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## Editorial

The start of a new year is time to look both backwards and forwards. I have had a wonderful time over the last two weeks going through back editions of the Gazette. We have copies going back to the 1930s and they make fascinating reading. I have included a few extracts in this month's edition in the hope that it might bring back memories for some and give others an idea of what village life was like.

As for the future, based on my growing list of people waiting to advertise in the Gazette (30 plus) more and more of you are leaving the rat race and making a living providing local services to local people.

On the basis that this is better both for the community and for the environment (at one point last year there were at least three people I know of from Naphill who were travelling to Basingstoke daily and I am sure there are others who commute even further?) I would like to try to incorporate more adverts for local services from my waiting list, giving priority to those who actually live or work in Naphill or Walters Ash. If you have strong views on this please let me know.

With best wishes for the coming year.

*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
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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

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Tel 01494 562591/3 Mr & Mrs Zachary.

## Money Matters

Of course it does. Whilst walking around High Wycombe, Aylesbury and Windsor recently it was obvious that many citizens were suffering from financial cramp doubtless resulting from the financial excesses of Christmas and the Sales. The shops were deserted as were the cafes; hence swift service for our cappuccinos! And of course the cost of living is going up, with petrol prices well into the 80s per litre, increased train fares and increased Council Tax around the corner. However I do have a small antidote in so far as the Gazette is concerned.

Although the Gazette accounts will not be published until March, it is clear that 2005 has been another good year for the Gazette with a steady increase in the number of subscribers and constant costs. Thus we are in a position to further reduce the cost to subscribers to £1.50 for the year. You will note that I try to operate on a 50p adjustment to keep payment simple. I can assure you that your Treasurer does NOT like counting 1p and 2p coins!

Finally, on a completely different matter, I have been amazed at the number of plastic rubbish bins standing like sentries along the roads of Naphill for days on end. The Council has made strenuous (and doubtless expensive) efforts to set up an effective rubbish collection system and notified everyone of the pick up times for grey, green and mini paper bins. However a significant number of residents appear to be quite unaware of the collection times during and after holidays when, inevitably, the routine has to be changed. I feel that rows of bins (some overflowing) are unsightly and I would much prefer that they should be on public display for the minimum time. Am I right or have I just written a load of rubbish? If you think the latter applies, please pop this in the paper collection bin and put it out for collection on the right day!

*David Leith*

## District & County Councillor's Report

Another New Year and some more resolutions, although by this time – February, many will no doubt have been forgotten! I resolved to get my notes to the editor before the 15<sup>th</sup> deadline but here I am typing them on the 14<sup>th</sup> as usual! Anyway a Happy New Year to all readers and may you have better luck with your own resolves.

For the County Council the budget preparation, upon which our Council Tax is predicated, is fraught with problems, not the least of which is the government's reduction in its grant. The county's income is made up of three elements, government grant, business rates and

residents council tax, approximately in equal proportions.

Any failure to reflect the annual inflation rate in the grant aid puts a disproportionate increase on the local tax element. This complicated formula has resulted in about a £15 million shortfall in the county's budget requirements this coming year. To rectify this shortfall would require an increase in tax of about 10% or, if as the government insists, we restrict to 5%, then we will have to make cuts in services. This choice will be put before the public in a consultation document to be published later in February. Already an attempt to save some funds by the proposal to close small-underused libraries and substitute the mobile service in their place has met with public hostility. Our villages have used the mobile service for many years and I think they have provided a very good service and they will continue to do so.

The District Council has published its planning guidance for "housing intensification". In other words "backland development". It will make the use of back garden land less attractive to would-be developers and take off some local pressures, which many residents find unacceptable. There are considerable pressures in areas such as Cressex Road and already we can see the effect of the new development of flats arising along the stretch of road which previously comprised single detached houses.

Finally, how was your Christmas pudding? If you like your Christmas puddings to be bursting with fruit then the message from Trading Standards was that you should not have paid through the nose for them. A recent survey of 20 Christmas puddings revealed that the best value for money in terms of amount of fruit versus price paid was found at the cheaper end of the product range. Here are the facts:

- Prices of those 454g puddings tested ranged from 78p to £6.99
- The price of the fruit content varied from 0.6p per gram to 5.14p per gram
- The percentage of fruit found by Trading Standards in each pudding ranged from between 28%-61%.

The additional cost for the more expensive puddings seemed to be generally due to the addition of ingredients such as alcohol and nuts to the basic filling. So how was yours?

*Richard Pushman*

## **Names and numbers to note**

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

*Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is [naphill@lycos.co.uk](mailto:naphill@lycos.co.uk)*

*Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail [mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)*

## **Hughenden Parish Council Village Design Statement**

### Update

Many thanks to all the residents who responded through the questionnaire. We had over a hundred replies and these are currently being analyzed. The analysis is taking a little longer than anticipated because many responses were very detailed. It is very pleasing that so many people took the trouble to reply at length. Rest assured that all views will be taken into account.

We hope to have an initial report ready for the Parish Council meeting on February 14th. After that, the draft Design Statement will be prepared and circulated to local groups for comments.

*Peggy Ewart - 565969*

## **Naphill Lawn Tennis Club**

At this stage of a new year, time seems to take on a different dimension and events which happened only four or five weeks ago seemed to be almost lost in a dim distant past! Obviously, the festive season does

tend to overshadow more mundane functions such as our AGM, which took place just after my last report. Although this is a mandatory and often tiresome ritual, it does offer members a platform to air their views and for long-serving committee members to make way for new blood. I am very happy to report that our new chairman is Nick Fenn and David Fletcher has taken over the Hon. Sec. job from myself.

Helen Leek and I wish them well and thank them for 'volunteering' their services! They have circumnavigated their first committee meeting and things are looking good for the months to follow.

The last social event of 2005 – our Tinsel Tournament – fell victim to the cold spell just before Christmas in that due to the very slippery conditions, actual tennis was not possible. However, contrary to the temperature outside, the clubhouse was filled with members and friends determined to enjoy our traditional DIY fare, warmed by mulled wine and festive spirits.

Turnout on Sunday club sessions at the later time of 1pm is proving to be popular, as and when the weather allows. Although always seen as a summer sport, there is nothing written in its rules that confines it to be played only when strawberries and Wimbledon are in the public eye. There is much to be said for putting on an extra layer of clothing, a warm hat and suitable pair of gloves and grabbing a tennis racquet to blow away a few cobwebs and maybe losing a few of those 'extra' ounces (or pounds), put on over Christmas! A good walk is all very well but it is pretty muddy off road at the moment and, hopefully, the tennis courts won't mean that you have to spend time and effort cleaning off your shoes! Our Ladies Vets Team are enjoying a good season, having only lost one match to date.

Our new committee are busy planning events for the coming season and the usual Newsletter will be dropping through members' letterboxes at the end of February or beginning of March. This will include information on more coaching sessions for juniors and adults at all levels and we are glad to report that Simon Langley will continue as our club coach. This mailing will also include an invitation to renew your membership (in other words - subs are due - discount for early payment!). Our club has been part of Naphill village life for many years and its facilities are there to be used so encourage your friends and neighbours to take up a healthy lifestyle and join us. Sue Crooks is still our Membership Sec. and can be contacted on 01494 562539 (e-mail: [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com)) – she will be pleased to send information to any potential members – young and older! If you are just passing by and see us on court, do stop and have a chat, if you feel you might like to join us – we really are quite approachable!

*(Ingrid Tomlins – Com. Member – 01494 446063 – e-mail: [RGTomlins@aol.com](mailto:RGTomlins@aol.com))*

## Naphill Evening WI

A Happy New Year to all our readers! We are sure everyone enjoyed the Christmas tree lights at the Village Hall, to which we have made a small contribution and a 'thank you' to the team involved. At the start of this new year, let us thank our committee for all their hard work and our hostesses for making committee meetings and other events so enjoyable. We had our mince pie and sherry evening in a member's home and our usual scrumptious Christmas party in December, with the Chiltern Hand Bell Ringers to entertain us.

On Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> we are trying out a new venture; we are organising a 'Friends Evening' with a hot supper, followed by a horse racing game - very good value at £5.00 per person. Do come along and support us, but tickets must be purchased prior to the evening. Members and friends are welcome, 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Plans are being made for the Group meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>; hostess WI will be Downley Evening, and the speaker Tom Freemantle talking about cycling from England to Australia. Four of our ladies went to the Resolutions meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> January at Bourne End which will be debated in May. We are pleased to say it will be combined with a ploughman's lunch, details later. Marion is working hard on our behalf to plan more outings. She already has some ideas in the pipeline and we have Mary Poppins to look forward to on the 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Our February meeting is English Cheeses by Roots Delicatessen. Competition is a china cow or animal. If you are not a member already, and would like a new interest for 2006, why not try Naphill Evening WI? We meet at the Village Hall on the third Thursday in the month at 7.45pm. You will be made very welcome.

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

## Naphill Neighbours

Way back in December over 60 ladies sat down at festively-laid tables in the Village Hall and enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal. Afterwards we were entertained in seasonal style by the Bakewell Buskers with their "Garland of Christmas Prose and Poetry".

A new year and another full programme awaits our members. Before you read this we will have been visited by Sarah Hindley, who opened our eyes to new and attractive ways of storing our photographs - no more shoebox collections from now on!

On Monday, 13th February Tony Eaton will tell us "MORE ON THE GLENN MILLER MYSTERY". Some of you will, I am sure, remember his earlier talk and be interested to learn how much more information he has gained on this fascinating subject.

Plans are being finalised for our 2006 outings which are:

Thursday 6th April - Longleat

Thursday 15th June - Bournemouth

Thursday 10th August - The Mill at Sonning

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

## Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

For the last of our November meetings we were delightfully entertained by St. Margaret's Singers from Princes Risborough. Their choral programme was a very enjoyable mix of some quiet and some very lively melodies interspersed with humorous poetry readings.

On 2nd December, Mr. Brian Murgatroyd presented a selection of Stanley Holloway's monologues which included two perhaps less well known sequels to the story of Albert and the Lion. The programme, delivered with great verve, also included monologues on such diverse subjects as Noah's Ark, the Battle of Hastings, the Battle of Trafalgar and Sam Small's part in the Peninsular War, all very amusing and very witty. Mr. Murgatroyd finished with the perennial favourite of Sam Small and his musket.

Our final meeting in December saw our annual visit from the very talented ladies of the Twyford Bell Ringers. The bells produce a very melodious sound and we enjoyed singing the carols which were included in the programme of Christmas music.

We were delighted to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pushman to our Christmas lunch on 3rd January. Following a delicious meal we were entertained by the inimitable Jackie Wratten resulting in a very pleasant occasion.

The programme for February will be:

**February 3rd:** A talk on the History of the Music Hall by Annie Woodward.

**February 17th:** The Air Ambulance Service.

*Frank and Muriel Smith and family would like to thank all kind friends for the lovely cards and messages of condolence on the loss of our dear daughter Jennifer. God bless you.*

*Doris Lording : 569424*

## The February Sky in Naphill & Walters Ash 2006

The Moon is new on February 28 and full on the 13. Capella, the bright star in Auriga is high overhead. Orion remains a majestic constellation in the southern sky every evening. M31, the Andromeda galaxy is about 40° above the western horizon near the square of Pegasus. Look for the Orion nebula below his belt. On February 5 the Moon is 2° N of Mars 21; on 11, Moon is 4° N of Saturn at; on 17, the Moon is 5° S of Jupiter; on 24, Mercury is at greatest elongation E, (greatest angle between the Sun and the planet). For those who are waiting for the evenings to be longer, British Summer Time comes into operation on March 26. Venus is a morning star and is at its greatest brilliance on 17, Mars is an evening star, Jupiter sets in the evening and Saturn rises early evening; the table below

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Feb	Rises	7.43	9.13	5.42	10.4	1.4	16.09
1	Sets	16.51	21.07	15.05	2.29	10.58	7.45
Feb-08	Rises	7.31	11.46	5.18	10.2	1.16	15.38
	Sets	17.04	5.15	14.38	2.2	10.32	7.18
Feb-15	Rises	7.18	19.53	15.01	10.01	0.51	15.08
	Sets	17.17	8.13	14.18	2.12	10.05	6.49
Feb-22	Rises	7.04	3.26	4.5	9.43	0.25	14.37
	Sets	17.3	10.09	14.04	2.04	9.39	6.2
Mar	Rises	6.48	7.3	4.42	9.26	9.26	14.07
1	Sets	17.43	20.03	13.57	1.57	1.57	5.51

gives the times.

### Mars

One of the most recent surprising discoveries from the Mars Global Surveyor has been new gullies that did not exist in mid-2002. Astronomers are now trying to work out the cause and have concluded that the planet is much more active than hitherto thought. It is believed that the gullies were caused either by strong winds or by "marsquakes". The Mars Global Surveyor was launched on 1996, November 7, and has provided a wealth of

information about the planet. There were reports in January 2006 of signs of water on the planet.

### 8, 9, 10...

Most of us learned at school of the nine planets, including Pluto discovered in 1930. In recent years there has been some doubt whether Pluto should be classified as a planet or whether more correctly counted as a KBO (Keiber Belt object). The Keiber Belt contains thousands of objects orbiting the Sun beyond Neptune. In the 1990s there was much debate of Pluto's status and recent discoveries have made it no easier to decide. This column has discussed the discovery of Sedna, an object not much smaller than Pluto with the query as to whether it too should be called a planet. Now an object (2003 UB<sub>113</sub>) larger than Pluto has been found. UB<sub>113</sub> has an orbit which is 97 astronomical units (a.u.) from the Sun at its maximum and 38 a.u. from the Sun at its minimum. This compares with Pluto's 50 a.u. and 30 a.u. respectively (one a.u. is the average distance of Earth from the Sun). It seems probable that there are several KBOs Pluto's size yet to be discovered and every time there will be queries about whether they should be called planets. As Pluto's existence has been known for 75 years, history will make it difficult to re-classify it as a KBO but the new objects will probably not be known as planets and will become more correctly KBOs. Without going into detail, there are five of them so far about the size of Pluto.

### GCSE in Astronomy

Edexcel is the only UK examining board that offers a GCSE qualification in astronomy. They have been doing this for four years now and there has been a steady increase in the number of students who have been taking the subject leading to over 700 candidates last summer. The course is 25% course work and 75% final exam. The standard of astronomical knowledge being shown by students is achieving high levels with 75% of students gaining A\* - C grades. A handful of students used robotic telescopes to help produce their observational coursework. The trends being shown by the Edexcel examination is an excellent indication of the growing importance of the subject and will help provide a sound basis for the first degrees offered by several universities in the UK.

### Life in the Universe

The universe is thought to be 13.7 billion years old and recently astronomers have discovered evidence of 'life' when it was only 25% of this age. The age of 10.3 billion years is the earliest discovered so far and is identified by seeing star dust organic molecules, that is to say molecules which are carbon based. What actually seen are distant galaxies with complex carbon and hydrogen molecules known as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) which form wherever carbon materials burn. PAHs are formed

where carbon is burned as in breakfast toast or in protoplanetary disks forming stars. The breakfast toast did not appear until over 10 billion years later.

This astronomical discovery is not as surprising as it seems as burned carbon is almost ubiquitous in the universe. What it does not mean is the emergence of little green men. Simple life has been present on Earth for about 4 billion years and consisted initially of single-cell organisms. It started to become complex life consisting of organisms of two or more molecules about 1 billion years ago. The transition from single cell to complex cell organisms took nearly 3 billion years and clearly was a difficult transition requiring exactly the right chemical and physical conditions.

*Grant Woodruff*

## Readers Letters

### Congratulations

To every member of the bonfire and fireworks team for such a spectacular performance on November 5th. Firstly we were lucky to have such a fine evening when rain was forecast. The warmth from the huge bonfire was most cheering.

The refreshments were delicious and so reasonably priced and last but by no means least the fireworks - excellently managed (almost one a second for an hour), colourful and what a great spectacle, plenty of bangs and whistles.

Thank you committee for a marvellous evening.

*The Grady Family*

*Editor's note: This letter arrived just after the*

**Multiple Sclerosis Society  
Plougman's Lunch  
Mini Bazaar Raffle etc  
Wednesday 15th February  
Hughenden Village Hall  
Doors open 12 o'clock, lunch 12.30**

*Barbara Fleming 562519*

*previous edition had gone to print however the*

*fireworks were spectacular this year so I thought it was still worthy of inclusion for this edition.*

## **Marie Curie Cancer Care**

Firstly a huge thank you to all who supported my fund-raising trek of the Inca Trail in Peru. Our group raised over £100,000 and we all had the experience of a lifetime.

Secondly, a plea for help. The annual 'Daffodil Day' in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care is on Saturday 11th March. High Wycombe always raises the most money of any town in Buckinghamshire but many of the collectors have now retired and we desperately need more help. If you can spare an hour and a half please contact me on 563234. Thank you.

*Sue Nash*

## **Rev Simon Cronk St Michael and All Angels**

In January, Channel 4 showed two programmes presented by the Biologist and Atheist Richard Dawkins under the title 'The Root of Evil'. As I write (to meet the deadline for this publication) I have only managed to see the first of these broadcasts, the second being shown next week. Richard Dawkins is probably better known by the wider public for his very anti-religious views rather than for his academic biological work. Dawkins cannot understand why anyone of intelligence does not see through the lie of religion and accept instead a rational scientific view of the world.

I am no scientist myself, but I did watch the first of these broadcasts with interest. In them Dawkins took himself off to Lourdes, to the Bible Belt in the USA and to Jerusalem. I have to say that I agreed with much of what he said about the dangers of religious fundamentalism. However, I parted company with Dawkins' overall critique that all religion was and is wholly bad, the root of evil. To illustrate his thesis, in the first programme he significantly interviewed two men. One was a creationist Pastor of a Bible Belt Church who ended up defending his views with a verbal attack on Dawkins and then by expelling him and his camera crew from the Church! The other was a convert to Islam (having been a secular Jew) whose militant vision of Muslim world domination was undeniably chilling. In one marvelous scene Dawkins retreated from his encounter with the Christian fundamentalist to the reasoned company of the local

secularist society. "Am I glad to see you!" he exclaimed as he was embraced in the fold of sane reason, and for a moment one was with him all the way. Against the spectre of fundamentalism, rationalist scientific atheism was the only sane route forward!

But lets turn the tables for a moment. Let's take an eminently reasonable Christian, (the present Archbishop of Canterbury say) and ask him to make a documentary called 'The Root of Evil' examining the consequences of secular atheism over the last century. Then send him off to interview a chief of police in China (which despite it's apparent changes in recent years is based on an atheistic belief system and has an appalling human rights record) and let us say a surviving supporter of Hitlers' Eugenics programme. Dawkins, the eminently humanitarian atheist may protest, but these men could be used as an example of what happens to people when a belief system based upon the existence of God is abandoned.

