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Editorial

This month marks the end of the Gazette advertising year, so next month we will see some new local advertisers adorning our pages. We always seem to have more advertisers than we have space, with prospective advertisers waiting over 2 years to get in. We could easily increase the advertising pages by another 4, but general feedback has always been to keep advertising to a minimum, and in any case, as a registered charity the Gazette is already in good financial shape.

On the 8th & 9th January we finally fitted the long awaited (and overdue) new kitchen in the Village Hall. After 2 appeals in the Gazette we ended up with more

volunteers than was eventually required. The following folk gave up their weekend for this are are worthy of note; Ian Bond, James Campanini, Michael Clarke, Ian Marchant, Chris Newman, Andy Pope, Bill Price, Nigel Rolfe.

The next few names are people that volunteered, and whilst we did not need to call upon their services they still made the effort to get in touch; John Draper, Dennis Linch, Steve Smith, Helen Sutcliffe, Tony Wingrove, Richard (on 564049, sorry I don't know your surname!). Thank you all.

Matt Piercy

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30–8.30pm
Art group	Each Thursday (Small Hall)	7–9pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–7.30pm
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.45pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2–3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8–9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Thursday	10.10–11.10am
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2–4pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6–7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30–8pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30–9pm
	U6s–U12s every Saturday	9.30–11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00–10pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2–4pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am–12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8–10pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astroturf

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WEIGHT WATCHERS. Thursday evenings, 5.45-6.45pm and 7-8pm. Small hall at back of Hughenden Village Hall. Very friendly group! Tel 01494 562281.

COMPOST - free if you will collect, in Naphill. 20 years worth - there's trailer loads of it that has to go. 562081.

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

We hope that all readers enjoyed a good Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. None of us can ignore the terrible events which occurred in the Indian Ocean and, indeed, the storms that are currently lashing the north of our country as the enormity of such events as these completely overshadow the highs and lows of our comparatively tiny, cosy corner of the universe. It does, therefore, seem rather churlish to comment that the weather has somewhat affected our

attempts to continue playing tennis at this time of year. Normally, in January and February, our courts are affected by frost which precludes play until the temperature rises and the sun possibly creeps above the trees. In anticipation of this happening, we decided to alter the timing of our Sunday sessions to allow any frost to melt but, ironically, it has been the wind and rain which has affected play. Sometimes, it seems we literally just cannot win!

Looking back on immediate past events, I am pleased to report that our AGM was well attended and several newer members were 'persuaded' to join our committee. We are hoping they will inspire the rest of us by suggesting new ways to take the club forward during the forthcoming season. Our immediate task will be to plan our programme for the summer season which really takes off from Easter onwards so watch this space!

Although our Tinsel Tournament was perhaps not as well attended as in previous years – probably due to the fact that it was held on the last Sunday before Christmas Day itself – the tennis and lunch were more than up our usual standard. The mulled wine sustained the tennis and the food satisfied the appetites worked up by lunchtime. It certainly set the benchmark for the festive season, sending us off full of festive bonhomie.

Our Ladies Vets team, which is the only competitive tennis against other clubs played in the winter season, is doing well, having played over half their matches. (It seems that only the female members are willing to brave the vagaries of the winter weather for the honour of the club!!) Unfortunately, this is also the time of year when administration matters take precedence and such things as fixture meetings are arranged. Having attended such events in the dim and distant past, I can only admire those fellow members who give up their time to sort out mutually convenient dates for our teams to meet their opposition during the summer months. Never mind how carefully these are planned, there always seems to be one or two dates when half a team is missing. May I, at this point, remind readers that we are always on the lookout for talent at all levels to join our teams or just the club for social play. I know our Membership Secretary – Sue Crooks – will be delighted to hear from you. Just give her a ring on 01494 562539 or contact the undersigned.

Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063

District & County Councillor's Report

One of several public surveys indicates that a major concern is the state of our roads. This is a main reason for the introduction by the County Council of "Highways on Call".

This service dedicated to improve local roads and pavements is available to all residents on 0845 230

2882 and operates Monday to Friday between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm. Callers will be able to speak with an operator who can deal with, and action, their query.

Naphill & Walters Ash now have two residents involved with the protection and management of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty [AONB]. Myself, recently appointed to the Board and Steve Rodrick who is the chief executive of this newly established authority. Steve has been long associated with the AONB and has worked hard to establish it as a major environmental asset to those of us fortunate enough to live in it and enjoy it. The new board has a duty to protect and enhance it, and although not a planning authority, it is a consultee to the planning authorities in its area. There will be some serious challenges to the AONB in the years to come as housing pressures are ever increasing and two large local land users, Strike Command and Molins at Saunderton will be involved in change and restructuring.

Naphill Common is one of the villages greatest treasures and is valued nationally and has EU designation. Unfortunately, some residents view it as a suitable area for dumping garden waste, sometimes not too far from the access points. A more robust attitude is now being taken by both county and district councils in prosecuting offenders. Recently, two residents in Chiltern District were each fined £100 with costs of £75. Hidden surveillance cameras are proving very successful in catching those culprits who do not use the proper services for disposing of their rubbish.

The County Council has recently distributed its publication "The Buckinghamshire Times". In this current edition readers are invited to submit their recommendations in respect of the level of Council Tax increase for this coming financial year. This consultation exercise is very valuable to the Council in making its decision.

Richard Pushman : richard.pushman@btinternet.com : 564152

Naphill Neighbours

Our December meeting is a distant memory now, but we had an enjoyable Christmas party with our fellow members and guests and are now looking forward to a programme of entertaining and interesting meetings and outings throughout 2005. Future plans include visiting Berkeley Castle on Tuesday, 19th April, a band concert at Kneller Hall on Wednesday, 22nd June and a visit to Stratford-on-Avon on Monday, 8th August (in place of our monthly meeting).

We started the new year with a relaxing demonstration of Tai Chi on a wet and windy January evening. Tai Chi certainly lived up to its description as "exercising the body, soothing the mind and lifting the spirit".

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 14th February at

Names and numbers to note

The Gazette's e-mail is nwagazette@lycos.co.uk

Naphill Website is at :

http://members.lycos.co.uk/N_aphill/

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Tug Wilson. For the police control room, ring 431133

Crime Reduction Officer is Steve Kirby on 686111

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

8pm when we will learn about "Switzerland's Secret Straw Hat Industry".

New members are always welcome.

Hazel Vickery : 563977

Naphill Evening WI

Happy New Year to all our members and readers. Our visit to Sulgrave Manor was delightful, everyone enjoyed it and it put us in the festive mood. Several of us went to Kew and it was magical. Our Christmas party was a great success with the usual delicious food brought in by our members, followed by amusing poetry reading and a surprise entertainment, which was well received.

Once again we are looking forward to renewing our membership for another interesting year of friendly companionship, good speakers, excellent outings and happy money-raising events. Already two members have been to the resolutions meeting at Bourne End. A vote was taken on each of the five resolutions. Two members also went to a pre 'Group' meeting and arrangements were made for this bi-annual event to take place on the 17th April, 7.45pm at Flackwell Heath. The competition will be a puppet, one from each institute. January 27th will be our outing to the theatre to see 'Woman in White' – we will comment on this in our next press report. As the year unfolds, besides our monthly meetings there will be coffee mornings, outings, a ploughman's lunch, Valerie's fun evening of supper and games and any other ideas members would like to put forward. Watch this space.

It has been suggested that our bursary this year be increased so that it will be sufficient to pay for the minimum stay, say a weekend, with no added cost. If our members approve, that will be our aim in the future.

Our next meeting is on February 17th, when Christopher Clarke will talk about 'A Girls Best Friend' and the competition will be a favourite piece of jewellery. We hope to see you there, do come.

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

An Ode to Naphill WI

We all enjoy our WI meetings

And look forward to the monthly greetings,

Friends and acquaintances are greeted with delight

As we all look forward to the fun of the night.

Our outings are varied in so many ways,

We bring out our diaries and mark down the days.

We take a coach to the theatre and see wonderful shows,

But alas, sometimes on the way home it snows!

Our summer ramble takes us over stiles and fields,

Hot on our toes and light on our heels.

We gaily plod on knowing that 90 minutes will see

A meeting in the pub, but no cup of tea!

In July we play croquet and games galore,

But this is not for the feint-hearted, only the mature!

Our WI meetings are the third Thursday of each month

So please bring your friends along,

We're a fabulous bunch!!!

Hughenden Parish Council

The Hughenden Council Parish Plan has been mentioned several times in the Gazette. This document contains an Action Plan and the Council is in the process of deciding upon priorities, and taking positive action to address some of the issues. It was the intention of the Parish to produce a Village Design Statement based upon the Plan. We have now had to put this project on hold because the regulations related to Design Statements have changed!!!! We were originally told that Design Statements would count as Supplementary Planning Guidance, and have a considerable influence upon future developments in our villages. This is no longer the case, although Wycombe District Council still wants our views. These will have to be presented in the form of a Special Planning Document, for use with the Local Development Framework. The Parish Council is in the process of discussing these revised arrangements with the WDC

Planning department so that we are in a position to have effective input on local planning decisions.

You will be aware, from the work already taking place at 'Tallends' at the corner of Chapel Lane, that the Appeal by Country Craftsmen Ltd. against Wycombe District Council's refusal to grant planning permission has been allowed. The Parish Council strongly objected to this planned development because of the excessive height of the properties, which amounts to a three-storey development. It considered this out of keeping with surrounding properties and represented over-development of the site. Concern was also expressed about the two proposed new entrances on to an already congested junction. I attended the meeting of the Development Control Committee on March 31st 2004 and expressed these views on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Richard Pushman is a member of the Development Control Committee and spoke strongly against permitting this development, bringing his considerable experience of planning matters to bear on the proceedings. The Officers of WDC were minded to permit the development but, largely as a result of Richard's intervention, the Development Control Committee voted to refuse permission. The Parish Council, and Cllr Pushman, are very disappointed that this development is to go ahead. They consider the cumulative effect of this 'urbanisation' to be injurious to the concept of rural communities. In allowing the Appeal, the Inspector listed 11 conditions; the Parish Council will do what it can to ensure these are adhered to.

The Speed Review which has been taking place in Areas 4 and 5 (Hughenden Parish Council's areas) is behind schedule. The County Council has been delayed in making progress in our area because it has had to begin the process in other areas in order to complete them all by the deadline of March 2006. The review in our area may be completed by May 2005. Any traffic calming proposals the Parish Council may suggest have had to be put on hold until the speed review is complete. All very frustrating!!!!

To end on a positive note, the green space at Templewood has been preserved because the Appeal against the WDC refusal of permission for the development of 5 houses on this space has been refused. The Parish Council have agreed to explore the possibility of taking over the green open space adjacent to the Main Road with a view to preserving it for future generations.

Copies of the Parish Plan can be obtained from the clerk, Lynne Turner, at the Parish Council office at Great Kingshill, tel. no. 715296.

Peggy Ewart : 565969

A Common Problem

During the past year various complaints have been

registered about vehicles speeding through the village and suggestions made about dealing with the problem. I would like to raise another traffic matter which is causing me anguish, which concerns primarily Gazette subscribers who live on the Common. As you are all doubtless aware the condition of the paths and tracks on the Common is at best basic. Now over the years the size and weight of lorries have increased tremendously and consequently their use on the Common's tracks and paths is likely to cause damage both to the surface and the verge. Sadly on the Common paths and verges off the end of Forge Road, more damage has been done in the last 2 weeks than in the past 24 years! Careless manoeuvring of heavy vehicles was responsible.

May I suggest that if anyone on the Common is expecting anything to be delivered to their house, they ask the agency involved to avoid using a heavy vehicle if at all possible. Only in this way can we reduce unsightly damage.

On a lighter note, some readers must have noticed during the run up to Christmas, that the ethnic general store in the High Street of High Wycombe near Woolworths, had a full size model Father Christmas on display, which oscillated as it sang Christmas carols. Whilst shopping I stopped briefly to enjoy the performance. A coloured lad was also showing some interest in it and so I humorously enquired of him, "Which Hindu God is this?". He replied immediately in impeccable English with a smile, "A very recent one, Sir", whereupon we both burst out laughing and went our separate ways doubtless fortified by this unexpected piece of Christmas camaraderie.

David Leith : 562312

Naphill Common.

Claimed footpath connecting footpaths Nos. 14 and 20.

In the February 2003 issue of The Naphill Gazette, I explained the current position regarding the claimed footpath between footpaths 14 and 20 on Naphill Common.

I can now report that the Department of the Environment, Food and Agriculture has dismissed my appeal against the decision by Bucks County Council to refuse to place it on the Definitive Map as a public footpath.

I believe Defra's decision was understandable given the Declarations by Sir Francis and Edward Dashwood and the difficulty of obtaining sufficient evidence of continuous uninterrupted use for the necessary 20 years prior to 1961.

However, I am still pursuing the matter and I will keep readers informed of the eventual outcome in due course.

Vehicular right of way

It occurred to me that those of readers who at present have vehicular access to common land, might like to know that a recent House of Lords judgement granted them the right to claim a right of vehicular access through prescription over the land to give them access to their premises.

This means in practice that a person, who can show 20 years certain use as of right over common land to gain vehicular access to their premises, can acquire a right of way through prescription.

Prior to this decision, it was held in 1993 that, as there was no vehicular right of way over common land through prescription, it would be necessary to obtain the landowner's permission to gain lawful access. In some cases this resulted in homeowners having to pay large sums to landowners of common land to gain access to their homes.

James D Chamberlen : 563000

Readers Letters

Friendly faces, moving on.

Dear Editor

This month sees the departure from the village of the Thakrar family. They moved here from Princes Risborough in December 1987 have therefore run the Spar shop (aka Risborough News) for the last 17 years; their departure will seem somewhat like the end of an era.

They have been "good neighbours" to many in the village and dozens of village children and teenagers have been given their first job there – either helping in the shop or as paper boys and girls. I also recall their staunch support and generosity for Naphill and Walters Ash School – and I know they have supported many other village activities.

The shop is always a friendly, pleasant and welcoming place – and has now become the main place where I bump into people and catch up on village news! I will certainly miss them and know that many others will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Sue Nash

An astrological explanation required...

Dear Matt,

I read the article by Grant Woodruff in the Gazette commenting on the recent discovery of the wall of many thousands of galaxies.

He remarks that such a structure is not inconsistent with current ideas about the origin and evolution of the universe.

I for one am not familiar with current opinions

regarding the origin of the universe, although I have heard a lot about the "Big Bang" theory but I find it is too far-fetched to convince me.

I wondered if Mr. Woodruff could be persuaded to write an article explaining the latest thinking.

Yours sincerely,

James D. Chamberlen.

An astrological explanation!

Dear Mr Editor,

In a recent article my good friend Grant Woodruff - who contributes an excellent piece every month on the subject of "The Stars" - referred to the 'state of things', as being "THE BIG BANG".

I am in no way a scientific (of any useful sort) or boffin, but I cannot accept that statement; reason?

Well, to have a BANG you have to have some form of explosive mixture - even a simple one like hydrogen and oxygen. Both these gases, like others, are produced by the action of some form of acid on something or other, or by electrolysis of water : any way you look at it you have to have something that can be made to explode!

But, just having the explosive mixture is not enough; you have to have some form of igniter - whether that is some form of flame or spark - or even compression, some how you must have!

To get a flame.....think on : to get a spark, whether it is two flints struck together, or an electrically-produced discharge...or compression in some form of closed vessel : there is always something else needed, to produce the 'last thing' you can think of in the chain of 'needs'!

Of course you could get a BIG BANG by getting two or more heavenly bodies to collide, but where would they come from? And of what would they be made? What force would have made them collide? And what caused it?.....and so on, and so on!

No doubt others of your readers can join in this discussion : I certainly do not know what the answer is - but I do know that you cannot produce a BIG BANG - or even a small one, except by making a collision, without having first found an explosive mixture, and then an igniter - the problem is, how do you first get them? From where and by what method?

Any help from anywhere?

John Bullock

A big thank you

How fortunate we are to live in such a caring community! I am sure I speak for the many "golden oldies" who meet once a month in the Village Hall where we enjoy a good home cooked meal, served and

waited on by a team of friendly ladies, culminating in a real Christmas feast each December.

Many thanks to all who contribute to make this such a treat. Long may it continue!

Jean & Ted

Keep 'em coming

Dear Editor,

As many of your readers will know, I have for years collected, sorted, stored and taken out to local charity shops in Princes Risborough, Thame and Oxford (and sometimes, in the summer, Wendover and Tring) anything from 300 to 500 books each week.

To celebrate my fifteenth year of doing this I have taken on the extra small job of dealing with used postage stamps - especially for the SHAW CHARITY SHOP in Thame.

I therefore write to ask your readers to drop any envelopes, cards or brown paper wrappings bearing stamps, at 157 Main Road whenever they can. Leave it to me to separate the stamps from the envelopes etc - I've already prepared and delivered a few hundred.

I still 'look after' "WORK AID" at Amersham by operating as a collection centre for unwanted tools of every sort, and of sewing machines and typewriters : do keep them coming.

Oh, and earlier this month I teamed up with "BOOKAID", a Christian Book Service based in The Chalfonts, to receive and pass to them Bibles, Prayerbooks and general Christian Literature, which they then pass via their main centre in London to various overseas locations. So, let me have any of your "religious no-longer required's" whenever you can.

All this keeps me pretty busy. "When will you stop doing it John?" said a good friend! "Until I can no longer do it" I replied.

How could I do otherwise? I'm blessed with continuing good health (although in this weather the knees are a bit wonky!)

John Bullock

Speeding & development.

I would just like to say that I wish people would stop whingeing about the flint houses next to Paul's Fish and Chip shop. I think they are beautiful compared to the monstrosity that has been built in Hunts Hill Lane. This house does not have proper flints but flint faced blocks and it is a mess. Also no-one has bought it and at least one of the others has been sold.

On another subject I heartedly agree with C W Leigh-Dugmore's comments on speed controls.

Lynne Camp

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Village Hall Quiz

Who? Where? When? Why?

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Friday 25th February
(Doors open 7pm Quiz Starts 7.30pm)

Teams of Four
Tickets £7 pp (includes Ploughman's)
Full Bar Available
In Aid of Hall Funds
Tickets in advance from
Ted Chapman (563084) or John Harris (562099)

Naphill Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

The team hope everyone enjoyed the lights this year. The principal climber was Mike Leggett, ably assisted by Steve Payne from Naphill, Kelly Fountain from Hughenden Valley, Stephen Fountain from Widmer End and Gary Putnam from Holmer Green. The team on the ground comprised Ron Collins, Richard Walmsley, Peter Brown, Terry Aldridge, Glenn Gavin, Peter Davis, John Harris and myself.

I would like to record a special thank-you to the landlord of the Wheel Public House, Terry Bird, who arranged a fund-raising which raised £400 for the lights. That is a tremendous amount. Thank you Terry, and thank you to the customers of the Wheel who donated so generously. Thank you also to Pam Smith who arranged for collection tins to be placed in local shops, to the shop owners, and to the members of the public for their generosity. Thank you also to the local associations who organised collections at their regular meetings. And thank you to Marlene Mason who provided the essential coffee and mince pies for the team and helped to check and repair the cable.

I would also like to record a special thank you to David Brown, who has been a member of the team for 18 years. He has had to retire from the team owing to a gammy knee. Thank you David for turning out in

often rotten weather to help.

The tree continues to grow rapidly and it is ever more difficult for the team to position the lights so that we have an even display. We are hoping that the tree can be pruned in 2005 to reduce the problems we face - caused particularly by the long side branches.

For those who tried to count the number of light bulbs on the tree this year, there were 278!

Mike Mason : 563225

The February sky in Naphill & Walters Ash

The Moon is new on February 8 and full on the 24. Capella, the bright star in Auriga is high overhead. Orion remains a majestic constellation in the southern sky every evening. Mars is a morning star. Venus cannot be seen as it is too close to the Sun. Jupiter rises in the evening. Saturn is also not visible as it appears too close to the Sun. M31, the Andromeda galaxy is about 40° above the western horizon near the square of Pegasus. Orion is majestic in the southern sky. Look for the Orion nebula below his belt. For those who are waiting for the evenings to be longer, British Summer Time comes into operation on March 27.

Inferior Asteroid

The asteroid belt, consisting of 100,000s of small bodies, is between Mars and Jupiter. A few of them have orbits that cross the Earth's orbit but never before has one been detected having its orbit entirely within that of Earth. Now a minor planet only 2 kilometers across, called 2003CP20, has been found orbiting the Sun in a 235-day orbit compared with Venus's of 225 days and Earth's 365 days. It has a considerably eccentric orbit, passing within a minimum of 7.5 million kms of Venus and a minimum of 28 million kms of Earth. Further work is being done to calculate more accurately its orbit.

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Feb	Rises	07.43	None	07.11	05.09	22.53	14.48
1	Sets	16.51	10.08	15.28	12.50	10.01	06.59
Feb	Rises	07.31	07.54	07.09	05.04	22.25	14.18
8	Sets	17.04	16.15	15.48	12.43	09.33	06.30
Feb	Rises	07.18	09.41	07.03	04.58	21.56	13.48
15	Sets	17.17	00.49	16.10	12.38	09.06	06.01
Feb	Rises	07.04	15.25	06.55	04.51	21.26	13.18
22	Sets	17.30	07.00	16.32	12.33	08.38	05.33
Mar	Rises	06.48	none	06.45	04.42	18.48	12.49
1	Sets	17.33	08.29	16.55	12.30	06.14	05.04

Albedo

Albedo is the fraction of light reflected by a body or a surface where 1.0 means all of it. For some time we have known the albedo values for the Moon (0.12), Venus (0.76), Vesta (0.35), snow (very nearly 1.0) and charcoal (0.04). But what about the Earth? The opportunity to calculate the value more accurately

arrived when space flights started, particularly the flights to the Moon. The figure turns out to be 0.33.

Proxima Centauri

Apart from the Sun, our nearest star is Proxima Centauri, a small red dwarf with magnitude 11 only 4.2 light years away. It varies in brightness by as much as one half a magnitude and can only be seen through a good telescope located in the southern hemisphere. What kind of star is it? It produces only 1/13,000 as much visible light as the Sun and its surface temperature is only 3,000K compared with the Sun's 5770K. Its spectral type is M, its mass is 0.12 of the Sun, and its diameter is only 14% of the Sun or about 1.4 times that of Jupiter. So it is a very unassuming body and is one of a great number of similar stars in the Milky Way galaxy. The next nearest star is the bright binary, Alpha Centauri which is 4.4 light years away, one element of which is quite similar to the Sun.

Jupiter's Satellites

Scott Sheppard of the University of Hawaii, amongst others, has found even more Jovian satellites making 60 for the planet (as at 2003 April 15). He had already discovered 22 and clearly has become quite an expert. Many of the new ones are tiny with diameters of only a few kilometres. More are expected.

Solar Annular Eclipse of April 2005

There is an unusual eclipse of the Sun on 2005 April 8 largely over the Pacific Ocean. It starts as an annular eclipse south east of New Zealand when the Sun rises at 18.54 Universal Time (our early evening). It becomes a normal total eclipse 13 minutes later when 2900 km south of Tahiti at 19.07 UT. It remains a total eclipse until 800 km north of the Galapagos Islands nearly three hours later at 22.00 UT. The Sun sets in Venezuela at 22.18 UT and so provides an additional 18 minutes as an annular eclipse. An annular eclipse, sometimes known as a hybrid solar eclipse, is when the Moon's shadow (antumbra) does not quite cover the Sun's disc and leaves a circle of sunlight surrounding the Sun. Unfortunately there are no islands in the Pacific from which the total eclipse may be seen. So crews ships appear to be the only sensible alternative. Panama, Colombia and Venezuela will allow astronomers to view the annular eclipse.

Tsunami

The earthquake in 2004 December has caused enormous loss of life and damage. It is horrifying to read every day of the human tragedy experienced by thousands of people arising from the tsunami that originated at the north-western end of Sumatra in Indonesia. There have also been claims of astronomical implications; one of our daily newspapers reported that tectonic plates moving under one another has caused the Earth to wobble a bit on its axis cutting the length of the day by three millionths of a second and the pole to shift

by about an inch; as the poles are continually shifting I would take this figure with a pinch of salt.

Grant Woodruff

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

One again we say "goodbye" to Christmas and look forward to summer. We enjoyed a Christmas lunch in the Village Hall and were entertained by Jackie Wrattan. On Friday 7th January we played bingo, and Mrs Kane & Mrs Cockcroft won all the prizes.

January 14th is Sally Edwards.

New members welcome.

Norah Cockcroft : 564270

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning

04/08238/FUL Wedgewood, Pursells Meadow, Naphill Construction of conservatory to rear.

04/08291/FUL 1 Vincents Way, Naphill. Loft conversion with dormers.

04/08293/FUL Georgia, New Road, Walters Ash. Single storey side & rear extensions and conservatory to rear.

04/08322/FUL Moseley Lodge Farm, Naphill. Creation of natural pond for wildlife to rear.

05/05007/FUL Chiltern Lea, Stonefield Rd., Naphill. Construction of single storey rear extension.

05/05045/FUL Rossmere, Downley Rd., Naphill. Construction of part two storey/part single storey rear extension with single storey covered terrace and detached double garage.

Planning Applications and Freedom of Information Act.

Your planning applications showing size and detail of your property, name, address, postcode, phone number and e-mail address are legitimately published on the world-wide web. Personal problems can arise from this. Mrs Tewksbury of Wycombe District Council advises that to maintain some privacy, individuals can put their applications in c/o someone else or an agent. Your e-mail address will be blocked out by the District Council if you request it.

If you require more information or are concerned, write to Wycombe District Council and/or look up Information Commissioner on Internet, and write to Information Commissioner, FOI Compliance Team (Complaints), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.



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- Hours:** **After School Club – 3.00 to 6.15pm**
- Pay:** **Before School Club – 7.45 to 9.10 am**
 Approximately £5.60 per hour + dependent upon qualifications
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- Apply to:** Tim McLoughlin at the school as soon as possible.

Templewood. Green Space/Former Play Area.

Following the recent Government Planning Inspector's Appeal Decision on Templewood and his ruling that part of the site should be retained as open land for recreational purposes, we have been advised to collect information on the number of people (other than MoD families who lived on the site) who have used the area for access and/or recreation, since it was developed in the 1960s. This information will be handed over to the District Council and may well help in future negotiations, that will be of advantage to the local community. So the more households that can provide this information, the better.

Please fill in, sign and tear out this form, then post it to the Chairman, Residents' Association, either through the letter-box at Poland House, in Ash Close, Walters Ash, at the corner of Main Road or stamp and address it to Semi-Conductor Assessment Services, 249 Main Road, Walters Ash, Bucks, HP14 4TH. Any problems, give me a ring.

Chiltern Intervillage Quiz. Saturday 12th February 2005, Hughenden Valley Village Hall. 7 for 7.30pm.

A Naphill and Walters Ash team organised by Peter Byerley will be representing us this year. We wish them luck.

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To the Chairman, Naphill & Walters Ash Residents Association.

Templewood. Green Space/Recreation Area.

Please fill in the spaces provided as appropriate.

1. Have you, your children, or other members of your family who no longer live here, at any time used the Templewood green space/recreational area? _____

2. How many individuals in your family enjoyed this facility? _____

3a. Have you or members of your family at any time used Templewood for access to the Common or Main Road?
 YES/NO

3b. Approximate number? _____

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Gloria Leflaive: 563634

Horticultural Society

Dinner & Entertainment

Friday 4th March

Doors open 7.15pm

Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available, and cost just £12.50 including a glass of wine. So if you would like to join us in the Village Hall for this popular event, give me a call.

The menu will be a choice of Chicken & Ham Pie, Braised Beef in Red Wine or a Vegetarian alternative, served with New Potatoes and Vegetables. For dessert there will be either Chocolate Roulade with Fresh Fruit or Apple Pie & Custard. Tea and Coffee will follow.

After Dinner, We will be entertained by "Four in a Bar", a clarinet quartet, who have promised a light hearted repertoire.

Members and non-members are welcome, but I *must* have final numbers by February 28th. Tickets always sell fast – so don't wait to be invited, just pick up the phone!

The following Wednesday, March 9th, we hold our AGM at 8.00pm in the Small Hall. As always, all are welcome to air their views, and we would love to see some new faces. There will be absolutely no pressure to join the Committee – unless you want to of course – in which case you will be especially welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you all on March 4th.

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

Naphill Village Hall Council Notes

The first meeting of 2005 was poorly attended by members of the Village Hall Council as it was held on the first day back after the Christmas and New Year holiday and most people were still trying to work out the day of the week! However we got through a lot of business and had useful discussions.

You will probably have noticed by the time you read this that the new kitchen cupboards have been installed. Many thanks to everyone involved in the working party who gave up several evenings and a weekend to build and install the cupboards and a special thanks to Matt Piercy who honed his haggling skills yet again and managed to get us such a great deal on the purchase of the units. We should have more cupboards and thus more storage space in the kitchen and all the organisations who keep equipment in the kitchen should find that they have plenty of room.

The barrier outside the new door is due to be ordered and fitted as soon as possible making it a much safer exit for those leaving the hall especially young children.

The meeting was informed of the resignation of John Harris from both his post of treasurer and from the council with effect from the AGM in April. John has been a great servant of the village for the best part of twenty years, working tirelessly on all village events. Work commitments have meant that he is no longer able to give his time to the Hall and it is with great regret that we have had to accept his resignation. We are therefore looking for a replacement treasurer who has the skills to be able to manage and balance the books. If you feel that you could help us then do give me a phone (563479). We will however need a lot more than just a treasurer. John does 101 jobs and is starting to list them for us. We therefore will also need an Admin. Secretary who has time and flexibility during the week to contact and chase up contractors, insurers etc. etc. who are involved with the Hall. If you think you have the time to help us out with this then do please phone me (563479) or John (562099) who will be able to give you an idea of the work involved. It shows just how much John has done for the Hall that we will need at least two people to replace him!

The next events are:

- o Quiz night on 25th February
- o Play – "The memory of Water" on 12th March

Do support us if you possibly can.

*Sarah Bacon, Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council : 563479*

Blood Donors

2004 proved to be the best year for donations, in six sessions over five hundred and fifty people attended, many of those were new donors. Twelve years ago we started with just two sessions per annum producing 180 donations, last year therefore was a remarkable achievement. Thanks to all regular and new donors and please continue to attend.

Thanks also to Vera and Hazel the regular helpers at the sessions.

Bob Davis : 563846

Marie Curie Cancer Care

I need as many volunteers as possible to help for a couple of hours on Saturday 12th March – this is the annual "Daffodil Day" collection in High Wycombe town centre (+ supermarkets). The more people we have the more we will raise. High Wycombe raised the highest total in the County last year – and we are aiming to beat the £2,000 mark this year. Volunteers can contact me on 563234 or by e-mail at sue@groupcosts.co.uk

Alternatively, I will be walking the "Inca Trail" later this year (22nd September to 2nd October) and need to raise £2,500 in sponsorship – again for Marie Curie – if anyone feels able to and would like to sponsor me they can contact me on the number below.

Sue Nash : 563234 : sue@groupcosts.co.uk

Naphill Men's Club

The Men's Club will be holding their AGM in the Men's Club room (to the right of the Village Hall) on Tuesday 1st February 2005 at 8pm. All members are requested to attend and we will welcome any prospective members.

If you would like to see the Club, you do not have to be good at snooker, please come along. We have members from 21 year olds to over 65s, so everyone is welcome.

Andrew Wilmot, Chairman Naphill Mens Club : 562770

Naphill Pre-School

December was a very busy month at Pre-School. We underwent an "Ofsted" inspection which meant a lot of extra work for Mo and her team and many of the committee members. Thank you in particular to Mo for so much hard work which culminated with the positive feedback from "Ofsted" that Naphill is a "good" Pre-School.

Another wonderful Grotto was created at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre. There was a good turnout of little people to see Father Christmas, who very kindly replied to all of his visitors. Alongside this preparations continued for Christmas with craft activities and themes for the interest week. The children made beautiful calendars for 2005 and Advent Balls. The Nativity was great and once again Mo and her team put on a "very good show." There was an excellent raffle at the play organised by the committee which raised over £100. They also provided refreshments for the audience which I believe were much appreciated. The term's finale was the children's Christmas party. The children had a homemade Christmas snack, were entertained by "Gemma" and Father Christmas made a wonderful surprise visit for them all.

The new term has now started and we are pleased to welcome 3 new children to Pre-School. We also welcome Clare our new member of staff who is settling in well with the children. We would like to congratulate Debbi Conn on her appointment as deputy to Mo and wish them both lots of success.

This half term the children are thinking about toys in the "interest weeks" starting with Puppets and they have already made some for themselves this week. The new kitchen at the Village Hall is great providing more much needed storage space, and it is so much safer for the children to be in!

Ruth Bond : 564824

Naphill Art Group

The long established Naphill Art Group is likely to fold up shortly unless 3 or 4 new members are recruited in the immediate future.

Anyone with a small degree of competence, willing to attend weekly on a Thursday evening would be made very welcome.

We meet in the back room at Naphill village hall which is warm and very well lit.

There is no tuition but plenty of individual help from other members if required.

If you are at all interested please telephone 01492 563326.

Naphill & Walters Ash School

The Spring Term is historically always the shortest in the present three term school year and yet there is always the same amount of work to squeeze in. The end of last term finished very well with a wonderful evening of music and carols in our school hall. The evening was very well supported by friends and relations who took full advantage of the seasonal food and drink we were able to provide. Children as young as six charmed us with musical renditions and songs that gave everyone a rosy glow. Our nativity productions were also well attended and were performed by the youngest children in the school. Given the short amount of time the classes had to prepare, due to an OFSTED inspection, the children rose to the challenge and did a super job of performing a traditional nativity set against a modern back drop. The money raised at both of these events will be donated towards the Tsunami appeal.

The school had a very successful visit from OFSTED in December and although the report is not yet due for publication we are pleased that the report found the school to be a high achieving and aspirational place in which to learn and yet is continuing to improve. The staff, children and governors all had to work very hard to enable the brief visit from the inspection team to go smoothly and we are delighted that our hard work paid off.

We have also had a new Deputy Headteacher join the school. Her name is Karenza Gwynn and joins us from a school in Slough where she was a senior teacher. Karenza is based in Year 2 and as well as being the Deputy will also be looking after the needs of our 'Gifted and Talented' pupils and coordinating our array of out of hours learning opportunities.

The parking of cars along Kilnwood seems still to be a problem and the school has raised the issue with our parents via our own newsletter. In addition to this members of the governing body are working on compiling the School Travel Plan with support from the RAF Police which may also help to minimise the

disruption caused by the 'school run'. To try and do my bit I have been trying to cycle to work each day but will I am afraid have to admit to defeat as the crumpled copy of Autotrader will bear testimony.

Happy New Year

Tim McLoughlin, Headteacher : 562813

HELP!!! Naphill Brownies Need You

To date no-one feels able to continue the very long tradition of Brownie Guiding in Naphill after my retirement at the end of next year. This means that Naphill Brownies will be closed in December 2005 if a qualified Brownie Guider cannot be found. This surely cannot happen, there must be someone who would be willing to give time to such a worthwhile activity. The children get so much out of it as does Brown Owl!!!

Please don't let us down - do consider what we would be losing, if I can do it then anyone can. During the thirty-five years I have been Brown Owl I have held down a full-time job, brought up two daughters, helped to look after elderly parents and run Brownies. Super woman I'm not, I just love being with the children. All you need is a lot of enthusiasm and a sense of humour, the children provide the inspiration.

We have an Adult Leadership scheme which takes about a year to complete so unless we get a response soon we are facing a very uncertain future.

Please give this some thought and if you feel able to respond then ring me on 562528 - I really don't want to have to contemplate the alternative.

Barbara Clarke : 562528

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16th February 2005

Hughenden Village Hall

Doors open 12.00, lunch 12.30

£3.50

Raffle and bring & buy

Barbara Flemming : 562519

News From Christians In The Community

(Members of the three local churches)

With the start of a new year it has been good to think about what we would like to be seen to be doing in the local communities and together with ideas from the youth team at Hughenden church it should be an interesting time!

Watch this space!!

Because of the Tsunami disaster and continuing health problems of so many in our communities the united service on the 30th January will be titled a Service of Healing and Restoration. Everyone will be very welcome and the service will be at 6.15pm at the Naphill Methodist Church and of course ministers from Hughenden Church and the Naphill Evangelical and Methodist churches will be leading the service.

In February KRASH meets on the 11th and 25th – see separate article on KRASH. Also in February we shall be on safari (prayer) on the 10th – in Naphill, Hughenden Valley and Great Kingshill.

Norma Clarke : 563116

Did You Know About Friday Night Activities???

Kids Really Are Special Here, Tweenagers Really Are Special Here and CYFA

KRASH is for children aged 6 to 10 years who are offered games, singing and arts and crafts with a Christian base. We meet fortnightly in the Naphill Evangelical Church from 6.30 til 8 pm.

TRASH is for tweenagers aged 10 to 14 years approximately and meets fortnightly in Church House, Hughenden.

These youngsters plan their own evenings, such as 'chill out and relaxation' ice skating, table top games, music etc. The Christian element at this evening is a prayer at the end.

CYFA is for teenagers aged 15 to 18 years approximately and meets in a house fortnightly and they do all sorts of things!

For details of KRASH phone Norma 563116. For TRASH phone Jenny or Trevor on 564519 and for CYFA phone Mike Dean 463376.

St Michael and all Angels, Hughenden.

Following the disaster in the Indian Ocean at the end of 2004, I think that I shared with many in a time of confusion and bewilderment, and in some part a

shaking of faith. I offer these thoughts following this disaster to those who might have had a similar experience.

I found this disaster so difficult to deal with because essentially there was no-one to blame. It seems to make sense to me that human sin can be terrifyingly destructive of humanity. I don't blame God for the evil consequences of human choice and free will worked out in ways that God never intended. At such times I cry to God that we might see the error of our ways and seek to work with him to heal the wounds of this broken world.

But natural disasters are a different matter. At the beginning of Genesis we read '*And God saw all that he made and it was very good*'. Very good? a 550 mph Tsunami gaining in height and force as it approaches land and in seconds obliterating tens of thousands of lives, devastating whole communities and leaving unimaginable misery in its wake; what's good about that? "But it was a natural disaster," someone will exclaim. Well yes, but in our churches we affirm Sunday by Sunday a God who to put it simply made the world to be as it is, Earthquakes and Tsunami's and all!

The truth is of course that on one level the world works remarkably well; Indeed our existence is dependent upon the way the world works. Planetary scientists, among others, affirm that events such as earthquakes must occur for the planet to maintain the delicate balances we need for survival. Earthquakes and volcanic activity are actually the building blocks of our continents. Also I read recently (please don't ask how this works!) that without earthquakes, nutrients essential for land life would erode off the continents and accumulate in the oceans. Eventually land creatures, at least the advanced species, would starve. But thanks to the movements of the Earth's tectonic plates, these nutrients are recycled back onto the continents. In other words, forces that appear destructive to us, are actually very creative for the the planet.

That is all very well in a theoretical model of how our planet works, but the problem is that human beings find themselves right in the middle of these natural processes. At the end of the day, whatever the reasons and causes, natural and unnatural, we are faced with the human suffering and we may well ask where on earth was God in that?

And the question may remain. Well the only answer I can give to that question is that if there is a God, then he does not step in and stop disaster and suffering. Whether we like it or not we live in a world in which we are all prone to accident, disease and finally death. Jesus never said that it would be otherwise, indeed he predicted the continuation of disasters in our world, from both human and natural causes. No, the only God we can point to in the face of such suffering is a God who suffers himself. One thing that has struck me since the Tsunami is that the statement '*The word became*

flesh' that we read every Christmas at the beginning of the first chapter of John is not just about a baby in a manger, it is also about the battered and body of Christ on the Cross. I cannot go further, so much suffering remains a mystery, but in the face of that mystery the Christian will point to Christ who himself has entered into suffering, who, as the prophet Isaiah put it in the Old Testament, is aquatinted with our grief.

Also, I believe that we have to say this. Although the tragedy in Asia has had terrible consequences, might it be that eventual good can come? In the short term it has been astonishing and humbling to see how people have pulled together. But internationally, could we be seeing a spur to seriously deal with the issues of poverty, as suddenly the issue of debt in the developing world is very much on the agenda? If we think the Tsunami in Asia is a catastrophe, think about this statistic: Whilst it is estimated that upward of 150,000 people lost their lives as a direct result of the deluge, in the developing world 150,000 people lose their lives every week as a result of conditions related to poverty. Dare we hope and pray that out of this devastation the world has received a wake up call, Dare we hope that the wealthy developed world will do more than pay lip service to seeking to address the causes and and conditions of poverty throughout the developing world. These includes of course he issue of crippling debt.

In the face of such a crisis faith is faced with a challenge and faith has a choice. The challenge is to a faith in a God who we might expect to step in to protect the world from such catastrophe, or who we think should have designed a world in which such a catastrophe could never happen, such a God does not exist. The truth is this is the world we have and we have to make sense of faith in the light of that. But the choice we have is to work, despite all the questions and confusion we will have, with a God who has come among us, who identifies with the pain of a suffering world and works with us, in the face of all the despair and defeat, to bring out of the bad a greater more lasting good.

*Rev Simon Cronk,
Vicar of St Michael and all Angels, Hughenden.*

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Editorial

This month's Gazette is surrounded by newly committed advertisers for the forthcoming twelve months. Many of them are familiar but quite a few are new. Please support the people and businesses that support the Gazette, without whose assistance we would not be able to maintain this publication.

What about this year's fete? As someone that has been involved during the last two years I would like to be able to assist with it again, but other responsibilities prevent me from taking overall

ownership. There is an advert inside this issue asking for an organiser/coordinator. If you value our fete, and I know that so many local people do, please give this some thought - you will be able to call upon a very willing band of helpers. Hopefully we can give ourselves and our kids a village day that will be remembered.

Don't forget to put your clocks forward one hour on March 27th.

Matt Piercy

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30-8.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45-7.30pm
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15-7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2-3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8-9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8-9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15-2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Thursday	10.10-11.10am
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2-4pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6-7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30-8pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30-9pm
	U6s-U12s every Saturday	9.30-11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00-10pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2-4pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am-12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8-10pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astroturf

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COMPOST - free if you will collect, in Naphill. 20 years worth - there's trailer loads of it that has to go. 562081.

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Here I am again, staring at the computer screen, thinking what might be of interest to readers of your local Gazette as to what is happening down at your local tennis club! Reasons for forward-planning are always judged by hindsight and, in this connection, I refer to the re-timing of our Sunday Club sessions to take account of any early morning frost and ice which can make pre-lunch play impossible during the winter season. However, so far, I think there has only been one occasion where this decision has been justified. In spite of this, turn-out at the later time has been generally good – perhaps even better – than at our usual time of 10am. Perhaps members appreciate the opportunity to have a bit of a 'lie-in' on a winter morning before contemplating 'vigorous

exercise' taking the place of the more traditional pursuit of eating Sunday Lunch!

Future planning is in the offing for spring and summer which most people seem to consider a more appropriate time of year for tennis. Our very energetic and dedicated Chairman (who has now added the title of 'Grandma' to her many hats!) has successfully negotiated with a registered LTA coach to run a series of six 'Rusty Racquet' sessions which are planned to run from April onwards. The two sessions organized last year proved to be very popular so we have been persuaded to try and book more this year. They will be available FREE OF CHARGE to all our adult members, who might like to hone their skills, and any potential members, who might be considering taking up the game again and joining our club. Dates for these are: Tues 12th April, Thur 21st April, Tues 10th May, Thur 19th May, Thur 16th June, and Thur 7th July, all starting at 6.30pm so mark them down in your diary and come along. The plan is for the Tuesday sessions, lasting around 90 minutes, to be targeted more towards Rusty Racquets and Beginners, whilst the Thursday sessions will be split into two sessions of 1 hour, the first again devoted to Rusty Racquets and Beginners, with the second hour directed at Tactics in Doubles play. Our Juniors will, of course, have their opportunity for coaching at each of their sessions running from 22nd April thru' to 21st July (with exception of half term week).

All existing members should be receiving their annual pack listing planned events, together with membership renewal forms and other information by the middle of March. Please remember - there is a discount for early payment of fees. If you do not receive your 'paperwork', do contact me. No address list is perfect! In addition, we always welcome enquiries from potential members at any time of year – just contact the undersigned or our Membership Sec – Sue Crooks 01494 562539 for details.

*Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063 :
RGTomlins@aol.com*

District & County Councillor's Report

Some months ago I warned readers to expect a consultation document in the Spring related to the proposed south east plan. The southeast plan is a new way of planning for the future of our region. It will define a clear vision to guide development to 2026. It will cover homes and jobs, transport, green space and countryside, water, energy, waste, education and health. It will be a comprehensive document, upon which all local-planning authorities

will base their own development plans. Therefore, it is important, that when the leaflet drops through your letterbox, you take time to read it and please answer the questions it poses. This Plan, when finally published, will have a profound effect on all our lives for the next 20 years. [More information is available on www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan]

The forthcoming County Election on 5th May will see Naphill and Walters Ash in the new Division of Greater Hughenden. This will be co terminus with Hughenden Parish. The present Division called Naphill includes Downley, and Hughenden Valley. The new Greater Hughenden will include both Great Kingshill and Widmer End.

Insurance companies are beginning to blame trees for damage to buildings. There are several disputed examples in our villages. It is a comparative new phenomenon and one which causes much concern to those involved. The previously accepted guidance that principal roots approximately matched the spread of the leaf canopy is now disputed. No doubt there will be more research to establish the true facts before too many trees are blamed for cracked walls.

