

# NAPHILL GAZETTE



BULLFINCHES MALE AND FEMALE  
FEBRUARY 1973

AT THE VILLAGE HALL - FEBRUARY 1973

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Naphill Church Rummage	24th	2.30 pm

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Tennis Club Rummage 10th. 2.30 pm

NAPHILL CHURCH

SERVICES

February	18th	United Service at the Methodist Church	6.15 pm
	25th	Holy Communion	9.00 am
March	7th	Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion	7.30 pm

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RUMMAGE SALE 24TH FEB. 1973 2.30 PM AT VILLAGE HALL

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May we, first, apologise for the incorrect announcement about the United Service in January, due to a misunderstanding and we hope nobody was unduly inconvenienced by having to walk to the other church.

Once again Spring is round the corner and the season of Rummage Sales is with us. We hope to see our usual helpers from 10.00 am onwards on 24th February and again at 2.30 pm. when we open the doors. Forget the pay freeze and V.A.T. Come along and pick up a bargain. We already have a nice range of wine jars, which will interest home wine-makers. As usual, we hopefully expect loads of goods to sell and shall be pleased to collect if you are unable to bring them. Please 'phone Mrs. Wood, Naphill 3163 - Mrs. Parslow, Naphill 2485 - Mrs. Gilson, Naphill 2231 or Mrs. Davies Naphill 3305 and collection can be arranged.

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NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for February</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	<u>6.15 pm</u>
4th	Mrs. Ing	A London preacher
11th	Family Service Rev. P. Tucker	Mr. H. Lord
18th	Mrs. Tyler	United Service at Methodist Church. The Vicar; and Mr. N. Nibloe
25th	Mr. A. I. Mounteney MA	Rev. H. Hadwen

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On Wednesday, 7th February at 7.30 pm a United Home Missions Evening will be led by Rev. F. Watts at Lacey Green Methodist Church.

The usual monthly Fellowship Meeting will be at Naphill Methodist Church on Wednesday, 28th Feb. at 7.30 pm the Leader being Rev. N. Burrows.

M.G.B.

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Sunday Services 10.00 am and 6.15 pm. All welcome.  
Transport provided for the sick and elderly, if required.  
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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "The Day of the Lord will come  
as a thief in the night." 2.Peter 3.10.

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TRAINING SESSION

Now that Christmas is safely over, the Easter Eggs are beginning to appear in the shops, but before we get to Easter, the church's most important festival, we have the season of Lent, the church's 'training session'.

Lent is essentially the preparation for Easter. Originally it probably lasted only a day or two, but over the centuries it came to be associated first with preparation for Baptism, which took place on the eve of Easter, so that the newly baptised member of the church could make his first communion on Easter Day. As a result, the period got gradually longer until, at one time, it lasted 70 days, hence the name of the third Sunday before Lent, 'Septuagesima'. Part of that preparation consisted of spending more time in prayer and less time eating, drinking and enjoying oneself. In other words, fasting in Lent became a common practice and it was only a short step to associate the fast of Lent with Our Lord's 40 days fasting in the wilderness before he began his ministry and for centuries this has been our way of thinking about Lent. We regard it as a period of training, as Our Lord regarded his time in the wilderness and just as he prayed and fasted during that time, so do we.

In these days most of us only fast, that is reduce the total intake of food, either for medical reasons or for reasons of vanity. Our Christian forefathers fasted in order to attain mastery over the body, so that it did not dominate the spirit. Nowadays we pamper our bodies, lodging them in centrally heated houses, dressing them in comfortable clothes, stuffing them with food which tickles our taste buds, and conveying them from place to place in motor cars. If I suggested that we should go without three meals a week, one day's food, I should be told that we could not stand it, which just shows how far our bodies have come to dominate our wills, instead of the other way round, Even so, I am going to suggest it.

Our minds all feel great sympathy for the starving millions of the third world. Why not, then, try an exercise of mind over matter, go without some meals during Lent and contribute the value of the food we would have eaten to help feed those who do not have sufficient? Maybe the little bit each one of us saves will not make much difference to the starving millions,

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TRAINING SESSION (contd)

but if everyone in Naphill did it, our favourite famine relief charity and through them the hungry, would benefit enormously.

P. Bullock-Flint.

P.S. I did say Lent was a training session and we need to keep in training, or we shall just be back where we started.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES

We are sorry to report yet another resignation, this time one of our most active members, Mrs. Eileen Croxson, Vice Chairman, has been told by her doctor to ease-up on her many activities. Eileen, we hope you will soon be fully recovered and we thank you for all the good work you have out in for the Village Hall, Naphill Neighbours, etc., etc.

As a result of recent resignations, there are now vacancies on the Council, which we would like to fill. We would be pleased to hear from anyone, and in particular any newcomers to the village who would be interested in devoting a little of their time to village activities. I am giving below my address and 'phone number; if you would like to contact me, or alternatively come along to the A.G.M. on Monday, 19th March at 8.00 pm in the Hall.

Cherry Tree Cottage, Main Road. NAPHILL 2290.

Everyone attending the New Year Dance enjoyed themselves thoroughly and we thank Marcia and Terry Fendom for organising these dances. However, because of the poor support, a financial loss was reported and the Council is, at present, considering whether it is worthwhile continuing with them. They take a lot of organising, particularly the refreshments and when only 40 to 50 people attend, we begin to wonder whether the village is interested any longer in this type of event.

Naphill Football Club has requested that they might prepare a second playing pitch on the field. This would be a smaller practice pitch at the "Glebe" end of the field. The Council thought this would be a good idea and the matter is now being investigated further by the Club. It seems we hear very little of our Football Team's activities in the Gazette and I should like to take this opportunity of congratulating them on their continued run of success this season and to wish them all the best for the rest of the season.

B.T.A. Holland.

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I have, occasionally, given the football club some publicity in Editor's Corner and would be happy to hear of a football reporter for the Gazette.

Ed.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The January meeting was pleased to agree the recommendations of the Finance Committee that the Parish rate precept for 1973/74 should not be increased. Let us hope that the County and Rural District are equally cautious with their estimates. With the substantially adjusted valuations, it is even more important that the 'Rate in the Pound' should be kept as low as is practicable.

The new Naphill valuations are now on view at the Council Offices, but as a facility to local ratepayers, the Parish Council has obtained copies. It is the intention to have these available for inspection at the Village Hall on the following dates:

Thursday	8th Feb.	6.00 - 7.00
Saturday	10th "	9.00 - 10.30
Saturday	17th "	9.00 - 10.30

At least one of the local representatives will be in attendance.

Once again the question of overtaking on Coombe Hill was discussed and approaches are being repeated to the County Council for the provision of double white lines on the more dangerous bends.

Original planning permission for the R.A.F. development was coupled with adequate landscaping and tree planting. Now that the concrete horror is apparent, in all its ugliness, the planning committee is to be reminded of this obligation.

R. Pushman

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NAPHILL W.I.

Naphill W.I. January meeting was attended by 60 members. Mrs. E. Hussey, Vice President, welcomed 2 new members, Mrs. J. Cole and Mrs. Lovell. Talk by Mr. L.J. Mayes on "Pubs of High Wycombe" was enjoyed. The exhibition "Naphill Handicrafts" included a small wheelback chair made by the late Mr. Jack Goodchild in 1906. A carved head made by Mr. R. Piercy.

1st February Miss Susan Wild will talk and show slides on "Wild Life and Flowers of our County Bucks." Exhibition, "Finds" from the countryside.

Tea hostesses: Mrs. Balls Mrs. Smith Mrs. Bull.

OPEN NIGHT 17TH FEBRUARY Tickets 40P.

M. Reed

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Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons of "Moseley Cottage" Naphill, wish to express their sincere thanks to the kind friends and neighbours for their gifts and lovely cards, which helped to make their Golden Wedding Anniversary a complete success. "Thanks a lot folks" !

NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

We started the New Year with many members absent with Influenza or bad colds and hope, by now, you are all feeling a little better. The talk given by Mr. L.J. Mayes was greatly enjoyed and we learned much about the Crafts and Trades of Wycombe.

On 9th February Mrs. Gittins will give a talk, with film, on one of her travels; and on the 23rd February, Hughenden will entertain us with their version of the "Sleeping Cutey". We look forward to a most entertaining and enjoyable afternoon, with plenty of fun and laughter for the members on this date.

A.G.

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NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS

The January meeting (although poorly attended) was very interesting, the Speaker being a member of the Family Planning Association. Raffle prizes were won by Mrs. Helps and Mrs. Croxson.

Monday, 12th February we are to be entertained by Mr. G. Crowe, Hypnotist and this will be an open meeting to which friends and husbands are invited. The competition will be 'the best Valentine Card.' We are also having a 'Bring and Buy' stall and we will be grateful for any articles donated. These should be brought to the meeting, or given to any Committee member.

Naphill Neighbours are having a Jumble Sale on 24th March. If you have any jumble, will you please contact any Committee member, or bring it along to the Village Hall on the morning of the Sale. This is a new venture for Naphill Neighbours and we hope you will give us your full support.

Mrs. Eileen Croxson is collecting used Christmas Cards for the Chalfont Epileptic Colony and if anyone would like to donate their old cards, would you please bring them to the next meeting.

Tea hostesses for February are Mrs. Croxson and Mrs. Flett.

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TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club will be holding its SPRING RUMMAGE SALE in the Village Hall on Saturday, 10th FEBRUARY. Doors will be opening at 2.30 pm.

The A.G.M. will be held in the V.H. Committee Room on Thursday, 8th February at 8.00 pm.

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

May I give you all a last reminder that our A.G.M. for 1973 will be held on Wednesday 7th February at 8.00 pm in the Billiards Room at the Village Hall.

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (contd)

We will welcome nomination for any office and will be happy to enrol new members on the night. We would also like to see all existing members who may have, inadvertently, not paid their subscriptions for 1972. Subject to any alteration that may be agreed for subscriptions for 1973, may I remind all that up to now this has been a minimum of 15P (fifteen pence) per annum. This has entitled any member to purchase certain garden necessities at discount prices. Also, we have tickets for entry to Royal Horticultural Society's Main Shows and entrance to their Wisley Gardens, of which members can avail themselves, on request. We also receive tickets for other Horticultural Societies functions.

As previously indicated, there have been one or two crises in our local Society in the past few years and we are hoping for a new wave of enthusiasm this year to help keep this desirable village activity alive.

In just such a crisis, two years ago, I undertook to serve as Secretary for a year, to keep the Society afloat, but I would now like to relinquish the post to a younger man, although, if elected, I would like to serve on the Committee. Moreover, I would certainly give any help and advice at my disposal to a successor. Please make 7th February a Naphill Horticultural Renaissance.

J.B.

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GARDEN NOTES - FEBRUARY

The work of this month is to be carried on as weather permits, but with greater activity and more confidence, for the sun is fast gaining power. Earnest digging and liberal manuring are the tasks that stand forward of most importance. Not many people realise that weeds are useful dug into the soil, except the perennial weeds like bindweed, ground elder, couch-grass, nettles and docks. Aconites, snowdrops and crocus should flower this month to give us the first touch of Spring.

In gardening we often hear the saying of "green-fingers". I would like to help the "yellow-fingers" or "plant-killers". A big mistake is they are too rough; all plants should be handled with care. I have never forgot my Hort. Supt. years ago saying, "Handle them like mother handles the baby." It is surprising how much damage to foliage and stems is caused by rough handling.

This is a good time to treat many old hedges that have become thin or out of hand. Yew, Beech, Hornbeam, Box, Laurel and Privet can be cut back as hard as you like to break into new growth. After this hard pruning, work in eight ounces of bone-meal or two ounces of sulphate of ammonia to the yard.

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GARDEN NOTES - FEBRUARY (contd)

Still time to give the fruit trees a spraying of tar-oil wash. If you have any valuable plants underneath, cover them with sacks or polythene, 'cause the tar-oil burns. Get the pruning finished and cotton the gooseberries, or the tits will take the little buds.

In veg. garden, sow broad beans, parsnip, parsley and a little lettuce on a warm border; if you can cover with cloches it will be a big help, but wet or frosty keep away.

C.P.

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NATURE INTEREST

THE BULLFINCH

This is one of our most beautiful birds, and is fairly widely distributed throughout the British Isles. It is steadily on the increase and now a little more commonly seen, but six years ago the records were showing a rapid decline, probably due to the spraying of fruit trees with insecticides.

During the past few weeks a pair have regularly visited the garden and I have been able to watch them frequently. They appear to be still on their winter food - weed seeds, berries and insects. Soon they will be attacking the blossoms of the early flowering shrubs and then the spring blossoms of all fruit trees. This kind of bad habit has given this lovely bird a very bad name and the fruit growers and gardeners in many districts have successfully applied to have the bullfinch deprived of its protection.

It is a very proud bird, especially the male, who will strut around throwing out his rose-red chest, while his velvet black head is held up to its highest. I have been very fortunate in being able to watch this pair from my window, because normally the bullfinch is quite shy and extremely secretive, the slightest move and he is away.

The bullfinch pairs up for life, but the female is not nearly so lovely as the male, but follows the same pattern. It does not have the male's beautiful red chest, but characteristic to both male and female is the very strong black beak, white rump, black head and black tail.

The nesting period is from April-July, usually two broods. The female chooses the site, usually in hedges, shrubberies or brambles. The nest is built by the female, about five or six feet above ground level. It is made of twigs, interlaced with black roots; 4-5 eggs are laid, they are greenish blue with purplish-brown specks and streaks. Incubation is 12-14 days, mainly by female. The nestlings are fed by both parents and the young fly after about 14 days. They often remain with their parents until the following Spring. Both male and

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NATURE INTEREST (contd)

female youngsters are like the adult female, but without the jet black head and at the first full moult, the males will receive their rose-red breast.

An allied species, known as the northern bullfinch can be found in Scotland. It is larger and even more brightly coloured than our southern bullfinch. Occasionally they can be seen, during the winter, here in the south.

If you have a Forsythia flowering shrub now is the time to run some strong thread round the branches; you will find this will give you a better show of those lovely yellow blossoms, keeping the bullfinch from the buds.

A.S.A.W.

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NAPHILL SCHOOLS - 1973

Since 1970 we have been preparing for re-organisation in 1973 when the 8-12 age group will transfer to a new middle school for 400 children at Walters Ash. The building is now well under way and should be ready for occupation in September. A few minor adaptations will make the existing primary school in Pursell's Meadow into a very pleasant First School for the 5-8 age group which could cater for up to 320 children.

The decision to adopt 12 as the age of transfer to secondary school was a vote of confidence in the primary school. The implication of this decision is that children will benefit from spending more time in the primary school learning situation. Our preparations for the new Walters Ash Middle School have been based on this belief. We have not overlooked the fact that some children will be a year further on in their development than we have previously been used to, but the unique feature of the British primary school, which has aroused interest throughout the world, is that the child is gradually assuming his rightful position as the most important entity, more important than subjects, more important than audio-visual aids or libraries or all the advanced equipment which has become available; these things are valuable only in so far as they serve the development of the child and the quality of life in the school. We can only accept each child as he is and assist his further development. Whether he is 11 or 12 years old makes no difference to this approach and the good, general primary teacher should be faced with no exceptional difficulties. The problems are basically the same problems we have in the developing primary school; the need already exists for teachers to develop particular skills and interest in one or more areas of the curriculum. If the middle school helps us to recognise this need more clearly so much the better, but any attempt to use such teachers as specialists in the conventional way runs contrary to our intentions. Teachers for our middle school will be general practitioners who can share their specialisms in an

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NAPHILL SCHOOLS (contd)

informal way. Regular attendance at courses, both part-time and full time, has become a normal feature of the teacher's life at Naphill.

Consultation between the County Architect and the school has been good and, although we have not always been able to have our own way in all things, a very workable plan has emerged with a high degree of flexibility, which will allow a variety of different ways of working and in which the building will not dictate the way of life. The design allows the establishment of four smaller communities within the school where personal relationships may assume their rightful importance. Each community has three classrooms with sliding folding screens which can be opened into a central practical area and a quiet room which may sometimes be used to contain noise, at others to exclude it. The way of working for each community will have a degree of individuality which reflects the characteristics of its own teachers and children. The enclosed specialist subject room has no place in our plan apart from a small but well equipped workshop for very dirty or very noisy work, and a resource room for music and audio-visual aids which will be used by children learning in small groups. The slightly more sophisticated equipment which will be available will enable a more scholarly form of enquiry to take place and the development of creative work of a higher quality, providing, almost incidentally, intrinsic motivation for learning more advanced skills. Equipment and books are too valuable to be kept behind closed doors; access to these resources should be as open as possible; consequently they will be housed in differentiated, but open areas linking each of the four communities. There will be access to the outdoor learning areas from each classroom. An area near the main entrance designated library/reception will probably be developed mainly as a centre for general resources for learning as its situation is too remote from the children to be used for the main library provision. Fixed furniture throughout the school has been kept to a minimum.

The overall picture is an encouraging one of a new situation to which we can readily transfer our present way of working without trauma. The design of the building allows for new developments while providing the extra working space and storage facilities which we so urgently need now for an approach to learning in which the curriculum is seen in terms of activity and experience.

Wyndham Bradley

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Correspondence

I am sure I speak for many residents of Naphill when I say how shocked and sad we were to hear of the sudden death of Harry Pearson. Our sincere sympathy goes to Kay and her family in their sad loss.

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Correspondence (contd)

Harry and Kay entered wholeheartedly, soon after coming to Naphill, into most of the activities of the village and gave their help unstintingly whenever it was needed. Our gratitude and affection for them was borne out by the attendance at the cremation at Oxford of many friends who were also representative of the organisations in which they were both involved.

For my part I shall not forget the great help Harry gave to me during my year as Chairman of the Village Hall Council and particularly with the Fete that year. Also his two very fine productions of Cafe Continental.

Our thoughts are with Kay at this time.

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Our deepest sympathy also goes to Blanche Weekes on the death of her husband, Harold, so soon after moving to Bexhill following his retirement.

E. Cooper.

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NAPHILL CHURCH

SERVICES

March	7th	Ash Wednesday	Holy Communion	7.30 pm
	18th	United Service in the Anglican Church		6.15 pm
	25th	Holy Communion		9.00 am
	28th	Parish Annual General Meeting - Hughenden		8.00 pm
		Sunday School every Sunday		10.30 am

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A series of Lent Services on the theme of Christian Behaviour will commence on Wednesday, 14th March at Hughenden Parish Church, starting at 8.00 pm.

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NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for March</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	<u>6.15 pm</u>
4th	Mr. K. Peatey	Mr. D. Short B.Sc MA
11th	Family Service Rev. P. Tucker (Holy Communion)	Mr. K. Lewis
18th	Mrs. Tennant	United Service at Anglican Church. The Vicar and Rev. P. Tucker.
25th	Mr. A. Cooper	Miss Tribe  M.G.B.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: It is better to become bent from  
hard work than to become crooked from  
avoiding it !

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ANCIENT CUSTOM

We all like to see ancient customs continued, but if they have to be maintained artificially they lose their point. The effort to retain Mothering Sunday, for instance, under the guise of Mother's Day, is doomed to failure.

The fourth Sunday in Lent was always a period of refreshment and rejoicing midway through the fast. In the Middle Ages the apprentices were given the day off. During the 17th and 18th centuries as the houses of the gentry multiplied and more girls went into service, the custom of allowing them to return

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ANCIENT CUSTOM (contd)

home on Mid Lent Sunday grew up. The girls were allowed to make a cake, using their employers ingredients, which were much richer and more varied than anything their parents would have, and take it as a present. So the Simnel Cake was associated with the day. On their way home they picked a posy of Spring flowers from the hedgerow as a present for mother. Thus Mothering Sunday was born. A time when the children did something by their own efforts for their parents, instead of Mother's Day when they merely go to the shop to buy something.

Many enterprising children today try to do something special for their Mother on this day. In Hughenden Church we shall be having a special Mothering Sunday Service at 3.30 pm on Sunday 1st April. On the day before (Saturday afternoon) children from the Children's Church will be going out picking flowers to be made up into posies for distribution at the Service. Why not come and join us - on both occasions.

P. Bullock-Flint

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES

We are now thinking about the forthcoming Village events for 1973 and we should like you to make a note of two important dates. The next DANCE is to be held on SAT. 14th APRIL and the Summer Fete on Sat. 16th June.

The whole subject of organising "Fund Raising" events was discussed at the last V.H.C. meeting, following the presentation of a report on this matter by a sub-committee. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to invite members of the various Village Clubs, Societies and other organisations to a village meeting in the Hall on Monday, 26th Feb. at 8.00 pm to hear their views. In this way we hope to be able to arrange the kind of events you want and at the same time encourage your participation. Copies of this report have been distributed to all appropriate village organisations.

It has been reported by the caretaker, Mrs. Timberlake, that a number of the trays from the kitchen are missing. If any Club or individual has inadvertently removed them, we should be pleased to have them back - thank you !

We should like to re-confirm that the Hall key is, at the present time, held by Mrs. Leek, "Aldin" Pursells Meadow and that she also retains the key of the kitchen china cupboard. Mrs. Leek has commented that she is normally at home, but if anyone wants to make quite sure of the key, for a specific event, it might be wise to give her a ring on Naphill 2602 beforehand.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES (contd)

Although Christmas is now well past and we are looking forward to Spring, I should like to make a "special" appeal to those who enjoy our Christmas Tree lights and would like to see them again next festive season. The time has come when the ravages of the years and the weather make it necessary for an overhaul and many lamp and fitting replacements. This work is very costly and we need at least £25. for the purpose. Your donations will be much appreciated and can be handed to Mr. D. Turner, Hon.Treas. "Redcot" Main Road. Mr. Phil Hyre, Dep. Treas. "Oatley" Main Road. Mrs. A. Moore, Hon.Sec. 9 Beech Park, Bradenham or The Chairman, Cherry Tree Cottage, Main Rd. "Every little helps". Thank you.

B.T.A.H.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Matters affecting Naphill residents were discussed during the February meeting of the Council.

Concern has long been expressed about the traffic conditions on Coombe Hill. Again, in January, we pressed the need for double white lines to deter the imprudent from overtaking on dangerous bends. Now we understand that there is to be a traffic survey after which there will be discussions with all interested parties.

We can expect to see the new speed limit extension in operation before long. This will convert the de~~re~~striction sign to a 40 mph limit which will connect up with that in the Valley. To enforce it, the police have been requested to increase the incidence of radar checks. Too many drivers forget that there is a 30 mph limit through our village. "No Through Road" signs are to be sited at the entrance to Hunts Hill Lane, Downley Road and Forge Road.

Footpaths and stiles always provide a good talking point. There are many instances where stiles are difficult to negotiate by elderly residents, but if they are removed we can create thoroughfares for cyclists and horse riders. Perhaps this subject would best be discussed at the Parish Meeting which will be held in Widmer End Village Hall on Thurs. 29th March, at 8.00 pm. All voters in the Parish are entitled to attend this Meeting and voice their opinions.

To prevent the shock of finding bricks suddenly appearing on the plot next door, local Councillors will endeavour to inform householders, where planning applications affect their immediate locality.

Finally, the County has acknowledged the need for screening the new developments at Strike Command. 1973 is tree planting year. Let us make Naphill and Walters Ash a worthy member of "Leafy Bucks".

R.C. Pushman

NAPHILL W.I.

The February Meeting was Spring brought forward by way of a most enjoyable and informative talk, illustrated with slides, by Mrs. Susan Cowdy on "Wild Life and Flowers of Bucks." She was thanked by Mrs. Pushman. The Exhibition table displayed "Finds from the Countryside" and this produced a variety of objects found by members during walks around the countryside.

Mrs. Piercy read a letter to the Meeting, received from the adopted family.

The Party Night on 17th Feb. was enjoyed by members and their guests. During the evening Vicki Emley gave a demonstration of Scottish Dancing.

The coffee morning given by Mrs. D. Smith raised £5.76.

Our Rummage Sale is on Sat. 3rd March at 2.30 pm. Helpers will be at the Hall from 10.00 am to receive goods.

Group Meeting will be held at Downley on 26th March.

Next Meeting - 1st March - when Mrs. Hazel Comley will give a demonstration "Introduction to Collage".

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Adams Mrs. Blick Mrs. Boothroyd

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

During the month of February our President, Mrs. M. Bayley, went into hospital for an operation, which we are pleased was successful and we can now say, "Welcome home" to her and a speedy recovery back to good health.

Many members are still on the sick list and we would like to send them, all, a message of cheer and hope they are feeling better.

We have had one person kindly answer Mrs. Bayley's plea for help with transport. This is a help, when transport in winter is especially needed. The members are very grateful.

The talk given by Mrs. M. Gittins on Japan was very interesting. The customs and ways of Japan were illustrated with some beautiful transparencies.

9th March will be Bingo and competitions. Members have been asked to bring their handicrafts and antiques, or favourite piece of china, for show.

23rd March Mr. R.R. Bolland will give a talk on the River Thames and the work of the Thames Conservancy, with film to illustrate.

A.G.

NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS

The February Meeting was well attended and Mr. Crowe gave a very interesting talk on Hypnotism.

On 12th March we are having another Open Meeting, the Speakers being Dr. Spink and a member of the Drug Squad. The tea hostesses at this Meeting are: Mrs. Wilkes and Mrs. Donlan.

A reminder about the Naphill Neighbour's Jumble Sale on 24th March. Any jumble can be brought along to the Village Hall on the morning of the sale, or will be collected by a Committee Member, if contacted.

Members who have booked for the Windsor Theatre outing on Thursday, 15th March, should be at the Village Hall no later than 7.00 pm on that evening. The performance begins at 8.00 pm. Any outstanding money may be paid to any Committee Member.

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NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB

We may still be in the grip of Winter, but the cricket season is really not far away.

A word of introduction to the Cricket Club for newcomers to the Village. The Club runs 2 teams, which play on Saturdays in the High Wycombe & District League, consisting of 6 Divisions. The 1st XI is established in the Second Division and the 2nd XI gained promotion last year to the higher of the two Divisions for Reserve Teams.

The first matches are on 5th May and practice games are planned for the two preceding weekends. Club practice nights will be held on Tuesday and Thursday throughout the Season and will commence in mid-April.