It was notable that Dawkins did not pit himself against people with religious conviction who are eminent scientists (they do exist) and have a reasoned debate with them. No, he took the more sensational route of choosing two extremists and set them up for us and effectively said 'look at that, see how ugly it is'. But there was no mention of the last century which saw grotesque examples of what can happen to whole cultures when the idea of God is abandoned. Nor did he mention that science itself has been a power for both good and evil, I doubt that the survivors of Hiroshima would say that the splitting of the Atom has been used wholly for the good of humanity!

At the end of the first programme the only thing I came away with was a conviction that anyone with a strong view could target the worse excesses of an opposing position to make that position look wholly bad. Yes, terrible things have been done in the name of religion, and religion must be held accountable for these. But atheism does not have an unblemished track record either. The truth is that any human ideology however noble it's beginning can be twisted and used for evil purposes (which to me suggests the possibility of evil in the first place!). Also, we cannot deny that in the name of religion much good has been done. Dawkins claimed that religious thinking is simplistic black and white extremism in a world with subtle shades of gray. However, in critiquing religion and extolling scientific atheism he presented one as wholly bad and the other as wholly good. Where were the shades of gray in that point of view?

*Simon Cronk, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels.*

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

I hope you had a very happy Christmas – seems a distant memory now! We have recently been able to send our yearly cheque for £150 to the sponsored child in Guatemala that KRASH supports. That amount was raised by carol singing around the village and also from the donations given at the Carols by Candlelight in the village hall. That event saw the hall filled to capacity with a special appearance by some of the KRASH children appearing in a one-rehearsal production.

Like most organisations we have been planning events for the year – the first one will be a FUN quiz evening for children and adults – more details next month.

*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill Village Hall And Playing Fields Council

Since we last put pen to paper a New Year has started so may you all enjoy a happy, healthy and contented 2006.

The fitting out of the new cloakroom continues with new coat rails, hangers, and hopefully soon, shelves. Some storage space may be added as soon as all the village associations have let us know what they require. New chairs are next on the agenda (I imagine that should raise a few cheers in some quarters!). However, it is not going to be easy making the right choice. Upholstered chairs may be more comfortable but will be more easily stained and damaged. They are also much heavier and difficult to move around. Plastic chairs would be the obvious answer if they were not so uncomfortable over long periods. Some thought will have to be given to this before we can make a decision.

Our Lettings Secretary has got a good system going with respect to hirers of the hall and the keys. Nevertheless, this can break down if the procedures are not followed. Could we stress to all key-holders that they should ON NO ACCOUNT lend their keys to anybody else, particularly casual hirers. The key-holders key is for their association's use only.

Another plea to those people who use the Village Hall skip for their rubbish. Please don't. We pay for this facility and it is for Village Hall users only. When it is full, bags have to be dumped outside the skip and this not only creates the most unsightly mess but costs us even more money to dispose of them.

And finally, Ted Chapman (563034) is waiting for you to call to book tables for the Quiz Night on 24th February. Tickets are going fast for what will be a

most enjoyable evening despite Ted's insistence on telling jokes (?) from time to time.

*Don Turner 562645*

## The Annual Naphill and Walters Ash Quiz

The Naphill and Walters Ash Quiz has rapidly established itself as the most popular one in the area. We aim to provide an evening's entertainment with a variety of different quiz techniques and a collection of jokes (including one or two naughty ones!) The WI provide a truly excellent Ploughman's, Clive sets up a full bar, and Daisy (who else?) runs a raffle with prizes that have ranged from a riding lesson to a bag of manure. Everyone will be able to answer most of the questions so do come along and enjoy yourselves. The price of £7 per person (which includes the Ploughman's) is really good value for money. Numbers are limited and some people will be disappointed so note 7pm on Friday 24th February in your diary now and 'phone Ted on 563034 to book. Do come if you can or send us a raffle prize if you can't. Proceeds are in aid of Village Hall funds.

*Ted Chapman*

## Blood Donors

2005 proved to be another very good year for donations, over six hundred from six sessions. The National Blood Service sends its thanks to all the regular and new donors. As I mentioned last year the sessions have risen from two to six, and each session seemed to have brought more donors, very well done! Thanks also to the regular helpers at the sessions, Vera and Hazel.

In 2006 there will be another six sessions so please note the following dates. 10th February, 21st April, 2nd June, 8th September, 13th October and 29th December, these will all be held on a Friday afternoon and early evening.

*Bob Davis*

## Naphill Christmas Tree Lights

The team hope that everyone enjoyed the lights. The tree is now a better shape and a number of people remarked that the lights were better because of the better shape. We put the lights up on 3rd December. Just after we commenced the drizzle started so we had a rather cold, wet morning. We took the lights down on 7th January. As we commenced the snow started and it snowed during the entire operation. It was the first time we have put the lights up or taken them down in the Snow. It was very festive and not too cold. The saving grace was that the two operations went with few hitches - for which we have to thank the fact that the

tree has been pruned so there were fewer awkward branches to snag the cable.

The team this time included the principle climber Mike Leggett who was doing the job for the 15th time. Also up the tree were Kelly Fountain of Hughenden Valley and Stephen Fountain of Widmer End. The team on the ground comprised Gary Putnam of Holmer Green, John Harris, Ron Collins, Terry Aldridge, Richard Walmsley, Peter Brown, Glenn Gavin, Peter Davis and myself. If the names sound familiar that is because the team has been unchanged for a few years now. That makes things easier because everyone knows just what to do and the whole operation takes less time - vital for avoiding hypothermia for the team up the tree.

We must thank all those who gave generously via village organisations and via the collecting tins in local shops - and a special thank you to Pam Smith who organised the collecting tins. Without such public support we would not have the funds for the lights. I would also like to thank Marlene Mason for helping to repair the cable and for providing the essential mince pies and coffee for the team.

*Mike Mason*

## Christmas Lights Collection Tins

The collection tins around the village raised £289.80 this year. Thank you to everyone who donated.

*Pam Smith*

## Naphill Horticultural Society

### Dinner & Entertainment- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

- Doors open 7.15pm
- Wine & Soft Drinks Bar

Tickets are now available, and cost just £12.50. 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 Spanish Style Chicken with Chorizo Sausage, Creamy Beef Stroganoff or a Vegetarian alternative, served with New Potatoes and Vegetables. For dessert there will be either Chocolate Caramel Terrine with Tia Maria Sauce or Lemon Tart. Tea and Coffee will follow.

During Dinner, we will be entertaining ourselves with a *very* light-hearted quiz which will be called Garden Giggles. I know some people are not fond of quizzes, but this is intended to be fun and based on general garden knowledge (no specialist subjects!!). The questions will be printed, so you can take as long as you like over it. You can also have as many in your team as you wish – the prizes will be for sharing!

Members and non-members are welcome, but I *must* have final numbers by February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets always sell fast – so don't wait to be invited, just pick up the phone!

On Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



*The photograph above shows Mike Leggett, Pam Smith and Mike Mason taken on the occasion of the lunch to celebrate the first 30 years that Mike and Mike have participated in putting up the Naphill Village Hall Christmas tree lights. Pam Smith holds her book of photos, articles and newspaper cuttings on Dilly Knox and the history of the tree.*

**05/7461/FUL** 312 Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Conversion of existing first floor flat above Co-op into two flats (1x2 bed and 1x1 bed). Objection because there are already parking problems in vicinity and application carries no indication of parking spaces allocated or visitor parking.

**05/7486/TPO** 5 Brackenwood, Naphill. Cut and reduce crown and thin one Silver Birch. **05/7508/FUL** Barn Hips, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Construction of two-storey side and rear extension. Enquiry as to whether neighbours will be overlooked before commenting.

**05/7509/CONCG.** RAF High Wycombe, Bradenham Woods Lane, Bradenham. Installation of two Gate Guardians to entrance to No 1 Site. Proposal to position replicas of a Hurricane and Spitfire on the grass either side of the main entrance to 1 Site. Objection. This would be an intrusion in the AONB and there is no indication what security measures are being planned. Additional considerations are that (a) the planes will attract sightseers and could cause accidents on New Road with drivers rubbernecking and (b) replicas of this kind can deteriorate in the open and need regular maintenance. A similar proposal a few

years ago was refused on AONB policy grounds. A suggestion is that the replica aircraft could be put behind the Strike Command wire fence further into the site.

**05/7568/CONCG** Site 1 Bldg 48, RAF High Wycombe, Main Rd, Walter's Ash. Erection of 5m high canopy over existing 17m x 11.5m dog compound.

**05/7570/FUL** Beech View Cottage, Naphill Common, Naphill. Erection of detached garage and studio/workshop to rear. Only new build shown but no elevations compared with existing properties. A sensitive site being adjacent to Green Belt and in AONB. Objection until drawings produced to show its effect in the setting of the area.

**05/7626/CONCG.** Bdg 15 RAF High Wycombe, Main Rd., Walter's Ash. Erection of extension to Building 15 to provide physiotherapy suite and relocation of portacabin store. This is behind medical centre and away from public view.

**05/7628/FUL** 213 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of a two-storey front extension.

**Planning applications to 10 January 2006 including December 2005:**

**05/7792/FUL** 13 Louches Lane Naphill. Construction of first floor rear extension, Naphill

**05/7815/FUL.** 148 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of roof extension and insertion of two dormer windows in connection with loft conversion, single storey rear extension and new front porch.

**Your planning comments and objections** Councillor Pushman has said he needs to receive a personal copy of letters sent to the District Council Planning Department in order to take local residents' views on planning applications into account.

**Keeping fully informed on planning issues before decisions are taken.** (a) It is our experience that comments and objections sent in towards the end of a planning consultation period do not appear on the District Council website. To find this information it is necessary to inspect the files at the District Council and/or speak to the officer concerned. The all-important Officers' Reports which strongly influence Development Control planning decisions are also excluded from the website. This we have taken up with the District Council which says it may begin publishing the Reports on its Website "some time in the future." (b) If the plan you are concerned about is to be decided by the Development Control Panel it is important you or your representative visit the District Council Planning Department, at least three working days before the meeting, to obtain (or request) a copy of the Officer's Report, to ensure it accurately reflects the case. If you find errors or omissions you need to contact the officer at once. If you are dissatisfied with the officer's recommendation, you can alert the

Development Control Panel members urgently by e-mail, letter or phone (address list available) prior to the meeting, and it is worth taking up the opportunity to speak at the Development Control Panel meeting as an objector for three minutes to put your case personally to the members.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2006 Naphill Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634*



**Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 4th March**

**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.*

# **NAPHILL Village Hall Quiz**

*Who?* **?** *Where?*  
*When?* *Why?*

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 (563034) or John Harris (562099)**

happily on Santa's lap and pose for that all important photo. The delicious Christmas feast prepared by the Mums went down a storm with the little ones and hardly a cocktail sausage or mince pie was left at the end! Mr Marvel did a fantastic job of entertaining the children with his magic show while we waited for Father Christmas to arrive, and suffice to say almost all the children went home asking if it was time for bed yet (which makes the party a total success in anybody's book!).

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 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).

Please contact Suzanne on 562147, or Cheryl on 565580 for further information on the group or our special events.

*Cheryl Page: 565580*

## **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 play dough. When the weather is agreeable there is a pleasant, enclosed garden area for the children to play outside.

The Christmas party held on 8<sup>th</sup> December was a great success and Father Christmas took some time out of his busy schedule to bring all the children a special early Christmas gift. As you can imagine, all the children got very excited about seeing Father Christmas but luckily only one or two were too overcome with emotion to sit

## **Naphill Pre-School**

This term we have welcomed some new children who have settled in well. Our theme is toys and we have been looking at old and new toys, car and wheels, dolls etc some of which we received for Christmas.

We would like to thank again Stuart Hall for raising money for the Pre-school doing the Eiger Bike Challenge. He presented us with the cheque at our Nativity. Please see his thoughts overleaf.

We are having a 70s/80's disco on 27<sup>th</sup> January and are planning a barn dance with live band for later in the year. This will be on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>, more details will follow soon.

As the village hall telephone is still out of order we have a new number where we can be contacted during the mornings. This is 0796 2902248.

If anyone would like more information about the pre-school, would like to come for a visit or put their child's name down please call Tanya Stevens on 0796 2902248 (am) or 01494 563053 (pm and eve).

*Debbie Marchant: 565046*

## **Eiger Bike Challenge 2005**

It is 05:30 on the morning of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2005, the alarm has just gone off and after a less than perfect nights' sleep I am wondering what on earth made me consider doing the Eiger Bike challenge. I am only doing the "short" route, 55km or just over 34 miles but the worry is the 2,500 metres or 8,202 feet of vertical difference. Back in September 2004 my son William had started at Naphill Pre School and after attending the first committee meeting I felt compelled to help raise some money and the thought of competing in the Eiger Bike Challenge as a way of doing it came into my mind. Now faced with actually having to complete the course I was nervous and concerned that I had not been able to do enough training beforehand.

The course is set around the beautiful alpine village of Grindelwald which is surrounded by mountains; the Eiger and the Wetterhorn dominate the village. The lowest point on the route is the start at 943 metres (3,093 feet) and the highest is at First just under 2,200 metres (7,200 feet). Unfortunately, while the Chiltern Hills are steep they are not quite on the scale of the Alps and I had only managed to train for an average of 3 hours a week leading up to the event. My start was at 08:15 so in overcast conditions I joined over 780 people in my group. After 5 hours and 6 minutes I finished in the rain, pretty tired but grateful that I had not let myself or anyone else down by not making it. My pulse meter told me that I had burnt off 3,625 Kcals with an average heart rate of 156 beats per minute, no wonder I felt tired. I would like to thank all those who sponsored me, I didn't let too many people know what I was doing because I was concerned I would not finish the event but after collecting the sponsor money we raised £750 for pre school and £750 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. The question now is am I going to do it again? Well William is now at Naphill and Walters Ash school and WANSAs are always looking to raise money.....

*Stuart Hall*

## **Naphill and Walters Ash School**

Happy New Year to everyone reading this publication!

New year started off in school very well with most children seeming to have enjoyed the over indulgence of the festive period. This term in school we have



*The Eiger Bike Challenge*



*Presentation of the Cheque*

decided to try and do something a bit different for the children in terms of their curricular experience. This comes partly from the views of parents and definitely from the views of the children and teaching staff. We are embarking on a new thematic approach of teaching the subjects of the National Curriculum whilst maintaining the National Literacy and Numeracy Strategies. This 'Creative Learning Curriculum', as it is known, is essentially the result of case study experiences and research undertaken by the National College of School Leaders and is an attempt to not only raise children's level of achievement but also their enjoyment of school whilst in their formative years. For our school we also have unique challenges as we have a large proportion of service families who may not have joined the school at Reception.

In essence Maths and English will remain unchanged though the rest of the taught subjects will follow a series of 'themes'. Each term a History, Geography or Science-based theme will be followed and a curriculum overview sent home to share with children and their parents. Each term all children will go on some form of educational visit and host a visitor in to the class to

enrich their experience in the classroom. At the end of each term some form of sharing type experience will take place involving parents. For instance this term we will be creating a 'gallery' of children's work to coincide with parents' consultation meetings in March. At different times in the year we may also be having themed weeks such as a 'Multi-Cultural Week' or a 'Book Week'. This is being done on a trial basis for the next two terms and we hope that the children will enjoy the experience so that it can continue next year.

The global aim of the project is two fold; to create a unique learning experience for children at Naphill and Walters Ash School and to make the taught curriculum more interesting and less segmented. We also hope parents notice and enjoy the changes too!

We have set aside a provisional date of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February as the day when the newly constructed library is officially opened. I have approached Mrs Hilary Conboy, my predecessor, who will be coming to perform an opening ceremony with some children.

*Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher*

## Health and Wealth Warning!

Through lack of support and higher costs village shops are closing - over 2000 last year - including this area of Bucks. Lacey Green, Walters Ash, Naphill, Hughenden, Terriers, Holmer Green as well as other local areas have seen stores close down, sell out or struggle to survive in recent years. Why support a faceless multiple? Support your **LOCAL INDEPENDANT** shop instead!

Why pay considerably more from a multiple/group "convenience store"? Yes, even Tesco Express and Co-Op prices are higher than the Country Store e.g. milk up to 25p more, bread up to 20p more, coffee up to 70p, choc. bars and mints, crisps up to 10p, beers up to 25p per can more and you don't have to buy 4 or more. Supermarkets are 10 a penny (and NOT cheaper on many lines).

### THE COUNTRY STORE IS UNIQUE

- Personal, friendly service with a laugh and a joke if you like
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- Widest range of products and services in the area
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- We support our local community
- Free weekly delivery service
- Laundry and dry cleaning agents

The newly re-opened supermarket might be "attractive" by dazzling you with size, newness and excessive bright lights, but are you happy to be charged up to 20% more? However we are not a public car park for the Co-Op or others. Ours is a private forecourt for the convenience of our customers.

The shop at 247 Main Road has been here for 50 years (built in 1956). Pam and Paul rescued it from closure over 22 years ago and have spent much money to improve the shop and many hours each day to provide a service. It is disappointing that many residents do not support local businesses. There are many who have not been in The Country Store in 12 years and have no idea what is offered - WHERE ARE YOU? Pay a visit and find out. Those who have expressed surprised delight. We have had criticism/excuses about the hours we open/close. Our answer - we have opened until 8pm and had bored staff paid more than the takings, and opened on Bank Holidays with little trade. We work somewhere in the region of 120 hours each per week!

We cannot survive without regular support, not with the odd £ or pint of milk/loaf of bread or one onion!

In just over 3 years our rent has increased by 42%, rates by over 20%, rises in government taxes on electric, waste collection, insurance, employment. These cannot be absorbed without a rise in turnover. Do you really want less choice and higher prices?

To those who regularly support us by shopping at The Country Store, including those who TRAVEL here to do so - THANK YOU. Please encourage your friends and neighbours too.

*Pam and Paul Oram*

## Back in Time

A taster of articles to come.....

### Issue 4 - June 1937

The oldest copy in our archives (if anyone has 1, 2 or 3 please let me know I would love a copy). This edition is 12 pages, some of which are handwritten. It cost 2d and had a distribution of 177. It contained news of local weddings and engagements (something we should re-introduce?) and most of the articles are anonymous. Who was the Editor? He or she lived at the School House and they were excited at the prospect of a new typewriter.

The Coronation celebrations were reviewed (more of that later) and the lack of a Coronation Queen in Naphill bemoaned.