Again I would ask readers to ensure that planning notices, received in the post and papers attached to trees and gateposts adjoining properties where development is proposed, are carefully read and comments are made where appropriate. It is even more important these days where every plot of land is under intense development pressure.

One of several public surveys indicates that a major concern is the state of our roads. This is a main reason for the introduction by the County Council of "Highways on Call".

This service dedicated to improve local roads and pavements is available to all residents on 0845 230 2882 and operates Monday to Friday between 8.30 am to 5.00 pm. Callers will be able to speak with an operator who can deal with, and action, their query.

Naphill & Walters Ash now have two residents involved with the protection and management of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty [AONB]. Myself, recently appointed to the Board and Steve Rodrick who is the chief executive of this newly established authority. Steve has been long associated with the AONB and has worked hard to establish it as a major environmental asset to those of us fortunate enough to live in it and enjoy it. The new board has a duty to protect and enhance it, and although not a planning authority, it is a consultee to the planning authorities in its area. There will be some serious challenges to the AONB in the years to come as housing pressures are ever increasing and

Names and numbers to note

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Naphill Website is at :

http://members.lycos.co.uk/N_aphill/

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Tug Wilson. For the police control room, ring 431133

Crime Reduction Officer is Steve Kirby on 686111

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

two large local land users, Strike Command and Molins at Saunderton will be involved in change and re-structuring.

Naphill Common is one of the villages greatest treasures and is valued nationally and has EU designation. Unfortunately, some residents view it as a suitable area for dumping garden waste, sometimes not too far from the access points. A more robust attitude is now being taken by both county and district councils in prosecuting offenders. Recently, two residents in Chiltern District were each fined £100 with costs of £75. Hidden surveillance cameras are proving very successful in catching those culprits who do not use the proper services for disposing of their rubbish.

The County Council has recently distributed its publication "The Buckinghamshire Times". In this current edition readers are invited to submit their recommendations in respect of the level of Council Tax increase for this coming financial year. This consultation exercise is very valuable to the Council in making its decision.

Richard Pushman :
richard.pushman@btinternet.com : 564152

Naphill Neighbours

Our members, I am sure, were so pleased they had

bothered to turn out on a bleak February evening for our monthly meeting as the speaker, Mrs. Main, enthralled us with her enthusiastic illustrated talk on "Switzerland's Secret Straw Hat Industry". She began the story of straw plaiting and weaving with a slide of the 13th century Italian artist showing St. George (having just killed the dragon) wearing a straw hat with a huge brim! Obviously high fashion at the time. The storey, however, went back to Neolithic times when straw was already being used for baskets and cloaks - and these survive to this day.

Mrs. Main's interest in the subject started with corn dollies and has progressed to the publication of a book on the art of straw plaiting and weaving in Switzerland which has been translated into German for the Swiss, who had no written history of this craft. Her research was made possible by a Queen Elizabeth scholarship. The intricacy and durability of the straw work was breath taking.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 14th March at 8pm when Dr. Charles Hill will be talking about "Badgers" and our first outing of 2005 will be on Tuesday, 19th April when we visit Berkeley Castle. Please remember that tickets for this trip must be paid for at the March meeting.

New members will be most welcome.

Hazel Vickery : 563977

Naphill Evening WI

Another month has gone by; March is fast approaching, hopefully a fine spring is just around the corner, so our thoughts have been about our yearly programme. It is hoped that dates for your diary will be given out at the next meeting. As January was a time for paying our yearly subscription, we were pleased to see a healthy start to our W.I. year. New members are always welcome, meet new friends, enjoy the outings and on occasion, try the delicious food. Are you new to the village, do not know anybody? Come and join our happy crowd.

Our last meeting was a huge success, with a Magic Lantern show enjoyed by everyone. A nostalgic trip into the past, with wonderful slides and funny caricatures - another delightful evening. The 'Woman in White' was spectacular, with amazing scene changes to take your breath away. These trips to London theatres are, without doubt, a pleasure not to be missed.

The orders for the 2006 calendars are now being taken at a slightly reduced cost. We can tell you with great pride and pleasure that one of our members, Pam Smith, has had two photographs accepted for it. We cannot wait to see it. Well done Pam.

Our next meeting is on March 17th. The talk is Quilting, Patchwork and Appliqué by Lyn Kilbride, competition 'A piece of needlecraft'. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

Hughenden Parish Council

About twenty, or so, months ago, many of you will have filled in a questionnaire about the area you live in and the facilities available. This enabled the Parish Council to produce its Parish Plan, with help from many parishioners, residents associations and, of course, the Councillors themselves. The results from the questionnaire were given at open meetings in all wards of the Parish and many people came along to see the presentations. It was notable how, although each of the villages are distinct from each other, they all seemed to have similar concerns; burglaries, vandalism and anti-social behaviour, to name but three.

During the autumn of 2004 the Plan was published and then came a programme of issuing this to District and County Councillors and Officers, as well as local Residents Associations, Village Halls, etc. We also sent copies to the surrounding Parishes. The feedback from this has been very favourable, not least the amazement that a return of close to 40% was achieved on the original questionnaire, so full marks to all of you who responded.

The main issue now is, what does the Parish Council do with all this information? Well, as part of the Plan, the Parish Council drew up an Action Plan which it has started to address. Some of the items have been on the 'agenda' for a long time, but the members don't give up easily.

The majority of issues seem to centre round Highways and the Council are continuing to lobby Bucks County Council about several things; a crossing on Valley Road, Hughenden Valley; a cycleway from Great Kingshill to Prestwood; a continuation of the footpath on Four Ashes Road up to the Garden of Rest and 'gates' to be provided by joint funding with the Parish at the entrances to villages within the Parish. The Parish will also lobby BCC and the bus companies to improve bus services, especially at nights and weekends and investigate the provision of communal transport to cinemas and other popular venues. Another issue the members are concerned with are the Walk to School projects, and they continue to support these, as school journeys continue to cause problems for all residents. The last item on Highways, which is important to residents, is the speed at which vehicles go through their villages. The County Council has carried out a Speed Limit Review to which the Parish Council

contributed, and this should be implemented in part of the Parish by the summer. Naphill councillors are keen to ensure appropriate traffic calming measures are taken in Main Road.

Another matter which is dear to everybody's heart is the environment in which we live. This Parish is set in one of the most beautiful areas of the county and all the members of the Parish Council are keen to protect and respect the areas' unique qualities. The Planning Committee is always vigilant in considering planning applications, offering local knowledge and views to Wycombe District Council, taking into account the environmental guidelines contained in the Parish Plan. The next major project for the Council is the production of a form of village design statement for each of the wards of the Parish. Open public meetings will be held in due course and we will be encouraging all of you to come along and tell us your views.

Now that you have read about some of the things that the Parish Council does, perhaps you would like to join us. We are looking for a Clerical Assistant, to help the Parish Clerk with the day to day running of the Council. The position is for 12 hours a week, over three days, all year round. The pay scale is circa £15,400 pro-rata and there are 20 days holiday, again pro-rata. IT skills are essential and experience with websites an advantage. If you would like more information, please contact the Clerk, Mrs Lynne Turner on HW 715296, or by e:mail on hughendenpc@btconnect.com.

Peggy Ewart : 565969

Readers Letters

“What No Fete”!!!

I am disappointed to hear that after just two years the fete committee are throwing in the towel!

Yes, it is hard work and yes, you had done a good job but the team before you did it for many many years and wanted to give it up three or four years prior to doing so but kept going until they found someone to take it on! Can the village hall carry on without the income from the fete? Only time will tell.

Moirra Harris

Christmas Lights.

Once again I wish to thank our wonderful band of workers for lighting our darkness so beautifully, as it reminds us of the true meaning of the Christmas message, as our savior gave to the world a wonderful light that has never gone out and never will. The skill that goes into the lighting of our lovely tree is admired by all who pass by, and lifts

our spirits away from the business of Christmas shopping etc., it send us on our way rejoicing.

My God richly bless you all and keep you safe for many years to come to cheer us on our way.

Mollie Bowler

Editors note : this letter just missed the deadline last month - still very worthy of inclusion a month on.

Always needing more.....

Dear Mr Editor,

May I through the columns of our very popular Gazette thank all those who have answered my call for used postage stamps, for the Shaw Trust shop in Thame?

Although few in number, as against the population of our two villages, the huge number of stamps has both surprised and pleased me. Of the half dozen or so donors, the dedicated few dropped enveloped bundles of anything from 50 to 100 stamps, BUT THEN, at the turn of the month, one VERY LARGE plastic bag of stamps was left on my doorstep.

Over the next few days, and, as I could “between times”, I counted them as I dressed each one with my Pinking Shears / Serrating Scissors : how many?

Just under 3000 - YES Three Thousand!!!

A very special thank you to that very special donor. But More! I suspect that, as the second plastic bag was laid so closely to the stamp-bag, it was left by the same kindly and thoughtful person : this second bag contained five pairs of excellent reading glasses in their cases. These I was able to pass on to Mr Peter Parsons of High Wycombe Orpheus Male Voice Choir, who has been collecting such glasses for many years for a charity which sends them, via specialists, to people in “The Third World” : he was most grateful and asked me to publish his sincere thanks to that donor.

Since my entry in your last issue I have been asked by several local folk what charities I now do my best to support - alas, often to the detriment of my poor old garden! I therefore list them below:-

Books: For charity shops in princess Risborough, Thame and Oxford (anything from 300 to 500 per week).

Tools: (for every trade) For WORKAID, based in Amersham.

Sewing Machines: For WORKAID

Typewriters: For WORKAID

Bibles & other religious books: For Bookaid International, based in London.

“Modern” Bibles and selected religious books: For Greg Hargrove, late of the village

Reading glasses: For Peter Parsons as mentioned in the above letter!

Stamps: For the Shaw Foundation shop in Thame.

AND towards village fete time, the main stock of books for the stall run by Eleanor and Sally.

I am “open to receive” all year round; my telephone number is 01494 563429.

John Bullock

Building with Flint

Dear Matt,

In recent editions of the Gazette there has been much discussion about new houses built from flint, particularly those next to the chip shop and on Hunts Hill Lane. There are other recent examples too and more are planned.

I am delighted that so many people feel so passionately about architecture and the character of our villages. The Chilterns Conservation Board has published guidance on new building in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and, more recently, on the use of flint. The Board believes it is essential that the rural character of places like Walters Ash and Naphill are conserved, even enhanced by new building. In so doing we must try to use styles, materials and techniques typical of the Chilterns (I must add there is always a place for high quality innovative modern architecture). Despite the range of building styles introduced in the last 50 years, a great deal of recent building has attempted to follow vernacular Chilterns building styles, but with mixed results.

The attempts are usually spoiled by using pre-cast flintblocks, usually brought in from Dorset, low cost brick from other parts of the country and an excessive use of cement mortar, belying a lack of skill in how to use flint. The environmental consequences of transporting heavy building materials long distances are not often taken into account - why use flint from Dorset when there is plenty in the Chilterns? There are three active brickyards in the Chilterns. Cement and concrete require huge amounts of energy to make and transport, and are responsible for significant levels of carbon dioxide emissions. All good reasons to use local products and to stick to the simple brick and flint traditions and techniques established over the centuries, which we all admire and cherish.

Steve Rodrick

*Chief Officer, Chilterns Conservation Board
And Naphill Resident*

The Memory of Water

We are delighted to welcome once again, the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company to Naphill Village Hall.

They will be performing ‘The Memory of Water’ which won the Olivier award for best comedy in 2000. It is a witty and compassionate story of three sisters and their mother of which the Sunday Times said, ‘...the laughs flow freely in this beautifully emotional play that effortlessly explores the fickle nature of memory and the insoluble bond of family’.

The performance is on Saturday 12th March starting at 7.30 pm and tickets are priced at £7.50 including a cheese supper. A bar will be available.

Telephone 01494 562099 to reserve your tickets.

John Harris : 562099

The March sky in Naphill & Walters Ash

The Moon is new on 10 and full on 25 of the month. Sundials (which give *apparent solar time*) are 16 minutes slower than clock time on March 1 and 1 minute faster than clock time on March 31. The open cluster, the Pleiades or the seven sisters or



**Spring Jumble
Sale**

**Saturday 5th
March**

**Naphill Village
Hall**

2.00pm

**Organised by
The Guides & Brownies.**



**We will be collecting items for the sale
around the village on the morning of the
sale, and would also welcome any items you
wish to bring to the Village Hall**

M45 can be seen 45° above the eastern sky in the evening. The equinox occurs when the Sun crosses the equator and day and night are equal all over the world. This happens on March 20 this year (and on September 22). The solstice is when the Sun reaches its greatest distance north or south of the equator. The seasons are defined as the time between a solstice and the next equinox. . British Summer Time starts on March 27; put your clocks forward one hour. The times in the table below for March 29 are in BST. Mars is a morning star and Jupiter an evening star. Venus and Saturn appear too close to the Sun to be seen this month. Venus is difficult to see until October this year.

Big Bang

I am trying to answer both James Chamberlen’s and John Bullock’s letters to the February edition of the *Gazette*. Starting with the Big Bang, John has every right to question a concept that is only a theory – a theory, amongst other things, that asserts the universe was only the size of a grapefruit when time was

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Mar 1	Rises	06.48	None	06.45	04.42	20.56	06.48
	Sets	17.43	08.29	16.55	12.30	08.09	17.15
Mar 8	Rises	06.33	06.19	06.34	04.32	20.25	06.21
	Sets	17.56	15.14	17.17	12.28	07.41	16.50
Mar 15	Rises	06.17	08.03	06.21	04.21	19.53	05.54
	Sets	18.08	None	17.40	12.27	07.12	16.24
Mar 22	Rises	06.01	14.23	06.08	04.09	19.21	05.28
	Sets	18.20	05.24	18.02	12.27	06.43	15.59
Mar 29	Rises	06.45	none	06.54	04.55	19.48	06.01
	Sets	19.32	07.53	19.24	13.28	07.14	16.34

0.000..... (43 noughts followed by a 1) seconds old ($t = 10$ to the power -43 seconds) and soon after when space, time and matter all started a finite time ago. Although there have been several challenges to the theory, the laws of physics remain intact in this evolutionary theory. But the theory does not answer what happened before $t = 0$, some 13½ billion years ago, because time did not exist before that time (a very difficult concept to accept). Sir Fred Hoyle (1915 – 2000) was a proponent of the steady state cosmology and coined the phrase ‘big bang’, intending it to be derisive of evolutionary theories. Steady state theories are now largely regarded as disproved by what is called cosmic microwave background (which enables instruments to measure radiation emitted some 380 000 years after the big bang and before stars and galaxies existed). And so the Big Bang is a theory supported by most astronomers today and a term coined by an astronomer, Sir Fred Hoyle, who like John Bullock, did not believe in it and who died a supporter of the Steady State theory.

I hope this also partly answers James’ queries. More detail can be found in the scores of books published in recent years on the Big Bang. But it is a difficult subject. James also queried the consistency of great walls with current ideas about the origin and evolution of the universe. These ideas start with the Big Bang and continue through the evolution of billions of galaxies over the last 13½ billion years. This development is mind boggling in numbers and size; the walls are simply the position of the galaxies within the universe once they have evolved. I will produce another article on Great Walls for a future edition of the *Gazette* which will give further answers to James’ queries.

Terminology

Words or phrases often used in astronomy include Big Dipper, Constellation and Great Bear. A little definition is required. Ursa Major (Latin) or the Great Bear are the same name for the constellation. The Big Dipper is part of the constellation and is more strictly known as an asterism – a prominent star pattern that is not a whole constellation. There are many other asterisms including the Great Square of Pegasus (one star is in Andromeda) and the Summer Triangle (contains one star in Lyra, one in Aquilla and one in Cygnus). Asterisms are star patterns; constellations are technically defined as sections of the sky rather than collections of stars.

Our Galaxy

There are billions of galaxies and all are unique. We know a little about the nearest of them but the one we live in, the Milky Way, we know very little about how it looks if only because we are in the middle of it and cannot see it from afar.

The Milky Way is a vast gravitationally bound system of over 200 billion stars, thousands of vast clouds of gas and dust and large quantities of dark matter. It has a central bulge consisting largely of old stars, a thin disk of stars, gas, and dust that span about 100,000 light-years from edge to edge. It also has a spherical halo that contains globular clusters, hot gas, dark matter and isolated stars. The disk revolves round the galactic nucleus and a central black hole.

We know the galaxy is a spiral and that it has five or so spiral arms. We know it has satellite galaxies (including the Small and Large Magellanic Clouds). We know that the Sun is about two thirds out from the centre. There is also evidence of a bar across the centre. But what it looks like from M31, the Andromeda Galaxy we can only assume, although a great deal of work is going on at the present time.

Grant Woodruff

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

On Friday 4th February we had a very interesting talk by Mr Gerandt about the news for blind people.

February 18th will be a quiz and March 4th will be a talk by Mr Peter Smith.

New members welcome.

Norah Cockroft : 564270

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Date for your Diary

Naphill Village Hall, 7.30 for 8pm Thursday 28th April 2005. Echoes of Old Village Life. Slide show and talk by Stuart King, local historian, preceded by a short AGM. Everyone welcome. Adults £1 entrance which includes a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles.

Planning:

05/5090/FUL 11 Battingswood Gardens, Naphill. Construction of 2-storey rear extension.

05/5177/FUL 21 Vincents Way, Naphill. Construction of single storey side extension, roof extension incorporating 3 rear dormers and alterations in connection with loft conversion, new front porch and rear conservatory (Alternative to scheme approved under 04/05231/FUL).

05/5260/FUL 322 Main Road, Walters Ash (shown as Naphill on Web site) Extension to ground floor kitchen, 1st floor rear extension and new conservatory all to rear.

05/5270/FUL Derracot, Coombe Lane, Naphill (shown as Hughenden Valley on Web site) Demolition of garage and replace with store and conservatory. Millfield Farm, Four Ashes, off Cryers Hill. (Green Belt/AONB) Applicants for commercial development on this site are (i) appealing against an enforcement order to remove the earth and rubble of a manege built without permission (ii) are appealing against a refusal to allow a manege and (iii) have lodged two further applications for a manege on two different sites.

Templewood. Green Space/Former Play Area, Walters Ash.

Please see the February 05 Naphill Gazette article under this heading. Many thanks to those who have already sent in completed forms. The information is being collated and forwarded to Wycombe District Planning Dept. and will help in negotiations to maintain this land as an open area for recreation.

In case you have not as yet sent in your completed form I am asking the Editor whether he can print the form again (*below*). The more households that can provide this information, the better.

Please fill in, sign and cut out the form, then post it to the Chairman, Residents' Association, either through the letter-box at Poland House, Walters Ash, where Ash Close joins Main Road, or stamp and address it to Semi-Conductor Assessment Services, 249, Main Road, Walters Ash, Bucks. HP14 4 TH. Any problems, give me a ring.

Gloria Flelaive: 563634

Horticultural Society

A reminder that on Wednesday 9th March our AGM will be held in the Small Hall at 8.00pm. You are more than welcome to come along and air your views – we would love to see you. The meeting usually only lasts about an hour, and we never press-gang anyone onto the Committee who does not wish to join!



To the Chairman, Naphill & Walters Ash Residents Association.

Templewood. Green Space/Recreation Area.

Please fill in the spaces provided as appropriate.

1. Have you, your children, or other members of your family who no longer live here, at any time used the Templewood green space/recreational area? _____

2. How many individuals in your family enjoyed this facility? _____

3a. Have you or members of your family at any time used Templewood for access to the Common or Main Road?

YES/NO

3b. Approximate number? _____

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Also, we have a trip to the RHS gardens at Hyde Hall booked for Sunday May 15th. Admission to the gardens will be free, so you will only need to pay the cost of the coach (as yet to be confirmed). If you

Organiser / Coordinator required for Naphill Village Fete

The Village Fete is well established as our Big Village Day.

We need organising! A successful formula is already in the can so it's not starting from scratch. There are a bunch of willing helpers that need telling what to do.

For more information contact Ian Bond on 564824



would like to join us on this outing, please let me know.

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

1st Naphill Brownies

1st Naphill Brownies have held two fund-raisers for the victims of the Tsunami at Christmas. They had a Sponsored Matchbox Fill, followed by a Sponsored Silence. One was relatively easy, the other a little more difficult !!! Can you guess which one? We have today sent a cheque for £325.00 to the Appeal. It does seem such a pity that to date no-one has yet come forward to take over the Pack in 2006. With obvious goodwill and support from everyone surely we cannot allow the closure of this unit if no-one can be found to run it. As I have said before if I can do it then anyone can !!!! It's not rocket science.

Barbara Clarke : 562528

Spring Fayre

**Saturday 12th March at 2.00pm
in Naphill Village Hall**

Come and join us at our Spring Fayre, with something for everyone – games, gifts, and

attractions for the whole family – all at amazing value. Many of the stalls will be run by the Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts themselves – a real team effort.

On Saturday 12th March you will be able to:

- Buy excellent value Easter gifts and bric-a-brac
- Indulge in the always popular cake stall
- Chance your luck on the tombolas
- Play games and competitions
- Enjoy the various refreshments.

Please come along and support this event, where all the proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Scout and Guide Headquarters Building – a facility used and enjoyed by many village children.

Hope to see you there.

For further information please contact Jill Wilkinson 564271, or Linda Foster 563586

Christmas Tree Lights

This item is to thank all the business premises in Naphill and Walters Ash who kindly displayed the collection boxes and of course the public who dropped those coins into them.

The amount of £252.84 was collected which is such a great help towards the cost of running the wonderful display that we all so enjoyed over the Christmas season.

Thank you also to the team who climbed the tree for the display.

Thank you

Pam Smith : 563364

Naphill Cubs

As many of you may know, Naphill Cubs experienced the loss of both of its uniformed leaders last year, and despite the Group's best efforts we have been unable to recruit a fresh leader to the pack. Our experiences at Hughenden tell us that if you close a pack down it's very difficult to start it up again. Although we were eventually successful at restarting Hughenden, it took four years.

As a result, we are currently running Naphill on a fortnightly basis with leaders from other sections holding the fort on a rotational basis, with the practicalities of this arrangement due to be reviewed at Easter – it seems unfair to trade on the goodwill of existing leaders who already have their hands full with their own sections!



NAPHILL PRE-SCHOOL **VACANCY FOR STAFF MEMBER**

We need enthusiastic people to join our dedicated team in providing care and education for pre-school children.

.The successful candidates will be prepared to supervise, lead, guide, help and play with individual children and groups of children in the daily range of activities offered, ensuring their safety and well being at all times, but allowing them to reach their full learning potential through play activities.

Formal qualifications are desirable, but not essential.

Hours of work are 8.45am to 1.15pm per session. We need a new member of staff to cover 3 sessions per week from March 2005

Rate of pay to be arranged, depending on experience.

For a job description and application form please contact:

- Mo Bedder (Supervisor) 01494 565359 or
- Helen Campanini 01494 565750

Closing Date: Friday 4th March 2005

Ironically, we find ourselves in this situation at a time when we have the best support mechanism in place that any of us can remember, both in terms of accredited adult helpers, finances and the Executive Committee. Anyone thinking of becoming a cub leader, or indeed any ex-leaders who might be able to help us over the immediate situation, would find the transition very smooth.

So, here it is. If you are looking for a way to get involved with the local community on a regular basis and to help us continue the tradition of scouting locally, with all the many benefits this provides to our young people (at least it's one night off the computer!), why not give us a call for a preliminary chat over a pint?

Contact Trevor Nicholls (Group Scout Leader) on 565322 or Nick Corble (Chairman) on 481874.

Naphill Village Hall Council Notes

We spent a lot of time at this meeting discussing the points raised in the Risk Assessment report for the Hall. Most of the issues related to the electrical inspection that is an annual requirement. The

inspection has been done and the outstanding matters have now been dealt with by Harveys the electrical contractors.

It was decided to dispose of the old chest freezer that is in the Sports pavilion. This has only been used on Fete day or Bonfire night and does not hold its temperature thus is not reliable. We also decided to try to dispose of the roller that we had kept on the field in the hope of reinstating the cricket team. This will be easier said than done as it weighs a ton (probably literally) but hope that someone can move it for us.

You may have noticed that the replacement millennium yew tree sapling has been planted. The old one, reputed to be from a tree that was on the earth 2000 years ago at the time of Christ, did not thrive and we hope for better things from the replacement.

The extension is now officially completed so we intend to celebrate with a glass of something sparkling at our AGM on the 4th April. You are all welcome to come and join us in toasting the conclusion of what has seemed an endless journey in getting the extension built.

The new kitchen cupboards are installed and make a great improvement in the kitchen. Cupboards have

been allocated to all the organisations. This was a thankless task and we were obviously going to upset someone. We have pointed out to the organisations that we intend to create extra cupboard space under the bar and in the cloakroom so be patient and there should be plenty of storage for everyone. The ladies old toilets as we have been asked to call them (not the old ladies toilets) will be used to store the big toys for pre school and toddlers - at least that is the latest plan and should stop mums having to climb up to retrieve these toys. The kitchen is due to receive a new coat of paint during half term week so should look really fresh. Many thanks to the team involved.

The door out from the new entrance hall onto the car park is still a cause of concern. To conform to the latest safety standards from the Fire Prevention Officer it is still proving too easy for small children to open and thus let themselves out into the car park and then onto the road. The representatives from the pre school and the toddlers are arranging a meeting with the Fire Prevention Officer to see what can be done. The barrier that is going outside that door has been ordered and should be installed very shortly. This should stop children being able to rush straight out into the car park, so it should help. We are aware of the situation and doing all that we can within all the legislation we have to abide by.

We are desperate to find a team of people to run the FETE. If no one comes forward then the fete simple won't be able to run and the village will lose out on a great day and significant funds that are needed to maintain the Hall and the Crick. Don't feel if you volunteer you will have to do it all. But please, please, if you feel that you do have time to help out that do phone myself on 563479 or Ian Bond on 564824. It would be tragic if we had no fete this year so I await your calls.

The next event is the quiz on 25th Feb and then the play on the 12th March. Do come and have a great evening and support us and your village.

*Sarah Bacon, Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council : 563479*

Treasurer Required

In April the Village Hall and Playing Field Council faces being without a Treasurer - not a good prospect for our greatest village amenity.

We desperately need someone able to deal with our financial matters - retired bank manager or accountant or anyone who is comfortable with figures.

The job will only take a few hours per month including the monthly meeting. Please contact me on the details below.

Blood Donors

Sessions at the village hall will be held on the following dates this year - 3rd March, 22nd April, 15th July, 16th September, 11th November and 30th December. All the sessions will be in the afternoon at 2pm to 3.55pm and 4.45pm to 6.45pm.

Regular donors will be informed in the usual way. If you are considering becoming a donor just turn up on the day or ring me on 563846 for further information. Remember your donation could save a life.

Bob Davis : 563846

WANSA Quiz Night

The next WANSA Quiz Night takes place on Friday 18th March in Naphill & Walters Ash School Hall.

The bar opens at 7pm and the quiz starts at 7.15pm.

Why not form a team (maximum of 6 people) and come and join us? We are raising funds for the school playground improvement fund so you can have a fun night out and support an excellent cause at the same time!

Tickets are priced at £7.50, which includes a fish and chip supper, and are available from Judy Whitehouse on 01494 562742 email judy@judyq.demon.co.uk.

Judy Whitehouse : 562742

Naphill Pre-School

This month has been a little quieter at Pre-School with a chance to catch up a little! Several of the children are increasing the number of days that they attend and so it is getting busy busy busy. There are also a number of children on the waiting list due to start Pre-School in September. We are therefore very interested to recruit a new member of staff to ensure that the high levels of care for our children can be maintained. If you are interested please contact Mo Bedder on (01494) 565359.

This half term the children have been concentrating on toys; old and new and a great variety. After the half term break the "interest weeks" themes will be based on "All creatures great and small," so that will prove very interesting and exciting I am sure.

This term no less than 5 members of staff attended the Bucks Pre-School AGM which they found both educational and enjoyable. The children will benefit so much from this commitment.

Next term we will be working towards the end of term finale the, "Easter Hat Parade". I am sure that this will be another great show put on by Pre-School for children, staff and parents/carers.

If you have any queries or would like to put your child's name on the waiting list to attend Pre-School then please contact Mo Bedder on 565359.

Ruth Bond : 564824

Naphill & Walters Ash School

OFSTED Report Statement to Media

Following the recent OFSTED Inspection of the above school in the week commencing 3rd December 2004 the school was pleased to send parents a copy of the summary report this week. The report highlights that the school is a good school and the very positive tone of the report also went on to praise high standards in reading, speaking and listening, good arrangements to help new children settle in, good provision for moral and social development and very good attendance. Overall the achievement of children in the school is good with high standards in maths, science, ICT and PE due to good teaching. No unsatisfactory teaching was observed and no subject was seen as lacking.

The inspection team found no key issues for the school to act on and has made recommendations for future improvements which the school is already acting on as part of the annual development of a School Improvement Plan. A summary copy of the School Improvement plan will be sent to parents in April and this includes the areas noted by the OFSTED inspectors.

The Headteacher, Tim McLoughlin is 'delighted' with the report, 'Having joined the staff here in September I am extremely pleased with the outcome and will be able to put the recommendations OFSTED have made to good use to make the school even better. The report findings have been a great boost to the school that confirm our belief that this is a successful and achieving learning community.'

Naphill and Walters Ash staff are continuing to work extremely hard for the benefit of the children and greatly value the support of parents and the LEA in endeavouring to maintain such a high standard of provision.

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group...

is a group run voluntarily by parents for mothers with babies and/or toddlers. We offer a friendly environment for both parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while their children play with the numerous toys and make new friends.

New faces are always welcome so please come along and join us. If you've been before we thank you for your continued support. We meet every Thursday during term-time at the Naphill Village Hall between 2-4 pm. Admission price per session is £1.20 per first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

The group is currently thriving and numbers have increased significantly in recent months with a fairly equal mix of toddlers and younger babies. The special events organised last year were all very well attended. The Christmas party in particular was a great success with Father Christmas making a special visit with presents for all the boys and girls. A similar programme of events is planned for this year and hopefully they will be equally well attended.

The first event of the season is not far away as Easter is coming early this year, so our Easter Party will be held on 17th March at the Naphill Village Hall. There will be an Easter egg hunt, special Easter tea, Easter crafts and a raffle. The party is from 2 till 4pm and tickets cost £3 per child, or £5 for two children, and all are welcome. Please contact Suzanne on 562147, Sue on 562277 or Cheryl on 565580 for further information.

HELP!!! Naphill Brownies Need You

To date no-one feels able to continue the very long tradition of Brownie Guiding in Naphill after my retirement at the end of next year. This means that Naphill Brownies will be closed in December 2005 if a qualified Brownie Guider cannot be found. This surely cannot happen, there must be someone who would be willing to give time to such a worthwhile activity. The children get so much out of it as does Brown Owl!!!

Please don't let us down - do consider what we would be losing, if I can do it then anyone can. During the thirty-five years I have been Brown Owl I have held down a full-time job, brought up two daughters, helped to look after elderly parents and run Brownies. Super woman I'm not, I just love being with the children. All you need is a lot of enthusiasm and a sense of humour, the children provide the inspiration.

We have an Adult Leadership scheme which takes about a year to complete so unless we get a response soon we are facing a very uncertain future.

Please give this some thought and if you feel able to respond then ring me on 562528 - I really don't want to have to contemplate the alternative.

Barbara Clarke : 562528

News From Christians In The Community

(Members of the three local churches)

Both KRASH and TRASH will only be meeting once in March -11th. KRASH will be meeting as usual in the Evangelical church but TRASH youngsters will be going ice-skating.

Details of the Easter services in the local churches will be in the Easter cards which will be delivered to all houses but there will be an opportunity to see the dvd of "Three days that changed the world" at the Naphill Evangelical church on either Tuesday 15th, Thursday 17th or Wednesday 23rd March at 7.45 pm. Everyone welcome.

If you do not receive our Easter card and would like to know about the Easter services in Hughenden church, Naphill Methodist and Evangelical churches please 'phone me.

Norma Clarke : 563116

Naphill Evangelical Free Church.

Easter 2005

A recent visit to a local bookshop revealed that customers have an increasing demand to satisfy the deeper needs of life. There were books to aid the reader in search of happiness, wholeness, empowering, through spiritual enlightenment and self awareness and religion. Of the 50 plus shelves given over to these subjects less than 4% came under the category of Christian and some of these were misplaced. In fact more space was dedicated to Witchcraft and the occult with an individual stand, and many helps to aid the young reader to pursue witchcraft. When examined carefully it is clear that witchcraft is in direct opposition to God. While there is increasing intrigue in the occult and alternative spirituality in this country there is a paradigm shift in countries which have been founded on these ancient spiritual ways for example South Korea has more Christians than Buddhist followers (*Info from Operation World 2001*)

Christian writer Josh McDowell tells of when he entered university as a young man he was looking for a good time and searching for happiness and meaning in life. He tried going to church, but found religion unsatisfying. He ran for student leadership positions but was disappointed by how quickly the glamour wore off. He tried the party circuit, but he woke up Monday mornings feeling worse than ever.

He finally noticed a group of students engaged in Bible study, and he became intrigued by the radiance of one of the young women. He asked her a reason for it. She looked him straight in the eye, smiled, and said, "Jesus Christ." "Oh, for heaven's sake," he

retorted, "don't give me that garbage about religion." She replied, "I didn't say religion; I said Jesus Christ."

The students invited him to intellectually examine the claims of Christ and the evidence supporting Christianity. He accepted their challenge, and after much study and research, finally admitted that he couldn't refute the body of proof supporting Christianity. McDowell received Christ as his Savior, and his research became the background for his book *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*.

One of the major factors in his conversion to Christianity was his inability to ignore the historical resurrection of Jesus Christ, a point he made later to a student at the University of Uruguay who asked him, "Professor McDowell, why can't you intellectually refute Christianity?" "For a very simple reason," replied McDowell. "I am not able to explain away an event in history - the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Has it been a long time since you heard the message of Jesus Christ? Maybe you have never actually heard it. May we encourage you not to throw out the baby with the bath water and give the Christian Message a look too.

Prior to the Easter weekend this year we at Naphill EFC would like to invite you to any of the three informal evenings when we shall be showing a short film presentation of the Easter Message "Three Days that changed the world." Light refreshments will be served during the evening after the 25 minute film. **Everyone is welcome.**

This film is just a taster and a "Christianity Explored" course similar to "the Alpha course" run by some other local churches after Easter will be provided at a later date for those wishing to explore further.

Venue "Three days that changed the world": Naphill E.F.C 122 Main Road opposite Florist. **Time:** 7:45pm for an 8:00pm **Dates:** Tuesday 15th. Thursday 17th & Wednesday 23rd March 2005. Day time viewing can be arranged if you cannot attend an evening

May you know God's peace and love.

Bob Semple : 563304

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Editorial

I really enjoyed our new quiet road surface - what a shame that after such a short spell it has been defaced by road works. Every morning this week, like most other villagers, I have sat at the traffic lights and pondered how the continual digging up of roads, especially ours, could be avoided. I'm not an expert on the subject, far from it, but I cannot think of any direct comparison in any other line of business I have experienced, where such disruption and expense (to public and business) would not have

been curtailed. We live in an age where we have come to expect better!

Naphill Village Fete 2005 is on! Thanks to the efforts of Ted Chapman who writes in this issue. Stick June the 11th in your diary - we are on for a great day.

Matt Piercy

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45-7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30-7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday	4-6.15pm
Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15-7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2-3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8-9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8-9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15-2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Thursday	10.10-11.10am
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2-4pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6-7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30-8pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30-9pm
	U6s-U12s every Saturday	9.30-11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00-10pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2-4pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am-12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8-10pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astroturf

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Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Just before we bid a not-so-fond goodbye to the winter season, I would like to report that our Ladies Vets team has been particularly successful and, with only one match to play, is undefeated, winning 4 and drawing 2 of the six matches played. Thanks are due to Sue Crooks for effectively organizing the team and to all the ladies who turned to play out at this time of year! As members will note when they receive the letter from our Hon. Chairman, which accompanies our annual information pack, we have entered several mens, ladies and mixed teams in the local summer

season leagues and, to ensure that we can regularly field teams, we need a healthy pool of players willing to represent Naphill LTC. When clubs struggle and put out under-strength teams, morale can be affected and league penalties for not fielding a full team are severe, at the least - deduction of points - or, if a team is withdrawn, reducing the placement of any re-entered team in subsequent years at the bottom of the league tables. Please, therefore, complete availability slips, even if you cannot commit to play every time you are asked. In addition, anyone else who is interested in joining one of the teams, please contact either Carol, Sue and Paul or the particular team's representative, as listed in our information pack. Mikki Toone, one of our Junior Organizers, is attending the Junior fixtures meeting shortly and eligible Juniors will be contacted accordingly on their Club evenings.

Whilst on the subject of the Newsletter, since this was sent out, we have discovered that the date of Friday 27th May is inconvenient for several of the golfers amongst us. This has, therefore, been changed to Friday, 3rd June, - same venue and tee-off time (i.e. Aylesbury Park Golf Club – 1.30pm). Please amend your diaries accordingly! May I also point out that the first event – Easter Mixed Doubles Tea & Tennis – takes place on Easter Monday, 28th March. A poster giving details will be on display in the Clubhouse. All members, match-standard juniors, potential members and tennis-playing villagers are invited to come along and enjoy social afternoon's workout on the tennis courts, followed by a delicious afternoon tea, all for the modest price of £3. If you are able to put your name down on the list in the Clubhouse, this does help with catering but, if this is not possible, just come along on the day at 2pm. The more, the merrier! The following Sunday – 3rd April – is the next date in the club's diary and is our spring-cleaning session, when in between games, we grab a duster or a mop and get rid of all those cobwebs that have been lurking in the corners and perhaps attend to other maintenance jobs which we have been brushing under the carpet tiles. A more appropriate slogan on this occasion could be 'many hands make light work'! If your conscience gets the better of you and you decide you can help, it might be prudent to bring along your own 'marigolds', bucket and tools! This club session is not always the most popular one of the year but a bit of house-keeping is necessary so that we can start the summer season with a clean and gleaming Clubhouse.

We always welcome enquiries from potential new members so, if you are interested in joining us, we promise not to rope you in for the spring-cleaning this year! Just contact our Membership Secretary – Sue Crooks – tel: 01494 562539, who will send you our information pack, together with a membership form, or contact the undersigned by telephone or e-mail.

*Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063 :
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District & County Councillor's Report

All households in the area should now have received the consultation document on the extra housing proposal for the south-east and I hope all readers have taken my earlier advice and replied accordingly. Any large-scale development in the District without the necessary provision of the infrastructure would be an environmental disaster.

Readers may have seen roadside activity around the town centre in the vicinity of the proposed new town centre. These are preliminary works which confirm that we are on schedule, at long last, to have a new shopping centre, library and cinema complex.

There have been many expressions of disappointment that the 'new surface' on Main Road is now punctured with alien patches of tarmac where the new gas main is being "moled" along from Chapel Lane towards Walters Ash. Statutory undertakings such as the telephone, gas suppliers and water companies have the right to maintain and renew their supplies whenever required. The council does endeavour to maintain some co-ordination of works but in the case of safety considerations, these must take priority.

Every step will be taken to ensure that the re-instatement is of a high standard.

Road traffic orders in respect of the speed limit review are now in place for parts of Hughenden. The main changes proposed for Naphill & Walters Ash will be the replacement of the 40 mph limit with a 30 mph order along the stretch of Main Road from Louches Lane through to Coombe Hill Lane. Unfortunately some drivers still disregard the warning signs and stricter police enforcement may be the only answer to ensure compliance. As a driver, 30 mph may appear slow, but as a walker it often seems too fast! In parts of the village the footway is narrow and very close to the roadside and speeding traffic can be frightening to both

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Naphill Website is at :

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Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Lee Turnham. For the police control room, ring 715352

Crime Reduction Officer is Lucy Groves on 08458 505505 or 736731

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

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children and the elderly. I hope that the majority of readers will agree that the 30 mph is a sensible decision.

The County Council Elections take place on Thursday, 5th May. All of Naphill and the majority of Walters Ash will be in the new Greater Hughenden Division of the County Council. In accordance with the usual election protocols my monthly report will not appear in the May Gazette.

*Richard Pushman :
richard.pushman@btinternet.com : 564152*

Naphill Neighbours

Dr. Charles Hill's illustrated talk on "Badgers" entertained and informed us at our March meeting. A full Village Hall was enchanted by his beautiful slides of the two badger cubs he had reared some 25 years ago before releasing them back into the countryside. He concluded his talk with some facts and figures about bovine TB, explaining that it is caused by poor cattle husbandry, not badgers.

There are a few places available on our outing to Berkeley Castle on Tuesday, 19th April. The coach departs from Naphill Village Hall at 9am. sharp and we expect to be home again by 6.30pm. Tickets for non-members are £16 each, so if you would like to

join us, please phone our President, Sheila Rolfe, on 562888 a.s.a.p. You will be most welcome.

At our meeting on Monday 11th April at 8pm. we will be transported to the East when Mrs Deakin gives us a "taste" of "The Magic Of Northern India".

Hazel Vickery : 563977

Naphill Evening WI

At our last meeting in February we learnt all about diamonds and the amazing transformation from uncut pieces of stone into the beautiful jewels that we know. The icing on the cake was the wonderful display brought in by our members. There must have been so many memories as some were quite old. Many tales to tell.

Now spring is round the corner we are getting into full swing with our fund raising and other social activities. We are looking forward to our coffee morning and fun auction on the 15th March and there is Jenny's ploughman's lunch on the 5th April, events not to be missed. We will report on these next month. Some of our ladies recently enjoyed a Tuesday morning walk through the red kite country. They were disappointed they could not get a cooked lunch at the pub afterwards, but were happy to make do with some nice hot soup there. Apparently they were filming in Turville where the walk ended and the pub had been taken over! Marian is trying to book another theatre trip to London for later in the year. It goes without saying we will all look forward to that. Next month we will be reporting on our March talk, "Quilting, Patchwork and Appliqué". We hope to see lots of needlecraft in the competition and perhaps it will encourage some of you to embark on a new hobby...!

The group meeting is at Flackwell Heath on the 19th April and we have been allocated 15 places. The talk is about "Life before TV", by Mrs Purdy, no doubt that will bring back memories for some of us. At the April meeting we are going to draw for this years bursary to Denman College, which for the lucky recipient, will cover the cost of a 3-day course. The meeting will be on the 21st at 7.45pm and the talk will be by Brian Edwards "Artists in the Thames and Chilterns". The competition 'A picture from the Thames and Chilterns' – why not drop in and give us a try, you just might enjoy it.

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

Naphill Village Fete

This year's Fete will take place as usual on the Village Crick on Saturday 11th June. Do make a

note of it in your diaries now and be sure to come and enjoy the full range of entertainments and sideshows that have always made this a really enjoyable day out.

This year's theme will be 'The Good Old Days' which we hope will provide inspiration for everyone including the Classic Cars, the tableau, the stall-holders and everyone else.

An enthusiastic team is making good progress on arrangements for the big day but, of course, volunteers are always welcome to help with the myriad of jobs that need doing. There will be something for everyone who wants to help – from selling raffle tickets to thumping posts into the ground (and removing them) and many other tasks for which we hope to beg a few minutes of your time. Please 'phone Taskmaster Ted on 563034 if you can help.

This will be a great day for the whole family. As born-again optimists we know that the weather will be super. All we need is you. Do come along and bring as many friends and children as you can collect. Join us in all the fun of the fete!

Ted Chapman : 563034, Fete Chairman

Readers Letters

The Big Bang

I read with considerable interest the remarks made by Grant Woodruff in the March issue of The Gazette in connection with the Big Bang theory. I look forward to his further comments in the April issue.

Meanwhile, perhaps I could ask Grant if he would explain to me the basic mechanics of the theory put forward explaining the origin of the universe. I confess that Einstein's theory loosely expressed as $E=MC^2$, is largely a mystery to me but I always understood that there existed energy or mass, but not both at the same time from the same source.

Grant explains in his article that the mass of the universe at the instant of the Big Bang was no more than a grapefruit in size, but of infinite density. If my understanding of Einstein's theory makes any sense at all, when the original mass of the universe (the grapefruit) exploded in some unknown fashion, then the resultant energy used in producing the bang, consumed the mass totally, leaving nothing behind to form the universe. The mass simply disappears, consumed absolutely in forming the bang. A further conundrum comes to mind, and that is for how long was the matter (the grapefruit) in

Naphill Village Fete

Saturday, June 11th

'The Good Old Days'



If you can help on the day, or prior to the event, please contact Ted Chapman on 563034

existence before the Big Bang and what was the catalyst that presumably caused the explosion, totally consuming the matter in the process.

To further explain my point, it is well known (I think) that all the energy produced by the stars, including our own, is derived from a fusion reaction in which hydrogen serves as the fuel and carbon as the catalyst. This was first understood some time ago by Hans Bethe. Clearly matter is being constantly consumed to produce energy and is not being replaced. I am not sure if this has any bearing on the subject but I suggest that if the grapefruit is the mass providing the fuel, who, what, when and how supplied the necessary catalyst to trigger the explosion known as the Big Bang. The small quantity of fissionable material used in the Hydrogen Bomb, for example, is matter that is totally consumed by the explosion, an analogy which comes to mind when considering the credibility of the Big Bang theory.

Yours sincerely,

James D. Chamberlen

Charity Support.

Dear Matt,

I was delighted to read that John Bullock has

extended his magpie skills and hope he is well supported. I'm a great believer in recycling.

However, my one small concern is that those who have so faithfully collected used postage stamps for me in the past will now change their allegiance.

Over the years I have been able to raise funds to buy all sorts of things (garden furniture, planters, pictures, corner cupboard and most recently a set of saucepans) for my son's home in Gloucestershire for those with Asperger Syndrome, a form of Autism.

