker by trade
His jokes were always told dead-pan
And many's the laugh he made.

In the public bar on Saturdays
Old Wally had no peers
As he recalled the characters
Remembered down the years.

Sometimes he would repeat a tale
He'd told the week before
But Wally's jokes were never stale
We simply laughed the more.

In later years infirmity
Began to take its' toll
A bench seat bare and empty showed
The writing on the wall.

And now old Wally's gone to rest
But my predictions are
That still he's cracking many a jest,
In the Lord Almighty's bar.

F O O T B A L L



I make no apology for returning to this subject for this has been the most successful season in the 70 odd years of the Naphill Club. They have carried off the Wycombe Cup, the Chesham Charity cup, the Runners-Up Shield in the league and the reserves are also runners up in their Division. All this meant a terrific backlog of fixtures - they actually played six matches in one week - and so they came to the final at Chesham a stale and tired team. They therefore, deserve the utmost credit for doing just enough to win, scoring the only goal of the match in the first half when the wee Scot George Maharg slid in a bouncing centre from the left. In the second half, Naphill packed their goal and relied on breakaways. Not because these were good tactics (which they weren't), but because it was all they had strength left to do. We greeted the final whistle with vast relief for the prospect of extra time was unbearable. Even then, I wondered if they would ever get their medals for there was a flight of stairs to climb, but they just made it. And believe it or not, they played another match the next night. Once again Terry Riches snapped the winning goal.

Our cover this month is the rare bee orchis photographed in Naphill by Geoff Mitchell. Geoff tells me it's rare in Britain as a whole, but fairly common in the Chilterns. He has also found locally, the much rarer wasp orchis.

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

On May 5th at approximately 10 a.m. at Wareham, there was a happy reunion for many children of Naphill School with their old headmaster Mr. W. E. Kilby, now retired in Dorset. There were many questions to be answered, many clickings of cameras to record this happy occasion.

The children were off on the first full day's tour on their educational visit of South Dorset. Later in the week the children entertained the Mayor and Mayoress of Weymouth and Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Kilby at dinner in their headquarters, the Fairhaven Hotel, Weymouth. Joanna Lewis, the head girl, proposed the toast of "Weymouth" and the Mayor replied. Iain Wallis proposed a toast to "Our Senior Citizens", the 90 old folks from Birmingham and Manchester with whom they shared the hotel. Robin Smith welcomed Mr. & Mrs. Kilby.

These were a few highlights of a very successful educational tour; the children excelled themselves with their behaviour and many favourable comments were made during the course of the week. Parents will be able to see the results of the tour at a special evening in the school on June 9th, when the children will display their books and work of the tour; their many photographs and souvenirs collected and hear tape recordings made during the visit.

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

We were able to get sufficient free tickets for 16 of our members and friends to visit the Chelsea Show this year and as there was a nice spell of weather for this event we feel sure they had an enjoyable time. Free tickets are also available for the Rose, Sweet Pea, Dahlia, Chrysanthemum and other such Shows held during the year. If you are interested, why not call on the Secretary (once more Braeside, Chapel Lane) who will be pleased to give you further information.

The Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley are always worth a visit and here again free tickets of entry are available at any time at the same address. The newest member and his wife are just as entitled to their small privileges as those of long standing so if you would like to go some day, please call round.

Time is getting near for the first of our two Shows - Saturday 5th July and although, because you are a member you are not expected to exhibit, we think you would find it rather fun if you did.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Continued.

This year we hope to have lots of entries for the Floral Art classes as your Committee have gone to some expense in purchasing proper niches for improving the staging of these entries; and also, we now have a very nice Trophy to be competed for in these classes. Two which should be of general appeal are the arrangement depicting an Inn Sign and the arrangement to compliment a piece of summer dress material. And among others, a Bowl of One Dozen Roses and an arrangement of Flowers to Face Front - we call this latter one My Favourite Arrangement..

There are noe or two others, so Ladies and Gentlemen for that matter, why not try your hand, and if you know of a friend who is good at flower arranging, why not persuade them to do an exhibit for our Show.

We are also hoping to have a small exhibit of Cacti and Succulents on display by one of our members who will be pleased to have a chat with anyone interested in these fascinating subjects. We shall welcome gifts of plants and other horticultural produce, cookies, knitted articles - in fact anything that will sell on the Gift Stall.

A.H.B.

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

With the danger of frost now over, it's full steam ahead with the bedding plants, hanging baskets, ornamental tubs and what have you. I know some of you made a start a few weeks ago, and it was a little worrying about mid-May with that little cold spell and the frost warnings to say nothing of that Sunday snowstorm. Anyway, all's well that ends well, and despite all our moans about things being late this year, it would seem that we have now got to the seasonal normal.

If you have not already put out those bedding plants, a few tips for the less experienced. See that the plants are seated nicely on the soil, not too deep and not waving in the wind; get your fingers round the plants and press them gently, but firmly into position in their planting holes.

Remember that the plants you are putting out will grow bigger as the season advances so give them room to grow. Don't plant too near the edge of the lawn or grass paths because either they will get cut off by the mower, or they will be encroaching onto the lawn and you will be unable to cut the grass up to the edges to keep a neat and tidy appearance.

While on the subject of do's and don'ts, on looking around, I often see manures and fertilizers being put close up to, and even onto the stems of growing plants and shrubs. Whether it is cabbage or brussels, roses or runner beans, those feeding roots are some distance from the centre of the plant and that is where they want their feed - several inches from small plants and several feet from growing shrubs.

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GARDENING NOTES Continued.

There have been a number of enquiries about what to do with that rather troublesome weed in lawns that also encroaches onto the cultivated garden - Veronica or Speedwell. Here is something I have tried with success. A quarter of a pint of tar oil winter wash in two gallons of water - this will cover 20 square yards and will discolour the grass for a week or two. It will recover, but the Speedwell won't!

A.H.B.

C H A M P A G N E

This has to be a detailed description of how Champagne is made to justify the high cost of this world famous wine.

FERMENTATION. First of all, the natural fermentation of the "Must" or grape juice takes place in the casks. The must "boils" and the grape sugar contained in the juice is transformed into alcohol which remains in the wine, and into Carbonic gas (CO₂) which escapes into the air through the bunghole left open for that purpose. After a month's fermentation the liquid cools down again of its own accord and the must has then become wine. All the sidement falls to the bottom of the casks where it forms the "lees".

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

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

BOTTLING. Having added the proper quantity of sugar and cultivated yeast necessary to give it its' sparkling qualities through the second fermentation, this champagne shipper will now put his wine into new and very strong bottles which have been thoroughly washed. These are immediately corked and each cork is secured by a special steel hook or clamp called an "agraffe." The bottles are then lowered to the cellar where they are placed carefully in piles. Here will begin, at a low temperature (50°F), the second fermentation or "prise de mousse", which transforms the sugar which was added, into alcohol and carbonic acid gas. This not being able to escape, remains in solution in the wine, making it sparkle and giving a pressure of 60/80 lbs per square inch. The bottles will now be stored in the caves until required. But this second fermentation has developed more sediment which will have to be expelled from the bottles to avoid any sign of cloudiness and ensure the perfect brightness of the wine. The next process, therefore, prepares the wine ready for shipment.

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CHAMPAGNE Continued

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

DISGORGING: This is the name given to the ejection of the sediment. The bottle is first of all dipped, neck downwards, in a refrigerating liquid at a temperature of 40° F and, after a short time, there is a small lump of ice formed in the neck of the bottle, securing the sediment on the cork. The clamp is then removed and as the cork shoots out under the pressure of the carbonic acid gas, so does the ice and sediment.

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

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

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

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2. 15 p.m. Procession of Decorated Floats and Fancy Dress
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2. 45 p.m. Opening of Fete by:-



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3. 15 p.m. Tug of War. U.S.A.F. v R.A.F.
3. 30 p.m. Popular selections played by Ellesborough Silver Band.
3. 45 p.m. Family Races.
4. 15 p.m. Another selection of popular tunes by the Band.
4. 30 p.m. Dog Show.
5. 15 p.m. Grand Draw and Presentation of Prizes.

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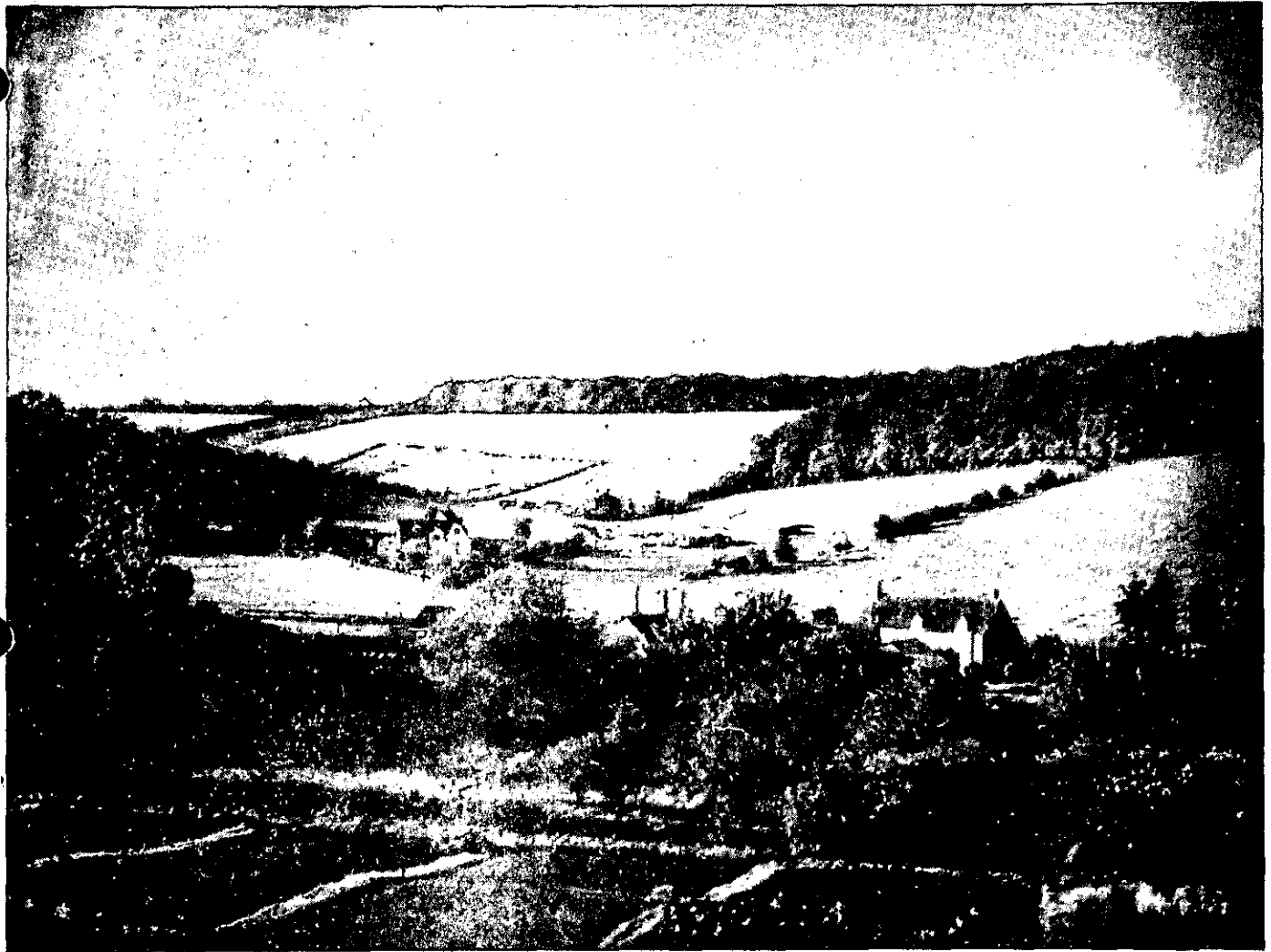
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Dancing Classes	1st	3 - 6.15 p.m.
Welfare	2nd, 16th	2 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
W.I.	3rd	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Art	" " (B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Over 60's	4th, 18th	2.30 p.m.
Horticultural Show	5th	2 p.m.
Molins Dance	5th	8 p.m.
V.H.C.	7th	8 p.m.
Conservative Wine & Cheese	9th	8 p.m.
Whist Drive	11th, 25th	7.30 p.m.
Library	11th, 25th	6.30 - 8 p.m.
Young Neighbours	14th	7.30 p.m.
Methodist Youth Club	19th	7 p.m.
W.I. Committee	31st (C.R.)	2.30 p.m.