New members will be most welcome and are invited to contact either Club Secretary, Geoff Brown at Rosewood, Downley Road (Naphill 2627) or 1st XI Captain Tom Wilks at 3 Pursells Meadow, Main Road.

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We would like to thank all those who turned up for our A.G.M. held in the Village Hall on 7th Feb. In spite of several resignations, we were able to fill the gaps and enrol two lady members, Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Bowen, both recent arrivals in the village, to the Committee. We welcome them and hope they enjoy being members of the N.H.S.

Our President, Mr. A.J. Gould, is leaving the area and did not wish to be re-elected. The Committee would like to thank him for his past patronage and wish him all the best for the future.

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (contd)

The Chairman, Mr. R.R. Ginger and the Secretary, Mr. J. Boothroyd, have also resigned because of other commitments. The new Chairman is Mr. C.J. Watkins, whose vacated position of Vice-Chairman is now filled by Mr. H.C. Hussey.

As the new Secretary, this is my first article in the Gazette. With all the changes that have taken place in the Society during the past two years, let us hope that we can now settle down to a long period of steady progress. May I extend a hearty welcome to all members, old and new, and express the wish that everyone will join in and make this established Society a credit to the village. We hope to run two Shows, as usual this year - more details at a later date. In answer to numerous enquiries we shall not, unfortunately, for the time being be able to offer for sale supplies of peat and Chasmor, due to lack of storage facilities. We are hoping, in the not too distant future, to have a permanent central store at the rear of the village hall. Please watch the Gazette for future information.

I would like to repeat some information to members which appeared in the Gazette early last year. The Society is affiliated to most of the important National Societies and we receive some interesting literature which members can see if they wish. In addition, our affiliation with the Royal Horticultural Society provides free admission tickets for two people to the big London Shows (including the Chelsea Show), also free admission to Wisley Gardens.

Finally, if anyone should require information re the Society's activities, or has any ideas, I hope he or she will not hesitate to get in touch with me: Philip Hyre, "Oatley" Main Rd. Naphill. Naphill 2437.

We have not, at the time of going to press, a new President for the Society. It is hoped that the April Gazette will publish the name of the President and a complete list of officers and Committee Members.

P.J.H.

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GARDEN NOTES - MARCH

This is the great season for garden work, weather and soil permitting. Try and finish any digging that has to be done. If not already done, cut down any old stems of herbaceous plants. Fork in the top few inches of soil in the borders a fertilizer such as bonemeal or hoof and horn meal, about four ounces to the square yard. Any gaps in the borders, buy new plants, or lift and divide any you wish to increase. Always replant the strong young pieces from the outside of the clump.

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GARDEN NOTES - MARCH (contd)

If you wish to make a new lawn, thoroughly dig the site and allow to settle. When the soil is in a suitable condition, tread the site and rake level. Turf can be laid this month, but if you wish to sow grass seed, wait till the end of April.

March or early April is a good time to plant new hedges. No garden is complete without a hedge. It marks the different sections of the garden and useful to shelter the more tender plants from strong winds and beating rain. What a choice we have, from a few inches to several feet. In the evergreen section we have silver, golden and variegated. Prepare the site well - it may have to live there a lifetime.

My experience of this locality is generally we have late Spring and a good Autumn. So don't be in too great a hurry for sowing seeds in the vegetable garden. Sow just small quantities of seed this month and wait till well into April for main crops, when the soil should be warmed. To get good results, veg. should be continually moving without checks from cold spells. One of the important factors in vegetable growing is rotation of crops. Change them around each year. No.1 is Potatoes and other root crops. No.2 Peas, Beans, Onions. No.3 the Brassicas.

C.P.

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NATURE INTEREST

THE BLACKBIRD

My first next of the year 6th Feb. The Blackbird. For several days I had noticed a good deal of activity with the blackbird family. There were quite a number of them hopping and strutting about on the lawn, showing the unconcern of the females and the keen competition of the males. The males were chasing each other from their territory, but each giving in to the other at the point of contact and all of them avoiding a final combat. All were wildly chattering and cackling in a very frightening attitude then, suddenly all would be quiet and their game of bluff was over - until the next time. There appeared to be no victors unless it may be the still foraging unconcerned females.

A few days later, I heard the male blackbird's shrill, screaming alarm note coming from one of the fir trees round the lawn. I felt this was worth some investigation and sure enough there was the blackbird's nest, almost completed. I did not venture too near. In a few days I watched the female shaping the cup of her nest, moving her breast feathers from side to side, round and round like using a trowel. As soon as she left the nest, I was taking my first peep. It was at the stage of putting in the mud bonding to strengthen the nest and also to give comfort while incubating, but now she will find a lining of soft hay to give still more comfort and warmth for her 4-5 eggs.

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NATURE INTEREST (contd)

A few more days and I think the building was completed, because the female blackbird was sitting very comfortably on the nest. I would not look in the nest, but if there were eggs, I hope these "early birds" will not have their hopes dashed by very cold weather, or a very heavy snowstorm. I hope she will be able to sit warm and comfortable for the next 13-14 days and successfully hatch out her chicks.

The young ones, when feathered, will be a dull brown, like their mother and if any are males they will not have the orange beak until the second year.

The normal song of the male blackbird is very beautiful, the notes are a deep, liquid tone, quite flute-like and varied. It is extremely sweet when heard while taking an evening walk, especially from dusk until dark. It is also outstanding when you hear it in the dawn chorus. It was mentioned thus in Pepy's Diary May 1663, "Waked this morning between four and five by the Blackbird, which whistled as well as ever I heard any". Further reference to this lovely chorus, I forget who or where. "There is no discord in any of our bird songs since all blend so admirably with their surroundings". If you listen you must agree it will be the Blackbird that will be taking the lead. The blackbird is always very sociable and trusting with human beings; its the blackbird that is always very near to your fork when digging, ever ready to pounce on to a stray worm or grub, but always too quick to be touched by hand or foot.

Now a little grumble. The Blackbird does like most varieties of ripe fruit, especially cherries, strawberries and ripe apples and the addition of a scarecrow only serves as a handy perch. So, for the price of a little ripe fruit, may the song of the Blackbird continue to please for many more centuries to come.

A.S.A.W.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

A recent correspondent, who evidently wished to call me a "cruel sod" for my views on myxamotosis, substituted the epithet "unchristian". This was a pity, as it is the Bhuddists not the Christians who hold that all life is sacred.

I, in fact, make my living rearing creatures for Christians to kill and eat. If ever I have felt the slightest qualm it was not the sight of a perky rabbit that caused it. It is the sight of a fine 10-cwt bullock that I have reared from birth, trotting round a ring, looking up at a sea of faces. Then a gate opens looking like an avenue of escape. He trots out, hoping it will lead him back to the fields he knows so well. I shall never see him again, but I know it will lead him to a short, jolting journey and then into a building with a smell

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EDITOR'S CORNER (contd)

of blood and death, so terrifying that his eyes will roll and his hair stand on end, until a man puts something against his forehead and grants him oblivion.

Far be it from me to put you off your Sunday joint; but, at least, I have felt a pang. Have you ?

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Scouts & Guides			2nd		(C.R.)	7.30 pm
Play Group			Tues.Wed.Thur.Fri.			9.30-12 noon
Drama			Every Tuesday			7.45 pm
Bingo			Every Thursday			8.00 pm
Men's Club			Tues.Fri.Sat.		(B.R.)	7.30 pm
Dressmaking			Every Wednesday		(B.R.)	9.30-11.30 am
Art			Every Thursday		(B.R.)	7.30-9.30 pm
Welfare			4th 18th			2.00 pm
Dancing			3rd			3.00-7.45 pm
Over 60's			6th 20th			2.30 pm
Whist			13th 27th			7.30 pm
Library			13th 27th		(C.R.)	6.30-8.00 pm
Guides			4th 18th			7.30-9.00 pm
Horticultural Society			4th		(B.R.)	8.00 pm
Scouts Rummage			7th			2.30 pm
Private Booking			7th			5.30 onwards
Naphill Neighbours			9th			7.45 pm
Cubs			11th 25th			7.00-8.30 pm
Village Hall Dance			14th			8.00 pm
Horticultural Society Cheese & Wine			16th			8.00 pm
Pony Club Cheese & Wine			28th			All day

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 1st and 2nd Naphill Brownies held a sponsored 'Skip-In' and raised £58. for handicapped Guides.  
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Another financially successful dance was held in Naphill Village Hall in February and to our friends who helped to get the hall ready, those who donated raffle prizes and cleared up the hall after, not forgetting all who came to make the Dance the convivial evening it was, we take this opportunity to say a big "Thank you".

The profits amounted to £28.20 and this has been given to Ward 8 Day Room at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, to help provide additional amenities to patients suffering from arthritis.

Roger & Pam Smith.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Once again a milestone in the history of the Naphill Gazette has been reached. For some years the Magazine has been printed on Lawrence's press at their factory. This has meant that in many little ways they have been subsidising the production and we owe them a great debt of gratitude, but now they are disposing of the machine. Our financial experts, Tony Lawrence and the late Doug Tooby, foreseeing that this would happen, started an equipment reserve account from which we are now able to purchase the press. In Sept. last this account had reached £350. and the purchase price is £250. For your information the cost of the machine in 1965 was £535. A similar machine, new, today would cost £970 The price will include all stocks of ink and sundries.

Up to now Lawrence's have borne all costs of maintenance and spares. This will now be split three ways and the third party will be the Anglican Church. Our greatest problem was finding a home for the press and here the vicar has come to our rescue, - and we to his. The church has been losing money, heavily, on the Parish Magazine, so the gentleman's agreement is that the church shall house the printing press in the old school, providing power and heating and in return shall have the use of it. The vicar will train his own voluntary printers. Mark Butler will continue to print for the Gazette and for Lawrence's, at an agreed rate. This arrangement will continue, we hope, so long as the old school remains in local hands and on this matter the advice is still the same, "Let sleeping dogs lie".

And now, after all these changes, I think the time is approaching for one more - some new blood in the Editor's Chair.

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NAPHILL CHURCH

SERVICES

- April 1st Mothering Sunday United service for parents and children at Hughenden Parish Church 3.30 pm
- 15th Palm Sunday Holy Communion at Naphill 9.00 am  
United Service at Methodist Church 6.15 pm
- 22nd Easter Day Holy Communion at Naphill 9.15 am

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We are pleased to announce, that once again, through the goodwill of our helpers and the excellent weather, we made a profit just over £60. from our February Rummage Sale. Already goods are coming in for the next one, so we may decide to hold a Mini-Rummage Sale early in the summer, on a Saturday morning in the school room adjoining Naphill Church. More news of this will be given in a future issue of the Gazette.

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for April</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	<u>6.15 pm</u>
1st	Mr. D. Church BA	Rev. Francis Watts
8th	Family Service Rev. E.C. Pettet	Mr. F. Howard
15th	Mr. D. Gregory	United Service at Methodist Church. The Vicar and Rev. P. Tucker.
22nd	EASTER DAY Rev. P. Tucker (Holy Communion)	Mr. E. Barnet
29th	Mrs. Anderson	Rev. R.L.J. Kaye
GOOD FRIDAY - 20th April - Service at 10.00 am Rev. N. Burrows.		
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The United Fellowship Meeting will be held at Bryants Bottom Methodist Church on Wednesday, 4th April at 7.30 pm.  
Leader, Rev. P. Tucker.

M.G.B.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: There is nothing more precious than  
time, for time is the price of  
eternity. (Bourladone)

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NAPHILL W.I.

Approximately 55 members attended the March meeting. The President, Mrs. K. McCue, welcomed 4 new members.

An interesting demonstration entitled "Introduction to Collage" was given by Mrs. H. Comely. The competition "A Collage" was won by Mrs. D. Butler and Mrs. B. Brill.

The next meeting on 5th April will feature a talk, with slides, by Mrs. B. Arne on the subject of "Kitchens through the Ages".

Tea hostesses: Mrs. Butler Mrs. Brill Mrs. Bowler.

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NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS

At the February meeting Dr. Spink gave a very informative talk about drugs and the effects of drug taking. Sgt. Augor of the Drug Squad was, unfortunately, unable to be with us.

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NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS (contd)

The competition was won by Mrs. E. Croxson and raffle prizes were won by Mrs. Tole and Mrs. Hampton.

At the April meeting we have an International Travel Courier to talk about his experiences.

The competition will be for the best Easter Bonnet.

Members who have their names down to go to the B.B.C.Studios on 18th April, should be at the Village Hall no later than 6.45 pm please.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Hobbies and Handicrafts exhibited by members at the last meeting were greatly enjoyed by all. The members who exhibited were asked to give a little talk on some of the pieces which invoked our curiosity. The Sampler, exhibited by Mrs. Crane, was superb, having been worked by her Grand-mother at the age of seven and her explanation of it made one realise how little we do today. Many members had worked some beautiful pieces of embroidery and the lace work was exquisite, congratulations Mrs. M. Smith and to Mrs. Jermy for her crochet work. We hope to have another afternoon in the near future for a further exhibition, as this one was enjoyed so much.

We shall have only one meeting in April. This will be on 6th April, when we celebrate our 16th Birthday and the Annual General Meeting. We hope all members will attend this meeting.

No meeting on Good Friday, but we wish you all a very Happy Easter.

A.G.

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RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Association continues under its caretaker committee, who will shortly be putting forward proposals for a new and simplified constitution to encourage all who live in the village to take part in our activities. Meanwhile, a watchful eye is being kept on planning affairs and we are co-operating with other local Associations in the matter of the A404 Relief Road. The A404 Action Committee, of which Messrs. Bridgman and Morgan are members, put on a small display as part of the High Wycombe Society Exhibition in the Guildhall during the Wycombe Arts Festival.

New residents who would like to know more about the Association please get in touch with the Hon.Secretary, Peter Bagnall-Oakeley, Durley House, Downley Road. Tel.No. Naphill 3153.

H.B.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Since the Enclosure Acts of the mid-nineteenth century ownership of various Parish Ponds was vested in the community as represented by the Parish Council and we in Hughenden have several to our name. In the past, some of these have been either sold or rented to adjoining householders at nominal prices and covered by covenants that their use as a water feature was to continue. The ravages of development have put pressures on the Council to waive these restrictive covenants, but perhaps the time has come to remember that these ponds served a purpose, to act as drainage points and provide drinking water to passing cattle - today, who knows, why must they become rubbish tips, why not an attractive village feature with perhaps a duck or two to remind us of the rural nature of bygone days.

The Parish Council is still determined to wage war on the litter louts and we in Naphill seem to have plenty of them, judging by the state of the roadside verges, especially near to the shops and bus stops. Remember that throwing down a cigarette packet or bus ticket constitutes an offence against the Act and people who witness such an action would only be doing their public duty to report it. Perhaps a few £100. fines would clean up the countryside and certainly our Main Road.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be over by the time this is read, let us hope that there is a good attendance of Naphill ratepayers.

Richard Pushman

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Worried about your rent or rates ? Marcel Winter-Taylor, Solicitor and Rural District Councillor of Sherwood Farm, Bryants Bottom Road, Great Missenden, offers his help.

Ed.

" To the Editor, Naphill Gazette.

Dear Ron,

It has come to my notice that there are some inhabitants of Naphill who are very concerned about the revaluation of their premises and/or the revised rents under the fair rent scheme.

It may well be that I can assist them in my capacity as Wycombe Rural District Councillor. If any readers would like my assistance would they please contact me at Naphill 3357.

Yours sincerely,  
C.M. Winter-Taylor.

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society got off to a very encouraging start after the A.G.M. - the first Committee meeting held towards the end of February was very well attended and everyone seemed extremely enthusiastic. We shall be holding two shows this year, namely Saturday 30th June and Saturday 22nd September. The Show Committee members are already hard at work organising the Summer Show and the Show Secretary will give full details in a later edition of the Gazette.

A Cheese and Wine Evening will be held in the village hall at 8.00 pm on Monday 16th April, admission 40p. It promises to be an interesting evening; there will be a team available to answer questions on gardening problems and a film show. Tickets can be obtained from:--

Mrs. J. Holland, Cherry Tree Cottage, Main Rd.	Tel.2290
W/C. J.P. Bullock, Traveller's Joy, Main Rd.	3429
Mr. P.J. Hyre, "Oatley" Main Rd.	2437

We now have a President of the Society and below is a complete list of officers and committee members for 1973.

<u>PRESIDENT</u>	Mr. J. Batts	"Rose Cottage", Louches Lane.
<u>General Sec.</u>	Mr. P.J. Hyre	"Oatley" Main Rd.
<u>Show Sec.</u>	W/C. J.P. Bullock	"Traveller's Joy" Main Rd.
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mr. K.J. Lunnon	11 Friars Gdns. Hughenden.
<u>Asst.Treas.</u>	Mr. G.T. Smith	"Waldens" Main Rd.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<u>Chairman</u>	Mr. C.J. Watkins	"Manesty" Stocking Lane.
<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Mr. H.C. Hussey	"Windrush" Stocking Lane.
<u>Committee</u>	Mrs. J. Holland	"Cherry Tree Cottage" Main Rd.
	Mrs. B. Tole	4, Wellhouse Way, Louches Lane.
	Mr. S.P. Blick	"Rowena" Downley Rd.
	Mr. J. Boothroyd	8, Allen Drive.
	Mr. G. Bradshaw	"Geno" Valley Rd. Hughenden.
	Mr. G. Froude	8, Battingswood Gardens.
	Mr. A.H. Kettell	"Briar Cottage" Coombe Lane.
	Mr. W. Parslow	"Sunbronze" Main Rd.
	Mr. N. Rolfe	17, Battingswood Gardens.
	Mr. A.H. Wait	"Wyann 1, Pursells Meadow.
	Mr. H.A.G. Wiseman	"Hazeldine" Main Rd.
	Mrs. F. Lloyd	"Latchetts" Main Rd.
	Mrs. Bowen	"Inshalla" Main Rd.

P.J.H.

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GARDEN NOTES - APRIL

This is the month of sunshine and showers. The temperature rises rapidly and frosts are less frequent. The gardener must do all he can now to help nature in her endeavours to benefit him.

Keep the hoe going to keep down the weeds and open the soil to the sun and showers. By thinning and regulating his plants so that they have all the light and air possible. Give shelter where needed and water when dry.

The first week in April is the best time to prune tea roses. First cut out all dead, diseased or broken wood. Cut out spindly shoots and any stems that cross each other. Cut back the remaining stems to just above an outside bud. If you prefer quality prune harder. Floribundas and Poulsens prune lightly.

I would advise any newcomers to the district, with new gardens, not to be in a great hurry for the permanent planting, unless it is certain what they want. There are so many different sections of gardens. Trees, shrubs, hedges, climbers, water gardens, herbaceous borders, lawns, rose-beds, paths and the veg. plot. Visit the gardens which are open to the public weekends and the local Nurseries. Make a rough plan. It is difficult and expensive to alter afterwards. A good temporary standby for vacant plots is hardy annuals. Sow now.

All the ordinary summer crops in the veg. plot can be sown now, but wait till the first week in May for the runners and dwarf French beans. Sow the green crops, sprouts, broccoli, cabbage etc., it is cheaper and more convenient to grow your own plants.

Now is the best time to start feeding your lawn. Little and often is better than a heavy dose.

C.P.

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NATURE INTEREST

THE HOME OF THE CORMORANTS

This month of April I am taking you to the seaside to almost anywhere around the coast of Great Britain. Here you are sure to see this large, almost black bird, the Cormorant. You may see a pair flying in a perfectly straight line, at a terrific speed, almost touching the surface of the water, or may be you will see a single bird perched on a marking buoy with both its wings outstretched to their full width and its long snaky neck stretching up to its full height. It is drying out its soaking wet wings. The Cormorants unlike the majority of other birds do not have feather oil, therefore, they do not have waterproof feathers and when in a very wet condition they become very heavy in the water and this is a

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NATURE INTEREST (contd)

hindrance to the necessary speed required when diving and swimming to catch fish, their main item of food supply. When Cormorant is diving, or swimming, it places its long wings close to its body then pushes both its large webbed feet back together; continuing this backward and forward rhythm it can attain a very fast speed under water. Each day the Cormorant devours almost its own weight in fish. So adept are they that some fishermen have tamed and trained the Cormorants to catch the fish for them. A strap is placed tightly around the lower part of their long neck so that fish, when caught, cannot pass into the gular pouch. The bird is then attached to a control cord, or lead, and lowered into the water. It speedily swims around, catching six to eight fish, then it is recalled to the fisherman's boat, where the catch is disgorged, the tight strap is then taken off and the Cormorant given one of the fish as a reward. Another Cormorant is then put into harness to fish, while the previous bird "drys out". Usually ten trained Cormorants are carried by each fisherman.

When I last visited the Orkneys, I was invited to join a party of naturalists visiting one of the uninhabited islands, occupied by a large group of nesting Cormorants. Each year, during the month of April, the Cormorants return to the same nest, but each year they build a new nest on the top of the old one. Some of the nests are five to six feet high. Each pair of Cormorants appeared to hatch out three or four chicks.

The purpose of this human intrusion to this Cormorants sanctuary was to put rings on the right legs of the chicks to enable the Natural History Museum in London to keep records of the ringed birds.

To get to these young Cormorants, we had to land from small boats as quickly as possible so that we did not disturb them. The first to land were six young men, who quickly ran along between the sea and the nests to keep the young chicks from getting into the sea. Cormorant chicks can swim extremely well, weeks before they can fly. At the sight of the moving men, most of the older chicks started to run towards the sea, only to be met with the formidable young men in position with outstretched arms and this turned the chicks rushing back to the cliffs and their nests. There they were caught by the "ringers"; the rings were placed on the leg, with their identification number, which would stay with them for the rest of their existence. In just over one hour, over 200 chicks were ringed.

We waited to watch the return of the parent birds. Soon all had settled down quietly again. The parents had found their chicks and all were back in their nests. The parents

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NATURE INTEREST (contd)

were feeding their chicks, just as our April cover picture suggests. I had taken many photographs of all that had taken place during this very thrilling experience. As we left all was again peaceful and quiet, just as we had found it. The "Island" Home of the Cormorants.

A.S.A.W.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club wish to invite new members, of all standards, to join them for the 1973 Season. Annual subscriptions have not increased, even though we will continue to supply members with free balls and to arrange professional coaching for the juniors. (We are unable to accommodate juniors for coaching unless they have registered with the Club Secretary before Friday, 20th April).

New members, wishing to play competitive tennis, will be interested to learn that we have entered teams for the Bucks County Shield, the County Knock-out Competition and the Wycombe & District Mixed League.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE COMING SEASON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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Mrs. J. Murray	3, Wellhouse Way	Naphill	3437
Mr. J. Kelcey	9, Allen Drive	"	3404
Mr. D. Cole	Longridge, The Glebe	"	3366

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES

Since last month's Gazette, we have held three meetings, one "special" meeting open to all Village Clubs and Associations to discuss fund-raising efforts, Summer Fete, Bazaar, etc., the monthly Council and the A.G.M.

Unfortunately the "special" open meeting was not very well attended and did not really have the desired effect of bringing in new groups of people to participate in the organisation of fund-raising events. However, we would still be pleased to hear of any organisations, or individuals, who would like to participate. Please don't forget, it is your "Hall and Playing Fields" and it relies upon your help and support.

In response to my appeal for donations for the renewal of the Christmas Tree lights, I am pleased to report that generous gifts have been received from - Mr. & Mrs. KEEN,

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES (contd)

Mr. & Mrs. VICCARS and Air Chief Marshal SIR ANDREW HUMPHREYS of Strike Command. I should like to thank all those who have made donations so far and would remind anyone who would like to help to brighten our Christmas scene in Naphill again next year and for some years to come, that we are still open for contributions.

Village Hall dances are planned for Sat. 14th APRIL and Sat. 16th JUNE - enquiries about these dances and applications for tickets to Mr. TERRY FENDOM, Allen Drive (Naphill 3456).

At the A.G.M. on Monday 19th March, both the Chairman and Treasurer presented their Annual Reports, recording a successful year in 1972. Although we have had several major expenditures, we are still "keeping our heads above water" and plan to continue with minor improvements in 1973, such as modernising the kitchen.

The following were elected, at the A.G.M. as "Village" representatives on the Council:

Miss E. Cooper	Mrs. A. Turner
Mrs. S. Jack	Mrs. J. Holland
Mrs. D. Leek	Mrs. M. Lovell

There was a note of sadness at this meeting when those attending stood in silent memory of Mr. Frank Gibbins, who died recently. Mr. Gibbins, who retired only last November as caretaker, had been associated with the Village Hall since it was built and for the last twelve years gave devoted service in looking after it. We would like to express our sincere condolences to Mrs. Gibbins in her loss.

B.T.A. Holland

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Death      WILLIAM JAMES TIBBLES son of Mrs. A. Tibbles died on 3rd March at High Wycombe Hospital aged 52 yrs.  
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Dancing	7th. 14th. 21st.	4.45-7.00 pm
Welfare	2nd. 16th	2.00 pm
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday (B.R.)	9.30-11.30 am
Guides	2nd. 16th. 30th.	7.30-9.30 pm
Cubs	9th. 23rd.	7.00-8.30 pm
Men's Club	Tues. Fri. Sat. (B.R.)	7.30 pm
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 pm
Art	Every Thursday (B.R.)	7.30-9.30 pm
Over 60's	4th. 18th.	2.30 pm
V.H.C.	7th	8.00 pm
Library	11th. 25th (C.R.)	6.30-8.00 pm
Whist	11th. 25th	7.30 pm
Naphill Neighbours	14th	7.45 pm
Horticultural Society	16th (B.R.)	8.00 pm
Football Club Dinner	18th	7.30 pm
Private Party	20th	2.00-7.00 pm

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for May</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	<u>6.15 pm</u>
6th	Mr.B.Sutcliffe	Mr.D. Short M.A.
13th	Family Service Rev.P.Tucker	Mr.O.Davies
20th	Mrs. Pike	United Service at Anglican Church.
27th	Rev.H.Petter (Holy Communion)	Rev.H.Hadwen

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The monthly mid-week United Service will be held here on Wed.  
30th May at 7.30 pm. Leader - Rev. N. Burrows.

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A record sum of £100.28 has been given as a result of the collection in the village for the National Children's Home. Thanks are expressed to both helpers and donors.