I am most grateful for the support I have received during the past decade and hope it will continue.

Yours sincerely,

*Hazel Vickery,
Irving Cottage
89 Main Road, Naphill*

QUIZ

To provide a future for those who have lost everything.

On Saturday the 16th of April 2005 at 7pm a quiz will be held at the John Hampden Grammar School to raise money for victims of the recent Tsunami in the remote areas of northern Sri Lanka.

Generous donations have resulted in the provision of many of the essential short-term requirements such as food, clean water and shelter. However when the media interest surrounding this disaster has finished the long-term impact of the Tsunami will remain.

To address this the profit raised from this quiz will go to JHCA UK a charity that aims to provide security and support for children who have lost their homes, families or access to education.

It costs £7.50 per person to enter the quiz and teams will consist of up to four people. A light meal will be included within this price and a bar will be available.

For more information or tickets please contact Matthew Collins on 01494 562240.

The April sky in Naphill & Walters Ash

The Moon is new on 8 and full on 24. Venus is a day star and cannot be seen as it is too close to the Sun. Mars is a morning star as also are Jupiter and Saturn. The Hyades are visible in the north-west evening sky. It is about the last chance to see Orion until October or November.

The Monthly Article on Astronomy

I was asked recently when the first article on astronomy was published in the *Gazette*. My records show that it occurred in 1996 May, when some basic astronomical data was given about the position of Naphill and Walters Ash. Soon followed were articles about where the Earth resides in the solar system. I drew attention to the position of the solar system relative to other stars – that light travelling at nearly 150 kms/second takes over four years to reach us from the nearest star. Light from our furthest planet, Pluto takes over 68 hours to reach us when the planet is furthest from Earth. This means we see Pluto as it was 68 hours ago. Yet our solar system with all its nine planets is but a speck of dust relative to the nearest star. Light from the furthest star in our own Milky Way galaxy takes thousands of years to reach us and our galaxy is only one of billions of galaxies. The enormity of the universe is almost impossible to envisage.

And so here we are over eight years later. What about new ideas for inclusion in the article. One suggestion is something on meteorology relative to

our area. This really needs a meteorologist and one that practices the science locally; offers would be welcomed. What other ideas do readers have? I have included very little about sundials, a specialist subject within astronomy, during the eight years. But some would argue that it is not a particularly interesting branch of the subject. Ideas on this and other subjects in astronomy from readers will be very welcome.

Great Walls of Galaxies

In the February edition of the *Gazette* James Chamberlen referred to the consistency of great walls with current ideas about the origin and

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Apr 1	Rises	06.39	03.14	06.49	04.49	19.34	11.45
	Sets	19.36	09.43	19.33	13.28	07.02	04.02
Apr 8	Rises	06.22	06.22	06.35	04.35	19.02	11.19
	Sets	19.49	19.35	19.56	13.29	06.33	03.35
Apr 15	Rises	06.08	09.33	06.22	04.19	18.29	10.52
	Sets	20.01	02.59	20.18	13.30	06.04	03.08
Apr 22	Rises	05.53	18.04	06.10	04.03	17.57	10.27
	Sets	20.11	05.19	20.41	13.32	05.35	02.42
Apr 29	Rises	05.39	02.09	06.00	03.45	17.26	20.01
	Sets	20.23	08.44	21.04	13.33	05.06	02.16

evolution of the universe. These ideas start with the Big Bang (see 2005 March edition of the *Gazette*) and continue through the evolution of billions of galaxies over the last 13½ billion years. This development is mind boggling in numbers, size and time. The walls are simply the position of the galaxies within the universe once they have evolved.

Our Milky Way has a large number of galaxies which are closely associated with it. In March 2002 an article appeared in this series describing the local group of galaxies. I mentioned that there were 35 or so in the group with the Milky Way and M31 (the Andromeda spiral galaxy, 2.3 million light years away) being the largest in the group. Since then a total of 43 have been identified in the group interacting with one another in a relatively small volume of space (the furthest being 4.9 million light years away). Also in the group are another spiral galaxy, M33 (2.7 million l.y.), two ellipticals and seen from the southern hemisphere the large (LMC – 0.16 l.y.) and small Magellanic Clouds (SMC – 0.19 l.y. the SMC is a true irregular) and a number of dwarf galaxies whose brightness is very low and are difficult to detect. The remainder are irregular and of lower brightness than the two Magellanic clouds. The group is not uniformly filled with galaxies. For example the Milky Way has 13 satellites and M31 has 15 satellites. The Andromeda galaxy and the Milky Way are closing

up on each other as a result of their mutual attraction and should meet in 8-10 billion years, at about the time that the Sun becomes a red giant. The collision itself is expected not to cause too much of a problem as the stars in each of the galaxies are too far apart. The relative position of the stars will however change and some of the spiral dust will coagulate into new stars. The final result will probably be a vast elliptical with an enormous black hole in the centre. Most of the remaining galaxies in the Local Group (consisting of three or four clumps) are dwarf galaxies.

Our Local Group is interacting with other local groups and also falling into the nearby Virgo cluster of galaxies which lies at a distance of about 55 million l.y. in the constellation of Virgo. Then further away is the wall of galaxies, mentioned in the December and 2005 January *Gazette* a vast sheet-like aggregation of galaxies that is about 800 million l.y. long, 280 million l.y. high and about 15 – 20 million l.y. thick. It lies at a distance of about 300 million l.y. Recent discovery of astronomers is the largest structure yet found in the universe. This is another wall of many thousands of galaxies, at a distance of about 1 billion l.y., measuring almost 1.4 billion l.y. across, (report J. Richard Gott III of Princeton University and colleagues). This wall is three times farther away and 80 percent longer than the previous mentioned wall. Although unexpected by cosmologists, the existence of such a gigantic structure is not inconsistent with current ideas about the origin and evolution of the universe and the tendency of galaxies to group together. I hope this makes easier the problems referred to by Derek Chamberlen in February.

Grant Woodruff

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

On Friday 4th March we had Mr & Mrs Smith's son Peter tell us of his experiences in the Police Force, and very interesting it was too.

Next meeting on 18th March we have our councillor, Mr Pushman, coming to speak to us, and we look forward to it.

New members welcome.

Norah Cockroft : 564270

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

8pm Thursday, 28th April 2005. Naphill Village Hall. Entertaining talk and slide show Echoes of Old Village Life by Stuart King, local historian,

international lecturer, and woodturner. This will be preceded by a short AGM at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. Adults £1 entrance includes a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles.

Planning:

05/5330/FUL Greenways, Coombe Lane, Naphill.
Erection of single storey side extension and roof extension with alterations in connection with loft conversion.

05/5379/FUL Iona, Downley Road, Naphill.
Erection of single storey side and rear extension with car port.

05/5478/FUL Wayside, New Road, Walters Ash.
Construction of single storey rear extension. *05/5482/FUL Rossmere, Downley Road, Naphill.*
Construction of part two storey, part single storey rear extension with single storey covered terrace.

Gloria Leflaive: 563634

Horticultural Society

Our recent dinner was a great success with a delicious meal followed by the delightful music of a clarinet quartet to round off the evening. The whole event was most enjoyable. However, it is quite possible that it could be our last of such events.

The A.G.M was, as always, a low-key affair, with only the committee present. Once again, the major point of discussion was that, given the increasing age of the current committee, it is very likely that the society will cease to exist in the very near future.

We desperately need some new members on the committee who would be willing to take an active role in organising our social events and shows. No experience, or even horticultural knowledge, is necessary, just enthusiasm. It would be a shame to see one of the oldest village societies fade away for the want of more helpers.

If you feel that you might be interested in joining us, *please* call me.

On a happier note, we have organised a trip to the RHS Hyde Hall Gardens near Chelmsford on Sunday May 15th. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 9.00am and the cost is just £5 per person including entry to the gardens. We already have quite a few seats booked, so if you are interested in joining us let me know as soon as possible.

Finally, the **Plant Sale on Saturday May 21st**, where there will be the usual high quality, low

NAPHILL VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 4TH APRIL

8.30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME



Including the official opening of the Millennium Extension, followed by drinks and nibbles.



price flower/ vegetable/ herb plants etc. So make a note, and there will be more details next month.

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

Best Neighbour Award

Every year at the village fete an award is made to the villages 'Best Neighbour'. If you know someone that lives in Naphill or Walters Ash and is worthy of this award please let me know along with your reason for nominating them. Please call Ted on 563034 or email ted@chapman648.fsnet.co.uk

The award will be presented at 3.00pm on June 11th at the Fete.

Naphill Village Hall Council Notes

We have a new treasurer ready to take over from John Harris who is retiring from the post after many years of diligently looking after "the books". We are very grateful to Ken Wright who has volunteered to take over after the AGM. The treasurer's job is vital to keep the Hall running efficiently and we thank Ken in advance for his efforts.

The play area has new matting and a new springy toy thanks to Hughenden Parish Council. The matting on the toys nearest to the tennis courts

needed replacing to keep in line with safety standards. The springy toy, which gets a lot of use, had come to the end of its natural life and needed replacing. Hughenden Parish Council maintains all the play areas in the Parish regularly checking on the safety of the equipment. We thank them for this. We are assured that the contractors will make good the ruts that their vehicles created whilst carrying out the work.

We have taken possession of the barrier that is to go outside the new door to stop people rushing straight into the car park. Maybe by the time this gets to you it will be in place. The Fire Officer came to inspect the new doors and said that it would be in order for the pre school to fit bolts on the door to stop the children getting out into the car park unsupervised. These are only to be used when toddlers or pre school are using the hall.

I'm sure that those of you who attended the Quiz really enjoyed your evening irrespective of your success. This was again superbly organised by Ted Chapman and raised over £800 for the upkeep of the Hall. Many thanks Ted. Ted has also agreed to mastermind the Summer Fete on the 11th June. This is a big job and we are really grateful that he has stepped into the frame. We all feel that we

mustn't miss out on having a fete, and even though this year's might be a scaled down version of what we have had for the past couple of years, I'm sure that with your support it will be another really fun and memorable occasion. Do please give Ted all the support and help that you can. The more people we have involved the more it spreads the load. Do please phone me (563479) or Ted if you feel that you can give some of your time or expertise or muscle power!

Our next meeting on Monday 4th April will be followed by the AGM. This will be concluded by celebratory drinks for the completion of the extension. All are welcome to come and join us in a glass to toast the new part of the Hall. It's been a long time coming. Do please come and join us at the AGM in the main hall at 8.30pm. New blood on the committee is always welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

*Sarah Bacon, Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council : 563479*

Happy 90th, Albert

One of Naphill's oldest born-and-bred residents – and possibly the oldest male claimant to the title – celebrated his 90th birthday on 15th March. Born at Fern Villas on the Main Road in a property since redeveloped, Albert Brown was one of six children. His father, also Albert Brown, was one half one the Naphill brickmaking firm Brown Bros. Albert Junior's schooling was also in Naphill, though he completed it at the High Wycombe Technical School, then in Easton Street, and went on to become an apprentice carpenter with the building company White Bros. on the West Wycombe Road.

After 6½ years of working for somebody else, he decided to go it alone own and started by building a house in Downley Road, where he and his young wife Nancy Goodchild – sister of Vera and also born in Naphill – set up home together. Some 12 weeks later, the Second World War broke out and the following year, 1940, Albert volunteered to join the Royal Engineers, by which time he had continued developing his business by building two bungalows in Stocking Lane.

While in the army, he rose to the rank of sergeant and was in the second wave of men sent to Normandy on D-day. "I remember we sailed from Gosport," he said "and had a very wet landing on the other side of the Channel. I was with a road construction company, one of whose jobs was to maintain a Mulberry Harbour bridgehead."

When war ended, Albert returned to Nancy and to his business which he steadily built up over the next

33 years, finally retiring in 1979. During this time, he was responsible for the construction of some 275 homes in and around Naphill.

The Browns had two children – Alan and Rosalind. Alan was sadly a spastic and lived only to the age of 23 but during that time he remained resolutely cheerful, and Albert and Nancy made sure that everything that could be done for him was done. He was widowed in 1999. Rosalind is now married and the devoted mother of Paul and Tom, the apples of their Grandad's eyes.

Throughout his life, Albert has been keen on sport, particularly cricket. Indeed he played for the Naphill team from the age of 15 and did not retire from the game until 30 years later, when he decided to give the young 'uns a chance! In his time with the team, he saw it win cups for the Third, Second



and the First Division. He enjoyed cricket so much that he regularly played on Thursdays for a Chesham side.

For many years a season ticket holder with Wycombe Wanderers, Albert's main outside interest these days is as an active member of the Reading & Berkshire Royal Engineers Association. Here he has made friends with several contemporaries, some of whom called on the birthday boy to wish him well. As, I am sure, we all do.

Alan Lewis : 561512

Herbie Goes To Naphill

The 2006 Global Herbie Convention will take place on Naphill Crick during the month of June 2006, in the very village where Herbie's creator, Gordon Buford, was born in 1943. Event organiser, Levi Strauss, said "We are delighted to be able to bring the convention to Naphill, the spiritual home of Herbie. The close proximity to London makes the venue ideal for our overseas members". Exact dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks,

In the 1970's Herbie topped the movie charts with films like "Herbie Goes To Monte Carlo" and "Herbie Goes Bananas". Much more than just a Volkswagen Beetle, Herbie has a lovable mind of his own, and a sense of humour – this annual gathering pays homage to a very special little car.

In previous years the Annual Herbie Convention has been held in Orlando, Paris and Melbourne to name but a few, but this is the first year the convention has made the trip to the UK. The majority of Herbie fans come from Europe so it is hoped that last years record attendance of 712 cars will be exceeded.

For the first time the 2006 convention will attempt to re-create some of Herbie's more famous stunts, with the help of some of Hollywood's foremost stuntmen. In particular they hope to go at least one better than Herbie's on-film record of jumping 8 stationary cars. Accompanying the stuntmen will be



brief visits from Hollywood celebrities (yet to be named) who will be starring in the forthcoming Disney release of a new Herbie epic. It is planned to film some of the scenes in Naphill to make best use of the cars and stuntmen on hand.

Strauss commented "We hope to keep disruption in the village to a minimum, and all members will be briefed prior to arrival to clear their rubbish before they leave, and to observe the village speed limit", he went on "I think the people of Naphill will enjoy seeing their village in the forthcoming Disney release, and taking their rightful place in Herbie history"

Stu N T Man, 1.4.05

The Village Hall Extension

At last I can say it. The Naphill Village Hall

Millennium Extension is finished and in use. It has been a long haul but, in the end, well worth it. Users and non-users of the hall may like to see the final result so why not come along to our AGM at 8.30pm on Monday 4th April 2005 and have a look round after a celebratory drink and nibbles?

Many people helped and contributed towards this project (the village itself raised £10,000) so you must forgive me if I go into Hollywood Oscar mode here and give our sincere thanks to the Big Lottery, Hughenden Parish Council and the Wycombe District Council. Without their financial support we would never have got this work off the ground. Bucks Community Action, with their wealth of experience in these matters, gave us much useful advice and guidance, particularly in the early stages when there is so much paperwork to be submitted. I can't go on listing names but there are others, mainly individuals, who deserve our heartfelt thanks.

So come and have a look round on 4th April, you'll be very welcome.

Don Turner : 562645

A Fallen Treasurer

Avid readers of the Gazette may remember my skirmish with a large metal panel on the M3 last November. Well, on 30th January I had been sorting out some old papers and was descending the stairs carrying a load destined for the waste paper bin, when half way down, I experienced a sharp arthritic pain in my left foot. I then promptly lost my footing and plunged headfirst down the stairs. At the bottom of our stairs are two items: on the left hand side a large pot containing a very large Christmas Cactus which was still carrying some scarlet flowers and on the right hand side a life size carving in solid wood of a curled up cat. My head struck the cat, fortunately a glancing blow. I lay there for a few seconds gathering my wits then slowly got to my feet wondering what was broken or damaged. To my surprise everything worked, all I had as a temporary souvenir was a sore right temple plus an enormous feeling of relief.

You may well wonder why I bore you with this minor matter. Well I am one of those people who believes in events, good or bad, happening in threes. I am therefore very much on the alert to avoid a third mishap. Consequently, if you see an old Toyota being driven very slowly through the village, watch out as it is probably me at the helm. Similarly if you see an elderly male creeping down the stairs in Marks and Spencer clutching the bannister with both hands it is probably me. Keep

clear!

Now to business, or to be more precise, money and the Gazette. As you know the love of money is the root of all evil according to the scriptures (St. Paul). However the liveliest comment on Money I know was made by the American comedian Vic Oliver who was married to Winston Churchill's daughter Sarah. He wrote, 'If a man runs after money he's money-mad; if he keeps it, he's a capitalist; if he doesn't get it, he's a ne'er-do-well; if he gets it without working for it, he's a parasite; if he spends it, he's a play-boy; if he doesn't try to get it he lacks ambition; and if he accumulates it after a life of hard work, people will call him a fool who never got anything out of life.' Lovely wording and interesting punctuation and use of 'get', which is usually not one of my favourite words.

As a treasurer, another of my favourite words is 'surplus', and the table below shows that the Gazette finances are in good shape. Consequently a reduction in the cost of subscribing to the Gazette to £2 for 2005 is possible, indeed mandatory, as we are not in the business of making money.

INCOME	31.01.05	31.01.04	EXPENDITURE	31.01.05	31.01.04
Adverts	3934.50	4151.00	Printing	5700.22	5862.73
Collect	2143.50	2050.00	Stationary	124.84	136.74
Donations	250.00	235.00	Postage	78.04	69.41
Interest	74.43	52.70	Petrol	25.00	25.00
			Phone	15.60	7.60
Totals	6402.43	6488.70		5943.70	6101.38

May I now invite subscribers to the Gazette to put aside the £2 subscription right now, so that when the collector comes knocking at the door the cash is to hand. This avoids a desperate and often futile search to find the exact money, which is a common occurrence as our love affair with credit cards and the world wide web develops.

Finally another cry of anguish. Having enjoyed a spell of driving through the village on a smooth and 'silent' surface, TRANSCO has suddenly put us right back to the old days with a sadly pockmarked surface. I find it very difficult to understand why, with the mass of graduates, exotic planning techniques and almost an excess of communication systems, we find ourselves deprived of our elegant road so soon. It really shatters my faith in Council and Business Corporation planning.

David Leith : 562312

Vincents Meadow and Pond

Many of you will know of Vincents Meadow and pond, which are situated off Downley Road in Naphill. However, you may not know that this land is owned by Hughenden Parish Council and managed by the Parish Warden, John Moorby.

The meadow is now in its 14th year of management under the Countryside Stewardship scheme. It is a site which is wildlife rich, cared for in a sensitive way, in order to maintain a healthy bio diverse environment. Grants are available to support this work which come from the government through DEFRA, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Quite simply, the work is done on traditional lines and the use of chemicals and fertilizers is forbidden. Grass is left to grow for hay, which is cut in summer. After that, the re-growth is grazed by sheep or, if no sheep are available, a second mechanical cut is done in the autumn. All this reduces the fertility, which benefits wild flowers. Part of the agreement stipulates that public access is allowed for 'quiet enjoyment'. There is no public footpath, but a permissive (not permanent) right of way has been registered with the County Council, which is limited to the mown path, cut into both the large and smaller meadow.

The small back meadow has an 'L' shaped hedge, which is a remnant of a larger field which used to stretch all the way up to the Main Road. This hedge has been subject to a long-term restoration project. In the first four years of stewardship it was coppiced, i.e. cut down to ground level and replanted. The re-growth from coppicing is very vigorous, as there is already a large root system, and it gives the hedge a new lease of life. After ten years, each of the four sections was 'laid' the old-fashioned way, using stakes and bindings along the top. This ensures the hedge is dense from the ground up, to make it stock-proof. It is labour intensive, but no intermediate cutting is done, so, on a ten to twelve year cycle, it can be cost-effective - and it is also very good for wildlife.

Over the years blackthorn and bramble have encroached all around both fields and reduced the herb-rich meadow. Though in their own right they provide shelter and habitat, a cutting regime (including some rooting out) goes on in small areas, to provide a mosaic of different age patterns of scrub, to give as diverse a habitat as possible.

There has also, recently, been restoration of the damson orchard near the entrance to the field, as these trees are getting old. Two ash trees have been

cut down to allow in more light and some of the older damson trees have been, and will be, pollarded to encourage regeneration. The larch and Scots pine by the road are remnants of a shelter-belt for Vincents Farm, at a time when the Common was less wooded and open.

Vincents pond will hopefully soon be included in the Countryside Stewardship scheme. A lot of work has gone into clearing the pond in the last eight years, or so. Overgrown hornbeams have been coppiced (on the left, backing on to the orchard) as they were drinking the pond dry. With replanting and trimming, a more manageable hedge is now established. The back hedge (on to the meadow), has also been coppiced and replanted. The front roadside hedge has been laid in the traditional manner.

Due to protected species in the pond, the duck house was removed, so ducks are now visitors, not residents! Frog-spawn is caviar to a duck! The ducks had also knocked the plant life out of balance, so it is now back to a much healthier state. In moderation, the grass growing in the pond is of use, but is so vigorous that some has to be extracted by hand and rake once a year, during the quieter dormant winter months.

Over the years the management of this lovely area has been done by the Parish Warden, but he has been admirably helped by volunteers, some with hedge-laying, others with pond clearance, some people help with anything. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that help towards the maintenance of this area for many years. If there are any budding volunteers who would like to get involved in next winter's work, please contact the Parish Clerk, Lynne Turner, on 01494-715296, to register your interest.

Naphill Pre-School

March at Pre-School started with Shrove Tuesday when the children had a brilliant time making and tossing pancakes! The staff did a fantastic job of organising this.

We are sorry that Mandy has resigned her position at Pre-School having worked there for 5 years. We wish Mandy and her family every success in their move to Poole, on the south coast.

Interest weeks this term are concerning animals. The first week looked at pets and a variety of family pets were brought in for the children to meet and learn about. These pets ranged from dogs, hamsters and even ferrets! The children

have then concentrated on insects, farm animals and wild animals.

Many of Pre-School's children will be leaving in July to start "Big School" in September. For these children it has been a very exciting time visiting school. Those children went on the bus accompanied by Pre-School staff to visit their new teachers and classrooms and to acquaint themselves with the school surroundings.

Fundraising work continues, as always, for us and the children helped the "Comic Relief" cause by carrying out a sponsored bounce. They also decorated fairy cakes with red icing! and then bought them back in aid of "Comic Relief".

The next big fundraising event is a RACE NIGHT where the excitement and thrills of horse racing come to the Village Hall.

This will take place on:

Saturday 14th May
Village Hall
7.30pm

Tickets are £10 per head and this will include a 2 course meal.

For more information regarding this event please contact Tanya Stevens on 563053.

That's all for now.

Ruth Bond : 564824

Naphill & Walters Ash School

I thought I would write and inform you about some recent sporting events that our children have been involved in. The cross country team will be taking part in the Vale of Aylesbury relay event this Saturday at RAF Halton and then at Hughenden Valley Year 5 Sports festival on Monday 21st March. The girls' netball teams have had mixed success in the league and have won half of the games they have played so far. This week they are playing against Carrington Junior School and Hamilton Combined School. A group of Year 4 children went to represent the school at the Princes Risborough School Gymnastics Festival earlier this week. The squad performed a number of set movements in front of parents and children. The Tag Rugby team are going to Monks Risborough to take part in a tournament on Wednesday 9th March and then we are hosting a friendly match against Prestwood Junior School here on Thursday 10th after school.

We have had our first interactive whiteboard placed in a class this week. Mrs Lang's class have received the new technology and it is hoped that more whiteboards will be rolled out to many more classes in the next financial year.

It is interesting to note that in the run up to this year's Comic relief appeal (Red Nose Day) Billie Connolly is talking about 'compassion fatigue' getting in the way of people making cash donations to the appeal. At school I am very aware that we often ask parents to make donations to extra-curricular activities, mufti-days and charity events. We have raised a substantial amount of money towards the Tsunami Appeal as part of a UNICEF Day and we too are raising money for Comic Relief. As a Headteacher, it is often difficult to make the choice as to which charity to support at any one time and I would say that we are approached by about twelve of the largest national charities each year requesting our support. This does not include the many local good causes which our pupils are keen to patronise. As a school we are always grateful for the support which we receive and the general lack of any such 'compassion fatigue' as evidenced in our community.

Tim McLoughlin, Headteacher

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group...

is a group run voluntarily by parents for mothers with babies and/or toddlers. We offer a friendly environment for both parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while their children play with the numerous toys and make new friends.

New faces are always welcome so please come along and join us. If you've been before we thank you for your continued support. We meet every Thursday during term-time at the Naphill Village Hall between 2-4 pm. Admission price per session is £1.20 per first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the Easter party this year with an Easter egg hunt, obstacle course, 'potato and spoon' race (trust us, eggs just wouldn't have worked – not even hard-boiled as the toddlers would probably have stopped to eat them if dropped!) and some pretty and inventive Easter cards. They especially enjoyed their Easter treats of chocolate eggs in nests that were skillfully made by the mums.

Our next big event will be the Teddy Bear's Picnic event on 18th August with more details out soon.

Please contact Suzanne on 562147, Sue on 562277 or Cheryl on 565580 for further information.

HELP!!! Naphill Brownies Need You

To date no-one feels able to continue the very long tradition of Brownie Guiding in Naphill after my retirement at the end of next year. This means that Naphill Brownies will be closed in December 2005 if a qualified Brownie Guider cannot be found. This surely cannot happen, there must be someone who would be willing to give time to such a worthwhile activity. The children get so much out of it as does Brown Owl!!!

Please don't let us down - do consider what we would be losing, if I can do it then anyone can. During the thirty-five years I have been Brown Owl I have held down a full-time job, brought up two daughters, helped to look after elderly parents and run Brownies. Super woman I'm not, I just love being with the children. All you need is a lot of enthusiasm and a sense of humour, the children provide the inspiration.

We have an Adult Leadership scheme which takes about a year to complete so unless we get a response soon we are facing a very uncertain future.

Please give this some thought and if you feel able to respond then ring me on 562528 - I really don't want to have to contemplate the alternative.

Barbara Clarke : 562528

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Editorial

Ever considered what would happen if the RAF base at Walters Ash were to close, and the impact it would have on our community? The Minister for the Armed Forces, Adam Ingram, is considering consolidating RAF High Wycombe (Walters Ash) and RAF Innsworth, Gloucestershire. The commonly held view is that RAF High Wycombe is safe, although Adam Ingram is remaining tight lipped, stating "I will announce the outcome of this review when the work is complete".

My concern is that this 'commonly held view' is bordering on complacency. There is a very well

coordinated campaign in Gloucestershire to retain their base, and they are making themselves heard at every level of Government. By contrast I have heard very little from our area.

RAF High Wycombe employs over 400 civilians from the local area, and contributes greatly to our way of life. The potential for development on the site should the RAF vacate it does not bear thinking about.

What do you reckon? Shouldn't we be making our views heard?

Matt Piercy

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45-7.30pm
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15-7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2-3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8-9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8-9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15-2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Thursday	10.10-11.10am
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2-4pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6-7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30-8pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30-9pm
	U6s-U12s every Saturday	9.30-11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00-10pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2-4pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am-12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8-10pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astroturf

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New Kumon Maths and English After School Club. For further information about how Kumon maybe able to help your child, contact the Hazlemere Kumon Centre on 01628 532620.

FILING CABINET FOR SALE. Second-hand Roneo Vickers, metal, 4-drawer cabinet with key. Good condition. £30. Buyer to collect. Ring 01494 563634.

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Following the meetings and planning which have taken place during the last few weeks, it is surprising how fast time has passed and we suddenly find that, not only have our first two diary dates, namely the Easter Tea 'n Tennis and the Working Party, already taken place, but also our first Rusty Racquets event is due to take place as I am writing this article! Fortunately, storm clouds, which had looked rather threatening, have

lifted, hopefully allowing the free coaching session to go ahead as planned! Our intrepid publicist, Maddy Morris, has been energetically placing posters in strategic places, drawing attention to our initiative to encourage interest and support for tennis at local club level. A further five FREE sessions are planned so, if anyone is a 'lapsed' tennis player or a beginner, who would like to play but doesn't know how to start, do give us a try. The next Rusty Racquets' scheduled date is Thursday 21st April at 6.30 pm when the session will be split into two sections, the first for Beginners/Rusty Racquets and the second, starting at 7.30pm, aimed at more experienced players, who wish to improve their doubles' skills, this being the most popular type of game played at local club levels. Come along on the evening or contact the undersigned for further details!

In fact, this week is one of the busiest in our calendar as the first Evening Club Session is due to take place this Thursday (14th April) - weather and light permitting, followed by the Club Dinner on the 15th. The U/7 Beginner Juniors start their sessions on Saturday, 16th April with Lisa Bennett in charge and Friday coaching evenings for the over 7 Juniors with Simon Langley begin on 22nd April. Our Ladies Bucks Shield team plays Gt Missenden 3 in a 'home' match on Sunday (17th), which is the first of 32 fixtures for our teams in the summer season leagues. We would like to wish all our team players good luck and hope they have an enjoyable and successful season. Incidentally, if you are interested in playing in any of our teams, do get in touch as we are always on the lookout for new talent!

All the above activity seems to indicate that April is a rather hectic time for the club, taking the attention away from our main fund-raising event, early in May. This is a Bridge Evening, which is due to take place in the Evangelical Free Church Hall on Saturday, 7th May at 7pm (for prompt 7.30pm start). The cost will be £28 per table, playing Static Chicago style, and includes light refreshments. We are hoping to use this opportunity to raise a modest sum to go some way to fill the not inconsiderable hole made in our funds by our recent court refurbishment. If you enjoy a sociable evening's Bridge and would like to help us out, we would be delighted if you would ring either Maddy Morris (01494 523495) or Judy Redrup (01494 488434) to book a table.

Members might also like to be reminded that we have received our allocation of tickets for this

year's Wimbledon Championships, details of which are displayed on the notice-board. All paid up Senior, Semi-Senior and Mid-week members are entitled to apply and, in the event, of more than one member applying for a particular date, a ballot will take place on the evening of 28th April at 7.45pm. Just think – you could just be that extra-special voice cheering on 'Our Tim' in person to great things this year!!

If you would like to have further details on any of the above or about the Club itself, just contact our Membership Secretary – Sue Crooks – 01494 562539 – e-mail: smrc2000@aol.com or the undersigned.

*Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063 :
RGTomlins@aol.com*

Council Report

There have been recent reports of increased motorcycling on Naphill Common. The police are aware of this situation and are following up any information that can be provided. It is of course unlawful to motorcycle, or indeed use any mechanical vehicle, on the Common without express permission of West Wycombe Estate, where it would only be granted for access or maintenance reasons.

The District Council has a summer programme planned for children's activities, both educational and sporting, during the holidays. Although still some time ahead, parents might like to acquaint themselves with what is available to keep their children happy and occupied.

The County Council is recruiting more qualified youth workers as part of its community programme. This will enable help to be given to many clubs and potential youth groups in establishing good practice and will help supplement the voluntary sector in providing a much needed facility for young people.

The COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTION is on Thursday, 5th May.

Naphill Neighbours

Names and numbers to note

The Gazette's e-mail is nwagazette@lycos.co.uk

Naphill Website is at :

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/>

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Lee Turnham. For the police control room, ring 715352

Crime Reduction Officer is Lucy Groves on 08458 505505 or 736731

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

Hughenden Parish Council: Tel 01494 715296, Email hughendenpc@btconnect.com

Clad in a beautiful royal blue silk sari, Mrs. Margaret Deakin transported us to Northern India at our April meeting. She is a very experienced speaker and gave us an exciting glimpse of "The Magic of Northern India", illustrated by her beautiful slides and many artefacts.

We hope to be able to organise a float for the village Fete on Saturday, 11th June, but practical help is needed, so if you would like to assist in any way, please phone Norma Clarke on 563116.

Our next outing will be on the evening of Wednesday, 22nd June when we visit Kneller Hall for an outdoor summer concert given by the Royal Military School of Music, followed by a firework display. Tickets at £13.50 for members and £14.50 for guests are obtainable from Sheila Rolfe on 562888. The coach leaves Naphill Village Hall at 5.30pm sharp.

At our next meeting on Monday, 9th May the speakers subject will be "The Chiltern Society - 40 years of caring for the Chilterns". Come along. You will be most welcome.

Hazel Vickery : 563977

Naphill Evening WI

Our last meeting on March 17th was enriched by the beautiful work that our speaker, Lyn Kilbride, brought along with her: hand stitched patchwork, and by contrast, machine stitched patchwork, together with quilting and exquisite appliqué. It was a joy to see. So much perfection and rewarding to know the old crafts are still alive.

The coffee morning on March 15th was astounding; Thank you Carol for your hospitality and sustaining us with coffee and cake – much appreciated. Juliet brought the whole morning to life with her fun auction and due to your generous contributions it was a financial hit. Then, what about Jenny's ploughman's lunch?! Another very successful event, with delicious food and wine. The table looked impressive with cheeses, patés, quiches, salad and grapes, not forgetting the fresh crusty bread and butter. Many willing hands and friendly faces – proof again that fund raising can be so much pleasure. The London walk was very popular on April 2nd and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. Two representatives went to the resolutions meeting in Aylesbury and we will be voting on the issues at our May meeting.

Our group meeting at Flackwell Heath is nearly upon us; several members are looking forward to that on April 19th. We will be telling you all about it in your next Gazette. Some of us will be visiting Aylesbury Stadium on May 6th for a three-course lunch and a talk by one of the Calendar Girls. That should be very interesting. We are also starting to prepare for the fete on June 11th – another day not to be missed. Marion has, once again, booked for a London show: "The Far Pavilions" on August 25th. We are so fortunate to have these good seats at such reasonable prices. Something else to look forward to. Well done Marion.

At our April meeting one lucky lady will win our annual bursary for Denman College. And if you have not done so already, put a date in your diary for our next meeting on May 19th. Resolutions evening and puddings (yum yum) followed with an interesting local talk by Pam Smith. So come and see for yourselves what we W.I. ladies get up to!

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

Naphill & Walters Ash Fete

We who live in Naphill and Walters Ash are truly privileged, and most of us know it. We are

surrounded by beautiful countryside and have a wide selection of places to visit and things to do. But our most valuable asset is the people who live here. What a talented and generous lot you are. Organising a fete seems too easy, the pitfalls have yet to reveal themselves but almost everyone who is approached for help says 'Yes, with pleasure'. You are a delight to work with and we promise you a fete that you deserve.

New this year will be mix 107's Road Show and fun races for children and their parents. All of the usual favourites will also be there including a Bouncy Castle together with lots of other attractions for the children while Mum can find out the speed of her service at the Tennis Club and Dad can check out the beer in the marquee.

If you would like to help with the fete, please look out surplus books and let Elenor Evans (562954) know about them (do not bring them to the fete as they have to be sorted into categories before then). Ian Bond (564824) would like to hear of anything you want to donate to the ever-popular Bric-a-Brac stall and Ted Chapman (563034) is looking for more volunteers to help with the many jobs that need doing.

Above all, make sure that you're here for 11th June and remember that there is a prize to be won for the best 'Good Old Days' outfit!

*Ted Chapman, Fete Committee Chairman :
563034*

Readers Letters

Bin and Gone

It's a sad state of affairs when not even one's wheely bin is safe to leave outside the house and I have to confess, not a situation I expected up here. What sad character feels they have to steal a full wheely bin at 11 o'clock at night, tip all the contents on the verge and calmly walk down the road with it to whatever hole they live in? And it's not as though it was on the verge in the first place as we had forgotten to put it out so it was still inside the drive by the back door. So, if you know someone who has 'acquired' a second hand wheely bin in the area of the corner of Bradenham Hill and Main Road, could you possibly let us know as it would wheely restore our faith in the community?

Regards

Naphill Village Fete

Saturday, June 11th

'The Good Old Days'



If you can help on the day, or prior to the event, please contact Ted Chapman on 563034

Phil Conran, 283 Main Road, Walters Ash

Please Help Us...

My husband and I will be taking part in a major fund raising event in aid of Breast Cancer Research in September, 2005. I have suffered from this disease twice in recent years, so we are determined to help research and care into this devastating condition.

The Weekend to Breakthrough Breast Cancer is a two day, 60km walk through the neighbourhoods of London and is taking place 23rd - 25th September.

Before doing the walk we have to raise a total of £3,000 in donations (£1,500 each) hence we need your help - however big or small.

You can chart our progress at any time by logging onto: www.breakthroughweekend.org our team name is Dells United and donations can be made at our homepage..

Should you need to know any other information please contact us on 01494 565134 or stop us in

the street on our training walks if you see us wearing Breakthrough T-Shirts!

Thank you in advance,

Sharon & Mark Dell, Evergreen, Stocking Lane

Fete - Second-hand Emporium

That time has come around again when you, the good folk of Naphill and Walters Ash, will rummage round and sort out items for the above. Please remember every penny we make goes toward Village Hall funds. Through your efforts over the years the stall has made a sum approaching ten thousand pounds, so please make 2005 another success.

Unfortunately we will be unable to take any large items of furniture etc, but smaller re-saleable articles will be most welcome. PLEASE get searching and telephone Bob 563846 or John 565563.

Christian Aid

There will be no house-to-house collection this year. However - PLEASE - support the Christians-in-the-Community coffee morning at Naphill Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane, Naphill, on Saturday May 21st, 10-12noon. The event is in support of Christian Aid Week (15th to 21st May).

Hope to see many of you there!

Helen Seys Llewellyn : 563624

Rent A Piece Of Land....

.....Of Building Plot Size In Naphill Or Walters Ash For £10 Per Annum

Sounds fantastic! Sounds like the bargain of the century! Sounds too good to be true!

But it is true. You can rent a 10-pole plot (approximately 66 feet x 40 feet) at the Naphill allotments (Louches Lane) or the Walters Ash allotments (Clappins Lane) for just £10 per year.

For further details please ring the Parish Clerk on 01494 715296. If you are new to 'growing your own' fruit and vegetables and are nervous about taking on such a large plot you can rent a 5-pole plot for £5 per year.

The Parish Council have a statutory obligation to provide allotments to those who want them. Claim yours now!

Mike Mason : 563225

Books - please - for the book stall at the Fete

The types of books that sell best are children's and fiction - so any good condition ones please leave at 16 Moseley Road -front porch.

BUT - please - NO books on the day

OR any old cookery/ garden/reference type ones.

Sadly these have just been carried to the Fete and, MOSTLY, back home again....

.....and books are just too heavy for ladies to do that!!!!!!

Huge Thanks in Advance.

Eleanor : 562954

The May sky in Naphill & Walters Ash

The Moon is new on May 8 and full on May 23. Venus is too close to the Sun to be seen; Mars rises about two hours before the Sun and can be seen in the east for only a short time before the Sun. Jupiter is an evening star and should be well worth seeing soon after the Sun sets. Saturn is also an evening star but will not be very bright. Apart from the planets the trouble for those wishing to observe this month is that the sky never really gets dark because we are near the longest day; this is particularly true towards the end of the month when the Moon is full Moon.

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
May 1	Rises	05.35	03.28	05.57	03.41	17.17	09.54
	Sets	20.26	11.35	21.10	13.33	04.58	02.08
May 8	Rises	05.21	05.10	05.49	03.24	15.46	09.29
	Sets	20.38	21.18	21.33	13.35	04.29	01.42
May 15	Rises	05.11	10.46	05.44	03.06	16.15	09.05
	Sets	20.50	02.33	21.54	13.36	04.00	01.17
May 22	Rises	05.02	19.46	05.42	02.48	15.46	08.41
	Sets	20.59	04.02	22.14	13.37	03.32	24.47
May 29	Rises	04.54	01.55	05.45	02.29	15.17	08.17
	Sets	21.08	10.50	22.30	13.37	03.04	24.22

Light Pollution

I have mentioned many times the problem of light pollution in our area. I cannot remember when I last saw the Milky Way from my garden because of the yellow glow in the sky caused mainly by poor nighttime lighting from High Wycombe and the Aylesbury Vale. It makes a lot of sense to light our thoroughfares but it also makes sense to do it in an efficient way. Those of us who have flown over the area at night times will know the amount of wastage and envisage how easy it would be to direct the light onto roads and not into the air. Apart from the present inability to see our stars, aurorae and other phenomena in the sky, the cost must be enormous. The solution is quite simple; the light should be shone downwards. Avoid shining sideways as this causes glare and avoid shining upwards as this causes wastes the light and only provides pathways for air pilots. What can be done? Ensure that lighting is directed in the right direction and save local rates, avoid pollution and improve the lot of amateur and professional astronomers and present us the opportunity to see the beauty in the night sky. The lights in Morrisons supermarket in Wycombe go a long way in the right direction. The International

Dark Sky Association (IDA) may be able to help. It is a non-profit organisation that will give advice to local authorities and reduce our street lighting costs without reducing our ability to obtain help at night time for driving and walking. The organisation is on the web and if you feel strongly about the subject, get in touch with them.

Globular Clusters

In April 2001, an article appeared about globular clusters. Here appears more detail. Surrounding the Galaxy (the Milky Way) are some 200 spherical star systems (with 10 000 – 1 million gravitationally bound stars) with diameters from about 50 to more than 300 light years. Their orbits appear to be unrelated to the Galactic disk for they move in a rosette pattern in highly eccentric orbits with periods of 100 million years or so.

The stars of the Galactic Globulars are typically of poor metal content and were formed at the time the Galaxy was very young some 10 billion years ago. The one most easily seen is in the constellation of Hercules which is in the northern sky at midnight from Naphill and Walters Ash. It is sometimes known as M13 and appears as a very faint fuzzy star-like object with the naked eye. Good binoculars are far better. The number of stars in a globular cluster is typically up to a few thousand per cubic light year; this compares with 4.22 l.y. as the distance of the nearest star to the solar system.



The Hubble Space Telescope published (<http://opposite.stsci.edu/pubinfo/PR/2001/33/pr-photos.html>) a new photograph in October 2001 of

another cluster called Omega Centauri (M31) that cannot be seen by observers from northern latitudes. The Hubble people called their photo 'Peering into the core of a Globular Cluster'. Their press release states that it is a massive globular star cluster located some 17,000 light-years from Earth, containing several million stars swirling in locked orbits around a common centre of gravity. The stars are packed so densely in the cluster's core that it is difficult for ground-based telescopes to make out individual stars. Hubble's high resolution is able to discern the detail, showing distinct points of light from stars at the very centre of the cluster. The part of the cluster covered by the photograph contains some 50,000 stars all within a region 13 light years wide.

Grant Woodruff

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

On the 19th March we had our Councillor Richard Pushman give us a talk on the proposed new alterations to High Wycombe. It is good to know that at last they are getting started.

On 2nd April we had Colin Oaks talk to us about 'Old London'. He was very interesting and we all enjoyed it.

New members welcome.

Norah Cockroft : 564270

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning

05/5542/FUL Albany House, Stonefield Rd, Naphill. Erection of part single/part two storey front extension, alterations in connection with garage conversion and detached double garage.

05/5555/FUL (*Retrospective*) Hillbrow, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Erection of conservatory.

05/5637/FUL 232 Main Rd, Naphill. Erection of new 3 bedroom dwelling to rear of Oatley, 232 Main Rd. Possibly problems of overlooking neighbour's property.

05/5684/FUL Digmaor Cottage, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Construction of single storey rear

extension and porch. Tiled pitch roof replaces flat roof.

05/5773/FUL 3 Westmoreland Villas, Naphill Common. Erection of summerhouse in garden.

Hitchenden Farm Field, Cryers Hill. Questions are continually being asked about the future of this Green Belt/AONB land, following the sale of numerous plots for development by Property Spy. Wycombe District Council has got to be congratulated for having persuaded the government, some time ago, to agree to a *permanent* Article 4 Direction being placed on the entire field, as well as farmland under similar threat of fragmentation in Bryants Bottom. This means that Permitted Development Rights are removed from all plots, so no fences, caravans, or any other type of structure (except marker posts) are permitted on the land. Plot owners who are UK residents were informed by post. Plots owned by individuals who are not UK residents, some of whom may have bought plots through the Internet from as far as Hong Kong, had tags attached to posts on the plots, explaining the Article 4 Direction restrictions. Unfortunately the government refused the District Council similar powers to save farmland in Bledlow Ridge because it was outside the AONB.

Millfield Farm, Four Ashes. The latest set of Appeals relating to maneges have been refused.

Templewood. Green Space/Former Play Area, Walters Ash.

There has been an excellent response to the questionnaire regarding use of this site since Templewood was first developed. Very many thanks to all those who have replied, and if you haven't got round to it yet, we would still like to hear from you.

Committee Members. We are seeking to replace committee members who have moved from this area. If you are interested in local affairs and have a couple of hours a month to spare, why not think about joining the Residents Association Committee. The Chairman, Dr Marek Pawlik, would be pleased to hear from you on 01494 563126 any evening.

Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 12th May 2005.

Gloria Leflaive : 563634

Horticultural Society

Two dates for your diaries this month. Firstly on **Sunday May 15th** we have a trip to the RHS Gardens at Hyde Hall near Chelmsford. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 9am and the cost is just £5 per person including entry to the Gardens. If you wish to join us on what should be a wonderful day out, please call me

Secondly our **Plant Sale** takes place at the Village Hall on **Saturday May 21st** from 9.30 – 11am. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden look fantastic this summer. There is always a good range of plants – flowers, vegetables herbs, and all are locally grown and sell at very reasonable prices. Should you be interested in having a table to sell plants of your own, you can book one through me at a cost of £5.