V I L L A G E H A L L C O U N C I L M E E T I N G
2nd June, 1969

As usual during the summer holiday months, the attendance was only modest. The most important item discussed was the long term planning arrangements. It was reported that a meeting had been held with a representative from the National Council of Social Services who were prepared to help with the task of seeking a grant from the Ministry of Education for improvements to the Village Hall. It was decided to employ a firm of architects to draw up plans incorporating all the alterations required - which had been listed and discussed at a previous meeting. There seemed a reasonable chance of including a new surface and drains for the car park within the scope of the scheme which could be a great help towards a costly item.

The Cheese & Wine Party, organized by Mrs. Brill and a small committee, was thought to have been a success in that about half the guests were newcomers to the village who enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know more about the place they live in and meeting other new Naphillians - and some not so new.

H. Latham

N A P H I L L F E T E 1969

It was with fear and trepidation that we searched the morning sky for clouds on June the 14th. But the weather seemed determined to make amends for giving us three consecutive wet Fetes. It was a beautiful day!

The Fete proved to be a great success; it seemed that the whole village arrived to further our cause and to have an enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to everyone's generosity and the hard work of the stall-holders, a record-breaking profit of approximately £280 was realised.

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NAPHILL FETE Continued

I must also thank the Fete Committee for all the hard work they have put in over the last months in order for the Fete to be held. They really are appreciated by us all. Also, all the other willing folk who worked so enthusiastically preparing everything through the jungle-type heat of Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

The Floats looked as gay and refreshing as ever; the winner being Naphill School. Let's see a few more next year though!

The Ellesborough Band brought a festive air to the occasion as they marched through the village and later played for us during the afternoon. Many thanks to them.

We were unfortunate in not being able to have our regular Tug-of-War teams with us after all and hope you were not too disappointed.

The Dog Show proved very popular and we hope to hold more classes next year. It would seem that happy dogs thrive in Naphill - must be those woods!

Eighty-two and three quarter cars paid for the privilege of parking on the field. We must look out for that three-quarters of a car bombing up and down the village this summer!!

By early evening everyone was sure that their feet were dropping off. Apparently they did not, or Bostik worked wonders, for at the Village Dance, the floor was as crowded as ever and a thoroughly good time was had by all.

A.E.

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

Preachers for July

11 a.m.

6.15 p.m.

July 6th	Mrs. Godwin	Sister Margaret Smith*
" 13th	Mrs. Mann	Mr. R. Peel
" 20th	Sister Margaret Smith	Mr. H. Lord
" 27th	Mr. D. Church	Miss Wolfendale.

* Holy Communion

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

July 20th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
" 27th	Holy Communion	9.0 a.m.

The Sunday School will close down on Sunday, July 20th and restart on Sunday, 7th September.. This is our usual procedure, as so many children are away from the village on holiday during the school vacation; and the teachers too, require a break from their voluntary work each Sunday.

The result of the CHRISTIAN AID Week Collection announced last month has now reached the record figure of £54 4s. 9d.

E.W.

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

Beautiful transparencies of the Holy Land shown by Mr. W. Blick of Maidenhead and the commentary so ably given by Mrs. Blick made a change from slides of the usual holiday resorts. There was yet another record attendance on June 20th when Mr and Mrs. C. Good brought and described small antiques, which was most interesting.

We are grateful to members for their gifts for the Bring & Buy Stall held in aid of Naphill Fete, the proceeds of which amounted to £3 8s. 2d. Next month we look forward to a visit from Mrs. Sarll on the 4th of July.

May we remind members of the Horticultural Show on July 5th, when the class arranged specially for them is for flowers arranged in a stemmed Wine Glass. On July 18th, weather permitting, a Garden Party will be arranged at Waldens, Main Road, Naphill by kind invitation of Mr. & Mrs. G. Smith.

C.B.W.

N A P H I L L W. I.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. D. Smith. Mrs. Balls welcomed a new member, Mrs. Everett. A letter from Wycombe General Hospital was read, asking for any voluntary help, such as writing letters for patients, flower arranging, doing personal shopping for patients, etc. People interested should get in touch with Mrs. P. Keep, Liaison Officer, Voluntary Services, at Wycombe General Hospital.

The Coffee Morning at Mrs. Smith's raised £4 2s. 9d and the Whist Drive at Mrs. Ellis' raised £1 12s. 6d. The July meeting will be on the 3rd of July, and there will be a demonstration on Flower Arrangements by Mrs. Goodchild. The competition - Arrangement of Flowers in Unusual Container. Tea Hostesses for July - Mrs. Read, Mrs. Sawney, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Youd.

The Speaker, Ex. Det. Inspector W.R. Thompson, was introduced and members listened attentively as Sir Winston Churchill's "shadow" told of his life while guarding Britain's wartime leader. 'Tommy' Thompson knew Sir Winston over a number of years, dating from 1921, when he accompanied him on a tour of Egypt and Palestine. In the party on that tour was Lawrence of Arabia, and 'Tommy' Thompson was very impressed with that gentleman, as was Sir Winston.

The job of guarding Sir Winston was an arduous one, but one which "he wouldn't have missed for anything in the world" - to quote his own words. Ex. Det. Inspector Thompson told how he started guarding Sir Winston in 1921 and continued until 1932 when he left the Force. In August 1939 he received a telegram instructing him to meet Sir Winston on his return from France. He was recalled by Scotland Yard to continue the job started in 1921, of guarding Sir Winston - as this great man already knew and trusted 'Tommy' Thompson. Sir Winston had been warned that plans for his assassination were in hand, and although

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NAPHILL W.I. Continued

not afraid of anything or anyone he "had a job to do" (his own words). Sir Winston picked his own staff and didn't like "yes" men. He asked for, and got, 100% loyalty from everyone. He was, on the one side, a tyrant - stern, severe and ruthless but he didn't ask anyone to work harder, or longer than he himself. Another side of him was lovable, affectionate and sentimental and he loved children. He was also witty and members of the W.I. were amused at several stories told to illustrate his quick repartee.

Sir Winston was a difficult man to look after - danger seemed to stimulate him. During the bombing raids he would not go to the shelter and insisted on sleeping at No. 10. He often walked in the streets while bombs were falling and when finally asked by 'Tommy' not to do this, acquiesced and then watched the raids from the roof of Scotland Yard.

Sir Winston's day was a long one, starting with breakfast at 7.30 a.m., but he always had an hours' rest during the afternoon wherever he was. He then went on working until the early hours of the following morning. Contrary to belief, Sir Winston smoked only 3 or 4 cigars a day, and drank only Soda Water, with just an occasional spirit at night. Thousands of cigars sent to Sir Winston had to be destroyed, for security reasons.

In 1945, Ex. Det. Inspector Thompson once more left the service of Sir Winston and the parting was indeed a sad one. Sir Winston gave 'Tommy' a cheque as a wedding present - he had married his secretary. Sir Winston had "accomplished his mission."

A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Marshall.

D.A.L.

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

At the June Meeting, Mrs. Suter from the Family Planning Clinic at High Wycombe talked about the advantages of planning your family and the methods available; statistics have proved the "Pill" to be the most reliable. Mrs. Doris Jenkins gave a vote of thanks.

The competition for the most attractive piece of china was won by Mrs. Doris Wells. The Committee would like to thank all members who helped at the Fete and supplied cakes etc., for the refreshments. Mrs. Kipping, who is well known in the village, is the speaker at our next meeting on the 14th of July - the subject is "Flower Arrangement."

S.S.

'Only Mrs. Jenkins?'

Ed.

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Saturday, July 5th and once again we shall be endeavouring to put on show all that is best in local horticulture, according to the season. Apart from the exhibits you will bring along, your Committee have arranged one or two extra items that we feel sure will be of general interest.

There will be a display of Cacti and Succulents and probably a few examples of Bonsia by one of our members - Mr. Len Gray, who will be pleased to have a chat about his favourites with anyone interested. Harold Tweedale and daughter Alison are staging a collection of Fuchsias with names, which will help you to identify any that you have, and help you in choosing varieties you might like to add to your collection. We also welcome our friends of the Wycombe Dahlia Society who will be manning an educational stand and will be pleased to answer your questions on growing problems and the care and cultivation of these colourful flowers.

Now we hope you will play your part by bringing along your exhibits if you can, bringing or buying at the Gift Stall, or at least paying us a visit during the afternoon. There will be a Suggestion Box somewhere at the Show in which we would like members to place any ideas they might have for Talks, Film Shows etc., during the winter months. Give us your ideas and we will do our best to carry them out.

Finally, a word about the great loss to local horticulture in the passing of Mr. Sid Lerner of Stokenchurch. He was a very successful exhibitor at our Shows - as was his father before him - and a valued member of our Society. His many exhibits will be sadly missed at our Shows; we have already tendered our condolences on your behalf to his wife and daughters.

A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

It would appear that despite the recent dull weather period, Naphill has not had the amount of rain that has fallen in the surrounding district, even as near to us as our neighbours in Hughenden Valley and High Wycombe. This freakish weather must evoke some sympathy for the Weather Men in compiling their local forecasts.

However, in the hope that the weather will be kind, the planting of all winter greens should be completed and the leeks and celery - if you have the room and like these vegetables. Sowings of any of the following can be made this month - spinach to stand the winter, carrots for winter supply, lettuce and radish to keep up the salads; and later in the month, a sowing of spring cabbage.

It is important to thin all rows of seedlings as required, as if they have to fight for space, they will be late developers, misshaped and of poor quality. This does not mean you want one here and the other at West Wycombe, but enough for each plant to develop to its' reasonable capacity.

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GARDEN NOTES Continued.

Supports and ties for all tall growing subjects is another must at this time - whether they be flowers or vegetables. Herbs that are required for winter use should be cut just before they come into flower. Tie them into small loose bundles and suspend them in a warm airy place away from direct sunlight.

Clip holly, beech, hornbeam and yew hedges this month, also, cupprisus lawsonia and take out the gowing tip, if they have reached a suitable height.

Don't keep those fertilisers in the bag, neither fruit, flowers nor vegetables can reach them there. But remember, not too close to the stems, lightly fork or rake them in and water if the weather should be dry; it is best if you can choose showery weather for this work.

A.H.B.

EDITOR'S CORNER

I did not hear the Chairman's remarks at the opening of the Fete, but one or two people have got the impression that he spoke about the Playing Fields having been given, and have asked me to correct this.

Major Bisraeli did not give the land because he held the estate in trust and it was not within his power to do so. But he was a good friend to Naphill and when approached, he used his influence to get the land made available at much less than building price. But, even so, and with the help of a grant, I believe there was still about £500 to find. From memory, I believe my father and the late Ted Brown went to the bank and by giving their personal guarantee, secured the loan of £250 on condition the village raised the rest; (and remember the village had been, as it were, bled white to build the Village Hall.

Lester Brown tells me of a meeting that was held on what is now my lawn, though I do not remember it myself. It seems my father made an impassioned speech to the assembled sports clubs and others interested, saying that for Naphill it was now or never. The Downley Road frontage was already built on, if they did not seize this chance the rest would follow, and there would only be left the patch known as the 'Old Crick'. Lester was amongst the first to put up his hand and offer the loan of £5. The late Herbie Putnam, who was not noted for quixotic gestures, chipped in with an offer of £25. A lot of money for a factory worker in those days. The money was raised and the Playing Field act was eventually merged with the Village Hall act. Newcomers must be patient with those oldies who do not like these things forgotten. In those days my family were still regarded as almost newcomers.

I am reminded of old Grannie Putnam who used to say about dying:-
"We shall all come to it if we lives long enough."

The cover this month is a view of North Dean from the bank above Clappins Lane. Photograph by Lester Brown.

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

On June 20th, the second of this years' meetings was held at the Village Hall. Attendance, which was unusually small, was sufficient to effectively select the two beneficiaries from the members' lucky draw. They were:- Mr. G. Woodruff of Heatherlands and Mrs. Jack of Champion Cottage.