NAPHILL CHURCH

SERVICES

May	20th	United Service at the Anglican Church	6.15 pm
	27th	Holy Communion	9.00 am

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It must be generally known, by this time, that the old Church of England school is passing out of the control of the present Trustees into the hands of Diocesan Authorities; so in the next few months we shall discontinue using the building for Church Services, although the exact date has not yet been determined.

The Vicar has agreed to publish a statement on the reasons for this action, in the Naphill Gazette. Unfortunately, a rumour is around the village that the church is closing because Hughenden Church is no longer able to give Naphill financial support. This is quite untrue and, in fact, Naphill Church has always been self supporting and has, in the course of the past ten years, transferred over £600. to Hughenden funds to help with the parish share of Diocesan expenses and the assistant priests stipends.

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FISH SCHEME We are pleased to say that some names have already been received from people willing to help the sick and elderly in small ways. If you intend helping and have not yet put your name on a list - most village organisations are involved - please telephone Naphill 3163.

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK Everyone knows about the appalling drought conditions in India and poverty and hunger in other parts of the world, so here is an opportunity for everyone to help, either by donation or helping with the village collection. More helpers are needed to replace those who have moved away and the distribution and collection of envelopes need not involve much time if the organisers have adequate help. Please get in touch with Mrs. C. White of the Methodist Church, "Mytilene" Main Rd. or Mrs. E. Wood, "Hale End" Christopher Close, of the Anglican Church. Please telephone Naphill 3486 or 3163. Reminder - all the collectors will be wearing the official Christian Aid Badge.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: The Christian Church has all the faults of its members, but it also has all the greatness of its founder, Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS IT FOR ?

Where ever we go in this country we find, every few miles, a building set apart for God, a church. Some of them are gems of medieaval architecture, some are modern monstrosities such as provoked the question, "Am I supposed to pray in it, or at it, or for it ?" No matter what the shape or form of the structure it is there, but what is it for ?

Many people still seek out the local parish church when their children are born. They want the child baptised. Later, when that child comes of age, we start to think of the wedding day and again we look for the parish church. Later still, when the person we love dies, we turn to the church and expect its full time minister to conduct the funeral service. In these days there are a very few who use their church regularly, week by week, as a place of prayer; a place where they can approach God and bring to Him not only their own needs, but those of their friends and relations, their acquaintance and the strangers they heard about for the first time in the news bulletin.

The parish church provides for many occasions, but its real purpose, its most important purpose, is to be a power house of prayer in the midst of our community. That is why so many churches are left open all day and every day, despite the ravages of vandalism. They stand at the heart of the parish to put heart into the parish.

Hughenden Church, set as it is in the peaceful surroundings of the park, has provided a haven for many over the centuries, but it is most valuable as an active centre of prayer and on Ascension Day (Thursday, 31st May) we are planning that there will be someone in church, throughout the day, praying for all of us. We are organising a rota to cover the time from Mattins at 8.30 am to the Sung Eucharist at 8.00 pm. Why not come and join us and make sure that your parish church is used for the chief purpose for which it is intended ?

P. Bullock-Flint

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EDITOR'S CORNER

We had hardly gone to press last month when the announcement came that the 'sleeping dogs' had awakened and that the old school was to be sold. The Vicar thinks we still have 6-18 months in which to find a permanent home for the printing press. In fact, he had already warned us of this so we knew it was only a temporary solution. Let us hope someone will come up with an idea in that time.

Touching on my hint of giving up the Editorship, the Assistant Editor, Amanda Lawrence, has just got her youngest of four children into school. "Let me flap my wings for a little while" she says and what man could refuse an appeal like that.

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EDITOR'S CORNER (contd)

I like old things and polished my boots, today, with a brush given to my parents as a wedding present in 1904 and still better than many a new one. So I was very pleased to look through some old Parish Magazines of that year. In January it was noted that school attendances had fallen off, the roads being impassable. The rather military "Church Lads Brigade" took part in a Regimental Review at Reading and paraded several times during the day. They arrived at Wycombe Station at 10.00 pm and 'fell in' for "that very pleasant march to Naphill" arriving about 11.00 pm. We who jump in a car to the nearest shop should blush with shame. Older readers may like to read of two marriages - James Montague Thompson to Florence May Ward and Charles Henry Lacey to Marian Sarah Shrimpton. Cricket features in every month as the Rev. Whitfield was a playing member of Naphill C.C. Others were George, Aubrey and Fred Hunt; but only one Brown, Bert, though young Ted was on the verge of the team and the Vicar cannot conceal his delight when in 1905 Naphill won the Cup. It was probably due to him that Naphill and Kingshill put a combined team in a Bucks Rural League. The wicket-keeper was "Edard" Thompson. In the old Napple pronunciation there is no 'w' in Edward.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES

Preparations for this year's Fete, to be held on Saturday, 16th June, are now well under way. However, John Bullock (Naphill 3429) who is acting as co-ordinator, would still be delighted to hear from any organisations or individuals who can help in any way toward making it a "bumper" Fete this year. Please don't forget we are also planning to hold a Fete Dance in the evening. All enquiries to Mr. Terry Fendom (Naphill 3456).

A successful and most enjoyable Dance was held on Sat. 14th April and we made a profit ! Thanks to Terry and Marcia Fendom.

We have, at last, negotiated all the grants towards the cost of Hall and Car Park improvements. Our financial situation should allow us to continue some further improvements and as soon as we can get the work done we should be able to afford the replacement of the kitchen sinks.

Unfortunately and most reluctantly I have, once again, to refer to the subject of wanton damage and vandalism around the Village Hall. The dustbins have been emptied all over the field, trees damaged, the notice board has been pulled over and broken, the windows and doors damaged again. Even the daffodils around the War Memorial were picked and stolen !

We have reported this trouble again to the local police, but we would be pleased to hear from anyone seeing such damage being done and we can take the necessary action to have the offenders prosecuted.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES (contd)

Just a reminder to all those holding Jumble Sales in the Hall, that it is expected that all jumble left over after the sale is taken away. It must not be left outside by the dustbins or a bonfire made of the rubbish, behind the Hall. This is particularly important now that we are being plagued again by hooligans. Thank you for your co-operation.

Bruce Holland.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Hughenden Parish covers a wide area and its largest Ward is Hazelmere, which provides almost half of the Parish's rate income. Naturally a large proportion of time and expenditure is re-invested in Hazelmere in the form of open spaces and play area facilities. Within Naphill and Walters Ash, the Parish owns little of the public land, but nevertheless at the April Meeting it passed the payment of £600. toward the recent improvements of Naphill Village Hall.

Recent planning applications in the Village have caused much controversy, especially as there is a growing tendency for the demolition of existing single units and the re-erection of up to four houses on the site. Naturally the planning authority of the Rural District Council must guard against undesirable cramped development, which detracts from adjacent properties and try to equate the demand for houses with the maintenance of some rural amenity.

The recent government statement, regarding the release of Green Belt land, must act as a warning to all of us who want to prevent a further rash of estate development to link up with the urban sprawl. Once again we have pre-warning of plans for a large scale development between Stocking Lane and Coombe Lane and stretching down into Hughenden Valley. Whilst recognising the need for housing, it is not necessary that South Bucks and in particular the Hughenden area, should bear the brunt of pressure from land hungry speculators.

R. Pushman

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NAPHILL W.I.

Mrs. Arne, who was to have given a talk on "Kitchens through the Ages" unfortunately was unable to join us for the April meeting, and Mr. Johnson whose subject is The Bayeux Tapestry came along to replace her. His talk was illustrated with an excellent selection of slides, which enabled members to follow the story of the Tapestry.

In keeping with the subject of the published talk, members brought along a variety of Antique Kitchen Utensils which aroused a great deal of interest.

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NAPHILL W.I. (contd)

A trip to the London Zoo was enjoyed by members and their families. Our next meeting, 3rd May, V.C.O. Mrs. Hoare will be with us to discuss the Albert Hall Resolutions. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend.

10th May - a visit to "Mapledurham House" - coach will depart from the Village Hall at 2.00 pm.

Area Drama Festival is taking place 5 - 12 May. Drama Festival Final 19th May.

Annual Council Meeting 23rd May.

Coffee morning given by Mrs. Piercy raised £5.20.

April Rummage Sale amounted to £21.

Drama Group "Pot-Pourri" evening made a profit of £18.

R. Reed

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The 16th Annual General Meeting and Birthday Party were held on 6th April. Mrs. Bayley remains President.

We are sorry to announce the retirement of our Treasurer, Mr. G. Smith, who has been treasurer since the Club started in Feb. 1957 and would like to express our thanks of appreciation for all he has done and the very clear picture he has given us at each meeting of figures and bank balance. He asked for another volunteer and his Assistant Treas. was asked if she would take over. Mrs. Grace Parker said, "Yes" if someone would help her; Mrs. D. Smith said she would do so. Our thanks to both.

Next came the election of committee. Mrs. C.B. White was unanimously elected Chairman by the members and Mrs. Gilson Sec. Messrs. Balls, Brown, Lawrence, Reed, Rhodes, Shakeshaft, Maud Smith (Mrs.) M.Sullivan, Tuffney and Wood.

Having disposed of the business, we continued with our entertainment; Mrs. E. Brown, Mrs. Munger and Mrs. Halsey gave us their "Reminiscences of Naphill". Mrs. Halsey, being the youngest of the three, started off with, "How many here were in the Girls Club?" Seven hands shot up. Naphill even had a ladies Cricket Club and a Brass Band, of which Mr. Tich Shrimpton was a drummer. Unfortunately he was unable to be with us, but we hope he will continue where the three members left off, regarding Naphill and all its fun, some other time. We were all entranced with what went on in Naphill 40 years ago. Mrs. E. Janes gave them a vote of thanks.

The photograph competition was won by Mrs. Gillies.

Tea followed, much enjoyed by all and Mrs. E. Brown, who was the instigator of the Club, blew out the candles and cut the cake.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB (contd)

11 members who were unable to be with us owing to indisposition, each received a piece of cake after the party.

Our next meeting is on 4th May, when a speaker from the Society of Epileptics will talk to us.

18th May will be an Outing, but more news about this at the next meeting.

A.G.

NAPHILL CRICKET CLUB

Net practices are now being held on most evenings during the week and the Club Practice night is every Tuesday. New playing members will be most welcome and can contact Club Secretary, Geoff. Brown at "Rosewood" Downley Rd. (Naphill 2627) or 1st XI Captain, Tom Wilks at 3, Pursells Meadow.

Early fixtures are as follows:-

	<u>1st XI</u>	<u>2nd XI</u>
May 5th	Tylers Green (H)	Tylers Green (A)
12th	Haddenham (A)	Lacey Green (H)
19th	Holmer Green (H)	Holmer Green (A)
26th	Broomwade (A)	Prestwood (H)
June 2nd	Booker (H)	Booker (A)

NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club wish to invite new members, of all standards, to join them for the 1973 Season. Annual subscriptions have not increased, even though we will continue to supply free balls.

New members, wishing to play competitive tennis, will be interested to learn that we have entered teams for the Bucks County Shield, the County Knock-Out Competition and the Wycombe & District Mixed League.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE COMING SEASON ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Husband & Wife	£6.50	Student	£2.00
Senior	£4.50	Junior	£1.00
Semi-Senior (16-18 yrs)	£2.00	Ladies Midweek (daily)	£2.50

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Mr. J. Kelcey	9, Allen Drive	"	3404
Mr. D. Cole	Longridge, The Glebe	"	3366

NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The social evening held in the Village Hall on 16th April was very well attended and seems to have been a great success. Mr. Gould, our retiring President, brought along a collection of

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (contd)

leaves to test the knowledge of us all, but out of the 20 displayed the most anyone could name correctly was 4 ! There were some interesting slides of views around the Naphill area, the art of growing Chrysanthemums, shrubs in the garden of Moseley Lodge Farm and various gardens on the Continent. Thanks to the people who loaned the slides and screen and to Nigel Rolfe for showing them. It is hoped to hold another such evening in October.

We are planning a "Bring and Buy" plant evening, commencing 8.00 pm on 16th May in the Billiard Room of the Village Hall. The middle of May is the beginning of the planting out season for the bedding plants, although the odd frost is still likely until the end of May. Our gardening experts on the committee will be available to answer any problems on planting out. Don't forget the date - 8.00 pm 16th May.

WISLEY GARDENS The Society has booked a 41 seater coach for an afternoon at the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley on Sunday, 20th May. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 1.00 pm departs Wisley at 5.30 pm. Fare 50p including admission. Advance bookings are going well, so don't delay booking your seat with the Secretary, P.J. Hyre, "Oatley" Main Rd. - cash at time of reservation please. There is a licensed restaurant in the grounds. (Not included in the price of the coach ticket).

BEST GARDEN COMPETITION A competition for the best garden, taking into consideration lawns, flower beds, vegetable plots and glasshouses - no garden too small or too large to be entered. Anyone interested please fill in the entry form below and hand to the Secretary. Any prospective members of the Society will be eligible to enter by paying 15p. If a sufficient number of entry forms are received by the closing date of 31st May, a further announcement will be made in the Gazette. A small cup will be presented to the overall winner, with prizes for the runners-up. Judges will be recruited from outside the village and judging will take place during the summer.

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY BEST GARDEN COMPETITION 1973

Name :

Address :

LAWNS	YES	NO
FLOWER BEDS	YES	NO
VEG. GARDEN	YES	NO
GLASS HOUSES	YES	NO

Tick those you are interested in.  
Closing date 31st May 1973.

P.J.H.

GARDEN NOTES - MAY

May is almost the busiest month of the year and especially after a late Spring everything begins to move. There seems to be hardly enough time for all the gardening work to be done. On average the middle of the month should see the last of the Spring frosts.

Mow the lawn regularly and for a good finish mow in a different direction each time. Up and down, across and diagonally.

This month will see the end of the Spring flowers. Fork over the empty beds, mixing into the soil some well decayed manure or hop manure, or some other substitute. Plant annuals or other bedding plants that will flower through the summer. Don't be too anxious to push forward the planting, a little patience will save many a valuable lot of plants from hopeless injury. The end of the month or the beginning of June is early enough for BEGONIA, DAHLIA, PETUNIA, ZINNIA, NICOTIANA, NEMESIA and others. The end of the month or early June next season's spring flowers can be sown - WALLFLOWER, SWEET WILLIAMS, MYOSOTIS, CANTERBURY BELLS, etc. The ARABIS is one of the best Spring flowers this year. Now is the time to sow seeds for next year, or divide large clumps after flowering.

In the greenhouse "hardening off" is the most important task this month. Do this very gradually, moving boxes of seedlings from greenhouse to frame, and from frame to garden path. Keep some paper handy to cover quickly if frost is forecast.

High pressure time in the veg. garden. At the time of writing the weather is against us, too cold and dry, but us gardeners are always hoping for better weather. It is nice to see the local allotments being cultivated again. Time now for a late sowing of broad beans and sow french and runner beans. Sow small quantity of lettuce to keep a regular supply. Raise the marrows in pots to plant out later.

C.P.

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NATURE INTEREST

THE KINGFISHER A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of watching the re-stocking of an ornamental lake with some 300 young rainbow and brown trout, aged from two to four years. The lake, a fairly large one, had previously been drained and the mechanical digger had cleared the bottom of all weed and silt, making the whole lake considerably deeper. The banks had been taken back to a trim line and the many lovely ornamental trees and shrubs had been pruned. The Alder trees were just coming into leaf, with the catkins forming, while last year's brown-black female cone cases were outstanding on all of the branches, but I think pride of place were the lovely weeping willows with their long string-like branches drooping down to sip the clear water from the surface of the lake, each branch carrying its fresh spring green leaves surrounding the tiny willow catkins. There are

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NATURE INTEREST (contd)

many different kinds of trees, among them the yews and the holly all serving the purpose of providing food and shelter for the many types of smaller birds that live there.

I sat down on the stump of a tree and watched the young trout jumping completely out of the water and "flopping" back again. For leisure, what more could one want than this and the world at peace.

Across the lake I could see the entrance to the tunnel where last year's Kingfishers nest had been. It had been slightly disturbed by the "digger" but it is usual for the Kingfisher to come back each year to the same nesting site. On each occasion they dig the tunnel a little deeper to enlarge the shallow saucer shape at the bottom, so I was very hopeful. On 6th April I took another stroll round to my tree stump. I had hardly time to sit down when I caught a flashing glimpse of blue-green; yes, the Kingfisher was back. It flashed past me at speed, this most gorgeous of our British birds. There is no sight more charming than the flight of this brilliant iridescent blue-green bird, especially when caught in the light of the sun; its colourings can be compared with nothing less than the dazzling rich colours of the Peacock. Faber referred to it in his lines:

There came,  
Swift as a meteor's shining flame  
A Kingfisher from out the brake,  
that almost seemed to leave a wake  
of brilliant hues behind.

The Kingfisher is approximately  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ins. in length, but because of its exceptional speed, it appears much smaller. Both male and female work together to get their nest ready, lined with disgorged small fish bones. The tunnel is always slightly slanting upwards so that water spray and rain doesn't reach the nest. In this nest of fishbones 6-7 eggs are laid. Both male and female help with the incubation. The youngsters are hatched in 19 to 21 days. Small fish is the main diet for the Kingfishers and all the indigestible portions are eliminated in pellet form.

This "fisherman" will sit on a low branch, very silent and still, waiting and watching until a shoal of minnows approaches within fair aim; then with a twinkling of the eye and wing it dives head foremost from its perch into the water below, disappears completely for a moment then emerges, still head foremost, with its struggling booty. A few pinches with its powerful beak, or a sharp hard blow on its perch and the captive is deprived of all life. The tasty morsel is then swallowed, head first. This deep diving display is all the more marvellous because the Kingfisher does not have webbed feet to assist him.

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NATURE INTEREST (contd)

The Kingfisher belongs to the family of birds which include "The Laughing Jack-Ass" or Kookaburra of Australia; the Hoopoe a very beautiful and very rare visitor to the British Isles and the Hornbills, with their ten inch long bill. Yes, strange relations indeed, for such a friendly and beautiful bird, our colourful Kingfisher.

A.S.A.W.

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NAPHILL BALLET CLASSES All pupils entered for the March Royal Academy of Dancing Ballet Examinations were successful. Congratulations to:-

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	Catherine Pushman	Pass Plus
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RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Development threat to Naphill

Application has been made for the development of Green Belt Land, in the area bounded by Stocking Lane, Main Road and North Dean Lane and extending to join with existing development in Hughenden Valley along the Naphill side of Valley Road. It includes high density residential development in two blocks. The smaller of the two covers 24 acres bounded on one side by Stocking Lane and running behind the Wheel and existing houses on Main Road to a point almost opposite Batchelor's Store. Development is proposed at 10 units/acre, making a total of 240 new houses in the centre of Naphill and increasing the present size of the village by 40%.

We have written to the Rural District Council objecting to the proposal. When their decision is known we shall call a meeting for all residents, to decide what further steps we can take.

H.B.

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VILLAGE HALL - JUNE 1973

Play Group	Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.	9.00-12 noon
Men's Club	Tues. Fri. Sat.	(BR) 7.30 pm
Over 60's	1st 15th 29th	2.30 pm
V.H.C.	4th	8.00 pm
Dancing	4th 11th 18th	4.45-7.00 pm
Knitting	5th 12th 19th 26th	3.00-3.00 pm
Billiards	6th 13th	2.00 pm
Book Club	Every Wednesday	(BR) 9.30-11.30 pm
Art	Every Thursday	(BR) 7.30-9.30 pm
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 pm
Cubs	6th 20th	7.00-8.30 pm
Library classes	9th	(CR) 6.30-8.00 pm
Chess	8th 22nd	7.30 pm
Silver Wedding	9th	All day
Naphill Neighbours	11th	7.45 pm
Guides	15th 27th	7.30-9.00 pm
FETE	16th	ALL DAY
V.H.C. Dance	16th	8.30 pm
Horticultural Soc.	20th	(BR) 9.00 pm
Art Evening	23rd	7.00 pm
Dancing	27th	4.45-7.00 pm
Horticultural Show	30th	All day

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 Mr. and Mrs. Peddle, Feryl and Stan wish to thank neighbours and friends for helping in our recent troubles. Especially Michael, Mr. & Mrs. Wilkes.  
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THE 23RD JUNE - Sat. 23rd June.  
 7.00 - 9.30 pm. Tickets or entrance at door 50p. Including Refreshments. In aid of SPINA BIFIDA.  
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NAPHILL CHURCH - Services

June	10th	Whit-Sunday	Holy Communion	9.00 am
	17th	United Service at the Methodist Church		6.15 pm
	24th		Holy Communion	9.00 am

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A 'mini' Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday MORNING 23rd June, in the schoolroom adjoining Naphill Church, at the corner of the Main Road with Louches Lane. We shall start sales about 10.30 am and will close at lunchtime. Do drop in and see us, even if you only want some rags for cleaning and we can assure you that our low prices will surprise you !

If you have any goods to dispose of, please 'Phone Mrs. Wood (3163) Mrs. Gilson (2231) or Mrs. Parslow (2485).

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for June</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	<u>6.15 pm</u>
3rd	<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY</u> Mr. Harradine - Morning Service with items by the children.	Mr. Wallace - Musical items by Senior scholars & choir.
10th	Mrs. Jarvis Family Service	Mr. M. Brittin
17th	Rev. H. Ward (Holy Communion)	United Service at Methodist Church. The Vicar & Rev. P. Tucker.
24th	Mr. E. Pullen	Mrs. Holt

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16.

SPIRITS - (NOT BOTTLED)

When people talk about Whit Saturday, these days, I have to ask whether they mean the Church's or the State's Whitsun. Sometimes the two dates correspond, but this year, as Easter was late, Whitsuntide, which comes seven weeks after Easter, is on 10th June, a fortnight after the Spring Bank holiday.

Whitsun Day is the anniversary of the day when the Church really started work. The day when God poured out His Spirit on the Disciples and they went out into the streets proclaiming the great news of the Risen and Living Christ. It is the time, therefore, when we think especially about God the Holy Spirit.

It would be impossible for me in the space of a short article to say all that the Church teaches us about the fact of the Holy Spirit. Let us start with the fact.

Time was when most people would accept as real only that which was material. Modern science has long since shown us that this is not so, but we are only aware of spirit as it is expressed in material things, just as I am only aware of electricity in the wires when I switch on the light. We only know God the Holy Spirit as He shows Himself in the lives of others, or in our own life, for the Holy Spirit is God in us, the Power of God working in us and on us to help us to live the sort of life God desires for us. The Holy Spirit is the Power of God to help us, not to do the job for us.

One of the illustrations of the Holy Spirit, which we find in the Bible, is wind. Sailing addicts will know that if there is no wind, we are unable to sail a boat, but once the wind springs up we can trim the sails and steer the boat where we want to go. The wind of the spirit is God's power to drive our lives. If we are out of touch with God, our lives are becalmed and we get nowhere, but if we let the Spirit into our lives, He will give us the energy to steer our lives to Heaven, both now and hereafter. His is the power, but we have to trim the sails and do the steering. If the wind blows and we just sit and drift, we are liable to be blown onto the rocks, for power, any power, is dangerous if it is not properly used.

If we take out a lightweight dinghy in a full gale of wind, we are asking for trouble and the same thing applies to spirit. I regret to say there are some who think they can play around with spirits, treating them as a party game, or an amusing source of new sensations. I cannot say too strongly, 'Don't'. We do not throw around a stick of gelignite to see what happens, we do not know enough about the stuff to risk it and those who do know treat it with respect. The same thing applies to spirits. We do not know enough about them to be able to say

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SPIRITS - (NOT BOTTLED) contd.

what is going to happen when we start playing with table tapping, ouija boards, witchcraft and such things.

The sensible course is to avoid the manifestations of spirit about which we are ignorant and stick to that we do know, the Holy Spirit, God's gift to us, as it was to his first disciples, to enable us to do His will.

Have a happy Whitsun, as I hope you had a happy Spring Bank Holiday.

P. Bullock-Flint

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EDITOR'S CORNER

A very mixed bag, indeed, this month. First, my congratulations to the Football Club, who have made their 75th anniversary year the most successful in the Club's history. Winning not only the Premier League title, but the Chesham Charity and Chalfont invitation Cups. On a personal note, I was pleased to see a player named Piercy back in the side for the final triumphs. The Reserves reached the final of the Chalfont and Gerrards Cross Hospital Cup.

Further to my notes on old Naphill cricket, Les Brown tells me he still has two solid silver medals won by his father in '05 and '07; he also recalls an amusing occasion when old Bert Brown was brought back to the side, long after his retirement. As they drove down Bradenham Wood, Bert made a bet with the three younger Browns that he would make more runs than they did. Now Wheeler End had a demon bowler named Britnell and Bert was out for 1, but Ted, Leslie and Lester all made ducks and Naphill did not reach double figures. So our present team need not despair.

Before the next issue is published, we shall know the name of our new Rural District Councillor. I have long campaigned against the intrusion of politics into local elections and have now followed this up by signing a proposal form for an Independent Candidate. My views are, that, a candidate should:

- (a) Be a resident.
- (b) Stand solely on his record of service to the community.
- (c) Pay all his own election expenses and, therefore, feel free to vote according to the dictates of his conscience.

The juggernaut of politics has, so far, stopped short at Parish Council levels. Let us strike a blow to send them packing from R.D.C. levels.

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I hate to disagree with my good friend the Vicar, who writes of the dangers of trying to contact spirits, but to me it's all bulls and poppycock. I would love to take part in a

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EDITOR'S CORNER (contd)

table tapping session, but I know what would happen. The leader would say, "It's no good today, as there is a disbeliever here." Quite !

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES - JUNE.

Well, it's almost here again - the main "village" event of the year - THE NAPHILL FETE. Please come along, enjoy yourselves and at the same time support your Village Hall on Saturday. 16th June.

Those with any energy left will be able to enjoy themselves at the Fete Night Dance, being organised by Terry and Marcia Fendom. A great opportunity to "let your hair down" and relax after the Fete.

This month we were pleased to welcome two new members to the Council, Mrs. Marion Lovell (Village representative) and Mrs. Margaret Bridgman (Tennis Club). We are also looking forward to welcoming back Mrs. Betty Brill (W.I.).