Schedules for the Summer and Autumn shows will be available at the Plant Sale, or from Don Turner, the Post Office or myself. Do browse through a copy – there is sure to be at least one class you could enter

Membership subscriptions are now due, and remain at £1 per person. Again you can pay at the Plant Sale or via any Committee Member.

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

Naphill Football Club

We have applied to the Sunday combination league to play football in the new season of August 2005 to 2006,

The team will be a mix of ex-Naphill football youth players from the past 5 seasons and an input from the R.A.F plus interested players aged 18 and over. The games will be played at 10:30am on Sundays with the home games being played on the crick.

We welcome the support of any local person who would like to play. Training at the astro pitch, Walters Ash, from 9pm till 10pm Wednesday.

Evenings starting from 22nd June (time and date may change) but it is thought that we will train after the youth team on Wednesdays.

We are also interested in hearing from any local company who would like to become the shirt sponsor.

our contact address is:

Tony and Aaron Barlow, Copper Beeches, Chapel Lane, Naphill, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP14 4RB.

Phone numbers, Tony daytime... 01494 474204 evenings 01494 564141 and on behalf of the R.A.F .. Mr. Lee Fairmoad 01494 563024.

It is our intention to give Naphill a football team to be proud of so please help us by pledging your support. Thank you.

Tony, Aaron and Lee plus all from the new Naphill football team.

Something for Nothing

It has been most interesting to read the varied and complex views about the 'Big Bang' theory in recent editions of the Gazette. In fact the Gazette has acquired an almost techno-religious aura as science and religion clash over the origin of the universe. However for all the abstruse arguments deployed, the problem can be resolved simply by political analogy.

In politics, a Party which really has nothing to offer, bangs up the hype and miraculously offers something: The inter-stellar parallel is quite straightforward. In the vastness of space you have almost nothing, which having nothing else to do, generates a self-induced explosion and, bingo (or should it be bango?), we end up with something enormous, which is beyond explanation.

QED

Quasi Existentialistic Deduction

David Leith : 562312

Best Neighbour Award

Every year at the village fete an award is made to the villages 'Best Neighbour'. If you know someone that lives in Naphill or Walters Ash and is worthy of this award please let me know along with your reason for nominating them. Please call Ted on 563034 or email ted@chapman648.fsnet.co.uk

The award will be presented at 3.00pm on June 11th at the Fete.

Naphill Village Hall Council Notes

The April meeting of the Village Hall Council precedes the AGM and therefore tends to be short and to the point as we have to fit in all the business within an hour.

We welcomed three new members, Ken Wright who has volunteered to take over as Treasurer, and Cathryn Carter and Dennis Lynch who have volunteered to help out with the general administration of the Hall. It was great to see new people putting themselves forward to work on the committee and we thank them profusely. They will be co-opted onto the committee at our next meeting.

The Fete preparations are well in hand and Ted reported that he has had an excellent response to his pleas for help from people in the village. You can never have too much help so do please contact Ted or myself (563479) if you can offer some time. All we need now is a guarantee of sunshine.

The applications forms to the Best Kept Village and the Village of the Year competitions have been submitted. We plan to have our annual litter blitz before our next meeting on April 25th at 7.30 p.m. Any help would be gratefully appreciated – bring your own marigolds and I will supply the black sacks. In the meantime do all that you can to keep our village tidy and pick up any litter that you find outside your house. Thank you.

The AGM was very well attended as it included a celebration to mark the completion of the extension. It was good to see all those who had worked so hard to get the project underway. It was also a sad occasion as we had to say goodbye to John Harris who has served the Village Hall so well for 18 – 20 years. He was presented with a gift to show our appreciation of all his hard work over the years. It will be strange to have our meetings without him – he has been the person who has known everything about the Hall, but we know his phone number!

The officers and village reps. were all re-elected for the coming year. At our next meeting we will appoint the new treasurer, co-opt our two new members, and elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Watch this space!

Finally the Council were very pleased to receive a cheque from Richard Pushman towards the upkeep of the "Christmas Tree". This tree is growing at quite a rate and needs some loving care

to keep it manageable so that it can shine out every Christmas. Richard is given some funds from the Local Authority to fund local projects and chose to present it to us to maintain the Tree. Many thanks Richard.

Do make a note of the date of the FETE – 11th JUNE. Be there with your money and do offer to help if you can. Thanks.

*Sarah Bacon, Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council : 563479*

Editors note : The night before last there was a break in at the Village Hall which, were it not for the damage they caused, you would think was laughable. Our big-time burglars systematically broke the lock on every single kitchen cabinet – cabinets that are clearly labeled 'Toddlers Group' or 'WI' etc.

In the criminal world, burglars are motivated by financial gain and notoriety. Our brave no-hopers targeted orange squash beakers, biscuits and coffee! There was no financial gain, and as for the notoriety.....

I am hoping that the people who did this, or more likely people who know them, are reading this message to the Village Hall kitchen simpletons - you need to know that you are stupid – really stupid!

Recognition of a Naphill Craftsman

I was very pleased to read in the February issue of the Free Press Business News that my late Uncle, Mr H. E. (Jack) Goodchild is still being recognised for his craftsmanship, in that one of his armchairs was being shown at the English Regional Chair Exhibition in London recently.

He was very well known in his day for his work, and even after his death enquiries for his chairs were still being received from abroad.

There was an obituary in 'The Cabinet Maker', December 30th 1950 issue, of which I have a copy, and a photograph of a chair almost identical to the one shown in the Free Press mentioned above. This obituary states that he made chairs for Heal & Son Ltd, Tottenham Court Road, London and that he was televised by the BBC at his work, of which I am aware.

Vera Goodchild



Neighbourhood Watch - 'Phishing'

Everyone likes to think they are getting a bargain and fraudsters prey on people's naivety. Be aware of phone calls, emails or letters asking you for personal details about bank or credit card accounts, **no genuine bank will ever ask for these.**

Very sophisticated emails are being circulated at the moment which appear to have come from genuine High Street banks. This method is called "**Phishing**", and is where an email is received from what appears to be your genuine bank, but not always, and contains a link to a site that replicates your banks site. The only difference is that you are asked to confirm account information such as user name and password. Armed with this information your account will then be drained by transferring funds out.

Other current scams to be aware of are:

- Phone calls from The Security and Fraud Department of Visa or MasterCard asking for confirmation of a purchase. Whether you have made the purchase or not they then subtly ask for your credit card details.
- Requests to set up bank accounts, usually from West African business men, who want to get money out of the country.

- Congratulatory letters saying you have won a cash prize in a Spanish Lottery but before you get the money you need to pay local taxes.
- Letters from the Data Protection Agency requesting subscriptions charges
- Letters from the Justice Department in Spain demanding payment of a speeding fine.

Always remember that your bank will never phone you to confirm passwords or account details. If in any doubt always phone your bank personally to check the validity of the call.

If you do get any telephone calls / emails / letters that you think are fraudulent, you are more than welcome to forward the information onto me and I can pass them onto Trading Standards and the Thames Valley Police on your behalf.

Remember don't get Caught with Phishing!

If anyone has any topics they would like to see articles about in the Gazette on or would like information on how to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in their road, then please contact me on either kateworthington@aol.com or on 562158.

Kate Worthington : 562158

Naphill Pre-School

Pre-School is becoming an even busier venue this term with the numbers of children and sessions that they are attending increasing somewhat. This is traditional in the summer term because the majority of our 4 year old children move on to attend Naphill & Walters Ash school which has just one intake per year in September. This coupled with the fact that 2 staff members have left this month has created an administrative issue!! The remaining staff members have very kindly agreed to increase their working hours to accommodate the children and several committee members are working some sessions. We are also very pleased to welcome Alison to the permanent staff who has already started on one of our busiest days. To assist with the smooth transition from Pre-School to "BIG" school the children we are about to start a lunch club, twice a week. This will help the children to settle into the routine of staying away for lunch and dealing with a packed lunch.

The interst weeks this half term are concentrating on shapes and colours. The children have already

made kites and worked with spray painting to see how the colours mix; very messy!

The Race Night, that you may already have seen advertised, is due to take place on Sat 14th May. This will be a major fundraising event for Pre-School and everyone is welcome to attend. You will be able to experience the thrills of horse racing and a 2 course meal. Tickets are £10 per head and are available from Tanya Stevens on 563053. Have a go and have a great time.

Finally, as a result of 21 children leaving to start school in September there will be a huge change in the attendance at Pre-School. Many new children are due to start so if you are interested in securing a place for your child/children then please contact Mo Bedder on 565359 to join the waiting list.

Village Fete float plans are forming as I write this so watch this space and the fete parade!

Ruth Bond : 564824

Naphill & Walters Ash School

April is the start of the new financial year and currently school's budgets also operate from this month, though in the near future they will operate in line with academic years e.g. September to September. Like many schools the governors and myself have had to work hard to ensure that the budget share allotted to the school is apportioned out in a way that meets the needs of the children in spite of being £47 000 less than in the previous year. What has made it even more complex is the increased pressure to deliver a radical workforce remodeling agenda that provides all teachers with 10% release time from teaching from September in order to plan, assess and prepare lessons. Although I applaud the governments 'vision' for enabling this to take place I cannot for the life of me see how they expect schools to deliver the reforms without detriment to the children unless some serious sums of money are spent on the hiring of additional teaching staff. With the General Election just around the corner Ruth Kelly and her advisors are working hard to convince the electorate that schools are awash with cash to do the government's bidding...if only this were true. This year at Naphill and Walters Ash School, our school has avoided setting a deficit budget through the non-replacement of support staff and slashing into curriculum areas of

spending. Of course you can really only do this once and unless the situation improves for next year then solutions will have to be looked at that will involve some form of re-structuring.

As a school, we are extremely fortunate in having an active PTA who are able to raise funds for us. To this end they have been successful in raising £20 000 in order for a much-needed library to be built here. The library itself is being built this term and we are all very excited about the project which is being built right in the heart of the school. This will enable books that are currently spread all over the school to be centralised and rationalised so the children can make better use of them. Once this is completed we are hoping to enlarge the school's ICT suite that adjoins the new library, unless of course the £220 million pledged by the government to improve school meals will mean re-instating the school kitchen where the current ICT suite is.

Tim McLoughlin, Headteacher

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group...

is a group run voluntarily by parents for mothers with babies and/or toddlers. We offer a friendly environment for both parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while their children play with the numerous toys and make new friends. We have an informal structure to the group, usually starting with free play time followed by refreshments, then a slightly quieter play time to finish where the little ones can explore their creative streaks with playdough.

New faces are always welcome so please come along and join us. If you've been before we thank you for your continued support. We meet every Thursday during term-time at the Naphill Village Hall between 2-4 pm. Admission price per session is £1.20 per first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

We're up and running again after the Easter break and looking forward to being able to enjoy some outdoors play time now that the weather is improving (at last!).

Please contact Suzanne on 562147, Sue on 562277 or Cheryl on 565580 for further information.

Naphill Cum Bradenham Conservatives

Annual Barbecue

This year's barbecue will be on Sunday June 19th at Richard and Valerie Pushman's home

Umtata, Naphill Common

Tickets cost £15, to include main course, dessert, cheese and wine.

Please ring Valerie (564152) or Peggy (565969) to book.

All weather eventualities catered for! Do join us!

News from Christians in the Community

On the 6th May at KRASH two gap year students from the charity Toybox will be running the session and telling us about their visit to Guatemala and news of our sponsored child. These students will also be bringing along some of the beautifully woven south American hats, bags and purses for sale.

KRASH will also be meeting on the 20th May.

TRASH will meet on the 13th May.

The joint service between the three churches will be on Sunday 15th May 6 pm at the Naphill Evangelical Church – everybody welcome – refreshments afterwards.

The CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING will be held on Saturday 21st May between 10 and 12 noon at the Naphill Methodist church.

So once you've bought your plants at the village hall why not come along for your coffee!

Norma Clarke : 563116

Naphill Evangelical Free Church

This month I am going to use the introduction to Christian ministers/writers Pete Meadow's & Joseph Steinberg's book "beyond belief?" This is the background book used in conjunction with the Y Course that our fellowship will begin on Tuesday evenings. On reading it I hope you will consider and accept the invitation I will give at the end, to come onto the course.

BEYOND BELIEF

Introduction: *the journey starts here.*

“Is it ‘beyond belief’ to think there might be more to life than this?”

Is it pure madness to claim that beyond all the pleasures our senses can give, there’s still an adventure waiting? Is it laughable to say life might offer something beyond our four score years and a retirement home?

Is it naïve to believe a dimension exists outside of this tangible, touchable world? Or that human life is like a goldfish bowl, beyond which there is a world awaiting our discovery?

Are such thoughts of ‘more than this’ just a vain display of human vanity or a desperate quest for significance? Are we simply too scared to face up to being nothing but a smudge on the windscreen of time?

I don’t know what’s ‘beyond belief’ for you. Maybe it’s the thought that God exists. Maybe it’s the idea that life has an ultimate purpose. Maybe it’s the notion that a very big Somebody out there cares whether you live or die or what happens to you in between.

Such issues are the territory of this book (*and the Y Course*). The following pages offer you a journey of exploration into these great questions. If the truth is out there – about life, the universe and some other bits and bobs – it’s worth finding. So let’s see if we can nail it down.

I have no way of knowing how far down this road you’ve already travelled. Perhaps you see yourself as simply ticking the ‘don’t know’ box – but with an open mind, ready to know if knowing is possible. Or you may have come some way down the track to shaping what is or isn’t beyond belief for you.

Either way, please don’t expect an unbiased excursion. As your guide through the book, I own up readily to some firmly held conclusions – based on a journey of enquiry made over the past thirty years.”

The content of the book and *the course* are familiar to many who have started the journey of discovery into the life of Jesus and what He came to do. The ‘views’ which many of us as Christians hold have become deeply held convictions that have gradually and positively reshaped our lives in a way that previously we would have considered ‘beyond belief.’

Over one and a half billion people from every colour, social class and intellect across the globe have shared this journey. Therefore it’s a journey no one needs to travel alone.

The writer of *beyond belief* writes “Are we deluded? Or is there genuinely more to life?”

As a minister of one of the local churches I would like to personally invite you the “Y course” to begin to discover the answer. The groups that we run will be small (*no more than 9 people*) and last for 8 sessions. There are still a few places in the first group which starts in the Manse 124 Main Road on 26th April 2005 at 7:30pm with a break for half-term on the 31st May and it is still possible to join even though you may have missed the first session.

More information can be picked up at the church or please telephone me on the number given below if you want to know more.

A day time course will run if there is a response and demand.

Each week there will be:

- A though provoking talk through different speakers on video – on a big issue.
- An informal small group discussion – to chew over what is said.
- A relaxed environment – laughter, freedom to say or ask whatever you want and nothing religious like praying, singing or having to read out aloud.

A meal will be served during the first and final sessions with just light refreshments during the others.

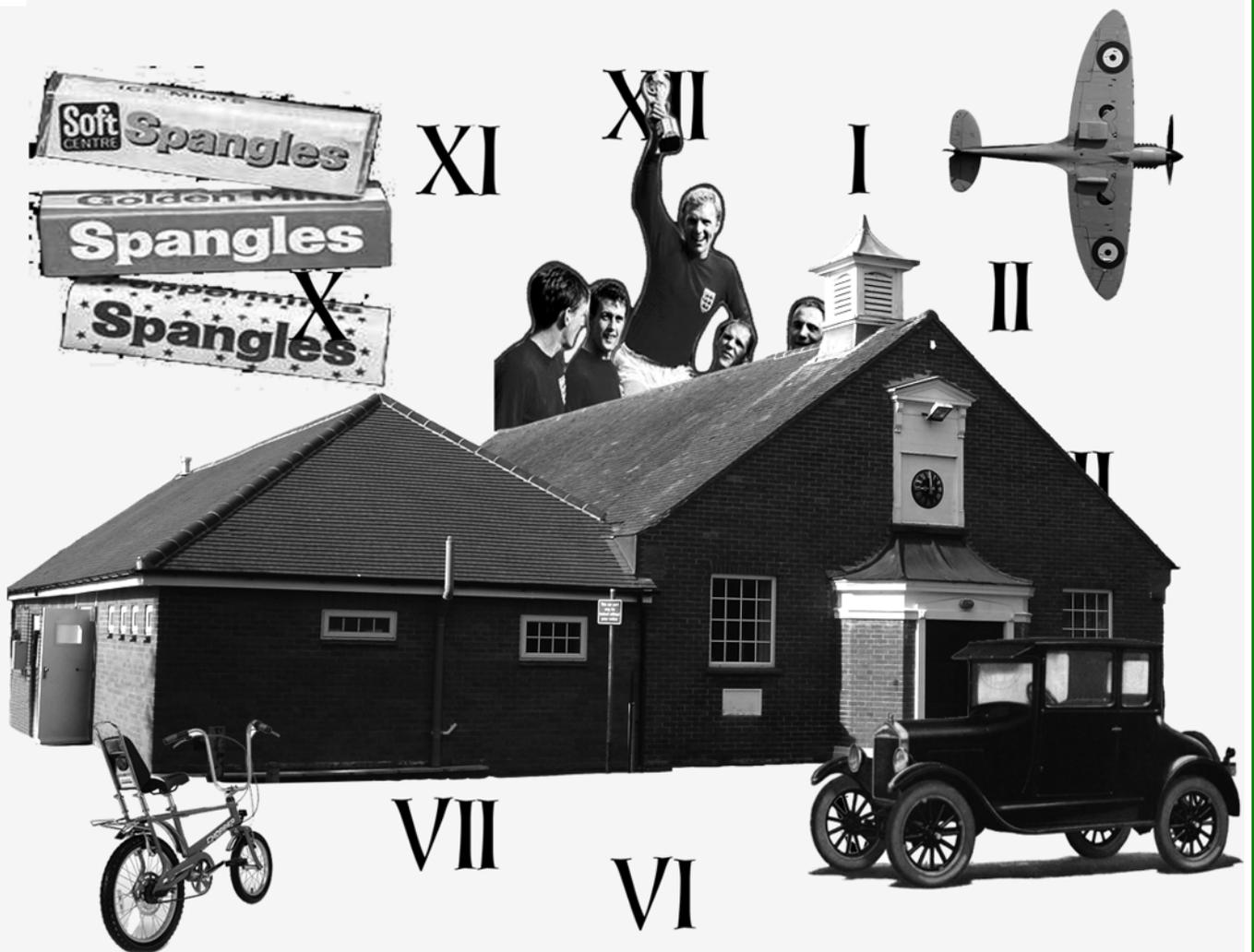
I hope you will join us and make new and lasting friendships along with discovering that there is more to life.

Regards

Bob Semple : 563304

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Editorial

Fete month is upon us again. As someone who has been closely involved in organising the Fete for the last two years I can only admire Ted Chapman for the day he has lined up and the time he has dedicated to bringing it all together. That said, Ted's efforts are not the reason you should attend - you should attend because the Fete really matters when it comes to raising money for the Village Hall and Playing Fields, it is the biggest fund raiser of the year. But there's more - it is the one chance

each year when our whole community can get together and catch up or meet for the first time - events like this foster true community spirit. Please show your face on June 11th, if only for 10 minutes, buy a drink and be part of what makes our community a great place to live.

My thanks to Chris Newman for his creative skills in designing a front cover for this fete issue.

Matt Piercy

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45-7.30pm
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15-7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2-3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8-9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8-9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15-2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall Forge Road	10.30-11.15am 12.15-12.50
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2-4pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6-7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30-8pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30-9pm
	U6s-U12s every Saturday	9.30-11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00-10pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2-4pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am-12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8-10pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astrotrurf

Small Ads

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New Kumon Maths and English After School Club. For further information about how Kumon may be able to help your child, contact the Hazlemere Kumon Centre on 01628 532620.

Saturday morning Numeracy club. Yrs 4, 5 and 6. Extra help provided to develop their Numeracy in a small group (max 4). Telephone 563400, email nicka@tesco.net QTS – Nat. Curriculum. related.

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

After our full diary of events in April, I am pleased to report that most of our goals have been attained! The two April ‘Rusty Racquet’ sessions were well attended and enjoyed and further dates are scheduled (on 19th May, 16th June & 7th July). With the most important date on the calendar for tennis aficionados fast approaching in the shape of the Wimbledon Championships – popularly known as ‘come on Tim!’ time – don’t think that just because some opportunities have been missed, it is too late to gain from these free sessions. There is always space for one or two more and the fact that we play our tennis at Naphill instead of Wimbledon means that most of us still have lots to learn, whatever standard we may or may not have achieved! These last three sessions will be split, with the first hour (6.30 – 7.30) being for beginners and ‘rusty’ players, whilst the second hour (from 7.30pm) will include coaching on Doubles Tactics.

Junior coaching sessions have also proved to be popular this year and, for a change, actually include a healthy number of girls. In recent seasons, our junior girls have been greatly outnumbered by boys, resulting in us being unable to enter a team for them in the junior league. It is always difficult to anticipate the make-up of our junior squad as teams have to be entered before the tennis season proper is in full swing but, hopefully, next year we will redress the problem by entering both girls’ and boys’ teams.

As far as senior competitive tennis is concerned, I can report that our Bucks Shield Ladies team have won their second match against Little Chalfont whilst our Aylesbury Mens’ Team also won their first match. Unfortunately, competition for our Mixed II and Ladies Aylesbury teams was a little too keen, with Naphill coming ‘second’, the participants still enjoying their experience and resolving to learn from it!

The Bridge Evening, held in the very pleasant and airy Evangelical Free Church Hall on 7th May, was very successful with all players enjoying a relaxed, sociable but still competitive game. The main prize-winner was Jan Curtis – a former resident and long-time member of Naphill LTC. Another prize-winner was our revered treasurer (also long-time member) Judy Redrup, whilst our Chairman & President’s guests won the ‘slam’ award! (We like to keep things in-house!). The ‘martyrs’ of the evening were our non-playing ‘kitchen staff’ who sat in the very ‘cosy’ kitchen throughout the evening, emerging at half-time to serve the tea and cakes, only to go to ground again to tackle the washing up, and then clearing the room at the end of the evening, before collapsing in a heap! Thanks were duly given to them for sacrificing their Saturday evening to help boost club funds by our Chairman.

This fine example of selfless sacrifice brings me to the next major fund-raising event in Naphill which is the Village Fete on the 11th June. Here, of course, the aim is to raise funds to maintain the Naphill Village Hall and tennis club member Ted Chapman who, for his sins, serves on both the Tennis Club and Village Hall Committees, has taken on the onerous task of organizing this event. He has cajoled some tennis club members to look after the Bouncy Castle, as well as running our ‘Fastest Serve’ event. This competition is open to all comers to time their serving ability against the speed gun, with prizes awarded in the various categories, only condition being that it must land in the required area. So roll up! Who knows there might be a ‘Greg Rusedski-hit-alike’ somewhere in our midst. Do come over to watch, even if you do not wish to take part. Going on past experience, it’s amazing to discover how many residents are unaware of our existence in Naphill. There has actually been a tennis club on our site since 1921- before most of us were born and many of the houses that surround us were built! New members welcome – contact Sue Crooks – 01494 562539 – e-mail: smcr2000@aol.com or the undersigned.

*Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063 :
RGTomlins@aol.com*

County & District Councillor’s Report

First of all I must congratulate the 73% of voters who turned out to vote for the General and County Elections on 5th May. It was one of the highest percentage turnouts in the county. I must also thank those voters who elected me as their county councillor for the Greater Hughenden Division, which now includes Naphill & Walters Ash. The main change of the Council’s membership is in the number of new faces who will be attending County Hall. It is encouraging that we now have several younger

members and an increase in the number of women who were elected.

It is too early yet to say what responsibilities I might have in the new council but readers may rest assured, that I will endeavour to work for the benefit of all residents in Greater Hughenden, irrespective of party affiliations. There is much to be done in the enhancement of the environment and the protection of our Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The changes in the payment of agricultural subsidies may well affect our farmland scene and I am worried at the absence of support for forest and woodland projects. The general lack of management, if not rectified, will have serious consequences for our familiar and much loved beech woods.

Readers will know of my concern at the current building densities for new properties and I am particularly concerned at where these occur near to the edges of settlements. Properties fronting onto the Common are particularly important as they provide that link with the built up area of the village as a whole. Dense development in these areas would urbanise our villages to an unacceptable level. Is it possible that there could be agreement by residents to the creation of a conservation area to include all properties adjoining the Common from Walters Ash allotments to Hunts Hill Lane?

Richard Pushman :
richard.pushman@btinternet.com : 564152

Naphill Neighbours

How little we knew about the Chiltern Society until we were enlightened at our May meeting by Mrs. Upcott, an enthusiastic representative of that worthwhile organisation. We who live in the Chilterns certainly love its beautiful countryside, but few were aware of the wide and varied work of the Chiltern Society, which was formed 40 years ago this month. It cares for 650 square miles of countryside of which 325 square miles are a protected Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Think, too, of chalk streams, red kites, footpaths and bridleways, rare flowers and beech woods, not forgetting the Chiltern Open Air Museum and the Lacey Green windmill - and much, much, more.

Plans are going ahead for our float at the Village Fete on Saturday, 11th June and members are reminded to get baking for our cake stall. Even if you can't be here on the day, please do bake early and deliver your offering to either Sheila or Hazel to freeze. No excuses, please!

At our next meeting, on Monday, 13th June at 8pm, we will be taken on a "Cook's Tour" and later in the month we will be going to Kneller Hall for one of their famous summer open-air military band concerts - weather permitting!

New members are always most welcome.

Hazel Vickery : 563977

Names and numbers to note

The Gazette's e-mail is nwagazette@lycos.co.uk

Naphill Website is at :

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/>

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Lee Turnham. For the police control room, ring 715352

Crime Reduction Officer is Lucy Groves on 08458 505505 or 736731

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

Hughenden Parish Council: Tel 01494 715296, Email hughendenpc@btconnect.com

Naphill Evening WI

Our meeting on April 21st was quite enlightening with a new approach to looking at paintings. Brian Edwards gave us an insight into several works of art by Turner, Constable and Monet. The bursary was drawn and the lucky recipient was Aiveen, who now has the task of choosing one of the 500 courses on offer! The Group meeting at Flackwell Heath was a great success with an hilarious talk about the good old days before television. Mrs Purdy reminded us of all the old artists, some she had worked with as a girl, such as Eddie Calvert – the man with the golden trumpet. (You may have seen her eating fire with Paul O'Grady on his TV show last month). Her husband did a sketch as a Chelsea Pensioner, which was naughty, but good fun! They then amazed us with a 'little bit of magic'. Unfortunately we did not win the competition, but there was a very justified winner. Supper, tea and coffee were duly served, which made an end to another delightful evening. The council meeting at Aylesbury on the 28th was up to its usual high standard. We had a talk about cycling around the Nile by 2 courageous ladies who had actually done it, and Christine Lamb, a war correspondent, told us about her amazing experiences in Afghanistan and Iraq which were quite hair-raising. Some of our ladies went for an evening walk and supper with Lane End WI on 4th May; the weather was kind to them and they had a good evening. Unfortunately not all our applications were successful for the 3-course celebration lunch on May 6th at Aylesbury Stadium, as the event was over-subscribed and we only received 6 tickets instead of the 12 requested. The guest

speaker was Tricia Stewart, 'Miss October' of the Calendar Girls fame. We listened first-hand to her amazing story and for those of us who did go, it was a most enjoyable Friday lunch-time.

By the time you read this the village fete will only be a few days away; we will be entering a float, so please come out and cheer us on with a wave and a clap as the procession passes by. There will be the WI themed tombola on the Crick with lots of prizes to be had, and as usual, we will be doing teas in the Village Hall, so a big 'Thank You' in advance to all our helpers.

June 16th is our 22nd Birthday Party – come and join us for something good to eat and drink, and be entertained with 'A Little Bit of Variety' from Betty Page.

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

Naphill & Walters Ash Fete

Your diary entry for Saturday 11th June should read 'Must go to the Fete'. It will be really super day out for everyone! Cancel your visit to the Bahamas or other exotic locations – Naphill will be the best place to be!

If you have not already received your copy of the free Fete Program it will be with you shortly. Take a look at the things that will be happening that day. There will be the traditional music-led procession that starts from Forge Road at noon, followed by everything from dancing in the arena to Welly Throwing. The Fete Dance starts at 8.00pm and finishes at midnight. (If you want to be sure of tickets 'phone Andy on 564576) Save your energy for twelve hours of fun, you must not miss it.

If you have autograph books bring them along as we are fortunate to have Steve Brown, the Assistant Manager of Wycombe Wanderers, to open the Fete and to help with the Grand Draw. He will be especially interested in our football related attractions and may have a few tips for our young enthusiasts so do come, make him welcome, and show what a friendly and talented lot you are.

If you want to help the Fete, books will be welcomed by Eleanor (562954) as long as they arrive before Fete day, your unwanted things will be welcome on the Bric-a-Brac stall (Ian on 654824), I need your old welly's for the Welly Throwing Competition and we can still do with more help with car parking and other easy jobs (Ted 563034). Pay is low but satisfaction is high!

Do come along. We look forward to seeing everyone on what will be a really super day!

Ted Chapman, Fete Committee Chairman : 563034

Readers Letters

Election Thanks

Dear Editor,

May I use the opportunity of the Gazette to thank all those Electors who voted on the 5th May, whether for me or not?

The result for those who have not seen it was:

Pushman, Richard 3,123

Barnes, William 1,710

I will do my best to work for the good of all residents in the Division of Greater Hughenden who now total just in excess of 8,500. I cannot promise to solve every problem but I probably know a man or woman who can!

Sincerely,

Richard Pushman

Speed limit in the village

I was sorry to read in Richard's April report to the Gazette that the 40 limit through part of Naphill will soon be lowered to 30. I am surprised, though, that Richard considers that the majority of his constituents will support this.

Increasingly the beleaguered motorist realises that the national obsession with lowering speed limits, and then enforcing them in a draconian manner, has no effect at all on road safety and is only intended to raise revenue.

If the public saw all this leading to plummeting accident rates we would share the enthusiasm. However we don't and the average motorist knows that observance of a speed limit does not equate to observance of a safe speed.

Please let me illustrate this in two ways:-

The other day I followed a fellow motorist through Naphill at the dizzy speed of 25 to 28 miles per hour. Not only were the veins of this speed junky pulsing with the thrill of this recklessness but he was tickling the accelerator in such a way that OPEC issued a profits warning.

Ultimately the chap behind lost patience and overtook both of us rather riskily.

I continued behind Speedy Gonzales in a 40mph heedless descent through Bradenham Woods. Upon reaching the main road at the bottom he turned left sailing out into the path of a white van. A close call.

Undaunted our intrepid hero massaged the gas and, approaching the railway bridge, he was almost doing 50. Strangely oblivious to the large signs that warn about the arch and tall vehicles. Suddenly reality dawned, in the form of a large cattle transporter, and he screeched to halt in a cloud of tyre smoke.

In two miles not one speed limit was exceeded but two accidents were nearly caused as well as a fellow motorist provoked to take a risk

And my second illustration?

I drive 35,000 miles a year. A lightweight mileage in comparison to HGV drivers but, at 3 times the average mileage, I am aware of my own frailty and the need to be defensive if I am going to live to retirement.

Often I am on the motorway during the working day or before the rush hour. As I proceed at 70 mph (my Lud) I am passed by streams of vehicles travelling between 80 & 90 mph. And yet there is little tension. The actors in this daily drama choreograph themselves with decorum. Generally they maintain safe distances and observe a sensible lane discipline.

Naphill Village Fete

Saturday, June 11th
'The Good Old Days'



Fete Evening Party

June 11th 8pm - 12.00pm

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**If you can help on the
day, or prior to the event,
please contact Ted
Chapman on 563034**

Drive that same motorway in rush hour, or at the weekend, and the situation is totally different. The speeds are lower but the traffic bunches, won't use lanes properly and drives too close. In short the speed has dropped but the danger has risen.

So what is my point?

Simply that speed limits have no connection to safety but that drivers must learn to recognise and apply the speed that is safe for the circumstances. A safe speed may well be under the speed limit but an excessively slow speed is provocative and dangerous as it will encourage other drivers to take risks.

How will this learning be achieved? The answer lies in training:-

Let us imagine that I run an engineering company. A school leaver joins my company at 17 and I train him to use a potentially lethal machine. He works for me for 50 years and every two years I change the machine but don't retrain him. Add to that I occasionally hire a different machine and expect him to transfer from one to the other. His machine is by the factory door so sometimes he works in the rain or snow or even with ice on the factory floor.

Imagine how the Health & Safety Executive would treat me if he is injured and yet this is exactly what happens on the road and the only way that standards can be improved is for regular re-training and testing.

Those motorists who are below average ability should not be banned from the roads as such social exclusion would

be iniquitous. However the licences of drivers should be graded with experience and ability. This would affect insurance rates and at the same time make all of us realise that there are better drivers than us and improvements we can make to our driving.

So, Richard, here is an opportunity for you to re-think your stance.

You will be taking comfort from the congratulations you will receive from Naphill residents over lowering the speed limit. Indeed it is highly likely that this issue of the Gazette or subsequent ones will include letters in support.

Listen to this praise with care though. Naphill is often safe to drive through at 40 and, once the speed limit is lowered, your constituents will not be writing letters of thanks to you as they send their cheques to court.

Many of the voices raised in support of this issue in the past have been silenced as they, or their friends, have received speeding fines. They join the vast majority of motorists who realise how vacuous is the argument for lower speed limits and more draconian enforcement thereof. Also the public is realising the damage done to relationship between Police and Public.

You are a wise political owl who has served this area with distinction. Please listen to the wind of change that is blowing.

Charles Leigh-Dugmore

Fete - Second-hand Emporium

Over the washing up the other evening, Hazel and I were giving our impersonation of Ann Zeigler and Webster Booth singing a selection of songs by Ivor Novello. We had just finished 'My Dearest Dear' and had barely started 'Fold Your Wings' when Hazel was about to sing the words, that always make me feel a little anxious, 'I sur - ren - der' I suddenly turned to her and said 'what about giving each customer a free CD with every purchase'. 'No' she replied 'just charge rock bottom prices', 'brilliant' I concurred 'right as usual'. We didn't finish 'Fold Your Wings' we went straight into 'Shine Through My Dreams'.

There you have it 'ROCK BOTTOM PRICES' you will not find better bargains nationwide. HOWEVER, you will notice it's a large however, before we sell we have got to have the goods, at the time of writing (12th May) we have had just three phone calls, not very encouraging, so please, please search for items you feel could be sold on the stall, remember the Village Hall Committee relies on the money made at the Fete to keep your hall and your playing field in good condition. So please find something and telephone :

Bob 563846 or John 565563

Books - please - for the book stall at the Fete

The types of books that sell best are children's and fiction - so any good condition ones please leave at 16 Moseley Road -front porch.

BUT - please - NO books on the day

OR any old cookery/ garden/reference type ones.

Sadly these have just been carried to the Fete and, MOSTLY, back home again....

.....and books are just too heavy for ladies to do that!!!!!!

Huge Thanks in Advance.

Eleanor : 562954

The June sky in Naphill & Walters Ash

Sunset on June 25 is the latest of the year and sunrise on 17 is the earliest. The summer solstice is on 21. The Moon is full on 22 and new on 6. Venus, Jupiter and Saturn can be seen in the evening in the west. Mars is a morning star in the east. Although the sky never gets really dark at this time of the year, it should be possible to see Mercury in the west around June 26. The Andromeda galaxy is beginning to appear in the north-western sky late in the evening.

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
June	Rise	04.51	02.38	05.47	02.21	15.05	08.07
1	Set	21.11	15.03	22.36	13.38	02.52	24.11
June	Rise	04.47	05.15	05.56	02.03	14.38	07.43
8	Set	21.18	23.31	22.47	13.38	02.24	23.46
June	Rise	04.44	13.21	06.09	01.44	14.11	07.20
15	Set	21.23	01.33	22.53	13.38	01.57	23.21
June	Rise	04.45	22.41	06.26	01.25	13.45	06.57
22	Set	21.25	04.10	22.54	13.37	01.30	22.56
June	Rise	04.47	01.05	06.45	01.06	13.20	06.34
29	Set	21.25	14.12	22.52	13.36	01.03	22.31

Big Bang

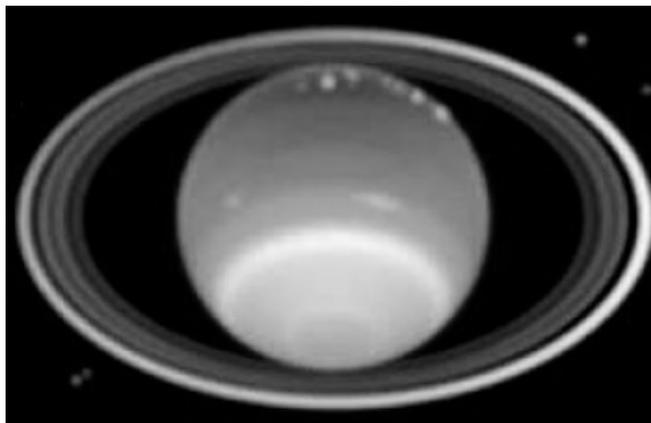
James Chamberlen and I are in danger of conducting personal correspondence in the *Gazette* and so I will try to cover his questions in the April issue in a way that are interesting to other readers too. In my article in the March issue I was careful to write that the universe has grown to the size of a grapefruit when time was 10^{-43} seconds. This is not the same as saying 'at the instant of the Big Bang the universe was the size of a grapefruit'. Far from it, as the universe was much smaller than a grapefruit before this time. When $t = 0$ the Big Bang took place. No-one knows how it started but certainly the universe was of zero size and when time, space and matter all started a finite time ago. The Big Bang theory asserts that the universe originated by expanding from an infinitely compressed state. $E = mc^2$ does not have anything to do with the Big Bang except that the universe was all energy. Later, as the universe cooled, some of the energy converted into mass. What the formula states is that energy and matter are equivalent and interchangeable. Because c (the velocity of light) is such a big number, a large quantity of energy is equivalent to a smaller amount of mass. The conversion of mass into energy through nuclear reactions powers the stars. When a star is young, the fusion of hydrogen into helium produces copious amounts of energy (carbon is not involved at the early stages of new stars being formed soon after the big bang).

Hermes

After eluding astronomers for 66 years, the long-lost asteroid Hermes has finally been retrieved. This best-known of the "lost asteroids" was originally discovered by Karl Reinmuth at Heidelberg, Germany, on 1937 October 28 and tracked for only five days. Despite numerous attempts, the object that came to be known as Hermes was not seen again until 2003 October 15. On 2003 October 18 and 20, a team of ten astronomers beamed a high frequency pulse to the minor planet and after analysis discovered that it is two separate bodies each 300 to 450 metres across circling one another. This is not the first binary asteroid to be recorded as there are now 18 of such objects. The real interest of Hermes takes us back to 1937 when it skimmed us on Earth by only 800,000 kilometres. In 2003, it was forecast to have passed about 7 million miles away.

Planetary Rings

Most people know that Saturn has quite marked rings. But are we aware that the other three gas giants, Jupiter Uranus and Neptune also have rings even though they are far less distinctive? Edouard Roche (1820 – 83) calculated at what distance a satellite will break up under the tidal effects exerted by a planet. This figure is 2.44 times the radius of the planet and the whole of Saturn's rings are within that distance of the planet. The material is a vast number of small particles. Jupiter's rings were discovered much more recently in 1979 by the Voyager spacecraft; they are very thin, about 7000 km wide compared with their planet who has a diameter nearly 143,000 km. Uranus has 10 even narrower rings about 700km wide and first photographed by Voyager in 1986. Neptune's rings are rather like those of Uranus and has four dusty rings although they are incomplete.



Uranus with its rings

Instead of planetary rings being the exception it turns out that for the gas giants they are the rule in the Solar System but all of them are within the Roche limit for the planet concerned. It is also a fact that these four planets have a large number of satellites. Jupiter for example has 44 plus the almost traditional 4 large Galilean satellites we have known about for since 1610. Saturn has 31 satellites, Uranus 20 and Neptune 13 or so. Many of these satellites have been discovered since the emergence of artificial satellites sent by scientists on Earth. It is not possible to see any of the rings except Saturn's without a powerful telescope. The magnitudes of the planets are -2.7 for Jupiter, +0.7 for Saturn with its rings closed (and -0.2 when the rings are open), +5.5 for Uranus (just possible to see with good eyesight) and +7.8 for Neptune (a telescope or very good binoculars are essential).

Grant Woodruff

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

On the 15th April we had a Marshall talk to us about safety in the home, and very interesting it was to. On the 29th April we had Mr E A Abbot and on May 13th we look forward to Mr John Howard with his accordian. Our birthday party will be on the 27th May and we look forward to that.

New members welcome.

Norah Cockroft : 564270

Horticultural Society

Summer Show
Naphill Village Hall
Saturday July 2nd

Our Annual Summer Show takes place on Saturday July 2nd and is your chance to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment

We have had excellent growing conditions recently, and there is still plenty of time for you to pamper your plants and talk to your veg. between now and then, so why not pick up a schedule and have a go?

Last year we had record entries at both shows, so help us to improve on those figures this year.

If gardening is not really your thing then what about handcrafts, photography, cookery or flower arranging—we've got it all!

The Children's classes were very well supported again last year, so why not encourage your youngsters to have a go this time?

Schedules are available from Don Turner, the Post Office or myself.

If you prefer to just come along and have a look, the doors open at 2pm and the ever-popular auction of donated exhibits will take place at 4pm. There is also a sales table so if you have any contributions to this please let Don know on 562645.

Lastly, I am delighted that my pleas for help have worked, and we have recently welcomed Peter & Kate Davis and Mike Pool onto the Committee.

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

Naphill Football Club

After the fete we would like to put some sand on the goal mouths. If anyone in the village has some old sand from a building project sitting around that they want to get rid of we would be happy to pick it up. Also, if you are relaying a garden and have any turf left over, we will be very grateful.

Tony or Aaron : 564141 : naphill_fc@hotmail.co.uk

Best Neighbour Award

Every year at the village fete an award is made to the villages 'Best Neighbour'. If you know someone that lives in Naphill or Walters Ash and is worthy of this award please let me know along with your reason for nominating them. Please call Ted on 563034 or email ted@chapman648.fsnet.co.uk

The award will be presented at 3.00pm on June 11th at the Fete.

Naphill Village Hall Council Notes

Our May meeting, which actually took place on the 25th of April (due to the May Day Bank holiday) was preceded by our annual Litter Blitz. Many thanks to those of you who donned the Marigolds and helped to pick up the litter from the Crick and the environs of the Hall. It looked great when we had done it - shame the effect doesn't last for long!

Our new members, Ken Wright, the new treasurer, and Cathryn Carter and Dennis Lynch who have volunteered to help with the admin. of the hall, were co-opted onto the Council and the chairman and vice chairman were re-elected into office for another year.

We had another long discussion about the vandalism around the Hall and the other problems caused by the youths who are present on the Sports Pavilion verandah every night. Our local police beat officer and the area police community support officer are both very aware of our issues and are doing all they can to help. They are making their presence felt and moving the "lads" on

regularly. They are hoping to attend our next meeting to discuss things through with us and also to attend the fete where they will be able to meet a large number of our residents. They do reiterate the message that they need to be advised of any incidents that occur in the village so make sure you phone if you have been affected. We have also had a visit from the crime reduction advisor who came and was shown around the Hall and the particular areas that are prone to vandalism. She has come up with some suggestions that we will follow up but obviously they all cost money. We spent a while discussing the pros and cons of locking up the cupboards in the kitchen. During our last break in the locks were forced even though they contained nothing of any value. The organisations represented at the meeting felt that they could only have control of their belongings if they were locked away and thus not used by casual hirers. It was therefore decided to continue locking the cupboards. It was also pointed out that the windows must be locked on leaving the hall. Please could you check that if you have opened any windows whilst using the Hall (especially over the summer), that you have relocked them before leaving. Thank you. If they are left unlocked it invalidates our insurance.

Finally a reminder about the FETE. Buy your grand draw tickets, offer to help if you can but above all turn up on the day and have fun. 11TH JUNE. See you there.

Sarah Bacon, Chairman Naphill Village Hall and Playing Fields Council : 563479

Naphill Pre-School

As I mentioned last month this is the busiest term for Pre-School with the largest number of children attending sessions everyday. The staff have continued to offer a high standard of care to all of the children with the activities available everyday relating to the interest weeks theme.

This term so far we have been looking at colours and shapes; it is amazing what the children bring in each day. Next half term "journeys" will be the main theme. There are some exciting trips in the pipeline relating to this topic!

At the time of writing this Pre-School are looking forward to the Race Night that I have plugged before. Ticket sales have been good as have the "Horses", some very imaginative and comical horse and race names have come forward!! I will let you know how it all goes next month and how much money is raised.

We are all thrilled that the warmer weather is finally here. The children, and staff, are so pleased to be able to go outside and play. The Village Hall garden remains a safe and exciting environment for the children to do so.

Our next big event is the end of term "Teddy Bears' Picnic." This is when the children go into the woods on the common to look for bears, have a party and the school leavers are presented with their work and gifts. A lovely day for children, staff and parents/carers.

I am really sad to announce that Mo Bedder, Pre-School's supervisor, has resigned with effect from the end of this

term. Mo has been supervisor for 3 years and worked at Pre-School for many years prior to this appointment. Mo has constantly encouraged the children in every respect and provided opportunities for them to reach their own potential. The range of activities; cooking, craft, imaginative, constructive etc: that Mo plans is endless. She will be a great loss to Pre-School. We are therefore advertising for a new supervisor. If you would like details of this position please contact Helen Campanini on 565750.

That's all for this month.