Membership is still short of our target of 100 and we would welcome new members who can obtain all details from:-

Mr. R. Pushman, 'Umtata,' Naphill 3122, or
Mr. D. Tooby, 'Abbotsbury,' Naphill 2308,
or indeed, any paid up member of the club.

Subscriptions of £5 from members who joined at the start of the scheme last December, will be due after the next meeting in September. So far, some £50 has been paid back to members but perhaps still more important, some £100 has been raised for Village Hall Funds.

R. Pushman.

A C O U N T R Y N O T E

From Air Commodore Clappen:-

' I don't know whether it's of interest, but this is a record I have over the last eight years of the dates that I have heard the cuckoo for the first time around Courns Wood. Pretty Consistent I think.'

1962	April 24th	1966	April 26th
1963	" 25th	1967	" 24th
1964	" 24th	1968	" 25th
1965	May 30th	1969	" 29th.

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

On the 22nd of May 1969, the school Chess Tournament took place. A large number of children entered the event; in all thirty-eight enthusiasts were present. In general the standard of play was good and all children played to the best of their ability and thoroughly enjoyed the competition.

The successful semi-finalists were Alistair Diack, Dean Gilbert, Ian Andrews and Quentin Scott. Each boy played an admirable game and can be proud of his performance. The final game took place the following day, 23rd of May. The players - Quentin Scott and Alistair Diack played excellently, each move being closely observed by other chess players. After an intense game, Quentin Scott emerged as School Chess Champion.

The Chess Club, which meets every Thursday after school, enables all children with an interest in the game, to increase their skill. It is well supported and the standard of the games played is good.

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

Parents and children attended a family evening on the 9th of June to see slides taken on the Weymouth Tour, childrens' individual folders and group work and hear tapes taken on the Tour. Prize winners were:- Nicola Marley, Derek Bedford, Alexandra Chalmers and Stella Cardus.

The Infant Sports were a great success, despite the weather; there were many keen races and several novelty items. The Triangular Sports Meeting between Naphill, Kings Wood, High Wycombe and Downley produced many exciting and thrilling finishes. Downley and Naphill agreed that the award of the Cup presented for a Relay Race between the two schools should be decided at this meeting and Naphill won by 5 races to 3.

The good weather has renewed the interest in swimming. The Changing Rooms are now equipped with seats and duckboards. This is a great help to the children and they can now change next to the Pool in comparative comfort.

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

Letter from the Secretary of the Speen Village Fete Committee.

'It may interest you to know that we are holding a Fete at Speen Village Playing Fields on 19th July, Saturday. Possibly you may be able to mention this in your Gazette.

The Fete is being opened at 2.30 p.m. by Derek Nimmo, the television personality. We are hoping to have inter-Village Contests including Tug-of-War, Darts, Target Golf, Greasy Pole, Youth Obstacle Race, Etc.

We are also running a Table Tennis Tournament the previous week between the neighbouring Youth Clubs interested. There will be many side shows, a roundabout for the children, Tombola, Refreshments, licensed Bar etc., also various stalls.

Programmes will be 1/- each and the Lucky programme will receive two tickets and expenses to see "Charlie Girl", in which Derek Nimmo is at present appearing.'

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

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Welfare	6th, 20th	2.00 p.m.
W.I.	7th	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Whist Drive	8th, 22nd	7.30 p.m.
Library	8th, 22nd	6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
Drama	26th	7.30 p.m.
Over 60's Coffee Morning	27th	10 a.m. - 12 noon
W.I. Committee	28th	2.30 p.m.

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

<u>Teachers for August</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
August 3rd	Mr. E. Barnet	Mr. Howard
" 10th	Mrs. Cooper	Sister Margaret Smith (Holy communion)
" 17th	Mr. A. Goodearl	Mr. A. J. Smith
" 24th	Mr. N. Nibloe	Mrs. Tyler
" 31st	Mr. W Parkins	Mr. B. Sutcliffe

On Saturday, July 5th, a 52-seater coach left Naphill for Bognor Regis, taking the children and their families for a day by the sea. Once again the weather was glorious and a good time was had by all.

It was with great regret that we said farewell to 'Our David' last month but we wish him every blessing in his career and trust he will join a Church in Brighton where he will be able to use his talents and be as helpful to them as he has been to us. David has been staying with Mr. & Mrs. Piercey at Moseley Lodge Farm for the past two or three years and has endeared himself to us all at the Methodist Chapel; and we shall miss him as he was always ready and willing to do anything in the Sunday School, Choir and Youth Club.

If there is anyone in the Village who would be willing to come along on Sunday mornings between 10.15 and 11.15 a.m. to help in our Sunday School, we shall be only too pleased to welcome you as David's class will now be without a teacher. If you are interested, will you please contact the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Miss Jean Lawrence, or any member of the Church and you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

M.G.B.

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

August 17th	Evensong	3.30 p.m.
" 24th	Holy Communion	9.00 a.m.

Advance Notice. We shall be holding our Autumn Rummage Sale on the last Saturday in September. Do please remember us when you are turning out unwanted goods. We shall be happy to take even items of furniture at any time, for we have the storage facilities. Telephone Naphill 3163

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

For once we were favoured with ideal weather for our Garden Meeting held at Mr. & Mrs. G. Smiths. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. E. White, Mrs. M. Bayley and Mrs. M. Parslow for flowers arranged in a wine glass in the special class for Over Sixties at the recent Naphill Horticultural Show.

August 1st will be a holiday - No Meeting; and on the 15th of August the speaker will be Mrs. J. Hall. August 29th (weather permitting) another Garden Meeting is being arranged at Mr. & Mrs. Gilsons Clappins Lane. On Wednesday, August 27th, a Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, which will be open to everyone. Coffee & Biscuit 1/6 for non-members; 1/- for Over-Sixties members. There will be a Bring & Buy, White Elephant, Plants, Fruits, Flowers & Vegetable Stalls. Non-perishable goods may be brought to the Meeting on August 15th and articles will be collected if required - if notification has been made to a Committee Member. Proceeds to help toward the Christmas Party. We invite other Village Institutions to come and support us.

C.B.W.

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

Another Summer Show is over and those of you who were unable to see the Show have no doubt read the results elsewhere. We thought it was one of our best efforts for many years and for many different reasons:- the high quality of the exhibits, the friendly atmosphere throughout the day, an increasing number of exhibits and exhibitors, particularly from the newer residents in the Village, and of course, not forgetting our regular supporters.

You all saw, or read of those lovely Roses, Sweet Peas and Delphiniums and, of course, those rows of jolly fine Floral Art Exhibits; and we know by your comments that you appreciated the non-competitive displays of Fuchsias, Cacti and Succulents. We also appreciated your spirit of co-operation in supporting the Raffle, the Auction and particularly, the Gift Stall.

We know that the recently introduced two-tier postal system has not met with general approval, but our Penny-the-Post has been a great success. We congratulate her and her loyal band of helpers in achieving such a splendid result from the Gift Stall, which was the means of turning last year's financial loss on the Show to this year's small profit in spite of an increased expenditure.

All this has given your Committee greater encouragement in preparing for our Autumn Show on September 13th. Two of the Floral Art classes at this Show will be:-

1. A Composition Complimenting a Piece of Poetry. We want the Poem or the relevant part of it displayed on the exhibit. This, of course, can be written, typed, or cut out - even the book opened at the appropriate page if the book size would be in balance with the general arrangement.

2. The other will be on the lines of the popular Pub Sign of July and will be a Restaurant or Eating House, name to show. So get working on these ideas.

A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

At the time of writing the big gardening problem of the moment is lack of rain. I wonder if it will be solved, at least temporarily by the time you are reading this?

It would seem that on the whole, it is likely to continue to be a dry Summer, and either watering facilities may be restricted, or too costly (you should be paying for the use of those hoses you know) and the use of the watering can may seem a waste of time. However, during these dry spells we must do what we can to conserve moisture and the use of the dutch hoe will prevent those ugly cracks appearing in the cultivated part of the garden, which, of course, increase the moisture loss from down below. Mulching with any green material will also help between the rows of vegetables. This could include grass clippings, even the longer stuff from those odd corners, hedge clippings, spent flower heads. In fact, anything that normally goes onto the compost heap, including the weeds that are taking moisture from the soil. Pull these up and lay them along the rows of growing crops.

All this may make the garden a little unsightly for the time being but not too much so, if done tidily and they will gradually disappear if the weather remains dry and can quickly be collected and put on the compost heap, should the weather break. If you have any spare peat, you could first really soak this in water, then apply this as a mulch along the flower borders.

In spite of the browning of the grass on lawns and the poor growth carry on with the mowing as this will prevent the seed heads from forming and will keep those bents from growing, which the mower will not be able to cope with for the rest of the season, unless, of course, you have one of the rotary type machines.

I hope these suggestions will be helpful, and perhaps, remind you of other ideas. Meanwhile, it's grand holiday weather isn't it?

A.H.B.

Our thanks to Mr. Busby for sending his contributions all the way from Swanage.

Asst. Ed.

N A P H I L L W . I .

Mrs. Balls welcomed a new member Mrs. Gabbitas at the July Meeting. When Mrs. Smith had read the minutes of the last meeting, Mrs. Balls told members of the Singing Party to be held at 'Uplands' on the 15th of September, and of the Fashion Show to be given by Pullens Dress Shop in the Village Hall on the 24th of September - and twelve members volunteered to act as models.

The Whist Drive at Mrs. Lawrences' raised £1 3s., and the Coffee Morning at Mrs. Balls raised £4. The Art and Coffee Evening held on 21st June was a great success and the proceeds of £23 given to the Children's Ward of the Peppard Chest Hospital.

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NAPHILL W.I. Continued...

Mrs. Goodchild gave a demonstration of Flower Arrangements to suit various occasions and gave members tips on show exhibiting. Members were given a raffle ticket each and the flowers were given as prizes. The competition of "Flower Arrangement in an Unusual Container" was won by Mrs. Piercy and Mrs. Gilson and many members congratulated on their entries. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. Pearson.

Mr. Kelloway gave our members Mesdames Smith, McCue and Mitchell a practice run on the County Quiz. Mrs. Mitchell gave a report on her visit to the Royal Albert Hall and members learned that Lady Anglesey is retiring from the Executive Committee.

In August, we are entertaining the Old People from Beechlands House for the afternoon and the meeting will begin at 3.00 p.m. Tea Hostesses for August are:- Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. V. Pushman, Mrs. Shrimpton.

Mrs. McCue has received news that all tickets for viewing "Queen Elizabeth 11" in dock at Southampton have been sold for this year. Our application has therefore, been unsuccessful, but Cunard will be announcing in the Autumn the viewing dates for next year and we shall apply again then. The £1 collected from members at the July Meeting will be refunded to them at the meeting in August.

D.A.L.

Mr. Tony Southwell of the Wycombe College of Art gives his views on the

N A P H I L L A R T S H O W

It was very refreshing to be invited to the Art Exhibition by the Arts Group of the residents of Naphill, who meet as a class, weekly. Very obviously due to the enthusiasm and hard work of the Tutor - Mr. Piggott, the work offered a variety of creative individuality.

Generally, the paintings were well presented and displayed within the limitations of the Village Hall. A variety of subjects had been tackled, but in the main it was of an objective nature. I understand the use of a life model was for the first time; this produced some of the livelier work in the exhibition - though it would be interesting to see a more imaginative departure from the objective work.

Individually, certain artists were very interesting. The obvious ability of Mr. Syrett showed considerable draughtsmanship, especially in 'Marlow Bridge' - in particular the handling of the left foreground area. But in his portraiture, the ability to design with an image in order to express the more abstract qualities, were not so successful. In Mrs. Piercy's "Fred" and the paintings by Mrs. Kent especially "Copper Kettle", the sense of design and depth of penetration into the subject had produced some very interesting results.

Considering the difficulties of painting around, underneath and on the top of large billiard tables, the results we all saw were well worth the handicaps.

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

After a busy and exciting summer term, the children are now on holiday. Let us see that they have a happy, but safe time enjoying the many facilities available in the village.

During the last week 117 Swimming Certificates were awarded - 83 Beginners, 33 Intermediate and 1 Advanced. The Intermediate Certificates were awarded only after a test in the deep water of the High Wycombe Pool. This is a great achievement and the Staff should receive the praise so richly deserved. Once again all the leavers can swim, and only one failed the Beginners Test, although he is almost there. So, for the second year running, the school has achieved 100% record.