A problem which is causing a great deal of consternation at present is keeping the outside clocks working and to time. I am sorry to hear that there is an impression held that we are doing nothing to rectify this situation. After several discussions with the firm who installed the clocks, we are awaiting estimates to have them re-wired. This will enable easier correction of the timing and avoid the clocks stopping on each occasion that someone fuses other electrical appliances in the Hall, or inadvertently switches off the mains.

I understand that there is no alternative method of re-setting these clocks to having scaffolding built to enable the electricians to reach them. This particular operation costs around £50. each time the clocks stop, or go wrong. It would seem better to have them thoroughly overhauled now and re-wired as necessary. We are still awaiting the installers estimates.

Please rest assured that we will do everything possible to settle this problem, particularly in view of the significance of these clocks, which were erected in memory of Don & Iris Ing, who were killed in the Innsbruck air disaster.

Bruce Holland

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PRESS RELEASE - NAPHILL FETE 1973

As many of you may know already, the Naphill Annual Summer Fete, which is the major fund raising event of the year for the Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council, is to be staged on Saturday, 16th June. This is known to be one of the best Fetes in the district.

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NAPHILL FETE 1973 (contd)

Starting with the assembly of the Grand Procession of Fancy Dress and Decorated Float Competitors, at Forge Road at 1.30 pm the star attraction will be the 60-strong, very popular, talented and splendidly dressed pipers, drummers and dancers of the SOUTHERN YOUTH HIGHLANDERS, who will lead the procession to the field at about 1.50 pm and perform during the afternoon: again this year, Mr. Bill Latham is arranging a series of entertaining "IT'S A KNOCK-OUT" competitions, in the Arena.

It is hoped to help swell the feast of enjoyable activities with some additional attractions, including a Musical Ride by the local Riding School, a reportedly unbeatable noughts and crosses machine and one very special item - a five-seater HOVERCRAFT !

Although a great deal of 'leg-work' has already been done by Mr. Bruce Holland, Chairman of the Village Hall & Playing Fields Council, and his immediate helpers, a large amount of work will still need to be done on Friday evening (15th June) starting at about 7.00 pm, on the Saturday morning of the Fete starting at about 8.30 am, immediately after the Fete and as part of the Sunday morning clean-up programme the day following the Fete. Men, women and children - there will be jobs then for everyone, so please come along and put in a bit of personal effort to make this another good, enjoyable and financially successful village Fete; the money is urgently needed.

The Guides, who, this year will also be running a stall of their own, have again undertaken to sell the programmes, which should be available in the first week of June, and to help with the teas, both in the hall and on the Field.

A new feature, following the excellent examples set by the W.I. and Naphill Neighbours, will be the Naphill Horticultural Society's Stall, 'Green Fingers & White Elephants' - plenty of bargains to be had there, too !

Mr. Richard Pushman would like to hear from anyone willing to take on one of the many stalls being planned, or, indeed, to set up and run something new. If you would like to help in any other way, please let me know: remember - 'Many hands make light work'.

May I also ask you again this year to let me have any old china plates, cups, saucers, dishes, bowls etc. for use in the 'KRAZY KITCHEN'. As I did last year, I have positioned a large trunk outside my house, 'Travellers Joy' (opposite the entrance to Moseley Lodge Farm) so that you may place any 'bits and pieces' (no glass please) in it as you pass.

Lastly, if you have any items you may wish to donate to the Horticultural Society's Stall, please either bring them to the

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NAPHILL FETE - 1973 (contd)

field at about 9.30 am on the day of the Fete, or, if it is more convenient, leave them in the other box positioned against my fence.

As ever it is your generosity and your effort which enables your Elected Council to maintain your Village Hall and your Playing Fields. Give, give, give - to maintain, to enjoy and to improve. Thank you, all.

J.P.B.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Naphill was the subject of two emergency discussions at May meeting of the Parish Council. One seeking re-assurance from the Council as to its position regarding the allotment site at Louches Lane, referred to in a recent report in the Bucks Free Press in connection with the Guardian Housing scheme for elderly residents. The second was concerning the dangers of Coombe Hill, where on the morning of the meeting, a large delivery van had ploughed into the front garden of a house, after apparently failing to negotiate one of the many sharp bends in the road. It is now agreed that a site meeting with the District Road Surveyor must be held, as soon as possible, to discuss what improvements in road safety can be made.

As to the former, allotment tenants and residents can be reassured that no active steps have or are being taken concerning the possible disposal of the Louches Lane site. For the matter to receive active consideration, three points would need to be satisfied; firstly, that alternative, acceptable land for allotments was available, within the Green Belt limits; secondly, that any development was of general and not specific benefit to the older residents of the Parish and thirdly, that any proposition had the consent of the residents at a convened Public meeting. These very adequate safeguards should reassure those gardeners who felt despair at the prospect of bricks and mortar destroying their crops.

Requests that the G.P.O. might consider the re-siting of the G.P.O. telephone box at the corner of Chapel Lane and thereby remove the hazard of cars parked on the bend, has not, so far, met with success.

The proposed development of Bovis on Coombe Farm has been turned down by the Planning Committee of the Rural District Council. No doubt the "fight" is still to come and no one must become complacent to this very real threat of over-development.

R. Pushman.

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WALTER'S ASH NEWS (Bradenham Parish Council)

We are pleased to report that the footpath down Bradenham Lane is now well on its way to completion. This has involved considerable work on making up the land and removing tree roots.  
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BRADENHAM PARISH COUNCIL (contd)

The next problem we are tackling is the traffic build-up at the junction of the Walter's Ash/Bradenham Road. This is particularly heavy early in the morning and around 5.00 pm and discussions are in hand to seek a solution.

Audrey Moore.

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LIBRARY

The Bucks Library Committee have decided that from 8th June onwards, they will no longer use the Village Hall, as they have for so many years and in future borrowers must go to the Van, which will call weekly - one week on Friday and one on Wednesday, in the afternoon. In the meantime, I shall be on duty, as usual, from 6.00 pm until 8.00 pm on alternative Fridays, that means two more evenings as usual, i.e. 25th May and 8th June.

They have not yet informed me of the times they will come - it will be for about an hour and a half. I shall be able, I think, to give this information at the next library in the Hall. The Van will come to the carpark outside the Hall.

M.E. Rose.

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NAPHILL W.I.

The May meeting was attended by approximately 50 members, to hear V.C.O. Mrs. Hoare discuss the Albert Hall Resolutions. Members were then asked to vote, for or against, each Resolution and the delegate from Hughenden, whose turn it is, this year, to represent and vote on behalf of Naphill W.I. at the Albert Hall meeting, noted the majority wishes of the members.

The President welcomed a new member - Mrs. N. Hussey.

During the social half-hour members demonstrated a wide variety of hobbies - cake icing, painting, pottery, rug-making, knitting.

A visit to Mapledurham House near Reading was enjoyed by members.

Mrs. Bull's coffee morning raised £5.20.

The speaker for June meeting is Dr. Daphne Braggins - "How to Listen to Music". Competition - a Miniature Arrangement in any container (not more than 4" all round).

M.R.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

We regret to complain, but someone has opened the Over Sixties cupboard in the kitchen at the Village Hall, during the month of April and many things missing are listed below:-

2 very large Aluminium Tea Pots  
1 gallon White Plastic Jug  
1 tin containing 72 Tea Bags  
1 Glass Tumbler  
1 White China Sugar Bowl and Jug  
2-lb. Granulated Sugar was opened and 2P left on it.

Perhaps the person who put the 2P on the sugar would contact Naphill 3486 or 2231. We hope the missing articles will be returned.

Our outing to Hampton Court was much enjoyed by all. The weather was perfect and the gardens were all showing a mass of colour.

1st June we are being entertained by the Young Neighbours. Here the committee may relax and enjoy the afternoon also.

15th June we have the pleasure of Mrs. Bayley's garden for a meeting. (Plumtree Cottage, Main Road). There will be a Bring & Buy Stall, proceeds towards the Village Fete.

As we have no speaker for 29th June, we shall have a Bingo and competition afternoon.

A.G.

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NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS

The May meeting was well attended and an enlightening and interesting talk was given by a "Samaritan". Raffle prizes were won by Mrs. E. Croxson, Mrs. Tapping Snr. and Mrs. D. Butler.

Monday, 11th June we are having a demonstration of Floral Art given by Mrs. B. Farley. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible at this meeting and, of course, new members are always welcome. Tea hostesses will be: Mrs. M. Wilkes, Mrs. P. Ayres and Mrs. B. Chamberlain. The competition will be for the best flower arrangement in a kitchen utensil !

Our trip to the T.V. Studios in April was a great success and the Mike Yarwood Show we saw in the making will be shown on 4th July. We hope to repeat this outing later in the year.

Please remember the Fete in June. Any gifts for the stall would be most welcome. We are, this year, concentrating on cakes and confectionery, but don't forget your handkerchiefs !

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The "Bring & Buy" plant evening, held in the Village Hall on 16th May was very well supported. Members brought along quite a selection of plants and by the end of the evening everything had been sold off, making a profit of over £10. The Chairman, Colin Watkins, said that all the gardening questions and problems had been dealt with by our team of experts, which we hope augurs well for Naphill's Summer garden displays.

We had a very enjoyable outing by coach to Wisley Gardens on the afternoon of Sunday, 20th May. An added interest was that we returned by a different route and were able to appreciate many lovely Surrey gardens. The weather was sympathetic to us and apart from a few spots of rain at the beginning, the afternoon remained dry. To describe all that we saw would fill up many pages, suffice it to say that the azaleas, rhododendrons, magnolias and Alpine Gardens were at their best. Those of us who managed to squeeze into the greenhouses came out dazed by the display of fuchsias, geraniums and cactii.

Perhaps another Sunday coach outing to a famous garden could be arranged later in the year.

CHEESE & WINE EVENING The final profit for the evening, which was kindly organised by Mrs. J. Holland, amounted to just over £33.

TRADING Mr. Ron Piercy has kindly offered us storage space for peat, Chasmoor supplies etc., - further details will be published as soon as possible.

P.J.H.

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GARDEN NOTES - JUNE

This month, perhaps, should be the pleasantest in the garden. All is green, the paeonies, the lupins and other flowers of summer are coming into bloom. The climbing roses are in flower and we still have to look forward to the hybrid teas and floribundas.

Now, when the garden is looking its best, to admire or disapprove. Take a good look and especially from the windows. Always have something bright to see from the kitchen window - makes the washing-up so much easier. Have some of the plants or shrubs had their day? and be grubbed out and replaced? Make a rough plan and take notes, or it will be forgotten.

This is my favourite month for applying one of the selective weed-killers for the lawn. Now the weeds are in full leaf. Here is a few do's and don'ts. Listen to the weather forecast, you want at least a day's fine weather. Keep strictly to the directions on the container, so much water and so much to so many sq. yds. Don't mow two days before or two days after. It takes six weeks for the weeds to disappear. The slightest

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GARDEN NOTES - JUNE (contd)

spray on any border plants is fatal. Apply with a fine rose on the water can. When finished, give the can a good washing and then wash it again.

The first week is not too late for sowing next spring's flowering plants. Wallflower, Forget-me-not, Sweet William, Canterbury Bells and Stocks.

We should now be sampling the first results in the veg. and fruit garden. Plant out Brussel Sprouts, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Savoy, etc. If you are troubled with club-root, use of the preventatives. Keep the hoe going. Not too late to sow another row of peas and dwarf beans. Keep up the sowing of lettuce and a must, thin out to 8 inches apart.

C.P.

NATURE INTEREST

THE WREN

" Among the dwellings framed by birds  
In field or forest with real care  
Is none that with the little wren's  
In snugness may compare

"  
Wordsworth

The male wren will build at least three and sometimes four domed nests "on approval". They are not lined, but offered to the female for her selection. Eventually she will show special interest in one, then the serious side of pairing will begin. The female will commence lining the chosen nest with moss, wool, hair and soft small feathers. With this comfortable interior completed there will be terrific activity by both birds making sure their nest is a perfect camouflage within its surroundings. They will pull out leaves from existing shrubs and neatly place them around the outside of the nest, making it very difficult to be seen by predators or humans.

The unaccepted, unfinished nests are used as nursery nests for both adults and youngsters, during the coming very cold winter nights. It has also been recorded that the male wren has taken the first brood of youngsters into one of the nursery nests, while the female is incubating the second clutch of eggs, in another nest.

When I was invited to go round to see "some very small young birds" thought to be robins, I was unable to accept for a few days then, when I did make it, all the birds had left the nest. I had permission to look around so the hunt started. I saw a shed at the bottom of the garden; I felt this could be the place. It was late afternoon and I knew the parents would be getting their family into a safe place for the night. Sure enough, there I saw a slight movement and soon discovered five pretty little baby wrens. I stood very still, just peeping

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round the corner of the shed. Almost immediately the adult wren appeared with some sort of insect in its beak. I have no doubt that somewhere very near there would be a further group of possibly the same number, making a family of ten.

The wren is a very friendly creature, never shy. I have often had them within a few feet of me, when, suddenly there will be a very strong, loud song. The tail of the wren will be very upright and beak stretched open wide, to its limit, but this beautiful song is not really meant for you and I, it is a warning to all other birds telling them someone is approaching.

There are very few more attractive sights than watching a pair of adult wrens leading their family into a safe spot for the night. This starts very early in the evening, there will be contented twitters from one parent to the other; these twitterings are mingled with short, sharp calls which appear to be commands being given to the youngsters, because each in turn, or a few, will move a short space then stand perfectly still, then another move by all until they all seem safely tucked away almost out of sight, then in turn each and all are rewarded with a nice juicy grub or tasty insect. The youngsters show their appreciation by rapidly flapping their tiny wings and like "Oliver" they show a wide open beak, "asking for more".

The gold crest is the only British bird smaller than the wren. The length of the gold crest is  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches, the length of the wren  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Well now, back to our cover sketch, those five little fairies at the bottom of the garden must have resented my visit, because next day the telephone bell rang to tell me they had all left the garden and were nowhere to be found. I would hazard a guess those busy parents managed to get their youngsters into one of the nursery nests. The television said it would be very cold that night and possibly a frost, but as far as I know, wrens don't have televisions or do they? I wonder!

A.S.A.W.

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### THE PONY CLUB

During the recent Easter holiday, the local branch of the Pony Club, The Old Berkeley Hunt, Hughenden Branch, carried out a very successful and varied programme. A working rally and a jumping rally were well attended and it is hoped that the Pony Club Members benefited from the instruction they received at these rallies. Three unmounted stable management rallies were also held and although these were not so well attended, a great deal was learnt by those who did attend.

Despite the chilly weather, the Picnic Ride assembled at the Harrow, Hughenden Valley and the children, complete with packed lunches, then enjoyed a long ride through Hughenden Valley,

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THE PONY CLUB (contd)

Bryants Bottom, Hampden and finally back down Piggotts Hill. Sq.Ldr. A. Holden and Mrs. C. Aston accompanied the members. The next day a very successful Hunter Trial was held at Cookshall Farm by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. B. Kent. These were enjoyed by everyone and the various class winners included Susan Aston, Paula Winter-Taylor, Caroline Jeffrey, Sally Gower and Alison Maitland. Sally Gower won the cup for the Branch member with the highest points.

Perhaps the best achievement of the holiday was won by the team entering The Regional Prince Philip Cup Competition. This is a competition for Gymkhana events and although the team consisting of Paula Winter-Taylor, Harriet Suter and Alison and Julia Green and Deborah Maitland were unplaced overall, they won rosettes for the Best Turned Out Team over other Pony Club Teams from Middlesex, Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire.

The final weekend of the holiday was very hectic. A large number of parents, members and friends gathered at Naphill Village Hall for a Cheese & Wine Party. A good time was had by all and a small presentation ceremony took place when members who had won awards and tests were handed them by Mrs. Woodrow, the local District Commissioner. A good financial reward was the result of Mr. Ben Kent's effort to auction the remaining cheese and wine and we are very grateful to him for his enjoyable and amusing efforts !

A Paper Chase, organised by the Junior Committee, was held on Sunday, 29th April and this proved to be most enjoyable. It was very capably organised and the weather was glorious. Even our smallest and youngest members, amongst them Margo Lawrence and Jane Robins, coped very well with the interesting ride.

Altogether it has proved to be an enjoyable and successful holiday for Pony Club members. Anyone who is interested and is not yet a member will be most welcome and should contact Mrs. J.G. Woodrow, Crookwood Stud, Horsley Green, High Wycombe, Tel: Radnage 2557 or Naphill 3130.

Lynda Elliott.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB - Team News

The Club's start to the new season results has been mixed. The players have had little practice as yet and are not settled down for match play. The most satisfying result was the victory in the Men's Shield match, away to Iver Heath. Our men's second string of Jeremy Cook and Dennis Cole, played well winning all three rubbers, but being pushed to three sets in each. Our entry in the Bucks Mixed Knock-Out Tournament ended very quickly in the first round when we were drawn to play the number one seeds Great Missenden.

BUCKS COUNTY SHIELD - Iver Heath won 6-3 (Rubbers)

HIGH WYCOMBE & DISTRICT MIXED - Bourne End lost 8-0 (Sets)  
High Wycombe lost 5-3 (Sets)

BUCKS MIXED KNOCKOUT - Gt. Missenden lost 4-0 (Rubbers)

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THE COVER

This was designed and executed by one of our very well-known local Artists - MR. DENNIS SYRETT.

OUR MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Again this year, we have been fortunate enough to secure the services of MR. ROY PERRY.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL  
AND PLAYING FIELDS COUNCIL  
(Mr. Bruce Holland.)

Welcome to the 1973 NAPHILL FETE !

This, as you may know, is the major Fund-raising event of the year, for our Registered Charity, 'The Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council'.

Many local Firms, Organisations, Shopkeepers, Well-wishers and Families have helped the Council to stage it - with Cash, Redeemable Vouchers, 'Gifts-in-kind', ideas, equipment, 'consumables' - and sheer hardwork.

On your behalf and that of your Council, I thank them, most sincerely.

HAVE A GOOD TIME: SPEND LIBERALLY - THE FUND NEEDS YOUR MONEY !!

Bruce Holland.

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WET WEATHER

If the unpredictable weather should turn against us - PLEASE DON'T STAY AWAY.

We have a 'Wet Weather' layout arranged, so if you come along, with your friends, we'll work out things together... SO THAT THE FUND DOESN'T GO SHORT !!

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PROGRAMME

- 1.30 p.m. Grand Procession of Decorated Floats, Fancy Dress Competitors (prizes are awarded, in the various Classes which go to make up the Procession). Riding-School Members and Vintage Rolls-Royce, assembles at Forge Road.
- 1.45 p.m. Procession moves off to the Playing Fields, led by the Band of THE SOUTHERN YOUTH HIGHLANDERS.
- 2.15-25 pm Procession takes up position in Arena.
- 2.30-35 pm OFFICIAL OPENING
- 2.35-40 pm Judging of Procession Entries.
- 3.00 p.m. Junior 'Knock-Out' (two teams from Naphill School).
- 3.30-40 pm THE SOUTHERN YOUTH HIGHLANDERS, in the Arena.
- 4.00 p.m. Senior 'It's a Knock-Out' Competition - VENTURE SCOUTS V WELLESBOURNE SCHOOL
- 4.30 p.m. Musical Ride by Members of the Riding School.

NOTES

4.30 pm all counterfoils of the DRAW to be handed in at Stall.

4.45 pm all Prize Winners names to be notified to the Prize Steward.

5.00 - 5.15 p.m. GRAND DRAW AND PRIZEGIVING.

After the Prizegiving, the Southern Youth Highlanders will play as we disperse.

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V.H.C.	2nd	8.00 pm
Play Group	Tues.Wed.Thurs.Fri.	9.00-12 noon
Dancing	3rd 10th	3.00-8.00 pm
Welfare	4th 18th	2.00 pm
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday (B.R.)	9.30-11.30 am
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 pm
Art	Every Thursday (B.R.)	7.30-9.30 pm
Men's Club	Tues. Fri. Sat. (B.R.)	7.30 pm
Cubs	4th 18th	7.00-8.30 pm
Whist	6th 20th	7.30 pm
Dancing	6th	4.00-7.00 pm
Naphill Neighbours	9th	7.45 pm
Guides	11th 25th	7.50-9.00 pm
Over 60's	13th 27th	2.30 pm
Football Club Buffet/Dance	13th	7.30 for 8 pm
Private Wedding Reception	14th	All day
Neighbours Help Meeting	18th	(B.R.) 8.00 pm
Private Dance	21st	7.30 pm
Private Wedding Reception	26th	7.30 pm

NAPHILL CHURCH - Services

July 16th	United Service in the Anglican Church	6.15 pm
23rd	Holy Communion	9.00 am

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for July</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	<u>6.15 pm</u>
1st	Mr. W. Osborne	Mrs. Tyler
8th	Rev.P. Tucker (Family Service)	Mr. C. Hutt
15th	Mrs. Maidment	United Service at the Anglican Church.Mr.Nibloe
22nd	Mrs. Mann	Mr.C.Campbell
29th	Mr. A. Cooper	Mr.A.E.Steevens

The United Fellowship meeting will be held at Bryants Bottom Methodist Church on Wednesday, 4th July at 7.30 pm led by Rev. P. Tucker.

CORRESPONDENCE

" Dear Sir,

My attention has been drawn to the editorial in this month's issue of the Naphill Gazette. As Chairman of the Naphill Conservative Branch, I strongly disapprove of your action, as Editor, in taking sides in an election for the new District Council. The Branch has, for many years, contributed to the upkeep of the Gazette on the understanding that this was an impartial paper, putting forward the news and views of the people of Naphill. It is not part of the Editor's duty to express his own personal opinions immediately before an election to try and sway the voters in favour of an independent candidate, whom I am sure must be as distressed as I am to read these views.

Let me correct you in some of the points raised:-

- (a) Mrs. Moore is also a local resident for the past nine years.
- (b) Mrs. Moore is able to express her own views in Council and is not dictated to by the Conservative Party.
- (c) Your inference that the Party is paying the election expenses is also incorrect.

The Branch no longer feels able to subscribe to the Gazette whilst we do not have an impartial Editor.

I am putting this protest in writing before the election so that you may be aware of the Committee's views.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) C. BROOM SMITH

Chairman Naphill  
Conservative Branch

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DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

I should like to thank all those people in Naphill, Walter's Ash and Bradenham who came along and voted in the District Council Elections on 7th June; one of the highest polls in the area.

May I also express my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration shown to me by all those at whose houses I called, whatever their views.

I hope in the future to keep you regularly informed on District Council matters.

AUDREY MOORE

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" Dear Mr. Editor,

May I take this opportunity, through the medium of the Gazette, of thanking all those voters in Naphill, Walter's Ash and Bradenham, who supported me in the

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CORRESPONDENCE (contd)

recent District Council Election. Although unsuccessful on this occasion, their magnificent support has provided me with wonderful encouragement.

My congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Audrey Moore, on the difficult tasks that lay ahead.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd) RICHARD PUSHEIAN "

EDITOR'S CORNER

May I add my congratulations to Mrs. Moore, who was a strong candidate and a good fighter, but in spite of what the chairman says, in the delicate balance of the Council, I still think she will have to toe a party line.

I admit to being surprised that the Conservatives do not pay any of their candidate's expenses and apologise for an inference to the contrary.

It should be clear that I was against politics, not Conservatism, but I will not labour that point, for the sad Socialists of Naphill did not have much to lose. In fact I feared they would not go on trailing their coat much longer and if the Independent had suffered a heavy defeat, we might soon have gone the way of our neighbours at Kingshill, where no one could be found to oppose the politician. The 'one candidate' election is democracy in the process of breaking down, but I have to agree that being a candidate's proposer is hardly impartial, so as I have been hinting recently, I propose to step down in the near future. There has not been much for the Assistant Editor to do over the past 10 years or so, but it has always been a great comfort to know that she was there.

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You will hardly have failed to notice that lovely old 1921 B.S.A. combination that Ray Newell was riding in the Fete Procession. This machine was the subject of a remarkable coincidence. Requiring details on how to rebuild the side-car, Ray wrote to an expert in Norwich, who replied by sending an old photograph of the model. The number plate was clearly visible in the picture and it was the same bike that Ray was working on.

LIBRARY After frequent changes of plan, the Bucks Library Committee have finally arranged to send the van, at which books may be changed, every Friday afternoon from 2.15 - 3.00. It will be stationed outside the Village Hall from 22nd June onwards. (Please see STOP PRESS) M.E. ROSE.

VILLAGE HALL NOTES

This year's Summer Fete turned out to be a great success ! We were extremely lucky with the weather; everyone seemed to enjoy the entertainment provided and we made a record profit of more than £400. !!

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Pam Bullock-Flint, who opened the Fete. She was accompanied by her husband, the Vicar of Hughenden, Rev. P. Bullock-Flint. We thank them very much for their help and we hope they enjoyed themselves.

We should also like to express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Don White of Speen, who performed the very difficult task of judging the Floats and Children's Fancy Dress Parade.

Last, but by no means least, our most sincere thanks are due to all those who helped, participated and made donations. In particular to John Bullock and his team of helpers who worked and planned for many weeks to produce another record Fete.

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An enjoyable "Do-it-Yourself" Dance was organised, at short notice, by Roger and Pam Smith and friends, to round-off Fete day very nicely.

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Some evidence of what we do with money raised by these events was to be seen in the kitchen on the day - the new large stainless steel sink unit played its part for the first time. I was pleased to hear from those hard-working ladies, who prepared the teas and refreshments, that they thought the new sinks were a great improvement.

I am sure that everyone is pleased to see the clocks working again. Thanks to Mr. Young, who has promised to keep an experienced eye on them for us in the future.

It is hoped that the unsightly mounds of earth on the far side of the Playing Field might be removed in the near future. Councillor Ron Morgan has promised to take the matter up with the Parish Council to try to get their assistance with this problem. It may be necessary to ask for volunteers to help with the labouring.

Ron Morgan also told us of Hughenden Parish Council's interest in purchasing our Playing Field, whilst allowing the Village Hall Council to continue administrating it. Your V.H.C. were very dubious about this offer, but agreed to send a delegation to any meeting arranged by the Parish Council to outline their full proposals.

The Sports Clubs have approached us with a long term scheme to improve their facilities by replacing the existing small Pavilions with one worthwhile modern building. It certainly seems a promising scheme and the Officers of the Village Hall Council plan to meet the Sports Clubs, in the near future, to

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES (contd)

discuss it in greater detail.