Ruth Bond : 564824

Bradenham Parish Council

The Parish Council held its Annual meeting, Annual General Meeting and its ordinary meeting all in May. Ivor Herbert was re-elected Chairman and Richard Langridge was elected Vice-Chairman. Rosemary Gilchrist left the Council during the year and was replaced by Ken Hale. Gerald David's sudden death created a second vacancy which was filled by Paul Wooster. This vacancy had created an unusual amount of interest in the Parish Council. The Village Pond restoration project has nearly come to completion due to a lot of input from Richard Langridge and the National Trust. It is hoped to be completed in the near future.

The County Council Boundary review saw Richard Pushman leaving our Parish and being replaced by Paul Rogerson. He has been our County Councillor for many years and the Chairman thanked him for all his work on behalf of the Parish in that time.

The Parish Council put some money towards the refurbishment of the waiting room at Saunderton station, which has been a great success. During the summer we had SID (speed indicating device) in Bradenham village and for the week it was there, it was a great success. There was a glis glis infestation in the village, but other than directing people to Wycombe District Council there was not much the Parish Council could do.

The future of the RAF in the Parish has been of concern to the Parish Council, they had written to the Station Commander expressing their support for the RAF remaining in the village. The sale of the Youth Hostel in the village is a new concern, which the Parish council is getting other bodies involved in looking at.

Deirdre Hansen, Clerk to the Council

Neighbourhood Watch

For those already in Neighbourhood Watch schemes this information will have already been passed on to you, however there is no harm in reiterating it:

The WASTE PARTNERSHIP for BUCKINGHAMSHIRE is embarking on a Door-knocking exercise to over 50,000 residents in the County over a ten-week period from late April until the end of June 2005 as part of the wider Recycle for Buckinghamshire Campaign. The ultimate goal of this project is to increase residents' participation in existing recycling services by at least 10% by the end of 2005.

The team of door-knockers will be dressed in branded "Recycle for Buckinghamshire" clothing, will have photo ID and letters of authorisation. Information leaflets promoting recycling services will be left at properties where residents are not at home.

This team of 14 canvassers will be in the Wycombe District Council area throughout May. There is no need for these callers to enter your home and they have been strictly advised NOT to enter if invited.

Below are some basic rules which should be followed when opening the door to unexpected callers:

- Securing UPVC doors - burglaries through UPVC doors are an ongoing problem, which can be prevented by locking the doors and removing the key.
- Pulling the handle up to engage the bolts is not enough to secure these UPVC doors.
- Once the door is key locked, the key should be removed and stored somewhere that is accessible in an emergency.
- Lock - check your back door is locked and the key has been taken out
- Stop - think before you open the door and look through spyhole or window to see who is there
- Chain - put on the security chain or bar to the front door before opening
- Check - the ID offered. If you wish to check on the day that these callers are genuine please contact David Luckin on 0113 2 43 8777 (Waste partnership organiser). Genuine callers will be happy to wait whilst you carry out these checks. When making checks use the yellow pages or directory enquiries to get the telephone number, do not use the telephone number given by the caller.
- Never - invite a stranger into your home, even if it is raining outside! Legitimate Canvassers will not have a problem with this.

Once again if you would like any information on setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your road, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kate Worthington : 562158 kateworthington@aol.com

Naphill & Walters Ash School

Although we have had a fair amount of rain, it seems that the summer is finally arriving as yesterday was the first day all the children were allowed to go on to the field at lunchtime. This week has been a stressful one for the children as all children over the age of six have been sitting National Curriculum Tests (or SATs as they are more commonly known). Incidentally the word 'SAT' is actually copyrighted in the United States so we are not officially meant to use it. For the oldest children in the school these test papers are sent away to weird and wonderful locations such as Carlisle or Dagenham only to be returned early in July with the obligatory ticks and crosses decorating the children's work. For these children attaining a level 4 or 5 is seen as the jewel in the

crown, though interestingly, for children who are ill on the day of testing their results are counted as a 'fail'. In assemblies we have been talking about the tests and more poignantly about how we as children and adults can be seen as 'winners' and 'losers' in many aspects of our daily lives.

One of the most important lessons we should be teaching all children is that they all can make an impact on the World at many different levels as they grow up and become active and responsible members of an adult society. We have been emphasising the importance of simply 'doing your best' at whatever level that is and feeling justly proud of these achievements when you see personal goals won and new targets being set.

For children in Year 2 their official testing period ended with a day of dressing up as pirates! The school was besieged by cutthroat six year olds brandishing plastic swords and wearing false beards and eye patches. For these children, at least, they were oblivious to the future impact the results of the tests they have done will have on their lives and the future of the school as league tables etc are compared by anxious parents.

Aye aye to that!

Tim McLoughlin, Headteacher

Naphill Cum Bradenham Conservatives

Annual Barbecue

This year's barbecue will be on Sunday June 19th at Richard and Valerie Pushman's home

Umtata, Naphill Common

Tickets cost £15, to include main course, dessert, cheese and wine.

Please ring Valerie (564152) or Peggy (565969) to book.

All weather eventualities catered for! Do join us!

News from Christians in the Community

The united Pentecost service on the 15th May at the Evangelical Church was a well attended and moving service – led by Bill Geers from Hughenden Church and assisted by Janice Pettipher from Naphill Methodist Church and Bob Semple from the Evangelical church and featuring a video clip from Colombia, it was a lovely service. Added to the sight of over 20 children from Hughenden's Sunday school flying their Pentecost kites on a beautiful morning, it was a memorable experience.

We shall be running our sweets and plants stall at the fete and I look forward to receiving any donations.

Our major event this year will be a family ramble on Naphill Common followed by a barbeque – more details very soon.

Norma Clarke : 563116

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Editorial

There is nothing like the suggestion of increasing the speed limit in our villages to get people writing to the Gazette (see Readers Letters). Generally the people I have spoken to agree in some small way with one or more of the points raised last month - but none of them have said that they want the speed limit increasing!

The problem seems to be with every motorist's unique interpretation of the amount they are allowed to 'deviate' from the speed limit. Most stick to it, but a considerable number feel that within 10MPH of the limit is ok. Others give themselves a more generous 'allowance'.

On the basis this Editorial is supposed to be impartial I will justify these comments by stating that I have 2 young children who walk to school along our Main Road every day, and their chances of survival are far higher if hit by a motorist that is slightly over 30MPH, instead of a motorist that is slightly over 40MPH.

Let's stick with (to) 30MPH.

Remember, there is no Gazette in August - see you in September.

Matt Piercy

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45-7.30pm
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15-7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2-3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8-9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8-9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15-2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall Forge Road	10.30-11.15am 12.15-12.50
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2-4pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6-7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30-8pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30-9pm
	U6s-U12s every Saturday	9.30-11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00-10pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2-4pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am-12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8-10pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astrotrurf

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OFSTED REGISTERED CHILDMINDER Walters Ash before school, during school and after school care. Tracey 01494 562165 or 07940 536410

Established Bed & Breakfast in centre of Naphill. Accommodation can also be rented on a self catering, self-contained basis. 01494 563728/07775 694015 : www.woodpeckersbedandbreakfast.co.uk

New Kumon Maths and English After School Club. For further information about how Kumon may be able to help your child, contact the Hazlemere Kumon Centre on 01628 532620.

Saturday morning Numeracy club. Yrs 4, 5 and 6. Extra help provided to develop their Numeracy in a small group (max 4). Telephone 563400, email nicka@tesco.net QTS – Nat. Curriculum. Related.

AFTER SCHOOL and HOLIDAY CARE needed for 2 children aged 9 and 11. Collect from school in High Wycombe at 3.45pm schooldays. Please call Michelle on 07932 698259.

HOLIDAY APARTMENT - BROAD HAVEN, WALES, 2 bedroom luxury seaside apartment - 500m walk from a beautiful sandy beach. Sleeps 2-4 Andy & Judy Pope 564576 or www.beautifulbroadhaven.co.uk

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Continuing where I left off in the last edition and as you will, no doubt, have read in other articles in the magazine, the Naphill Fete took place in very favourable weather conditions – not too hot, not too cold but dry! Once again, Lisa Bennett's 'Beginners' represented the tennis club in the procession and her daughter, Emily, won a prize dressed as a 1970's 'Punk Rocker'. Contrary to my last report, however, the tennis club's main fund-raising contribution was our 'Fastest Serve'

competition. Although somewhat obscured by parked cars, announcements on the Tannoy System resulted in a steady stream of competitors trying their skills against our 'clock'. Without the presence of our star from last year – Adam Toone, who was otherwise engaged in gaining 2nd place throwing the javelin in Bucks County Junior Athletics championship – another Adam (Grout) won the Boy's prize at 55mph, Harriet Fleet won the Girl's prize at 49mph, whilst Simon Morris retained first place in the Men's competition at 71mph. Faster times were recorded but, unfortunately, the balls failed to land in the service area, which, after all, was the most important criteria! The winners were all presented with cans of new balls as their prizes and younger competitors also went home with a 'lucky dip' of their choice. Thanks are due to 'Sportscene' of Beaconsfield for loaning the tennis racquets and to Margaret Stevens and all those club members who turned out to run our 'stall'.

Our teams are ploughing through the lengthy fixture list and all is going very well for our Mixed 1 team, recording 4 wins from 4 matches, whilst our Mixed II also recorded 1 win. Unfortunately, our Ladies Bucks Shield team lost their third match and our Aylesbury Mens and Ladies teams have not recorded wins in this period. Injuries are taking their toll and several of our newer and less experienced players are being cajoled into playing in the teams. We are very grateful that they are prepared to accept their baptism of fire sooner rather than later and, hopefully, will gain from their experiences. I remember what a nerve-racking time it can be to play in your first match but, nine times out of ten, it turns out much better than you expect it to be!

On the social front, our re-arranged Golf Day took place on Friday 3rd June when 12 members and guests tackled 18 holes at Aylesbury Park. Unfortunately, after starting in dry conditions, the weather frowned on them, making sure they finished with a soaking! (Not being a golfer myself, I cannot say whether or not this was a comment on the standard of play!) However, I am assured that the top player, Andrew Styles, won by a considerable margin whilst our Hon. Treasurer, Judy Redrup, was the tennis club's best player. After they had all dried out, their day out was celebrated with a meal at Kimble Tandoori. Unusually, the May Bank holiday 'Tea 'n Tennis' did not attract many members but was apparently much enjoyed by those who did play. Our next and penultimate event on our 'Year 2005 Dates for your Diary' is a 'Pimms & Tennis' afternoon on Sunday 17th July, starting at 2pm (NB: IN PLACE OF THE NORMAL SUNDAY MORNING CLUB SESSION). It is hoped that as

many members as possible will come along and enjoy a good social afternoon's tennis, with a little 'refreshment' to spur them on. Friends and match standard juniors (soft drinks will also be provided) are welcome. Before inspiration from the 'highs' and 'lows' of Wimbledon are forgotten for another year, do come along and air your skills!

If you would like further details on our club, please contact our Membership Secretary, Sue Crooks, Tel: 01494 562539, e-mail: smcr2000@aol.com or the undersigned.

*Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063 :
RGTomlins@aol.com*

County & District Councillor's Report

A recent poll indicated that there had been a decline in the public's perception of politicians, presumably at both national and local level. I think that this is born of a frustration in being unable to reflect people's hopes and expectations. I know that at a local level many decisions are overturned by national government decisions. In planning matters, this is particularly so, as is evidenced by some planning inspectors' bizarre conclusions. It also surprises me that many people do not understand the structures of local government or indeed who their representatives are. This was made clear to me by the questions I was asked after the recent county council elections. Such as, "Did you stand at the last election?" and "Which election was it?". My favourite was "Are you still a Parish Councillor?" This after having retired from the Parish Council two years ago. Perhaps I might take this opportunity of highlighting the particular responsibilities of each local authority and restate who the local members are.

Buckinghamshire County Council: has an annual budget of just under £500 million. Main responsibilities include, social services, including looked after children; strategic planning; education, including youth training and youth clubs; trading standards, including registrars and coroners; transport; including roads and footpaths; libraries and waste disposal: to name but a few. There are also wide ranging links with the police, fire service and health authorities. Your elected member is Richard Pushman 564152. The population of the Division is 8,506.

Wycombe District Council: with an annual budget more than £23 million. Main responsibility is development control [planning], it is the local planning authority. Waste collection including litter control; licensing; recreation and open spaces; and

Names and numbers to note

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Naphill Website is at :

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/>

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Lee Turnham. For the police control room, ring 715352

Crime Reduction Officer is Lucy Groves on 08458 505505 or 736731

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

Hughenden Parish Council: Tel 01494 715296, Email hughendenpc@btconnect.com

joint workings with the County Council and parishes. Naphill & Walters Ash have three members, who are also responsible for Hughenden Valley and Great Kingshill with Widmer End. The population of the Ward is 8,506. The members are; David Carroll 716967; Alan Fulford 866229; Richard Pushman 564152.

Hughenden Parish Council: annual budget just under £100,000, responsible for allotments, burial ground, open spaces. It is a consultee on planning applications and works closely with village halls and playing fields and gives grant aid to help in the running of them. It also acts as an agent for parish paths [i.e. public footpaths] management. It is a consultee of both the County and District Councils on local matters. The population of the Parish is 8,506. The local members are: Ian Bond 564824, Peggy Ewart 565969, John Harris 562099 and Matt Piercy 562081.

I hope this short resume will be of some help to readers in understanding the complexities and responsibilities of local government.

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Naphill Neighbours

Anyone who has been responsible for organising a club entertainment knows the panic which results from that last minute (well almost!) telephone call saying the speaker is unable to come! Luckily, after many phone calls, a replacement was found for our June meeting and we enjoyed Geoff Burnett's beautiful presentation: "Down My Way", a journey in vision and music through the villages and countryside of the South Bucks area.

We meet again on Monday, 11th July at 8 pm when we will be told "The Story of Grasse" (centre of the perfume industry). Everyone is most welcome.

Our visit to Kneller Hall will have taken place by the time you read this, and we will be looking forward to our next outing to Stratford-upon-Avon on Monday, 8th August. We will leave the Village Hall at 9am, stopping at Broadway in the Cotswolds en route. If you would like to join us tickets cost £8 for members, £9 for guests. Please phone Sheila Rolfe on 562888 for details.

Hazel Vickery : 563977

Naphill Evening WI

On the whole the resolutions meeting on 19th May was a success, with a unanimous decision on both issues, the Farmgate Milk Prices and Recycling of Waste. Once again, several members brought in delicious puddings which we all enjoyed. Pam Smith then gave us an amusing and interesting talk about her family who have lived and worked in this area for many years. The AGM was held in the Albert Hall on the 8th June with guest speaker Jane Fonda. We will be getting a report on it from our delegate in the Link, which we will pass on to you.

What can we say about the village fete – a fine day, a good crowd and many willing helpers. First of all, the WI would like to thank Ted Chapman for keeping the fete alive and all who supported him. The WI (together with husbands etc) put a tremendous effort in with the Tombola, the 'Days Gone By' float, not to mention all the teas, coffees, cakes and sandwiches. They were rewarded with families coming and enjoying a fun day out, as well as financial gain for the village hall funds. So another big 'Thank You' to all involved.

Marion has a fully booked up trip to see Billy Elliott, so we are looking forward to yet another outing to a London theatre on 1st December. It was a pity Valerie's games evening was cancelled, as so many of us were looking forward to it; too many events in one month. We have just celebrated our 22nd birthday and look forward to our next meeting on

21st July 'In the Steps of the Wesley's in Georgia' by Margaret Deakin. The competition is An American Souvenir. After that we will be on our summer holidays, but will have our usual walk and pub supper on the 4th August, Jessie's tea party on the 11th and our trip to see the Far Pavilions on the 25th.. Have a good summer.

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

News About Our Successful Fete

Those who ignored our advice to cancel overseas holidays and come to the Naphill and Walters Ash Fete are now regretting their decision. Naphill was the place to be on 11th June.

What a super event our Fete turned out to be. We were blessed by ideal weather and the decoration of the vehicles and stalls were a credit to those involved and a wonderful interpretation of the 'Good Old Days' theme.

There was a really super procession and a great number of really good attractions for all ages. The masses of people who filled the crick were obviously enjoying themselves. About 620 ice creams and lolly pops were consumed, the BBQ cooked 1,000 sausages and burgers before they ran out, the WI dispensed tea, cakes and sandwiches in huge numbers and the beer tent was in danger of drying up!

It was a great day for all the kids. The Bouncy Castle, Roller Coaster, huge inflatable slide and all of the other attractions were in constant use. There was no time for stall holders to get bored.

At the time of writing we do not know just how much cash was raised for the Village Hall, we will have to wait for the next edition of the Gazette for this. But money is not the most important reason for having a fete, a really enjoyable day for the whole of the community is far more important. We were delighted by the holiday atmosphere of the day and enjoyed the obvious signs of pleasure in the faces of so many people. You all made it a great day; thank you for coming to the Fete.

Ted Chapman, Fete Committee Chairman : 563034

P. S. A camera was found and handed in to me at the Fete. If the owner will call me and correctly describe it I will be pleased to return it.

Fete Prizewinners

Fancy Dress (under 5) - Sarah Winfield.

Fancy Dress (5 to 8) - Bailey Pepper.

Fancy Dress (8 & over) - Joint winners - Sunny Murray-Howell-Thorn and Emily Bennett.

Best Float - Juniors - Pre-School

Best Float - Seniors - Naphill Neighbours

Best Walking Tableau - Walters Ash School

Best Costume overall - Nancy Hussey

Best Stall - WI (Judges' impressed by the well interpreted theme of the stall and the dresses).

There were eight nominations for the Good Neighbour Award. The winner was Barbara Clarke.

Readers Letters

Great Fete

What wonderful people the villagers of Naphill and Walters Ash are! Not only those who give up so much time helping in the running of events in the village but also those who attend. This was obvious from scenes at the Fete on Saturday 11th.

Yes, we were lucky with the weather but the fun and success of the day was down to the people who came.....and stayed! I would like to thank not only Ted Chapman, who did a wonderful job, not only all those who put so much effort into preparing for the day and worked hard on the day but also to those people who attended, had fun and made the whole event the fantastic occasion it was. We are fortunate to live in such a super village.

Pauline Pool

Speed Limit Changes

Dear Editor

Re Charles Leigh-Dugmore's recent correspondence:

What's the hurry?

Regards

Jon Brooke

Speed Limit Changes

I was fascinated by Charles Leigh-Dugmore's lengthy argument against the lowering of the 40 limit through Naphill. Of particular interest was his admission that he had pursued 'Speedy Gonzales' in a 'heedless descent through Bradenham Woods'. He next admits to continuing the chase close enough to register that SG was 'almost doing 50' – all of which seems at odds with his claim to be aware of his 'own frailty and the need to be defensive'.

Once again, his argument is based on a belief that the average motorist is skilled enough to be able to judge what is a safe speed without reference to any imposed limits. This is palpably untrue. What we do know is that all speed limits are regularly ignored/exceeded and hence that imposing a 30 limit

will result in an average nearer 40, a figure he accepts as safe. On this basis, I welcome the proposed lowering.

A final observation is that letters containing the word 'draconian' – which means nothing more than 'strict' – rely more on emotion than logic. In this case, the word appears twice...

Alan Lewis

Speed Limit Changes

I would like to express my support for Richard Pushman's '30MPH through the village' proposal.

It is unusual for the speed limit to be 40MPH in a residential area anyway. At the very least it may encourage people to slow down sooner, instead of racing past the crick and shops.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Daly

The Big Bang

Dear Matt,

I was intrigued to read Grant Woodruff's explanation of the big bang theory in the June issue. It appears to all boil down to the hypothesis that the universe originated by expanding from an infinitely compressed state. It seems to me that to believe this theory, which clearly is impossible to verify, is a matter of faith and not physics. This theory presupposes that there was an entity of some sort already in existence prior to the big bang but that it was in an infinitely compressed state, a condition impossible to conceive or comprehend. We are further lead to believe that this earlier entity was of zero size prior to the big bang and that the origin of the theoretical explosion is unknown.

It has to be remembered that the big bang theory is only a theory founded on a highly improbable hypothesis that I find not the least credible. Nevertheless, I thank Grant Woodruff for taking the trouble to explain the perceived rationale behind the theory.

Yours sincerely,

James D. Chamberlen.

Credit where credit is due

There has been a lot of bad press regarding the youths that visit the Village Hall car park. Since we have been quick to criticise I want to be equally quick to give credit when it is due.

In the days following the fete I joined Ted Chapman at the Village Hall to lift all the old wooden trellis tables back up into the Village Hall loft. Those that



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have done this job in the past will appreciate the physical nature of this job - the tables are heavy and there are roughly 30 of them. It would have been too much for just Ted and I.

We decided to ask some of the lads in the car park if they would be prepared to help. Not only did they help, they took over and did the entire job, leaving Ted and I to stand back and watch.

The following lads should take a bow; Scott Bailey, Emil Tosnar, James Field and Ben Dunn. Thanks.

Matt Piercy

Does Naphill & Walters Ash need affordable housing to help local people remain in the village?



The Parish Council have asked The Rural Housing Trust to conduct a Housing Needs Survey (HNS) in the parish. The Parish Council believes local people, especially young people, have difficulty finding a home they can afford in the Naphill & Walters Ash ward, be it to rent or buy. High house prices have forced local people to

move away from the area and there is very little affordable accommodation.

The HNS will establish whether there is a need for some new houses and whether there is support in the village for the Parish Council to pursue the project.

The Trusts' schemes are always for local people who cannot afford to rent or buy on the open market. They will remain in perpetuity for the use of local people.

We hope you will take a few minutes to complete the form included in this issue of the Gazette.

For further information please see our website www.ruralhousing.org.uk

Fete - Second-hand Emporium

Thanks all round for a successful day, to the suppliers and buyers of Naphill and Walters Ash and to the Emporium team Celia, Sally and Rosemary, Ian, John B, John H, Mike and Reg. Particular thanks must go to Trish Bowen who was there early in the morning setting up and stayed until the last box left the field, truly a 'Wonder Woman' performance.

I also wish to congratulate 'Superman' Ted Chapman who stepped in when it appeared that there would be

no fete this year. He took on the role as organiser and it turned out to be a winner. I reckon you've got the job Ted.

Wonder Woman and Superman on the same day 'That was a fete that was'.

Bob Davis : 563846

The July & August sky in Naphill & Walters Ash

The Moon is full on July 13 and August 12; it is new on July 29 and August 27. Venus is a daytime star and cannot be seen unless you know precisely where to look. Mars is an evening star. Jupiter is also an evening star but will not be seen in August as it sets at about sunset. Look for Mercury in the western evening sky on July 10 when it is only ¼ from Mars. Mars' magnitude is only +1.8 and Mercury is about 2 magnitudes brighter so try to see the nearest planet conjunction this year with the help of binoculars. Saturn is a morning star. The Perseid meteor shower should be at its best on the nights of August 11 and 12 with 'shooting stars' moving with a radiant in the northeast every two minutes or so. There is an interesting open cluster in Orphiuchus 40° above the southwest by south horizon slightly northwest of the 3rd-magnitude star Beta Orphiuchi. Through binoculars you will be able to see about a dozen 7th and 8th magnitude stars.

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
July	Rises	04.49	05.56	03.54	00.08	08.20	04.32
1	Sets	21.24	23.12	20.26	09.55	23.18	20.53
July	Rises	04.55	15.16	04.01	23.46	08.00	04.08
8	Sets	21.21	01.04	20.37	09.38	22.54	20.29
July	Rises	05.02	22.55	04.13	23.24	07.41	03.45
15	Sets	21.15	06.27	20.45	09.18	22.29	20.05
July	Rises	05.11	00.39	04.28	23.01	07.22	03.21
22	Sets	21.07	15.06	20.48	08.54	22.04	19.41
July	Rises	05.21	04.54	04.47	22.36	07.03	02.58
29	Sets	20.57	21.43	20.47	08.27	21.40	19.17
Aug	Rises	05.25	08.56	04.55	22.26	06.55	02.47
1	Sets	20.53	22.41	20.46	08.15	21.29	19.07
Aug	Rises	05.37	18.36	05.16	21.59	06.36	02.24
8	Sets	20.40	None	20.40	07.42	21.05	18.42
Aug	Rises	05.47	22.03	05.38	21.31	06.17	02.00
15	Sets	20.27	09.18	20.32	07.07	20.40	18.18
Aug	Rises	05.58	00.33	06.01	21.01	05.58	01.36
22	Sets	20.13	17.27	20.22	06.30	20.16	17.53
Aug	Rises	06.10	18.01	06.23	20.29	05.39	01.11
29	Sets	19.56	21.02	20.56	05.52	19.51	17.28

Galaxies for July and August 2005

The Sun is but one star in our spiral Galaxy which contains 200 billion stars and has a diameter of over 100,000 light years. It is possible to see some parts of the Galaxy when observing the Milky Way when light pollution does not prevent it The Galaxy is one

galaxy of hundreds of billion galaxies in the universe but they are not all spirals; some are irregular and others elliptical and the question arises as to how they formed. The galaxies started some 12 billion years ago as primordial gas, hydrogen and helium and also large quantities of dark matter. (Dark matter cannot be observed directly but whose existence is inferred from astrophysical arguments.) They gradually condensed into distinct galaxies. The structures created gravitational torques on each other and these determined what kind of galaxy they turned into because of the angular momentum created by the torques. Galaxies with high angular momentum turned into spirals and those with lower angular momentum turned into elliptical galaxies. There are also giant ellipticals that arise from the collision of two large spirals. Irregulars usually emerged from smaller quantities of raw material and where the angular momentum was insufficient for an elliptical to form. Astronomers have classified the different galaxies so as more easily to identify them. Ellipticals start at E0 and continue to E6 where E0 means spherical and E6 is highly elongated like a gigantic cigar. They vary in size considerably from relatively quite small to being vast. The spirals vary from Sa through Sb to Sc where the lower case c means more spirals in the galaxy. In addition there is the set SBa through SBb to SBc indicating there is a bar across the middle. The nearest spiral to our Galaxy is the Andromeda galaxy about which I have often written in these columns. NGC 3370, shown below, is a typical dusty spiral galaxy



NGC3370



Elliptical galaxy



Large Magellanic Cloud (until quite recently characterised as an irregular galaxy but now thought to be a special kind of spiral).

Grant Woodruff

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

Our activities for June included a talk by Nadia Ellis, formerly Head of the Physiotherapy Department at Stoke Mandeville Hospital and now in private practice as both a physiotherapist and a practitioner in acupuncture. Whilst making it clear that Chinese and Western medicines complement each other, Mrs. Ellis concentrated her fascinating talk on the history of Chinese medicine and their methods of diagnosis, and on the principles and practice of acupuncture.

The meeting on 24th June included a talk by Bob Gerhardt on the use and training of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Bob, who is himself now blind, spoke very eloquently on the help and companionship guide dogs provide.

In addition to the regular meetings during July, Richard and Valerie Pushman will be kindly hosting a Garden Party for members on 1st July.

On July 8th there will be a Beetle Drive or Bingo, together with the Bring and Buy stall.

Mrs. A. Tomkins will be talking on the History of Spoons on 22nd July.

Thereafter the Club will be closed during August for the summer break. The September re-opening date will be announced in September's Gazette.

Doris Lording : 569424

Horticultural Society

It's Show Time!

Naphill Village Hall

2pm

Saturday July 2nd

Our Annual Summer Show takes place on Saturday July 2nd and is your chance to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment, and after last year's record entries, we are hoping for great things again this year. I know that conditions have not been perfect for growing recently (a bit more warm weather would be nice), but please pick up a schedule and have a look through – there is sure to be one class you can enter at least – Flowers, vegetables, cookery, handcrafts, and children's classes –we've got it all!

Schedules are available from Don Turner, the Post Office or myself.

If you prefer to just come along and have a look, the doors open at 2pm and the ever-popular auction of donated exhibits will take place at 4pm. There is also a sales table, so if you have any contributions to this please let Don know on 562645.

Remember, this is a village show, and has been designed for you to enter.

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

Idle Thoughts Of A Busy Fellow

Just before the Naphill Fete, I was cutting the grass at the end of Forge Road beside the huge oak tree (Falcon's Oak), to facilitate the setting up of the Fete Float Procession. Whilst doing this I broke off periodically to whistle at and talk to three Red Kites that were perched on a bare branch at the very top of the tree.

This may have seemed somewhat odd to passers-by but, after all, the Prince Of Wales talks to flowers and Clint Eastwood talked to the trees in that great musical 'Paint your Wagon', so I do not see why I should not develop a relationship (a dangerous word these days!) with our new feathered friends. The red kites are truly magnificent birds and I am lucky to have formed a connection with them. This stems from the fact that our ginger cat Fraser (a fine Scottish name) is a great mouser and is always keen to present me with a mouse when he catches one, which is frequently. Alternatively he leaves them on a particular rug in the dining room for me to inspect before breakfast. Disposal of bodies has always been a problem but now I simply place them on the grass beside Falcon's Oak when kites are about and after a

brief high level reconnaissance, a kite swoops down to pick up the dead mouse with his talons, on the wing without touching Mother Earth at all. Clearly they are talented birds!

Now we shall have to consider renaming both the oak tree and our house which is named Falcon's Oak after the tree. As we have not seen falcons in this area for years, perhaps the time has come to rename the tree Kite's Oak or Red Kite's Oak. As far as the house is concerned, we have a Spanish pottery lettering nameplate which would be difficult to replace so we shall stick to Falcon's Oak.

I was going to discuss the interesting call of the Red Kite which is highly distinctive and musical but Fraser has just arrived carrying a large mouse, which I shall seize from him and serve an early dinner to a lucky kite.

David Leith : 562312

The Home of Rest for Horses

The Home of Rest for Horses in Slad Lane, Lacey Green is popular with residents and a good place to take visitors, especially those with children. The home relies entirely on donations and I was appalled to see from their recent report that the average contribution to funds from visitors is 29p per head. Perhaps we should note this and mention it to anyone we take along to see these beautiful animals.

Alan Lewis : 564512

Naphill Village Hall Council Notes

Lyndsay Armitage, our Community Support Police Officer was able to join us for most of our meeting and we were able to discuss with her the involvement she has had with the youths that have been congregating around the hall and, probably more significantly, their parents. Lindsay has made a real difference. She has been able to talk things through with the youths and their parents and set up a dialogue with them. We have seen a lot less of them around the hall and the litter, damage and vandalism has reduced. There has also been a 'drop in' session set up at the "Father's House" (formally the Evangelical Church) on Thursday evenings which has given the lads somewhere to go and someone who is prepared to listen to them. This is making a difference - thank you Bob. There is still some vandalism taking place however, but it seems likely that the trouble makers come from outside the village. Lindsay is continuing her good work. She is proving to be a real asset to our community.

Tony Barlow joined us for the first time as the new representative of the football club. He is very keen to extend the football club and improve the facilities.

It is good to see that the club is increasing its number of teams and thriving.

Various projects were suggested to improve the security and maintenance of the building. These were deferred until we had some money in the kitty from the fete.

The fete - what a lovely day and our thanks go to Ted Chapman and his committee for all their hard work. As I write this we do not have a final figure of the proceeds but regardless of the money it raised, it was the most wonderful community day - and the sun shone for us. Thanks to all the organisations who did their bit. It is so good to see all the different parts of the village working together.

Our next meeting will be on the 4th July and will be followed by a presentation from Hughenden Parish Council at 9.00p.m. This is to tell us of the results of the village appraisal and the way forward. All are very welcome. See you there!

*Sarah Bacon, Chairman Naphill Village Hall and
Playing Fields Council : 563479*

Naphill Pre-School

The busiest term of the year for Pre-School is continuing well. The 21 older children who are due to leave to start school in September are hopefully now prepared for this change. They have visited school, attended P.E. sessions, to ensure they are ready for quick changing, and the Reception staff from Naphill & Walters Ash are visiting in 2 weeks. We wish them all well. My youngest daughter is due to start at N&WA in September so I too will be leaving Pre-School, after 5 years association, which I have really enjoyed.

As I have previously mentioned Mo Bedder, our supervisor, is leaving at the end of term to train as a teacher. We are pleased to be able to announce that her successor has been appointed. Tanya Stevens will take over as supervisor in September. Tanya has been involved with Pre-School as a mother, to Hannah, and has taken an extremely active role on the committee during that time. She has recently organised the "Race Night" and the children's disco which have raised in excess of £1000! We all wish Tanya the best of luck in her new role.

At the time of writing this we have just enjoyed the Village Fete. What a great day; I hope that you all enjoyed the Pre-School "Beside the seaside" float and we are thrilled to have received first prize. Thank you to all of the staff and committee members for organising and decorating the float, the children for taking part and, in particular, Sean McGuire for setting up and driving the lorry/float.



Out of School Clubs

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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Due to the expansion of our successful Out of School Club applicants are sought for the following positions:

OUT-OF-SCHOOL DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Hours: Before School Club – 7.45 to 9.10am 5 days a week
After School Club – 3.00 to 6.15pm 5 days a week

Pay: Approximately £6.50 per hour dependent upon qualifications

Job Purpose: To work as part of a team in the provision of out of school play care for children aged 4 to 11 in a safe and stimulating environment.

Key Responsibilities:

- 1 To help plan, run and supervise a wide range of stimulating activities, complying with health and safety requirements at all times.
- 2 To support the supervisor in leading the work of the club, setting a good role model to colleagues
- 3 To supervise and direct other members of staff in their duties as delegated by the supervisor.
- 4 To liaise as required with the voluntary management committee in the efficient running of the club.
- 5 To deputise for the supervisor as required

ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR

Hours: Flexible working hours to suit the candidate

Pay: Approximately £5.60 per hour dependent upon qualifications

Job Purpose: To work as part of a team in the provision of out of school play care for children aged 4 to 11 in a safe and stimulating environment.

For either position please get further details from and apply to : Tracey Coleman at the Club

The last event of the term will be the Teddy Bears' Picnic on Thursday 21st July. This will be an emotional day for the 21 leaving children and their parent/carers. I am sure that ALL of the children will enjoy themselves.

More news in September from a new pen!

Bye for now,

Ruth Bond : 564824

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning - June planning list:

05/5821/FUL 4 & 5 Prospect Cottages, Downley Rd., Naphill. Erection of single storey rear extension and new front porches for 4 & 5 with new conservatory for No 4 (Alt to *04/7723/FUL*).

05/5953/FUL Nesta, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Construction of wildlife pond in rear paddock.

05/6017/FUL Iona, Clappins Lane, Naphill. Construction of two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension, new front porch and part conversion of existing garage.

05/6019/FUL 146 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of new roof over existing utility room and existing garage to rear, garage conversion to family room with mezzanine artist's studio incorporated.

Current planning list:

05/6218/FUL Formosa, Chapel Lane, Naphill. Erection of detached 4-bed dwelling with detached garage and demolition of existing garage/sheds and replacement of existing garage to serve Formosa. Objection. A similar design to that already rejected by WDC and on Appeal.

05/6225/FUL Auchinyal, Downley Rd., Naphill. Change of Use from C2 (Residential Institution) to single residential unit.

05/6256/CONCG RAF High Wycombe, Walters Ash. Variation of condition 1 of pp 98/7698/CONCG to allow retention of Block A & B for the temporary period of 12 months following demolition of Block F.

05/6286/FUL 1Dene Cottages, Naphill Common. Erection of part 2 storey/part single storey side/rear extension. Objection. Out of keeping with position in AONB fronting Green Belt.

Next open meeting Thursday 14 July, 8pm, Naphill Village Hall.

Gloria Leflaive : 56 36345

Neighbourhood Watch

Help The Aged HandyVan Scheme

The primary objective of the HandyVan Scheme is to make vulnerable older people's homes more safe and secure, thus reducing the risk of loss through burglary and providing peace of mind. The scheme provides and fits a range of safety and security products in clients homes. It is primarily aimed at older people on low incomes and no charges are made for labour or the products installed. The range of products installed comprise of the following: Smoke alarms, door chains, mortice locks for front doors and mortice bolts for back doors, window locks for downstairs, door viewers and free low energy light bulbs.

If you are an older person and you are concerned about your home safety or security or if you are aware of an older family member, friend or neighbour, who may need the service then ring HandyVan for further information on 01255 473999. It is a totally free service. Alternatively you can contact me and I can drop round a leaflet. Lindsay Armitage the Police Community Support Officer also has literature on the HandyVan Scheme.

To be eligible for this free service the occupant has to be over 60 years old with less than £16,000.00 in savings. There are other services and products available to those who do have savings of over £16,000.00.

From 1995 to 2003, Help the Aged award winning HandyVan scheme has made more than 100,000 older people feel safe in their homes and operates in 28 areas in England, Scotland and Wales.

It is definitely worth getting in contact with the HandyVan Scheme, so if you want any further information either contact myself or ring 01255 473999. Alternatively visit their website: www.helptheaged.org.uk.

Remember it is a free service to anyone over 60 years old and with savings under £16,000.00.

*Kate Worthington : 562158
kateworthington@aol.com*

P.S. Well done to everyone who helped to organise the fete, it was great! Even the disco, Andy!

Naphill & Walters Ash School

As I write this from school it is a lovely sunny day and the Year 4 children have all been safely dispatched to a week long environmental residential centre in Chalfont St. Giles and our youngest children in the three Reception classes have gone to spend a day at Whipsnade. We spent some very

happy hours at the Naphill Village Fete on Saturday as part of the walking procession down Main Road and were delighted in bringing home the trophy which was duly presented in assembly. The summer term is always a very active term and this looks like being no different with our own summer fete coming up, parents' evenings and sorting out classes for next year. I recently worked out that we have held 20 meetings outside of the school day for this term only in order to prepare for September and deal with the terms events.

After the excitement of the National Curriculum tests we thought it important that the oldest children got their teeth into something more interesting and so are now rehearsing for their production of 'The Dracula Rock Show' which takes place in July. All the school's choristers and musicians are also busy preparing for the annual Wycombe Swan Concert on the 12th July. Our school sportsmen and women are also training hard for the Year 6 Liaison group games and the athletics competitions that also traditionally take place in June. This year the school is hosting the table-tennis finals in the school hall and we have discovered that one member of our own staff is actually a very accomplished table tennis impresario, symptoms of a wasted youth perhaps.

We are very grateful to our friends at RAF High Wycombe particularly ISSU who have come forward with offers of help to paint sections of the school that have yet to be visited by a paintbrush since the school was first constructed over thirty years ago. With a keen eye for colour and having watched 'Changing Rooms' more than twice I reckon magnolia and white should do the trick!

Enjoy the summer,

Tim McLoughlin, Headteacher

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group...

are a group run voluntarily by parents for mothers with babies and/or toddlers. We offer a friendly environment for both parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while their children play with the numerous toys and make new friends. We have an informal structure to the group, usually starting with free play time followed by refreshments, then a slightly quieter play time to finish where the little ones can explore their creative streaks with playdough.

New faces are always welcome so please come along and join us. If you've been before we thank you for your continued support. We meet every Thursday during term-time at the Naphill Village Hall between 2-4 pm. Admission price per session is £1.20 per first child and 50p per subsequent child

PARENTS' BRIEFING 2006

Beginning Primary School or Moving on to Junior School

**At Naphill and Walters Ash
School**

**Wednesday 7th September
at 6.30 pm**

(under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

The recently improved weather means we are enjoying plenty of outdoors play and our last session before the summer holidays will be on Thursday 21st July. We will be having a Teddy Bear's Picnic this year on 18th August and please contact any of the names below for further details on tickets and timings for this event. We are hoping the weather will be good so we can enjoy plenty of fun outdoor activities for the little ones. We will also be publicising this event around the village beforehand so keep a look out for our posters.

Please contact Suzanne on 562147, Sue on 562277 or Cheryl on 565580 for further information on the group or our special events.

Naphill and Hughenden Scouts

First the bad news, by the time you read this we will have been forced to close the Naphill Cub Pack – we hope temporarily, but certainly until someone comes forward willing to take on the rewarding role of Cub Leader. As anyone who's been involved with the efforts we've made to avoid this will know, this is an action we take with a heavy heart, but we have been left with literally no alternative.

The bald fact is, the sooner someone comes forward the sooner we can things back to how they should be. We have a very supportive Executive and leadership team, including a band of adult helpers, so come on, someone out there must think it's important enough to provide an alternative to constant gazing at computer screen surely ...?

The good news is that we've had a very successful term otherwise, including camps, cook outs, archery, climbing, diving, ten pin bowling What a shame this is now being denied to the next generation.

*Trevor Nicholls (Group Scout Leader) : 565322
Nick Corble (Chairman) : 481874*

News from Christians in the Community

The sweet and plants stall at the Naphill fete was very popular and raised over £120 for the village hall. And what a great day it was – Ted Chapman and his team certainly worked incredibly hard to put on a first-class event – congratulations to them all.

There will be a fellowship safari on Tuesday 5th July – we shall be at Bob and Polly's house at 7pm, Ann Bull's house at 8pm and Howard Atkinson's house at 9pm. If you would like to come to one, two or three 'stops' and would like a lift please 'phone me.

Our next family event will be a 'Wellie W(r)amble' to discover the secrets of Naphill Common on Saturday 16th July. This will be led by Trevor Hussey and there will be questionnaires for the children – starting at 3.30pm from Naphill Methodist Church and finishing with a barbeque at 5.30pm. Tickets at £1 per adult and 50p for children.

Norma Clarke : 563116

ANNOUNCEMENT



This announcement is not to tell the villagers of Naphill & Walters Ash that there is another new church in the village of Naphill but that the name of the Evangelical Free Church at 122 Main Road has changed.

The church members have agreed to support me in changing the name of our church fellowship therefore from the 1st June 2005 we changed our name to "The Father's House," Home of Naphill Mission.

I hope to write in the next issue of the Gazette a more detailed article as to the meaning behind our new name. I know many of you are already aware of the recent change but I wanted to ensure that this month as many people as possible within the community are made aware of the change we have made as some of the signs outside the church have not yet been altered. My skills as a carpenter are currently being employed to that end but only as I find time.

Please know that everyone, as always, is welcome to come and join us at our services on a Sunday for worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship or at any time find out more about the love and grace of God. Our hope and prayer is that many of you will come to our fellowship or one of the others in the area and discover for yourself personally the amazing love our Father has for you.

There are some new things happening within the church and we are hoping more will take place after the summer holidays. Therefore I invite you to please keep an eye on our notice board or feel free to pop in to chat, make inquiries, receive prayer, use the prayer corner or join in one of our other activities like "Chatterbox" which has now moved to the 3rd Thursday morning of each month.

We are in a process of change but we desire to be an interdependent Christian Fellowship open to the will and purposes of God. We are seeking to become mature witnesses to making Jesus Christ, and the love of God known to one another, our community, our nation and the world.

May you know for yourself the blessing, grace and favour of our loving Father which He has shown us through Jesus Christ.

Bob : 563304

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Editorial

Since before I was born the residents of Naphill & Walters Ash have looked to the Gazette for timely and accurate information on local associations, events, news and businesses. This is as true today as it ever was, except that circulation is at an all time high of circa 1000 each month, and we have a waiting list of over 30 local businesses that just want to advertise but cannot get in. In fact we are in great shape, with finances shrewdly taken care of by David Leith and the ever increasing Distribution managed by Mike & Pauline Pool. Being the Editor is an honour.

With that in mind I would like to hear from anyone interested in taking over as Editor of the Gazette. Work commitments, taking me away from home for 50% of the time, are taking their toll so I would like to leave the Gazette in someone's capable hands before I risk letting people down. Training, software and assistance will be provided - it takes roughly one evening per month. Please phone or email me (details above) to find out more.

Matt Piercy

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45-7.30pm
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15-7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2-3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8-9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8-9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15-2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall Forge Road	10.30-11.15am 12.15-12.50
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2-4pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6-7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30-8pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30-9pm
	U6s-U12s every Saturday	9.30-11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00-10pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2-4pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am-12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8-10pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astrotrurf

Missing Gazette Contributions

This Gazette was put together in Pembrokeshire - the wonders of the Internet make it possible. I apologise to anyone who delivered a hand-written contribution to my home address during the few days before the deadline, regrettably I was not there to collect and include them.

Matt Piercy : 562081

Small Ads

ITALIAN LESSONS and translation service.
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BED & BREAKFAST in Naphill. Lovely House and garden. Reasonable rates. Leaflet on request.
Telephone Sally on 562281.

BACKACHE, STIFF ACHING SHOULDERS, STRESS. Experienced qualified therapist, offering Therapeutic Massage, Reflexology, Indian Head Massage and Seated Acupressure. Kate Davis 569303

WEIGHT WATCHERS. Thursday evenings, 5.45-6.45pm and 7-8pm. Small hall at back of Hughenden Village Hall. Very friendly group! Tel 01494 562281.

OFSTED REGISTERED CHILD MINDER Walters Ash before school, during school and after school care. Tracey 01494 562165 or 07940 536410

Established Bed & Breakfast in centre of Naphill. Accommodation can also be rented on a self catering, self-contained basis. 01494 563728/07775 694015 : www.woodpeckersbedandbreakfast.co.uk

New Kumon Maths and English After School Club. For further information about how Kumon may be able to help your child, contact the Hazlemere Kumon Centre on 01628 532620.

Saturday morning Numeracy club. Yrs 4, 5 and 6. Extra help provided to develop their Numeracy in a small group (max 4). Telephone 563400, email nicka@tesco.net QTS – Nat. Curriculum. Related.

AFTER SCHOOL and HOLIDAY CARE needed for 2 children aged 9 and 11. Collect from school in High Wycombe at 3.45pm schooldays. Please call Michelle on 07932 698259.