Many thanks to all the parents and friends for their support at the Musical Evening. It was really overwhelming and we hope all present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to Mariner House for winning the Sports Trophy for the first time. Our present leavers collected and bought this Trophy for the school; many thanks to you all. At the District Sports Naphill children gained 18 certificates, 3 First. Three of our four relay teams reached the Finals. Well Done! You can judge the standard for yourselves - there were 18 events and 17 schools taking part, and 120 certificates to be won.

Now we look forward to another School Year starting on September 4th when we will welcome Mr. W. A. Bradley back after his years' course.

I.K.

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

At the time the August issue goes to press, I hope to be exploring the chateaux of the Loire Valley, so Amanda Lawrence takes over Editor's Corner - and the 'blue pencil'.

R.S.P.

Lucky Editor! May he be having a lovely time and not forgetting, of course, to take a few notes for next month's Editor's Corner.

I had my orders well in advance of going to press, but I knew - Oh! how I knew - that my offering would be a last minute, rushed affair. I don't mind the blue pencil bit - our contributions are on the whole well written and presented and our contributors well-mannered and inoffensive - no abusive or libellous statements to look for. But to take over "Editor's Corner" - 'Ah! there's the rub'. With a backlog of several months' correspondence, a feeling of guilt assails me that I should take up pen to write anything but a letter to some dear neglected friend.

Talking of correspondence, I have amongst my current library books, one called "Intimate Letters of England's Queens" They are, of course, much more formal than the kind of letter we write today, but it is possible, and quite interesting, to compare one or two phrases with their modern counterparts.

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EDITOR'S CORNER Continued...

In one letter Queen Elizabeth I finishes:- "written with very little leisure." In another:- "written in haste." How often today do we finish our letters:- "in a hurry, must stop now." Queen Henrietta Maria writes:- "Adieu!, the man must have my letter." Today a common ending is "'Bye, must dash to catch the post." In 1688 Queen Mary (wife to James II) writes of:- "my joy at the much-sighed-for birth of a son." Could be a mum at the Shrubbery!

~~Talking of library books makes me think of Mrs. Rose, our librarian. Two issues ago her husband had the limelight in connection with the opening of the Fete. I am sorry I have no photograph but I do assure you she is very charming and helpful. I enjoy my visits to the library and I am sure I am not alone in being grateful to Mrs. Rose for her work as our voluntary librarian.~~ "Written in haste."

Asst. Ed.

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

To The Editor,

Dear Sir,

Having been firmly but kindly brought to task in the July issue about my remarks at the opening of this year's Fete, I can only plead guilty through ignorance. Whilst this is no defence at law, perhaps the "oldies" will forgive me on this occasion. Had I known the truth of the matter, the thought I intended to convey would have had much more force and this was to imply that the heritage of the Village Hall and Recreation Field was something we "newcomers" and descendants of the "oldies" too, should regard dearly and do all we can to ensure that future generations have a Hall to use and a Field to play on.

When looking through some old Village Hall Council papers the other day, I came across a handwritten list of the donors who must have been present at the meeting you referred to. All of us who live in Naphill owe a very great debt to these good people and I am glad that this particular communal act of generosity has been brought to notice.

Yours truly,

H. Latham, Bowland House, Naphill.

From: Paul Sawney, Stoke Mandeville Hospital:.

May I say 'thank you' to all friends for gifts and enquiries. Special thanks to John, Pete and Roger for their invaluable assistance.

/Correspondence continued

CORRESPONDENCE Continued.

FROM: Mr. & Mrs Burles, 16 Vincents Way.

We would like to thank all our friends and neighbours for their help and sympathy in mother's long illness, particularly Mrs. Cresswell and Mrs. Walker who have never missed coming in three or four times each day to help. To Mrs. "Nan" Smith of Naphill Common our gratitude for help and christian love which meant so much to mother. My particular thanks must go to Dr. Carless who has always come without a moment's hesitation, to ease her pain and to help me to keep fit to look after Mum; words can never convey how grateful we are to him. Thanks, too, to Sister Margaret, Sister Richardson and Sister Atkinson for all their attention.

Mother's words every night were always "God Bless You; Thank you for all you've done for me today". Those words are mine now for you all.

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Drama	Every Tuesday	7.30 p.m.
V.H.C.	3rd	8 p.m.
Welfare	3rd, 17th	2.00 p.m.
W.I.	4th	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 p.m.
Whist Drive	5th, 19th	7.30 p.m.
Library	5th, 19th	6.30 - 8 p.m.
W.I. Rummage	6th	2.30 p.m.
Young Neighbours	8th	7.30 p.m.
Over 60's	12th, 26th	2.30 p.m.
Horticultural Show	13th	2,30 p.m.
Dancing Classes	16th, 23rd, 30th	3 - 6.15 p.m.
Dressmaking (commence 17th)	Every Wednesday (B.R.)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Art (commence 25th)	Every Thursday (B.R.)	7.50 - 9.30 p.m.
Scout & Guide Rummage	20th	2.30 p.m.
Village Hall Autumn Dance	20th	8.00 p.m.
W.I. Fashion Show	24th	7.30 p.m.
W.I. Committee	25th (C.R.)	2.30 p.m.
Naphill Friends	26th	7.30 p.m.
Naphill Church Rummage	27th	2.30 p.m.
Naphill Tennis Club A.G.M.	29th (C.R.)	8.00 p.m.

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 September</u>	<u>11 a.m.</u>	<u>6.15 p.m.</u>
September 7th	Mrs. Pike	Mr. A. Cooper
" 14th	Sister Margaret Smith	Mr. A.G. Verrall
" 21st	Mrs. Ing	Mrs. Holt
" 28th	<u>Harvest Festival Services.</u>	
	Mr. R. Daykin	Sister Margaret Smith
	At 2.30 p.m. Children's Gift Service conducted by Sister Margaret Smith.	

On Monday, September 28th there will be a Harvest Supper at 7.15 p.m. Tickets 2/6; Children 1/3. This will be followed by a Sale of Gifts left after distribution in the Village.

M.G.B.

N A P H I L L C H U R C H
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September 14th	Sunday School re-opens at 10.30 a.m.
" 21st	Evensong 3.30 p.m.
" 28th	Holy Communion 9.00 a.m.

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NAPHILL CHURCH Continued.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Children,

I hope you have all enjoyed your holiday and have had a good time. I thought I would write you a little letter to let you know that Sunday School will start again on 14th September at 10.30 in the morning instead of the afternnon.

We thought you might prefer to have Sunday School in the morning , so that if you like you can go out with your Mums and Dads in the afternoon.

I hope we will be able to do lots of new things next term, and perhaps arrange something for Christmas which I am sure you will enjoy.

I expect you have lots of friends who would love to come along if you asked them, also any children who have not been before, you are more than welcome. The other children would love to see you and I expect you will know some of them from school.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 14th at 10.30 a.m.

Best Wishes,

Elisabeth Evans.

RUMMAGE SALE

September 27th Naphill Village Hall 2.30 p.m.

Once again, we shall be delighted to relieve you of any unwanted but saleable. Just 'phone:-

- Mrs. Simmonds (Naphill 2274)
- Mrs. Wood (Naphill 3163)
- Mrs. Davies (Naphill 3305)

EDITOR'S CORNER

It's always nice to see someone else at work, so I was pleased to see the Chirman and Vice-Chairman hard at it, tidying up around the Village Hall. These officials will always get more kicks than ha-pence, but thank goodness there's always somebody keen enough to do the job. They may have noticed that the shrub borders were free of weeds. A friend of mine who lives close to the Hall has done this, and he has also kept watered the young 'Churchill' evergreen oak which I planted in the lawn there, this summer. "But," he says, "don't you go and mention my name in the Gazette." Alright Jack, I won't.

Touring in France in the company of a couple of fluent linguists is a great opportunity of getting to know the French people. There was the day for instance, when we picnicked under a large tree in front of a farmhouse. Before long, the farmer came out and we got into conversation. I prompted a couple of farming questions and before you could say "Brigitte Bardot" we were being shown around. The livestock was not quite usual. First there was a shed full of puppies which delighted the ladies. Then there were two large sheds

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EDITOR'S CORNER Continued...

full of hundreds of guinea pigs. Monsieur explained that he bred them for the 'Laboratrie Scientifique' at which the ladies went a little quiet. But they soon perked up when he whistled up a couple of fine hunters or show jumpers - I know not which - and as we admired them, I carefully concealed that I find the one sport distasteful and the other boring. But then he took us into his shrubbery, which was right up my street. He could, of course, grow things such as Oleanders which are out of our range; but I would not change with him for anything. For the one thing he could not grow was a green lawn. Between the shrubs, the ground was covered with sand and gravel. Even where the hoses are going all day, the lawns would make the average Naphillite think of re-seeding. Then he took us into his fine old house to meet Madame and out came the bottle of wine and six glasses. I proposed the 'Entente Cordiale' and we drank each other's health. We shook hands all round and parted with "Au revoir M'sieur" and "Enchante Madame." A lovely little interlude which none of us would ever forget.

Our cover shows a harvest scene at Cookshall Farm during the last war - the kind of scene which may never be seen again. It also shows two well known Naphill cricketers. Last month's cover was the cottage at Bradenham Hill.

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

At our July meeting, Mrs. Daphne Kipping gave a demonstration of Flower Arrangement. We also saw photographs taken previously of her special arrangements, which were very interesting. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs. O. Stone.

There will be no meeting during August. Our next meeting will be our A.G.M. on the 8th of September.

S.M.A.S.

N A P H I L L W. I.

At the August meeting Mrs. Balls welcomed the old people from "Beechlands" who were spending the afternoon with the W.I. members. The business of the afternoon was dispensed with - Mrs. Balls reminding members of the following dates in September to be remembered:-

September 6th - W.I. Rummage Sale.
" 24th - Fashion Show by Pullens Dress Shop (members acting as models.), at 7.30 p.m.
Tea Hostesses for September are Mesdames Tooby, M. Brown, Blick and D. Butler.

Mrs. Marsden played the piano and soon visitors and members were singing and humming to old favourites. The visitors sat down to a substantial meal, then members joined them in a few games before they left in the coach for home.

D.A.L.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Saturday, September 13th. is the date of our Autumn Show, and following your generous support of the Summer Show in July, we are looking forward to a repeat performance at this Show.

Three new Trophies will be up for competition at this Show - one for the 'Best Vase of Chrysanthemems in the Show' - donated by Mr. George Whitby. Another for the 'Best Exhibit in Floral Art' - to be named the "Alice M. Birch Memorial Trophy"; and one for the winner of the three vase class for Roses - to be named the "Ralph H. Morris Memorial Cup". The two latter ones being donated by Mrs. P.J. Morris. We are grateful to the donors of these splendid new Trophies and hope they will create even keener competition in the sections to which they have been allocated.

We, of course, are relying on your continued support for the Gift Stall; our present financial stability is largely due to the results already achieved, together with our trading in Peat, Chasmor etc., plus, of course, the support of you, our Members and Vice Presidents. We are pleased to report that we have made 22 new members this year, but we are sure it is an oversight on the part of some of our older members, who have not yet renewed their subscriptions for 1969.

Now a date for your Diaries:- Monday, October 27th in the Village Hall - Mr. F. C. H. Witchell whose interesting articles on Roses you may have read in 'Amateur Gardening' and other gardening periodicals, will be giving an illustrated talk on how he grows his roses. Book the date and tell your friends, we are sure you will like this one.

A.H.B.

GARDEN NOTES.

It seems my notes last month regarding dry weather were not so topical as appeared likely, as the weather since then has brought us quite a few nice showers; however, they may be worth remembering for another time!

Black Fly seems to have won the honour of 'pest of the year'; but the knowing ones have found that modern pesticides used at the first signs of attack have the answer to these little fellows. If the number of cabbage white butterflies that have been seen in our gardens lately are anything to go by, their caterpillars will be at least runners up for the honour. Spraying with SYBOL, KIL or a systemic insecticide should give reasonable control if you have a large patch to deal with. But if only a few plants have them, squashing between the thumb and forefinger is very effective. Go on, don't be squeamish remember what they are doing to your plants.. Alternatively, pick them off and drop them into a strong salt solution of salt water.