BRUCE HOLLAND

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1ST NAPHILL BROWNIES

We are holding a WHITE ELEPHANT and TOY SALE in the Scout Hut on Saturday, 14th July from 10.00 am to 12 noon. We intend to send the proceeds to Uttar Pradesh in India where the rate of blindness in children is probably the highest in the world. For £3. a mother and her child can be admitted to an eye clinic where they receive the instruction and treatment needed. Treatment means injections and correct feeding to include the essential vitamin A without which the baby will go blind. Please help us to help these children.

In a competition for Rangers, Guides and Brownies from all over Great Britain, organised by Petfoods Ltd., our Brownies were placed fourth. Petfoods Ltd., guaranteed to pay 2p for every token sent in to the competition to the World Wild-Life Fund. As we managed to collect 2003, the World Wild-Life Fund is now £40.6p better off. Our prize for coming fourth is a camp bed.

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Congratulations to 1st Naphill Brown Owl (Mrs. Barbara Clark) and her Brownies on their success in gaining fourth prize in the National World Wild-Life competition. All your sister units are proud of you.

2nd Naphill Brownies  
1st & 2nd Naphill Guides

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NAPHILL W.I.

Naphill W.I. June meeting was enjoyed by members listening to Dr. Daphne Braggins talk "How to Listen to Music". The competition was won by Mrs. Pushman (Snr) for a pretty Miniature arrangement of flowers.

Mrs. McCue, the President, welcomed Mrs. Alice Thompson, a visitor from Fowey, Cornwall. A letter was read from Mrs. Kilby in answer to birthday card sent from the Institute. Mrs. Rhodes coffee morning raised £4.36p.

A coach trip to the Royal Tournament on 25th July, will cost 55p Coach, Ticket 60p. Will members pay at 5th July meeting, at Mr. & Mrs. Piercy, Moseley Lodge Farm, demonstration, "Practical introduction to English Country Dancing" by Mrs. Dorothy Peers. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Fryer, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Goodman.

A party of Chelsea Pensioners have been invited to spend a day with the W.I. in August.

HARVEST SUPPER - 15th SEPTEMBER. Tickets 50p

NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS

At our June meeting we were given a demonstration of Floral Art by Mrs. B. Farley. It was both entertaining and instructive and many lucky ladies took home floral arrangements as raffle prizes. We were pleased to see so many visitors at this meeting and would welcome them at future meetings.

On 9th July we have a talk given by the Chiltern Preservation Society. The talk, I gather, will be concerned with local history and slides will be shown. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome.

On 28th June there is a coffee morning at Mrs. Edna Chamberlain's home. The address is "Rowan" Stoneyfield Road, Naphill.

On Monday, 16th July, we are having our annual ramble. These rambles have been very enjoyable in the past and we hope as many members as possible will join us. It will start from the butcher's shop at Forge Road at 7.30 pm and will end at a local Inn for a drink and a sandwich.

We thank everyone concerned with the entertainment provided for the Darby & Joan Club in June. It was greatly appreciated by their members and in particular we thank all the children who took part.

With the weather on our side, the Fet was a great success - particularly for the Naphill Neighbours, who won both the Float prize and the Stall prize. Congratulations and many thanks to the members (and husbands) who worked hard on both. Also many thanks to everyone who contributed all those wonderful cakes and gifts.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The surprise gifts and entertainment presented by the Naphill Neighbours was greatly enjoyed by all.

The garden party, held at Plumtree Cottage home of Mrs. Bayley, was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, the weather was beautiful and the garden looking lovely.

The Bring & Buy Stall raised £6.60p for the Village Hall Fete. Well done members. Thank you very much for all your efforts.

10th July will be another garden party at Mr. & Mrs. R. Piercy's home, Moseley Lodge Farm, weather permitting. If not, meeting will be held in Hall.

No speaker has been booked for 27th July, but we hope to do our best to find one.

Please put this date in your diary, WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST, when we are holding our Annual Coffee morning in the Village Hall, time 10.00 am to 12 noon. Please come and support us,

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB (contd)

we shall have a Bring & Buy Stall and raffles. Coffee and biscuits 5p - 2½p for an extra cup. Come and meet your friends, everyone welcome.

A.G.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Coombe Hill and its many attendant problems helped to enliven the June meeting. A petition, signed by residents, who were demanding an early meeting with the County authorities to discuss what steps could be taken to obviate the present dangers, was presented to the Council. In turn, it was decided to send the petition, together with a supporting letter from the Parish Council, to the County Surveyor. It is to be hoped that early action will result.

Once again, requests have been made for adequate screening of the concrete 'jungle' which is now so apparent on the skyline as one approaches Walter's Ash from Lacey Green. This horror must serve as a constant reminder of the scenic desecration of skyline development, and make us ever wary of any similar plans by large scale developers, to whom the construction of a golf course would be of secondary importance.

----- R. PUSHMAN -----

CHRISTIAN AID

The Secretary of the High Wycombe Christian Aid Committee has gratefully acknowledged the sum of £90.18p the proceeds of the recent house-to-house collection in Naphill and Walter's Ash. To all who gave so generously and to the collectors we say a very big 'Thank you'. The following programme will convey how the money will be used.

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High Wycombe & District Christian Aid Programme 1973

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE Rather than enlisting support for specific projects this year, Christian Aid is preparing a number of programmes on different themes each of which will embrace a number of projects.

Our programme this year is Community Health Care in Asia. Two projects included in this programme are:

- A. The creation of five rural health clinics in the highlands of Afghanistan.
- B. Support for Mobile Medical Units operating in the slums of Calcutta.

These projects are involved in pioneer medical work in areas that have previously had little or no health facilities. The development of low cost health services such as these, based on preventive medicine, can form an important basis to community development.

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CHRISTIAN AID (contd)

Christian Aid is hoping to give grants totalling £65,000. to this programme in 1973.

Approximate costs for the above projects:

Doctor's salary in Calcutta	£600.
Establishing a rural health clinic	£1500.

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ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

I dislike making negative announcements, which is why I have said nothing, so far, on a subject which has been canvassed round the village. There is so much mis-information going around that I must say, most emphatically, that the Anglican Church in Naphill is NOT closing down. It cannot do so, since a church is a congregation, a body of people, not a building. It is true that the building we have used for the last few years, the old school, will no longer be available to us at some time during the next 12 to 14 months and that we must find other accommodation. In true Naphill fashion, we have received so many offers of accommodation that our difficulty is not to find somewhere to carry on, but which place or places will best suit our needs. I did not intend to make any statement until the Naphill Church Committee had made their decision on these matters, I could then have told you what was happening and when. As it is, I can only tell you that services will continue to be held in this part of the parish and that, for the time being, they will continue to be held in the old school, though we do not know for how much longer they will be held in that building.

Naphill is an important part of the whole parish of Hughenden, centered as it is on the church in the park. Ever since I came here I have felt we should make more use of the setting of the church and we propose to hold two open air services in the park this summer. The first of these will be at 5.15 pm on Sunday, 8th July, when we shall have the John Hampden School band to accompany the singing. If this lovely summer weather holds, it would make a very pleasant outing to take a picnic tea into the park and conclude it with a short, popular style service. Come and join in our 'Picnic Praise' on the church car park on 8th July.

P. Bullock-Flint

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Dear Sir,

UNCORKED SPIRITS

In the last issue of the Gazette you questioned my warning, in the same issue, against attempting to call up spirits, asserting that nothing would happen in your presence, since you are an unbeliever. My warning was intended for the many people who, like yourself, have never met these manifestations, and think it would be a novel experience to do so.

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UNCORKED SPIRITS (contd)

I have met them; novel they may be, but pleasant they are not, and they often cause panic among those who find they have started something they cannot control. That is why I would repeat my warning - do not play with a powerful force about which you are ignorant, it may harm you and your disbelief in its existence will not make it cease to exist.

There are numerous forms of spirit manifestation. Necromancy (communication with the dead through a medium) may or may not harm those who practice it, but it is wide open to abuse and can bring on states of self hypnosis which, in the hands of the unskilled, may require medical aid to relieve them. Witchcraft (the production of physical effects in persons or things by spiritual agency) has been demonstrated under strictly controlled laboratory conditions in both Lancaster and Sussex Universities. The power of witchcraft, for good as well as evil, has been scientifically shown, but not whether the witch controls the spirit, or the spirit controls the witch. In some well documented cases, the spirit has appeared to take control. Clairvoyance (foretelling the future by intuition, ouija boards, cards, etc.) often produces feelings of anxiety even among those who disbelieve and by stimulating action in accordance with the 'Message' diminishes our choice, that is it de-humanises us. In the hands of adolescents ouija boards have frequently stimulated dangerous and sometimes criminal behaviour. Poltergeist activity (movement of objects, variations of temperature and smell not attributable to physical cause - the stuff of 'ghost' stories) is well documented; it undoubtedly occurs, even though some of the reported manifestations are clearly due to hysteria, or mis-interpretation of the phenomena. Contrary to the popular 'ghost story' idea, poltergeist activity is simply mischievous. We have no evidence to show that it is malevolent and it is dangerous only by accident, (e.g. overflowing basins; gas taps turned on; combustible objects dropped in front of, though very seldom on a fire). It is associated with people, rather than places, it nearly always occurs where there are adolescent children in the family and it tends to travel with the people to different locations. It cannot be induced at will, though exorcism will always diminish and generally clear the manifestation.

Spiritual activity unquestionably exists and can be demonstrated. 'Ghostly' happenings are accounted for by two main theories, either that they are spirits of departed people, unable to find rest, or that they are evil spirit beings, having no previous human existence and that they draw emotional energy from material human beings, in order to cause manifestations. None of these theories can be adequately proved, though all have considerable weight of statistical evidence. The honest answer is that we know that it is there, but we do not know what, why or very much else about it, which is why I advise the utmost caution.

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UNCORKED SPIRITS (contd)

The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, is well known. He may be loosely described as the Power of God made available to us men. Since He is God, we are safeguarded by His goodness.

If you have a dangerous bull on your farm, my ignorance and lack of fear of the bull does not make him less dangerous. Indeed it may make him more dangerous to me, since I would take risks you would not dream of taking. If you warn me of the danger, you would expect me to heed the warning you have given from your specialised knowledge of animals in general and of cattle in particular. In the matter of spirits, I would calim a specialist knowledge not shared by many of your readers and I would ask you to accord me the authority in my own field of learning you would expect me to accord you in your field of learning. By all means quetion that authority, examine the conclusions I may draw from my learning, but please do not merely dismiss them without first studying the subject carefully.

Yours sincerely,  
P. Bullock-Flint

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Thank you vicar, for one of the most interesting articles I have had the pleasure of printing. I am by no means an atheist, but I do not think it is possible to study this subject with an open mind.

Ed.

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GARDEN NOTES - JULY

This month for gardeners is, in one respect, like January, everything depends on the weather. It may be hot with frequent heavy rains and vegetation in the most luxuriant growth, or the earth may be iron and the heavens brass with scarcely a green blade to be seen. At the time of writing the conditions are like this now. Everything wants a soaking and according to public notices there is a restriction on watering. Whether this applies to veg. is doubtful. The next best thing is keep the hoe going; its surprising how much damper the soil under a loose surface.

Going on holiday. The last thing cut the lawn as short as possible. Nip round and do all the hoeing you can. Check up on any plants that need tying up, especially the climbers on walls, porches, pergolas, etc. Pct plants, in the home, are a problem you may have a kind neighbour to come in, about three times a week, to water them. If all else fails, take plants out into the garden in a shady spot, plunge them up to the rim. Give a good soaking, put a thick layer of moist peat over the soil.

Thin out annuals to avoid crowding. Climbinh roses can be pruned, after flowering is finished. Cut back the stems on the hybrid teas, after flowering. This is the period of rose suckers. These must be removed. Scrape away the soil and cut

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GARDEN NOTES - JULY (contd)

the sucker cleanly where it leaves the root.

In the veg. garden, Broccoli and Sprouts can be planted out for the main winter crops. Kale and Purple Sprouting Broccoli can be planted between the rows of early potatoes. The last week of month sow seed of spring cabbage. The most important veg. crop.

C.P.

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NATURE INTEREST

FROM ORKNEY - THE PUFFIN

First let me quote a few lines from the first page of the Orkney Tourist Official Guide.

"Take a hundred green and purple islands, scatter them in a sparkling pale blue sea and let the smooth rounded contours of their hills sweep up into the clarity of a northern sky. Now outline their shores with gleaming beaches, set like long jewels among dark cliffs, while inland dot the landscape with low-built steadings in their trim well kept fields. People this pattern with a hardy, friendly folk, who take pride in their long colourful history and you have Orkney".

There are eighteen to twenty of these one hundred islands that are inhabited. The rest are homes for the numerous sea birds and on a number are lighthouses and their keepers. It was exactly one of this type of island that I have arranged to visit with a dozen friends. The name of the islands are, The Sule Skerries, they are some forty miles out into the Atlantic Ocean, so we are starting very early in the morning. We are making this long voyage in a fishing vessel, travelling north to the west of Shetland. The journey will take four-five hours, leaving Stromness Pier about five o'clock in the morning. If the tides are right, we will be able to land on the main island from a small rowing boat we are taking with us. The organiser of this trip told us we would have the opportunity of seeing and possibly being able to photograph birds belonging to the Auk family. The Razor-bill, The Common Gullmot, the rarer Black Gullmot with its white wings and bright red legs and the Puffin, with its large bill in colours blue, yellow and red on white cheeks. It uses this strong bill to dig a two to three feet deep burrow and at the bottom a shallow hollow to lay its one egg.

We would also see Fulmers, Kittiwakes, Lesser Black-back and Greater Black-back Gulls and all would be nesting, also two other possibilities were the Red-throated Diver and the Great Skua.

Out into the Atlantic the fishing vessel was beginning to pitch and toss and roll quite heavily. Several of the other "travellers" were feeling the effects of the sea; I, fortunately was not too ill for I had taken a sickness tablet at the beginning of the trip; soon many were hanging over the side of the boat. I tried to sleep, curling myself up in a coil of rope. The vessel travelled on slowly and soon I was spotting a light-

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FROM ORKNEY - THE PUFFIN (contd)

house through my glasses.

We circled round the main island to the landing stage on the less stormy side, but could not get near, so the little rowing boat was put over the side and one of the crew took five passengers each trip, over to the rope ladder dropped down from the cliff top by the lightkeeper. Quite a few trips backwards and forwards from vessel to main island; everyone was very glad to be ashore once again. We all sat down and took tea from our flasks and a sandwich was acceptable to some.

We had disturbed quite a lot of the birds getting on the island and we were advised, by the keeper, to move off in small numbers, not more than three or four. He suggested the birds were accustomed to this kind of number and would be very much more tame under these conditions.

The Puffins were the first to come in and the Arctic Terns seemed to be the most nervous. Soon the sky was clear of birds and we moved round, taking our pictures quite close up. A special selection of the lighthouse keeper was a favourite Black-back Gull that was fed from his hand, but refused to have anything to do with strangers. He was a keen naturalist and knew how to approach the birds and the best angle of approach. We were soon clicking away at nests and young. The Red-Throated Diver and its nest of two eggs and a Shua's nest with two baby chicks. Kittiwakes on cliffs and Fulmers down the cliffs.

Just before leaving the island, we walked down to the base of the cliffs and there found many seals, including some white baby seals. Then came the small rowing boat to take us off the island. I waited, cowardly, to see how some of the others managed getting down the rope ladder into the small boat. It looked exceptionally small now, but I managed and curled up in my coil of rope for the long journey back to Stromness.

The cover is a Puffin in its upright stance. In its burrow it lays one egg, now almost white. When the egg hatches out, the chick is a little black ball of fluff and a straight beak, the large beak develops later. Within a few days the one chick is conducted down to the edge of the cliff, gently dropped over into the sea, instinctively it swims, dives and catches small sand eels and from now on it is responsible to itself. The parents return to the sea and remain there until the next breeding season, when they will, once again, return to the same islands, the Gule Skerries !

A.S.A.W.

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Friday    6th July        2.15 - 3.00 pm  
Wednesday 11th July    3.15 - 4.00 pm

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3rd	Parker Pen	284	Mr.Hewitt, Met.Office, RAF.
4th	Record Voucher	3251	E.A.Clarke, White Cottage, Naphill.
5th	Voucher-6 galls.Petrol (Malems Garage)	13052	Mrs.Godman, 8 Wedgewood. H.W.
6th	British Rail Voucher	3317	Sally Clarke, White Cottage, Naphill.
7th	Basket of Fruit	2809	Butt, Rowan Cottage, Coombe Lane.
8th	Voucher-5 galls.Petrol (Russells Garage)	12720	D.P. Rogers, " au Vista" Speen Rd. North Dean.
9th	Voucher for Meat (Syretts)	2209	R.Watson, 11 Moseley Rd.
10th	Voucher (Tesco)	3056	Mrs.Goodman, 25 Wedgewood, H.W.
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W.I. STALL RAFFLE

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Green " No. 673 - 4 Coffee Mugs.)	
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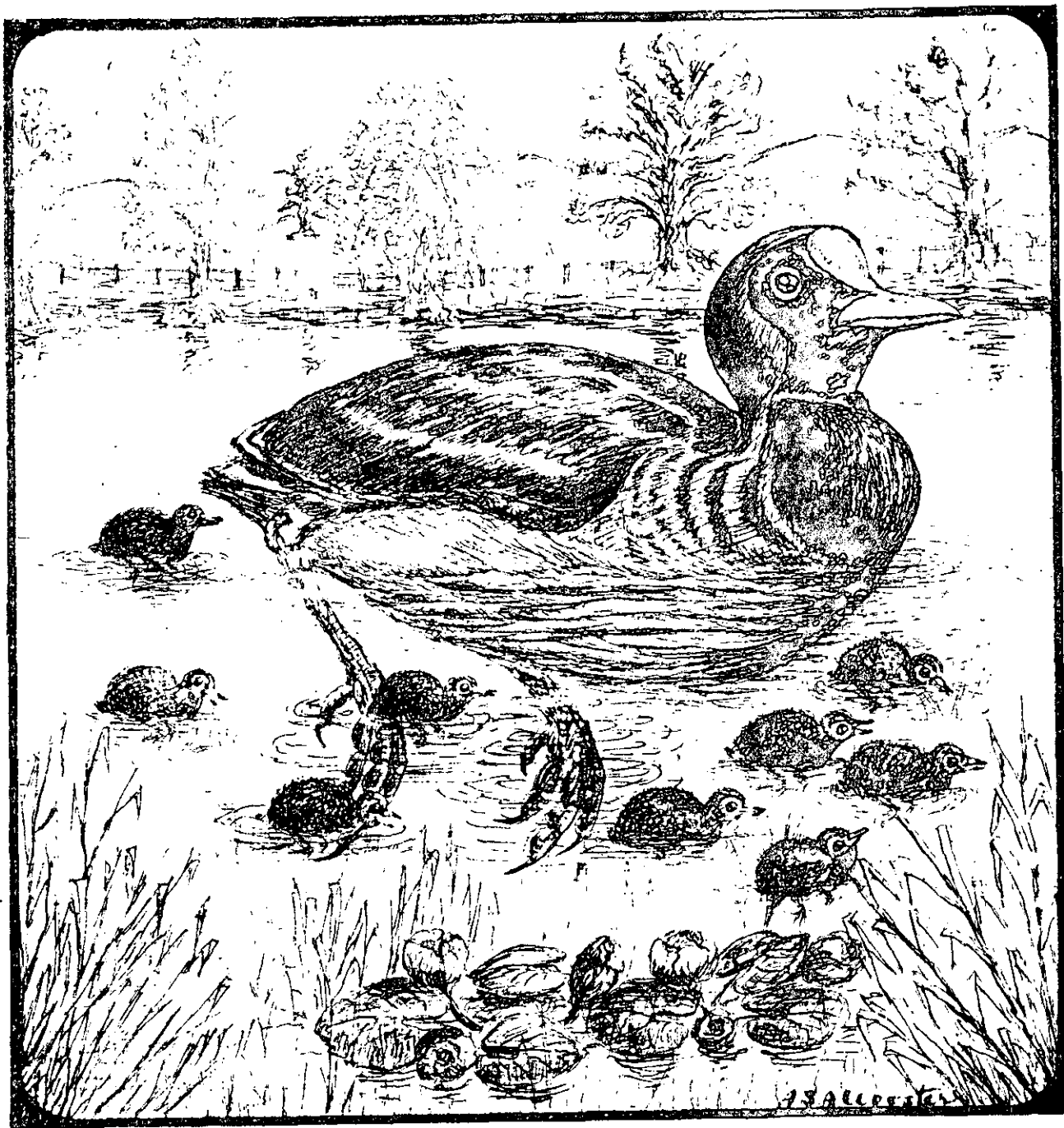
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Welfare	1st 15th	2.00 pm
W.I. entertaining Chelsea Pensioners	2nd	2.00 pm
Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 pm
Men's Club	Tues.Fri.Sat. (B.R.)	7.30 pm
Whist	3rd 17th 31st	7.30 pm
Private Dance	4th	6.00 pm
Over 60's Coffee Morning	8th	10.00 am
Wedding Reception	18th	All day
Private Dance	24th	7.00 pm
Horticultural Society	29th (C.R.)	8.00 pm
Young Neighbours	13th	7.45 pm
Library	3rd 17th 31st 8th 22nd	2.15-3.00 pm 3.25-4.15 pm

NAPHILL CHURCH - Services

August 19th United Service at the Methodist Church 6.15 pm  
 26th Holy Communion 9.00 am

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 The Sunday School, which has closed for the summer holidays, will re-open on a date in September, to coincide with the start of the autumn term at the day school.

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IS THIS YOURS ? At the mini rummage sale, held in the grounds of Naphill Church on 23rd June, a garment was sold in the pocket of which was an item of jewellery. The purchaser of the garment would like to return it to its owner. In the first instance please approach Mr. W. Wood of Christopher Close, if you have lost or mislaid anything of value under these circumstances. If the owner does not come forward, within one month, the goods will become the property of the finder.

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Sunday Services 10.00 am and 6.15 pm. Transport provided for the sick and elderly, if required.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you ?

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

Preachers for August

11.00 am

6.15 pm

5th

Family Service  
Mr. K. Lewis

Mr. K. Peatey

12th

Mr. W. Parkins

Mr. P. Smalls

19th

Dr. C. Sworn

United Service at  
Methodist Church.  
Rev. G. Eric Firth

26th

Rev. F. Watts  
(Holy Communion)

Mr. D. Church

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It is with great regret that we record the passing of Mr. Harold Shaw, who had been a much loved member of our Methodist Church for many years. He was also a Trustee and with his father built the church in 1930. He was always so willing to help in every way and our sympathy goes to Mrs. Shaw and her family in their sad loss.

M.G.B.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor.

Dear Sir,

Your remarks in the July issue may give the impression that you are giving up the Editorship of the Gazette because of the criticism levelled against you on the opinion you expressed in the June issue regarding the District Elections and politics. In fact you had already hinted, in the May issue, that you proposed to hand over to the Assistant Editor in the near future. Your comments were clearly against politics, in general, entering into local elections, a view held by many people who, in national elections, are staunch supporters of one particular party. You were, therefore, being politically impartial. Let it be clear then that your "stepping down" is not connected with the correspondence in the July issue.

Yours faithfully,

EDNA COOPER

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Dear Wing Commander,

How thrilled and joyed I was after reading your most welcomed letter, dated 3rd July. It is not often that one receives such outstanding thank-yous and comments for what those splendid lads and lassies have done and are doing. I took the liberty of pinning your letter on the Southern Youth Highlanders Notice Board; the comments overheard from the children were indeed very uplifting.

As you may be aware, the children have done a great deal in bringing joy and thrills to many people in High Wycombe and surrounding districts and it is the first time that they have

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CORRESPONDENCE (contd)

received thanks and congratulations as they did from you.

The donation was very gratefully received and you will know in your own mind how it will be spent.

Until our next meeting, I remain,

Yours most gratefully,  
R.E. Kilburn, PIPE MAJOR.  
SOUTHERN YOUTH HIGHLANDERS.

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We all enjoyed the Pipers and Dancers, who led the Feta Procession and it is pleasant to hear that they enjoyed being with us. ED.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Turning, with unrepentant rashness, from politics to religion, I have been greatly taken by Mr. Baker of the Naphill Free Church's little question, "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you ?".

Everyone must answer for himself and I think the fact of attending a place of worship would not, of itself, carry a great weight. I like the peace and tranquillity of a service: I am fond of a good hymn and I love the language of the Bible, but I lack an essential ingredient - FAITH - so I do not go. But even if the ordinary bloke, like me, is not concerned that one man should call himself God's only Son, another his only Prophet and another his re-incarnation, yet we can submit ourselves to the test.

I, for instance, forgive my enemies much more readily than they forgive me, or so I believe. I would never hold a grudge and say, "I'll get my own back on him." I do not covet my neighbours goods and I am too old to covet his wife - or almost. I do not use drugs or prostitutes and I would not have the News of the World hanging up in my lavatory. On the other hand I am inclined to be selfish, intolerant, greedy, especially with my wife's new season's raspberry jam ! If I would never be the one to "cast the first stone" yet I find it very difficult to "Judge not, that you be not judged."

On the whole, and this will confirm many who think that I am a big-headed so and so, on the whole I think I might just creep in. How about you ?

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I have to announce that there will be no issue of the Gazette in September, as both of the printers, Tony Lawrence and Mark Butler, will be on holiday. So this is the time when I must ask for a volunteer to take charge of the annual Gazette collection. Some members of the V.H.C. usually help with the collection and it would be nice to have a few new names from the public. But principally someone to organise it.

1ST NAPHILL BROWNIE PACK

The Brownies would like to thank everyone who came to their White Elephant and Toy Stall on 14th July. As a result of their efforts £21.40p has been donated to the "Guides Pilot Scheme at Sitapur" where it has now been estimated that £4.51p (84 rupees) will provide treatment and proper food for the mother and her baby.

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NAPHILL W.I.

The July meeting was held at Mr. & Mrs. Ron Piercy's lovely garden. Members enjoyed Country Dancing with demonstrator Mrs. Dorothy Peers.