HOLIDAY APARTMENT - BROAD HAVEN, WALES, 2 bedroom luxury seaside apartment - 500m walk from a beautiful sandy beach. Sleeps 2-4 Andy & Judy Pope 564576 or www.beautifulbroadhaven.co.uk

OFSTED REGISTERED CHILD MINDER - Before and after school, during the day and overnight care available - Walters Ash. Chrissie -01494 565502, 07952 324795

PART-TIME JOB – friendly office in HW requires clerk from September - no experience necessary but computer/keyboard skills required – 25hrs per week – starting @ £6ph. Good opportunity for a gap year

student (particularly one with an interest in law). Tel Steve Payne or Sue Nash, HW 527100.

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

It's hard to believe that the main summer 'tennis season' is nearing its end already! By the time this article is published, the leaves on the trees will be considering changing their colours and shedding their leaves, the conkers will be swelling, almost ready for the onslaught of missiles to bring them to earth and, unless we are blessed with an 'Indian Summer', the temperatures will have dropped with the 'Naphill breeze' beginning to blow from less temperate directions! The evenings will be drawing in, signaling the end of Thursday evening club sessions. In addition, all our summer fixtures will have been played.

I am pleased to be able to report our hard-working team captains have been able to gather together full complements to meet our obligations and rumour has it that participants actually enjoyed themselves. Our most successful team is our Mixed 1, playing 7 matches and winning all of them, which should mean they are top of Division 2 and will be promoted! Congratulations are due to all those who have played in this team. Whilst not quite achieving this high standard, after several years in the doldrums, our Aylesbury Mens' team also had a very good season, with 4 wins, 1 loss with one still to play (7th Sept). This is the best year for this team for some time and, hopefully, they too might be in line for promotion. Our other teams have not been quite as successful with our Bucks Shield Ladies team, after gaining promotion last year, winning 2 matches in the higher division and losing 4. Our Aylesbury Ladies team drew 1 match and lost 5 and our Mixed 2 team won 2 matches and lost 5. It is hoped that all who played in our teams enjoyed their experiences and, even when they were on the losing side, strategies learned will encourage them to take up the challenge next year!

Rumour has it that our 'Pimms & Tennis' afternoon on the 17th July was very successful, although I personally was otherwise engaged trudging along part of the 12 mile distance between St Albans and Queensbury Station on a sponsored walk. I remember that it was a very pleasantly warm Sunday and I know where I would have preferred to be! Thanks are due to Maddy, Pauline and Ann, who diligently picked strawberries on the previous Saturday to enhance the Pimms and a good time was enjoyed by all who turned up to take part, both old and new. There are still two more social events planned for this year, the next being a 'Barbecue at Bledlow' on 3rd September and, finally, our 'Tinsel Tournament' on Sunday 11th December (more about this later). The barbecue will again be hosted by our Chairman and President (Helen & Ian Leek) who invite members to join them at their beautiful home tucked away in the wilds of Bledlow.

Details will be posted in the clubhouse – add your name to the list.

As most members know, we continue to play throughout the year, with club sessions on Sunday mornings (10 am) and Tuesday mornings (10.15) – as always – weather permitting!

We also hire a court at Cressex Indoor Centre on certain Friday evenings from 7.30 – 9pm and available dates will be listed on the notice-board for members to arrange their own ‘fours’. Our Ladies Vets team is again entered in the league and we wish them a successful season! As always, we welcome new members at all times of the year, so if you feel you would like a breath of fresh air and a bit of exercise, do come along and see us at a club session or contact Sue Crooks (Membership Sec) on 01494 562539 (e-mail: smcr2000@aol.com) or the undersigned.

*Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063 :
RGTomlins@aol.com*

County & District Councillor's Report

Readers should now be aware of the results of the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition and will have noticed that unfortunately, Naphill was not amongst the winners! However, I can reveal that for the Defra Cup, that is villages with a population between 1,500 and 3,000, where there were 10 entries, Naphill came a respectable 5th, seven marks behind the winner, Cheddington. Naphill has won this cup twice before and with a little more polish next year could do so again.

Councils face a classic dilemma, how to improve the quality and efficiency of its public services, whilst cutting costs. At the same time to be aware of its customers needs, both individuals and communities. To achieve these aims we are adopting two programmes, one called “Customer First” and the second “Getting Closer to Communities”. Already the County Council operates its transport and highways issues through Local Committees. It is proposed that further services will be operated and administered through “cluster groups” of parishes, district and County councillors working together to deliver the services that its public want. Naphill within Greater Hughenden will operate within a cluster, centred on Princes Risborough. Much work is still to be done but the future is certainly exciting.

New speed limits will be in force by the end of the year. The drive for increased road safety may necessitate some tree works along Hughenden Valley Road. I am assured that only those trees, which are in a dangerous condition, will be removed. If you wish to see the proposed plan then visit the County Council website at Buckscc@gov.uk .

Names and numbers to note

The Gazette's e-mail is nwagazette@lycos.co.uk

Naphill Website is at :

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/>

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Lee Turnham. For the police control room, ring 715352

Crime Reduction Officer is Maria Marston on 01494 736644

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

Hughenden Parish Council: Tel 01494 715296, Email hughendenpc@btconnect.com

The big issue facing both District and County Councils is that of household refuse. The re-cycling of biodegradable refuse will help to reduce the volume but there is still much more to do in order to avoid the Land Fill Tax. This is on an escalating scale and will become unacceptable over a ten-year cycle. Many alternative ways of disposal are under consideration in the meantime we must concentrate on re-cycling the majority of items that fill our rubbish bins.

*Richard Pushman :
richard.pushman@btinternet.com : 564152*

Naphill Evening WI

We hope you all had a good summer holiday and were lucky enough to enjoy the good weather. Now, as we are fast approaching the autumn season we can look forward once again to our meetings with more good speakers, and to forthcoming events.

We ended our summer with a talk by Margaret Deakin taking us ‘In the steps of the Wesleys in Georgia’. We were pleased to welcome our visitors, as always, and two new members. The walk on the 4th August was a pleasant evening enjoyed by sixteen hardy members and friends, ending with a meal in the ‘Lions’, and joined by three not *quite* so hardy ladies. A good time was had by all and the weather stayed fine this year until they were leaving for home. We had our summer afternoon tea on Thursday 11th August. It was a lovely sunny afternoon and it was well attended. Thank you to

all the ladies who made this a success by being there. It is your support that makes it worth while and fundraising good fun. The quiz winners were June Leith and Carol O'Neill – congratulations.

By the time you receive your Gazette we will have been to the London theatre on the 25th August to see 'The Far Pavilions' and will report on this in the next issue. Again, we have another theatre trip in the pipeline on the 27th October, when Marion has arranged for us to see a play 'Tom, Dick and Harry', so we shall look forward to that. October also brings us the AGM, the Group meeting at Marlow and the half-yearly Council meeting. More details next month.

We are looking forward to seeing you on September 15th, when it will be an 'Open' meeting with a talk by Mrs J Wooster on 'Cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats' and the competition is a photograph of yourself on a bicycle. Do come along and bring your partner or friends – all will be welcome.

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

This Year's Fete, Next Year's Fete

It was a great fete. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the Village Hall funds were swelled by almost £8,500. Sincere thanks are due to everyone involved including those who delivered hundreds of programs, erected everything on the site (and packed it away afterwards), took part in the procession, manned the stalls, ran the Evening Dance and all of those who came along and participated. Without your help and support our traditional village fete could not happen. Thank you for making it a terrific day.

Naphill will be the place to be on Saturday 10th June next year. The date has been selected well ahead so that you can make a note in your diaries and avoid the disappointment of lying on a beach and missing the best fete in the area. The theme will be 'Film Characters' so Disneyland and the James Bond people will probably be well represented. We all hope to see you there.

Ted Chapman, Fete Committee Chairman : 563034

P.S. I still have the camera that someone left at the fete. If it's yours please give me a call, I would be delighted to reunite it with its owner.

Readers Letters

Another Great Fete

I would like to say thank you & congratulations to all the good folk who organised and made such a success of the Village Fete.

As an elderly Naphill citizen - having been born and lived in the village all my life, it is a joy to see so many interested in preserving village life. My father was a member of the committee who had the foresight to purchase the field and plan the new village hall.

Previously, as you know, social events were held in the Coffee Room - now demolished. The village Brass Band found it too small and often held band practice in the middle of the road!! Happy memories.

Jean L-M

The September sky in Naphill & Walters Ash

Venus will be setting in the west about an hour after the Sun and will probably be difficult to see. Mars rises in the late evening. Jupiter sets in the evening after the Sun sets. Saturn is a normal morning star. The Moon is new on 3 and full on 18 when it is also sometimes known as the harvest Moon. Autumn starts on 22.

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Sep 1	Rises	06.15	03.09	10.00	22.02	09.59	03.07
	Sets	19.51	19.31	20.53	12.42	21.01	18.41
Sep 8	Rises	06.26	11.44	10.20	21.39	09.39	02.44
	Sets	19.35	20.52	20.37	12.28	20.36	18.16
Sep 15	Rises	06.37	18.43	10.41	21.16	09.20	02.21
	Sets	19.19	02.16	20.22	12.11	20.11	17.50
Sep 22	Rises	06.48	20.32	11.02	20.50	09.00	01.57
	Sets	19.03	12.42	20.08	11.51	19.46	17.25
Sep 29	Rises	07.00	02.09	11.23	20.23	08.41	01.33
	Sets	18.46	17.54	19.56	11.28	19.21	16.59

Halley's Comet

Of the short-period comets (those with orbital periods of less than 200 years), only Halley's Comet consistently attains naked-eye brightness. Its orbital period is about 76 years. The last appearance was in 1982 and the next one will be in 2062. Recently, I was reading a copy of the Gentleman's Magazine for November 1759 in which was reported 'The curious history of the late comet'. The article is about 2500 words giving much detail. A part of one of the paragraphs read 'When the comet was at its perigee, about the 23 April [1759], at which time it was about eight millions of miles distant from the earth, the body was larger than the full moon, and its velocity so extremely rapid, that, in three days it ran thro' 55 degrees of a great circle'. By all accounts the comet was as bright as a full moon on certain days and must have been a far brighter sight than in 1982.

Kuiper Belt and Oort Cloud

There is a belt of objects that originate from a disk and orbit the Sun from beyond Neptune (30 Astronomical Units or AU – 1AU is the distance between the Earth and the Sun) to as much as 130 AU which is well over Pluto's maximum distance from the Sun of 50 AU. It is estimated that there are over 70 000 of these objects with diameters of over 100km in this belt. A number of them is in resonance with Neptune; Pluto is in a 3:2 resonance with Neptune – making two orbits round the Sun for every three orbits of Neptune. It is thought that Kuiper Belt Objects (KBOs) are the source of many

comets. Their orbits vary enormously with very high eccentricity. Planet Pluto, often thought by astronomers as a KBO and not a planet, has an eccentricity which results in its orbit being just inside that of Neptune for 20 years of its 248 years. Indeed it has only just moved further from the Sun than Neptune. Astronomers have recently confirmed the discovery of another asteroid or plutino with a diameter of at least 1200 kilometres, also orbiting the Sun every 248 years. This is bigger than Ceres, the largest minor planet orbiting the Sun between Mars and Jupiter. It is also larger than Pluto's moon, Charon and so far has the unromantic name 2001 KX76.

There is another volume of space, called the Oort Cloud, that may contain vast numbers of comets. It is a huge spherical volume at a distance of between 30 000 and 60 000 AU from the Sun. This is the same as ½ light year and 1 l.y.. The cloud contains a million million long period comets and extends well towards the nearest star which is Proxima Centauri, 4.22 l.y. from the Sun. Perturbations caused by passing stars occasionally move comets in the direction of the Sun. Others are moved totally outside the influence of the Solar System; sometimes they become comets that we can see.

New Horizons

An incredible amount of new astronomy has come our way in the last 15 years. The Hubble Space Telescope (HST) was launched in April 1990 and space craft have visited all the planets except Pluto. Plans for extending the life of HST have been deferred because NASA cannot afford to do so whilst at the same time finance the New Horizons spacecraft set for lift-off in January 2006. This journey is planned to visit Pluto and its satellite Charon in 2015. New Horizons will use gravity assist from Jupiter making the Pluto journey only nine years. This is much less time than it took for Voyager to each Neptune.

NASA plans to send New Horizons deep into the Kuiper Belt after visiting Pluto. So far they have not decided where exactly to send it but will choose one or two Kuiper objects when they are well into the trip. We can hope that NASA will find enough money to keep the HST renewed; there is much life left in the telescope as long as they can carry out more maintenance.

Grant Woodruff

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

We received a warm welcome from Valerie and Richard Pushman when they kindly hosted their annual garden party for us at the beginning of July. It was a most enjoyable occasion with ideal weather.

The Beetle Drive planned for 8th July started a little chaotically and with a degree of hilarity as many players were not familiar with the rules. However, after very firm instructions from a member of the

committee the Drive was brought to a successful conclusion.

Mrs. Audrey Tomkins brought along her collection of spoons on 22nd July and related the stories behind the acquisition of many of them. They were probably the first form of cutlery and are mentioned in the Bible, the earliest ones being mostly made of wood with only wealthy people able to afford silver spoons. Mrs. Tomkins' diverse and interesting collection has been garnered from her extensive travels at home and abroad and includes a replica of a Mary Queen of Scots' spoon which incorporated her royal seal and was used to seal documents when she was traveling. The collection also includes a spoon fashioned, and acquired, in the heart of a Guatemalan jungle.

The Club has been closed for August but we will resume on 9th September when

Mrs. Deakin will be presenting "Images of Morocco". This will also be 'Bring and Buy' day.

Programme for the remainder of September and for October is:

September 23rd: Archaeologist Mr. Colin Oakes will continue his series "Tales of Old London".

October 7th: The speaker will be Louise from the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society. This is also 'Bring and Buy' day.

October 21st: Mr. Peter Smith will be talking about National Service.

Doris Lording : 569424

Family Announcement - Adam & Emily

How were we to know what sparks would fly at the Naphill Firework display in November 2001? That is when Adam and Emily first met. Adam's comment at the time was "Where has John been hiding her all this time?"

We are now delighted to announce their engagement, (Adam proposed to Emily at the Inca town of Machupicchu, whilst on holiday in Peru), and would like to offer them our warmest congratulations and wish them a long and happy life together.

*John and Moira Harris
Mike and Pauline Pool*

Naphill Common Committee

It has been a long time since the Committee last made a report to the villages. This has not been a result of inactivity but the speed with which other agencies have moved. However at long last, and after many years of effort we have good news to report.

Firstly, as many of you may have noticed, much work has been done on the Common to restore the correct routes of footpaths and bridleways and to signpost

them correctly. Some clearance has also been undertaken. This work has been carried out by volunteers from the Chiltern Society who with the Rights of way Officer and ourselves agreed the need and scope of the work. Further work will again start in October so we hope that the dry weather continues to facilitate this. We are very grateful to the Chiltern Society for their efforts.

Secondly, on the 21st July, the Board of English nature approved the designation of Naphill Common as a National Nature Reserve. This does not represent another labeling of the Common but does represent a fundamental change in the way the Common will be managed in the future. The Common will be leased from the West Wycombe Estate and its management will be the sole responsibility of English Nature and will have to comply with the rules laid down for the management of National Nature Reserves. It is quite likely that a permanent warden responsible for the Common will be appointed. It is anticipated that the legalities for the transfer will be completed before the end of this year and that English Nature will take over the management immediately afterwards. This should see a significant improvement in the care and maintenance of the Common and remove the often-lackadaisical approach of the West Wycombe estate. We will be closely involved with English Nature in formulating future plans for the Common. We would like to acknowledge the help of our MP, Mr David Liddington in securing this new arrangement.

Finally, Philip and Trevor Hussey have started a veteran tree survey of the Common using a global positioning system. It is essential that we know where all of the veteran trees are so that appropriate action is taken in the future to preserve and maintain them.

We hope to be able to report more good news in the near future.

Dr Marek Pawlik : 563126

Horticultural Society

Autumn Show

Naphill Village Hall

2pm

Saturday September 3rd

We are hoping that you will come up trumps and beat last year's largest ever number of entries. This is your big chance to show off what you have been nurturing in your gardens and allotments over the year.

We would love to see as many of you as possible at this village event, and always welcome more exhibitors – so, don't be shy, pick up a schedule and have a go. There are flower, vegetable, cookery, photography, and handcraft classes, and of course special classes for children. Schedules are available from Don Turner, the Post Office or myself.

If you prefer to just come along and admire the exhibits, the doors open at 2pm, giving you plenty of time to look around and have some refreshments before the ever popular auction of donated exhibits at 4pm.

Lastly, an advanced notice of our annual Cheese & Wine evening, which is on Friday October 28th. The evening will start with a talk entitled "My Organic Garden-Gardening without Chemicals". This is always a sell out evening, so put the date in your diaries and I will have more details next month.

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

Diary Date

The Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company will be performing 'Journeys End' at the Village Hall on Saturday 15th October. More details next month but for now, please make a note of the date and keep it free.

John Harris : 562099

Naphill Pre-School

Firstly I apologise for signing off last month; this pen has one last entry!!

July was a great month at Pre-School with lots of activities leading up to the end of term. The interest theme was transport and the children looked at all different forms and where they might take you. There were some interesting demonstrations from children and parents of their travels to many faraway places.

The end of term was an emotional time for children parents and staff. On the last day we had the traditional Teddy Bears' Picnic which was great. The children & co: walked from Pre-School down Downley Road and onto the common where they discovered many teddies enjoying a picnic! Thank you so much to all of the residents of Downley Road who entered into the spirit of the event by filling their windows, doors, gardens and even trucks with teddies. Then we said good bye to 22 children presenting them with a folder of their work and a named Pre-School teddy each. They are all starting school in September.

We also had to say good bye our supervisor Mo who will be missed by everyone. The children made a mortar board card and a large collection of framed Pre-School photographs. Good luck Mo with your teaching career.

Pre-School restarts on Wednesday 7th September. Despite losing 22 children to "Big" school there are many new ones starting and the waiting list is building. Tanya Stevens, our new supervisor, will be in post on the first day and we wish her as much luck as she needs! The interest theme will be Fairytales which I know will be well received by the children and I also know that Tanya has some exciting activities planned to compliment this.

This really is my last entry but I look forward to attending the AGM on Tuesday 20th September at the Village Hall at 8pm. The new Committee will be elected at this meeting which is an excellent opportunity for old and particularly new parents to discover the format at Pre-School and to get involved to level that they would like to.

Ruth Bond : 564824

Hughenden Parish Council

Village Design Statement for the Naphill Ward – progress report

The proposed Village Design Statement has been mentioned several times in the Gazette. The purpose of this article is to bring residents up to date regarding progress, and to seek further involvement from the local community.

A Village Design Statement will only be accepted by a planning authority, in our case Wycombe District Council, if it can be shown to include the views, and have the support of, a wide range of residents. The following consultations have taken place so far:-

- Hughenden Parish Council carried out an appraisal, and produced a Parish Plan in 2004 (this relates mainly to social and economic aspects of village life but has some bearing on planning).
- Hughenden Parish Council has had initial discussions with a representative of WDC regarding the process required in developing a Design Statement.
- Articles have appeared in the Gazette in order to raise awareness.
- There was a display in the village hall during the fete on June 11th, and leaflets were given to many people at the fete, inviting attendance at a public meeting on July 4th. Posters for this were displayed in the village.
- On the evening of July 4th, following the usual Village Hall Council meeting, Matt Piercy presented information about the proposed Design Statement and invited views and questions. 35 villagers attended, including representatives of a variety of local organizations. Rebecca Coy, Urban Designer, Wycombe District Council, was present to assist with detailed questions and guidance.

The overriding aim of a Design Statement is to manage change. The Statement must describe the distinctive character of the village and the surrounding countryside, draw up design principles based on the local character, and work in association with the local planning authority.

During the public meeting on July 4th the following were some of the views expressed, receiving general

support. There were concerns over urbanization, including the adverse effect of calming measures such as gates on entry to the village. Street lighting was not favoured, nor were standard lamps/pillars in private gardens (these require planning permission). Villagers strongly objected to high density building, leading to loss of gardens and erosion of green spaces. They did not like tall three storey buildings, considering them oppressive and out of keeping with other village buildings. It was thought hedges should be specified in any new development, avoiding fence panels. Your Parish Councillors wish, and indeed are required, to test these views in order to obtain a wider consensus.

One of our next steps will be to prepare a display for the village hall that poses questions and invites local responses. The intention is for this to be available from mid September, for about a month, so users of the hall have the opportunity to contribute. An 'open' time will be arranged for others to participate. Among the questions we shall be asking will be 'What calming measures are considered acceptable?' 'What should be specified regarding lighting and boundaries?' 'Should backland development be permitted?' Views other than responses to our questions are, of course, welcome.

Participation in this survey is very important because the Village Design Statement will lack credibility without it. Please take part, either in the village hall, or by contacting one of your Parish Councillors; Ian Bond – 564824, Peggy Ewart – 565969, John Harris – 562099 or Matt Piercy - 562081.

Peggy Ewart : 565969

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning

Applications up to 11 July 2005 reported at the 14 July Committee Meeting.

05/6375/FUL at NTL Transmitter site, RAF High Wycombe, Walter's Ash. Installation of 5 x antennas on existing tower with 3 cabinets and feeder gantry.

05/6395/FUL 2 Oakeshott Avenue, Naphill. 2-storey rear extension

05/6541/TPO The Oak Tree, Louches Lane, Naphill. Lift crown and reshape oak tree.

05/6512/FUL 2 Honey Way, Walter's Ash. Erection of conservatory to rear.

05/6578/FUL 312 Main Road, Walter's Ash. Installation of new shop front including sliding door, disabled access and cash machine. Mechanical plant to rear.

Templewood

Complaints have been received that the owners of the open area at Templewood are allowing the land to deteriorate in spite of the ruling of the Appeal Inspector

that it should be retained for recreational use. An approach was to be made to the District Council to see what it can do about this.

Walter's Ash Barns

Lack of progress with the planning consents for two dwellings has resulted in the protective material covering the barns coming loose and flapping, causing disturbance. Environmental Health has been informed.

Gloria Leflaive : 56 36345

Naphill Men's Football Club

The Naphill men's team is now registered and will start the new season in Division 5 of the Sunday Combination League, kicking off on the first Sunday in September. We're not sure if we will be home or away at this point in time - we will post our fixtures when we get them.

Our kit sponsor is Mr. Mark Blamey who trades under the name of Keens Landscaping Contractors.

Training takes place every Wednesday evening after the youth team at the astro pitch, Kilnwood, Walters Ash .

We would be happy to have more players - if you are interested give Tony or Aaron Barlow a call on 564141.

Also, you might have noticed that the pitch is slowly being improved. Thanks to everyone who phoned us with offers of sand and turf, we can still do with more no matter how small.

Tony and Aaron Barlow : 564141

Brownies Jumble Sale

The annual Brownies Jumble Sale is on 8th October, starting the actual Sale at 2.00pm.

We will be collecting around the village during the morning before the sale.

Barbara Clark

Neighbourhood Watch

Householders and the use of Force against intruders

Does the law Protect me, and what is reasonable force?

Anyone can use "*reasonable force*" to protect themselves or others, or to carry out an arrest or to prevent crime. You are not expected to make fine judgements over the level of force you use in the heat of the moment. So long as you only do what you honestly and instinctively believe is necessary in the heat of the moment, that would be the strongest evidence of you acting lawfully and in self-defence. This is still the case if you use something to hand as a weapon.

PARENTS' BRIEFING 2006

Beginning Primary School or Moving on to Junior School

**At Naphill and Walters Ash
School**

**Wednesday 7th September
at 6.30 pm**

As a general rule, the more extreme the circumstances and the fear felt, the more force you can lawfully use in self-defence.

Do I have to wait to be attacked?

No, not if you are in your own home and in fear for yourself or others. In those circumstances the law does not require you wait to be attacked before using defensive force yourself.

What if an intruder dies?

If you have acted in reasonable self-defence, as described above, and the intruder dies you will still have acted lawfully. Indeed, there are several such cases where the householder has not been prosecuted. However, if, for example: Having knocked someone unconscious, you then decide to further hurt or kill them to punish them or you knew of an intended intruder and set a trap or to kill them rather than involve the police, you would be acting with very excessive and gratuitous force and could be prosecuted.

What if I chase them as they run off?

This situation is different as you are no longer acting in self-defence and so the same degree of force may not be reasonable. However, you are still allowed to use reasonable force to recover your property and make a citizens arrest. You should consider your own safety,

and, for example, whether the police have been called. A rugby tackle or a single blow would probably be reasonable. Acting out of malice and revenge with the intent of inflicting punishment through injury or death would not.

We have a number of new Neighbourhood watch schemes in the process of being set up in Naphill and Walter's Ash, if you would like some information on how easy it is to set up a scheme in your road, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kate Worthington : 562158 kateworthington@aol.com

News from Christians in the Community

In spite of being prepared for rain and mud, the Wellie @wamble on the 16th July took place in glorious sunshine. The Rev. Janice Pettipher (whose idea it was) and her family did wear wellies but most of us didn't! Over 30 people plus three dogs enjoyed hearing about Naphill Common especially finding the box containing sweets left over from the sweet shop on the Common! Yes there really was a shop there long ago. The oldest walker was 92 years old and the youngest 5 years.

And as we finished the walk there was a nice cup of tea waiting for us and a barbeque beautifully cooked by Jim and Ann Long.

KRASH will re-open on the 2nd September although we now realise that children will not return to school til the 5th. Then on the 16th September we are celebrating our 5th birthday and will be inviting as many people as possible who have been involved in KRASH over the past five years. We will also meet on the 30th September. For the older children TRASH will take place on the 16th and 30th at Church House, Hughenden.

On Saturday 24th September there will be a Duggie Dug Dug Praise party at the Wycombe Swan at 11 am. I have bought 50 tickets so if you know of any children who would like tickets at £2.50 each or if you would like more details of this children's show just let me know.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 20th September 7.30pm at the Naphill Methodist church when we will be planning the next united service in November.

Norma Clarke : 563116

Arts And Crafts In Action

A fascinating day is in store in Speen on Sunday 11th September when over 20 different craftsmen and women will be seen at work, displaying their skills and available to chat to visitors, in "Arts and Crafts in Action" in the marquee on Speen Playing Field. Among the many subjects covered are painting, caning, carving, clocks, jewellery, cookery, furniture, lace, mosaics, pottery, basket making, quilting, silver, upholstery, violin making and wood turning. The marquee is open from 10.00am to 4.00pm, entry is free and light refreshments will be available.

This is one event in a ten day programme for this year's Speen Festival, which opens on Thursday 8th September with Speen's own original stage production of the Kenneth Grahame classic "The Wind in the Willows." Meanwhile, all budding local photographers should be aiming to participate in the Photographic Exhibition that will be held in Speen Village Hall throughout the weekend of 10th and 11th September. You don't need to be a professional - we've all taken pictures we're proud of sometimes, so why not let others enjoy them? There are prizes for entries judged to be best in their category. Contact Glenn Hart (01494 488528) for details of how to exhibit, or just turn up to take a look round the exhibition. Entry is free, so with a visit to Speen on Sunday 11th September you could take in both the Photographic Exhibition and the Art and Craft in Action display - all for free!

For those with a quizzical mind there is a Festival Quiz on Monday 12th and, on Tuesday 13th, Sister Frances Dominica, founder of the first ever children's hospice (Helen House in Oxford), renowned author, broadcaster and lecturer, will speak at the Festival.

Martin Hart's jazz evenings in the marquee are invariably a gas. He and his quintet are playing Duke Ellington on Wednesday 14th and it's bound to be as popular as ever. We can look forward to a terrific night - and you can book a special price pre-jazz Indian supper at the De Wanium (formerly the King William IV) beforehand.

For nature-lovers, there is a talk/show of digital wildlife photography, with emphasis on the Chilterns, in the Village Hall on Thursday 15th, by Paul Keene, a top-flight nature photographer.

The popular Radio 4 show "Quote Unquote" is to record two shows as part of the Festival on Friday 16th. Presenter Nigel Rees will preside over a panel of celebrities in the Speen Marquee while the half hour programmes are recorded before a ticketed audience.

Finally, if you're looking for a way to entertain the kids on Saturday morning (17th September) there is a children's theatre show called "Wizards & Witches" which will provide an hour or so of immense fun for 3-10 year olds.

The Festival Finale concert/supper closes the Festival on Saturday night - but is already sold out! However, tickets for other events (Wind in the Willows, Festival Quiz, Sister Dominica, Jazz in the Marquee, Natural History, Quote Unquote, Wizards & Witches) are available from the Festival box office (ring 01494 488637 for details) - and don't forget to visit the free events described above, too.

Martin Stockley

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Editorial

Accompanied by some sadness this is my last Editorial - I am hanging up my keyboard. From November Judy Whitehouse will take over as Editor, a change that I feel certain will bring new life and ideas to the Gazette. For 7 years Judy has ploughed her energy into the Parents Association at Naphill & Walters Ash school, to great effect. The Gazette could not be left in more community spirited hands.

Personally I will throw myself into a new career and try to contribute to the Gazette when possible and

appropriate. For me the Gazette will always be 'unfinished business' and with that in mind I hope to be back one day, a few years from now. Thank you to everyone that has supported me during my reign as Editor.

Don't forget to put your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on October 29th.

Over and out.

Matt Piercy

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45-7.30pm
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15-7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2-3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8-9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8-9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15-2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall Forge Road	10.30-11.15am 12.15-12.50
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2-4pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6-7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30-8pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30-9pm
	U6s-U12s every Saturday	9.30-11am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00-10pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2-4pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am-12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8-10pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astrotrurf

Small Ads

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WEIGHT WATCHERS. Thursday evenings, 5.45-6.45pm and 7-8pm. Small hall at back of Hughenden Village Hall. Very friendly group! Tel 01494 562281.

OFSTED REGISTERED CHILD MINDER Walters Ash before school, during school and after school care. Tracey 01494 562165 or 07940 536410

Established Bed & Breakfast in centre of Naphill. Accommodation can also be rented on a self catering, self-contained basis. 01494 563728/07775 694015 : www.woodpeckersbedandbreakfast.co.uk

New Kumon Maths and English After School Club. For further information about how Kumon may be able to help your child, contact the Hazlemere Kumon Centre on 01628 532620.

Saturday morning Numeracy club. Yrs 4, 5 and 6. Extra help provided to develop their Numeracy in a small group (max 4). Telephone 563400, email nicka@tesco.net QTS – Nat. Curriculum. Related.

OFSTED REGISTERED CHILD MINDER - Before and after school, during the day and overnight care available - Walters Ash. Chrissie -01494 565502, 07952 324795

PART-TIME JOB – friendly office in HW requires clerk from September - no experience necessary but computer/keyboard skills required – 25hrs per week – starting @ £6ph. Ideal for a gap-year student or a parent wishing to work school hours/terms'. Tel Steve Payne or Sue Nash, HW 527100.

Aralias to Yuccas! Specimen shrubs 0.75 - 2.0m tall from my nursery site in Penn. Bargain prices. Supply and plant or supply only. Also herbaceous perennials. G C Travers HND Am Hort. 01494 563367

Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

After skimming through my contribution to last month's magazine, I realize I might have been rather pessimistic about the approach of Autumn as, so far, the weather has been definitely been more summer-like, encouraging a good turnout on Sunday mornings. Thursday evening sessions have, however, been officially terminated as nothing can prevent the evenings drawing in. Looking back on what is

usually regarded as the 'tennis season', it turned out to be an excellent one for our Mixed 1 and Aylesbury Mens teams, both of which topped their divisions, gaining promotion for next year. Conversely, things did not go quite right for both our Ladies and Mixed 2 teams but there is always next year when, hopefully, we will 'bounce' back! To this end, the winter Ladies Veterans team will be practicing their competitive skills with six matches scheduled to take place between November and February. Club sessions will also continue on Sunday and Tuesday mornings throughout the winter season, with only wind, fog, frost and snow preventing play!

Although not too many of us managed to navigate around the country lanes to the 'Barbecue at Bledlow' on 3rd September, those who did enjoyed an idyllic Saturday afternoon there. The sun was very warm, the garden and surrounding scenery were beautiful, the food was delicious, drinks flowed abundantly and conversation was vibrant! We would like to thank our hosts – Ian and Helen – for a perfect occasion.

Before our next (and last event) on the social calendar, we have to attend to the business of running the club and, to this end, would like to give all members as much notice as possible that our Annual General Meeting this year is set to take place on Monday 14th November in the Clubhouse at 8pm. This is an important opportunity for members to air their views on how the club should continue to be administered and suggest any improvements that could be made. At the moment, Naphill LTC is your local tennis club; it has three well-maintained courts and clubhouse, a healthy balance sheet, the services of a coach at both senior and junior levels but it suffers from a lack of enough local volunteers willing to take on the responsibility to plan its future. Please put the date in your diaries and come along for an hour or so, if you possibly can!

In the interests of local harmony, we hope our neighbours are pleased to note that we have not only acceded to their request to trim our contentious conifer down to hedge height but have actually instigated its removal! Perhaps we can all watch it fuel the bonfire on the 5th November!

As usual, any enquiries regarding membership, etc. should be directed to our Membership Secretary, Sue Crooks, on 01494 562539 (e-mail: smcr2000@aol.com) or the undersigned.

*Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063 :
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County & District Councillor's Report

Returning from our French holiday it was hard not to make a comparison with our roads and those of

France. Since our visit last year a bypass had been constructed around Brignoles, a town in the Var, en route for Nice. It had a road surface without a blemish or join for about 5 kilometres and in a temperature of 35 degrees centigrade it did not melt! I am writing to their highways department to obtain the specification and cost. We could have a lot to learn.

Whilst on the subject of roads, I hope that readers took the opportunity of looking at the proposed scheme for the Culverton crossroads, the junction of Woodway with the A4010. At the advertised presentation/public consultation at Lacey Green Village Hall the majority of the public thought the proposals would be safer than the existing junction. Whilst the majority might have preferred a roundabout they did not want the necessary paraphernalia of lighting and signage that goes with it. It is still not too late to comment, the plans can be accessed on the internet via www.buckscc.gov.uk/lss and then select the link for Culverton X roads. The consultation will end on the 29th October. The scheme could be completed by March 2007. Rather slower than the French! My concern has always been the impact this junction could have on traffic using Main Road and this is one of the reasons that I cannot support a roundabout. The improved junction will be safer for cars but will not facilitate or encourage its use by articulated trucks.

I was delighted to read the Commons Committee report on the status of Naphill Common although a little surprised that matters had developed so fast after my last check with English Nature back in July. Although the intent had been expressed, matters had not been finalised with West Wycombe Estate as far as the County Council's Countryside officers were concerned.

Dumping of garden waste on the Common is still taking place. It is a criminal offence and any identified persons will be prosecuted. Barrow loads of garden waste cannot be dumped on the Common. Its designated scientific interest is at risk from contaminants even if they are of a "green" or biodegradable nature.

Richard Pushman :
richard.pushman@btinternet.com : 564152

Remembrance Sunday

13th November 2005

A Service of Remembrance for those who gave their lives in the service of their country will be held in Naphill Village Hall on Sunday 13th November at 2.45pm.

Richard Pushman

Names and numbers to note

The Gazette's e-mail is nwagazette@lycos.co.uk

Naphill Website is at :

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/>

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Lee Turnham. For the police control room, ring 715352

Crime Reduction Officer is Maria Marston on 01494 736644

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

Hughenden Parish Council: Tel 01494 715296, Email hughendenpc@btconnect.com

Naphill Evening WI

The day this goes to press will be our first evening meeting after the summer break. We will have listened to Mrs J Wooster, with her talk "Cycling from Lands End to John O'Groats". As it was an 'Open' meeting we hope to have welcomed several visitors and seen lots of photos for the competition 'On Your Bicycle'. We all enjoyed our trip to the London theatre to see 'The Far Pavilions'; we had a good journey there and back, so once again it was a very successful evening.

The 13th October is Carole's Stump Evening, so we look forward to hearing about it at our AGM, which will be on October 20th. The 21st October is our group meeting at Liston Hall in Marlow and our WI will be giving a report. The speaker is Anthony Slim, the talk 'Vincent Van Gough' and the competition is a decorated straw hat or bonnet. We are looking forward to another theatre outing on the 27th October to see Tom, Dick and Harry. We are sure this will be equally successful. Once again Marion is working hard on our behalf in arranging for us to see 'Mary Poppins' on the 21st March 2006. How time flies – the first day of spring! On the 3rd November the WI are having a stall at the RAF Craft fair. All contributions of cakes and jams would be appreciated. Some of us are near to completing the 90 mile walk to celebrate 90 years of WI – what a good effort!

Our next meeting, as mentioned before, is our AGM when we will look back at this last year and forward to the next. We hope to see you all there.

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

Naphill Neighbours

On a warm summer evening last July we were informed and entertained by Mark Davis, who told us "The Story of Grasse, the centre of the perfume industry in the South of France".

By contrast our August meeting took the form of an outing to Stratford-upon-Avon on a scenic route via Broadway in the Cotswolds on a glorious day. On reaching our destination we all "did our own thing" - lunching by the river, taking a boat trip or riding on an open-topped bus, enjoying a delicious cream tea on a sunny terrace or just strolling around the picturesque town.

At our September meeting a full Village Hall greeted Sally Botwright, who gave a really splendid powerpoint presentation on THE HISTORY OF THE CITY OF LONDON. She is both a Blue Badge guide and a City of London guide and, using modern technology, she entertained and enlightened us.

Bookings were taken for our winter outing to London on 24th November 2005 when we will see the Christmas lights from the London Eye, visit the ice skating rink at Somerset House and tour the West End. Only a few seats are still available so, members, if you are interested, please phone Sheila Rolfe on 562888 as soon as possible.

On Monday, 10th October, after a brief AGM, Betty Hardy will be telling us about THE HISTORY OF BOOKMARKS and showing us some of her extensive collection. If you have an interesting bookmark perhaps you would like to bring it along for our speaker's comments. Also, during the evening you will have the opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts from Rita Beck's "Cottage China" - I am sure you will remember seeing and buying from her delightful china collection last October.

Hazel Vickery : 563977

Editors note: The reason there are 2 month's worth of Naphill Neighbours reports is because I omitted their article last month. My apologies.

Readers Letters

Successful Fund Raising

Back in the May issue we asked for help in raising funds towards The 60km Weekend to Breakthrough Breast Cancer walk we were doing on the 24th-25th September. For those who are unaware of the article my husband and I had to raise a minimum of £3,000

before we could actually do the walk, hence the plea for help.

Just to update readers (as the copy date is before the walk) - we are delighted to inform that as I type this, we have so far raised an amazing £4,855.41.

We would like to thank all the people from the village that have kindly donated, including the Hughenden Weight Watchers (for saving their 5p's) . Knowing we have reached our total has made training walks much easier to do.

In the next issue we hope to update you on how the walk went (fingers crossed no blisters and no rain) and the final total raised.

Thanks again,

Sharon & Mark Dell, Evergreen, Stocking Lane

Not Really Community Spirit

May I congratulate the residents of Grimms Meadow, Walters Ash on their annual street party - what community spirit - highly commendable in this day and age. I would personally like to say well done for having it on a Sunday night and continuing till 3.00am, and thank you for the 2 hours sleep I eventually managed to get before having to work an early shift of 8 hrs. I am quite sure there were parents of children starting back to school who would like to thank them. Next time arrange it for a SATURDAY!!!!

Yours knackered & bleary eyed!

Caroline Kelly

The October sky in Naphill & Walters Ash

The Orionid meteor shower should provide on average a sighting every two minutes during the early morning of the 23rd in the east. British Summer time ends on the 30th; put back your clocks one hour. The moon is new on the 3rd and full on the 17th. Venus sets shortly after the Sun and may be difficult to see. Mars rises soon after dark and will be a good evening star. Jupiter sets in the evening; Saturn will be good in the mornings.

The Moon

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Oct 1	Rises	07.03	04.35	11.29	20.15	08.36	01.26
	Sets	18.41	18.16	19.52	11.20	19.14	16.51
Oct 8	Rises	07.15	13.38	11.48	19.45	08.17	01.02
	Sets	18.25	20.19	19.42	10.52	18.49	15.25
Oct 15	Rises	07.27	17.33	12.06	19.13	07.58	24.34
	Sets	18.10	04.25	19.34	10.20	18.24	15.59
Oct 22	Rises	07.39	20.26	12.22	18.39	07.39	24.08
	Sets	17.54	13.58	19.29	09.45	18.00	15.33
Oct 29	Rises	06.51	03.30	12.34	18.03	07.20	23.43
	Sets	16.42	16.34	19.27	09.07	17.35	15.06

There have been numerous books written on the Moon and I have referred to our satellite at least five times during the past seven or eight years. But it is time for this column to mention the main elements of the Moon in an article devoted to our satellite. The first point to make is its size. Relative to its mother planet the size ratio, 1 to 4, is unique in the Solar System. Indeed, the two bodies are sometimes known as a double planet. Its orbit has a very low eccentricity relative to its primary and its inclination (the plane of its orbit relative to the Earth's) is quite high. It has been a naked-eye object to observe for thousands of years and several statistics about it have been known for a long time. For example the time intervals between its phases are well recorded and between two successive new moons the number 29.53 days (the synodic month) would not be strange to ancient Egyptian astronomers and has been used as the basis of the lunar calendar and led to present day months having varying days of 28 to 31. The sidereal month – the time taken (27.32 days) for the Moon to move through an angle of 360° relative to the background of stars – has also been known for thousands of years.

The Moon is resonance locked with the same side always pointing towards Earth. The dark zones on the Moon (the maria representing 35% of the visible regions) and light areas (the highlands – 65%) can clearly be seen and are always visible near and at full moon. Because of the slightly elliptical nature of its orbit, we can see nearly three-fifths of the total lunar surface from Earth. The other side of the Moon (seen by artificial satellites) is very similar to the highlands on 'our' side of the body. The lunar tides on Earth are three times larger than solar tides.

The Moon was formed some 4.55 billion years ago when a body about the size of Mars crashed obliquely into the very young Earth and almost destroyed it. The net result was much material ejected from the young Earth which coalesced into a new body – the Moon – and left Earth with a larger central core. The maria were formed when gigantic lava flows from radioactivity that had melted mantle material from the Moon escape some three to four billion years ago through fractures in the crust on the side of the Moon with a thinner crust. At present the Moon is moving away from the Earth at about 4cm per year (measured by laser echos from instruments left on the Moon's surface by the Apollo program).

The Earth-Moon system has caused the inclination of the Earth's axis (23.45°) to be very stable and this is what creates our seasons. Without the Moon, the Earth's axis could vary and could well be as much as 60° (Mars' axis varies from 15° to 35°). The evolution of life on our planet is directly related to the presence the Moon.

It is well known that the Sun is at its highest in the sky at noon on the longest day in June. It is not so well known that generally speaking the Moon is at its lowest in the sky at midnight on the nearest full moon. It so happened on the 21st June, that the Moon was in direct alignment with Earth and the Sun in 2005 and as a result the height of the Moon above the horizon on June 21st this year was the lowest it ever can be.

Meteorites from Mars and the Moon

It has been known for 20 years that some meteorites come from the Moon and from Mars. Impacts onto these bodies can under certain circumstances eject material that eventually becomes meteors around our planet that are large enough to hit the ground as meteorites. They are recognised as emanating from the Moon or Mars because of the chemical constitution of the pieces of rock that land on Earth. It takes an average of 10,000 years for material ejected from the Moon to reach us and 10 million years for such material to reach us from Mars. One would expect there to be far fewer Mars rocks than Moon rocks but in fact there appear to be roughly the same number. Suggestions have been made as to why this should be but none of them seems very plausible. The real problem is recognising them as what they are. It is normally only possible to find them in Antarctica or on deserts such as the Sahara. The numbers are 24 from the Moon and 28 from Mars. The enigma continues.

Grant Woodruff

Culture Ahead

Reading through a few recent issues of the Gazette, it struck me that excellent though it is in many ways, it lacks a solid input of real culture. It is of course necessary, indeed admirable to record details of the various activities which are central to the functioning of a successful community but what it needs to lift it to an altogether higher level is something of Shakespearean standard. Indeed why not Shakespeare?

Shakespeare would perhaps remind us of school, despite the fact that his popularity has never been greater.

I then remembered that a few years ago I used to play golf at Hazlemere with Bill Latham and consequently exchanged humorous golfing style Christmas Cards, often with some additional rhyming input connected with golf. Recently, whilst clearing out some rubbish I found one of my parodies of Shakespeare from those days. And here it is despite the undoubted fact that in terms of Shakespeare's seven ages of man, I am assuredly in the 6th age!

Shakespeare was a Golfer

All the world's a golf course,

And all the men and women merely players.
 They have their exits and their entrances
 And one man in his time plays many parts and shots.
 His acts being seven ages. At first the infant,
 Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms,
 And then the whining school-boy with his short set of clubs

And shining morning face creeping like a snail
 Around the course. And then the lover,
 Sighing like a furnace as he hooks and slices
 In the most artisan way. Then a soldier
 Full of strange oaths as his score mounts up,
 Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
 Seeking the reputation of a tiger,
 Even in the presence of the Captain. And then the justice,
 In fair round belly with good capon lined,
 With a full set of Calloways and attired in Faldo,
 Full of wise saws and classical quotes.
 And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
 Into the lean and slipper'd pantaloons.
 With spectacles on nose and Glen Garry cap
 His ancient dress quite out of date,
 And his shrunk shank and his manly voice
 Turning again towards childish treble,
 Guarantee enfeebled shots with childlike commentary.
 Last scene of all that ends this strange, eventful,
 history,
 Is second childishness and mere oblivion,
 Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.
 And yet! See you on the tee at 11.00am prompt on Monday!

Well I think that is quite enough of Shakespeare . I
 shall now turn my attention to 'Crime and Punishment'
 by Fyodor Dostoevsky (what a splendid name) and
 'Death and Transfiguration' by Richard Strauss .