Sports wise the tennis club were active and were planning a midnight ramble. Both Naphill Minors and the Darts Club had won cups this season.

Would love to hear from anyone who was at the celebrations, won those cups or who went on the midnight ramble?.

*Judy Whitehouse*

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## Editorial

I had several very useful suggestions regarding my long waiting list for advertisements so thank you to those people who wrote or emailed. In the end the problem partially resolved itself exactly as you suggested as some of the full or half page advertisers did not wish to renew so I have been able to break these slots down and offer them to more people from the waiting list. The list is now down to about 15 and I am still considering the option of running more pages if the demand is there.

This month is the first of the new advertising year so I

hope you will take time to familiarise yourself with the new adverts and refresh your memory on the existing ones. We are grateful to all those who advertise with us for their support.

Finally just to let you know that I am having a few problems with the Gazette email address. The mails are received fine but when I reply many are rejected back to me. I have therefore taken to emailing people from my personal email address which is under a different name. Apologies to anyone whom I have confused by this and please accept that I have a long standing identity crisis!

*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

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

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Tel 01494 562591/3 Mr & Mrs Zachary.

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.

## Gazette Finances

The annual report on Gazette finances will appear in the April edition and the Red Collection Boxes will be issued at the same time. In the meantime rest assured that the financial health of the Gazette is in fine fettle and start saving the £1.50 required for your reduced subscription.

*David Leith*

## District & County Councillor's Report

The fear of crime and its consequences has been for a long time of considerable concern to residents. The new police proposals to work more closely with

communities is to be welcomed and already the efforts of our own community beat officer are having good effect on the local situations in the area. Anti-social behaviour, (ASB) in all its objectionable forms from graffiti and litter to vandalism is now a major part of community legislation and hopefully the use of ASB Orders will help to reduce this public nuisance. The County Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee for community and the environment, which I chair, has set up a task group to investigate both causes and possible cures of this blight on community life. Members of the public can contribute their views about this subject either to me at [rpushman@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:rpushman@buckscc.gov.uk) or to the County Council website.

There has never been a better opportunity for the enjoyment of our beautiful local countryside during this coming springtime. The programme of organised walks of varying lengths and physical demands is readily available from the website of the Chiltern Society, The Chilterns AONB, the County Council and District Council information sheets. This area of the Chilterns must be one of the best organised for healthy recreational walking in the country. Every weekend, and on most days in the summer, there are organised walks of varying distances that introduce participants not only to healthy exercise but some beautiful views of our countryside and places of notable interest.

In a recent limited local survey carried out within Naphill and Walters Ash, protecting the environment, care for the elderly, schools and education and keeping the council tax low were the major areas of concern. On Council Tax the County Council recommendation to be put before full council at the end of February will be for a 4.9% increase. Unfortunately to achieve this will lead to some cuts in services.

Roadside footpaths and road surfaces are part of the county's maintenance programme and I have been pressing for Naphill & Walters Ash to come within this review. Unfortunately at this time of cuts, further delays in achieving this are to be expected. The speed limit review is now finished for this area and orders have been published to change some of the signing in Hughenden Valley, North Dean and Main Road, Naphill and Walters Ash. The main changes affecting readers will be; the extension of the 30 m.p.h. limit to the name plate in Coombe Hill Lane, currently at 40 mph. A new 30 m.p.h. limit throughout the length of Hughenden Valley, which is currently 40. Signs should be in place by Easter or before.

I am grateful to the Residents Association for alerting readers to the fact that they must let me know in writing of their concerns regarding planning applications that might affect them. A copy of their letter to the planning office would suffice and be preferable.

*Richard Pushman*

## Hughenden Parish Council Notes

Every now and again, the Council ask me to send information about something important that is happening within the Parish. This time, in response to questions that have been put to the Council over the last few months, I have been asked to base my article on how the Parish Council, and its Committees, works.

Hughenden Parish Council is made up of fifteen Councillors and is divided into four 'wards'. Great Kingshill ward includes the part of Kingshill that is in Wycombe District as well as Cryers Hill and has three representatives, Rick Gould (Chairman), David Davies and David Jarman. The other three wards each have four representatives: Naphill, including Walters Ash – Ian Bond, Peggy Ewart, John Harris and Matt Piercy; Hughenden Valley, including Bryants Bottom and North Dean – Chris Morley (Vice Chairman), Jenny McGee, Linda O'Malley and John Rogers; and Widmer End, which includes Four Ashes – Annie Andrew, Trevor Dean, Ian Guy and Hugh McCarthy. At the first meeting after an election and each annual meeting thereafter until another election, the Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected. The other main business at the annual meeting is to elect membership of the Committees, of which Hughenden Parish has three.

The Finance & Administration Committee is made up of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and two members from each of the four wards. This Committee oversees all expenditure of the Council, setting the budget and informing the District Council of the amount required, or 'precept', as it is known. All expenditure for the year is estimated, taking into account the standing commitments such as costs of maintaining the land owned by the Parish Council, salaries, annual grants, utility accounts and general expenses. Any known income, such as allotment rents and burial ground fees, are deducted and the remainder becomes the precept required for the year. As the Parish Council precept is not 'capped', they can actually ask for any amount of money, but the Council are always answerable to the electorate and must be able to justify any significant increase in their requirements.

The Services Committee is made up in the same way as the Finance & Administration Committee and deals with the Parish's land assets. The Council owns eight allotment gardens; three sports grounds, mainly used for playing football with the emphasis being on encouraging the youth; and three environmental areas, Cockshoot Wood at Widmer End, Vincents Meadow and Pond at Naphill and an area at Hughenden Valley, between the Village Hall and the allotments off Whitfield Road. The Parish has several ponds, much frequented by wildlife and a field currently used as grazing land. The Parish Council also own and run the

### 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](mailto:naphill@lycos.co.uk)

*Village Hall* bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail [mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)

Garden of Rest at Cryers Hill. This is open to all residents of the Parish and has been extended in recent years to allow enough room for many years to come. The Finance & Administration Committee and Services Committee meet four or five times a year.

The third, and perhaps the most time-consuming, is the Planning Committee, which meets every three weeks throughout the year and is made up of one member from each ward with a standing deputy for each member. Although the District Council is the Planning Authority and therefore make the decisions on each application, the Parish Council acts as a consultee and make their views known on any planning application within the Parish boundaries. Planning applications are received on a weekly basis from Wycombe District Council. Information is noted and then the whole application is sent out to the ward member or their deputy for consideration. At the meeting, the Chairman will allow members of the public to speak, as long as they are not the applicant or the applicant's representative. Neighbours and other interested parties can come to the meeting and raise issues and concerns. The Committee then consider all the information they have been given and reach a conclusion, based on planning policies and guidance notes; the previous planning history of the site; the effect on any neighbours or local amenities and any other circumstances which the Parish Council believe should be taken into consideration for a decision to be made.

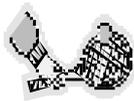
Written comments are then submitted by the Clerk to Wycombe District Council. These days, most of this is done by computer, which makes it almost instant.

Along with the full Council meetings, which are on the second Tuesday of each month apart from August, the Councillors meet on at least 38 occasions during the year. There are also many other groups and working parties who meet from time to time so, as you can see, being a Parish Councillor can seriously eat into your 'free' time!

I hope you have found something of interest in the above, but if you have any other queries, please contact me, the Parish Clerk, Mrs Lynne Turner on 01494-715296, or by e-mail on [hughendenpc@btconnect.com](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com).

*Lynne Turner*

## Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



Our change of club session time on Sundays to 1pm, instead of 10am, continues to be well-supported, particularly when considering the rather low temperatures prevailing throughout most of January. Surprisingly, the main obstacle has been the low angle of the sun shining into players' eyes rather than snow, frost or ice underfoot! However, as I look out of the window, it is a case of 'rain stopping play' today! In spite of the weather, our committee is working hard in order to make our next tennis year, which begins on 1<sup>st</sup> April (when subs are officially due – reduction for payment before this date), a successful one. Our hardworking ex-Chairman – Helen Leek – has suggested we publish the following 'tempters' to encourage new members to join us:

- 12 sessions for very young beginners with Lisa Bennett on Saturday mornings.
- 12 Junior coaching sessions booked with Tennis Coach Simon Langley on Friday evenings.
- 3 Rusty Racquet sessions booked with a coach.
- 3 Intermediate sessions also booked with a coach.

The cost of all these is included in membership fees and there are no 'hidden extras'! Our club is on your 'doorstep' with our 'Rusty Racquet' sessions also being open to prospective new members to come along and have a go. Details on all of the above, plus other events, will be sent to current members in the next few weeks, with extra copies for new members obtainable from our Membership Secretary – Sue Crooks - tel: 01494 562539 – e-mail: [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com). – or from

the Clubhouse at the regular club sessions on Sundays and Tuesdays.

We continue to play matches against other clubs in various leagues throughout the year and I am glad to report that our winter Ladies Vets team is enjoying a successful season to date, having won 3 matches and lost 1, which currently places them in second in their league, with 2 matches to play. We are actively seeking ladies to strengthen our Bucks Shield team which plays at Division 3 level in the summer season and would very much like to hear from anyone interested in playing at this level. Current team players Sue Crooks (details above) or Carol Armitage (tel: 01494 712304 – e-mail: [carolrod@armitage2240.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:carolrod@armitage2240.fsnet.co.uk)) will be delighted to receive any and all enquiries!

*Ingrid Tomlins – Com. Member – 01494 446063 – e-mail: [RGTomlins@aol.com](mailto:RGTomlins@aol.com)*



## High Wycombe Magistrates Court

It's Open House at the Magistrates Court in High Wycombe on Saturday 22nd April. We will be open to the public from 10 till 4. If you have never been inside a courtroom or even down to the cells then this is your chance! Demonstration Courts will be in action all day and YOU can join Magistrates on the bench and sentence some of the defendants!

Refreshments will be available all day so come and see how justice is done and join in the fun, there are many other exhibits to see while you are there. There is full disabled access and all ages are welcome!

## Naphill Evening WI

March is here already - how the time flies! At the January meeting we hope you enjoyed the talk by Len Rickard on 'Preserving a Railway' and are tempted to have a ride on his train at Chinnor. Our album has been submitted for the '90 mile walk' competition; there were eight entries. Keep up the good work ladies

– keep walking! The friends' Race Night Evening with supper was a complete success. A lot of work was involved but it was well worth it. It was a fun event with everyone participating.

We have been requested to send photographs, details, materials etc. and any other information about our banners and tablecloth for the WI archives. The work is almost completed and it is a pleasure to send it from Naphill Evening WI. So much beautiful work deserves recognition.

March 21<sup>st</sup>, the first day of spring, so what better way to spend it than a visit to the London theatre to see Mary Poppins, leaving the village hall at 5.00pm. We also have our Group meeting at 7.45pm on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, hosted by Downley Evening WI. Tom Freemantle is speaking to us about 'Cycling from England to Australia'. The competition is an Australian Souvenir. As this has been written prior to our February meeting we will report on that in the April Gazette. A Novice Volunteer in India, told by Doreen Burge, is the talk at our next meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm and the competition is anything Indian. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

P.S. I would like to say thank you to all the members and friends who showed their concern about our accident. Happily we were both unhurt and live to tell the tale. *Jessie.*

## *Buckinghamshire County Museum*

**Wednesday lunchtime talks 12.30-13.00**

**1 March** - Potty about archaeology – how to identify archaeological pottery

**8 March** - Bucks finest talk

For further details of museum events and exhibitions visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum).

**Buckinghamshire County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP, 01296 331 441**

## **Naphill Neighbours**

At our February meeting Tony Eaton brought us up to date on the mystery of the disappearance of Glenn Miller. Gradually, over the years, more information has come to light on what happened to this famous American band leader, It was a fascinating insight into the intrigues of wartime Britain.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 13th March at 8pm when Mrs S Newell will talk on **EMBROIDERY AND LACE EXTRORDINAIRE**. Everyone is most welcome.

Those of you who have watched "Animal Park" on the BBC will be interested to know that we have planned a visit to **LONGLEAT HOUSE & PARK** on Thursday, 6th April, leaving Naphill at 9am. Tickets are £18.50 for members and £20 for guests and this includes a tour of the House and Safari Park and the coach. If you would like to join us please phone Sheila Rolfe on 562888.

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

## **Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club**

The guessing game played at our first meeting of the New Year was so absorbing we almost didn't have time to make the tea! It was a lot of fun thanks to Mary Davis who devised the game and to Daisy Fry who helped with the preparation of the 'props'.

In his interesting and enlightening talk on 20th January, Mr. Peter Smith gave us an insight into the extraordinary abilities of honey bees and drew attention to the many uses to which the products of the hive can be put including food (honey), medical applications, wax for candles, beeswax for furniture polish, etc. Mr. Smith illustrated the various stages of the bees' life cycle and outlined the functions of workers, drones and the queen, each with their own part to play in the life of the hive.

For her talk on History of the Music Hall on 3rd February, Mrs. Annie Woodward was elegantly dressed as a Victorian lady, decorously covering her ankles in accordance with the morality of the period. Mrs. Woodward, who is a member of The British Music Hall Society, traced the history of the music hall from its early beginnings as free entertainment in taverns and interspersed her talk with recordings of old music hall songs, including authentic performances from some of the original stars. Very nostalgic and entertaining.

The March programme is:

3rd March: Entertainment by singer Sally Edwards.

17th March: Talk "My Career in Retailing" by Betty Hardy.

31st March: Mr. Richard Pushman.

Please note: As 14th April is Good Friday, there will be no meeting on this date.

*Doris Lording : 569424*

## The March Sky in Naphill & Walters Ash 2006

The Moon is new on 29 and full on 14 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 M45 can be seen 45° above the eastern sky in the evening. The equinox occurs when the Sun crosses the equator and when 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 26; 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 a late 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. On 1 March the Moon is 3° south of Mercury; on 6 the Moon is 3° north of Mars; on 10 the Moon is 4° north of Saturn; on 19 the Moon is 5° south of Jupiter; On 26 the Moon is 5° south of Venus; on 27 the Moon is 2° south of Mercury; on 29 there is a partial solar eclipse in the morning with the maximum coverage at 10.30. The eclipse is total over West and North Africa, then Turkey and eastern Russia.

### First Landing on Asteroid

The Japanese spacecraft Hayabusa (falcon) has cast its shadow on the asteroid 25143 Itokawa while hovering just 32 meters (105 feet) above the surface on November 20, 2005. The asteroid is some 180 million miles from Earth and telemetry indicates that the craft landed on Itokawa and remained there for more than 30 minutes. It is not clear whether it was successful in collecting a sample from the asteroid as planned. The mission's timetable calls for the spacecraft to begin its return trip to Earth about December 12th, and if all goes well its sample-bearing re-entry capsule will be captured above the Australian Outback in June 2007. (*Courtesy Japan Aerospace and Exploration Agency*)

## Black Holes

This subject has caught the imagination of the popular press without explaining what black holes are and how they formed. Basically a black hole is a compact region of space that contains a vast quantity of matter and whose gravitational field is so powerful that no material object, light or signal can escape from it. As light itself is unable to escape, the object will appear to be black. As an example of how dense they are, the radius of a black hole with a mass the same as the Sun, would be only 3 km.

Nature makes black holes by supernova explosion of stars (the remains of a star after it explodes) and secondly in the nuclei of galaxies. It was only quite recently that astronomers discovered a black hole in the centre of the Andromeda galaxy and even more recently a black hole was discovered in the centre of the Milky Way galaxy in the direction of Sagittarius. The black hole in Andromeda is massive containing the equivalent of 140 million Suns. Astronomers suspect that our galaxy's globular clusters have black holes in their centres. Small black holes were also thought to have been created soon after the time of the Big Bang but most of these have probably radiated all their mass since then. Black holes are often detected when a binary star system is found only to have one element of the system visible. For example, vast quantities of gas can sometimes be seen to be moving from one star into an invisible body as a result of powerful gravitational forces – becoming part of the black hole.

	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
<b>Mar 1</b>						
Rises	06.48	07.30	04.42	09.26	23.54	14.07
Sets	17.43	20.03	13.57	01.57	09.12	05.51
<b>Mar 8</b>						
Rises	06.33	10.34	04.36	09.10	23.26	13.38
Sets	17.56	04.07	13.54	01.49	08.44	05.23
<b>Mar 15</b>						
Rises	06.17	18.53	04.30	08.55	22.58	13.08
Sets	18.08	06.32	13.56	01.42	08.16	04.55
<b>Mar 22</b>						
Rises	06.01	02.26	04.23	08.42	22.28	12.4
Sets	18.20	08.51	14.01	01.34	07.48	04.27
<b>Mar 29</b>						
Rises	06.45	06.47	05.16	09.29	22.58	13.11
Sets	19.32	19.57	15.10	02.26	08.20	04.59

## Warmest Year

NASA researchers have named 2005 as the warmest year in over a century. Previously, the warmest year was 1998 and this was with the help of a strong El Nino, a warm current in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The five warmest years were 2005, then 1998, 2002, 2003 and 2004. So is the Earth warming up; is global warming real? Global warming since the middle 1970s is now about 0.6 degrees Celsius (C) or about 1 degree Fahrenheit (F). Total warming in the past century is about 0.8° C or about 1.4°

F. The effect can most be detected in the Arctic where ice on Greenland has been melting. Are we becoming too near to significant rises in sea levels? The answer is 'not yet' but it could be dangerous if we continue to have warmer years. Sea levels only rise when ice on top of land melts; ice already floating in the sea will cause no difference in sea levels when it melts. The dangers are of low lying lands starting to flood and the Gulf Stream ceasing to work. This second hazard will ironically cause our climate to become similar to that of Labrador which is at the same latitude as the UK; very cold winters with long periods of ice and snow. So we must beware.

*Grant Woodruff*

## **Michael Wharton**

Readers of The Daily Telegraph will have read the obituary of Michael Wharton published on 24 January. Unfortunately the Gazette was with the printers when Michael died on 23 January and it was too late to include a mention of this sad event. May I then, belatedly, as a neighbour and friend conjure up a few words in recognition of the passing of one of the absolute masters of the English language in the satirical mode.

Michael was, of course, Peter Simple of the Daily Telegraph and for some fifty years had produced the 'End Column' populated with a rich variety of lunatic yet almost recognisable characters. He was a fabulist of the highest order, blessed with the unique ability to dress the lunacies of his characters in appropriate fabulous language.