Mrs. McCue welcomed two new members, Mrs. Bullock-Flint and Mrs. Chris. Smith. Mrs. Tant from Hughenden W.I. gave a lively report on her visit to the Albert Hall covering the W.I. 52nd Annual meeting.

Mrs. McCue's tea party raised £6.50.  
W.I. Fete Stall raised £36.44. for Village Hall funds, and the Art Exhibition £41. proceeds to Spina Bifida Trust.

2nd August a visit of 30 Chelsea Pensioners at Village Hall.  
6th September demonstration "Corn Dollies and the Craft of Straw Decorations" - Mr. Alec Coker.

Harvest Festival tea hostesses: Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. Lovell (Snr.)  
Mrs. M. Lovell.

I.R.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The garden party, held at Moseley Lodge Farm, was another outstanding success. 48 members enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. R. Piercy's garden and time passed all too quickly.

August is a holiday month, but we do have one special effort for the Club. A coffee morning, in the Village Hall, on the 8th - time 10.00 am to 12 noon. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall, produce etc., and raffle, so come and find a bargain.

The next meeting will be held on 7th September.

A.G.

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NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB

Although the long dry spell appears to have ended, there is ever increasing demand for playing time on the courts. Membership has increased again this year and the club championships are well under way, (the first rounds should have been completed by the 22nd July). Court time for these matches can be reserved by using the booking sheet in the club house.

Matches in the Wycombe Mixed League are now completed, with little success, but a great deal of enjoyment, the last one being away to Equity & Law, a much stronger and experienced team. One win and one draw were achieved out of 9 matches in all.

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## NAPHILL TENNIS CLUB (contd)

The men playing in the Bucks League matches can boast better results, having won 5 out of their 7 matches played so far and with 1 more to go.

To conclude Wimbledon fortnight, with an aim for the game at a peak, a Senior American Tournament was held on Sunday, 8th July. Thanks to a good turn out and glorious weather, this was a most enjoyable occasion, play continuing until after 7 pm. Two Junior Knock-out Tournaments were organised the following weekend. Winners of the under 12's were Colin Bedford and Helen Duggell-Calley, but the over 12's, to be held on the Sunday afternoon, was postponed until the following Sunday because of rain. The over 12's tournament, for the President's Trophy, was eventually won by Stephen Burge, who beat Neil Syrett in a hard fought and very exciting three set match. The final score being 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

Ladies mornings, every Tuesday, have been very well supported this year - up to 16 people on many occasions. With the children's play area so near at hand, we hope that numbers will not drop too noticeably during the school holidays. A friendly match was played against our neighbouring club, Lacey Green, recently and we look forward to a return visit. In the meantime many continue to improve their game by attending the weekly coaching sessions, on Friday evenings, with Vic Hildersly - open to all lady members.

Thanks must be extended to our Ladies Captain, Laureen Fleming, for providing a Sherry Morning at her home on 19th July. It proved to be a most enjoyable social gathering and an opportunity to meet new members - not much tennis was played that day!

A must for your diary is the Annual Dinner-Dance to be held on Friday, 9th November. Following its success last year, a booking has been made at Monkey Island, Bray and tickets will be available shortly.

J.M.C.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

A new playground, for children, will be opened soon in the Council's open space at Hazelmere.

Plans are in progress for extensive tree planting this Autumn. Although Naphill is well endowed with trees, anyone who feels that we might benefit should contact one of the local Councillors

We are assured that the road surface between the Leel and Batchelors Stores will be improved, as long as it goes before the Winter rains come, but we have no guarantee to this effect.

Last, but not least, whilst agreeing in principle to the numbering of the Main Road, if only to facilitate emergency services, we deplored the lack of courtesy in the wording of the letter received by all Main Road residents. Neither the Parish nor District Councils had been made aware of the decision, which

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES (contd)

just goes to show how bureaucracy must be watched. Those residents who feel that "Main Road" as a name is unsuitable, are asked to think of possible alternatives - these would be considered.

R.C.P.

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NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Committee have recently arranged a programme of future activities which it is hoped will stimulate interest amongst members of the Society and attract new members.

In the immediate future the following two events have been arranged:-

19th August The Hughenden Society have booked a coach for a visit to Kew Gardens and have kindly offered to take any members who may be interested. Please contact Mr. Palmer, NAP.2007 for further information.

26th August Mr. Ron Piercy of Moseley Lodge Farm has kindly agreed to open his garden to members and their families, between 3 - 5 pm. for a gardening chat and a cup of tea - weather permitting.

2nd September A 41 seater coach has been booked which will leave Naphill Village Hall at 1.00 pm for a visit to HIDCOTE MANOR GARDENS near Chipping Camden. The coach will leave the gardens around 5.00 pm and return to Naphill via Bourton-on-the-Water, spending a short time there. Arrival back at the Village Hall will be around 8.00 pm. Hidcote Manor Gardens are described as one of the most beautiful gardens in the country, so to avoid disappointment book early. The coach fare and entrance fee will be £1.00 per person. Applications to P.J. HYRE, "OATLEY" 232, Main Road. 'Phone NAPHILL 2437.

17th October An evening lecture will be given at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall by Mr. Webb, a retired member of Murphy Chemicals, on the subject of pest and disease control of fruit and vegetables, roses and chrysanthemums. Entry to the hall and coffee - Free.

19th October Hughenden Society have invited us to send a team of four to take part in a quiz programme. We have agreed and any member who wishes to attend will be welcome. The quiz will commence at 8.00 pm in Hughenden Hall.

12th January 1974 A Supper evening will be held in the Village Hall. Tickets 40p.

18th February 1974 A talk, illustrated by colour slides, will be given by Mr. Potter, Sutton Vegetable Chairman.

Membership Subscriptions Members are reminded that there are still a number of fees outstanding for 1973. Please check that you have a membership card, for the current year, and if not, kindly pay your subscription (minimum 15p) to either Mr. G. Smith "Waldens" Main Rd. or myself, as soon as possible. New members always welcome.

P.J.H.

GARDEN NOTES - AUGUST

Autumn is now creeping upon us and in the garden our thoughts turn more and more to next year. It is time, now, to order bulbs to grow in bowls to flower by Christmas or early in the new year. Buy the specially prepared Hyacinths, Daffodils and Tulips. Some *Hippeastrum (amaryllis)* are treated to flower at Christmas.

Pay strict attention to the staking of late flowering plants such as Chrysanthemums, Dahlias and Michaelmas Daisies. If Dahlia flowers with good long stems are required, all but some of the stems, remove the two side buds, leaving the center one. August is the month for propagation of the majority of flowers. Cuttings can be taken of Geraniums, Heliotropes, Pansies, Violas, Antirrhinums and Pentstemons. Cuttings of many shrubs can be taken now such as Weigelas, Cytisus, Hydrangeas. Pull off half-ripe shoots with a heel, trim with a sharp knife and dip the base in a hormone rooting compound.

This is the best time to make a rock garden. The foundation, to allow free drainage, should be of rough material such as old bricks and clinker. The next layer should be of good soil, with some sand added. Build the rocks into position from the bottom upwards, setting each firmly enough to allow a man to stand on it while weeding is done.

Sow seeds of lettuce and plant out seedlings of Endive, Savoys and lettuce whenever a patch of ground is left vacant by harvesting other crops. If the weather is dry, syringe the runner beans in the evening. Keep the hoe going around the green crops. Brussel sprouts will grow better if regularly hoed.

C.F.

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NATURE INTEREST

THE COOT

The coot is present on most of our rivers, lakes, ponds or even on flooded gravel pits, but never found in large numbers. It shares the water space, usually with the moorhen. Rather a quarrelsome bird, especially when tending its chicks; it will fight furiously with other coots and it will attack the young chicks of other water birds.

Fighting birds will often fall back into the water and supported by wings and short tail will fight furiously with their long sharp claws attached to the end of their reptilian type feet. These reptilian feet have changed, but very little since the reptiles some 220 million years ago. The *Euparkeria*, the lizard type is considered to be ancestral to our modern birds and has passed on these feet with very little change to our coot of today. These feet are not webbed, but have tough skin partitions on the insides of each claw. When the feet are brought into action, swimming, diving, etc., then these tough, heavy skin partitions spread out, forming floats to take the weight of the whole body.

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THE COOT (contd)

With these the coot can easily walk on the surface of the waters, it can also run at a terrific speed, then go into a skid, throwing up a high spray of water into the face of an attacker, then, before the predator can recover, the coot will conceal its chicks in the weeds and closing tightly its own body feathers sink silently below water with beak held just above the surface, maintaining this position until all danger has passed. This incident has been witnessed and reported on many occasions.

Since the British ringing system commenced, reports have been received to prove long migration flights. In November they start these flights to warmer coast lines. They fly across the North Sea to the Mediterranean coast, preferably the African side. Ringed coots have been reported in Greece, India, Italy and even as far as Australia, but some of the more nesters do not leave us throughout the year.

Male and female are alike in their colourings. Both have startling white, bald foreheads and large white beaks; the rest of the body is blue-black and a narrow white wing-bar is seen when in flight; also those never to be forgotten large, dark green legs and feet. The male average is 11lb.2ozs. and the female 11lb.3ozs. and the male is a very much stronger bird.

Now you can imagine my excitement when I was told, a few weeks ago, of a pair of coots that were making their nest on a private lake and I was welcome to visit whenever I wished. Well, I wished, almost immediately and was soon over looking at a pair of coots very hard at work building their nest; soon eggs were being added daily. Then came the holiday and we were away all through the incubation period, but when we returned one of my first "special visits" was to see if the chicks had hatched out. I had to wait a day or two, then nine "newly borns" were out, exploring with their parent. I could not say whether it was mother or father, but I do know it was a very proud parent and a very happy watcher.

A.S.A.W.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Mr. Editor,

I am delighted to see that in supporting your requirements of the qualifications for a non-political District Councillor, the Chairman of the Naphill Conservative Branch has assured us that their candidate was, in fact, independent. Would it not have been better to have fought the election as such?

Yours sincerely - Richard Pushman

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THE CHANGE OVER

AT THE VILLAGE HALL - OCTOBER 1973

V.H.C.	1st		8.00 pm
W.I. Committee	1st	(C.R.)	2.30 pm
Dancing	1st 8th 22nd		4.15-7.00 pm
Play Group	Tues.Wed.Thur.Fri.		9.00-12 noon
Men's Club	Tues.Fri.Sat.	(B.R.)	7.30 pm
Dancing	2nd 9th 16th 23rd		3.00-7.00 pm
Welfare	3rd 17th		2.00 pm
Dressmaking	Every Wednesday	(B.R.)	9.30-11.30 am
Art	Every Thursday	(B.R.)	7.30-9.30 pm
Bingo	Every Thursday		8.00 pm
Horticultural Meeting	3rd	(B.R.)	8.00 pm
Guides	3rd 31st		7.00-8.30 pm
Rangers	3rd 31st		8.30-9.30 pm
Over 60's	5th 19th		2.30 pm
Private Dance	5th		7.00 pm onwards
Naphill Church Rummage	6th		2.30 pm
Naphill Neighbours	8th		7.45 pm
Cubs	10th 24th		7.00-8.30 pm
Whist (Military)	12th 26th		7.30 pm
Village Hall "Pop-In"	13th		2.30 pm
Private Party	13th		6.00 pm onwards
Church Harvest Supper	15th		7.30 pm
Horticultural Evening	17th		8.00 pm
Conservative Rummage	20th		2.30 pm
Private Dance	20th		6.00 pm onwards
"Fish" Meeting	22nd		8.00 pm
Scout Bazaar	27th		
Library	3rd 17th 31st		3.25-4.15 pm
	12th 26th		2.15-3.00 pm

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE in the Village Hall - Sunday, 11th Nov.

Please remember that our usual Service will be held, in the Village Hall, in memory of those who gave their lives in the two world wars. The Service will commence at 3.00 pm.

NAPHILL CHURCH - (1963 - 1973)

October 6th Rummage Sale at Naphill Village Hall 2.30 pm  
14th Holy Communion - Harvest Thanksgiving 9.00 am  
14th Evensong - Harvest Thanksgiving 6.15 pm  
(This will be the final Service in the old school).  
15th Parish Harvest Supper in Naphill Village Hall 8.00 pm  
(Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. J. Sawyer, Mrs. W. Hyre and members of the Methodist Church at 50P).

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Any future Services in Naphill will be announced in the Naphill Gazette and the Parish Magazine.

We look forward to the support of our usual helpers at the Rummage Sale on Sat. 6th October and any suitable rummage may be left with Mrs. E. Parslow or Mrs. E. Wood, or we shall be pleased to receive it on the day, at the Village Hall, from 10.00 am onwards.

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Mr. W. Wood writes: "This may well be the last of my contributions as the future is uncertain, but before closing I would like to express my appreciation of your never failing courtesy and kindness in giving the Church publicity for so many years. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sgd) W. Wood

My pleasure, sir. Ed.

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for October</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	<u>6.15 pm</u>
7th	Family Service Mr. P.D. Steare	Mr. G. Goodman
14th	Rev. P. Tucker	Rev.R.L.J. Kaye (Holy Communion)
21st	Mr.W.A.Dodd BA B.Sc.	United Service Rev.P. Tucker
28th	Mr. S. Prudden	Miss Darvill

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A house meeting will be held at 10 Vincent Way on Wednesday, 3rd October at 7.30 pm.

We join our Anglican friends in a Harvest Supper, with Entertainment, in the Village Hall on Monday, 15th Oct. Price 50P.

Preliminary Notice: Our Annual Bazaar on Sat. 10th November in the Village Hall.

M.G.B.

NAPHILL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday Services 10.00 am and 6.15 pm. Transport provided for the sick and elderly, if needed. Please 'phone Naphill 3304.

THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH: Don't sow your wild oats and then pray for a bad harvest.

I will place no value on anything I have except in relation to the Kingdom of God. If anything will advance the interests of that Kingdom, it shall be given away, or kept, only as by the giving or keeping of it I shall most promote the glory of Him, to whom I owe all my hopes in time and in eternity.

David Livingstone.

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NAPHILL CHURCH SERVICES

For the last ten years the Old School at Naphill has been used for Church Services and for Sunday School. In the near future this property will be transferred from the present trustees (the Vicar and Church Wardens) to the Diocese of Oxford, so that it can be sold and the money used to support other Church Schools in the diocese. It is pointless to spend any more money on the maintenance of a building that is going to be demolished and as the safety of parts of the structure has been questioned, we have decided that the last Services will be held in this building on 14th October. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 9.00 am on that day and Evensong at 6.15 pm. It will, inevitably be a sad occasion for those who have worshipped, regularly, here but it should also be treated as an opportunity for giving thanks for all the spiritual benefits we have received and to re-dedicate ourselves for the worship of God in Naphill, in the future. There is a future !

In the past we have held a Communion Service in Naphill once a month and we shall continue to do so on the fourth Sunday in the month at 9.00 am in the R.A.F. Church on the Domestic Site, by kind permission of the Chaplain and the Station Commander.

Another regular activity has been the Sunday School, which will continue to meet at 10.30 am every Sunday, but from the beginning of October it will be held in the Scout Headquarters, behind the Village Hall. Our arrangements for an evening service have not yet been completed; as soon as they are they will be announced.

The Experimental Chapel in Naphill may be closing, since the building will no longer be available to us. The Church in Naphill is certainly not closing and we invite you and your family to join us in our worship in new premises.

P. Bullock-Flint

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WHERE DO YOU TURN ?

Your wife has been rushed in to hospital. Your mother-in-law will take two days to get down to look after the children and you have an important business appointment first thing in the morning. Where do you turn ?

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WHERE DO YOU TURN ? (contd)

This is not an initiative test, but a reminder of the use we make of good neighbours. They are the people to whom we turn in emergency and more often than not they help us out of our difficulty, but occasionally they are unable to do so. When that happens we need somebody to which we can turn. Recently a group of people met in the Village Hall to consider this problem and to hear how Princes Risborough operate their Good Neighbours scheme, the FISH scheme. Very briefly, it is a means of bringing together those who need help with those who are able to give it. Sometimes it will be one of the statutory services, sometimes it will be the person two doors away. Sometimes you may be able to offer help to someone else in need.

At our first meeting we tried to see what sort of needs are likely to occur in this area. Two obvious problems were discussed - the problem of a bedfast patient getting a prescription and the problem of the elderly in visiting their relatives in hospital. We can think of other needs and there are some about which we shall know nothing, till they occur. That is why we felt that we should try to organise such a scheme now. A small steering committee was formed to explore the problem more closely and prepare the ground for a Public Meeting to launch the scheme. This Public Meeting is called for 8.00 pm on Monday, 22nd October in the Village Hall.

Please attend this meeting. Help us to identify the needs. Learn what ideas the steering committee have for organising the scheme. You may have better ideas; you may be able to offer your services. In any case, please come. We need your support.

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Dear Editor,

CONDEMNED ?

In answer to the question whether there would be enough evidence to convict you of being a Christian (Aug. issue of the Gazette) you say that you may just creep in. I would ask, "Where do you hope to creep?" If you are hoping to creep in as a fully qualified, card carrying Christian, I can tell you, categorically, that you do not stand a chance, since, on your own admission, you lack an essential ingredient, Faith. If, on the other hand, you mean that you might just creep into Heaven, I think you can safely rely on the goodness and mercy of God, since you do not utterly reject Him and try to live out those bits of the Christian ethic, of which you approve. The dying thief, I would remind you, was accepted because he wanted to be, even though he could not make amends for his past life, in any way.

One of the most frequent mistakes is to equate Christianity with morality. A man may be very good indeed, without being a Christian (e.g. Marcus Aurelius, Mahatma Gandhi). On the other hand, a man may be very bad and still remain a Christian, though a bad Christian. We are not Christians because we are good, rather we are trying to be good because we are Christians.

Reduced to its simplest terms, a Christian is one who acknowledges Jesus as Christ, his Lord and Master, since He is

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his Saviour. A great deal follows from this statement. We only acknowledge as Lord and Master one who is perfect, all knowing and all powerful. Only God fulfills these requirements, so we are acknowledging Him as God. Since He is Lord and Master, we want to serve Him and to please Him. This involves, among other things, following His way, the way of perfection (hence the need for moral goodness). The way of perfection goes far beyond not breaking the Law (an outward thing) to not even wanting to do so (an inner obedience which only God can see and for which He alone can give us credit). This involves a self-lessness, which few of us achieve except in odd moments. The deeper one enters into the Christian faith, the more one realises ones failures to live up to the standard of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Fortunately, for us, our salvation does not depend, in the end, on our own efforts, but on Christ's action. We cannot earn our way into heaven. As St. Paul reminds us, we are justified by faith alone, that is by our faith in God and His faith in us. Since, then, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life", we can only respond with an equal love, a complete and absolute love.

When we love someone, deeply, we do not keep silent about it, we show it by our actions and by our words. In relation to God this means by our good works and by our worship. Certainly it is possible to worship God in complete solitude, but it is an unusual and probably a selfish attitude. Man is a social being, living in groups, why then should his highest relationship be excluded from his normal way of living? If we reject the idea of corporate worship, we are not liberating God from the confines of a priest ridden cult, we are excluding Him from our life!

I claim to be a Christian because I have given myself, completely, to Him as He is revealed in Jesus Christ His Son. I try to show my love for Him by my works (moral goodness) and words (worship). I am conscious of my many failures, so I do not ask Him to treat me with justice, but throw myself on His mercy. Confident in that love and mercy which He has revealed to us in His Son, I look forward to being received by Him into the Kingdom of Heaven. See you there.

Yours sincerely,

P. Bullock-Flint.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

So now we know that the old school is to be pulled down and several generations of Naphill folk will feel a little sad at its passing. Furthermore, Naphill is losing not only its church, but its resident parson. Never before has the vicar of Hughenden lived in Naphill and seemed so much a part of the village, but he has decided that his place is more in the centre of his vast parish and we must bow to his judgment. As a neutral well-wisher I would regard this double blow as severe, and I am glad to see the vicar insisting there is a future for a Naphill Anglican Church.

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EDITOR'S CORNER (contd)

In his letter to me he asks where am I going to "creep" ? Well, I'll be content to accept what comes, but I thank him for his last sentence.

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I have had no offers from anyone willing to organise the Gazette collection, so I presume I must do it, once more, and I would be very pleased to hear of anyone willing to do a bit of collecting. The continued existence of the magazine depends on your annual contributions.

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This month I come to the end of my term of office as Editor and it is satisfactory to note that the Gazette is in a stronger position than ever before in that it now owns its own press and circulation and advertising are steadily rising. I have tried to ensure that the magazine is not thrown under a cushion, unread, and I may well have been a little too controversial, at times, in achieving this end. But I have enjoyed doing it and hope to contribute, now and then, in the future.

So now for the second time the Gazette has a lady Editor and the casual observer could be forgiven for thinking that both were chosen for their good looks, but I assure you this is not the case. So on behalf of all readers I say Good Luck to Amanda Lawrence and thank her for loyal support. This brings me to the man who has done more than anyone to put the Gazette on a sound footing. Tony Lawrence is now relieved of the printing, but he is still the Treasurer and Advertising Manager and he feels that this is too much in one family. I understand his feelings, but I don't think we can do without him; there, for the moment, the matter rests.

Copy for the November issue should go to, The Editor, "Auchinyell" Downley Road, Naphill.

From me, as Editor, its Goodbye and thanks for putting up with me.

Ron Piercy.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL NOTES

Since my last report on Village Hall matters, one incident overshadows almost everything else in its seriousness and its inevitability. This was the serious accident which took place a few weeks ago on the children's round-about in the Recreation Area. I had warned last year, in the Gazette, that if vandals continued damaging this equipment a young child would get hurt. At that time we had repairs carried out and all damaged and suspect parts replaced with new teak at a cost of £40. Recently this new wood was broken and several pieces removed, which resulted in a five year-old girl falling through and trapping her head under the heavy mechanism inside. It was necessary for the Fire Brigade to release her and she was taken to hospital. It was very good news to hear that she is now recovering, but it must have been a terrible experience for her and her parents.

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NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL NOTES (contd)

Immediately I heard of the accident, I made arrangements for the round-about to be removed to make quite sure that there would be no further accidents. The Council is now considering the whole question of the Recreation Ground. The manufacturers of the equipment have been requested to give a quotation for repairs and maintenance. We are also looking into the possibility of grants to help meet these costs. We certainly do not want to stop the young children enjoying the fun which they undoubtedly get from the playground. The playground is intended for under fourteens and if anyone sees people causing damage, please let us know. We will be very quick to prosecute any offenders, if we can get the evidence. The matter has been brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Police, High Wycombe.

In order to safeguard users of the Hall, we have recently had new panic bolts fitted to the front and kitchen doors. New keys have been issued to clubs and regular users. If your organisation has not yet applied for a key, these can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Audrey Moore (Naphill 2048). Occasional hirers should still obtain the Hall key from Mrs. D. Leek, Aldin, Pursells Meadow.

The Christmas Tree lights should look even better this year, as a result of the excellent response to our appeal. The collection has now reached over £40. with a kind donation from Mrs. Eileen Croxson. The work has been put in hand.

BRUCE HOLLAND

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REPORT FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The new District Council has now organised its Committees, ready for the final take-over from the old Councils next April.

Although as a Council we are not yet fully operative, there are a number of things it has been possible to do for the village, such as arranging for some cul-de-sac signs, and some roadside maintenance.

Other pressing problems have been brought to my notice, including the traffic situation on Coombe Lane, which was discussed at a public meeting called by your County Councillor. A number of solutions were suggested, including extra warning signs for the steep hill. I had already been in touch with the Divisional Surveyor, who promised to improve the drainage on the hill, to help cut down the accidents due to skidding.

The lack of a chemist in Naphill is another problem. Unfortunately the village is not large enough to make it commercially attractive for a chemist to open shop, but it is hoped that a "Fish" scheme can be organised, where prescriptions and other emergency needs can be dealt with on a voluntary basis. There will be more information on this scheme at the meeting to be called in October.

A cause of concern to some in the village is the possibility of large scale building development bordering on Naphill. On this

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REPORT FROM YOUR DISTRICT COUNCILLOR (contd)

and other matters of concern, I shall endeavour to keep you informed.

Meanwhile, if any resident feels there is a problem with which I can help, I shall be glad to know of it.

AUDREY MOORE

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The considerable dangers of Coombe Lane, resulting from increased traffic, were the subject of a recent meeting held in the Hughenden Village Hall, between members of the public and representatives of the County Highway Authority.

Insufficient road width precluded the use of double white lines, although it was thought that mandatory signs forbidding overtaking could be erected. Extra warnings of steep hill and bends will, it is hoped, be placed at the top and bottom of the hill, also signs indicating the unsuitability of the road for heavy traffic. For this to be really effective, signposting would need to originate in High Wycombe and this possibility is to be considered.

The speed limit of 40 m.p.h. on the hill is to be reviewed and the police are being asked to increase the enforcement of the existing speed limits through the village and on Coombe Lane. Persistent offenders have been warned !

A Tree-planting scheme is to become effective after the October meeting and any suggestions for Naphill and Walters Ash should be made to your Local Councillors. Similarly there will be some thinning out of trees on Naphill Common, along the "Ladies Mile", the stretch between Forge Road and Chapel Lane.

Please note that garden waste, including grass cuttings, are considered as litter when dumped on open spaces or in pond sites. The Council has had a recent successful prosecution in Hazelmere. Is the threat of a £100 fine the only way to deter those local residents who dump in Hunts Hill Lane, Chapel Lane and on the Common ?

R. PUSHMAN

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ANNOUNCING NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELDS COUNCIL AUTUMN  
FUND RAISING EVENT

SATURDAY - 13TH OCTOBER 1973

"POP - IN"

to the Village Hall between 2.00 and 5.00 pm for a cuppa and biscuit (squash for the children) and receive a gift. This will cost adults 10P and children (under 14) 5P.

In addition there will be a MAMMOTH TOMBOLA on which you can spend as little or as much as you wish.

How can you help to make this event benefit our Funds for maintenance and improvement of the Hall & Playing Fields ?

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"POP IN" (contd)

1. By coming on 13th October or by buying a ticket even if you cannot come.
2. By donating something be it a packet of pins, some Green Shield Stamps or a diamond ring ! TOYS (in good condition) are particularly welcome as we will have a special table for the children - this should have the effect of swapping toys in the village and giving the kids something new to play with !