Potatoes can now be dug up and put into store; make sure they are dry before putting them away. Onion sets are also ready for harvesting and those grown from seed should have the tops bent over, if not already done. Early sown carrots and beetroot can also be put into store now, placing them between layers of sand or moist peat.

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GARDEN NOTES Continued.

Clean up the soil where spent crops have been growing and either, burn the rubbish, or put it on the compost heap. If this is done then it will be easier to deal with that further crop of weeds that will still be coming through in late autumn - either by hoeing or spraying with paraquat.

Plant out spring cabbage at the end of the month and remember, by that time we shall be back to the season of frosts.

A.H.B.

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

Mrs. J. Hall gave us a delightful account of her visit to Vienna. We hope to be favoured with good weather on the 12th of September when we have a Garden Party at Mr. & Mrs. R. Piercy's, Moseley Lodge Farm, and on the 26th of September, Mr. Peter Pym will exhibit and speak about Brass Rubbings.

C.B.W.

"F L I P P I N' K I D S?"

Some people in the village may have been a little puzzled to see, a couple of weeks ago, a group of children gathered around a table laden with flowers placed strategically at the entrance to the Glebe. Firstly, may we say a sincere thank you to those people who made these children's day by buying something. Secondly, it may be of interest for them to know what was going on. Half a dozen children, aged between 5 and 11, having seen on television the appalling conditions suffered by the Biafran children, decided to do their bit to help. The idea of a flower shop was entirely their own - they did the notices themselves, decorated the table and stood all day selling the flowers. They finished with 17/10d. Not very much? On the contrary - it was immeasurable. They cared and did something. Thank you for not disillusioning them.

A cheque for 17/10d. has been sent to the Biafran Refugee Fund.

D.S.

N A P H I L L W.I.

A Fashion Show - by PULLENS of HIGH WYCOMBE, will be held at

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A N N U A L A U T U M N D A N C E

20th September.

Most people have now finished their holidays and it would be nice for friends to get together again at the next Village Hall Dance which will be held (in spite of its' title) the day before Autumn starts. As usual the tickets cost only 10/- each and they can be obtained from:-

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Joan Latham, Bowland House, Main Road (Naphill 3265)

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LADIES KEEP FIT Wednesday Evenings : 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
At Naphill Primary School
Commencing Wednesday, 24th of September, 1969

DRESSMAKING Wednesday Mornings : 9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
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OCTOBER

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

Dressmaking	Every Wednesday	(BR)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
Welfare	1st, 15th		2.00 p.m.
Play Group	Every Tues, Wed, Thurs		9.15 - 12.15 a.m.
W.I.	2nd		2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thursday		8.00 p.m.
Art	" "	(BR.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Whist Drive	3rd, 17th, 31st	(M.W.)	7.30 p.m.
Library	3rd, 17th, 31st		6.30 - 8.00 p.m.
Private Wedding Reception	4th		All Day
V.H.C.	6th		8.00 p.m.
Dancing	6th, 13th, 20th		4.15 - 6.15 p.m.
	7th, 14th, 21st		3 - 6.15 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday		8.00 p.m.
Horticultural Society			
Committee Meeting	8th	(BR)	8.00 p.m.
Over 60's	10th, 24th		2.30 p.m.
Conservative Meeting	10th		8.00 p.m.
Young Neighbours	13th		7.30 p.m.
Horticultural Society	13th	(BR)	8.00 p.m.
V.H. Tramp Supper	18th		7.30 p.m.
Residents Association	22nd		8.00 p.m.
Private Party	25th		All Day
Horticultural Society	27th	(Hall)	8.00 p.m.
W.I. Committee	30th	(BR)	2.30 p.m.

C H R I S T M A S B A Z A A R

Saturday, 29th November - 1969

Book the date in your diary now so that you will be able to come and support us at this annual event.

For the children there will be a visit from Father Christmas and a conjuror. Also, a children's Painting Competition, so get busy now and have a picture ready to enter on the day.

For the grown-ups there will be lots of stalls where you can buy your Christmas presents.

Plans are in hand to hold an EXHIBITION at the same time as the Bazaar. Exhibits can be wide and varied and can cover almost anything you have made yourself; e.g. Handicrafts, Needlework, Dressmaking, Painting, Woodwork, Metalwork, Pottery etc.

This is a preliminary announcement to give you time to prepare and have something ready to bring along on the 29th of November. We hope to have lots of examples of local talent. Further details will be given in the November Gazette.

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September 28th - Harvest Festival Services
 Preachers at: 11 a.m. 6.15 p.m.
 Mr. R. Daykin Sister Margaret Smith
 Childrens' Gift Service at 2.30 p.m.

Monday, September 29th Harvest Supper at 7.15 p.m.
 Price 2/6 - Children halfprice.

On the first Sunday in each month, for 3 months, beginning on the 5th of October a Film will take the place of the Sermon in the service.

Preachers for October 11 a.m. 6.15 p.m.
 October 5th Mr. W. Osborne Film Service

Following the evening service you are invited, together with friends from the other three churches in our section - to hear a selection of Hymns from the New Methodist Supplement Hymnal.

October 12th Sister Margaret Smith Mr. L. Jones
 " 19th Mr. K. Lewis Mr. F. S. Deane
 " 26th Mr. K. Peatey Rev. H. Hadwen.

On Saturday, October 18th, Rev. Field who is a grandson of the late Mr. Field - pastor at the Naphill Mission Hall a number of years ago - will speak at a Missionary Anniversary at 7.00 p.m. There will be Musical Items and Refreshments.

Preliminary Notice.

The Methodist Church Bazaar this year will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, the 1st of November.

M.G.B.

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

October 19th Harvest Evensong 3.30 p.m.
 " 26th Holy Communion 9.0 a.m.
 Every Sunday Sunday School 10.30 a.m.

October 22nd Combined Harvest Supper

Members of the Church of England and the Methodist Church are having a combined Harvest Supper in the Methodist Schoolroom. A great deal of effort has been made at 'top level' to bring about Unity between the two denominations and this is a small step at the 'lower level' to the same end.

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NAPHILL CHURCH Continued...

It is hoped that the available places will be qually shared between the two congregations, so if you wish to come, you should approach a leader in your particular church as quickly as possible as seating accommodation is limited.

W.W.

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

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 8th of September. Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read by the retiring Chairman - Mrs. Barbara Streets; the financial report was given by Mrs. Marion Stevens (our last year's vice-chairman); Mrs. Sally Harvey then took the chair and a new committee was formed. This comprises:- Mrs. Joyce Cook, Mrs. Edna Chamberlain, Mrs. Betty Leaver, Mrs. Doreen Morris, Mrs. Ann Finch, Mrs. Nesta Daley, Mrs. Pauline Bluett, Mrs. Barbara Streets and Mrs. Sue Stallwood.

In the absence of a Speaker, the evening was concluded with several competitions.

At a Coffee Morning held on the 9th of September at the home of Mrs. Sally Harvey, the sume of £5 15s. was raised.

The next meeting will be on the 13th of October when we shall be having a Food Mixing Demonstration. The competition is an arrangement of Autumn Leaves.

S.E.

N A P H I L L W. I.

Meeting of the Naphill W.I. held on Tuesday, 4th of September. Mrs. Percy took the chair and welcomed a new member Mrs. Shakeshaft; she wished good luck to Mrs. Youd who is leaving the village. Mrs. Brill read the minutes of the last meeting. A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. E. Hussey for the flowers sent to her during her illness. The Coffee morning at Mrs. Rabson's raised £4 13s. 3d., and the Tea Party at Mrs. McCue's raised £2 3s.

Mr. David Shaw gave an entertaining talk on "The Changing Rural Scene." He told how he had interviewed many country folk to try to keep 'on tape' many of the rural sayings and activities now being superseded. He had many amusing tales to tell of elderly folks' first expeditions away from the environments they were accustome to. Villages were no longer a separate community now, with the progress of transport and mechanisation used on farms today. With the advent of compulsory education, people were no longer content to stay in their own communities. The old people interviewed seemed to agree that on the whole 'the good old days' though hard ones, were also ones of contentment. Mrs. Randell gave the vote of thanks.

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NAPHILL W.I. Continued....

The produce from the Harvest Festival stall was then auctioned and the proceeds are for the adopted family.

Next month is the Birthday Party and the entertainer will be Miss Constance Allen. Members were reminded of the Group Meeting at Lacey Green on Monday, 27th October, at 2.30 p.m.

D.A.B.

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

The Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall to raise funds for the Over Sixties Christmas Party on August 27th, proved to be a very pleasing venture, and a profit of £15. 0. Od. was made. Our thanks to all who came and made this a success.

A Garden Party was held at Stonefield House, on August 29th but dull weather prevented outdoor activities. In door Games followed by tea were enjoyed by all. On September 12th another Garden Party was to be held at Moseley Lodge Farm, but due to inclement weather, had to be held at the Village Hall. Here we played games of Bingo, Whist and 'Test Your Knowledge'. A most enjoyable afternoon came to an end too soon.

On October 10th, Mrs. Cayzer and Party will entertain the Club. An Autumnal ride is planned for October 24th, starting from the Village Hall, sharp at 2.00 p.m., which we hope you will enjoy.

A.G.

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

Once again the time has arrived for the annual collection which keeps the Gazette going. For the benefit of newcomers, I stress that this is not an appeal for charity. The magazine is delivered free to almost every home in Naphill. If you value it, please show your appreciation.

Last month, I wrote of meeting a French farmer. Another interesting experience was meeting a French wedding party. We were just coming away from a chateau, when in at the gate came a bride in flowing white dress. I could not help smiling as I remembered the old French custom called "Le Droit de Seigneur", under which the Lord of the Manor considered it part of his duties that all the village brides should spend the first night in his bed. But this custom died out centuries ago and the purpose of this visit was photography. French bridal parties will drive many miles to be photographed with a chateau as a background. We raised out hats and gave them our good wishes, whereupon the bride ordered her husband to shake hands with "Les Anglais". It is amazing how they

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EDITOR'S CORNER Continued...

know you are English as soon as you open your mouth. We told him how fortunate he was, at which the bride issued another torrent of French and the two little bridesmaids and a little page in velvet came and lifted up their faces to be kissed. My wife of course, was entranced and the bride and groom quite overcome, fell to kissing each other. Only the little page seemed a bit fed up, so I shook hands with him and called him "Mon Brave" which seemed to cheer him up a bit. We then took a picture of them ourselves and parted, thinking what a very friendly people they are.

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

Another Good Show, that seems the general opinion expressed by many of you on September 13th.

We whose job it is to organize the event agree with this opinion but at least in part, for different reasons; for example the Door Takings were the best for many years, the number of Show exhibits were up, the Auction Sale realised more than last year and the Gift Stall brought in some £16 Os. Od. Well Done! and thank you to exhibitors, visitors to the Show and particularly, the many helpers who in every way contributed to the day's success.

Of the Show itself, Dahlias perhaps took pride of place filling the whole of the central stand. These were flanked on either side by Chrysanthemums, quality not quite so good as last year; Floral Art - some fine exhibits here; and of course, the Annuals, Perennials Roses and Gladioli.

The benches in the Billiard Room were well filled with Vegetables fruit, and some very good examples of Domestic Cookery and Preserves. Not forgetting the interesting non-competitive exhibit of Mr. Len Gray of some fine examples of Bonsai.

Finally, a tip-top show in the Children's Section - plenty of ideas for garden lay-out on those plates, some budding flower - arrangers, and those Vegetable Characters are still being talked about. The standard of these exhibits was even better than last year. Well Done Children and thank you for your exhibits.

Now for the Winter Programme:-

Monday, October 13th at 8.00 p.m. in the Billiard Room we are having a "Dig In" when we shall be dealing with the problems of making, and maintaining a Garden on Naphill's stoney, clay bound soil at some 700 feet above sea level. Newcomers with the problems and old hands with the answers. Everybody welcome.

Monday, October 27th, Mr. F.C. Witchell, a member of the Royal National Rose Society Executive and frequent contributor to "Amateur Gardening" on Rose Problems will give an Illustrated Talk on Growing Roses. Don't miss this one - October 27th in the Main Hall at 8.00 p.m.