It could lighten up Christmas.

David Leith : 562312

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

Sunday, 4th September, was a very special day for Frank and Muriel Smith when they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. All club members send Frank and Muriel their warmest congratulations. Truly members of the Over 60 Club!

Following the summer break we resumed Club meetings on 9th September with Mrs. Margaret Deakin's "Images of Morocco" presentation from her Travel Talks series. Appropriately dressed in an authentic Moroccan jellaba, Mrs. Deakin started with a brief history of Morocco from the early Phoenician and Roman settlers through to its emergence as an independent nation in 1956. Then followed the "Images" of the title with slides showing beautiful

Saturday 5 November

On The Crick

Fire lit 6.30pm

Display 7pm

**BBQ from 6pm
run by Sports Club**

Mulled wine

Soup

**Pavilion bar
run by Mens Club**



Tickets available from Costcutters, Paul's fish-and-chips, Country Stores, Co-op, The Black Lion, The Wheel or phone 562770

**In advance
£3.50 adults, £1.50 children**

**On the night
£4.50 adults, £2 children**

Under-5s FREE

Please note: NO sparklers allowed

Moorish architecture, street scenes, fortified villages (casbahs) clinging to the Atlas mountains, and finishing at the edge of the Sahara desert. A fascinating journey.

At the same meeting we were pleased to welcome new members Janet Kirby and Marjorie Howland.

Future programmes are:

October 7th: The speaker will be Louise from the National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society. This is also Bring and Buy day.

October 21st: Mr. Peter Smith will be talking about National Service.

November 4th: Mr. Peter Nicholls will be presenting Slides of Old Wendover. Also Bring and Buy day.

November 16th: Quiz

December 2nd: Mr. Brian Murgatroyd will present a programme of monologues. Also Bring and Buy day.

December 16th: The Twyford Bell Ringers.

And advance notice of our Christmas Lunch which will be on Tuesday, 3rd January, 2006. Further details will be announced later.

The club meets at the Village Hall on alternate Fridays from 2pm to 4pm; the relevant dates are shown in the above programme. Why not join us? You will be very welcome. Contact Mary Davies on 563305.

Doris Lording : 569424

Naphill Village Hall And Playing Fields Council

It was good to get together again after a summer that produced little vandalism to the Hall. Usually the long warm evenings create significant damage to the Hall but this year, thanks to increased police presence, the hall has got through unscathed. Many thanks to the police. You really do seem to be making a difference.

There are new licensing laws which have caused us a lot of effort and expense. Many thanks to Clive Lawrence who has given up a day to be trained and certified, and subsequently filled in the myriad forms we need to keep us in line with the new legislation. Having put in all this effort we are now able to carry on doing all that we have ever done in the Hall. God bless red tape!

Ken, our new treasurer is doing a great job keeping our finances organised and in check, (or should it be cheque) but we are still in need of an auditor to go through the annual accounts and sign them off. If you have the necessary skills and could give up a little of

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Naphill and Walters Ash School,
Kilwood, Walters Ash, HP14 4UL

Saturday 26th November 2005

11am until 2pm

Tables £15 each

WANSA are holding a Christmas Market to raise funds for the school at Naphill & Walters Ash School, Kilwood, Walters Ash, HP14 4UL on Saturday 26th November.

The market will be open from 11a.m. To 2pm Tables will be supplied by WANSA and are available for £15 each. If you would like to book a table to sell your wares please contact Amanda Wendes on 01494 562087 for further details.

your time to do this for us it would be greatly appreciated.

The “old ladies toilets” have now been fitted out to house all the ride on toys for the toddler group. This has stopped the Mums having to climb up above the stage each week to get them down and has made good use of the space. A great job. Our next project is to fit out the cloakroom with a hanging rail for coats, and cupboards for extra storage for village organisations.

The “Christmas Tree” needs a bit of love. It is growing too much and drastically needs reducing if it is not to get too heavy to support its branches. Every year we need significantly more cable and lights to get round it! We need planning permission for this work as it is a protected tree. This is in hand and we hope to get the work done before it is lit in December. Hopefully this will mean that the lights will all be visible this year and so it should shine out brighter than ever.

The final figure for the Fete was a staggering £8,453. A great help to keep the hall in good shape and for us to be able to plan improvements for the future. Many thanks to all those of you (especially Ted) who were involved and those of you who came and spent your money. A great day. The date has been fixed for next year – 10th June – and the theme is “Film Characters”

Other forthcoming events are:

- The play on the 15th October
- Fireworks on 5th November
- Christmas Fayre on 3rd December
- Quiz night on 24th February 2006

Do support us

Sarah Bacon, Chairman : 563479

Quiz Night – 21st October

Those of you who have been to a quiz night run by Roger and Cathy Hillier will know that a good night for all is in prospect! It will be held in the school hall from 7.00 – the quiz itself will start promptly at 7.30.

This one is in aid of, and as a final fundraiser for, Sue Nash's Inca Trail trek in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care (the trek will be over and Sue will have all her photos!). There are items to be raffled/auctioned (including a cricket bat signed by the Lancashire cricket squad – including hero of the Ashes, Freddie Flintoff) and a ploughman's supper is included in the ticket price.

Tickets are £8 per person but if you can get a group of 4 together then this will be £30 and for a table of 6 the cost is £40. Tickets can be obtained by contacting Sue or Paul on 01494-563234 or by dropping a note and cheque into 322 Main Road.

See you there!

Sue Nash : 563234

Chilterns Conservation Board

Naphill Common – Not Yet a National Nature Reserve

I read with interest in last month's edition of the Gazette that English Nature had designated the Common as a National Nature Reserve, were about to lease the site and appoint a warden.

When I contacted them this week they explained that they were still in negotiation with West Wycombe Estates, but as yet there was no agreement for English Nature to take a lease over the Common, nor had it been designated as a National Nature Reserve, although that was their aim. Similarly there were no plans to appoint a warden.

We are fortunate to have the common with its internationally rare and protected woodland, and it is to be hoped that it won't be too long before another important part of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is given additional protection as a National Nature Reserve.

Steve Rodrick, Chief Officer

Remembering JAMIE WARDELL 16-7-87 - 21-8-05

We would like to express our deep appreciation for all the help and support given to us when we most needed it.

It's nice to know that we have such great friends who were there for Jamie and us.

Pete, Jo and family.

Horticultural Society

Cheese & Wine Evening

Friday October 28th

Naphill Village Hall

7.00 for 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50

Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available for our annual Cheese and Wine evening, which is always a popular event, and this year takes place on Friday October 28th in the Village Hall.

The evening will start with an illustrated talk by Christie Leary entitled "My Organic Garden – Gardening Without Chemicals" Christie is a member of the Henry Doubleday Research Establishment, as well as being a keen Fuchsia and Hebe grower.

We will then tuck into the now famous buffet of cheese, pâté, salad etc.

Tickets are £7.50 and include a glass of wine. Numbers are limited, and tickets always sell quickly for this event; so do book early (it also helps on the catering front if we have final numbers a week beforehand).

Secondly, very many thanks to all of you who took part in our recent Autumn Show. Whether you were an exhibitor, a viewer, or a buyer at the auction you helped to make it a great success.

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company

We are delighted to welcome back to Naphill Village Hall the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company with their production of 'Journey's End'. A gripping drama from the trenches of WW1, this timeless classic recently enjoyed a West End revival in London. The Sunday Times said at the time, 'If there is a must-see on at the moment then Journey's End is it'.

The date is Saturday 15th October and before the performance there is going to be a sumptuous dinner of sausages and mash followed by apple pie in true 1940's style, superbly presented by the ladies of the Womens Institute. A vegetarian alternative will be available and the bar will be serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

Please reserve your tickets at a cost of £9.00 including the refreshments, by telephoning me on 562099. In view of the catering arrangements, we will be unable to accept anybody on the night who hasn't reserved their tickets. Please arrive by 7.00 as dinner will be served at 7.15.

John Harris : 562099

Naphill & Walters Ash School

The Autumn Term is once more here and days sat on the beach with ice cream dribbling up my arm are but a distant memory. School started very well with the children re-joining us in high spirits. All the children look very smart, especially in their new PE colours and have settled quickly in to their new class groups. We have had only one change of staff here at school which follows Sandra Moore's retirement after working here for twenty two years in the Admin. Office. We are joined by Judy Pope, who is also a new parent here too. As well as forty three new Reception children joining us this year we have also had a collection of children joining us for the first time in different age groups. All are very welcome and we hope they will all have a productive and happy time with us.

The builders are still very busy (and noisy) inside the school constructing a new library though we are promised they will be finishing very shortly. Parents worked very hard to raise the money to build this new facility and we are very grateful that the dream is at last reaching fruition. Once the infrastructure is completed we will then be kitting out the library with new shelving and seating areas to really do the space

justice. The library itself sits alongside the Key Stage 2 ICT Suite and we have also had to re-house much of the school's museum artifacts to make way for it. The school is fortunate in having a wide stock of items that hark back to the village's agricultural past and includes a potato sorting machine and a winnower!

This term all schools are being asked to amend their staffing structures in line with the governments 'Remodelling' agenda. This is a challenging task for Headteachers as we are instructed to take in to account the school budget, the school improvement plan, current staff resources, future plans for the school and staff morale. Like most initiatives of this sort it is less clear as to how to prioritise each one. I am extremely fortunate that Naphill and Walters Ash School has some excellent teaching and non-teaching staff and is a very happy school. Although we have to publish our plans this term the school has until December 2008 to implement them. If a week is long time in politics, three years is a life time in education!

On the more short term list of objectives in the year ahead we hope to be expanding the schools ICT capability and installing interactive whiteboards in to each class room linked to a whole school wireless network to enable fast and easy access to the internet. Together with further improvements to the building it should be an exciting year ahead.

We currently have a large collection of 'Guide for Parents' booklets for school entry in September 2006 which is available to anybody who wishes to place their child in a local school next year, either at primary or secondary level. Each of the booklets contains a wealth of information for parents, including application forms and catchment area maps. They are available from the school office during office hours 8.15 until 5.00 each day.

Tim McLoughlin, Headteacher

Naphill Pre-School

Pre-School started back on Wednesday 7th September after the summer holidays. Although many children left to start school at the end of last term 10 new children have now joined and are settling in well. If you would like your child to attend Naphill Pre School then please put their name on the waiting list to avoid any disappointment.

Tanya, our new supervisor, is "finding her feet" well; the day to day running appears effortless and many activities have already been planned.

This half-term the interest theme is "Fairytale" and the first week has been "Gingerbread men." The children have already been cooking and having lots of fun. They have also been making the most of the glorious September weather. They have been playing

in the garden as much as possible before winter sets in.

When you read this the Pre-School AGM will have taken place on Tuesday 20th September and therefore a new committee will be in post. We all wish them luck and hope they have a great year.

Any queries with regard to Pre-School please call Tanya Stevens on 563053.

Ruth Bond : 564824

Village Design Statement

The next stage of consultation is a display in the Village Hall, inviting comments (on post its!), together with the circulation of a questionnaire throughout the village. The questions will also be shown on the village website.

Please take the time to complete the short questionnaire, and return it to the Village Hall, or to one of your Parish Councillors. It is very important that we have a good level of response. Wycombe District Council will not take notice of villagers' wishes unless we do!!!!

Ian Bond : Langlea, Coombe Lane

Peggy Ewart : Tavern Cottage, Naphill Common

John Harris : Red Cottage, Naphill Common

Matt Piercy : Albany House, Stonefield Road

Multiple Sclerosis Society

Ploughmans Lunch

November 5th

Mini Bazaar, raffle, tombola, books, gifts, cakes etc.

Hughenden Village Hall

Doors open 12.00 midday, lunch 12.30.

£3.50.

Barbara Fleming : 562519

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Candlelit Dinner Dance.

Saturday 19th November, Naphill Village Hall.

Book now to enjoy yourself at this lively and mega popular annual event. Bar opens at 7.30pm, dinner at 8.15pm. Dancing to Geoff Jolliffe's lively Late Edition Band. High quality cuisine by Morreen Catering. Menu choice includes two delicious meat and one vegetarian dish with French bread and salads, three home-made deserts, with coffee or tea to follow. Tickets are excellent value at £18.00 from Janet 01494 564569, Carole 563508, Daisy 562602, Gloria



**Guides &
Brownies
Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 8th
October**

**Naphill
Village Hall**

2.00pm

We will be collecting items for the sale around the village on the morning of the sale, and would also welcome any items you wish to bring to the Village Hall.
No furniture or electrical goods please.

563634. Open to all residents and guests. Newcomers to the village very welcome.

Planning

Applications up to 17 August 2005 discussed at the 8 September Committee Meeting:

05/6664/FUL 4 Louches Lane, Naphill. Construction of new single storey linked extension from house to garage and conversion of half of garage to annexe living accommodation and external fenestration.

05/6783/ADV Co-op 312 Main Road, Walter's Ash.. Display of internally illuminated fascia sign to front. (Concern over illumination. Lit sign was not permitted for garage across road.)

05/6791/FUL Land at front of 11 and rear of 9-10 Ash. Close, Walter's Ash Erection of 1 no. 3 bed detached dwelling and garage with new access and turning area. (Concerns: big back garden development, 1.8 m brick dividing-wall not in character, loss of amenity to adjacent properties.)

05/6813/FUL Rear of 132-135 Templewood, Walter's Ash.. Construction of 3 pairs of semi-detached 3 bed houses (6 in all) and provision of open space. (Concerns: Urbanising an AONB and recognised rural area. There is already insufficient parking for residents, visitors, delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles, and inadequate access for emergency and all

large vehicles. This plan will make matters worse. There are old workings under the application site so risk of subsidence. The access road already has a weight limit to reduce risk of subsidence. There is no agreement in place for the open space at the front to be used as a play area, and it is much closer to the road than the former MoD play area (on which the houses are planned to be built), with obvious risks for children. Loss of amenity to residents.)

05/6826/TPO Naphill Village Hall, 79 Main Road, Naphill. Reduce height of crown to 3 metres above ground level, and other works.

Applications up to 5 September 2005:

05/6896/FUL Auchinyell, Downley Road, Naphill. Demolition of existing house and erection of 4 x 3 bed terraced houses. (Concerns: over-development, out of character with surrounding dwellings.)

05/6922/FUL 22 Moseley Road, Naphill. Demolition of outbuildings and erection of new garden shed in garden.

05/6925/FUL Lilac Cottage, Purssells Meadow, Naphill. Construction of conservatory, bin store & storage/ tool shed to side elevation.

05/6927/FUL 1 Dene Cottages, Naphill Common. Construction of part two storey/ part single storey side/ rear extensions.

05/6978/FUL Rear of Pippins, Dunain and Georgia, New Road, Walter's Ash. Erection of one 2 storey 4 bedroom dwelling with attached garage. (Concerns over back-garden development and access on to MoD property.)

Gloria Leflaive : 56 3634

Neighbourhood Watch

Are you aware that:

85% of all thefts are committed by opportunists?

Burglars often use garden tools, in particular ladders, garden spades and forks, taken from garden sheds or outbuildings to break into houses?

What can you do?

1. Ensure that your shed, particularly doors and windows are in good condition. If you are buying a new shed make sure that you erect it in a position where you or your neighbours can keep an eye on it. Security lighting will increase visibility at night and may deter a thief from entering the garden
2. Make sure all tools and equipment are put away and ensure that all sheds and outbuildings are locked when not in use.
3. Bring tools inside if you do not have a garden shed or outbuilding.

4. Use good quality locks to ensure your gates, doors and windows and check that all doors and frames are in good condition, free from splits, rot and warp.

5. Property usually kept in outbuildings or gardens is often unidentifiable. Therefore mark your property with your postcode and house number and make a note of the serial number. Post coding can be done with ultra violet marker pens, engraving, stamping or even paint. Property marking may stop a thief taking your property. At the very least it could help in its recovery.

6. Certain plants such as thorny shrubs can make an effective barrier if they are planted under vulnerable windows or against potential access routes such as walls or fences.

High value items such as bicycles and lawn mowers should be shackled together, ideally to the fabric of the building or to a metal post, cemented into the ground.

We have a number of NHW schemes being set up in Naphill and Walter's Ash, if you would like some information in setting up a scheme, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

For those already in schemes, If your NHW sign is looking a bit old and ropey and requires updating or you require more NHW window stickers, or anything like that, please contact me and I can organise replacements to be sent out to you.

*Kate Worthington : 562158
kateworthington@aol.com*

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

...are a group run voluntarily by parents for carers with babies and/or toddlers. We offer a friendly environment for both parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while their children play with the numerous toys and make new friends. We have an informal structure to the group, usually starting with free play time followed by refreshments, then a slightly quieter play time to finish where the little ones can explore their creative streaks with play dough. When the weather is agreeable there is a pleasant, enclosed garden area for the children to play outside.

New faces are always welcome so please come along and join us. We are especially in need of new faces now that some of our regulars have moved up to Primary school, so numbers are getting thin on the ground. We will also be losing some of our Committee members shortly and the group will not be able to continue without new support. This would be a great shame as the toddler group has been running for many, many years and has provided a much-needed break for many mums and toddlers

alike! If you haven't been before then you will be assured of a friendly welcome and the opportunity to enjoy some adult company while your child/children can develop their social skills with the other children.

We have some forthcoming events to look forward to in the run up to Christmas, including the very popular family portrait session where you can have beautiful portraits taken by a professional photographer at very reasonable prices (they make excellent Christmas presents, especially for Grandparents). The date to put in your diary for the photographer is 6th October and slot times should be booked with Suzanne on 01494 562147. We recommend you book early as this session tends to be very popular. There will also be the opportunity to peruse and/or purchase Phoenix cards and Partylite candles and gifts during this session.

We meet every Thursday during term-time at the Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm. Admission price per session is £1.20 per first child and 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

Please contact Suzanne on 562147, or Cheryl on 565580 for further information on the group or our special events.

An Invitation to Amateur Artists

Hughenden Art Group provides an opportunity for amateur artists to meet and paint together on Monday and Friday evenings throughout the year at Hughenden Village Hall.

The group offers a mix of informal painting together sessions and tutored evenings. Tutored evenings cover a variety of topics from painting techniques (e.g. mixing greens), subject specials (flowers, landscapes, etc), and slide shows.

There are also a number of whole day, normally Saturday, meetings held throughout the year. Members also encouraged to join out-door painting trips to local places of interest, visits to galleries and occasional social outings.

A small library of books and art techniques video tapes covering the most commonly used mediums are kept at the hall and are available to members. The group holds an annual exhibition and sale of members work at the hall.

This is an adult mixed ability group that welcomes new members, so whatever level of skill, or medium used, new members are most welcome.

To find out more please contact:

Barry Forrest : 01844 347190

Jill Graves : 01494 563813

St. Botolph's, Bradenham

The third annual Harvest Supper will take place on November 4th in the church, commencing at 7.15pm. Tickets are £10 each for a two course meal, including wine.

Please ring Valerie (564152) or Peggy (565969) for tickets. These are limited to 42 and will be sold on a first come first served basis.

The Supper was oversubscribed last year!

Peggy Ewart : 565969

The Father's House (Home of Naphill Mission)

Wants in a name?

A few times now since changing our churches name I have been asked by some people why we changed the name and why change it to The Father's House. Often many people think names do matter much.

However, when it comes to names many of us will think very carefully about what name we will give someone or something. For example naming our children or giving a name to a company we wish to start up. Names often reflect something and try to give a message to others.

This article by way of explanation to you who may be asking the questions of why we changed our churches name will try to quickly outline some of the reasons behind our seemingly new identity.

Firstly the simplest explanation is to tell you that we believe God called us to change the name and this was the name we believe He gave us. However then you might ask, why do you believe He did this?

One of the churches first understandings to that question is that the old name Naphill Evangelical Free Church by which we had been known since 1968 no longer reflected what we were as a church fellowship. Yes we are still evangelical in our beliefs as Christians but the word evangelical has in today's modern culture and society usually been misunderstood or badly represented giving many people the impression of a dower fundamentalist off the wall religious sect with lots of unlivable rules where only people of the same persuasion are welcomed and invited.

That is very far from the truth because Jesus himself welcomed and loved all who would come to Him and therefore as His followers we to should welcome and love all whom we come in contact with no matter what there background. This is one aspect we hope the new name conveys. All are welcome in the Father's House and we are a group of ordinary people endeavouring to show God's love to the world.

Also many modern evangelical churches are able to shed light on many of the problems and difficulties faced by people in today's world and can be lively relevant communities that help tackle them. Also something we and we believe the other local churches are aiming for.

In the Bible names, especially those pertaining to God, are very important. Often people in the Bible would give a name to God in relation to how or where they personally meet Him, *God my Saviour, God my Maker, my hope, God of peace my Comforter, my light, my refuge, Lord who heals you, my rock, 'Emmanuel' God with us or God our Father* are just some examples.

Chatterbox

**A friendly informal monthly Coffee Drop-in
09:30 – 12:00**

Chatterbox has been going for a couple of years at the church in Main Road, Naphill and with the hope that it might benefit more people in the community we have once more changed the day on which we open. From September 2005 we will open once a month on the 1st Thursday of the month.

**Next opening: 8th October
Please join us if you can**

A Youth Drop-in (14 – 18) will open on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 9:30pm as demand requires. Sweets, drinks etc available for purchase.

Please call for further details

Also a permanent prayer corner has been set up inside the church. Please come and

In relation to re-naming the church we believe we were meant to tie in with the past of the church hence the explanatory phrase '*Home of Naphill Mission*' but in the name '**THE FATHER'S HOUSE**' we hope this conveys not only a sense of moving forward into the future but also of welcome, peace, love and security where everyone who comes might meet with our loving, accepting and gracious heavenly Father who desires to build a loving relationship with everybody.

In the present times with so much doubt and insecurity one person we all can depend on is the person of Jesus Christ who said: "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*" Matthew 11: 28 - 30

Our hope at **THE FATHER'S HOUSE** is that you will seek and find Him who loves you and gave His life for you and thereby discover true, peace, joy, strength and

hope by coming into relationship with Him and being reconciled to the Father in heaven.

Bob Semple : 563304

Saint Michael and all Angels

Autumn sees the beginning of a busy time in the Church's year, It begins with Harvest festival, this year being held on the first Sunday of October and will be celebrated at our family service at 10.30am. A month later we move into a season of remembrance, followed by Advent when we look forward to the hope that in God's plans history is indeed His – Story, and then of course we celebrate Christmas, the coming of God among us in Jesus Christ.

At St Michael and All Angels there has traditionally been a service in the season of remembrance when we commemorate and give thanks for the lives of those who have died. This service has always been held on November 2nd. The problem is that if this is a weekday the service cannot start until 8.00pm. This year we will be keeping the spirit of this service but doing it a little differently. We hope that it will become a service for anyone who has had connection with the Church, here or elsewhere at the time of a funeral.

We shall therefore be holding this Service on the afternoon of Sunday 30th October at 4.00pm, and it will be followed by tea and cake. At the service familiar hymns will be sung, prayers will be said giving thanks for the lives of those we commemorate and a brief homily (it will be brief I promise!) will be preached. We will invite all who attend to write down names of loved ones when they come, these will then be read out during the service as an act of commemoration. We will also invite people to light candles as their own personal act of remembrance and thanksgiving. I hope that this will be a help for anyone who would like to give thanks for the the lives of loved one's to so in such an act of commemoration.

Simon Cronk : Vicar, St Michael & All Angels

A service of commemoration and thanksgiving for the departed, St Michael and All Angels, Hughenden Sunday 30th October 4.00pm

At this service there will be an opportunity to give thanks for the lives of those from whom we are now parted by death, light a candle as we personally reflect on what they have meant to us, and hear again through hymns, prayers, readings and word the hope that is found in Jesus Christ. If this service would be of help to you, do come. It will be followed by some light refreshment in Church house.

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Editorial

First of all a huge thank you to Matt Piercy on behalf of all the readers of the Gazette for the time and effort he has volunteered for the last few years.

Secondly, to introduce myself and to explain why I came forward to take over as your Editor. I moved to Naphill in January 1994 when my son Jacob was 5 months old. I work full time, and the Gazette was then my only contact with the village; I read it avidly each month and through its pages got to know many of the people that live here.

When Jacob started school I started to meet some local people and I realised that I was lucky enough to be living somewhere that demonstrated true community spirit. What we have here is something really special and if you have something of value you must invest time in it to ensure that the value is maintained

This is my piece of the investment and I look forward to meeting the other people in Naphill and Walter's Ash who clearly feel the same way as I do and who contribute to village life in so many different ways.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30-8.30 & 8.30-9.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45-7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Tuesday	3.30-7.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Wednesday	4.00-6.15pm
Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15-7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2.00-3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00-9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00-9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15-2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall Forge Road	10.30-11.15am 12.15-12.50
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2.00-4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6.00-7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30-8.00pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30-9.00pm
	U6s-U12s every Saturday	9.30-11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00-10.00pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2.00-4.00pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am-12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8.00pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8.00-10.00pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30-2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astrotrurf

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Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

So often tennis activities are dominated by the weather and this autumn is no exception. Although, compared with less fortunate parts of the world, there have been few severe portents of winter so far, one or two recent Sunday mornings have been dull, damp and uninviting which, together with late holiday commitments, has affected turnout at the 10 am club sessions. However, this morning (11th October), proved that sunshine definitely encourages our more hardy members to fill all three courts for a healthy two-hour knockabout! Attendance on our Tuesday morning sessions continues to be steady and, hopefully, members will continue to make full use of the facilities throughout the winter months. It's so easy to look out of your window and decide that indoors is more comfortable than outside but a bit of fresh air usually does more good than harm, provided enough layers insulate your body from the elements, the only danger likely to manifest itself is rosy cheeks rather than sunburn!

As pointed out last month, an important date is looming in the form of our AGM which is scheduled for Monday, 14th November in the Clubhouse at 8pm. We hope that as many members as possible will attend to encourage and support those willing to give up their time to run the club, as well as perhaps suggesting ways to move, improve or change anything which they feel will be of benefit to all. The future of smaller tennis clubs like Naphill LTC depends on the vigorous input of a committee which can encourage local people, both young and not-so-young, to make use of the facilities on their doorstep. Our very efficient Chairman is very good at making sure that the business of the meeting is completed in the minimum of time so do come along! Formal notice of the Meeting will be sent out to members during the latter part of October and any proposals etc. should be sent to the Hon. Sec as soon as possible.

Next month's report will report on any changes made at the meeting – so watch this space!

In the meantime, any enquiries regarding membership etc. should, as usual, be directed to Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary, on 01494 562539 (e-mail: smcr2000@aol.com) or the undersigned.

*Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063 :
RGTomlins@aol.com*

County & District Councillor's Report

The closure of any library is a contentious subject and likely to inflame the passions of many who do not necessarily use them.

The recent review of its library service by the County Council has revealed that the cost of providing the service in some of the smaller branches is just not value for money. In some cases, the cost of lending one book can be more than £3. It makes sense to replace the fixed library with a mobile service such as we have in Naphill and other rural locations. This will release funding for the well used main libraries and better equip the new one being provided in the Eden shopping centre.

How to balance the provision of Council Services against the ever increasing costs of Council Tax will be the problems facing us all as the budgets are prepared for the coming year. With government grants seriously curtailed, the omens are not good.

The District Council is to set up a Land Fund to try and control the activities of property speculators, who buy land in the Green Belt and AONB, and endeavour to sell it in small building plots through the world-wide web to unsuspecting buyers. Such fields for sale can be seen in Hughenden Valley and along Warrendene Lane.

Dogs so often get the blame for the misbehaviour of their owners. Of course, dogs have to relieve themselves but they can be persuaded to place their deposits in more suitable places than the middle of pathways or on neighbours' verges. All owners should carry a small plastic bag and remove offending waste. Not to do so can result in a substantial fine. Roadside pathways and verges are all covered by dog fouling orders and the Dog Wardens can be contacted on 07967 852646 or 07967 852811. If complainants are prepared to give a name, a £50 fixed penalty notice can be served on the offending owner. A second offence results in a court case where a recent prosecution left the dog owner £400 the poorer.

I have seen an apology from West Wycombe Estate in respect of Saturday night, September 3rd and early Sunday morning, when loud music played until about 3.15 a.m. Apparently, it was from a wedding party that was not monitored properly. The noise was heard in Downley, Bradenham, Naphill and Walter's Ash and the police had several phone calls in the early hours of Sunday morning. I have since learned that the police only act on noisy parties after receiving two separate reports. Their usual practice is then to notify Wycombe District Council's noise control team, which is always on duty in the evenings. They in turn serve a stop notice which, if infringed, results in a fine and/or prosecution.

Names and numbers to note

The Gazette's e-mail is nwagazette@lycos.co.uk

Naphill Website is at :

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/>

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Lee Turnham. For the police control room, ring 715352

Crime Reduction Officer is Maria Marston on 01494 736644

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

Hughenden Parish Council: Tel 01494 715296, Email hughendenpc@btconnect.com

Richard Pushman :
richard.pushman@btinternet.com : 564152

Remembrance Sunday

13th November 2005

The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held in the Village Hall commencing at 2.45 p.m. Wreaths will be laid at the Memorial Stone after the service. All are welcome to attend. The Poppy Collection will commence on Sunday 30th October. Please give generously in memory of those who gave their lives in protection of our freedom and those servicemen who continue to serve our interests at this present time.

Valerie Pushman

Naphill Evening WI

October was a busy month with Carole's Stump work event on the 13th, our AGM on the 20th, and our Group meeting on the 21st at Liston Hall, Marlow. Then on the 27th we were off again to a London theatre to see 'Tom, Dick and Harry'. All these events will be reported in the December Gazette.

The September meeting was very successful with a talk by Mrs J Wooster about her solo cycle ride from Lands End to John O'Groats, which she completed in a month. She spoke about the kind people she met on the



COMPUTER TRAINING COURSES CONTINUE AT NAPHILL & WALTER'S ASH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY EVENINGS

Are you a complete novice or just looking to improve your computer skills? Would you like to achieve an **OCR qualification** in Word, Spreadsheet (Excel) and Presentation (PowerPoint) programs?

As part of our commitment to work closer with the community, Naphill and Walters Ash School together with Amersham and Wycombe College, are intending to run a computer course from Tuesday 10th January 06 at the school.

The course will be delivered over a period of 24 weeks (60 hours) excluding school holidays at a cost of £86.00 per person, that's just £3.50 per evening. For further information, please contact the School on 562813 or Julie Schmid on 565439 or send a deposit of £10.00 to the school by Friday 15th December. Don't delay, only twelve places available.

**Julie Schmid
F.E I.T. Tutor**

way, the steep hills she had to navigate and her emotions in coping with the whole unfamiliar experience. She took just one change of clothes and basic toiletries, along with a cycle repair kit in her pannier bag! She had taken photographs of some beautiful scenery, which she had brought along, and it all made an enjoyable evening for us listening to her truly remarkable adventure.

We wish to remind you of the WI stall at the RAF craft fair on the 3rd of November – your donation of cakes, jams, chutneys and marmalade would be appreciated – the more you bring the more we can sell. Please contact Jenny Price.

We are looking forward to our next meeting on the 17th November when Joyce Yates of Billington's Sugar will talk to us about 'Sugar & Spice', so do come along and bring a friend – entrance 50p to include tea, coffee and biscuits. And if you feel brave enough, do enter our competition for that evening, which will be a copy of 'A favourite Christmas Recipe'. We are sure it will be a good evening and you won't be disappointed.

Lastly, for those avid readers amongst you, a member has heard that unless the mobile library is used more it will stop coming. That would be a terrible loss to the village and those of us who do use it. Why not give it a try - it is at the Village Hall between 10.30am and 11.15am each Wednesday; they have a good selection of books (including large print), audio books and videos. It is also quite a meeting place and readers are often heard chatting about a new author they have discovered or seen to pass on a book they have enjoyed to a like-minded reader! If you would like to borrow books but can't get there, let us know and we can organise you a lift, even choose a book or return one for you. Please support this valuable service to the village – use it or lose it!

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

Naphill Neighbours

October – and another Naphill Neighbour year has come to an end. Our AGM was brief and businesslike(!). We were sad to say goodbye to Jan Dixon our Treasurer, who has served on the committee for 23 years. Carol Armitage also resigned but we are not to lose her completely as she will continue to brighten our meetings as a member. We were delighted to welcome back Jean Perfect in the role of Treasurer and greet Doreen Burge as a new Committee member.

The business over, Betty Hardy told us about her extensive bookmark collection and we were able to admire – and handle – some of her many bookmarks on numerous subjects covered by this specialised form of ephemera.

All the places are now sold for our trip to the London Eye and to see the Christmas Lights on Thursday 24th November. Arrangements are well in hand for our Christmas Dinner on Monday 12th December.

Our next meeting on Monday 14th November is entitled ALL ROUND CHRISTMAS.

Hazel Vickery : 563977

Readers Letters

***Editor's Comment:** A number of letters have been received from the residents of Grimms Meadow pointing out that they were not responsible for the noise and disturbance on the night of Sunday 4th September. There are too many to publish in full, but to meet a demand for the right of reply some comments from the letters is printed below. I would also like to thank Richard Pushman for finding out who was actually to blame for the noise that kept us all awake until 3am! The full details are published in Richard's County and District Councillor's Report.*

I have contacted Caroline Kelly through her son with the information about the true culprits and the action that has been taken and she would like me to pass on her apologies to the residents of Grimms Meadow for the false accusation.

Not Really Community Spirit - A Response

I'm sorry that the first occasion on which I have to write to the Gazette is to reply to an unwarranted and totally inaccurate complaint from Caroline Kelly.

I'm delighted that she finds the community spirit of Grimms Meadow, Walters Ash and the residents annual street party held 4 September to be so commendable. Having lived in Grimms Meadow for over 25 years it is an event we have always enjoyed. Unfortunately the party to which she refers started at 1.00pm Sunday lunchtime and finished at 7.00pm that evening. There was no evening street party that lasted until 3.00am Monday and to be honest I think few if any of us would have the stamina to do so, least of all me who also rises at 5.00am to catch the 6.10 am train to work! And if my ageing memory serves me well there was a tremendous thunder and lightning storm that evening that would have stopped any party in its tracks.

Kevin Golightly, 34 Grimms Meadow 562032

Many thanks to Caroline Kelly for her congratulations to the residents of Grimms Meadow on our community spirit (Readers Letters October 2005). Our annual street party is just one example of the kindred character of our small cul-de-sac. However, what a shame she then went

on to blame us for the noise and disturbance cause by another function in the adjacent neighbourhood. As one of the last to finish clearing up, I can assure her and readers that the Grimm's Meadow "do" was over and done with and the street returned to normal by 10pm; by which time, incidentally, it was pouring with rain. The music had ceased long before 9pm. Caroline, if you are going to finger point in this form of distributed print, then have the good grace to get it right. Regarding the nature of the article, I am disappointed that it was ever published. The Gazette should not be a vehicle for personal grudge/sniping articles particularly when, as in this case, they turn out to be wrong and the resulting adverse reputation unjustified.

Bob Foggo, Grimms Meadow

Your predecessor tried to wake up Walters Ash some time back, but Caroline's letter has certainly done this!

Would Caroline Kelly please get her facts straight before publicly making wrongful accusations? When Caroline has done so, perhaps she would be kind enough to make a public apology to the residents of Grimms Meadow.

Kath Beavil, kath@ukbeavil.co.uk

As a resident at the very end of Grimms Meadow where our annual street party is held, I should just like to endorse what Bob and Kath have already said. Our party did not continue until the early hours. Even when it was in progress it was not loud. It is an excellent opportunity for all to gather, eat, drink, play ball games and then retire at a sensible time, safe in the knowledge that we do indeed live in a community spirited close. It would have been nice if either Caroline Kelly, or the Editor of the Naphill Gazette, had taken the trouble to ascertain that we truly were the culprits causing a disturbance on that night. Then Caroline would not be embarrassed by her mistake and we would not be affronted by her unfounded claims.

Heidi Roberts - Grimms Meadow

It was with some disappointment that I read about the greatly extended Grimms Meadow street party. Having just returned from California, I guess that I must have slept through it.

Next time, I promise I'll be there!

Graham Carlisle No 3

By the time you read this September 24th & 25th will have long passed for some.

We spent this weekend, along with 2,105 others, walking 60km in London having raised funds for research

Saturday 5 November

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into Breast Cancer. It was truly an amazing experience raising an overall **5.1 million pounds**. Of this amount, we are extremely proud to say we have contributed a **staggering £7,234.37**

Thank you again to all who helped us along the way - and yes our feet survived blister free!

Sharon & Mark Dell, Evergreen, Stocking Lane

The Naphill and Walters Ash sky in November

The Moon is new on 23 and full on 9. As in October, Venus sets about an hour later than the Sun and so will be quite difficult to see. Mars is high in the southern evening sky. Saturn with its rings rises mid-evening this month and is particularly bright. Jupiter, the largest of the Sun's planets is even brighter but rises several hours earlier. The Andromeda galaxy is overhead. There is a magnificent double cluster accessible to binocular users between Cassiopeia and Perseus. They are also known as NGC 884 and 869 or the sword handle of Perseus; their magnitudes are 4.3 and 4.4.

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter
Nov 1	Saturn					
	Rises	06.57	14.35	08.50	14.54	01.40
	20.10					
	Sets	16.36	23.59	17.20	01.10	15.03
Nov 8	12.27					
	Rises	07.09	16.16	09.12	14.29	01.19
	19.42					
	Sets	16.24	06.20	17.16	01.00	14.37
Nov 15	11.59					
	Rises	07.21	21.01	09.32	13.41	00.57
	19.13					
	Sets	16.13	13.14	17.15	00.45	14.12
Nov 22	11.31					
	Rises	07.33	05.15	09.49	13.41	00.35
	18.44					
	Sets	16.05	15.18	17.19	00.45	13.46
Nov 29	11.02					
	Rises	07.44	13.02	10.02	13.18	00.12
	18.14					
	Sets	15.58	22.03	17.27	00.38	13.20
	10.33					

Earth

The Earth is the third planet from the Sun in the Solar System. It is sometimes known as the third terrestrial planet (the others being Mercury, Venus, and Mars). It is the only planet that has oceans of water and possesses an oxygen rich atmosphere. It was formed 4.6 billion years ago and is still evolving as evidenced by volcanoes, earthquakes and tectonic plate activity. Its beginning was particularly violent which included a collision with a Mars sized planetesimal which nearly destroyed it; this collision also formed the Moon. During the cooling period the densest elements became the core and the lightest elements rose to the surface and became the crust and the atmosphere. The crust has two parts, the oceanic crust which is 8 km thick (silicate rocks rich in iron and magnesium). The other part of the crust is the continental crust which is up to 70 km thick

NAPHILL AND WALTERS ASH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Naphill and Walters Ash School,
Kilnwood, Walters Ash, HP14 4UL

Saturday 26th November 2005

11am until 2pm

Tables £15 each

WANSAs are holding a Christmas Market to raise funds for the school at Naphill & Walters Ash School, Kilnwood, Walters Ash, HP14 4UL on Saturday 26th November.

The market will be open from 11a.m. To 2pm Tables will be supplied by WANSAs and are available for £15 each. If you would like to book a table to sell your wares please contact Amanda Wendes on 01494 562087 for further details.

and granitic (made from silicate rocks rich in aluminium, calcium and silicon). The layer below the crust is the mantle which is 3000 km thick composed mostly of plastic silicate materials. The centre part of the Earth is mostly iron and it is here that the planet's magnetic field is formed resulting from convection in its liquid outer casing by a dynamo mechanism.

Originally the atmosphere contained mainly carbon dioxide and water vapour. During the first 100 million

years after much out-gassing and collisions with comets and meteorites over a few million years the atmosphere enabled it to evolve into something like today's atmosphere. The oxygen we have today results from the photosynthesis of the biosphere. Nitrogen is 78% of the atmosphere, oxygen is 21% and all the rest amounts to 1%; the proportion of water vapour is less than 1% in spite of the clouds and rain. Earth is 150 million km from the Sun, it revolves round the Sun once a year and round its own axis once every day, the length of the day is increasing a 2 milli seconds per century (mainly resulting from the tidal forces of the Moon), its average density is 5.5 grams per cubic cm, its escape velocity is 11 km per second and its diameter is 12 756 km. It was during this period that the first signs of simple life appeared. More complex life had to wait until about one billion years ago.

Meteorites from Mars and the Moon

It has been known for 20 years that some meteorites come from the Moon and from Mars. Impacts onto these bodies can under certain circumstances eject material that eventually becomes meteors around our planet that are large enough to hit the ground as meteorites. They are recognised as emanating from the Moon or Mars because of the chemical constitution of the pieces of rock that land on Earth. It takes an average of 10,000 years for material ejected from the Moon to reach us and 10 million years for such material to reach us from Mars. One would expect there to be far fewer Mars rocks than Moon rocks but in fact there appear to be roughly the same number. Suggestions have been made as to why this should be but none of them seems very plausible. The real problem is recognising them as what they are. It is normally only possible to find them in Antarctica or on deserts such as the Sahara. The numbers are 24 from the Moon and 28 from Mars. The enigma continues.

Grant Woodruff

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

Our speaker for 23rd September was archaeologist Colin Oakes who brought his "Tales of Old London" series to a conclusion starting with Prince Albert's Great Exhibition of 1851 and his later establishment of the Kensington museums before his untimely death shortly afterwards. The talk covered other notable buildings and also subsequent, but less successful, exhibitions such as the 1924 Empire Exhibition - we didn't get as far as the Millennium Dome! The series has taken us from Saxon London to the end of the 20th century and each talk has been an entertaining mixture of facts, humour and drama delivered with the

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enthusiasm of someone who loves his subject and knows it thoroughly.

The first of our October meetings was a last minute change to bingo which was enlivened by the repartee between the players and our esteemed caller Frank Smith.

Forthcoming programmes are:

October 21st: Mr. Peter Smith will be talking about National Service.

November 4th: Mr. Peter Nicholls will be showing "Slides of Old Wendover". This is also Bring and Buy day.

November 18th: St. Margarets Singers from Princes Risborough (change of programme).

December 2nd: Mr. Brian Murgatroyd will present a programme of monologues. Also Bring and Buy day.

December 16th: The Twyford Bell Ringers.

January 3rd, 2006: Club Christmas Lunch

Doris Lording : 569424

Naphill Village Hall And Playing Fields Council

We have a lot of people to thank this month. First of all we would like to thank our latest member on the Village Hall Council, Judy Whitehouse, who is the new

editor of the "Gazette" We are most grateful that she has had her arm twisted and taken on the editorship of the Gazette. I am sure that it is in very good hands and we wish her every success.

To balance one new member we have had to accept the resignation of Mollie Bowler. Mollie has been a very loyal member of the Council for many years and we are sorry that her failing eyesight has forced her to leave us. She will be missed.

I also wish to thank Norman Perfect who has agreed to audit our finances. This is a very necessary job and not the most glamorous, so our very grateful thanks go to him.

The Christmas tree is due for a haircut. It has grown very vigorously over the past few years and is therefore in need of reduction. The necessary permissions have been received and we hope to carry out the work in time to put the "prunings" on the bonfire.

We have been finding an excess of rubbish left overflowing the wheelie bin outside the hall. We have to pay to have this bin emptied and cannot afford a second bin. The bin is sufficient for the normal rubbish generated by the regular users of the hall during the week. If any hirers have excess rubbish we are asking them to take it to the tip themselves and I have been asked to remind you that the bin is only for the users of the hall and is not a public amenity for the village. Thanks for your co-operation.

See you at the fireworks!

Sarah Bacon, Chairman : 563479

Playground Tiles

There are ten large black tiles in the Village Hall that desperately need a new home. They have been used to cover the ground around children's swings etc to cushion falls. These one metre square tiles are made of a tough foam rubber. They have a solid top surface underneath which is a second layer designed to act as a shock absorber. These are a real bargain at £1 each but offers will be accepted. For more details or to view them please contact Ted Chapman on HW 563034.

Ted

Don't Be a Burglary Victim!

Follow these tips to help prevent yourself becoming another burglary statistic

Security Is the Key

1. Outside doors should have deadlocks which at least conform to BS3621 (British Standard mark). These locks can only be opened by key – not via a plastic card or a broken door pane.

2. Most burglaries are through windows. Key-operated locks should be fitted to all accessible windows - those on the ground floor, near drainpipes or flat roofs.

3. Check the identity of all callers. Before opening your door fully, ask to see ID if they claim to be officials. Telephone their office if in any doubt. Use directory enquiries and not the number they give you. I can give you stickers to put on your windows to say that you do not open the door to sellers!!

4. A burglar can be in and out of your home in two minutes. Always shut and lock all windows, even if out in the garden or popping out for 2 minutes.

5. Don't make it obvious that you are away on holiday. Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your home, taking in any packages and removing mail from your letterbox. Cancel the paper and the milkman.

6. List valuable items with serial numbers and a short description. Take photographs of jewellery. Get a property marking kit - use your postcode and the number of your house. I have pens which will mark your property.

7. If you are considering installing an alarm get advice from insurers. Many insist that the installation is carried out by companies registered with the National Approval Council for Security Systems (Nacoss).

8. **Get involved in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.** Local police will give details. As well as reducing your chances of being burgled, many insurers will give discounts for these security measures. Typically, qualifying locks, being a member of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme or having a Nacoss burglar alarm will each reduce premiums by five per cent.

9. As the nights are drawing in, remember to set your light timers. Put timers to come on at different times in different rooms. Change the times on a regular basis. If getting home later than usual remember to lengthen the time the timers are on.

For further information on NHW please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kate Worthington 562158

Hughenden Parish Council

The Warden is trying to keep the footpaths clear and is having a problem with dog faeces when using the strimmer. Please could all dog owners act responsibly by carrying a bag and disposing of any mess their dogs might make on the footpaths in a suitable way.