If you were not able to give a gift when called on, perhaps you would like to leave one with:-

Mrs. Bullock	157, Main Rd. Naphill.
Mrs. Fendom	Allen Drive, Clappins Lane. (1st house on right)
Mrs. Holland	Cherry Tree Cottage, Main Rd. Naphill
Mrs. Bull	Avonlea, Coombe Hill, Naphill.
Mrs. Cook	Kingston, The Glebe, Naphill.
Mrs. Lovell	April Cottage, Main Rd. Naphill.

If we are lucky enough to be given a gift from almost every house in the village, every ticket bought in the Tombola will carry a number and almost every number will receive something - small or large ? - "the luck of the draw" but as grociers seem to be rolling in, you will replenish your larder without queueing to pay for them.

In addition there will be a "White Elephant Stall" contents of which will be priced from 1P - 5P.

Produce Stall - Cakes, Preserves, Veg. Plants, etc.

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Out thanks to:- Mark Butler for printing the leaflets, which most of you will have had.

The Chiltern Newsagent for delivering them.

Adam and James Turner, for correcting the date on these leaflets which was incorrectly printed as 27th - IT IS 13TH OCTOBER - these two boys, with the help of Mum wrote '13' 1,000 times !

To all who have given so generously. PLEASE COME ON SAT. 13TH OCTOBER.

E.C.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

We resumed our fortnightly meetings on 7th September when the "Downley Dollies" entertained the Club and were much appreciated. On 5th October we shall entertain ourselves, as the outing planned for this date could not be arranged.

The date has been altered to THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER. A coach will leave the Village Hall at 12.30 pm sharp. We shall visit a Surrey pottery and stop for tea at Haslemere, before returning home. Will members please note the date and time.

19th October, the speaker will be from "The Samaritans."

A number of members are still on the sick list and we hope you will soon be well again and back amongst your friends.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB (contd)

Any new resident, lady or gentleman, who is 60 years of age, will be very welcome to join the Club, which is held fortnightly.

A.G.

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NAPHILL W.I.

Naphill W.I. September meeting was a busy one. President, Mrs. McCue thanked everyone who helped in August to entertain the 30 Chelsea Pensioners to tea at the Village Hall.

Mr. Alec Coker gave an interesting demonstration on "Corn Dollies".

The Harvest Festival raised £7.00 thanks to everyone who brought gifts. Mrs. Piercy's tea party raised £8.39. Mrs. McCue has been allotted a place at Denman College, next year, on a Course of her own choice.

An outing has been arranged for Thursday, 8th November to the Glassworks, Willesden.

The next meeting, 4th October, is our 51st Birthday Party. Patricia, Viscountess Hambleden will talk about "My Experiences as a Lady-in-Waiting".

A reminder that the Group Meeting will be at Hughenden Village Hall on 8th October, 2.30 pm. The B.F.W.I. Autumn Council Meeting 31st October.

I. Reed

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NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS

At our September meeting we combined business with pleasure. The A.G.M. was held and a new Chairman and Committee were elected. This was preceded by Cheese & Wine and a very interesting talk by Miss D. Hyre on "Natural History of the Chil-terns" plus some beautiful colour slides of moths and wild flowers.

New Chairman: MRS. O. STRATFORD

Committee Members: Mesdames P. Ayres E. Chamberlain  
J. Cook M. Donlon N. Randall S. Rolfe  
J. Rushby C. Russell E. Seymour P. Smith

The raffle was won by Mesdames Flett and Tole.

Nex month's meeting Monday, 8th October, 7.45 pm Miss Hubbard talking about and showing us "Underwear thro' the Ages".

I'm sure this will be a most entertaining evening, so do come - we will especially welcome any new members.

Tea hostesses for October: Mesdames Butler, Cardus, Seymour, Stallwood and Warner.

J.M.C.

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May we thank everyone who made the open day on Wed. 12th Sept. in "Aid of Arthritis & Rheumatism" such a success. £158.20 was raised and a cheque for this amount has been taken to the Arthritis & Rheumatism Research Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hosp. Joyce Goodman & Margaret Sawney.

NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

17th October: An evening lecture will be given at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall by Mr. Webb, a retired member of Murphy Chemicals. His subject will be the pest and disease control of fruit and vegetables, roses and chrysanthemums. Admission to the Hall is free and coffee will be served, also free. Come along and improve your knowledge and at the same time have an enjoyable evening. If you are not a member, enrol at the door for a minimum of 15p.

19th October: The Hughenden Society are holding a quiz programme commencing at 8.00 pm in the Hughenden Hall. We have promised to send a team of four along to take part in the quiz. Why not come along and support your team in what should be an interesting evening.

On 26th August, Mr. Ron Piercy of Moseley Lodge Farm opened his garden to members and their families. It was a perfect afternoon and a little disappointing that more members did not attend. Ron gave a very interesting expose on the history of Moseley Lodge Farm, during the past 100 years and after enjoying refreshments and a tour of the many unusual shrubs and trees, we sat in the sun and enjoyed a social "Get Together".

On the 2nd September a party of members went by coach to Hidcote Manor Gardens in the Cotswolds. The gardens are of unusual interest because of the way in which the original windy plateau has been broken up over the past 70 years into small screened gardens which are virtually windproof. We came back via Bourton-on-the-Water and all voted it a very worthwhile afternoon. Members will be interested to know that we have commenced trading once again; there are limited supplies of Irish Moss and Sedge peat available by contacting Committee Members. It is hoped to start full trading early in 1974 - more news of this in a later edition.

P.J.H.

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GARDEN NOTES - OCTOBER

As far as the garden is concerned this is the start of another year. Weeds and leaves are the plagues of the season. It may seem they do no harm, but they are injurious to every crop on the ground. They encourage damp and dirt and prevent access to sunshine on the land. So keep all clean and tidy.

Early in the month summer bedding must be removed to make way for the spring bedding plants. Fork over the borders and work in any manure or compost you have. Get the plants in as soon as possible while the ground is still warm and they can make new roots.

All the local allotments, except two, are being cultivated and I must say, considering the dry season, the crops look well. How nice to have a fresh vegetable on the table. These haven't been artificially coloured, preserved or processed. The tenants must be proud of their crops; and what a nice hobby - fresh air, interest and their middle name must be patience! If this

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GARDEN NOTES - OCTOBER (contd)

catches the eye of a local Parish Councillor, could not a Cup be provided for annual competition for the best local allotment ?

The first weeks of October are the best time to take cuttings outdoors of roses, deciduous shrubs, currants, gooseberries etc. Take a slip with a heel of this years well ripened wood, about 9 ins. long. Put about six ins. in the ground with a little sand at the base and make very firm. Don't expect any roots till next Spring. In the veg. garden sow broad beans: plant out spring cabbage. Finish lifting potatoes. Store the carrots in sand and protect from severe frost.

C.P.

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R.S.P.C.A. The Annual Sale will be held in the Chapel School room (by kind permission of the Trustees) on Sat. 20th October at 2.30 pm. Admission 5P includes light refreshments. Stalls of toys, knitwear etc., homemade cakes, jam: White Elephant Stall. An opportunity to purchase useful Christmas gifts at reasonable prices. Toys and knitwear are very popular, come early to avoid disappointment. Gifts, however small, for any of the stalls will be much appreciated. Please make a note of the date and come along and support such a deserving cause.

L.M. Sharpe. Aux.Hon.Sec.

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE - NORTH DEAN VILLAGE HALL - 17TH NOVEMBER: 2.30 PM

Teas and refreshments 3.30 pm. Come and buy your Christmas gifts, Everything handmade.

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NOTICE OF THANKS: Mrs. Elsie Shaw and all the family of the late Harold Shaw, or Carol, would like to thank everyone for their visits to see him during his illness and all his dear Church friends for their great kindness to him, also the Anglican Church friends for their letters and cards. Many 'thankyou's' to relatives and friends for donations in lieu of flowers to the Methodist Church Sick Fund. THE FAMILY.

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# NAPHILL GAZETTE



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**NOVEMBER 1973**

AT THE VILLAGE HALL - NOVEMBER 1973

Bingo	Every Thursday	8.00 pm
Art	Every Thursday (B.R.)	7.30-9.30 pm
Over 60's	2nd 16th 30th	2.30 pm
Conservative Supper	3rd	7.30 pm
V.H.C.	5th	8.00 pm
Play Group	Tues.Wed.Thur.Fri.	9.00-12 noon
Dancing	6th 13th 20th 27th	3.00-7.00 pm
Welfare	7th 21st	2.30 pm
Dressmaking	Every Wed. (B.R.)	9.30-11.30 am
Cubs	7th 21st	7.00-8.30 pm
Whist	9th 23rd	7.30 pm
Methodist Bazaar	10th	2.30 pm
Private Party	10th	6.00 pm
Naphill Neighbours	12th	7.45 pm
Residents Association	13th	7.30 pm
Guides	14th 28th	7.00-8.30 pm
Rangers	14th 28th	8.30-9.30 pm
Private Party	24th	7.00 pm
Men's Club	Tues.Fri.Sat. (B.R.)	7.30 pm
R.A.F. Show Rehearsal	20th 27th	8.00 pm
Library	9th 23rd	2.15-3.00 pm
	14th 28th	3.25-4.15 pm

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for November</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	<u>6.15 pm</u>
4th	Chapel Anniversary Services Rev. P. Tucker	Dr. Blackley
11th	Family Service Mr. K. Lewis	Mr. Peel
18th	Mr. D.A. Gregory	Rev.P.Tucker (Holy Communion)
25th	Rev. H. Pettet	Mrs. Holt

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The monthly Fellowship Meeting will be held on Thursday, 8th Nov. at the home of Mr. & Mrs. L. Smith & Shirley, No.4 Vincent Way, at 7.30 pm. Leader - Rev. F. Watts.

## NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

Come and get your Xmas bargains at - THE ANNUAL METHODIST BAZAAR - in the VILLAGE HALL on SATURDAY - 10TH NOVEMBER at 2.30 pm - to be opened by MRS. KATE.

M.G.B.

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## NAPHILL CHURCH

Our last rummage sale only set out to be a small affair, so we were agreeably surprised to achieve a profit of £23. For the past ten years the church has been fortunate in having the active support of not only the church congregation, but ladies of Naphill Women's Institute and other well wishers, at our long series of rummage sales. We have all become rather dirty and tired, at the end of the day, but all helpers seemed to enjoy the social atmosphere of church rummage sales and their efforts have been most important, for without the sales we should not have been able to keep the church going. We are very grateful for the help which has been so freely given.

At a recent church meeting, it was decided that surplus funds, which had accrued from rummage sales, should be used in the interests of the village, so when the details have been sorted out the funds will be allocated according to the wishes of those who attended the Open Meeting.

By courtesy of the Station Commander and Padre Griffin, members of the congregation will join the congregation of St. Mark's Church at Strike Command, Walter's Wah, for the service of Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday of each month, at 9.00 am. We are very grateful for this facility and hope that the present congregation will take advantage of the facilities so kindly made available to us.

The completion of ten years use of Naphill Old School for church services was marked by well attended services in the morning and evening, the services being used as thanksgiving for Harvest.

On the following evening, the Parish Harvest Supper for the Methodist and Anglican Churches was held at Naphill Village Hall and after an excellent meal, we all sat back and enjoyed being entertained by the well known group, "The Cousins" who sang some delightful folk songs. We also appreciated the solos superbly sung by Mrs. Janet Judge also some well known songs by Mrs. Carol Isham.

Afterwards, a size 14 raincoat was found and this is being cared for by Mrs. Timberlake, awaiting a claimant.

W.W.

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## NAPHILL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

Sunday Services 10.00 am and 6.15 pm. Transport provided for the sick and elderly, if required. Please 'phone Naphill 3304.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: So far as is known, no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbour: no squirrel ever died in anxiety lest he should not lay up nuts for two winters instead of one. No dog ever lost sleep over the fact that he did not have enough bones buried in the ground for his declining years.

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NAPHILL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH (contd)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH; (contd) So many people put the wrong emphasis on the wrong things. The Lord's advice is "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you".

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EDITOR'S CORNER

TEN SPLENDID YEARS

I slip uneasily into the Editor's chair, casting, as most of you must, a respectful look at the man who has sat there for the past ten years and who has now chosen to vacate it.

Mr. Ron Piercy has been a superb editor. Having been born and having lived all his life in Naphill, he has been an ideal man for the job. I have often thought as I have passed him on his egg round that he has his finger on the pulse of the village. He knows its history, he knows its terrain, he knows its personalities: and he has written of them with the wisdom of the countryman and the knowledge of the man who loves books.

I am more than a little delighted to discover that the Village Hall Council has asked Mr. Piercy to choose and plant a tree in tribute to his Editorship. What an eminently suitable gesture ! and one, I am sure, dear to Mr. Piercy's heart.

May I, on behalf of all readers, thank Mr. Piercy for his ten splendid years and hope that we may still benefit from an observation here, an anecdote there, a judgment now, a criticism then. All copy by the 21st - remember !

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Miss Edna Cooper writes of the generosity which made her brain-child - the "Pop-In" such a success. As a collector one can corroborate all she says and share her amazement at the enormous response to the appeal for prizes.

One must say, however, that the Village Hall could have held many more ticket holders on the afternoon of 13th Oct. Besides the guaranteed prizes, there were prizes for every ticket taken on the adult and children's tombola stalls - a delightful change from the handful of blanks one usually draws on such occasions ! Many worthwhile articles were left at the end and had to be sold off at give-away prices. An excellent profit might so easily have been a record one.

The situation does seem to pose the question - are people willing to give the goods but not the time ? Would the answer be, as Miss Cooper suggests, a house-to-house collection ? She invites your opinions and comments and we should be pleased to print them. All copy by the 21st, of course !

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October has seen the deaths of two village people.  
Mr. Bert Smith of Victoria Cottage.  
Miss Amy Smith of Mosely Road.

The Gazette extends sympathy and condolences to relatives and friends of both families.

Editor



VILLAGE HALL NOTES

During the month a very successful fund-raising event was held, the "POP-IN" thought up and most ably organised by Miss Edna Cooper. Our grateful thanks to her and all those who helped and participated.

We have now had the mounds of earth and rubbish levelled at the Vincents Way side of the playing field. We plan to have this area seeded with grass in the Spring. Please do not deposit rubbish or grass cuttings on the field. It has cost us hard-earned money to have this work done and it should be a real improvement.

The question of the children's playground is still under consideration. We are thinking of changing the entrance, renovating some of the equipment, completely removing the roundabout and replacing it with an alternative item. This will, of course, be expensive and I have already asked the Parish Council if they would be willing to give us financial assistance. It may be necessary to make a special appeal to the village to raise money and if so, I will try to arrange to hold an Open Meeting next month to discuss this problem. Parents of young children will be particularly welcome to such a meeting.

We are still trying to arrange some facilities for the young people, such as a Youth Club, but all our previous efforts have proved fruitless, due to lack of interest and support by the young people themselves! We have now requested Rev. Peter Crick, a Youth Organizer, to give us his help and advice. Please let me know if you are interested in joining or helping with the organisation of a Young People's Club in Naphill.

However, whilst we are trying to start up facilities for the local youth, we are still being plagued by the misbehaviour and vandalism of some of them. Following the virtual destruction of the children's roundabout, they have now turned their attention to Dr. Bayley's Memorial seat outside the Hall entrance. Large pieces have been cut out and the seat so damaged that Mrs. Bayley has contacted us asking for its removal. She is, naturally, very upset, as we all are, that a few destructive hooligans are able to do such acts of vandalism and get away with it. We have contacted the police, many times, asking for their help, but they do not seem to be able to stop these acts of wanton damage, or to catch the culprits.

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The V.H.C. wishes to express its most sincere thanks to Mr. Ron Piercy for his many years of hard work editing the Gazette. We would also like to wish his successor, Mrs. Amanda Lawrence, all the very best.

Bruce Holland

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R.S.F.C.A.

May I thank everyone who gave so generously and all who helped in any way to make the Sale so successful and raise approximately £88.  
L.M. Sharpe

NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The Autumn ride to Hindhead and visit to small pottery, with tea at Haslemere, was a very pleasant trip. The Devil's Punch Bowl looked beautiful with the Autumn tint colouring its sides.

2nd November, Lady Nancy Hall will be the guest speaker, we look forward to her visit.

16th November, the speaker will be Mrs. M. Smith from the British Red Cross Society.

30th November Mrs. B. Tole will give a demonstration on flower and Xmas arrangements. Ludgershall Club will also be visiting us on this occasion and we hope all members will attend this meeting.

We hope that members who are on the sick list and also in hospital are improving and we hope to see you back with us soon. Get well messages go to you from all the members.

A.G.

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NAPHILL W.I.

October meeting was the 51st Birthday Party, attended by 60 members. Mrs. McCue welcomed visitors from the Grimsdyke Group. Patricia, Viscountess Hambledon gave an interesting talk on "My Experiences as a Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen Mother". Three founder members joined in singing "Happy Birthday" while the speaker cut the beautiful cake, made and iced by Mrs. Lovell. Mrs. Croxson entertained us with a competition.

1st November - Annual General Meeting. V.C.O. Mrs. Lackford. Come along and vote for your new Committee.

Exhibition of Tea Towels. Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Newbury, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Parslow  
I. Read.

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NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS

At our October meeting, Mrs. Anstead from Aylesbury College, demonstrated how to prepare some dishes suitable for a buffet supper. These were then raffled and so some lucky people sampled them as well. Winners of the main Raffle of the evening were Mrs. M. Sulston and Mrs. S. Rolfe.

Next meeting - Monday 12th November, 7.45 pm. Miss Hubbard talking about and showing us "Underwear thro' the ages". Our apologies for advertising this for the October meeting. There will be a competition and prize for the best home-made Christmas Card.

The Christmas Dinner, this year, has been booked at Windsor Lodge for 10th December. Price approx. £2. (including coach fare).

Reminder to those who have already booked - we would like the money at November meeting, please. Also, we would like to hear of anyone else interested in coming, whether member or not. More details available at next meeting. Tea Hostesses for November: Mesdames Flett Russell Latham and Tole. J.M.C.

TO NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH RESIDENTS AND OTHER CONTRIBUTORS

THE "POP - IN" I just do not know how to express my thanks for the wonderful response to my request for gifts for Saturday, 13th October. The "loot" just rolled in via the collectors and the quantity and quality far exceeded all expectations. A sincere thanks to everyone - the load was truly spread - it was a "village" effort in which I imagine every household had a part. I have always said that the maintaining of our lovely Hall and Playing Fields should be the responsibility of us all. The "Pop-In" really proved that when asked, the community responded. (Could this be the prelude to village participation on an annual household subscription basis, for the necessary Funds for maintenance and upkeep of the Hall & Playing Fields ?)

My thanks also to all the collectors, to the grand team of workers who helped all day in the Hall and to the Guides who were such willing helpers and tea makers.

The expenses, thanks to your generosity, were small, the profit £135.47.

It would be interesting, as this was a new venture, to have in the December Gazette, any suggestions, criticisms or ideas for a future occasion on similar lines.

E. Cooper

CORRESPONDENCE Owing to lack of space, the following items had to be omitted from last month's issue. We apologise and take pleasure in publishing them now. Our congratulations to all concerned. Ed.

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In July, Trevor, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Pipe, (former residents of Naphill) graduated at Birmingham University and received his B.A. (Honours) Degree at the hands of Lord Aron. After the family moved from Naphill, Trevor attended Selhurst Grammar School, Croydon and in his last year became Captain of the School. From there, gained entrance to University. His elder brother, Graham, (for 5 years pupil at Naphill Old School) joined the Nautical School in London, where he also was made Captain. However, he decided to make the Royal Air Force his career and is now serving as Flt. Lieutenant in Cyprus. Congratulations to two Naphill "old boys". E. PIPE

Notice of thanks. Mrs. Nan Smith and the family of the late Bert Smith of Victoria Cottages would like to thank neighbours and the many friends of Naphill for all the kindness and messages received, also the donations for arthritis research at Stoke Manderville, in lieu of flowers. Would you accept this as an acknowledgment of thanks.

LOST Short-haired ginger tom cat, with slit in right ear. Please contact 14, Beech Park. 'Phone Naphill 3203.

MRS. FRASER'S BALLET CLASSES

All children entered for their Royal Acad. of Dancing Ballet Examinations in July were successful. Congratulations to:-

<u>PRIMARY GRADE</u>	Sandra Smith	Highly Commended
	Bridget Woodruff	Highly Commended
	Lois Glyn-Jones	Commended
	Melanie Hole	Commended

<u>GRADE ONE</u>	Jeffrey Cleaver	Highly Commended
	Judy Hornsby	Highly Commended
	Juliet Matchett	Highly Commended
	Elizabeth Richmond	Commended
	Caroline West	Commended
	Louise Atkinson	Pass Plus
	Susan Hilling	Pass Plus
	Nicola Fox	Pass
Gail Moore	Pass	

<u>GRADE TWO</u>	Sara Alabaster	Commended
	Susan Fraser	Commended
	Sarah Mitchell	Commended
	Patricia West	Commended
	Helen Clarke	Pass Plus
	Susan Dobson	Pass Plus

Sybil Fraser

NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

A meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 13th November at 7.30 pm to discuss the present situation regarding the threatened massive development on the Green Belt farmland between Stocking Lane and Hughenden Valley. If you don't want 250 houses built in the centre of Naphill, come along and register your support. New members will be very welcome.

Remember, although this development was turned down by the local authority, the developers are appealing against that decision and it is still far from certain what the final outcome will be. If we, who live in Naphill, remain silent we shall only have ourselves to blame if the developers succeed.

We are not alone in our protest. Many other local Associations and other bodies, including the Chiltern Society and the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, are also preparing to fight. Let's have a full house on the 13th and show that we care about our village.

H.B.

GARDEN NOTES - NOVEMBER

"Dirty days hath November". Days when it is best to leave untouched all beds and borders. To walk over rain-sodden ground does more harm than good.

Wallflowers, Polyanthus, Arabis and other herbaceous plants should be in their permanent quarters, but so long as the soil

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GARDEN NOTES - NOVEMBER (contd)

is not frosty it does no harm to move them now. About the middle of the month tulips can be planted for colour displays. Plant 4 ins. on heavy soil or 6 ins. on light sandy over the tops of the bulbs. See that each bulb rests on a little sand.

This is the best month for planting roses. Plant firmly and stake all roses immediately. Dress old rose gardens with lime, about 2 ozs. to a square yard. Never dig deeper than 2 ins. on permanent rose beds.

Cut down herbaceous plants. "Red hot poker" KNIPHOFIAS should have their leaves tied together to form a protective cone over the plants. Lift and divide any plants that you wish to increase. Any tender plants that suffer during severe frosts should be protected by placing a thick layer of peat, leaves or straw over them. Anchor the leaves or straw with old netting.

Plant all kinds of deciduous shrubs and trees. Dig deep and break up the subsoil. Stake well when planting, swaying in the wind breaks the roots.

It's probable we have made the last cut on the lawn this season. Don't put your mower away dirty. The easy way to clean is a strong jet on the hosepipe. Ease away the hard mud with a pointed stick. When dry, paint over with some old engine oil. You will be pleased to bring it out next spring. In the veg. garden, dig any vacant plots. Plan next season's crops, with one eye on the rotation of crops and one on the family's requirements.  
C.P.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The question of financial grants dominated the discussions of the Parish Council at their October meeting. It was recommended that help be given to the Village Halls at Gt.Kingshill, North Dean, Hughenden and to the proposed new Community Centre at Hazelmere. Readers will recall that Naphill received a recent grant of £600. towards the Hall improvements.

Confirmation that the new road signs for Coombe Lane had been ordered was received from the County Council. We shall hope to see these erected, without too much delay.

Tree planting will start in November. Recommendations for Naphill will be left to the discretion of Local Councillors. Bulbs received from the Chiltern Society will be planted in other wards of the Parish, but next year we shall endeavour to include Naphill and Walters Ash, if suitable sites can be suggested.

R. Pushman

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 11TH NOVEMBER

A Service will be held in Naphill Village Hall, commencing at 2.45 pm NOT 3.00 pm as stated in the last Gazette. This year the Service will be conducted by the Vicar of Hughenden, the Rev. P. Bullock-Flint. All are invited to attend.

NATURE INTEREST

LINNETS WITH YOUNG

Yes, the linnets with their young, as shown on our cover page - this was really my surprise item of the nesting season.

Those "parent" linnets had been flying around the garden for quite a while, chattering away to each other. I was hoping they would continue for "she" was a real little busybody and "he" with his bright red crested head and beautifully red spotted chest would continuously burst into short lovely spasms of sweet song. I watched and listened to both birds, daily. I looked around the garden but I just could not believe they had found their right nesting environment. We had no furze bushes: we had no close rambling wild rose bushes and I knew these shrubs were their favourite nesting sites. They remained in the garden.

Early one morning I saw the hen carrying a piece of dry grass. I noticed also the male was singing more loudly and sweetly. Then the hen flew over into the neighbour's garden: surely I had been by-passed. I felt disappointed. As the days passed I had almost forgotten about the linnets. Then, quite by accident, I saw one linnet fly into the Forsythia tree. The Forsythia tree is right on the front of the lawn, within a few feet of the main road footpath. I waited a few seconds and went across to the tree. There, sure enough, was a newly built nest and inside was one egg, quite small and almost white with small reddish spots. I was surprised and excited to find this nest so near to the busy main road and in a Forsythia tree.

I would now keep well away from the tree and watch from the window. The parent birds would be very energetic - the hen laying more eggs and the male feeding his hen. As soon as four or five eggs were in the nest, the incubation period would become their serious business, the hen leaving the nest only under extreme necessity. Once the eggs were hatched, both parents would be very busy feeding the youngsters.

About this time we had arranged to take a holiday, so before leaving I took a peep. There were four chicks, naked, pink and very "skinnie" but all appeared well and very hungry. We were away for over two weeks and on my return the first thing I did was to make sure all was well with the young linnets. They were quite well feathered. One shot up, gave me a wide open beak salute, but was soon down again snuggling up to the other three.