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Continued...

Monday, November 10th at 8.00 p.m. in the Billiard Room - a talk on growing outdoor chrysanthemums.

Monday, November 24th - our President Mr. A. G. Gould will entertain and take us on a tour to New Zealand and other places of Horticultural interest. Further details of these two later dates in next months' Gazette.

A limited supply of Irish Moss Peat large hand bale size is now available and Chasmor will be arriving on Saturday, October 4th. Your orders please.

A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

It is now off with the old loves, on with the new. The summer bedding plants must now make way for the spring flowering bulbs - the wallflowers, polyanthus and other flowers of your choice.

Besides the usual daffodils and tulips, why not try a few of one or other of the following:- alliums, Brodiaea, Camassia (bear grass), Fritillaria, the snakes head fritillery Ixia, (African corn lily) Ixiolirion. You may grow snowdrops, but have you tried big brother Leucojum?, Puschkinia, and Sparaxis, the African harlequin flower. Pity the poor typist (too true!); anyhow that will do for now.

Remember when planting wallflowers, get them planted firmly - they belong to the cabbage family and dislike a loose soil. To make way for these things, the gladioli can be lifted and dried ready for storing; also the dahlias and begonias whether or not they have been touched by frost at the end of the month. The tops of dahlias should be cut off a few inches above the tubers, but begonias can be stood upright in boxes underneath the greenhouse staging or in the garden shed or garage, and left 'til the tops snap off easily from the corm. They can then be stored in boxes of peat, in single layers only. Geraniums are not easy to keep through the winter without the aid of a greenhouse, but if most of the foliage is stripped off and they are then tied in small bundles and hung up in a cool airy, frost free place, you may succeed in saving them.

Fuchsias, if left in the garden should have some weathered ash or peat heaped over the crowns as a protection from frost, and it might help further if they were dug up and replanted a few inches lower than they are before covering.

Those spring cabbage plants should be in by now and if you are thinking of showing some sweet peas at next years' Show, now is the time to sow the seed. How are those azaleas looking that you had hoped to bring indoors for flowering? They must be brought under cover during the next few weeks.

A.H.B.

THE VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL received an appeal to organize a collection for the Buckinghamshire Playing Fields Association, which we are unable to undertake - due to our annual collection for the Naphill Gazette taking place at the time. Therefore, a donation of £5 5s Od., was forwarded from our funds. In acknowledging receipt, their Honorary Secretary expressed regret that the people of Naphill will not have a chance of supporting this deserving cause.

Possibly, the Sports Clubs and Residents of Naphill might like to contribute, and any donations will be gladly received and forwarded to the Association.

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D O W N M E M O R Y L A N E

It will be of interest to many to know that Mrs. A. Stebbings paid a visit to our village on Wednesday, September 17th. She is the daughter of the late Mr. A.T. Philips who was headmaster at our Naphill C.of E. School for a number of years until he left in 1923. Mrs. Stebbings remembered the names of many of the pupils of her father's time and was very interested in seeing how the village had altered since she left. Mr. Philips died only five years ago.

MG.B.

I M P O R T A N T

A PRIVATE MEETING HAS BEEN ARRANGED for 8.00 p.m. at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 22nd October 1969 to ascertain whether a NAPHILL/WALTERS ASH Residents Association should be formed.

Will all interested villagers who value their village, and do not want to see it ruined make every effort to come.

If this Association can be formed, a Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, will be elected from the body of the hall.

R. Hampton,
R. Pushman,
D.C. Tooby.

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Also:- A Coffee Morning in aid of the Naphill Conservative Association will be held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Neil Hopkins, Louches Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, on Wednesday 15th of October, 1969. 10.30 - 12 noon. Admission 2/-. Bring & Buy.

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NAPHILL GAZETTE



NOVEMBER

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

Methodist Church Bazaar	1st	2. 30 pm
Village Hall Council	3rd	8. 00 pm
Drama	Every Tuesday	7. 30 pm
Dancing Class	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	3 - 6.15 pm
Play Group	Every Tues, Weds, Thurs	9.15 - 12.15 am
Welfare	5th, 19th	2. 00 pm
Dressmaking	Every Weds (B.R.)	9. 30 - 11.30 am
W.I.	6th	2. 30 pm
Bingo	Every Thursday	8. 00 pm
Art	" " (B.R.)	7. 30 - 9.30 pm
Over 60's	7th, 21st	2. 30 pm
Hockey Club Dance	8th	8. 00 pm
Remembrance Service	9th	3. 00 pm
Young Neighbours	10th	7. 30 pm
Horticultural Society	10th (B.R.)	8. 00 pm
Whist Drive	14th, 28th	7. 30 pm
Library	14th, 28th	6. 30 - 8 pm
Scout & Guide Autumn Fair	15th	2. 30 pm
Drama Rehearsal	19th, 26th, 30th	7. 30 pm
Speen Playing Fields		
Appeal Dance	22nd	8. 00 pm
Horticultural Society	24th (B.R.)	8. 00 pm
W.I. Committee	27th (C.R.)	2. 30 pm
V.H. C. Christmas Bazaar	29th	7. 30 pm
Table Tennis	5th, 12th	7. 10 pm

COME TO THE BAZAAR AND EXHIBITION

THE DATE : SATurday 29th NOV 1969

THE TIME: 2. 30 pm. TO BE OPENED BY AN OLD FRIEND
OF THE VILLAGE: MR. KILBY

You will be able to spend your money at:- A Cake stall, a Plant and Bulb store, a Grocery store, a Toy and Handicraft stall. (Gifts for these will be most welcome - bring them to the hall in the morning). There will also be many side shows and competitions.

BARGAIN BOUTIQUE AND WHITE ELEPHANT STALL : Here's a chance for you to buy articles and clothes very cheaply. Gifts will be most welcome - we want articles or clothes in good condition - those things which are too good for a jumble sale, but you just don't want them ; well, somebody else may, so bring us your unwanted things in the morning and then come along and pick up a bargain in the afternoon. Any gifts for the stalls can be left with Mrs Brill, Vinette, Main Road, before the bazaar day if this is more convenient. Also wanted are screw top honey jars or 1 lb jam jars, as soon as possible.

FOR THE CHILDREN : FATHER CHRISTMAS will be present during the afternoon - get your tickets in the hall. A conjuror will be in the Scout and Guide hut from 2.45 to 3.45. Admission 1/3d. There will be a childrens' Tombola and Brantub.

CHILDRENS' PAINTING AND POETRY COMPETITION : FOR UNDER 12's.
 Bring your pictures and poems to the hall between 10 and 11 a.m unless you are a pupil of Naphill School, and please put your name and age on the back of your entry.
 Teas will be served during the afternoon. GRAND XMAS DRAW at approximately 5. p.m.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

To be held in connection with the NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL BAZAAR on Saturday, 29th November, 1969.
 This will be open to all residents of NAPHILL, WALTERS ASH AND LACEY GREEN, who would like to show any ARTS and CRAFTS, owned or made by themselves.
 In order to assist the Committee in the staging of these exhibits, would you please contact any of the following, who will help you with all necessary arrangements:

LACEY GREEN : Mr & Mrs Barrett, "Sheilings", Mill Road, Lacey Green
 Telephone: Princes Risborough 5982.

WALTERS ASH : Mr & Mrs Pushman, "Casiobury", Main Road, Walters Ash.
 Telephone: Naphill 3053.

NAPHILL : Mr & Mrs Mitchell, "Baltic House", Stonefield Road.
 Telephone : Naphill 2257.
 Mr & Mrs Pearson, "Dalsnibba", Chapel Lane, Naphill.
 Telephone: Naphill 2317.
 Mrs Piercy, Moseley Lodge Farm, Naphill.
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Basic Rules of entries:

1. Exhibitor to live in Naphill, Walters Ash or Lacey Green.
 2. To be owned or made by the exhibitor.
 3. Articles may be offered for SALE with 1d in the 1/-s to go to Bazaar funds.
 4. This is NON-COMPETITIVE.
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BEETLE DRIVE - NOV 29th (EVENING OF THE AUTUMN BAZAAR)

CHILDREN - Bring your parents (Enjoyable for all ages). The Drive will start at 7.30 pm but if you do not know how to play, come to the village hall at 7 pm for instruction (it's very easy to learn), No need to be quiet - come and make as much noise as you like. Admission 2/-. Tickets on sale during afternoon at the Bazaar.

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VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 6TH : The meeting was highlighted by two outstanding items. First the W.I. made a donation of £50 towards the proposed improvements at the hall. Then the Naphill Friends Club presented a cheque for £100 to village hall funds. This was really a night to remember and the chairman, on behalf of the Council, expressed the most sincere thanks for the magnificent contributions from the two groups. It was reported that estimates were being obtained for the improvements to the hall as well as for necessary heavy maintenance, but it would be some time before work could

begin on the former. Arrangements for the Christmas Bazaar are well under way, thanks to the efforts of Mrs Brill and her helpers, and it looks as if we are in for a good time.

Bill Latham

NAPHILL'S DAY OF REMEMBRANCE : On Sunday, 9th November, our thoughts will again turn to those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. In the two world wars of 1914-18 and 1939-45, Naphill, like many other villages, lost many of its menfolk and it is right that we should remember them.

As in previous years, a Remembrance Service will be held in the Village Hall at 3.00 p.m. This year the service will be conducted by the Rev. Kaye.

It is hoped that as many as possible will come along. R.C.P.

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

November 16th	Evensong	3. 30 pm
November 23rd	Holy Communion	9. 00 am
Every Sunday	Sunday School	10. 30 am

As an ecumenical experiment in the village, a very successful Anglian - Methodist Harvest Supper was held in the Methodist schoolroom last month. Nearly sixty people from both churches sat down to an excellent meal arranged by ladies from both churches, and this was followed by a very enjoyable musical entertainment.

The Anglian morning Sunday School needs the help of another teacher from 10.30 till 11.30 on Sunday mornings. Perhaps a new resident could spare the time, even if with no experience of teaching your help will be most welcome.

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

TODAY - NOVEMBER 1ST - IN THE VILLAGE HALL - THE

ANNUAL BAZAAR

TO BE OPENED AT 3 P.M. BY MRS CLARE BLICK

Preachers for NOVEMBER:	11 a.m.	6. 15 pm
November 2nd	Mr. W. Dodd, B.A. B.Sc.	Film Service
" 9th	Chapel Anniversary Services	
16th	Mr. W. Haines	Mr. F. Howard
23rd	Sister Margaret Smith	Mr. O. Davies
30th	Dr G. Rose	Sister Kathleen
	Mr. P.D. Carter	Sister Margaret Smith
		Holy Communion

N A P H I L L E V A N G E L I C A L F R E E C H U R C H

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

N A P H I L L W. I.

About fifty members attended the meeting on 2nd October when the W.I. celebrated it's 47th birthday.

Members from the Group W.I's were welcomed, and the business of the day was dealt with. A vote was taken and it was agreed that £50 should be donated to the Village Hall to help with improvements. The Whist Drive at Mrs Mitchell's made £1. 10. 0 and the coffee morning at Mrs Brill's raised £4. 12. Od. The result of the Harvest Festival Sale was £6. 18s and this is to be used for the adopted family. The Rummage Sale raised £21 and the Fashion Show put on by Pullens, with members acting as models, made approximately £17. There will be a shopping outing to London on 18th November.

Members were asked to support the W.I. Stall at the Village Hall Bazaar on 29th November.

Nominations for the new committee were handed in for the A.G.M. which is at our next meeting in November.

The tea hostesses for November are : Mrs Blackwell, Mrs Bowler, Mrs Brown and Mrs Berry.

The entertainment for the afternoon was provided by Miss Constance Allen who delighted the audience with her wonderful performance with makeup and costumes to give such varied acts. A vote of thanks was given by Mrs Adams. The committee then served the members with a delicious tea. The birthday cake, which had been made by Mrs J. Lawrence and beautifully decorated in wedgewood style in blue and white by Mrs K. Stewart, was jointly cut by four of the founder members and portions were then handed round to the members.

D.A.L.

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

A successful meeting was held on the 13th October, with a record number of attendances. Mr. Morris, representing Bamix food mixers, gave an entertaining talk and demonstration of this small and versatile hand mixer. He showed just how efficiently it dealt with many of the routine household cooking chores and we were able, afterwards, to sample some of the results of this demonstration.