There were so many incredible characters in his lexicon that it would be easy to fill the Gazette with their bizarre activities recorded with the utmost humour and wit. Let me mention just a few. First J Bonington Jagworth the intrepid, brainless motorist, always able to produce a mass of inverted logic about motoring affairs. Then there was Lt. General Sir Frederick (Tiger) Nidgett, the head of the Royal Army Tailoring Corps, who had a simple but ferocious answer to every national problem based on discipline with a capital 'D'. Lastly, Sir Alwyn Goth-Jones the 'genial unpopular' chief constable of Stretchford (Michael's favourite imaginary town) with his deliciously crazy modes of police activities.

Michael's last article was in the Telegraph on 20 January and, for the record, included mention of Goth-Jones and a lovely little piece about creative deafness. My own favourite memory will be concerning Field Marshall Montgomery carrying out an inspection of Hell in which he said that the Devil, for all his faults, kept his chaps nice and warm. Lovely! Strangely perhaps, it has to be said that Michael as a private person was the very antithesis of the characters he

painted. He was a very quiet and thoughtful person who enjoyed a drink and a chat.

Finally we extend our condolences to Michael's widow Susan, without whose very positive support he could not in his advancing years, have continued to produce his weekly gems right up to his very last week. This gave us the opportunity of enjoying the work of this master of the three Es, erudition, eloquence and entertainment, right up to the ripe old age of 92.

*David Leith*

## **Matthew Brown 7th October 1930 - 27th January 2006**

Lily and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their kindness at this difficult time. For their generosity of flowers/donations, their cards and letters of condolence. Over £300 was sent to Helen House Hospice for Children, Oxford.

## **Readers Letters**

### **Crime in the Village**

Since the weekend that saw in the New Year we have had two cars broken into and significant other damage caused to property in Willow Court (just along from the Black Lion). We are pretty sure that the thefts have been carried out by young men in a car - no description. They appear to have targeted vehicles with Satellite Navigation Systems on display. One car had its sat nav stolen and the other lost an MP3 player and an iPod. Both thefts took place during the early evening - one at about 8.30, the other at about 7.30.

This is the first time in over ten years that there has been a problem in or near Willow Court and I am keen that if anyone might be able to shed some light on who the culprits are, or has seen anyone either on foot or in a car that has appeared to be out of place, that they let me know. I will ensure that the information gets to the police and that they do something about it.

If you want to share information but do not want your details passed onto the police I will be happy to act as a conduit.

*Glenn Gavin 07801 852319*

### **Christmas Mail Incorrectly Addressed**

In the Christmas mail we received a card, the detail are as follows:

Envelope detail (Darlington Mail Centre postmark):

*Mr G L J G Wood*

*Walters Ash,  
Buckinghamshire  
HP14 0UW*

Inside the card the details were:

*To Gary*

*With love from Lou, Gary and Alex*

*and a message about its been a long time etc  
and we should visit.*

Is there Mr G L J G Wood in the village? The post code does not come up as valid on Multi-Map.

We get a fair bit of mail and it was delivered to us. If you or your readers know of any person with these initials, then we could let you have the card.

It means nothing to us.

Our contact details are:

Office 01494 497953 Home 01494 564370

Mobile 07711 523815

*John and Susan Wood.*

## The Country Store

I rather suspect that the snide letter from The Country Store will have exactly the opposite effect to the one hoped for. It certainly does nothing to encourage me to shop there. It would appear that the blame for their poor business is to be laid at the door of the good citizens of Naphill and Walter's Ash and the excellent new Co-Op.

I have been self-employed for over 30 years and very quickly found out that the way to beat competition was not to moan about it but to provide a better quality of goods and service.

*Tony Foster*

## Dog Fouling

Over the last few weeks I have noticed a disappointing increase in dog fouling on the pavement areas leading up to the school, in particular at the Walters Ash end of the village. As most of the pupils walk to school, it really is wrong that they should have to be subjected to this unpleasantness and we do not need the mess in the school. I know that the majority of owners are careful to clean up after their pets. For the rest, shame on you, if you know your dog is responsible, **Clean it Up.**

*Bob Foggo, Chair of Governors*

## Chilterns Gallery

I am a photographer living in Naphill and have recently published a web site which includes a 'Chilterns' gallery.

Many of the locations for my pictures will be familiar to Gazette readers – but I hope that the pictures themselves offer a new viewpoint. For the past 4 years, The Wren Davis calendar has featured my landscape photographs.

You can view the 'Chilterns' Gallery at:

[http://www.richardholroydphotography.com/gallery\\_8310.html](http://www.richardholroydphotography.com/gallery_8310.html)

and the whole web site at

[www.richardholroydphotography.com](http://www.richardholroydphotography.com)

*Richard Holroyd, 179 Main Road*

## Marie Curie Cancer Care

The annual 'Daffodil Day' in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care is on Saturday 11th March. High Wycombe always raises the most money of any town in Buckinghamshire but many of the collectors have now retired and we desperately need more help. If you can spare an hour and a half please contact me on 563234. Thank you.

*Sue Nash*

## Walk the Famous London Bridges and Help Promote Kidney Awareness and Organ Donation.



### London Bridges Walk – 25<sup>th</sup> June 2006

Help raise kidney awareness and organ donation by walking eight of the London Bridges on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

The Bridges Walk starts and finishes at the Tate Gallery on the south side of Tower Bridge and walkers will snake across the eight bridges, including Tower Bridge, London Bridge, Southwark Bridge, Millennium Bridge and Blackfriars Bridge.

Registration fee is £7.50 per walker, there is no minimum sponsorship but walkers are encouraged to raise as much sponsorship as they can. Proceeds will be used to further

the work of Kidney Research UK and help improve the lives of people living with kidney disease.

Kidney Research UK is the leading national charity funding research to save lives from kidney disease. This cutting edge research has always focused on the prevention, treatment and management of kidney disease. The charity also dedicates its work to patient care and educational initiatives. Currently in the UK 2.5 million people are suffering Chronic Kidney Disease – this figure is set to rise to 12.5 million people over the next 10 years so we need to act now!!!

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The walk is a wonderful opportunity to view the many historical sites along the Thames and the route offers great views of the London. It is open to anyone who wants to help make a difference in the kidney community. For more information or to take part in the

## COFFEE MORNING

*Saturday 25th March*

*At Naphill Methodist Church*

*Chapel Lane*

*10.00am to 12 noon*

**BRING AND BUY AND RAFFLE**

*Proceeds towards piped water for the orphans home, and books and buildings for the primary school at EBENEZER CHILDREN'S CENTRE in West Uganda*

London Bridges Walk please call Kidney Research UK on 08456 121226 or visit [www.kidneyresearchuk.org](http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org).

### The Father's House

Most of us are all too well aware of the plight of millions of people devastated by earthquake, tsunami, hurricanes, famine, wars and the like. The poor and disadvantaged are always the people who seem to get hit the worst because they have no or very little means by which they can help themselves. Like many of us

I'm sure, I have wept when seeing images of the men, women and children suffering on our TV screens.

When confronted with cries for help most of us willingly put our hands in our pockets and send money to help provide aid for those in need. Often however we can forget the ongoing needs that people have way beyond the actual events that first made the cry for help necessary.

It is told of Jesus that when he saw the crowds who were harassed and helpless he had compassion on them and wherever he went you saw him helping and meeting the needs of those who came to him.

As a small church in the village we have often been overwhelmed with the thoughts of how we might best follow in Jesus' footsteps to help meet the needs of those in need in the developing world for there is only so much so few can do. However we know that even a tiny drop in the ocean can and does send out ripples beyond the place where it falls so we are compelled to help in whatever way we can. However, we would like to ask you to come and help us whether you are a Christian or not.

This isn't a recruitment drive to get people to join our fellowship though it would be great to see you if you did wish to join us. This is an appeal to get you to come into our church and to part with some of your hard earned money in an enjoyable and pleasant way so you and us can join together in helping those in need on an ongoing basis.

For a few years now we have been running “Chatterbox” on a monthly basis where individuals could come in and enjoy some complementary freshly made speciality coffee/teas or other drinks in an informal relaxed environment alone or with friends.

We would like to continue providing this service but no longer on the free/complementary basis as has been the case in the past. As from the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 we will re-open as “Chatterbox Charity Café” from 11am – 2pm and from then on every **First Friday** of each month at these times except August when we will probably not open because of the holidays

In addition to our speciality coffees and teas all of which will be **Fairtrade products**, we will serve homemade cakes, fresh sandwiches, and snacks etc for which we make a charge.

All we ask of you is that you'll come into the warm and relaxed environment we hope to provide and having paid for it enjoy produce that will be on offer.

Are charges will we believe be very reasonable and **ALL** the profit we make will go towards helping those in need in the developing world whether they are Christian or non Christian.

Jesus had compassion on the crowds we would like to do the same in an ongoing manner. Please come and help

make a few more drops or even splashes in what is a very large ocean.

We look forward to meeting you at the “**Chatterbox Charity Café**” if not on the re-opening day some time over the coming year.

May you know God’s peace and blessing.

*Bob Semple (Pastor: The Father’s House)*



## Naphill Village Hall And Playing Fields Council

Our February meeting was well attended and we were joined by new representatives for both the Mother and Toddler Group and Preschool. They appeared to enjoy the meeting – let’s see if they come back next month!

We have received a grant towards the purchase of new chairs for the hall. Don Turner is researching the best options for both value and comfort. Whilst recognising that upholstered chairs could give us a bit more “padding” when we are sat in the Hall for a long time, it is felt that they could soon become spoilt and stained. If anyone has found a venue with chairs that are easy to maintain, stackable and comfortable then please do let us know the details.

Andrew Wilmot is updating the Village Website. He needs all the organisations to let him have the latest information about their meetings, officers and contact details. If you have any other information that you feel would be relevant to add to the website then do contact Andrew.

The new coat racks and hangars are in place in the cloakroom. There are shelves on the top for hats, or bags. They look much tidier than the hotch potch of hangers that we had before. The organisations have managed to rearrange the contents of the cupboards in the kitchen and at present it seems that we do not have need of extra cupboard space in the cloakroom. We will see how it goes.

We continue to have problems with people dumping their rubbish in the Hall’s wheelie bin. This is only able to cope with the rubbish generated by the users of the Hall and is **NOT A GENERAL VILLAGE AMENITY**. We even had someone’s Christmas Tree dumped there until a public spirited soul removed it for us. We do not have the funds for a second bin. Please, if you are using the Hall and your rubbish does not fit in the wheelie bin then take it back home in a black sack. Thank you

The next fund raiser is the QUIZ NIGHT on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are selling well. Do come along. It is a good night out even if your grey cells aren’t the best.

The FETE is on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. Put it in your diary now and if you can give a hand then phone Ted Chapman. He would be pleased to hear from you.

## CHRISTIANS IN THE COMMUNITY

Invite you to a  
**FAMILY QUIZ**

On **SATURDAY 18th MARCH**

7pm at Hughenden Small Hall

Bring and share food  
Bring your own drinks

Tickets £2 (no charge for children)  
From Norma 563116

## Naphill Horticultural Society

A reminder that our AGM will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 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, and the meeting usually only lasts about an hour. Alternatively, if you have any suggestions or ideas, but cannot make the meeting, please feel free to ‘phone me and I will pass on your comments.

*Cathryn Carter - 563233*

## Allotment News

Spring is about to spring, and a young man’s fancy (and young woman’s) lightly turns to thoughts of.....allotments!

For the Naphill allotments (at Louches Lane) and the Walter’s Ash allotments (at the top of Clappins Lane) the situation is that all allotments are let with one person on the waiting list for each location. If you would like to add your name to the waiting lists please ring the parish council on 01494 715296.

There are nine allotment gardens in the parish and there are vacancies for some of them. The nearest ones are those of Hughenden Valley (off Coombe Lane) and in North Dean (turn left at the bottom of Clappins Lane). Happy gardening!

*Mike Mason*

## Naphill & Walter’s Ash Residents Association

### Planning

**06/05071/FUL.** 21 Ash Close, Walters Ash. Insertion of rear dormer window in connection with loft conversion.

**06/5086/FUL** 132 Templewood, Walters Ash. Construction of single storey side extension.

**06/5095/CONCG** Bldg 27. RAF High Wycombe, Main Rd., Walters Ash. Demolition of existing garages and construction of 2 new garages. This will allow more space for extra car parking which is now needed.

**06/5123/FUL** 232 Main Rd., Walters Ash. Erection of 3-bed barn style dwelling and detached double garage including revised access arrangements. This application was formerly withdrawn, revised and dismissed on appeal. Involves a shared drive for three properties. Objection: Loss of amenity for neighbouring properties and contrary to policies L1 and GB3.

**06/5131/FUL** Woodmans Cottage, Louches Lane, Naphill. Erection of single storey side and rear



**Guides & Brownies Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 4th March**

**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.*

extensions and alterations. It may not meet the required “angle of view” from Drumlin. A mature Hawthorn and Cherry are also down for removal.

**06/5135/FUL** Lark Rise, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Erection of 1x3 bed detached replacement dwelling with habitable rooms in roof space. Floor area increasing by over 100% in Green Belt. Mature fruit tree to be removed. Objection on over-development in AONB/GB.

**06/5169/FUL** Erection of 2m high front boundary wall and entrance gates. Concern: incomplete application – outline of house not shown in relation to proposal and North end boundary section not defined.

**06/5187/FUL** (Revised) Rosary Cottage, Louches Lane, Naphill. Erection of single storey rear extension and shed and greenhouse in GB.

**06/5246/FUL** Jessleton, Downley Rd., Naphill. Additional dormer window in rear elevation.

**Parking and Police matters.** (a) Community Police Officer Lee Turnham attended our meeting to tell us (a) that white Access Protection lines are to be extended either side of the access from Purrsells Meadow on to Main Road. Additional Access lines in the area of the Co-op are being considered. Police can deal with drivers who park on Access lines under the Law of Obstruction. (b) **Safe Shop Scheme.** Local shops

and other businesses in Naphill and Walters Ash have signed up to a scheme put together by Thames Valley Police and The RAF Police whereby local shops will immediately inform the police and other shops in the vicinity of any suspicious or anti-social behaviour, or criminal activities that come to their notice directly or through information relayed to them by the public eg sale of age-controlled products to juveniles. All reports will be recorded on forms which will be collated by TVP and the RAF police for information and evidence during any investigation. It is hoped this will cut the number of offences that occur, and prevent those causing problems preying on our community.

**Residents Association AGM** 8pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Naphill Village Hall. Wine and nibbles. Anyone interested in joining the committee, which meets once a month, should contact the Hon. Chairman Dr Marek Pawlik or myself, the Hon. Secretary prior to the meeting.

**Next meeting:** 8pm Naphill Village Hall Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

*Gloria Leflaive 01494 56 3634*

## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group



**Naphill Baby & Toddler Group** are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a **friendly** environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while the children play with the numerous toys and make new friends.

This month we said a fond farewell to Suzanne Farwell, who has been our Chairperson for many years and is leaving us now that her youngest child, Lucian, has started 'big' school. We would like to thank Suzanne for all her enthusiasm and hard work with the group and wish her, Lucian, Sofia and Colin all the best for the future. Many thanks also to Zoe Hart, who has taken over as Chairperson so the group can continue to meet.

We are actively looking for new faces to come and join us because many of our old regulars have recently started Primary School and numbers are getting thin on the ground. We meet every Thursday during term-time at the Naphill Village Hall between 2-4 pm. Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

We have some great special events to look forward to this year including:

- ❖ 'Mum's Night Out' on 9<sup>th</sup> March at E.A.M.A.Y.L (Eat as much as you like Chinese restaurant) in High Wycombe.
- ❖ Easter Party on 30<sup>th</sup> March with special Easter activities and crafts for the children. The cost is £3 per child or £5 for two children, and free for babies under 12 months.
- ❖ Teddy Bear's Picnic (a date in August yet to be arranged), to give us all something to look forward to during the Summer Holidays!
- ❖ 'Pottery Painting' on 19<sup>th</sup> October for the children and/or mums during the regular toddlers session. The cost will be based just on the items painted.
- ❖ Also in October we will be holding our regular photography session where you can have beautiful family portraits taken by a professional photographer at very reasonable prices. Date to be notified. This session is open to everyone and time slots can be booked by calling Zoe on the number below once the date has been announced.
- ❖ Christmas Party on 14<sup>th</sup> December with a professional children's entertainer and special early visit by Father Christmas himself!

For further information about any of the above events, or about the group in general, please come along during session time, or call Zoe on 01494 444502 or Cheryl on 01494 565580.

*Cheryl Page: 565580*

## Naphill and Hughenden Scout Group

Let's start with some good news again. We are delighted to welcome back Julia Cothey, until recently Akela at Naphill cubs, as our Training Officer. Julia's role is to put together tailored training programmes for any adult who gets involved with our Scout Group and is a reflection of much greater flexibility in how training is now organised in Scouting. In fact much of it can now be conducted remotely, which makes getting involved so much easier. So if worries about losing weekends etc were holding you back from stepping forward, worry no more!

We are also keen to create a Recruiting Officer. This is an approach that has worked well elsewhere and requires someone with good connections to keep a constant ear to the ground for potential helpers and leaders and is a good substitute for periodic crises! If you know someone (or are that someone!) who could represent the group on the street, in the playgrounds or in the community generally, please get in touch. This is a great way for someone who can't make regular evenings to make their contribution.

On that subject after five years and having seen both my boys go through Beavers, Cubs and Scouts I shall be stepping down as Chairman in July. I have enjoyed my time with the Group thoroughly but feel it's appropriate for someone with children actually in Scouting to take on this role (very little training!!). If you are interested and would like a preliminary chat just give me or Trevor a call.

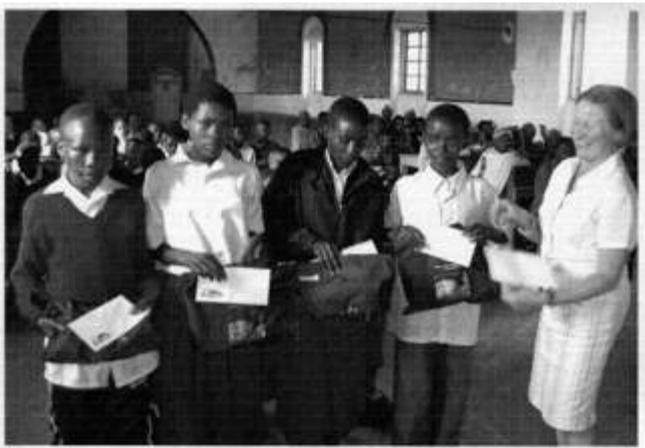
*Nick Corble (Chairman) 01494 481874*

*Trevor Nicholls (GSL) 01494 565322*

## School Bags for Children in Tanzania

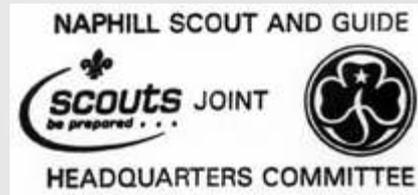
A big "Thank You" to all the pupils from last year's Class 6 at Naphill and Walters Ash School who donated their old school bags to an education initiative scheme in Tanzania. The scheme, based in the village of Ifunda, helps children from a very poor background, often orphans, with their education. Ifunda lies in a deprived area of Africa where resources are scarce and where any assistance, such as a school bag, can make a difference. As an example of how poor the area is, £70 provides an education for a primary school age child for a year, whilst at the same time compensating the family for the loss of a worker. The bags, together with those donated by other schools in the area, were delivered to Tanzania at Christmas. I have received a "thank you" letter from the scheme organisers asking that I let you know the bags were a huge success and were greatly appreciated by their new owners.