The following day was the weekend and our grandchildren paid us a visit. As a special privilege I took them out on to the lawn to show them the young linnets. I fixed up the steps as near to the nest as I dared. Up went Nicholas, slowly and quietly. When up the steps he leaned over and peeped in, but - whoof - away went all four chicks. One crossed the road over to the opposite path: another, a little stronger, made the garden across the road. A third came down flat in the middle of the road. The driver of an approaching car steered his car so that the wheels were each side of the tiny chick, so number three was

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NATURE INTEREST (contd) I ran round and managed to pick it up before the next car came along. The fourth was somewhere in the fir-trees and was soon found. All the chicks were picked up and although I was very doubtful, I hoped they would once again take to the nest. First of all I placed my warm hand over the empty nest, then the grandchildren handed me each of their coveted chicks. I put each chick in the nest, under my warm hand and kept my hand over them for a few seconds. They were huddled together, none the worse for their exciting adventure.

Well all is well that ends well. The parent birds returned to their family a short time after and soon those little pink beaks were being satisfied, as though nothing had happened. I wonder if we will see them again next season?

A.S.A.W.

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### NAPHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

If a sufficient number of members and their families are interested, it is proposed to hire a coach for an evening at the Windsor Theatre during Dec. or Jan. Before making a block theatre booking and hiring a coach, would members please contact the Sec. Nap.2437 before 11th Nov. stating their preference for either a Gilbert & Sullivan concert during the week 10-15th Dec. or the pantomime "Red Riding Hood" later in Dec. or Jan.

RUMMAGE SALE Mr. & Mrs. W. Wood have kindly offered to organise a Rummage Sale in aid of Horticultural Funds. The Village Hall has been booked for 2nd March 1974 - please make a note in your diary.

SUPPER PARTY & ENTERTAINMENT The first event of 1974 will be a members and families only supper party at the Village Hall on Sat. 12th Jan. - a New Years social evening. To avoid disappointment book early as numbers will be restricted to 90. Further details will be published in the December issue of the Gazette.

The lecture evening held on 17th Oct. had a fair attendance, in view of the counter attraction of the England/Poland football match. Mr. Webb, late of Murphy Chemicals gave us a detailed account of the horrors that can beset roses, chrysanthemums and the vegetable patch, illustrated by slides. It seemed that all could be put right by using the appropriate antidote. The ladies of the Committee organised the coffee and biscuits and a vote of thanks was given to Patricia Bowen for organising such an interesting evening.

On 19th Oct. several members attended a quiz evening as guests of the Hughenden Society. Naphill provided a team of four - B.Toile, R.Piercy, Bert Wiseman and N.Rolfe, who matched their knowledge against a Hughenden team and one from the Gladiolus Society. The list of questions had been prepared by our recently retired President, Arthur Gould. At the end of the session, the honours were almost even, the Hughenden team having a slight lead on the other teams. Trading has re-commenced and we have stocks of Irish Moss, Sedge Peat and Chasmor available at competitive prices. Please contact our Trading Officer, Geoff.Smith, Naphill 3302 or any Committee Member.

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Dancing	3rd 10th	4.00-6.45 pm
Play Group	Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.	9.00-12 noon
Dancing	4th 11th	3.00-7.00 pm
R.A.F. Variety Show	4th 5th	8.00 pm
Welfare	5th 11th	2.00
Dressmaking	Every Wed. (B.R.)	9.30-11.30 am
Art	Every Thur. (B.R.)	7.30-9.30 pm
Bingo	Every Thurs.	8.00 pm
Men's Club	Tues. Fri. Sat. (B.R.)	7.00 pm
Whist	7th 21st	7.30 pm
V.H. Dinner/Dance	8th	8.00 pm
Naphill Neighbours	10th	7.45 pm
Guides	12th	7.00-8.30 pm
Rangers	12th	8.30-9.30 pm
Play Group Christmas Party	13th	2.00-5.00 pm
Over 60's Christmas Party	15th (Lunch 1.15 pm)	All day
Fish Meeting	17th (B.R.)	8.00 pm
Cubs	19th	7.00-8.30 pm
Football Club Christmas Dance	22nd	8.00 pm
Pony Club Evening	28th	6.00 pm
Library	12th	3.25-4.00 pm
	7th 21st	2.15-3.00 pm

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NAPHILL EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth".

John 1. 14.

NAPHILL METHODIST CHURCH

<u>Preachers for December</u>	<u>11.00 am</u>	<u>6.15 pm</u>
2nd	A preacher from London Mission. (Morning and evening)	
9th	Family Service Miss Beryl Underhill	Mrs. Loader
16th	Mr. W. Osborne	Mr. A. Cooper
23rd	Rev. Bryan Hoare	Carol Service
CHRISTMAS DAY	Service at 10.00 am - Leader Miss Carol Creswell	
30th	Mrs. Tyler	Rev. N. Burrows

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Many thanks to all helpers and donors who made our Annual Bazaar on 10th November such a happy and successful event. Profits amounted to approx. £177.

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The monthly Fellowship Meeting will be held on Thurs. 6th Dec. at the home of Mrs. Davies, Bayley Gardens, at 7.30 pm. Leader - Rev. P. Tucker.

M.G.B.

NAPHILL CHURCH

Most of the usual congregation of Naphill Church attended St. Marks Church on the R.A.F. site at Walters Ash on the fourth Sunday in October, for the service of Holy Communion. We were warmly welcomed, the service being taken jointly by Padre N. Griffin and the Rev. P. Bullock-Flint and it is hoped the Naphill congregation will continue to use this facility on the fourth Sunday of each month.

In December there will also be a service of Holy Communion at St. Marks on Christmas Day at 9.00 am.

W. Wood

COMMENTARY

Mr. Hugh Bridgman and Mr. Peter Bagnall-Oakley resuscitated the near-dying Naphill & Walters Ash Residents Association at a meeting on 13th November. Between 70-80 people turned up - hardly a large number when one considers the population of our community. It is important that the Association should be truly representative, otherwise its pleas will carry little weight. The most immediate problem is, of course, the Bovis threat - but there are many other difficulties which a strong Association could help resolve. Minimum membership fee is 20P and will be accepted by Mr. Bridgman, Louches Cott. Hunt's Hill, or Mr. Bagnall-Oakley, Durley House, Downley Road.

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Mr. R. Pushman refers, in the Parish Council Notes, to the "Urban Sprawl" of the new Strike Command development. The new buildings do, indeed, spoil the lovely "run-in" from Lacey Green

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to Walters Ash. The planting of trees would certainly help to hide this scar and as nothing has yet come of the Council's declared intention to do so, perhaps the matter could be taken up by the Residents Association.

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It was sad to read in last month's Village Hall notes that Mrs. Bayley had felt constrained to ask for the removal of Dr. Bayley's Memorial Seat. It has been badly defaced and hacked about by our local vandals and is no longer a seemly memorial. The efforts of the Village Hall Council to combat the vandalism have proved frustrating, although the police are now patrolling in the village hall area. Recently Mr. Geoff. Brown went to post a letter one night at 11 o'clock and hearing noises from the village hall, crossed over to investigate. He discovered the patrolman at work with his dog and, on speaking to him, also discovered an old friend whom he had not seen for some years.

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You will be delighted to hear that Mr. Ron Piercy, our former Editor, is to become our "Agricultural Correspondent" and will be contributing much appreciated articles, from time to time.

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The FISH organisation is in need of funds. What a splendid opportunity for our young carol singers !

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"Peace on earth, goodwill toward men". Never at home or abroad can the Christmas Message have been more longed for. It is a forlorn hope that diplomats and politicians and trade unionists will achieve it, but may you all find peace and goodwill in your home and in your village.

EDITOR

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DEAR OCTOPUS

In the 1930's there was a play running on the London stage with the title "Dear Octopus". The 'octopus' of the title referred to the family. Certainly there are times when the young, particularly, feel that the arms of this octopus are strangling them, but at Christmas time the Family is paramount. We enjoy the excitement of the children as they open their presents and we like to have grandparents with us, or at least ring them up, so that we can feel that Christmas is complete.

This concern with the family, at Christmas, stems in no small measure from the origin of Christmas itself. Whatever entertainments may take our attention, the thought of the Holy Family and the event which took place in the stable at Bethlehem, are never far away. The first Christmas was a very private affair, with only a few shepherds knowing what was happening. Even they barely grasped the significance of it, that God was giving us His Son, for that was what happened. The finest present that could

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DEAR OCTOPUS (contd)

possibly be given was made to the whole Family of Man. 2,000 years have passed and there are still squabbles between different members of that family, but throughout Christendom, at least, there is an annual reminder of the fact that we are all members one of another and its influence tends to spread.

In this country the peace of Christmas is most noticeable in the absence of bustle on Christmas Day itself. Many of us will be going to church, at some time during the day, to share with the Holy Family in their rejoicing. The various different churches, in the area, will all be holding their special services, and a full list of those being held in Hughenden Parish Church is printed in the Parish Magazine.

Last year we held a service of Carols by Candlelight at 5.00 pm on Christ Day, and we shall be doing so again this year. The church was packed with people, who found it a refreshing occasion, not least because many responded to our invitation to bring the whole family, including Grandma and the baby. If you do not know what to do with that awkward period, after dinner, when it is too soon to have tea, the presents have been opened, it is too early to send the children to bed and too wearing to have them around much longer, what better way to fill it than singing and reading again the story of the first Christmas, the family event which gives meaning and happiness to all our family parties? Come and join us in Hughenden Chrust at 5.00 pm.

May I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

P. Bullock-Flint

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FISH

Just as the last issue of the Gazette was going to press, we held a meeting in the Village Hall, to consider the advisability of trying to start a Fish Scheme in Naphill and Hughenden. Mrs. Donelly explained the working of the scheme in Princes Risborough and the organising committee reported on their findings about the likely needs and extent of such a scheme in this area. The meeting instructed the committee to go ahead and inaugurate a scheme for Naphill and Hughenden by 1st Jan. 1974.

Since the meeting, the committee have been active in seeking help and in Naphill we have had offers of help from over 40 people. In addition we have found 14 people to act as street wardens, who can pass on the calls for help. We still need more wardens, especially in the areas of Bayley Gardens, Chapel Lane, Downley Road, Moseley Road, Hunts Hill Lane, Clappins Lane, Walters Ash end of Main Road and Bradenham Road. If you can help in any of these areas, please ring 3439. We have also been asked to extend our coverage to include Bradenham Village, where the postmistress has volunteered to act as Warden.

We now feel we have sufficient volunteers to start operating and towards the end of December Fish Cards will be distributed to all Houses. These will tell you what emergencies we can cope with

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and who to contact in your area if you need help. The distribution of these cards will indicate that the scheme is operative. We are also purchasing some plastic badges to fix on the gates of the warden's, to help you to identify where your warden lives. The initial costs of setting up the organisation have been met by a number of generous contributions. We would like to thank those bodies who have helped us in this way. These funds have now been exhausted in buying the bare necessities to get started. If anyone can help a little further, it would relieve our treasurer.

The Fish Scheme which was spawned in the late summer is now hatching out and will be swimming around vigorously by January. If you need help in an emergency, which other bodies are unable to meet, try angling. We will do our best.

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VILLAGE HALL NOTES

With the festive season fast approaching, I should like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone, on behalf of the V.H.C. a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS !

We hope that it will be possible to use our re-furnished Christmas lights to brighten up these dark days, but it will depend upon power shortages and restrictions.

Our monthly meeting was a very long one this time, but we discussed many items of importance to everyone using the Village Hall. We were addressed by the Rev. Peter Crick and he outlined plans for organising Youth Clubs. We agreed that every effort should be made to set up a club in Naphill, but it would depend upon the wholehearted participation of the Council, parents, the young people and helpers. In particular we would need to find two adult volunteers to act as Leaders and a management committee. Please let me know if you are interested in helping. Mr. Peter Crick has kindly offered to help and advise with the organising of the club.

The children's playground and the safety of the equipment was discussed again. We have written to the Parish Council, asking for their financial help with this project. It was decided to set up a sub-committee to investigate the whole question of whether we should retain the playground, how we can make it safer and ways of financing the improvements. When we have all the facts, I believe it may be a good idea to hold an open meeting so that we can discuss the problems with all those interested, particularly the parents of young children.

During the month I wrote to the Chief Constable and Sir John Hall M.P. requesting their assistance with combatting vandalism at the Village Hall. Both of them replied, promising help and the Local Superintendent has already been up to see me, outlining some plans to keep the Hall under closer surveillance.

VILLAGE HALL NOTES (contd)

The election of Officers for 1974 was held and the following will serve:-

CHAIRMAN	Mr. Terry Fendom
Vice Chairman	Mr. R. Pushman
Hon. Treasurer	Mr. Don. Turner
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Hon. Secretary	Mrs. A. Moore
Ass. Secretary	Miss E. Cooper

Bruce Holland

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DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

All the District Council committees have now been formed and most have had their first meetings. They assume full control in April next.

There was a hot debate at the last Council meeting on the proposition that the new district should be called Wycombe Borough, in which case we would have had a Mayor. An over-riding majority of rural Councillors, myself included, felt this sounded quite wrong for an area which included many village and hamlets, as well as towns like Wycombe, Risborough and Marlow. The Borough proposal was defeated after a vote and it now remains for Wycombe to appoint its own Charter Trustees, who may elect a Town Mayor from among their number. Under the new scheme even some parishes can have Mayors, so we may have a crop of new Mayors, some in the most unlikely places !

There has been much discussion on the Bucks County Council's "Change & Choice" proposals and it is hoped many people were able to attend the various public meetings and give their views, if not vocally, at least on the page provided at the back of the booklet, so the County authorities may know just what sort of a future we would all like to see for Buckinghamshire.

Audrey Moore

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Support, in principle, was agreed by the Council regarding requests by the Village Hall for help towards replacing the 'kissing gate' opposite the "Wheel" and to renovating the children's playground equipment.

Once again the attention of the County Council has been drawn to the ugly appearance of the new development at Strike Command and to the absence of tree planting, which was an original planning requirement to reduce the "urban sprawl" now so apparent as one approaches from Lacey Green.

West Wycombe Estate will start tree thinning early in the New Year, initially this will be confined to the stretch of the Common from Forge Road to a point in line with Moseley Road.

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PARISH NOTES (contd)

Mature specimen trees and healthy saplings will be left. The Estate forestry specialist feels that unless adequate thinning and removal of dead and diseased trees is done soon, this stretch of the Beechwoods will be in danger. It is planned to extend the area of thinning in due course.

Litter prosecutions are now becoming successful, three to date and one pending. Judging by the roadside litter at Walters Ash and around the Village Hall, more culprits need to be penalised. Those residents caught in the recent speed trap have only themselves to blame. Because of the selfish attitude of some drivers the incidence of trapping is to be increased. Perhaps under the 'totting up' procedure of disqualification, some persistent offenders might be removed.

R. Pushman

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FLATS FOR THE ELDERLY

As many people may remember in September 1972 I started a campaign to provide some flats for elderly folk in this village. I would like those who were very interested in this project to know that I am still campaigning !

The Guardian Housing Association (which is allied to the "Halp the Aged") with whom I am still in touch, have told me that they will build the flats in the village if they can buy  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 acre of land suitable for this project, and in a position where it would be possible to obtain planning permission. Despite all my efforts and those of the Guardian Housing Manager & Development officers, who have visited the village on several occasions, we have not been able to find this small piece of land. Before my eyes, I see larger pieces being developed but, of course, by the time the bulldozers move in, it is too late.

Maybe I do not move in the right circles, or know the right people so that I hear about possible sites before it is too late. So through the Gazette, may I appeal to the community to help me find 1 acre of land for this purpose. It is a necessity as there are so many senior citizens to whom a Guardian flat would be such a blessing - lonely, isolated people with homes and gardens beyond their capabilities to manage - who keep asking me to continue my efforts to achieve the building of these flats.

E. Cooper

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB

The talk given by Lady Hall, on the pageantry of our Parliament and her colourful description of the opening was most enlightening and greatly enjoyed by all.

1973 has seen the Club membership growing steadily and any new residents to Naphill are welcome to join if 60 years old and over. Subjexts have been varied: Pantomime from Hughnden and the Downley Dollies have entertained us. Talks, slides,

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH OVER SIXTIES CLUB (contd)

outings and garden parties and good weather has prevailed on all our meetings out of doors.

To all members who have been absent through illness, the committee and members wish a speedy return to good health and a brighter 1974.

We have only one meeting in December and that will be the Christmas Party on 15th December. Lunch will be served at 1 o'clock. Will members who are collected by transport be ready by 12.30 pm. If petrol should be rationed, there will be no transportation other than for Bradenham. Please bring with you 2 KNIVES, 2 FORKS and 2 DESSERT SPOONS.

As we end 1973, may we wish all Club members and helpers a very happy Christmas and a brighter New Year.

We commence 1974 on 11th Jan. No speaker has been booked at the time of going to print. 25th Jan. Mr. Stevens of the Film Projection Services will entertain us with films.

A.G.

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NAPHILL W.I.

The 1st November meeting, Mrs. McCue, President of Naphill W.I. welcomed a new member, Mrs. Keats. Before commencing the business of the A.G.M. a warm welcome was also extended to Mrs. Lackford, V.C.O.

The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read by the Secretary, Mrs. M. Sawney and were approved by the members and signed by Mrs. E. Hussey, Vice President.

Mrs. M. Pushman, Treasurer, read the financial report, which showed a healthy state of affairs.

Mrs. Y. Bullock reported on the activities of the Drama Group and informed the meeting that it is hoped to put on a play in April.

Mrs. M. Piercy expressed thanks to the retiring committee.

Mrs. K. McCue was re-elected as President. The new elected committee members are:-

Mrs. D. Smith	Mrs. E. Croxson	Mrs. D. Brown
Mrs. A. Bull	Mrs. M. Pushman	Mrs. M. Piercy
Mrs. N. Randall	Mrs. Y. Bullock	Mrs. E. Hussey
	Mrs. M. Rhodes	Mrs. W. Hyre

The next meeting will be on 6th Dec. A representative from Hampden Hall is to give a demonstration on Festive Cookery. There will be a Bring & Buy stall. The proceeds are for Christmas gifts for Booker Hospital. Competition: Box of Home-made sweets.

Tea Hostesses: Mrs. Lovell Mrs. Stuart Mrs. Tooby

J.M.R.

### NAPHILL NEIGHBOURS

The november meeting entitled "Underwear thro' the Ages" proved to be a most entertaining evening. Miss Hibbard showed us a varied selection of garments, ranging from the weird to the wonderful. These were modelled by some of our braver members.

The raffle was won by Mrs. S. Stallwood and Mrs. P. Bowler. The competition was won by Mrs. E. Chamberlen.

No December meeting will be held as we are having our Christmas Dinner at Windsor Lodge on that date, 10th Dec. The coach will pick up at Ash Close at 7.55 pm and at the Village Hall at 8.00 pm. If anyone else is interested in coming, please contact Mrs. Stratford, tel. Naphill 3057.

Many thanks to all our members who helped with the Poppy Day collection.

Mrs. O. Stratford of "Wedgewood" Pursells Meadow, is holding a coffee morning (including a Bring & Buy stall) on Thur. 6th Dec. 10.30 am to 12 noon, in aid of the Fish Scheme - so please go along and support this worthy cause.

J.M.C.

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### NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH GIRL GUIDES

I am sure readers will have seen, at some time or another, Brownies or Guides moving about the village. I think you might be interested to hear about them.

NAPHILL has two Brownie Packs and two Guide Companies, and in recent weeks a Ranger Unit has been formed for girls of 14 to 17 years.

WALTERS ASH has one Brownie Pack, meeting in the R.A.F. Activities Centre. Three of these units have been formed in the last year and with the exception of the Ranger Unit, have already reached their maximum number of members.

The Girl Guide Movement is the largest youth organisation in this country and is only limited in even further growth by lack of voluntary leaders.

As I am sure you are aware, R.A.F. Strike Command are at present making available more houses for their personnel. We are already receiving girls, who because they have been members of Brownie Packs or Guide Companies elsewhere in the world, expect (and have a right) to be absorbed into our units. How can we do this, when the units are full to capacity, with in many cases a waiting list of girls wishing to join? Only by recruiting further adult help!

We particularly need a Guider for Walters Ash Brownie Pack. Miss Sue Barratt has given very loyal service as Unit Guider here and is leaving us at the end of this term because she will be moving from the district when she marries. We also would like to start a Guide Unit to take the Brownies at age 10 to 11 years and accept transfers moving into Walters Ash.

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NAPHILL & WALTERS ASH GIRL GUIDES (contd)

Naphill need an Assistant Ranger Guider and all the Units would appreciate adult help wherever it can be given.

Can you help us ? If you are an ex-Guider we would love to hear from you. Equally, if you have no previous Guiding experience, but have a desire to know how you could become involved in the Movement, we would be delighted if you would contact us.

If you have not the time to be a Guider, could you be a Unit Helper - a person who is willing to give the time they have available to demonstrate a skill (helping girls with Interest badges), or to take over a routine administrative job to relieve the Guider ? Or would you consider being a Badge Instructor and/or Tester for one of the varied badges Brownies and Guides may follow ? (Dads can help here too !).

Many are our needs for adult help ! - In return ? No £-s-d, but I can assure you of friendship and the sense of achievement that comes in giving service to others and fundamentally this is what Guiding is all about.

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GARDEN NOTES - DECEMBER

The best advice that can be given for this month is to be prepared for either heavy rain or sharp frost. Let the work be ordered with reference to the weather. Keep off the wet ground, or trying to beat frost. Take every opportunity of queelung out manure. Dispose of all rubbish by simply digging it in trenches when preparing for early seeds. When digging leave the surface as rough as possible, it will work all the better when raking down in the Spring.

The lawns seem to have been growing a bit lately. If it seems to be a little untidy, don't be afraid to run the machine over once more. Give a good brushing first and keep the knives well up. Don't mow if frosty or very wet. Myself, I have mown in every month of the year - not the same year, of course.

When you see your neighbour's garden bright with colourful chrysanthemums, don't you wish you had some (or more) in your garden ? This season has been exceptionally good for chrysanthemums. They love the dry, bright weather. Most of the earlies are in flower in mid-September and don't give in until the frost arrives. With a mild winter, they will survive in the open ground, but it is safer to put them in a cold frame. Cut the stems to about 6 ins. label them and shake the roots well and pack them close together in boxes, using a compost of soil and peat.

Christmas is drawing near and if you cannot decide on a present some of the most welcome gifts could include a stainless steel or rust-resistant spade, fork, trowel, hoe or hand-fork.

NATURE INTEREST - THE LITTLE RED SQUIRREL

Few of us today can claim to have made the acquaintance of our pretty little red squirrel. Probably most of our young readers have never had the pleasure of seeing the red squirrel. In a previous issue of our Naphill Gazette, you may remember I gave details of the grey squirrel being introduced into Gt. Britain from America. It was this introduction of the Virginian Grey Squirrel that was responsible for the near extermination of our red squirrel. The grey squirrel is very much larger, very much stronger and very much more aggressive than our little red squirrel - so - the only alternative our little red had was to escape into the more thickly and larger growing fir forests - some to Wales but most to the thicker forests of Scotland. At first, neither in Wales nor Scotland did the red squirrel progress very well, but recently I understand, a fair number in North Wales are breeding favourably. In Scotland they are doing much better and are fairly well distributed from Perth to Sutherland. Their chief predators, I was told, were the wild-cats, the Pine Martens and the Polecats, but there are many birds of prey to add to this list. However, the closely planted fir trees make ideal living quarters for our bushy-tailed friend.

Recently my wife and I were touring down the east side of Scotland from Thurso through Inverness over to Aberdeen. It was Sunday and all was very quiet, as we followed the road that would eventually bring us to Balmoral Castle. The scenery was lovely. On each side of us were slowly babbling brooks, "burns" to my Scottish friends. We were, of course, in the Dee valley. Near Banchory we booked in for two nights at a Guest House.

We left our cases in the House and went out to explore the hills and dales. At the first lay-by we pulled in and within seconds a beautiful young red squirrel ran straight across the road, gave one flying leap and it was well up in the top branches of one of the fir trees at our side. His tufted ears were long and quite "feathery". His tail so very bushy, seemed twice the length of its body. We were both afraid to move, fearing we may frighten him away, but the next minute he was sitting on the fence post, quite close to us. That golden yellow bushy tail was not still for a moment. He sat up, stretched out his little front paws, picked a nice "fleshy" fir cone, sat back on the post top and nibbled away in perfect contentment. His little eyes sparkled and the corners of his mouth turned upwards in a broad smile. I took out my sketch book and made several rough scribblings. I felt sure he was enjoying our company as well as we were his. He was completely composed. His movements were deliberate and gave no signs of nervousness whatever. Then suddenly a heavy farm vehicle came round the corner and we had lost our new found friend away up in the tall trees. My cover picture does not do our little companion full justice !

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NATURE INTEREST - RED SQUIRREL (contd)

During the evening, after returning to our Guest House, the conversation brought in the story of our meeting the red squirrel. Our hostess surprised us by telling us they had the red squirrels in the little fir plantation at the bottom of the garden. Well, that was invitation enough. In no time at all we were in the wood and had spotted two more squirrels. They were not quite so tame as the one we had previously met, but were both very young and a beautiful colour. The Red Squirrel is not nocturnal and soon the inhabitants of the plantation were fast asleep and all was quiet, just the breaking of the little twigs under our feet and our whispers.

The following day we left. As we slowly drove along the lane we were lucky. Just over the hedge, a few feet from the "tumbling" stream sat a pair of grouse in beautiful breeding plumage. They were not a bit shy and as we watched them they continued to forage away hunting for their breakfast. They were both very handsome birds and very much larger than I had imagined. It was my first view of a grouse at close quarters.

Soon we were speeding along the main road to Balmoral Castle. The grounds here were beautifully clean and tidy, full of large heavy fir trees and variegated coloured shrubs. The gardens at the Castle were artistically arranged and appeared to receive daily attention. There were also peacocks and peahens gracefully strutting around, adding colour and dignity to the whole beautiful surroundings.

We continued our tour along the Dee Valley to Braemar and on to Pitlockry, where we spent the day, leaving in time to catch the night sleeper from Perth to London. I wonder if I'll be able to make a date with the red squirrel next year, in those lovely fir plantations of Scotland ?

A.S.A.W.

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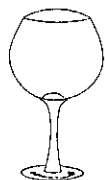
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