The competition for an arrangement of Autumn leaves was won jointly by Mrs Tole and Mrs Stallwood.

Next month's meeting on the 10th November, will be a demonstration of wigs and hair pieces.

It was decided by a unanimous vote that instead of the usual Christmas party for the December meeting, arrangements would be made to go out for an evening meal.

A.F.

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

Last month we had the pleasure of a talk given by Mr. Peter Pym about Brass Rubbing and of seeing a number which he had done and of listening to the history of them on which he was so knowledgeable. We also enjoyed a sketch given by members of Terriers and Totteridge W.I. Drama Group.

/On Nov 7th

On November 7th we look forward to transparencies to be shown by Mr. Pearson and on November 21st a talk by Mrs Saunders of Lacey Green.

We deeply regret the passing of two more members, Mrs Nicholson and Mr. H. Tweedale.

C.B.W.

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

Our year is now finished and subscriptions will again be due. Before reminding members and would-be members of the £5. 0. 0. subscription which is required for membership. some relevant facts of the past year can be given.

Thirty six members have partaken in the scheme which has enabled the Club to give the Village Hall the sum of £100 as a donation. Ah! say the mathematicians $36 \times £5 = £180$. What's happened to the balance of £80? A fair question and the answer to that will be at the A.G.M. which will be held during the first week of December (see details in December Gazette.) For those who cannot wait, suffice it to say that 8 members shared the balance. There has to be some advantages of being a member of the Naphill Friends' Club !!

We hope this coming year to enlarge membership to at least 50 and, if possible, 100 members. Provided one person acts for a group, it does not matter how many club together to make the £5 donation and with a membership pf 100, the balance to share would be £200 divided amongst 8 lucky subscribers - worth thinking about, isn't it?

R.C.P.

The untimely death of Harold Tweedale will leave a gap in the many organisations within the village of which he was an ardent member. Perhaps the role in which he excelled, and for which there can never be an adequate replacement, was that of watchdog on the Village Hall Council. An able, often critical and vociferous, man of principle. A man, who would have no part in expediency of decision and who would prefer to vote alone rather than be associated with that action which he considered wrong, a verbal fighter of the highest order.

Harold Tweedale had been a member of the Council for more years than most, had been Chairman on two occasions, a rare distinction, and always had as his first consideration the Hall and playing fields.

He had many interests, from stage management and photography to art and gardening and was a member of those village associations related to these activities. He had represented the Men's Club on the Village Hall Council.

Harold could kindle both love and hate in those with whom he dealt, lasting friendships but never lasting enmity - the Village has lost a friend.

R. Pushman

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

Although the Dig In didn't prove as popular as we might have expected, those of us who did turn up spent an enjoyable evening, and we feel sure helped to solve some of our gardening problems.

Our President, Mr. A.G. Gould, carried out the duties of Chairman with his usual efficiency and adding his knowledge to that of our Treasurer, Ken Lunnon, and the wide experience of Joe Batts, our
/longest

longest serving committee member, the questions were dealt with in a very efficient manner. Our Society is indeed fortunate in having such knowledgeable members on it's committee.

Before this number of the Gazette appears we shall have had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. F.C.H. Witchell an expert on rose growing, whose frequent articles on roses in Amateur Gardening are widely read and discussed among Rosarians. For November two more interesting evenings have been arranged. On Monday November 10th, Mr. Dick Mealing, an official of the Wycombe Chrysanthemum Society, and one of its best growers, will be talking on early flowering chrysanthemums with the beginner in mind, and on Monday November 24th pur President Mr. A.J. Gould will be showing us on film and transparencies, shots of his New Zealand holiday and others of horticultural interest. Those who have seen previous "evenings" by Mr. Gould will expect a real evening's enjoyment. Both of these events will be held in the billiard room at 8 p.m.

We shall welcome anyone, whether members or not, to any of our Winter Evenings, and should those already fixed prove popular, others will be arranged in the New Year.

Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to find alternative supplies of Peat, but as soon as we have we will let you know. Fair supplies of Chasmor are in hand for those who have not already ordered, in half cwt bags at 5/3d each.

We know that many of our members who also belong to other organisations in the village will be actively supporting the Village Hall Bazaar on November 29th, but to those who are not, please help all you can - all kinds of garden produce will be welcome. A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

It often happens that when one writes something about the weather, by the time they appear in print there has been a change for the better or worse, but what can be said is that we have had a grand summer. At the time of writing the ground is dust dry and hard and with these conditions in mind the process of tidying is a pleasant occupation, there is nothing like the hoe and bright sunshine for killing weeds, and those yellow leaves among the cabbage and brussels can be gathered up and put on the compost heap without getting wet knees.

Root crops are coming out as clean as a whistle and bonfires are not too much of a nuisance as owing to the dryness of the material it quickly burns through.

There may be some delays in getting trees and shrubs from the nurserymen, unless they are container grown, owing to the difficulties created by the long dry spell, but if you are getting anxious about anything you have on order, be sure he will dispatch them as soon as possible, it's his living! If stuff does arrive, or you want to get on with replanting shrubs you already have, make sure you well water the planting holes before planting, and again when the job in completed - this also applies to planting of wall-flowers, polyanthus and other spring bedding plants or newly laid turf - get some water underneath as well as on top and keep the watering can going until the rains come. I bet its raining like /the

dickens while you are reading this.

There is not quite the need to worry about bulbs which should all be in this month including the hardy lilies and tulip. There is no harm in continuing the mowing of lawns while present conditions apply, but there is no point in leaving dahlias and gladioli in the ground any longer. These and any other plants, including crysanthemums, which need winter protection should now be brought in even if the sun is still shining.

A H B

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

News from old Naphillites from The Prince of Wales, Marlow, Bucks. Dear Editor, Thank you very much for sending me the monthly copy of the Naphill Gazette, this is very much enjoyed by all members of my family, especially my mother who is still fit and well and loves to hear Naphill news.

I enclose a cheque for £3 donation to funds and also to cover postage costs, and will you please send a monthly copy to Ron Goodchild who lives at Gweek, Nr. Helston, Cornwall, as he like all other exiles, wishes to hear about the village. Thanking you again

Charles Gibbons

Many thanks Charles. We are glad to know the Gazette is read by both publicans and sinners.

Ed

WE'RE TRYING TO TURN T - T !

Not really. But we are trying to start a table tennis club. To do this we need people - people who would like to play regularly through the winter. As a beginning we have booked the Village Hall on a number of Wednesday evenings - including November 5th (yes, we know there's a competing attraction), and November 12th. Whether we book more depends upon the response. If there is anyone who would like to join us in a mild form of winter exercise please contact David Sawyer - Naphill 2226 - or else just come along on any one of the above dates. The hall is booked from 7.00 until 10.00 p.m. and from 7.00 until 8.15 we think the juniors should be given a chance (juniors means 10 - 15 years inclusive). The 16 - 19 + years will then take over from 8.15.

You will need a pair of plimsolls (sorry, nothing else will do) and if you have a bat please bring it. We'll provide the balls and initially we're begging, borrowing or even stealing a couple of tables and nets. When we establish the level of support we'll take if from there.

So, mixing the sporting metaphors, the ball is in your court. If you are really interested in establishing a thriving club please come along.

P.S. It will be cheap !

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

Meeting at the Naphill Evangelical Free Church on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. A varied programme including table tennis, badminton, talks and debates. All are welcome.

N A P H I L L R E S I D E N T S ' A S S O C I A T I O N

A public meeting was held at Naphill Village Hall on evening of October 22nd - 58 residents of Naphill attended.

The meeting was arranged by Messrs R.C. Pushman, D.C. Tooby and R. Hampton who were concerned to encourage residents to take an active interest in the affairs of the community.

A decision was unanimously taken to form an Association of Residents, and membership was residence in, or electoral registration in the Naphill Ward (Coombe Hill to Bradenham Road).

Officers and a Committee were elected and a Committee meeting was arranged for November 19th. A further public meeting will be held in the New Year.

A joining fee of 1/-d is to be levied in respect of expenses.

- Officers: Chairman - G.E.J. White, 10 Allen Drive
- Treasurer- Mrs F. Morgan, "Kamerun", Main Road
- Secretary- Mrs F. Stevens, "Hill Brow", Coombe Rd.
- Committee- Mr. R. Barr, "Westley", Park Side
- Mr. J. Boothroyd, 8 Allen Drive
- Mr. A.R. Court, "Schedar", Chapel Lane
- Mr. B.H. Miles "Burton Abbots", Coombe Lane
- Mrs H.S. Moore, 9 Beech Park.
- Mr. F.C. Morley, 11 Allen Drive
- Mr. L. Street, 18 Ash Close

Hon Members- Messrs Pushman, Hampton and Tooby

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

The annual AUTUMN FAYRE will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday November 15th. Our local M.P. Mr. John Hall will open the Fayre at 2.30 p.m.

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DECEMBER

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V.H.C.	1st	8.00 p.m.
Dancing Classes	2nd, 8th	3 - 6.15 p.m.
Drama	Every Tuesday, plus 3rd	8.00 p.m.
Play Group	Tues, Wed, Thurs mornings	9.15 - 12.15 p.m.
Welfare	3rd, 17th	2.00 p.m.
Dressmaking	Every Wed. (B.R.)	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
W.I.	4th	2.30 p.m.
Bingo	Every Thurs	8.00 p.m.
Art	" " (B.R.)	7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
Naphill Friends	9th (C.R.)	8.00 p.m.
Table Tennis	10th, 17th	7.00 p.m.
Whist Drive	12th	7.30 p.m.
Library	12th	6.30 - 8.00 P.m.
Over 60's Christmas Party	13th	2.30 p.m.
Soccer Club Dance	13th	8.00 p.m.
Over 60's	18th	2.30 p.m.
V.H.C. Dance	20th	8.30 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL NOTES

Members of the Council stood in silent tribute to the memory of Harold Tweedale, for many years, a representative of the Mens' Club and one time Chairman of the Council.

Mr. Rex Leaver and Mr. Bruce Drewitt were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 1970, and the Council were pleased to have the continued services of Mr. Douglas Tooby and Mr. Donald Turner as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer respectively. Unfortunately, Mrs. Grafham is unable to continue as Honorary Secretary after the end of the year and Mrs. Moore of Beech Park has kindly agreed to take over this post with the unanimous approval of the Council.

It was decided to contract the work involved in keeping the Playing Field, the hedges and the grass surrounding the Hall in a satisfactory condition, to Messrs. Stacey of Chesham. The Playing Field Committee which had recommended this action would continue in being, for the purpose of ensuring the continuing satisfactory condition of the area.

Arrangements were agreed to have lights installed on the "Christmas Tree" outside the Hall as on previous occasions - and it was decided to ask those members of the Village who erected them last year if they would be good enough to do the work again - together with other volunteer labour.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES Continued.....

W H I S T D R I V E S

Mr. Watson, who has organized the whist drives in the Village Hall for a long time now, has advised the Council that he wishes to be relieved of this task. We are sorry that he has to give up this work which he has done so well and which helps the Village Hall Funds in no small way. Out sincere thanks are due to him.

A replacement is urgently wanted and Village Hall Council members will be pleased to hear of anyone, especially if interested in the game, who would be prepared to take over the work of organizing the drives, once a fortnight.

YOU ARE INVITED TO:-

A V I L L A G E C A R O L C O N C E R T
O N

Sunday - December 21st - 3.00 p.m.

Community Carol Singing and Items by:

NAPHILL COUNTY JUNIOR SCHOOL
Collection in Aid of O X F A M

You may remember the idea of a Village Carol Concert was first instigated by Mr. Adlam many years ago and Mr. Kilby continued the good work, but through lack of support, it "fizzled out."

Some four or five years ago, I got the urge to restart it, backed by friends, and particularly the Methodist Choir. I must admit that being a true Methodist, I was killing two birds with one stone, because in addition to the love of a good sing, I wanted your money - to be used particularly for the under-fed children of the world.

Let's face it, we are fortunate. How many of us have ever known real poverty and although there are many demands on our purses, we still have enough - and to spare - when it comes to food. Would it really hurt us if we ate a little less and gave a little more - some of us would definitely benefit!