*Bob Foggo - Chair of Governors*



## Back in Time

Thanks to Hazel Vickery who has kindly sold me a copy of Rex Leaver's excellent history of Naphill and Walter's Ash. From this I have learned that "It all began when there came to the village school in the 1930s a headmaster by the name of H J Adlam. A man of many parts, he financed, wrote, printed and sold copies of this gay little paper round the village." More



## SCOUT & GUIDE HQ SPRING FAYRE 2006

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2.00 - 4.00pm 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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**

from Rex's book in another edition...

Memories from Barbara Clarke have sent me back in time to April 1974. The front page of the Gazette featured some incredible wildlife pen and ink drawings which I will attempt to reproduce when I have more space! The Village Hall Council, Residents' Association, Over Sixties Club, W.I., Naphill Neighbours, Naphill Tennis Club and Naphill Horticultural Society were all going strong. Circulation was 800 and a full page advert cost £2!

The Editor remarks "Because of the restrictions imposed during the recent fuel crisis, the Brownies were unable to have meetings in the Scout Hut. Mrs Clark overcame the problem by holding the meetings in her own home and many mothers would like to thank her. Does one thank Mr Clark too? Did he come home to a house busting with Brownie activities? Did he have to wait for his evening meal? Its all over now, but ones hopes he can still thank heaven for little girls."

Happy memories Barbara!

*Judy Whitehouse*

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## Editorial

At this time of year I am at my most excitable As an enthusiastic but mildly eccentric gardener with a particular love of perennials I can be found every morning and evening jumping for joy as yet another treasured plant emerges. If you should happen to walk past you may well get dragged by the arm to admire a nondescript green shoot and then have to listen to the story of how I drove all the way to Devon to buy it because it shares the name of a member of my family.

I am not nearly so experienced when it comes to growing vegetables but consider myself most fortunate in that my neighbour and I share the allotment next to

Mike Mason and are able to benefit directly from his extensive knowledge and experience. For those of you who are not as lucky, Mike has included a piece this month on growing asparagus. This continues a long standing tradition of including gardening tips in the Gazette and as fuel prices increase and we are all being encouraged to eat more healthily and take more exercise what better suggestion than growing your own fresh fruit and vegetables? Still on a 'green theme, I read in my Bucks CC Newsletter that they have an expert prepared to share composting tips to get you on your way. I'm sure we have our own composting experts in the villages and I would love to hear from them.

*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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## District & County Councillor's Report

It was in April 2004 that I had advised readers that a tree survey along the Valley Road had indicated several trees in urgent need of remedial surgery and in some cases the removal of the tree itself. After two years of consultation the work has now commenced and could well be completed by the time you read this. As I sit here typing these notes, I am awaiting the telephone to start ringing with anxious residents, hearing the buzz saws and concerned at the felling to be undertaken. I hope that the public meetings in Hughenden Village Hall last autumn will have allayed readers concerns. The hedge saplings on the side of the road by the hill approaching High Wycombe will be thinned to protect worthwhile specimens but I suspect the majority will be cleared. Trees, like any growing crop, need to be carefully maintained and managed, falling branches with the consequent risk of an accident is a risk the county council cannot take.

I have noticed several potholes on roads in and around our villages. Although I do report those I see I do urge all readers to phone "**Highways on Call**" at **0845 230 2882** or on the website [www.buckscc.gov.uk/hoc](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/hoc) if they see a significant hole in the road or footway.

The new shopping centre, Eden, is rapidly taking shape with the new bus terminal, fronting onto Bridge Street, due to be operational by the autumn. The rest of the buildings are on schedule and should be ready for the opening date in 2007/8. The park and ride project based on Cressex has been a success and has re-opened the general discussion about further sites in the District to alleviate the parking in the town. I think that such a service could benefit the 1500 new employees expected to service the new shopping area and others who work





## **FASHION SHOW AND SAMPLE SALE**

*for women, kids and teens  
in aid of **The Alzheimer's  
Society and Children in Touch**  
(a charity for children with  
autism)*

**At Lacey Green Millennium  
Hall**

**On Sunday 2 April 2006**

*Fashion Show at 4pm followed  
by sample sale from 5.15-8pm*

*Tickets are £5 for adults and £2  
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by ticket only.*

*Please call 01296 651002 or  
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*Sample sale prices for women are  
Outerwear - £12, bottoms - £8 and  
tops - £5. Childrens Outerwear - £10,  
bottoms - £6 and tops - £3*

## **Naphill Lawn Tennis Club**



Now the day are lengthening and the sun climbing higher in the sky, our Sunday morning club session time has reverted to 10 am. On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, however, this decision could have been regarded as slightly premature as at 10 am the courts were covered with a light sprinkling of snow. With a bit of energetic sweeping, fortunately, this soon melted and play resumed as usual, in spite of challengingly low temperatures! Hopefully, things will warm up in preparation for the forthcoming 'summer season' and our thoughts are turning to tackling the 32 match fixture list due to be played from the end of April to mid-

September. Our annual invitation is extended to all tennis players, living in the vicinity, who are interested in playing in our teams to contact us as soon as possible – we always have places to accommodate all abilities!

Whilst we do like to win and creep up the league tables, we do not take results too seriously and try to create a good team spirit and have fun rather than 'win at all costs'. Match play against other clubs definitely sharpens most peoples' games and gives players an insight into the more competitive aspects of the game.

Existing members should, by now, have received their annual 'Newsletter', which includes all information on plans for the new season as listed under 'Dates for your Diary'. With the above match programme in mind, they will note that their membership fee includes FREE Doubles Coaching sessions (dates on page 4). These have been planned for all members but should be of particular interest to those willing to play in matches. The 'Rusty Racquet' sessions are aimed at less experienced or lapsed tennis players living locally who might be contemplating taking up the sport again and, as such, are also open to non-members – again FREE! Let's be honest – where else can you find a better bargain than this! Come along and make the most of it.

Junior coaching is again included in the membership fee, offering 12 sessions with a coach on Friday evenings (commencing 21 April), whilst our younger beginners can enjoy Saturday sessions with Lisa Bennett (commencing 22 April). With Child Protection becoming a greater issue, however, we would also ask parents of Junior members to occasionally help at these sessions as it is of paramount importance to have an additional adult presence and it is unfair for our Junior Co-ordinator, Mikki Toone, to have to take on the whole voluntary burden. Properly organized, it would probably only mean giving up an hour or two on one evening to watch your child's progress!

Apart from the above, our Diary lists April social events, beginning on 2<sup>nd</sup> April. This is our 'spring cleaning' session - perhaps not strictly a 'social' event but the more members that turn up, makes it the merrier occasion as less work needs to be done by each person and there is more time to play (I'm running out of platitudes!). Other April dates are: Tea 'n Tennis at 2pm on 9 April (no morning club session); first evening club session – Thursday 13 April; and Club Dinner on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April (see list on clubhouse noticeboard).

Members should also check the clubhouse noticeboard around the latter part of April for details of Wimbledon ticket availability – ALL MEMBERS (fully paid up) are entitled to put their names on the list. A draw will be organized if demand exceeds supply.

Enquiries regarding membership are always welcome – contact Sue Crooks – 01494 562539 – e-mail: [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com).

*Ingrid Tomlins – Com. Member – 01494 446063  
e-mail: [RGTomlins@aol.com](mailto:RGTomlins@aol.com)*

## Naphill Men's Football Team

With only one game left to play in a 10 team league Naphill have so far won 8 lost 7 and drawn 2 games. To date only 2 teams have beaten us both home and away, one game by an own goal, so its been a good first season for Aaron Barlow's Naphill Men's Football Team.

As with the start of the season we will be working on the pitch to keep it in tip top condition, to this end should any of you have any sand or top soil that you don't want please let the team know and we will do our best to use it on the pitch and bonfire areas .

## *Buckinghamshire County Museum*

**Wednesday lunchtime talks 12.30-13.00**

**5 April - Bucks finest talk**

*A photographic record of the County*

**12 April - Bucks finest talk**

*Collecting clothing and textiles in the Museum*

For further details of museum events and exhibitions visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/museum).

**Buckinghamshire County Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP, 01296 331 441**



## High Wycombe Magistrates Court

It's Open House at the Magistrates Court in High Wycombe on Saturday 22nd April. We will be open to the public from 10 till 4. If you have never been inside a courtroom or even down to the cells then this is your chance! Demonstration Courts will be in action all day and YOU can join Magistrates on the bench and sentence some of the defendants!

Refreshments will be available all day so come and see how justice is done and join in the fun, there are many other exhibits to see while you are there. There is full disabled access and all ages are welcome!

As always you can contact Aaron or Tony Barlow on Naphill 564141. Thanks for your support.

## Naphill Evening WI

Photographs and descriptions of our banner and tablecloth are now completed and will be sent to the National Needlework Archive. It will be good to know that the work of Naphill Evening WI will be preserved for posterity.

At our February meeting all our members seemed to enjoy the cheese tasting evening with Mr Roots, who educated us about quality English cheeses.

By now we will have been to the theatre to see 'Mary Poppins', members will have attended the Group Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Downley Evening WI and Doreen will have spoken about 'A Novice Volunteer in India' with the help of Len Rickard to show the photographs. All these will be reported on in the May Gazette as we go to press before the events. Two members will have listened to the debate at the Resolutions Briefing Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> and the selected Resolutions will then be discussed and voted on at our Ploughman's Lunch on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

This month will be the BFWI Council Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, a delegate and other members will be present. As the year is progressing, the committee felt

that we should give you more dates for your diaries. The 27<sup>th</sup> July: walk and pub dinner; the 3<sup>rd</sup> August: afternoon tea in Jessie's garden; the 17<sup>th</sup> August: visit to a vineyard. More details on these later.

At our next meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April we will listen to Mary Blow talking about 'Street Children Pro Deo Romania' and the competition will be anything made by a child. We were pleased to have another new member join us in February – we now number 49. It is always a pleasure welcome visitors and then you might even think of joining us! As the largest women's organisation in the UK, the WI 'aims to offer women the best opportunity to make an impact in their communities, to influence local, national and world issues affecting the social, economic and environmental life of families and communities, and to learn new and traditional skills.'

Lastly, we would like to wish all our readers a Happy Easter.

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

## Naphill Neighbours

EMBROIDERY AND LACE EXTRAORDINARE was the title of the talk given by Sue Newell at our March meeting. She had trained at the Royal School of Embroidery and had brought along the beautiful samples she had made during her apprenticeship after which she had worked for a company making church vestments. Eventually she turned her incredible skills to lace making.

We are looking forward to our April outing to Longleat House and Park and plans are afoot for an additional outing to London on Thursday, 21st September to visit the special exhibition of jewellery and clothes at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the Queen's 80th birthday.

Our next club meeting will be on Monday, 10th April when Alan Copeland returns to give us the second part of his interesting illustrated talk on CURIOSITIES IN THE CHILTERNNS. The tea hostesses for this meeting are Nancy Hussey, Margaret Pearce and Alma Hussey.

New members are always most welcome.

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

## Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club

The subject of the talk by Mr. Charlie Doyle on 17th February was the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Service and it surprised us to learn that this

vital service does not receive any Government or Lottery funding but is maintained entirely by its own fund-raising efforts and by donations from some local companies and organisations. Its personnel are all volunteers, including the paramedics and doctors who give their services free, yet it maintains a service every day of the year. A really dedicated group of people.

On 3rd March we were delightfully entertained by singer Sally Edwards whose programme included many favourite old songs together with amusing poetry and a short sketch in which she was joined by her accompanist Maggie.

Just to remind members, there will not be a meeting on 14th April as it will be Good Friday. Thereafter the programme will be:

28th April: A Music Talk by Joyce Wooster.

## SPRING CLEANING?

**Then turn out all those good quality books that you no longer have house room for and help raise funds at this year's fete!**

If you have novels and children's books, in good condition, that you no longer want I would be pleased to receive them at "End-sleigh" Clappins Lane.

Pauline Pool 564226

12th May : Presentation by archaeologist Colin Oakes "John Milton - Times in the Chilterns"

26th May: Bingo

*Doris Lording : 569424*

## John Evans

Iris and family would like to thank all friends and neighbours for kindness shown and cards sent on the sudden death of John.

## The April Sky in Naphill & Walters Ash 2006

The Moon is new on 27 and full on 13. Venus is a morning star and can be seen about an hour before sunrise. Mars is a late evening star. Jupiter is an evening star and Saturn will be high in the sky during the evenings. The Hyades are visible in the

north-west evening sky. It is about the last chance to see Orion until October or November. Moon 4° north of Mars on 3 April; Moon 4° north of Saturn on 10; Moon 5° south of Jupiter on 15; Moon 0.4° south of Venus on 24.

	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Rises	06.00	07.00	07.00	07.00	07.00	07.00
Sets	19.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
<b>Apr 8</b>						
Rises	06.22	14.07	05.04	09.13	22.14	12.32
Sets	19.49	05.07	15.26	02.13	07.39	04.19
<b>Apr 15</b>						
Rises	06.08	22.40	04.54	09.03	21.42	12.05
Sets	20.01	06.24	15.39	02.04	07.09	03.52
<b>Apr 22</b>						
Rises	05.53	04.09	04.43	08.54	21.10	11.38
Sets	20.11	12.56	15.54	01.53	06.40	03.25
<b>Apr 29</b>						
Rises	05.39	05.58	04.31	08.46	20.38	11.12
Sets	20.23	23.22	16.09	01.42	06.11	02.58

## Constellations

In the 2001 October edition of the *Gazette* an article appeared giving a brief description of the constellations and their history. The article was:

The whole sky is divided by astronomers into 88 constellations ranging in size from the smallest, Crux, containing the Southern Cross to the largest, Hydra, which is 19 times as big. Virgo is the second largest. They were thought of by the Greeks as 48 star patterns but after many changes, including adding that part of the southern hemisphere invisible to the ancients, the modern list of fixed areas in the sky was adopted internationally in 1922. It is thought that the twelve constellations of the zodiac (through which the Sun and planets appear to pass because of the Earth's annual orbit round the Sun) were invented by the Babylonians over 4000 years ago. Nowadays there are 13 constellations in the area of the zodiac; the 13th is Ophiuchus which is on the ecliptic between Scorpius (not *Scorpio* to astronomers) and Sagittarius.

The constellations are delineated precisely with areas of an exact number of square degrees. A square degree is defined as the area enclosed by a length and width of one degree (one degree is one 360<sup>th</sup> part of a circle). There are  $360^2/\pi = 41253$  square degrees in total. The smallest constellation, Crux has 68 square degrees in area and the largest, Hydra, has 1303 square degrees.

The best known constellations, the Great Bear and Orion occupy 1280 and 594 square degrees respectively.

## Globular Clusters

An article appeared in the *Gazette* in 2002 April which described the main characteristics of globular clusters. It mentioned that 147 had been recorded as globular clusters surrounding the Milky Way galaxy although another 50 or so are believed to exist. The article explained how high is the stellar density compared with our galaxy. Briefly a globular cluster is a spherical star system of approximately 10,000 – 1 million gravitationally bound stars spread over a volume that is only a few dozen to more than 300 light years in diameter. They are at least twelve times the density of the Milky Way in the volume including our Sun. Astronomers believe that black holes exist in the centres of globular clusters. Another feature of these globular clusters is their age; they usually go back to the time of the galaxy's creation. Most galaxies have a system of globular clusters surrounding them and some galaxies have several thousand as some kind of stupendous halo surrounding the galaxy. They have highly eccentric elliptical orbits around their host galaxy. On the other hand, the Magellanic Clouds have much younger globular clusters. Attached to the last article in April 2002 is a picture of a globular cluster, Messier object, M80.

## Telescope Mountings

Most of the articles in this series have been written for users of binoculars and those who have a general interest in astronomy. But there are telescopes in the villages and I thought a brief description of the mountings they use might be of interest. There are two kinds of mountings and they both have two axes of rotation. Firstly the equatorial mounting in which one of the axes of rotation is called the polar axis (aligned to the Earth's axis as is the gnomon of a sundial). The other axis of rotation is the declination axis which is at right angles to the first. The disadvantage of such a system is the cost of construction ensuring rigidity particularly of large telescopes. The advantages include the ability to follow the celestial body by driving the telescope in the opposite direction to the Earth's rotation. The second kind of mounting is the Altazimuth mounting where one rotation axis is parallel to the horizon (azimuth) and the other is perpendicular to the horizon (altitude). The construction of such telescopes is much cheaper and suitable for computer driven machines.

*Grant Woodruff*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

**Planning:**

06/05274/FUL 103 Main Rd., Naphill. Alterations to existing pedestrian access to vehicular access, alterations to parking, formation of dropped kerb and construction of new brick pier.

06/5327/FUL and 06/5328/LBC Coombe Barn, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Insertion of new window in west elevation to serve 2<sup>nd</sup> floor bathroom, new window in ground floor east elevation, alterations to door in south elevation, alterations to door in south elevation and window in north elevation and internal alterations including new spiral staircase.

06/5345/FUL Rear of Pippins, Dunain & Georgia, New Road, Walters Ash. Erection of one 2-storey four bed dwelling with attached garage. (Smaller version of previous application. 7m high to ridge, 8m to chimney. Still over development in AONB and access rights still not clear – access road is MoD property. Objection).

06/5513/FUL 1 Woodmans Cottage, Naphill Common. Insertion of dormer window in rear elevation.

06/5514/FUL 4 Bayley Gardens, Naphill. Construction of single storey front extension.

06/5532/FUL Auchinyell, Downley Rd., Naphill. Erection of 4 x 3bed terraced houses with associated car parking and landscaping and alterations to access following demolition of existing building. (Another cramped terrace 8m high x 12m deep x 17m long. Out of keeping with the AONB. Only 6 parking spaces shown some of which will be difficult to use without a lot of manoeuvring. No visitor parking. Likely to cause traffic hazard. Objection on grounds of over development).