Lynne Turner, Clerk of the Council: 715296

Horticultural Society

Having cleared away the last of this year's plans, it is time to turn your thoughts to next year's crop, or improvements you might be planning. So, once again, we are running a scheme this winter to enable you to order seeds, plants, fruit canes etc. at a greatly reduced price through Marshall's. Last year this was very well supported, so if you would be interested in placing an order, let me know and I can let you have a catalogue and order form.

All orders are delivered direct to your door .
If you placed an order last year, you should automatically receive a catalogue this year.

Happy browsing !!

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

Allotment News

The parish has nine allotment gardens, comprising about 280 plots. The overall winner for the Best Kept Allotment Competition for 2005 was Mr E J Wilson, plots 24 and 25 at Walter's Ash. Second was Mrs F Filwell, plot 16 at Naphill and third was Mr K Bartholomew, plot 14 at Naphill. So Naphill & Walter's Ash have scooped the top three places in the parish. Well done to our three winners.

At the time of writing there is a half-plot vacant at Naphill (Louches Lane) and there is one person on the waiting list at Walter's Ash (Clappins Lane). This is the time of year when the annual subscription letters are sent. Some allotment holders relinquish their plots and others take them on to prepare during the winter for the growing season.

If you would like a plot please ring the Parish Clerk on 01494 715296. Half a plot (about 35 feet by 40 feet) costs £5 per year.

Mike Mason

NCH Naphill Village Collection September 05

A cheque has been sent to NCH for	£777.50p
plus Tax Refund Vouchers	£54.00
Grand Total	£831.50p

Again, many thanks to you all - collectors and donors.

I have notified NCH that I do not feel able to continue organising the 'door to door' village collection each year owing to the great difficulty in finding collectors.

However I have suggested we might try having collecting boxes for individuals interested, to be held

Books Needed for Christmas Fair

December 3rd

Nearly new paperbacks and children's books.

Phone Sally 562281 or leave in front porch
of Woodside, Forge Road

ALSO NEEDED - help on the day with
the bookstall. Phone Sally to volunteer.

over the year, and arrange a village fund raising event in the September of each year.

NCH is a very worthy children's charity. Contributions go directly towards work with vulnerable children, young people and their families. They support over 40,000 people through more than 500 projects. More than 90p in every pound spent goes directly towards their work with children and their families.

If anyone feels strongly about continuing the village house-to-house collection each year and would like to organise this I am willing to give them information and every support possible.

Jean and Ted

Naphill & Walters Ash School

You are what you eat, or so they say. In this case 'they' is indeed the right honourable Dr Ruth Kelly at the recent labour party conference. Shortly after these words of almost divine wisdom came a letter from the DfES to all local authorities informing them of how they can get a slice of the £30 million promised by the treasury to sort out school dinners. All schools are expected to have a 'food policy' and local authorities are expected to be able to serve hot dinners in school by September 2008. Indeed the £30 million pounds is only a start. In total £130 million is coming to schools and local authorities over the next three years. Just think how many Turkey Twizzlers that will buy.

Here in Bucks we are in a somewhat unique position of having very few operational kitchens in our schools. Many schools elected to take their kitchens out of service and use the space as a teaching resource. Here at Naphill & Walters Ash school our ex-kitchen is a fantastic ICT Suite with 18 workstations that links to our new library. The actual take-up of school dinners was low with many children opting for home-made packed lunches instead of whatever culinary delights the contract caters could offer up.

There is no doubt that a well-nourished and hydrated learner does better than one who skips breakfast, has chips for lunch and a can of cola and to that end I applaud

Naphill Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd December

In the Village Hall



Doors open 1.00 p.m

Santa to arrive at 1.15 p.m.!

Put this date in your diary now to ensure you don't miss out on a fun and festive afternoon.

We will have all the usual stalls, and hopefully some new ones, where you can chance your luck or buy some attractive and individual Christmas goodies.

If you are able to donate any prizes to the raffle or tombola, or even some of your time on or before the day, then please, please contact me, Cathryn Carter on 563233.

For details of availability of craft tables phone Norma Clarke on 563116

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

Santa's Grotto

Raffle

Refreshments

Mulled Wine

Craft Stalls

Games

Tombola etc. etc. etc.

the efforts that support healthy eating not just in school but all the time. However the 2008 deadline is very tight and the amount of money being given to this county will not be enough to reinstate all the school kitchens that are hidden away in schools like ours, so I am eager to find out what the grand plan is for the county and of course for our school.

After my lunch of a very healthy chick-pea salad and juice I am now on my way to join Year 6 in the ICT suite which now is taking on a somewhat ghostly atmosphere of a time past and a time that might once re-appear.

Tim McLoughlin, Headteacher

Naphill Pre-School

The first half term has passed quickly with all the children enjoying the theme of "Fairy Tales", listening to stories and bringing home lots of themed artwork. The new children have settled well and all the children have joined in a "sponsored find" over the half term holiday, thank you to everyone who has sponsored the children.

This term we are thinking about "Harvest and Autumn" moving on to Nativity and Christmas during December. Look out for Santa when he will be visiting the Village Hall at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December. Why not bring your children along where they can write a letter to post in Santa's postbox before visiting him in his grotto.

Other dates to note are Friday 9th December which is our Nativity and Monday 12th December which is the Christmas Party.

If you would like any information about Pre-School or wish to put your child's name down for a place please call Tanya Stevens on 563053.

Debbie Marchant: 565046

Multiple Sclerosis Society

Ploughmans Lunch

November 5th

Mini Bazaar, raffle, tombola, books, gifts, cakes etc.

Hughenden Village Hall

Doors open 12.00 midday, lunch 12.30.

£3.50.

Barbara Fleming : 562519

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Candlelit Dinner Dance. Saturday 19th November, Naphill Village Hall. Bar opens at 7:30 pm. Please note that drinks consumed at the dance must be purchased at the bar. Dinner 8:15 pm. SHARP so that we can get maximum time for dancing to Geoff Jolliffe's lively Late Edition Band. Menu choice includes Pork in Cider, Beef Curry, Vegetarian Moussaka; French bread and salads; Home-made desserts - Chocolate Cheese Cake, Lemon Meringue Roulade, Apple and Cherry Pie, Cream or Custard; coffee or tea to follow. Tickets at £18.00 from Janet 01494 564569, Carole 563508, Daisy 562602, Gloria 563634. are going fast. Open to all residents and guests.

Planning 05/70036/FUL 11 Vincents Way, Naphill. Construction of replacement detached garage, single storey rear extension with roof extension over incorporating front, side and rear dormer windows in connection with loft conversion.

057025/FUL rear of 232 Main Rd., Walters Ash. Erection of new 4 -bedroom barn style dwelling and detached garage. Revised application. Revised long driveway will also give access to two existing houses off Main Rd. (Planning considerations – adjacent to Green Belt and possible loss of amenity to neighbours).

05/7064/FUL. 9 Vincents Way, Naphill. Construction of 2-storey rear extension and single storey front extension and dormer window to side in connection with loft conversion. (One overlooking window may require opaque glazing).

05/7145/FUL Land at front of 11 and rear of 9-10 Ash Close, Walters Ash. Erection of 1x3 bed detached dwelling and garage, and garage with new access and turning area. Proposed dividing wall of bricks topped with panelling. (House size reduced but objection to back-garden development remains).

05/7224/FUL 8 Bayley Gardens, Naphill. Erection of single storey side extension.

05/7242/ADV 312 Main Rd, Walters Ash. (Retrospective) Display of external illuminated fascia sign.

Next Meeting: 8pm Thursday 10th November 2005.

Gloria Leflaive 01494 56 3634

Naphill Common Committee

We are pleased to report that negotiations have begun with the West Wycombe estate on the transfer of Naphill Common to English Nature's control as a National Nature Reserve. We are very hopeful that this will now progress smoothly and a draft lease is being prepared.

We have begun discussions with the County Council's Footpaths and Bridleways Department about improving the bridleways following the excellent work that has been done on the footpaths.

Dr Marek Pawlik (563126)

Naphill Brownies

Barbara Clarke has been running a very happy Brownie Pack for nearly 37 years and will be retiring in February 2006. To date she has no offers of someone willing to take over the "job" of Brown Owl.

It would be a real shame if the pack had to close. The girls, aged 7-10, really enjoy it and have great fun.

They are always a presence at local events and are involved in many activities.

You might want to consider taking it on with a friend (or two) so you can share the responsibility and the enjoyment.

The village has been very fortunate that Barbara has been running the Pack for such a long time. This is highly unusual. Many women become Guiders for a few years and then life moves on. There is a lot of fun in Guiding both for the girls and for the adults.

The District is able to provide support to those willing to take the pack on

Please consider taking it over or the pack will have to fold.

You can contact either Barbara Clarke (562528) or myself Deirdre Hansen, District Commissioner Hughenden (562254) for more information.

Deirdre Hansen

Christmas Fayre Cake Stall

Ladies, it's time to roll up your sleeves and get out the flour. Judy, Dave and Ted need your creations for the Christmas Fayre Cake Stall in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December. The Tennis Club sponsor this very popular stall and welcomes all of your contributions. The more the merrier!

In previous years we have had everything from a super Christmas Cake to biscuits and small cakes that children can buy with their pocket money. Do please help to raise funds for the Village Hall by baking and buying - your support will make you feel good and your taste buds will appreciate your 'naughty' purchases!

You can leave cakes with us at any time ('phone HW 563034) or bring them to the Village Hall on the day. The stall will be open from 1pm until 4.30pm. See you there!

Judy, Dave and Ted.

News from 'Christians in the Community'

In November KRASH (Kids Really Are Special Here) meets on the 4th and 18th November – 6.30 pm at The Father's House (formerly known as Naphill Evangelical Church). We are lucky that some of the sessions are being led by a young youth worker and the children are really enjoying this different approach.

TRASH (Tweenagers Really Are Special Here)

also meets on the 4th and 18th – at Church House, Hughenden. On the 4th the youngsters will be enjoying the subject of 'healthy lifestyles' and on the 18th cooking and eating a three course meal.

On Sunday 6th November at 6 pm there will be a united service at the Naphill Methodist church to celebrate their 154th anniversary. Ministers and congregations of the three local churches will gather together to celebrate.

If you would like to know more about childrens' activities on Friday evenings or indeed the very popular Sunday school at Hughenden church please 'phone me on 563116.

Norma Clarke

The Father's House (Home of Naphill Mission)

Weekly Services 10:30am Sunday

Chatterbox

**A friendly informal monthly Coffee Drop-in
09:30 – 12:00**

Chatterbox has been going for a couple of years at the church in Main Road, Naphill and with the hope that it might benefit more people in the community we have once more changed the day on which we open. From September 2005 we will open once a month at the moment on the 1st Thursday of the month.

**Next opening: 3rd November
Please join us if you can**

A Youth Drop-in (14 – 18) will open on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 9:30pm as demand requires. Sweets, drinks etc available for purchase.

Please call for further details as we are not having much response from younger members of our community and therefore will only open if there proves to be a demand

A permanent prayer corner has been set up inside the church. Please come and use it if you would like a place to pray.

We are hoping to run "The Sixty Minute Marriage" a non confrontational marriage

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Editorial

Thanks to everyone who helped me out last month and especially thank you Alan Lewis for teaching me about this new software package that I have had to learn rather fast! I also need to apologise to Grant Woodruff for the formatting of his data table, I hope to have done better this month.

Having had a wonderful evening at the village firework display I am now looking forward to the Christmas Fayre. I will be helping Ted on the cake stall so do please come and say hello, and of course buy some cakes as well!

As we end the year I would like to thank everyone on the Gazette production team for all their hard work this year. Mike and Pauline Pool and their team of volunteers who deliver the Gazette each month. David Leith who controls our finances so ably. Gary our printer at Gem Offset. Not forgetting everyone who has contributed articles or letters during the year and all those who advertise.

Finally, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2006.

Judy Whitehouse

Naphill Village Hall: Organisations' Diary

Pilates	Each Wednesday	7.30–8.30 & 8.30–9.30pm
Fraser Morgan Dance Classes	Each Monday	4.45–7.30pm
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Ballet (Pam Sheen)	Each Wednesday	6.15–7.15pm
Evening W.I.	Third Thursday in month	7.45pm
EXTEND gentle exercise class	Each Monday	2.00–3.30pm
Horticultural Society Committee	Occasional Mondays (Small Hall)	8.00–9pm
Line dancing	Each Tuesday	8.00–9pm
Luncheon Club	Second Wednesday in month	1 for 1.15–2pm
Men's Club	Monday to Friday	7.30pm
Mobile library	Each Wednesday - Village Hall Forge Road	10.30–11.15am 12.15–12.50
Mother and Toddler	Each Thursday (Term-time)	2.00–4.00pm
Naphill Boys FC training sessions	U14s every Wednesday*	6.00–7.30pm
	U16s every Wednesday*	6.30–8.00pm
	U18s every Wednesday*	7.30–9.00pm
	U6s–U12s every Saturday	9.30–11.00am
Naphill Neighbours	Second Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm
Over Sixties' Club	Alternate Fridays	2.00–4.00pm
Pre-school	Each weekday (Term-time)	9.15am–12.30pm
Residents' Association	Second Thursday in month	8.00pm
Village Hall Council	First Monday in month	8.00–10.00pm
Yoga: stretch, tone and relax	Each Tuesday	1.30–2.45pm
Tennis Club Sessions	Every Sunday	10.00am onwards
	Every Tuesday	10.15am onwards
	Thursday (summer only)	6.30pm onwards

* At RAF Astrotrurf

Small Ads

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OFSTED REGISTERED CHILD MINDER Walters Ash. Before school, during school and after school care. Tracey 01494 562165 or 07940 536410

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Naphill Lawn Tennis Club

Contrary to my comments in last month's Gazette, it will not be possible to report on our AGM as this takes place too near to the deadline for submissions to the Editor. However, it is hoped that all interested members will have attended the event and be aware of any changes or decisions made during the meeting!

Last year we voted to change the time of our Sunday club sessions during January and February so as to allow courts to clear in the event of frost etc. This proved to be quite successful as, during previous winters, there were several occasions when the courts were not playable at the usual club start time of 10 am but, by midday, the frost had cleared, making play possible. This item is on the Agenda again this year and so members should, therefore, check at the Clubhouse for any changes voted for at the AGM.

Fortunately, although rather damp at times, frosty conditions have not been a problem so far and Sunday club sessions are continuing to take place at their more usual time of 10 am. Our Ladies Vets team has played their first match of the winter season, beating Little Chalfont 5-3. We hope this win has set the trend for the rest of their fixture list and wish them luck for the future!

As the year approaches its end, we look forward to the last event on the Club's calendar – the Tinsel Tournament – due to take place on Sunday 11th December, starting at 10 am. Once again, in addition to tennis, this is a self-catering event, with an obvious seasonal touch! In other words, members are encouraged to trim their attire with a touch of sparkle and, fortified by traditional beverages of the season, shine on the courts during the morning's 'not-too-serious' tennis session, before sitting down in the Clubhouse to consume the Christmas fare provided by 'volunteers'! Adverse weather conditions may curtail the exercise but feasting will still take place! It's a fun time to kick-start the festive season and wish fellow-members a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year!

Whilst on the subject of food, can I remind members that we usually provide stock for the cake stall at the NVHC Christmas Fayre which this year is to be held on Saturday 3rd December. Lots of contributions are required for this popular stall so please get out your baking tins and put a smile on Ted Chapman's face! He is our NVHC co-ordinator for this event and any queries about time to submit your fare etc. should be directed to him on tel: 01494 563034 or e-mail: Ted.Chapman@waitrose.com.

In conclusion, all at Naphill Tennis Club would like to wish recipients of the Naphill Gazette a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with special thanks to all the hard-working people who edit and distribute your magazine.

*Ingrid Tomlins, Hon. Sec : 01494 446063 :
RGTomlins@aol.com*

County & District Councillor's Report

There appears to be much public disquiet over some locally proposed schemes and I am concerned at the frustrations we all suffer from the apparent lack of democratic input. We all appear to be somewhat fettered by our inability to achieve what we see as the best way forward for our own communities. Hopefully, the Parish Council's initiative of a local plan for Naphill & Walters Ash will help to address some of the frustrations connected with planning matters. Governmental pressures through the Planning Inspectorate favour more and more re-development of residential land, euphemistically called "brown field" sites. Unfortunately, the villages of Naphill & Walters Ash, although 'washed over' by the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty are not 'washed over' by the Green Belt. The incremental development of one or two dwellings over the years would have been considered less favourably had they been part of a collective scheme submitted for the 40 or so houses built in the last ten years. If that have been the case, adequate infrastructure, such as road improvements and services would have been provided. This situation prevails throughout the District. We must wait and see if the new Development Frameworks now proposed will address the problem. The District Council's "Imagine the Future" consultations are seeking the public's view on this complex subject.

The County Council has now launched its "Getting Closer to Communities" plan. This places clusters of parishes around market towns. We in Hughenden are associated with Princes Risborough. For my part I can associate more with the rural aspect of Princes Risborough than with the urban conurbation of High Wycombe. The County Council hopes to deliver more of its services locally rather than centrally from Aylesbury.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those readers who telephone and write to me for their valued and helpful comments. I wish all readers and their families a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard Pushman :
richard.pushman@btinternet.com : 564152

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2005

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

Names and numbers to note

The Gazette's e-mail is nwagazette@lycos.co.uk

Naphill Website is at :

<http://members.lycos.co.uk/Naphill/>

Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is naphill@lycos.co.uk

Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk

Local Community Beat Officer is Lee Turnham. For the police control room, ring 715352

Crime Reduction Officer is Maria Marston on 01494 736644

Naphill and Walter's Ash School has a website at <http://www.nap-walt.bucks.sch.uk/>

Prescription Collection Service: Doreen Burge 565430; Betty Williams 563366; or Ginny Ratcliffe 563650.

Hughenden Parish Council: Tel 01494 715296, Email hughendenpc@btconnect.com

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

We hear these words every year on Remembrance Day in November. As each year passes with new conflicts in our world, they seem to have meaning, not only for those who are old enough to remember the two world wars but also younger people, who are aware of more recent conflicts which kill and injure many Service personnel and civilians. Many need care and help for the rest of their lives. The RBL is therefore dependent on all of our donations.

Naphill Village Hall was packed out at our village Remembrance Service on 13th November, conducted this year by Bob Semple, Pastor of the The Father's House, Naphill. Scouts, Guides, and many village organisations placed wreaths at the memorial stone.

The result of our recent collection for the above appeal was £1,493.50 which included £195.66 collected during the Village Hall service plus a further sum of £29.26 collected on the occasion of the UTTC play in October. My sincere thanks to everyone who did the house-to-house collection and for all who had boxes within their businesses and of course my thanks to all who gave generously for the Appeal. I am always pleased to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer as a collector. (564152).

Naphill Evening WI

We start this report on a sad note. We have heard that the NFWI Chairman, Barbara Gill, has died suddenly. She will be greatly missed. Having met her, she was a charming and unassuming person who worked very hard and lived life to the full.

Our October AGM is now behind us. We lost two long serving members from our committee and we thank them for their years of hard work. A third member also decided to stand down and we thank her for her input. The good news is that two new committee members joined us and we welcome them.

The Group meeting was a huge success and the talk about Vincent van Gough by Anthony Slim was spellbinding. Marlow Common put on an excellent buffet, but unfortunately we did not win the competition. Marlow Common, with their hat, the ear, the paintbrush and the sunflower stole the show – congratulations to them.

Our trip to see Tom, Dick and Harry was another enjoyable evening, thanks once again to Marion.

The half-yearly council meeting at Aylesbury was well worth attending. Kay Bradley spoke about taking care of her invalid husband in the home and the organisations who gave her so much help. The business was concluded in the morning and the vote for one council meeting a year was 117 for, 14 against. In the afternoon we were entertained by Alison Neil, who acted out the life of Charlotte Bronte.

On the 3rd November we had another fund raising event – our usual cake stall at the RAF craft fair. Thank you to the two ladies who manned the stall.

Don't forget to come to the Naphill Christmas Fayre on the 3rd December at the Village Hall, where we will have the usual tombola and be serving tea and cakes.

We are looking forward to another theatre outing to see Billy Elliot on the 1st December, our Christmas party with the Chiltern Handbell Ringers on the 8th December and a mince pie and sherry evening on the 15th December. In the pipeline we are planning a social evening on the 3rd February 2006 – a date for your new diary!

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jessie Higham : 562061 & Juliet Shortall : 565018

Naphill Neighbours

Anyone entering the Village Hall one evening last month would have been surprised to see nearly 50 ladies sitting at a huge circle of tables surrounded by greenery, carnations, ribbons etc., busily making Christmas wreaths under the tuition of Annette Fox and her helper. Yes, a bit early for the festive season but nevertheless Naphill Neighbours and friends enjoyed the exercise and everyone went home clutching their artistic creation.

By the time this is published we will have been to London for our winter outing, travelled on the Eye, visited the skating rink at Somerset House and seen the Christmas lights.

We are looking forward to our traditional dinner at our meeting on Monday 12th December - just a reminder not to arrive too early or too late! We will welcome you between 7.30pm and 7.45pm and dinner will be served at 8pm.

A note for your 2006 diary: Monday, 9th January - SCRAPBOOKING (Photo albums).

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Hazel Vickery : 563977

Readers Letters

Thank You

Just a short note to say a very big 'Thank You' to everyone who has sponsored and supported my 'Trek on the Great Wall of China' on behalf of the Alzheimers Society. It was an amazing time, often challenging but something that I am proud to have done.

As a group we have raised a staggering £150,000 plus to date.

If you would like to hear more, or dare I say 'see my photos' you would be very welcome.

Thank you again

Olwyn French.

The December 2005 and January sky in Naphill & Walters Ash 2006

Sunset will be at its earliest on December 13 and sunrise will be at its latest on 30 and the shortest day on 21. The Moon is new on December 1 and 31 and January 29; it is full on December 15 and January 14.

The Geminid meteor shower should be at its brightest on December 14 in the east with an expected 75 hourly rate of hits. The large galaxy in Andromeda (M31) is overhead and Orion is prominent in the south in the evenings. Look for the so-called Alpha Persei Association. Go between Alpha and Beta Persei (the

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Dec 1	Rises	07.48	08.01	11.16	14.21	04.50	20.35
	Sets	15.57	15.16	18.46	05.11	14.39	11.58
Dec 8	Rises	07.57	12.48	10.56	13.51	04.30	20.07
	Sets	15.54	None	18.46	04.42	14.15	11.30
Dec 15	Rises	08.03	15.07	10.30	13.22	04.10	19.38
	Sets	15.53	08.25	18.41	04.16	13.50	11.02
Dec 22	Rises	08.08	23.07	09.57	12.55	03.49	19.08
	Sets	15.56	11.48	18.28	03.53	13.25	10.34
Dec 29	Rises	08.10	06.55	09.17	12.30	03.29	18.38
	Sets	16.01	13.47	18.06	03.34	13.01	10.06
Jan 1	Rises	08.10	22.14	08.58	12.19	03.20	18.25
	Sets	16.04	11.15	17.54	03.26	12.50	09.54
Jan 8	Rises	08.07	06.28	08.10	11.55	02.58	17.55
	Sets	16.13	13.26	17.18	03.10	12.25	09.25
Jan 15	Rises	08.03	08.03	07.19	11.32	02.36	17.24
	Sets	16.23	23.13	16.37	02.56	12.00	08.56
Jan 22	Rises	07.56	13.13	06.33	11.10	02.13	16.53
	Sets	16.34	06.34	15.56	02.44	11.34	08.28
Jan 29	Rises	07.46	21.18	05.55	10.49	01.50	16.22
	Sets	16.47	09.34	15.19	02.34	11.09	07.59

famous variable star Algol) and then concentrate on the 4° from Alpha and you will be able to see over two dozen stars brighter than 7th magnitude.

Gravitation Waves

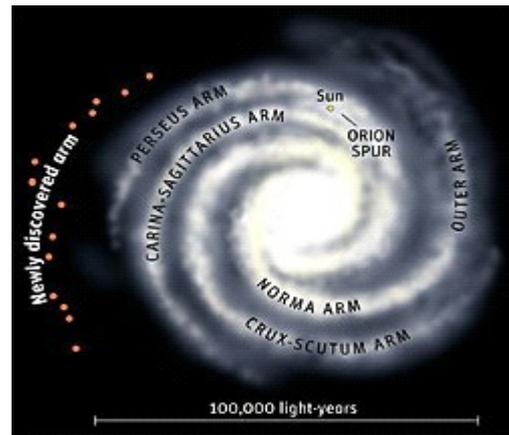
There are four basic forces in physics: the electromagnetic forces between electric charges and magnetic poles, the strong and weak forces in atomic nuclei and the gravitational force between masses. The first three of these have long been established and understood but not so gravitation. Gravitation waves are ripples in spacetime predicted by Albert Einstein but not yet proven to exist. Four vast detectors are beginning a systematic hunt for the last one in Hanford, Washington started searching in 2005 November. These waves, predicted by Einstein's General Theory of Relativity 90 years ago, are ripples that deform space and time, squeezing and expanding matter to an almost imperceptible amount as they pass. The trouble is that they are extremely weak so that those created by the most violent event are difficult to measure on Earth. For example a gravity wave from the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, would warp space by as little as the thickness of a human hair.

The four vast detectors are built to detect such minute perturbations. They are L-shaped, with two arms of equal length containing a powerful laser enclosed in a vacuum tube. A mirror is suspended at the end of each arm, reflecting the laser beam back towards a sensor. When a gravity wave passes through it will simultaneously cause one arm to shrink very slightly and the other lengthen very slightly. The distances are as small as one ten-thousandth of the diameter of an atomic

nucleus. All scientists now have to do is to wait for a gravity wave to pass through the detectors and so confirming Einstein's theory.

Milky Way Bar

The Milky Way galaxy has been known for many years as a spiral but there has been some doubt of its detailed characteristics. Recently, the Spitzer Space Telescope has shown it to have a long dusty bar at the centre. The bar or ellipse has been suggested before but the length of the bar has now been determined to be about 27,000 light years long. Seen from a great distance the galaxy will probably seem to be an elliptical. Nearer, the three spirals become apparent. The Sun, nestling between two



spirals, is about 20,000 light years from the nearest part of the bar and 27,000 light years from the galaxy's centre.

The picture (north at top) is a drawing of what the Milky Way could look like when viewed from way distant (such as from the Andromeda galaxy). The Sun is set between the Perseus and Sagittarius spiral arms near the top of the picture. The bar starts southwest of the words Orion Spur and stretches in a southwest direction.

Grant Woodruff

Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

Mr. Peter Smith's talk on 21st October about his National Service just after the second world war was a mix of interesting and humorous reminiscences of his encounters with army discipline as a raw recruit and his subsequent service in post-war Germany. Mr. Smith eventually became a sergeant before returning to "civvy street" at the end of his period of National Service.

Mr. Peter Nicholls took us on a nostalgic journey through "Wendover of Yesteryear" on 4th November with slides showing scenes of Wendover from Victorian times onwards. The presentation was

accompanied by Mr. Nicholls' entertaining comments on many notable buildings and prominent people connected with the area. Records of Wendover exist from as far back as the year 972 and it boasts both the largest windmill and the oldest Baptist church in England, pictures of which were included in the presentation.

Our December/January programme will be:

December 2nd:

Mr. Brian Murgatroyd will be presenting a programme of monologues.

It is also 'Bring and Buy' day.

December 16th:

The Twyford Bell Ringers.

January 3rd, 2006:

Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall at 12:30 for 1:00 pm

January 6th:

Mystery Guessing Game and 'Bring and Buy' day.

January 20th:

Talk by Mr. Peter Smith.

We wish all club members an enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

Doris Lording : 569424

Naphill Fireworks 2005

Weren't we fortunate! The weather forecasters had predicted rain and freshening wind by the afternoon. Apart from a few spots early pm, the rest of the day remained dry. Although the wind did get up a bit it did not cause us any problems.

The fireworks were, I think, the best ever with some new multi shot boxes that created a good visual impact. At least that was my impression, from my vantage point right underneath the fireworks, as I was telling John which one to set off next. Because of the dry weather there were no failures. The whole display lasted 40 minutes so we might have to speed up our act next year.

The bonfire was, perhaps, a little too big but it burnt well due to Clive's efforts. Thanks to all those people who brought their tree cuttings and other burnable rubbish up to the Crick both before and on the day. If it was not for the assistance of Mark Blamey, and his loading shovel, the willing bonfire builders on the day would not have been able to complete the bonfire in time for the lighting. My only complaint is aimed at those selfish jobbing builders who dumped a load of

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01296 331 441**

unsuitable rubbish; bricks, lumps of concrete, tiles and paint pots on the bonfire, rather than paying to dispose of it through the proper channels.

My thanks to **all** the volunteers who helped to make Naphill Firework Display 2005 such a success.

Mike Pool

Naphill Village Hall And Playing Fields Council

I hope that you have all noticed that the "Christmas Tree" has had its haircut and looks much healthier. The lights may well be up by the time you read this and should be able to shine even more brightly now that there is less foliage for them to fight through. Thanks to Cathryn Carter for arranging for the tree surgeon to do the work.

The hedge under the tree looks a little battered since the collapse of the branch in the Autumn. We are aware of this and plan to trim it in the Spring once it has had a chance to recover.

We had a lengthy discussion about security following yet another break-in during the month. Little was

taken but a significant amount of damage was done. CCTV was discussed yet again but we have been advised by both the Police and our insurers that it is not worth the investment. Fitting an alarm could be effective but would necessitate someone being available day and night to respond should the alarm go off. Any volunteers? There was no-one on the committee that was able to commit themselves that much. We all lead busy lives.

At last we are purchasing some coat rails for the cloakroom and are still discussing the most effective way to fit the cupboards in that cloakroom space. We are aware that the organisations do need some more cupboard space. It will come!

Many, many thanks to all those who were involved in the Firework display. The best ever both visually and financially!

Sarah Bacon, Chairman : 563479

Bucks CC Trading Standards

We have information that the Nottingham Knockers have recently been operating in North Bucks, particularly in the Winslow area. We once again remind people of the issues involved and give tips on how to answer the door safely:

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/trading_standards/coldcalling.htm

The Autumn edition of JoTs is now available:

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/trading_standards/jots_index.htm.

The Office of Fair Trading have set up a team dealing with Scams, such as the lotteries scam, premium scams and many others. For more information:

<http://www.oft.gov.uk/Consumer/Scams/default.htm>

Cold Calling

Residents in North Bucks are receiving unsolicited telephone calls from a Home Security company, offering to visit their home and do a free crime prevention survey. In the past companies have offered a similar service, from reports the survey is free, however the items the agent encourages the householder to purchase can be very expensive and maybe purchased at a fraction of the cost elsewhere. Previously we have had complaints from relatives of elderly/vulnerable people who have spent a fortune on security products and smoke alarms that could have been fitted for a fraction of the cost.

For more information.

<http://www.oft.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/266B3101-3470-435B-A8B1-2601F3728ED4/0/oft733a.pdf>

Watchdog

We constantly stress to be wary of unsolicited callers. Unfortunately time and time again we hear the sad tales of how elderly and vulnerable people are preyed on by unscrupulous callers. The television programme Watchdog earlier this week highlighted a company operating from Buckinghamshire. Southern Electric have employed a recruitment company called Universal Group to hire and train door to door salesmen. The agent on the programme misled the consumer and lied. Just because someone knocks on your door with a uniform on does not mean they are a genuine representative from the company they say they are from. If you are concerned about representatives from utility companies calling ensure you have set up a password scheme with your utility company.

For more information.

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/trading_standards/house/utilities.htm

Mobile phones

A number of parents have contacted us regarding reverse billing text that their children have inadvertently signed up to on mobile phones.

Our advice is:

- Always check the number you are calling before you start dialling
- Don't reply to text messages or calls saying that you have won a competition, unless you know that you have entered that competition. You cannot win a competition that you have not entered.
- Friends will not call you on premium rate numbers.
- Beware if you get a text or call offering you a free ringtone, logo etc .It may be a reverse billing text. By downloading it you may inadvertently be signing up to a service. They will then continue to text you other ringtones etc and will charge you for each text they send.
- To cancel any reverse billing texts, text the word 'STOP' to the number. Only send it once. If they continue to send you texts & charge you, contact your network provider. They will be able to block the texts or calls being sent to you.

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/trading_standards/schools/mobile_phones_premium.

*Jackie Eldridge - Education and Information Officer
01296 383357*

Information from Wycombe District Council

Are you part of a voluntary/community group that is looking for funds to help with new and existing projects? If so then we are here to help. Indeed we work in partnership with the public sector but we target funding advice at voluntary/community groups. We have a number of funding events which allow community/voluntary groups to meet funders and see the range of funds available.

The events are all held at the Environment Centre on the Rye and they are FREE. The timetable for the events is as below:

Thursday 1st December 2005

6.00pm Community Champions Fund

Thursday 19th January 2006

5.00pm Make Space Fund

Thursday 6th April 2006

5.00pm The Buckinghamshire Foundation

Any community/voluntary group that is interested should contact **Julie Cruz** in “**Business development and Regeneration**” on 01494 421557 for information or **Katie Stayt** on 01494 421921 to book themselves a place for any of these events.

Julie Cruz: 421557 and Katie Stayt: 421921

Lunch Club

We are now approaching the end of another successful year with the numbers of our community attending each month steady in the region of thirty five to forty. It is roughly six years since we restarted the Lunch Club after a short closure and while we have welcomed a number of new members we still have many loyal and good friends who have been with us since then.

Early in the year after a number of pleas for more help we were joined by Pauline Pool who has been a valuable asset helping not only with the cooking but also organising our storage space after the refurbishment of the kitchen.

Having said that, we would make our normal plea for any member of our Community who is prepared to

help us two or three hours once a month to get in touch.

Our Christmas lunch, which is always popular, eagerly looked forward to and which guaranteed a full house will be on Wednesday 14th December this year.

Some months ago we were fortunate when through the auspices of Richard Pushman were given a small grant towards replacement of table linen. Unfortunately replacement took longer than we anticipated after a major local retailer cancelled our order as they were no longer replacing stock in the sizes we ordered. However we have now been able to order exactly what we require from a hotel supplier which should be with us by the time this edition is published.

Finally we would like to express our appreciation to the Pre-School group for their tolerance and understanding during the period we overlap while they are clearing away and we are making preparations for lunch.

Jan Gaunt

Village Hall Christmas Tree Lights

Our tree is a very special tree. For those who are unaware of its history, here is a brief synopsis.

The tree is an Atlantic Cedar. It was donated in 1936 by Dilly Knox. He was a true war hero, being one of the now-famous Bletchley Park code breakers. He lived at Cournswood House off Clappins Lane, Walter's Ash. However, he was not just one of the code breakers. He was the chief code breaker for the early part of the Second World War.

Dilly Knox made the first British break into an operational Enigma system, during the Spanish Civil War. At the outbreak of the Second World War he headed the Enigma research section at Bletchley Park. He broke the more complicated Enigma machine used by German intelligence. It has been estimated that the code breakers of Bletchley Park shortened the Second World War by three years.

Tragically, Dilly Knox died of cancer in February 1943. He is buried in the wood he planted near to his house. Whilst he was alive – and for a long time afterwards – his family did not know his profession nor of his outstanding contribution to the war effort.

The tree he donated was planted during the special public holiday given in celebration of the Silver Jubilee of King George V in 1936. There was a great party at the Village Hall. The tree was planted jointly by Mrs Coningsby Disraeli and Phyllis Smith the Beauty Queen.

About 20 years later, the tree having grown vigorously, Don Ing decided to decorate it with lights for the Tennis Club dance at Christmas Eve. Don Ing owned Electric Installations in High Wycombe and was assisted in decorating the tree by his apprentice electrician, Alan Wingrove. The tree was then decorated every Christmas for a few years. Tragically Don Ing and his wife were killed in an air crash in Austria in 1964.

There followed a few years when there were no lights on the tree at Christmas. Ray Newell then entered on the scene and, together with his neighbour Alan Wingrove, restarted the tradition of decorating the tree with lights at Christmas. Alan Wingrove did the climbing and the electrical work; Ray Newell organised the team on the ground. When Alan Wingrove left the village in 1976 he persuaded me to take over the climbing job and “managing” the whole operation. Mike Leggett joined the team at about the same time as myself and took over as principal climber in 1991. So this Christmas Mike Leggett and myself will be celebrating the 30th time we have put up the lights. Some of the other members of the 12-strong team have

also served for a great many years. We are hoping for good weather on 3rd December.

The tree has grown enormously over the years. It received a major pruning this year to remove branches which represented a danger to the public and to create a better shape for the lights. The tree has a preservation order on it and the Village Hall Council had to obtain planning permission for the pruning. The weight of branches removed has been reported to have been five tons! The cost of the pruning operation was borne by the Village Hall Council, helped by a grant of £600 from Wycombe District Council, for which we are grateful to Richard Pushman.

I would like to express my thanks to Pam Smith, our village historian, for some of the information given above. Pam Smith was related to the Beauty Queen Phyllis Smith who planted the tree.

Mike Mason

Christmas Tree Lights at Naphill Village Hall

Just where has the past year gone because it is time for me to distribute those collecting tins around the shops and businesses again.

Our tree has now had a trim and will again look its wonderful sight for the festive season but it does depend on those coins dropped into those red collecting tins to assist with the cost of expenses for this to happen.

Every year the villagers are so generous so please help again this year. Thanks.

Pam Smith - Village Hall Rep

NCH House-to-House Collection in Walter's Ash 17 September to 1st October

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's NCH house-to-house collection in Walter's Ash, both collectors and donors alike.

The total proceeds came to £224.60, of which £39.25 was given through the Gift Aid Scheme, thus adding a further 28p in the pound of reclaimed tax for this worthy cause.

Regretfully due to other commitments I shall no longer be able to co-ordinate the NCH collection in Walter's Ash. If anyone is interested in carrying on as the Walter's Ash Co-ordinator please contact me on 01494 565161.

Susan Bickerstaffe

Horticultural Society

Should any of our members be interested in visiting Wisley Gardens, the Society has a Garden Entry card, which allows entry at a reduced rate for two people and is valid any day except Sunday. If you wish to borrow the card, please let me know.

Our next event is the annual dinner on Friday 3rd March 2006. Details later, but make a note in your diaries.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee, thank you for all your support over the past year, and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

Cathryn Carter, Hon. Secretary : 563233

Naphill & Walters Ash School

November 2005

This month is the month where parents of all four year-olds must decide in to which school they should put their child in September. Since becoming the Headteacher at Naphill and Walters Ash School I must have escorted close to 200 parents around the school site and so thought this week I would compile a 'FAQs' sheet for prospective parents. I enclose my Top 10 in this article in the hope that it may be of interest to some people in the village.

1. If my child is starting reception will they be full or part-time?

We offer a full time place to all children in September irrespective of their birth date. Parents who do not want their children to start on a full time basis may retain a part time place until the term in which the child turns five and then they must attend full time.

2. What arrangements are made for inducting reception children in to the school?

Our teachers spend a lot of time visiting our local Pre-School settings and liaising with the supervisors there. In addition we encourage visits to us by the children whilst attending pre-School in order to get a flavour of school-life. We hold a detailed Parents Evening in the summer term followed by an afternoon visit for all new parents and children the following day.

3. What arrangements are made for inducting new children in to the school?

Children who join the school at any time are given a named 'buddy' whose job it is to ensure they settle in to school quickly. They will accompany them for the first week and show them around the school and ensure they know what is happening and where in the school building.

4. How does the school deal with bullying?

Bullying is not tolerated at the school and we have an effective Anti-Bullying Policy that has recently been re-circulated to all children and staff. We take part in an annual Anti-Bullying Week and often reflect on wider issues as part of our taught curriculum.

5. What size are the classes?

Naphill & Walters Ash School is a two-form entry school with capacity for 30 children in each Key Stage 1 class and slightly more in Key Stage 2. At the moment our largest class is 32 and the smallest 20.

6. Does the school run any extra-curricular clubs?

Currently the school runs 24 extra-curricular clubs ranging from specialist football coaching to learning to play the hand-chimes. Most of these clubs are run by members of staff and no charge is made. We also have links with local sporting bodies where a charge may be made for their services.

7. How can parents get more involved in school life?

Parents are welcome to help out in school by negotiation with class teachers. We currently have some excellent support from a number of parents in all year groups. We have six parent governors serving on the governing body and all parents can stand for nominations when vacancies arise here. The school's PTA is called WANSA (Walter's Ash and Naphill School Association). They are a very active committee and meet regularly to discuss, plan and implement fund raising events throughout the year.

8. What is the school's policy on Homework?

The school Homework Policy has been recently reviewed in the light of feedback from parents. Our

Naphill Christmas Fayre

Saturday 3rd December

In the Village Hall



Doors open 1.00 p.m

Santa to arrive at 1.15 p.m.!

Put this date in your diary now to ensure you don't miss out on a fun and festive afternoon.

We will have all the usual stalls, and hopefully some new ones, where you can chance your luck or buy some attractive and individual Christmas goodies.

If you are able to donate any prizes to the raffle or tombola, or even some of your time on or before the day, then please, please contact me, Cathryn Carter on 563233.

For details of availability of craft tables phone Norma Clarke on 563116

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

Santa's Grotto

Raffle

Refreshments

Mulled Wine

Craft Stalls

Games

Tombola etc. etc. etc.

view is that if children are working hard in class then little extra homework on top of number facts and reading should be necessary. The set amount of homework depends on the nature of subjects under study at the time and would tend to be of an extension of the work they are undertaking in class such as an investigation using the internet or local library.

9. Where does the school sit in the local authority league tables ?

League tables, as they are known, are comparisons of schools using the last cohort of SAT results at Key Stage 2. Naphill & Walters Ash is a high achieving school which compares very favourably with all other local schools and is listed in the top 500 schools nationally.

10. What is the school's provision for ICT, PE and music?

The school has been awarded Activemark Gold and Artsmark Silver for its demonstrated commitment to both sport and the arts. Many children at the school take advantage of the many extra-curricular opportunities here and we continue to be very successful in both music and sport. We have two excellent ICT Suites and are developing the use of interactive whiteboard technology and a wireless network throughout the school this year.

Tim McLoughlin, Headteacher

Naphill Pre-School

This term we have been looking at different types of food - bread, fruit and vegetables and the children have been tasting lots of foods too.

We have also been enjoying the build up to Christmas with our Nativity on 9th December and the Christmas Party on 12th December.

In January we are looking forward to some new children joining us and if you would like a place for your child in 2006 or have any questions about pre-school please call Tanya Stevens on 563053 to put your name on the waiting list.

Debbie Marchant: 565046

Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

We are a group run voluntarily by parents for carers with babies and/or toddlers. We offer a friendly environment for both parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while their children play with the numerous toys and make new friends. We have an informal structure to the group, usually starting with free play time followed by refreshments, then a slightly quieter play time to finish where the little ones can explore their creative streaks with playdough. When the weather is agreeable there is a pleasant, enclosed garden area for the children to play outside.

We meet every Thursday during term-time at the Naphill Village Hall between 2-4 pm. Admission price per session is £1.20 per first child and 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

We are holding the toddlers **Christmas Party on Thursday 8th December** at the village hall. Mr Marvel will be coming to entertain the children and we have arranged a special early visit from Father Christmas himself to hand out some presents. There will also be a Christmas tea for the children to enjoy. Tickets cost £5 for one child (£8 for two, and babies under 12 months are free), and includes a gift from Father Christmas. Please call Suzanne on 01494 562147 or Cheryl on 01494 565580 for further information and tickets.

We are also planning a mum's Christmas night out with details to be finalised shortly.

Please contact Suzanne on 562147, or Cheryl on 565580 for further information on the group or our special events.

Cheryl Page

Gazette Distribution

It doesn't seem long ago that we were wishing everyone a happy Christmas and prosperous new year and now another year has flown by. It can only mean we lead busy lives, with plenty to do in Naphill and Walters Ash!

We have enjoyed our year with the Naphill and Walters Ash team and would like to give a big 'thank you' to all our distributors, who unfailingly bring village news to approximately 980 homes, for 10 months of the year. We look forward to a happy and successful 2006.

Mike and Pauline Pool

*Christmas Carols by
Candlelight*



*Sunday 18th December
Naphill Village Hall
4.00 - 5.00pm*



*Mulled wine,
coffee and
mince pies
afterwards*

Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

Planning

05/7275/CONCG: RAF High Wycombe, New Rd, Walters Ash. Construction of car park (revised design) and construction of tunnel entrance pavilion.

05/7290/CONCG: Site 3 RAF High Wycombe, Main Rd, Walters Ash. Change of use of Building 7, demolition of Buildings 33 and 37 and replacement with car park. (Several trees have been cut down for this).

05/7294/FUL: 312 Main Rd, Walters Ash. (Co-op) Installation of Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) in front elevation.

05/7365/FUL (Retrospective) Ashburnham Cottage Ashburnham Drive, Walters Ash. Temporary use of

garage space as office space. (Application incorrect re. ownership of land and access)

05/7408/FUL: 275 Main Rd, Walters Ash. Construction of first floor extension.

05/7410/FUL Rosary Cottage, Louches Lane, Naphill. Erection of single storey and first floor extension and shed and greenhouse to rear. (Green Belt site).

05/7445/FUL Rossmere, Pursells Meadow, Naphill. Erection of replacement garage. 05/7461/FUL : 312 Main Rd, Walters Ash. Conversion of flat to 1 x 2 bed and 1 x 1 bed flats.

Residents Association Committee: We are seeking two new recruits to fill vacancies on the Committee. If you are interested and would like to find out more, do please ring either Dr Marek Pawlik on 565581 or myself on 563634.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 1 December 2005 at Naphill Village Hall.