Last year the amount given totalled £11 9s., and this year I am appealing to you - Come and air your lungs well and dig deep. Happy Christmas.

Jean Lawrence.

In an effort to obtain funds for the Village Hall, in order to carry out the necessary repairs, a paper collection has been arranged. We therefore, ask all residents to Naphill to join in and help. Please save all your old newspapers, periodicals, comics etc., and bring them along to the Village Hall between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday, December 6th, 13th and 20th. The January dates will be advised in the next issue of the Gazette.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE - 20th DECEMBER, 1969

Two years ago the Village Hall Council restarted regular dances and since then, there has been one every three months, and they have proved to be very popular. But the most popular of them all has been the one at Christmas and so - please get your tickets quickly, from:-
Pat Syrett Finches, Christopher Close.

- Joan Latham Bowland House, Main Road, Naphill 3265
- John Ward The Wheel, Main Road, Naphill 2210
- Judy Woodruff Heatherlands, Downley Road, Naphill 3396

As usual, there will be a well stoded bar (provided by John Ward at the Wheel), free refreshments (very capably organized by Susan Stallwood), many spot prizes and of course, an excellent evening for all to enjoy.

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NAPHILL CHURCH

- December 21 st Evensong 3.30 p.m.
- Christmas Day Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.
- December 28th No Service.

May we call your particular attention to the changed time for the Christmas Day Service, which has been done to allow a priest from another parish to reach Naphill after taking an earlier service elsewhere.

Hughenden Church services at Christmas provide an alternative to the Naphill service. Details will be announced in the Parish Magazine in mid December. May we wish you a very Happy Christmas & New Year.

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH.

Preachers for December

- | | <u>11 a.m.</u> | <u>6.15 a.m.</u> |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|
| December 7th | Mr. Steare | Fild Service |
| " 14th | Mr. Leigh | Mrs. Mann |
| " 21st | Mr. Steevens | Lessons & Carols
AT 6 P.M. |
| <u>Christmas Morning</u> - 10 a.m. - Service conduced by Sister Margaret Smith | | (See note below) |
| December 28th | Mrs. Cooper | Rev. Eric Firth. |

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NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH Continued.

On Sunday, 14th of December in the afternoon at 2.45 p.m., there will be a Children's Gift Service, when the speaker will be Mr. P Allard The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 21st at 6.00 p.m. will be introduced by Sister Margaret Smith. Other churches in our section will be joining us, and leading members of various organizations in the village have consented to read lessons.

We give you a warm welcome to come and join in Carols and the Christmas Story.

MG.B.

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

As we come to the last month of 1969, we remember the very happy fellowship which has existed at our meetings and outings and we invite lonely people including newcomers to the village who are 60 years of age or over, to join us at our fortnightly meetings on alternate Friday afternoons in the Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. If you prefer, contact the President, Mrs. E. Bayley, Plum Tree Cottage, Main Road, Naphill - 'phone Naphill 2239; the Chairman, Mrs. G. Smith, Waldens, Main Road, Naphill - 'phone Naphill 3302; the Secretary Mrs. C.B. White, Mytilene, Main Road, Naphill - 'phone Naphill 3486. All of these will give you further particulars.

On the 5th of December, Mr. Kellaway will bring films of Naphill School childrens' 1969 holiday in Dorset and of their meeting with Mr. Kilby, a former Naphill School Headmaster; and also films of the Village.

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 13th, commencing at 3. p.m.

We are a most fortunate Club, having recently received a donation from R.A.F. Strike Command, who have also kindly offered to entertain our Club at Naphill Village Hall on Thursday, December 18th. Such gestures are much appreciated and we are happy to feel the goodwill expressed by them.

There will not be a meeting on December 19th; the first meeting in 1970 will be on Friday, January 2nd.

May we end this year by wishing all Club Members and helpers a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

C.B.W.

W H I S T D R I V E

There will be a Grand Christmas Whist Drive in the Village Hall on Friday, the 12th of December at 7.30 p.m.

All are welcome. Come and spend a happy, social evening with us. Many prizes to be won and refreshments will be available during the interval.

M.B.

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

With this issue of the Gazette, we come to the end of another year. At this season we often look back on past successes, and failures and then forward with new resolutions and a determination to avoid the repetition of past mistakes and a determination to emulate, or even surpass, previous successes.

This is also the end of the financial year of our Society and next month we shall be holding our A.G.M., when our past successes and failures will come under review. Although we may not have inspired Moon Landing headlines, I think we can claim steady progress.

By the way, I have read that a good crop of lettuce has been grown in moon dust! Speaking of our last two Talks, the one on Roses was quite well attended, although the one on Chrysanthemums was far from a full house. We are hoping for better things on November 24th, when our President Mr. A.J. Gould entertains us by means of transparencies of his visit to New Zealand, which of course will be over by the time this issue of the Gazette appears.

There is still some Chasmor available which is good stuff to mix with the garden waste on the compost heap.

Merry Christmas and success to your gardening efforts in 1970.

A.H.B.

G A R D E N N O T E S

Gardening, like Christmas, has enshrouded itself in legend, mystery and romance throughout the ages, and even if you think these things are bunk, it does no harm to sometimes indulge a flight of fancy and perhaps a good taking off point would be the legend regarding the Hyacinth.

The name comes from Greek Mythology - Hyacinthus was a boy beloved of the Gods for his beauty, and one day while Apollo was teaching him to play quoits, Zepherus, the wind God, in a fit of jealousy, killed the boy by hurling a quoit at his head. Then Apollo caused this plant to spring from his blood.

Irula is said to be a corruption of Helenium, a name given to those plants based on the tradition that they sprang from the tears of Helen of Troy.

Then there is the group of shrubs and plants named Veronica. Although the name is of doubtful origin, legend says it was the name of the woman who offered her handkerchief to Christ on his way to Calvary.

Not all plant names have such romantic origins, but Mahonia commemorating Bernard McMahon sounds a bit intriguing. He was an Irishman who for political reasons settled in America, built up a famous nursery business and was well known to the botanists of his day.

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GARDEN NOTES Continued.

Fuchsia commemorates another celebrated botanist Leonhardt Fuchs. Many other plants were named after great botanists, such as the Dahlia after Dahl, or Tradescantia after the brothers Tradescant.

Coming to the mystery bit, I wonder why it is necessary that one should first bow and then apologise to an Elder before cutting it down or even trimming it. Why is it unlucky to plant Parsley, or that Blackberries picked after September belong to the Devil, and I have yet to prove, right or wrong that root crops should be sown when the moon is on the wane and surface crops when the moon is waxing.

I suppose all this stems from the belief that gardeners, or at least the successful ones, have green fingers.

Merry Christmas.

A.H.B.

EDITOR'S CORNER

A strong talking point in the village recently has been the newly formed Residents Association, and I think it would be as well if they gave us a clear statement of their aims and intentions, as soon as possible. The first reaction, of course, was that all the officers are newcomers. I fancy they will have a good answer to that. A little more difficult is the charge: "You've got your bit of Naphill built on and now you want to stop anyone else." Well, I'm not sure that they do. We shall see. People are also saying "you can't stop the R.A.F. building a lot of houses at one end of the village, so why try to stop some one else building at the other end. Well, Gentlemen, Why? And I should like to ask a question of my own, directed perhaps more at those three eminent names on the committee. The power behind the scenes as it were. I have often heard newcomers say in effect; "Now that we've got a footpath, all we need are street lamps." They are very surprised when I reply "Over my dead body." My feelings are these: "If you want to come and live in a village, you are welcome, but don't try and turn it into suburbia." Does the new Association agree with this I shall look forward to printing their answers.

Last months' cover was, of course, the Golden Ball at West Wycombe, although it wasn't golden when Lester Brown took that picture. In those days, visitors were allowed to climb right inside and a magnificent view it provided. Our occasional contributor Ron Bull tells me that his grandmother actually held her wedding reception in the ball. I wonder if a ghostly chuckle was heard down in the Hell Fire Caves.

If any household is so unfortunate as not to receive a Gazette, spare copies are usually obtainable from Mr. Bill Warner's Newsagents Shop on the Main Road. Or arrangements can be made for delivery - 'Phone Mr. A. Lawrence, 2134 (Naphill).

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

At our November meeting, Mrs. Joy Pemberton, Mrs. Sally Harvey and Mrs. Pauline Bluett gave us an interesting demonstration of wigs and hair pieces. Ladies from the audience were invited to come forward and try on any wig of her choice while we all watched the "transformation". The wigs were kindly loaned to us by "Miss Joy", of High Wycombe.

The raffle this month - a bottle of sherry - was won by Mrs. Eileen Dobson.

The Young Neighbours will be having a stall at the Christmas Bazaar and members are reminded to bring their contributions, either a gift for the stall, cakes or sugar and tea, to the Village Hall on Saturday morning, 29th November.

On the 8th December, we are having a Christmas dinner at the Windsor Lodge Hotel; a coach leaves the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. The cost to members is 25/-, including the coach. Mrs. Barbara Streets will be at the Village Hall from 9.30 - 10.00 a.m. on December 3rd to collect any outstanding money due. There are still a few vacancies available, if anyone is interested would they please contact Mrs. Streets.

A.F.

N A P H I L L W. I.

Mrs. Bull welcomed a new member Mrs. Robertson and read a letter from the Chairman of the Village Hall thanking the W.I. for the generous donation of £50 to be used for improvements to the Hall.

Mrs. Bull gave a very full Treasurer's Report, which showed that the W.I. had a good year and was in a healthy financial position; and the minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and adopted.

Some W.I. members of the Art Class had pictures hung at the W.I. Art Exhibition at Aylesbury in October.

A report on the Drama Group was given by Mrs. Weeks who said that a three-act comedy was staged in January and played to full houses. The Festival Play had reached the County Finals and had won a trophy. The new play, at present in rehearsal, will be staged in the Village Hall late in January 1970.

The annual report was given by the Secretary, Mrs. Smith, and showed what a busy and successful year it had been.

Mrs. Balls gave the President's report and thanked the committee for their support. She reminded members of the Sales Stall and the fact that from the proceeds of the sales effected, one penny in the shilling was kept for W.I. funds. Mrs. Pearson reported the Blessings Box to be in a successful condition.

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Mrs. Dewick was introduced by Mrs. Balls, and the V.C.O. said how pleased she was to listen to the reports of such an active W.I. She went on to say that W.I. members not only enjoyed friendship and many interests, but also gave valuable services to the country in many forms. The first meeting of a W.I. was held in a small village in Wales (quite unpronounceable to the correspondent - although aptly spoken by one member in the audience!); this first meeting was influenced by a meeting attended by Mrs. Hoodless in Canada some years before. The first A.G.M. was held in 1917 when there were 137 W.I.'s and next year we celebrate our Golden Jubilee, with members totalling nearly half a million (Naphill W.I. celebrate their Jubilee in three years' time). Mrs. Bull thanked Mrs. Dewick for an interesting talk.

Election results for the Committee were:- Mesdames Adams, Balls, Brill, Bull, Butler, Leek, Marshall, Pearson, Piercy, Randall, Smith and Weeks. Mrs. Balls was re-elected as president. Mrs. Hayward gave a vote of thanks to the committee. Mrs. Pearson thanked the two members of the Downley W.I. who acted as tellers. The competition of Home Made articles to be given to the Bazaar Stall for the Village Hall was won by Mrs. Brill.

Tea Hostesses for December:- Mesdames Boothroyde, Bullock, Gillies and E.Hussey. At the next meeting Mr. Bryant Peers will talk "Towards the Sun." The Competition is:- Filled Christmas Stockings for the Elderly People's Ward at Amersham Hospital. Members were reminded to support the Village Hall Christmas Bazaar to be held on the 29th of November, 1969.

D.A.L.

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

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 8 p.m., in the Village Hall Committee Rooms. We will be pleased to welcome anyone interested in the club.

G.L. Brown, Hon.Sec.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Alfred Evans of "Sarnia", Christopher Close. Although he had only lived in the village for the last few years, he had made many friends and had become very interested in all Naphill activities. He will be greatly missed by many and we offer our sincere condolences to Kathleen, his wife.

Mrs. Tweedale and family are sincerely grateful for all the kind expressions of sympathy they received in their bereavement. They also wish to thank all those friends and the village associations who so generously sent donations to hospital and medical research funds.

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