06/5541/FUL Greenways, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Construction of single storey rear conservatory.

Next Meeting: **Residents Association AGM** 8pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2006. Naphill Village Hall. Wine and nibbles. Anyone interested in joining the committee, which meets once a month, should contact the Hon. Chairman Dr Marek Pawlik or myself.

*Gloria Leflaive 01494 563634*

## **Naphill Village Hall And Playing Fields Council**

We continued our quest for new chairs for the Hall. Having recently spent an evening on a very uncomfortable chair in a neighbouring village hall which resulted in a days backache, I am keen to ensure that our new chairs are comfortable! We are due to have some samples along to our next meeting to try out. Lets hope that we can make a decision and have the new chairs in place soon.

Ken our Treasurer has had our accounts audited and presented them to the meeting where they were agreed

and approved by the committee. He will present them again at our AGM which is at 8.30p.m. on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. All are most welcome and the business will be followed by a glass of wine. We would be pleased to see you.



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The quiz was another great success, both socially and financially. It raised over £800 for the Hall funds and a grand time was had by all. It was good to see the Hall so full and so many people working together under Ted's guidance to ensure that the evening ran smoothly. You seem to have made this an annual event Ted. Well done and thank you.

Our next fund raiser will be the FETE on the 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE. Ted has this well in hand but may well be calling for help in the next few weeks. Do give him a hand if you possibly can. The more help we have the easier it makes it all round.

Can I ask you to be on your guard when you are in the Village Hall. During a meeting recently youths entered the Hall and opened the fan lights in the disabled loo thus giving them access into the Hall when it became unoccupied. We are therefore asking people to keep the fanlights in all the cloakrooms permanently locked, and asking hirers to lock the external door once

they have started their meeting. We are looking into the feasibility of having a motion detector or a pressure pad to warn us if anyone comes into the lobby area when we are engrossed in the Main Hall.

Finally can I remind you again of our AGM. Do come if you can and see what goes on! 8.30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April in the Village Hall.

*Sarah Bacon - Chairman Naphill Village Hall and  
Playing Fields Council*

## **Naphill Horticultural Society**

Our recent dinner was a great success with a delicious meal during which everyone enjoyed a gardening quiz.. The whole event was most enjoyable.

Our annual Plant Sale takes place on Saturday May 20th, where there will be the usual high quality, low price flower/ vegetable/ herb plants etc. So make a note, and there will be more details next month.

Secondly, we have organised a trip to the Compton Acres Gardens near Poole on Sunday June 4th. The coach leaves the Village Hall at 8.30am and the cost is just £15 per person including entry to the gardens. Half the seats have already been booked, so if you are interested in joining us let me know as soon as possible.

*Cathryn Carter - 563233*

## **Perennial Vegetables Part 1 Growing Your Own Asparagus**

*Editor's Note: This is an extract from an article submitted by Mike Mason. If you would like the full article then I will be pleased to pass it on.*

Perennial vegetables have deep root systems which enable them to thrive through droughts with no watering. Usually they grow so vigorously that they swamp the weeds, so there is a very much reduced need to weed. They usually have a long period of cropping. And, most importantly, they taste good. Let us turn to that great favourite, asparagus.

We pick about a kilo of delicious asparagus every 3 days from the end of March to the end of June. I usually bring on the crop by covering the bed with fleece from the end of February.

I grow my own plants from seed in a standard seed tray in ordinary compost in the airing cupboard in February. The seed are quite large, about 2 mm in diameter, so are easy to handle and space out in the seed tray. I had

nearly 100% germination. As soon as the first ones had germinated I placed the covered seed tray on a sunny windowsill to allow them to grow on. In mid April I planted them in the garden after hardening them off. I planted them about 3 inches apart in rows 6 inches apart and they grew vigorously. I left them there for nearly a year.

I then prepared the asparagus bed on the allotment. I chose to have 2 rows 4 feet apart in soil free of perennial weeds and reasonably stone-free, each row being about 37 feet long. For each row I took out a trench a spades' depth and width then returned most of the soil (with added compost) to form a ridge in the trench about 3 inches from the top of the trench. The purpose of the ridge is to allow the asparagus roots to start their new life on the allotment pointing downwards at an angle of about 45°. Then came the most important moment. I dug up the plants in the garden, put them in a bucket of water and took them to the allotment. One must not let them dry out. I then placed them on the ridge in the trench about 15 inches apart, watered them and immediately covered them up, restoring the soil to its original level.

I then let the asparagus plants grow on for another two years without cropping, allowing them to build up their strength. Frequent weeding was essential to remove the competition. Since the roots are near the surface one cannot dig deeply so I chose to smother the bed with well-rotted farmyard manure to diminish the weed problem and to feed the asparagus. I cropped from the third year and found it advantageous to use an asparagus knife to reduce the possibility of unwittingly damaging new shoots just emerging from the crown.

Asparagus grows very quickly, about 3 inches per day, and even faster in very warm weather. One ceases cropping at the end of June to allow the spears to grow on to their final height of about 4 feet and the whole bed becomes a mass of fern. The plants continue to grow until the frosts of November, putting back into the roots the energy they will need the following spring to produce the next crop. Asparagus is believed to grow well in all soil types.

Asparagus has two pests, slugs and the asparagus beetle. I put slug pellets down the row when the first spears emerge and that stops that problem (the asparagus bed is covered with fleece at that stage). Asparagus beetles are about 3 mm long and eat the green foliage and stalks. They can kill the plant if one has an extremely serious attack. Derris dust, a natural organic insecticide, stops that problem.

The asparagus spears should preferably be cooked immediately they are picked to retain their fantastic taste, delicate softness and freshness. The base of the spear is lightly scraped, any woody part removed, then the spears are washed and steamed, preferably in an asparagus pan. Then serve them on a hot plate with

butter on their own. Delicious! Restaurants just can't compete! Of course, one needs a lot of land to grow asparagus. Enquiries about allotments should be made to the parish council on 01494 715296.

*Mike Mason*

## The Village Fete



### SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Do check your diaries now. Are you free to come to the Naphill and Walters Ash Fete on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June? If necessary cancel your holiday, put your wedding and honeymoon on hold and preserve all of your time and energy for the greatest event of the year - The Naphill and Walters Ash Fete – which will be held on the Crick as usual.

The fete opens in the traditional manner with a super procession that starts in Forge Road at 12 o'clock. This year's theme will be 'Film Characters' which we hope will provide inspiration for those involved with the Classic Cars, the tableau, the stall holders and everyone else. Children can be Red Riding Hood, Spiderman or any of the Disney characters; adults can arrive as James Bond, Madonna or anyone else in the film or entertainment worlds.

The full range of attractions and sideshows will be available and you will meet all of the friendly village people that you haven't seen for a while. Do admire the WI Tombola Stall (winner of last year's competition) and sample Clive's beer and Pete's Beef burgers while the children explore the many fascinating things that are being prepared for them. Our 'Sponsors' Treasure Hunt' will be something new for the children this year.

In the evening there will be a Fete Dance. 'Phone Andy (564576) to reserve places for this. Last year the setting was quite romantic with candles on the tables and we can expect something equally good this year.

There is no need to wait until June to become involved. Root out your Bric-a-Brac for the Second Hand Emporium and 'phone Ian (564824), collect your unwanted books together and give Pauline a call (564226), Ted (563034) is waiting for items suitable for draw prizes and Sheila (562888) would be delighted to hear from anyone who will donate something to the ever-popular Cake Stall.

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 is also a chance to show your appreciation to someone in the villages who you think should be nominated as 'Best Neighbour'. Drop me a line explaining why you think this person is special. Your identity will be kept confidential. Everyone who is nominated will receive a certificate and the 'Best Neighbour' gets to hold the cup for a year with the names of all their worthy predecessors inscribed on it.

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 - Fete Organiser*

## A Child's View

When my son was very small and at nursery school he was to attend his first harvest festival. I duly sent him in with a selection of tins and jars which clearly puzzled him, so he asked what was going to happen. I explained that they were going to the church, where they would thank God for all the good food we were lucky enough to enjoy and give the tins and packets as presents which would then be shared amongst the old people. He thought about this for a while and then said 'But Mum, why can't the old people bring their own lunch?'

Over the years I have also had disastrous attempts to explain, amongst other things, the origins of mankind and the welfare state. Has any other reader had a similarly spectacular failure to explain something to their children or grandchildren? Or are there any

## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group



**Naphill Baby & Toddler Group** are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while the children play with the numerous toys and make new friends.

We meet every Thursday during term-time at the Naphill Village Hall between 2-4 pm. Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

We have some great special events to look forward to this year including:

- ❖ ‘Teddy Bear’s Picnic (a date in August yet to be arranged), to give us all something to look forward to during the Summer Holidays!
- ❖ ‘Pottery Painting’ on 19<sup>th</sup> October for the children and/or mums during the regular toddlers session. The cost will be based just on the items painted.
- ❖ Also in October we will be holding our regular photography session where you can have beautiful family portraits taken by a professional photographer at very reasonable prices. Date to be notified. This session is open to everyone and time slots can be booked by calling Zoe on the number below once the date has been announced.
- ❖ Christmas Party on 14<sup>th</sup> December with a professional children’s entertainer and special early visit by Father Christmas himself!

For further information about any of the above events, or about the group in general, please come along during session time, or call Zoe on 01494 444502 or Cheryl on 01494 565580.

*Cheryl Page: 565580*

## Naphill Pre-School

This term we have been thinking about “Houses and Homes”, my home, DIY and recycling.

The children have been learning about Easter and had an Easter Hat Parade on 31<sup>st</sup> March, thank you to

everyone who came along to see the children singing and egg hunting.

We are having our summer fundraising event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May this year which is a Barn Dance with live band “Pigzear”. If anyone fancies a fun, lively evening out, please come along. Tickets cost £10 including nibbles and a free drink.

For more information about Pre-School or to arrange a visit, please call Tanya Stevens on 07962 902248 (am) or 01494 563053 (pm and eve).

*Debbie Marchant: 565046*

## Naphill & Walters Ash School

Last month we set a day aside to conduct the official opening of our library. All the children were asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and we were very pleased that the school’s former Headteacher, Hilary Conboy, suitable attired as Professor McGonagall, was able to join us at school and be part of this. Together with Mr Mark Knight from the County Council’s surveyors department we held a special assembly in school where we talked about the special importance that books have in a setting such as ours. The school also thanked Mrs Conboy for her original concept and Mrs Sermon, our Assistant Headteacher, for all of her hard work in ensuring the library opened on time. Parents from the school’s PTA (called WANSAs) were also invited to the service as they had worked so hard to raise the much needed capital to help the project get underway.

In the week of the assembly the school had set a competition to all our children to write a new version of the fairy story ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’. A winning entry from each year group earned the special prize of having their work mounted and displayed in the library and being part of the official opening ceremony which was photographed for the Bucks Free Press. After the ribbon cutting event, all the participants along with staff and governors went in to the library for some light refreshments and to hear speeches from myself and Cllr Richard Pushman our LEA representative on the Governing Body. The day was a huge success and it was a great opportunity to officially thank staff, past and present for their hard work and vision in enabling the completion of such a large project.

*Tim McLoughlin*



The opening of the new library at Naphill & Walters Ash School



The competition prizewinners in the new library



**Naphill Pre-School**

**BARN DANCE**

**with live band**

**pigzear**



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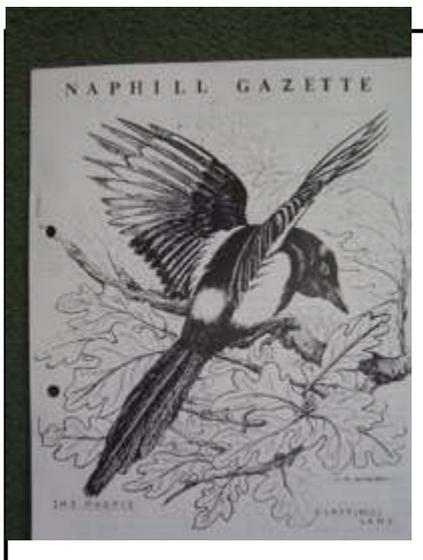
**Debbie Marchant**

**01494 565046**

## Back in Time

I've stayed with the 1970s this month, mostly so that I have a opportunity to include an example of the wonderful pen and ink drawings that were included in the Gazette in the early seventies.

These were amazingly detailed sketches of wildlife accompanied with informative articles on the subject of the drawing. The articles were signed A.S.A. Wooster, or mostly just A.S.A.W.



In the January 1970 edition he was introduced as "an old friend of Naphill, Mr Bertie Wooster, who in his retirement is now happily a resident amongst us". What was his real name? Where are the originals of those drawings now?

By January 1971 they had taken over the cover. The first cover was a polecat standing up on its hind legs with a rather smug expression on its face. It reminds me of a teacher I had a primary school.....

In Naphill and Walter's Ash in 1970 the Village Hall was being well utilised. In addition to all the activities we still recognise today there were also drama, table tennis, dressmaking, bingo and whist sessions being held regularly. I was also curious to see something called 'Welfare' which happened twice a month at 2.00pm? Any ideas anyone?

The W.I. Drama Group presented a 3-Act Comedy called 'Happy Landings'. Tickets were 4 shillings reserved and 3 shillings unreserved.

In the Spring, plans were being finalised for improvements to the Village Hall. These included resurfacing of the car park, modernising the Ladies and Gents toilets, new sinks in the kitchens and a ceiling in the billiard room. By December the Village Hall Council had agreed that 2 extra Vice Chairmen would be elected to spread the burden of work, which had become too much for the existing Chairman and Vice-Chairman to manage. It was also agreed that a Hall Manager (paid a 'modest honorarium') would be sought.

The village collected 3 tons of waste paper for recycling and fundraising for the village hall. There is a lovely comment about the collection being "a fascinating insight into the very varied reading habits of the village."

There is quite a lot of correspondence regarding the Parish boundary of Hughenden in relation to Naphill and Walter's Ash and the confusion between a civil parish and an ecclesiastical parish.

Involvement with the RAF was mentioned on several occasions. Wing Commander Steiner laid the wreath at the Remembrance Service and opened the Fete.

The Fete itself raised £270. Naphill School won the cup for the best float and Paula Ann Smith won the children's fancy dress, dressed as a toothpaste tube. She clearly had the ring of confidence.

Sadly there is little other mention of the school or children of the village at this time, the only school entry for the whole year is about the problems of car parking. No change there then!

Sports wise, both the cricket and football teams were top of their respective leagues in October. Stephen Brill won the Bucks and South Midlands Schools Weight Lifting title.

Finally, High Wycombe Dahlia Society had a show at the Village Hall. There were 9 classes. Magnificent stuff!

*Judy Whitehouse*

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## Editorial

My problems with emails going astray continues so I have included both my email addresses (Gazette and personal) at the top of this page. I always acknowledge mails so if you haven't heard back from me within a week it would be worth a follow up mail or call. Specifically the problems seem to be between Lycos and AOL.

I have, with David Leith's approval, used some Gazette money to buy acid free storage wallets, tissue and folders for the older copies in the Gazette archives. I hope you approve of this use of funds, the specialist

materials required are quite shockingly expensive! These have enabled me to file the editions from 1937 to 1964 inclusive. I would like to do more but the cost would be immense.

These old Gazettes are a wonderful record of village life and it is clearly important that they are preserved. I would like to have them scanned and digitally stored somehow so that they can be made available for reference without damaging the originals. Does anyone have any experience of this and if so could they please get in touch?

*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

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## District & County Councillor's Report

Village Halls are an important part of our community and Naphill is no exception. I have however, been concerned about the quality of the seating and learning that the village hall council shared the same concern have given part of my community leadership fund for the purpose of buying new chairs.

We are all getting used to reading anagrams which are the abbreviations used for all manner of services and organisations, NATO, NSPCC, RSPCA to name but a few well known ones. In local government, we have to have a dictionary of meanings, as it is an impossibility to know them all. A new one now launched to the public is GC2C and I am sure this is already well known to Gazette readers! It stands for "Getting Closer to Communities".

It is the way that the county council is devolving services to local communities. It has five aims:

1. To enhance the community leadership role of local elected members.
2. To improve community engagement.
3. To plan services to meet the needs of local communities.
4. To improve customer access to public services.
5. To join up public services locally.

Councillors will be supported to represent the needs of their community to the County Council and to provide the link between local people and the service providers. It is hoped that councillors will “get things done” and that communities will be more engaged in identifying the priorities for their area and suggesting solutions.

There is always the danger that the public’s hopes will be raised whereas funding will not be available to meet their expectation. Readers will already be aware of problems with the funding of much needed road repairs. However the aims are laudable and I certainly support greater public involvement in addressing local problems.

The tree maintenance along Hughenden Valley is now completed and with one exception, my telephone did not ring with any complaints. It does show that with public meetings and well advertised intentions the public’s fears are addressed. Now that it is completed, the general comment is that there is an improvement in appearance and any future high winds should not result in road closure or even worse, an accident.

Those readers who have now reached the magic age of 60 will be aware of the free bus pass now available to them for all journeys that originate and return to Buckinghamshire, Milton Keynes excepted. For example a return trip from High Wycombe to Oxford will now be free to the over 60s as will the same to Reading and back. Application forms, which are simple to complete, are available from the District Council Office or information centres. They do require a passport size photograph. Enjoy your travels!

*Richard Pushman*

## **Hughenden Parish Council Planning Issues**

The Parish Clerk, Lynne Turner, recently wrote an article for all the Parish’s local magazines, explaining the ways in which the Parish Council’s committees function.

The Planning Committee, consisting of a Councillor representative from each of the wards, meets every third Thursday throughout the year. It is a major

## **Names and numbers to note**

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Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is [naphill@lycos.co.uk](mailto:naphill@lycos.co.uk)

*Village Hall* bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail [mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)

commitment but one I consider to be particularly worthwhile. The Committee peruses every Parish planning application which is submitted to Wycombe District Council, and each ward member studies the plans, visits the sites informally and reports to the Committee. Unfortunately the Parish is only a consultee and has no powers to refuse or modify plans!

There are occasions when this is particularly frustrating, such as when an application is considered by the committee to be inappropriate for Naphill and Walters Ash. However, if the Parish objects to an application it may be heard by the Development Control Committee of Wycombe District Council, and the Ward member can register to speak.

The most recent occasions when a Parish Councillor has spoken against permission being granted have been applications for backland development; a house to be built in the garden of 232, Main Road, and another in parts of the gardens of 9/10/11 Ash Close. The Parish objected strongly to these proposals and, in these instances, the Development Control Committee refused to permit the developments.

The most recent proposed development to which the Parish has strongly objected is for a terrace of 4 three bedroomed cottages in Downley Road, on the site of Auchinyell. It is considered that the height and bulk of this development would have an adverse impact on the street scene, and constitutes over development of the site. The ‘cottages’ would be three storeys high, almost

the same height as the nearby factory, and well above the properties on either side and opposite.

The Parish has also objected to the demolition of Lark Rise, in Stocking Lane, and its proposed replacement with a dwelling that would be much larger than the original, breaking the 50% rule in the Green Belt. A recent application, the fifth in two years at Hillbrow in Coombe Lane, for a games room adjacent to the garage, has also been objected to as it represents over development of the site, is out of keeping with the character of the local area in the AONB and adjacent to the Green Belt.

There are, of course, many applications for extensions, conservatories, etc. to which the Parish has no objection, or to which minor modifications are suggested. The Planning Committee will continue to be vigilant, particularly where proposals for development are significant and could have a detrimental impact on our rural settlement. It is an uphill struggle, however. (Appropriately in ridge villages perhaps?) This is because proposed developments are not always envisaged by Wycombe District Council in the context of the village surroundings. This is a rural area, not an urban one, and should always be seen as such.

You are welcome to contact me if you have any concerns about a planning application, and I will try to help.

*Peggy Ewart – 01494 565969  
email: pegwat1066@aol.com*

## **Naphill Lawn Tennis Club**



With spring well and truly here, our season is now in full swing. So far, this has mainly been with social gatherings rather than competition, but much is to come.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, we had a Tea & Tennis afternoon, with a good turnout helped by the standard of cakes and other tasty morsels on offer. Also in April, we will have enjoyed a good evening at our Club Dinner. That said, our club is really about playing tennis, not just fine dining, and this month the summer competitions really get going. Our club has 2 mixed teams in the High Wycombe leagues, and mens & ladies teams in the Aylesbury leagues. Best of luck to all our teams. Sometimes we struggle to keep all our teams at full strength, so if you're a current member and fancy some competition tennis then please come along to one of our club sessions (Thursday evenings and Sunday, Tuesday mornings) to let us know.

Whilst details were supplied last month, it is worth reminding everyone that a great opportunity exists to all current members, whatever your level, to make use of

the free coaching available. For juniors, there are sessions each week on Fridays (12 sessions available from 21<sup>st</sup> April), and younger beginners can enjoy Saturday morning sessions. For adult members, Doubles coaching is available (4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June), and for less experienced or lapsed tennis players, 'Rusty Racquet' sessions (27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> May). Please come along and make the most of these initiatives and help us continue to improve the standard of tennis at our club and in the community.

If any of this sounds inviting, and you are not a current member, enquiries about joining or just coming along to try out are always welcome – contact Sue Crooks 01494 562539 – email : [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com)

*Nick Fenn – Club Chairman – 01494 564694  
– email : [nick.fenn@gmail.com](mailto:nick.fenn@gmail.com)*

## **Naphill Evening WI**

Before we progress into May we need to report back to our meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, where we travelled to India with Doreen Burge as 'a novice volunteer'. She gave an enlightening talk about her experience and how, with the support of a charity, the children are given the chance to be educated. We go back to the 21<sup>st</sup> March where, at a London theatre, we spent a magical evening with 'Mary Poppins'. Then on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March it was the Group meeting at the Pastures, Downley. It was a great success with Tom Freemantle, an excellent speaker, taking us on a trip 'Cycling from England to Australia' with amusing incidents and lovely slides of all the places he visited. We finished with a light supper and a hot drink - a most enjoyable evening.

Two members attended the Resolutions Briefing meeting. There were two resolutions, with two experienced speakers pointing out the benefits of both. So, on the 11<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 11.00am, coffee and a ploughman's lunch will be served at Jenny's home, during which time these resolutions will be debated and voted on. We have invited the delegate who will be representing us in Cardiff at the AGM to listen to our discussions.

We can now confirm the following dates: 27<sup>th</sup> July the Naphill Evening walk with pub supper; 3<sup>rd</sup> August Jessie's Afternoon Tea; 17<sup>th</sup> August a visit to Denbies Wine Estate.

Our April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting with Mary Blow talking about Street Children Pro Deo Romania will be commented on in the June Gazette. Then at our meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May Louise Reed will tell us about 'Travelling

Ladies'. The competition is a holiday souvenir. Do come along and bring a friend.

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

## **Naphill Neighbours**

Last month we were once again entertained by Alan Copeland. We had asked him back after enjoying the first part of his illustrated talk on "Curiosities in the Chilterns" some time ago. We were not disappointed with Part II which took us from Marlow to Headington and on to Reading via so many villages and hamlets with their intriguing and often amusing curiosities.

Our outing to Longleat in early April was a great success and the weather was perfect. Lots to do and see, but the highlight was probably the drive through the Safari Park. Fabulous.

We have a full programme for the coming months, starting on Monday 8th May at 8pm with a visit from Simon Brown of the Bourne End Auction Rooms - I am sure you will have read his regular articles in Limited Edition. It will be an open meeting - everyone will be most welcome. Tea hostesses for the evening are Ann Thomas, Jean Fortesque and Jean Bradshaw.



## **Hughenden Church Teas**

**The church teas season is here again!**

**Why not come and sample the excellent value cream tea, a slice of delicious home-made cake or toasted tea cake with a cup of tea or coffee whilst enjoying the beautiful views from the historic Church House in Hughenden Park.**

**Open every Sunday and Bank Holidays from April 16th to October 22nd**

**2.15pm - 5.15pm**

Apart from our usual monthly meetings we are organising a day at the seaside - Bournemouth - on Thursday, 15th June and a visit to The Mill at Sonning for lunch and a matinee performance of a comedy "Perfect Wedding" on Thursday, 10th August. Then on Thursday, 21st September we go to London to see the Queen's 80th birthday exhibition at Buckingham Palace. Again, everyone is welcome to join us on these outings. Further details from Sheila Rolfe on 562888.

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

## **Naphill & Walters Ash Over 60's Club**

In her talk on 17th March, Mrs. Betty Hardy took us behind the scenes of a prestigious Piccadilly store which numbered many celebrities among its clientele. Mrs. Hardy started her retailing career as a lift girl, eventually working her way up (no pun intended!) to manage a department. It was an intriguing insight into the lengths to which the store would go in order to provide a good service to its customers.

We were very pleased to welcome Cllr and Mrs. Richard Pushman to our meeting on 31st March when Mr. Pushman reviewed various aspects of the work of Wycombe District Council. He started in retrospective mood, with an outline of his public service work through, first of all, the Parish Council, then Wycombe District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council in each of which he served a period as Chairman. Mr. Pushman went on to outline the impact on the County of the enforced provision of additional housing in the area and its possible effect on the infrastructure.

Our programme this month will be:

**12th May:** Presentation by archaeologist Colin Oakes "John Milton - Times in the Chilterns".

**26th May:** Bingo

*Doris Lording : 569424*

## **Readers Letters**

### **Council Tax**

Readers will have noticed from their 2006 Council Tax demands that the largest increase in percentage terms (7.2%) is in the Hughenden Parish precept component of the bill. This comes on top of swinging increases in recent years - 2003, 10.6%; 2004, 2.4%; 2005, 8.6%. Could one of our Parish Councillors, from whom we hear very little these days, please justify this enormous

increase? Some advice on how those of us on RPI linked pensions (never mind those on less) should budget for this increase would also be welcome.

*David Frost - 564466*

## Mobile Phone Mast

I have been made aware that a recent newsletter from the Naphill and Walters Ash School indicated that RAF High Wycombe had entered into negotiations with a mobile phone company to erect a phone mast. This is not the case. We have not been approached by any company regarding a phone mast and I have confirmed that our Defence Estates Land Agent has also not been contacted. I am not sure from where this rumour has initiated but I can confirm that it is entirely untrue.

*Carol Smith  
Station Commander, RAF High Wycombe*

## Lost Watch

My watch fell off my wrist onto the Crick when I walked from the Tennis Club to the nearest point of Main Road at about 12 noon on Tuesday 4th April. I would be delighted to hear from anyone who found it.

*Ted Chapman (563034).*

## Dog Fouling

To the person whose dog is allowed to repeatedly foul the entrance to my property, kindly control and stop their dog doing so. It is your dog, your responsibility to clean up the mess, not mine. I'm sure you would not like it outside the side entrance to your property. Please show the appropriate consideration. Thank you.

*Mrs E A Livett,  
'Ecila', 7, Prospect Place, Downley Road.*

## The Village Fete



## SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE

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 is a pleasure as almost everyone who is approached for help says 'Yes, I'd be delighted'. You are wonderful people to work with and we promise you a fete that you deserve.

The Fête opens in the traditional manner with a super procession that starts from Forge Road at 12 o'clock. This year's theme will be 'Film Characters' which we hope will provide inspiration for those involved with

## SPRING CLEANING?

**Then turn out all those good quality books that you no longer have house room for and help raise funds at this year's fete!**

If you have novels and children's books, in good condition, that you no longer want I would be pleased to receive them at "Endsleigh" Clappins Lane.

**(No book deliveries on the day of the fete please)**

Pauline Pool: 564226

the Classic Cars, the tableau, the stallholders and everyone else. Children can be Red Riding Hood, Spiderman or any of the Disney characters; adults can arrive as James Bond, Madonna or anyone else in the film or entertainment worlds.

Gary of 'mix 107' was so popular last year that we have booked him for a return performance and another Road Show. There will be fun races for children and their parents. The essential Bouncy Castle will be there together with lots of other attractions including the swing boats that were missing last year. A children's 'Spot the Sponsor' Treasure Hunt and 'Ball In The Bucket' at the Tennis Club are new this year. When you've tried everything else relax in our popular seating area or inside the Village Hall; alcohol is not the only drink available - the WI teas and snacks are wonderful.

**We thought that disaster had struck when FIFA announced that England's first World Cup match will take place on Fête Day but we believe that cheering our team on in the company of other fans is preferable to watching it alone. We plan to project the TV programme onto a huge screen not too far away from the beer tent! Now come and enjoy the excitement of watching the match in the company of other enthusiasts.**

Save some energy for the Fête Dance in the evening. Last year the setting was quite romantic with candles on the tables and we can expect something equally

good this year. Early booking is advisable, tickets from Ted (563034).

If you would like to help with the Fête, please look out surplus books and let Pauline Pool (564226) 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 Sheila (562888) would be delighted to hear from anyone who will donate something to the ever-popular Cake Stall.

This is also a chance to show your appreciation to someone in the villages who you think should be nominated as 'Best Neighbour'. Drop me a line explaining why you think this person is special. Your identity will be kept confidential. Everyone who is nominated will receive a certificate and the 'Best Neighbour' gets to hold the cup for a year with the names of all their worthy predecessors inscribed on it.

Taskmaster Ted (563034) is looking for more volunteers to help with the many jobs that need doing, particularly assisting with the Grand Draw, operating the Roller Coaster (an energetic job), the Evening Dance, the Balloon Release and the Treasure Hunt

With the April issues of the Gazette you will have received an invitation for everyone who cannot go to the Fete this year to sponsor it with a small donation. Many thanks to all of those who have so kindly responded to this request, including the generous ex-Naphill lady who now lives in Ripon. If you have not done so already please send a small donation now, your good intentions will fade if you leave it a while. Cheques (payable to 'Naphill Village Fete') can be sent to 22 Ash Close, Walters Ash, High Wycombe HP14 4TR.

Fête Day is a great day for the whole family. Do come along, enjoy yourselves and meet all of the friendly people that you haven't seen for a while. Good weather is guaranteed (!), all we need is you. Come and bring as many friends and children as you can collect. Join us in all the fun of the Fête!

*Ted Chapman*  
*Fête Organiser (563034)*

## Fete - Second Hand Emporium

Below are examples, taken completely at random, from the many testimonials we receive from satisfied customers.

I was very pleased with my purchase of the set of gardening DVDs, I found the one by Charlie Dimmock, 'Creating a garden with a pneumatic drill' quite uplifting.

**Yours M Chuzzlewich**

I would like to thank you for the many bargains I acquired from your emporium. However I was a trifle concerned about the old one bar electric fire until your salesman reminded me of the future fashion statement I would be making.

**Yours I M Gullible**

The 2005 emporium was the best I have visited made even more pleasant by the helpful and friendly staff, particularly the bald rather diminutive but stunningly handsome elderly gentleman who was called, I believe, by the name of Bob, his service was impeccable.

**Yours Hilda Prendeghast (Miss)**

As the Welsh say "well there you are" three very good reasons why you should visit our emporium in June. However before then we badly need items to sell so please search cupboards, lofts and sheds and come up with the goods. Every penny goes towards the upkeep of the village hall and the playing field. The emporium has seen every fete since 1994 and has raised, through your efforts a sum in the region of nine thousand pounds. So please start looking we are sure you will find something.

**Please Ring Ian on 564824 John on 565563 or Bob on 563846**

## The May Sky in Naphill & Walters Ash 2006

The Moon is new on May 27 and full on May 13. Venus is an early morning star, rising about an hour earlier than the Sun. Mars sets between midnight and an hour later. Jupiter is an evening star, rising just after the Sun sets at the beginning of the month but at the end of the month it should appear in the south east after it gets dark. It should be possible to see Saturn in the late evening after the Sun sets. The Moon is 4° north of Mars on May 2; Moon is 4° north of Saturn on 4<sup>th</sup>; the Moon will be 5° south of Jupiter on May 12; Moon is 4° north of Venus on 24; Moon is 3° north of Saturn

	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
<b>May 1</b>						
Rises	05.35	07.13	04.27	08.44	20.29	11.05
Sets	20.26	01.00	16.14	01.38	06.02	02.50
<b>May 8</b>						
Rises	05.21	15.26	04.15	08.38	19.56	10.39
Sets	20.38	03.49	16.30	01.26	05.33	02.24
<b>May 15</b>						
Rises	05.11	24.14	14.02	08.33	19.24	10.14
Sets	20.50	05.48	16.47	01.12	05.03	01.57
<b>May 22</b>						
Rises	05.02	03.00	03.50	08.28	18.52	09.49
Sets	20.59	15.04	17.05	24.55	04.33	01.31
<b>May 29</b>						
Rises	04.54	05.56	03.38	08.23	18.20	09.25
Sets	21.08	24.16	17.24	24.40	04.04	01.05

on 28. Apart from the planets the trouble for those wishing to observe towards the end of the month is that the sky never really gets dark because we are near the longest day. You might be lucky to see the eta-Aquidids, a meteor shower on May 6, with a zenith rate of 35 meteors per hour.

### **Special Relativity**

Special Relativity was developed by Einstein in 1905 and was a revolutionary change to Isaac Newton's concept of space and time. Newton thought of space and time as separate whereas Einstein thought of these components as spacetime. Newton's laws of motion give us a complete description of the behaviour of moving objects at low

speeds. The laws are different at speeds reached by the particles at high speed. Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity describes the motion of particles moving at close to the speed of light.. This doesn't mean Newton was wrong, Einstein's equations are contained within the relativistic equations (that is for objects travelling at a significant fraction of the speed of light). Newton's "laws" provide a very good approximate form, valid when *velocity of particles* is much less than  $c$ . For particles moving at slow speeds (very much less than the speed of light), the differences between Einstein's laws of motion and those derived by Newton are tiny. That's why relativity doesn't play a large role in everyday life. Einstein's theory supersedes Newton's, but Newton's theory provides a very good approximation for objects moving at everyday speeds.

After 100 years, Einstein's theory is now very well established as the correct description of motion of relativistic objects, that is, those travelling at a significant fraction of the speed of light. Because most of us have little experience with objects moving at speeds near the speed of light, Einstein's predictions may seem strange. However, many years of high energy physics experiments have thoroughly tested Einstein's theory and shown that it fits all results to date.

Einstein's theory of special relativity results from two statements -- the two basic postulates of special relativity:

1. The speed of light is the same for all observers, no matter what their relative speeds.
2. The laws of physics are the same in any inertial (that is, non-accelerated) frame of reference. This means that the laws of physics observed by a hypothetical observer travelling with a relativistic particle must be the same as those observed by an observer who is stationary in the laboratory.

Given these two statements, Einstein showed how definitions of momentum and energy must be refined and how quantities such as length and time must change from one observer to another in order to get consistent results for physical quantities such as particle half-life. To decide whether his postulates are a correct theory of nature, physicists test whether the predictions of Einstein's theory match observations. Indeed many such tests have been made -- and the answers Einstein gave are right every time!

The postulates resulting from Einstein's theory include

- The speed of light is the same for all observers
- Physics is the same for all inertial (non-accelerated) observers
- Time dilation: a clock that is moving in a given frame runs slow compared with clocks that are stationary in that frame

## **BUCKS OPEN STUDIOS**

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**The 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of open studios**

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**Four artists are participating in  
Naphill.**

**Mig Smith, Stafford Dobson and  
Keith and Roni Wilkins**

**We look forward to seeing you.**

- Length contraction: a body is shorter when measured in a frame in which the body is moving than in its own rest frame
- Mass energy relation: when a body's mass reduces by  $m$ , its energy changes by an equivalent amount  $E=mc^2$  (the famous formula)
- Relativistic Doppler effect

Einstein's General Theory of Relativity is a separate theory about a different topic – gravity and will be discussed in the article next month.

*Grant Woodruff (with the help of Encyclopaedia Astronomy and the Internet)*

## **Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association**

### **Planning:**

*06/5577/FUL* Stable Cottage, Ashburnham Drive. Erection of detached building to provide single garage, conservatory/sunroom and potting shed to front of dwelling.

*06/5582/FUL* Hale End, Christopher Close, Naphill. Erection of single storey front extension, conservatory to rear and detached single garage to side.

*06/5584/FUL* 21 Ash Close, Walters Ash. Insertion of rear dormer window in connection with loft conversion.

*06/5720/FUL* Hillbrow, Coombe Lane, Naphill. Construction of detached outbuilding with covered link to existing garage. (This appears to be over-development, and will affect views from the Green Belt in contravention of Local Plan policy GB3.)

*06/5837/FUL* 103 Main Road, Naphill. Alteration to existing pedestrian access to vehicular access, alterations to parking, formation of dropped kerb and construction of new brick piers.

*06/5839/CONCG* No 1 Site RAF High Wycombe, New Road, Walters Ash. Installation of two automatic barriers to base of existing entrance gates and provision of guard hut to base side of existing entrance. (The entrance to the car park is adjacent to Parkwood, and would result in three main entrances to No. 1 site within 400m. This could be a traffic hazard on New Road when personnel are arriving for work, at lunch time and leaving work.)

*Date of Next Meeting:* Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006, Naphill Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## **Naphill Village Hall And Playing Fields Council - April 2006**

Our April meeting is always short and to the point as it precedes our A.G.M. It's amazing how it focuses our minds and how we get the business done in record time!

The main items for discussion were the state of the gents toilets and the best option for our new chairs.

The gents toilets are somewhere I have no knowledge of, but I'm told they are in dire need of some t.l.c.. We hope to refurbish them in the near future, replacing the plumbing, and thoroughly redecorating. The system for flushing the urinals has never worked



**Presentation of the cheque by Richard Pushman to Sarah Bacon - Chairman and Ken Wright - Hon. Treasurer**

effectively and we are planning to install a manual push system, thus saving excess water.

We spent a long time discussing the pros and cons of plastic versus upholstered chairs. A sample had been brought along to the meeting. This was a plastic chair which was slightly higher than the existing chairs and considerably more comfortable. It was felt to be a great improvement and much

easier to maintain than an upholstered chair. Having decided that this was the way forward, we then found that the chair tipped up easily and was therefore a potential hazard. Life is never simple is it! So its back to the drawing board. We have decided that plastic chairs are more practical for the hall – it's just the matter of finding the best one.

The A.G.M. followed the usual pattern. We welcomed a few members of the public and then went through the reports from the treasurer and the chairman. Our finances seem to be in good order and the accounts were adopted and accepted. We still need to pray for good weather for the Fete and the Fireworks as these are our two main fund raising events and are both very weather dependant.

The Chairman outlined the events of the year and the work that had been done to maintain and improve the Hall. Richard Pushman then was able to give the Village Hall Council a generous donation from his local activities allowance to go towards the purchase of the new chairs. Thank you very much Richard. We then concluded the evening over drinks.

Our next major event is the Fete on the **10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**. If you can volunteer to help then please phone Ted Chapman but please come and support us. It is always a good day and seems to show our village at its best with everyone working together to provide fun and entertainment for everyone. See you there.

*Sarah Bacon - Chairman Naphill Village Hall and  
Playing Fields Council*

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

There will be a Healing Service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 6pm at Hughenden Church led by Rev. Simon Cronk.

The next Fellowship Safari will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May starting at 7.30 pm at Ann Bull's House, Avonlea, Coombe Lane, Naphill. At 8.15 pm we shall be at Judith Camplisson's house, 9 South Maundlin, Hughenden and at 9 pm at Howard Atkinsons', Sundowner, Cockpit Road, Great Kingshill.

In readiness for the Naphill Fete on the 10<sup>th</sup> June please could you pot up any extra seedlings or plants that you could donate to our stall. Also donations of sweets would be appreciated. Thank you.

As always, everyone is very welcome at any of these events and if you need a lift just 'phone me on 01494 563116.

*Norma Clarke*



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## Naphill Horticultural Society

Two dates for your diaries this month. Firstly our Plant Sale takes place at the Village Hall on Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 – 11am. This is the perfect opportunity to buy all the plants you need to make your garden flourish this summer. There is always a good range of plants – flowers, vegetables herbs, and all are locally grown and sell at very reasonable prices, so do come along and have a look.

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.

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 - 563233*

## Perennial Vegetables Part 2

### Seakale

*Editor's Note: This is an extract from an article submitted by Mike Mason. If you would like the full article then I will be pleased to pass it on.*

Seakale is a marine plant found in the wild round our coasts. Seakale should not be confused with seakale beet, which is a variety of Swiss chard.

A seakale thong is a portion of root about half an inch in diameter and about six inches long. The bottom end is cut on the slant and the top horizontal and tiny buds grow from the top end. One plants them vertically with the top just under soil level, about 12 inches apart. I have a 37 foot row on my allotment and I have settled into a pattern of cropping half one year and half the following year, to obtain the largest possible plants. The plants are about 12 inches apart in the row.

A row of seakale takes up a lot of space. The leaves are large and spread out from the row about 30 inches, so the row is about five feet wide. I mulch right up to the crowns with farmyard manure in the spring most years and that also helps to keep the weeds down.

Several of my plants burst into flower and, these days, I remove the flower stems when first seen because I want the energy of the plants going into the roots rather than into seed production. My seakale plants do not seem to suffer attack from insects or birds and I am not aware of any disease problems. However, during the blanching process (see below) a few die, so replacement thongs are necessary. The plants grow very vigorously when established and I feel they would grow well in all soil types.

One eats young shoots which emerge from the roots in late winter and early spring. However, they have to be blanched otherwise they would be impossibly bitter. The gardening books show roots in the ground being covered with pots and surrounded by fresh manure for warmth. However, I do not blanch them that way. I follow a tip I was given at a gardening talk by someone who used to grow seakale for top restaurants in London. But the method does involve a lot of hard work. However, to obtain a fresh vegetable in March when there is not much else around - and a particularly and a particularly delicious vegetable at that - the effort is worthwhile.

To blanch the seakale one needs many builders' black buckets of about 3 gallons capacity. About the turn of the year dig up the roots and place them in the buckets, about two or three to a bucket, fill up with soil and water a little. Where the roots are too big cut some off (and make more thongs from the better cuttings). Place the buckets in a greenhouse with another bucket inverted on top and a thick bin liner over the pair of buckets. This is to exclude all light and make the roots as warm as possible. My greenhouse is unheated but a heated greenhouse or cellar would be better. Take precautions against slugs. About mid March the shoots will be of cutting size - say 6 to 9 inches long. They are pale yellow in colour and look most attractive. There will be individual leaves as well as stems; all are edible. One can keep cropping them for some weeks because growth is now rapid. After cropping the plants should be returned to the garden or allotment to grow another year, then dug up again the following winter - or the winter-but-one in my case.

I have decided to grow my seakale in the same spot on the allotment, year after year. This is because of two factors. One is that I am generally practising no-dig gardening and want to disturb the rest of the allotment soil as little as possible. The other is that, when lifting the plants, bits of root are unavoidably left in the ground and they then grow like weeds to interfere with other crops if crop rotation is practised. Keeping the seakale in one place seems best.

Seakale is cooked rather like asparagus. Steam it for five minutes and serve it hot on hot plates with butter spread over. Delicious.

*Mike Mason*

## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group



**Naphill Baby & Toddler Group** are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a **friendly** environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while the children play with the numerous toys and make new friends.

We meet every **Thursday** during term-time at the **Naphill Village Hall** between **2-4 pm**. Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

A group of mums had a lovely evening out at the EAMAYL chinese restaurant in High Wycombe in March and we are hoping to arrange some more mums nights out this year.

Our Easter party was a great success with lots of activities to keep the young ones entertained, including a bouncy castle, Easter egg obstacle course and Easter arts and crafts (the bunny ear hats were especially cute and very popular!).

We have some more great special events to look forward to this year including:

- ❖ **Teddy Bear's Picnic** (a date in **August** yet to be arranged), to give us all something to look forward to during the Summer Holidays!
- ❖ **'Pottery Painting'** on **19<sup>th</sup> October** for the children and/or mums during the regular toddlers session. The cost will be based just on the items painted.
- ❖ Also in **October** we will be holding our regular **photography session** where you can have beautiful family portraits taken by a professional photographer at very reasonable prices. Date to be notified. This session is open to everyone and time slots can be booked by calling Zoe on the number below once the date has been announced.
- ❖ **Christmas Party** on **14<sup>th</sup> December**, with a professional children's entertainer, special Christmas tea (with mulled wine and mince pies for the mums!), and special early visit by **Father Christmas** himself!

*Cheryl Page: 565580*

## Naphill Pre-School

After the Easter holiday we return refreshed for the spring term to welcome six new children. We will be concentrating on "All About Me" including families, birthdays and what makes me, me.

Hopefully with the weather improving we can begin using the garden more and enjoy the sunshine! As the weeks seem to be flying by it is time to start thinking about the float for the Village Fete on 10<sup>th</sup> June and also school visits for the older children who will be starting in September.

Tickets are still available for the Barn Dance which is on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Village Hall with dancing to live band "Pigzear". For information or tickets please contact the number below.

For general information about Pre-School or to arrange a visit, please call our Supervisor Tanya Stevens on 0796 2902248 (am) or 01494 563053 (pm and eve).

*Debbie Marchant: 565046*

## Naphill & Walters Ash School

Although short, the Spring Term is always a busy one for us in school. Following the completion of the library nearly all the children have had their finger prints taken and used in our new 'state of the art' book withdrawal system which will mean that lost library tickets will be a thing of the past. The shelves are now being re-stocked with the books that have been bar-coded to make the computer running the system to identify which books are being borrowed by children, surely an infallible system!

We held a very successful cake stall at the end of the term to raise money for WANSA's appeal to re-invigorate the school playground an appeal which received a huge boost from our friends at the RAF Thrift Shop on 3 site who presented the school with a cheque for £1000 at a special assembly. Our Year 6 children came back safely from a fantastic week of outdoor and adventurous activities in North Wales. In spite of the very wet and cold weather all the children and accompanying staff had a terrific time in what would have been an unforgettable opportunity to develop both mind and body in the great outdoors.

The Year 5 children also were very busy preparing and performing at the Wycombe Swan's 'Energise' concerts. This year the theme was 'Noah' and we had some very talented actors selected to hold main speaking parts. All the children did a terrific job and we were all extremely proud of the contribution they made on behalf of the school. Whilst the Year 5's were treading the boards at The Swan the younger children in Years 3 and 4 were entertaining the home crowd with their production of the Roald Dahl adaptation of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' which was performed over three days to parents and friends.

The younger children have been busy with their studies which included the Year 1's visiting the Chiltern Open Air Museum and a visit to school by a real fire engine and crew. Year 2 have been to visit Windsor Castle and came back to school to create their own castles based on their experiences.

*Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher*

## Naphill and Hughenden Scout Group

By the time you read this our Scouts will be preparing for their (by now annual) sailing camp at Cobnor on the South Coast. This is an ever popular event and one of the many activities the scouts get up to.

We are also delighted to announce that after some hard work in both securing lottery funding and in actual construction the HQ now has a bouldering wall lining one of its sides (indoors!), a facility which will be used



**Naphill Pre-School**

**BARN DANCE**

**with live band**

**pigzear**



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm**

**at Naphill Village Hall**

**Tickets are £10**

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**Debbie Marchant**

**01494 565046**

by both the cubs/scouts and the guides. We are also in the process of acquiring an aerial runway which we hope to try out once the weather cheers up.

The search continues for a Recruiting Officer. This vacant role requires someone with good connections with the remit to keep a constant ear to the ground for potential helpers and leaders. It is especially suitable for someone who cannot make regular meetings but wants to make their contribution to the continued viability of our successful group. If this is you, or you know someone particularly suitable, please get in touch.

On a personal note the post of Chairman will become vacant in July. A very fulfilling position, suitable for a parent with children in the Group, this is another great way to 'do your bit' with the added bonus that most business takes place either in the pub or informally round a camp fire. Just let Trevor or myself know if you want to know what's involved.

*Nick Corble (Chairman) 01494 481874*

*Trevor Nicholls (GSL) 01494 565322*

## **Back in Time - A Reader's Response**

Your article 'Back in Time' 1970s was so interesting. It certainly brought back memories for me. Where

I used to visit Mr and Mrs Wooster who retired to Burdett Drive at Walter's Ash, little dreaming that in 1985 I would be living in their bungalow after moving from Forge Road where I lived for over 28 years. He used to talk to me about his holidays spent in the Orkney Islands where he would photograph unusual birds, puffins and petrel gulls. When he came home he would develop his own photos and then do black and white drawings of them, which he loaned for the covers of our Naphill Gazette. I do not know what occasion it was but I did get him to come to the Village Hall and give a talk.

Mr Wooster's full name was Albert Stanley Augustas Wooster and his wife was Isobel. He had been the Managing Director of Castles Factory in High Wycombe and was given the Freedom of the City of London for his work with the Furniture Trade Guild before retiring. Some of his sketches were used in a TV documentary when TV was only in black and white. His grandchildren are the proud owners of his work of sketches. After leaving Burdett Drive he went to be nursed by his daughter and shortly afterwards died at the age of 93.

The article on Naphill Fete was interesting when £270 was raised. Good for those times. My daughter Paula Ann Smith was 6 years old when she won the children's fancy dress award dressed as a tube of toothpaste.

Whilst writing this article I would like to mention another person who only three weeks ago died from a stroke. John Humphries and his wife Margaret built their bungalow in Walter's Ash at the same time as my ex-husband Roger and I built ours in Forge Road in the late 1950s.

John so enjoyed Naphill Common with the wildlife and birds and spent many late evenings filming the fox cubs at play and the badgers. He was enticed to give a talk at our Village Hall and from then his fame spread. The RSPB asked him if he would take on being a warden of a reserve in Wales guarding 5 pairs of red kites and pied fly catches which were also rare.

So Margaret and John left Walter's Ash to take this post. I can remember visiting them and he took me around the reserve. Later they moved to a Somerset reserve before returning back to their home in Llangadog in Carmarthen, Wales. Although semi retiring, John, who was a placid, kind man, continued taking folk on wildlife walks around his area and giving talks. John and Margaret's children still live in their area. Lynne runs a local store and Martin has his own farm and timber business. Thought villagers would like this information.

*Pam Smith*

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## Editorial

Many thanks to the two residents who have come forward with suggestions regarding electronic imaging of the old Gazettes to make them more accessible to anyone who wants to research or look up information. Both ideas are being progressed and I will give you an update in the next edition.

I do hope that as many of you as possible will support the Village Fete on 10th June. Fingers crossed for some good weather and huge respect to Ted Chapman and his team of volunteers whose workload must be immense at the moment!

I am really pleased this month to include an article by one of the children at the school. We don't hear enough from the children of the villages so if any of you are reading this and have something to say (or a picture to include) then please contact me.

Finally a subject that is special to me because I was involved in it for so many years. WANSAs, the school association, have two big fund raising initiatives that need your support. Information on both can be found in this edition.

*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
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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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## County & District Councillor's Report

The County Council uses capital funds to finance road building and improvements, schools, care homes and the like, and to enable it fund the capital programme it has to borrow money from the banks. The government has had a system in place, in which it helps with the interest charges, paying from the central funds of general taxation. This year that help has been cut. This has meant that the County Council is currently undertaking a review of its capital expenditure which in turn will mean certain cuts in the building programme and road improvement schemes. The first local casualty is likely to be the junction improvements at Culverton cross roads at the end of Woodway, Loosely Row, which were planned for later this year. The likelihood of seeing any local road improvements in the

near future are much reduced as a result of this government cut.

Valley Road improvements are near completion. The tree surgery has taken place and already the trees in full leaf have filled the gaps. The self-illuminated road studs or cats eyes have certainly improved driving visibility but some members of the public have commented to me that the road now looks like a flight path! The new speed limits should be operational from the end of May and I shall try to ensure that all redundant posts are removed.

The District Council has largely completed its re-organisation with a reduction of Director Posts from 4 to 2 and a reduction of heads of service. All part of a cost-saving exercise to free up money for an improved delivery of services to the public. All staff adjustments are sad affairs and some well-known and long serving officers have taken voluntary redundancy or early retirement. They have given long and distinguished service and I was sorry to see their departure. The resultant management will be slimmer and I am sure will continue to give an excellent service under their new Chief Executive, Mrs Karen Satterford.

Illegal dumping, which include garden trimmings, is still taking place on Naphill Common and it is a criminal offence. The County Council has obtained several recent prosecutions in south Bucks using a mobile surveillance camera. If a person sees anyone dumping waste illegally on the Common, or anywhere in Buckinghamshire, they can report it on the 24-hour illegal dumping reporting hotline on **0845 330 1856** and let me know.

Naphill Common is a wonderful amenity and we must protect it from unlawful encroachment and urbanisation. Those who see it as an extension to their property can expect a visit from the planning enforcement team.

*Richard Pushman*

## **Bradenham Parish Council**

At its Annual meeting it re-elected Ivor Herbert as Chairman and Richard Langridge as Vice Chairman.

Jan Pearce has been co-opted as new Councillor to replace Peter Skegg.

Bradenham have entered the Best Kept village Competition this year.

Councillor David Devine gave the Parish Council the grim news that the Central Railways plans for 'Super Gauge' freight container trains between the Channel Tunnel and Glasgow are being relaunched. The plan is to run it along Chiltern's route through our peaceful valley.

## **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](mailto:naphill@lycos.co.uk)*

*Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail [mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)*

The Parish Council is looking at a number of small maintenance projects in the next year.

Next meeting Monday 10th July, Bradenham Cricket Club @ 7.00pm.

*Deidre Hansen*

## **Naphill Lawn Tennis Club**



Following on from last month's Gazette contribution by our Club Chairman, Nick Fenn, I am pleased to report that our FREE coaching sessions have been enthusiastically supported by both members and potential members, all of whom seem to be enjoying themselves. As Nick also pointed out, the main function club is about 'playing tennis' and we hope coaching tips picked up at these sessions will not only boost membership but also improve our standard of play. The summer season of matches has begun, with our Mixed 1 & 2 having a 50% success rate so far (both having played two matches), whilst our Aylesbury League Ladies team lost their first match against Thame.

Whilst we have a healthy membership tally, it has often been a bit of an enigma as to why so many appear to be

reluctant to come along to club sessions and social functions. In this connection, we do try to plan events to attract members to come along and meet each other such as our **FAMILY BARBECUE & TENNIS/**

**GAMES** afternoon on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. (NB: members should note there will be no organized Sunday morning session on this day). We are planning this as a FUN DAY for all members and their families and friends, with not only tennis being played, but also any field games such as cricket, rounders, etc. – please bring appropriate equipment! To sustain all these activities, for a moderate sum of £4 for adults, £2 for children or £10 for a family ticket, barbecued burgers, sausages and drumsticks will be on offer, together with salads, puds, rolls & crusty bread! Tea, squash and coffee will also be provided but guests are ‘invited’ to bring other beverages as appropriate! Do come along and meet your fellow members – if you feel you can contribute a ‘dish’, please bring it too or put your name up on the noticeboard. To help with catering, please contact our Chairman (tel: 01494 564693/e-mail: [nick.fenn@gmail.com](mailto:nick.fenn@gmail.com)) and/or the undersigned but those who cannot commit until the day will also be most welcome!

On a more serious note, earlier in the year we had an incidence of vandalism on our courts which, fortunately, was not too damaging. This was mainly due to the kind intervention of neighbours, whose gardens back on to the courts and who alerted the police. The perpetrators were duly apprehended by our local constabulary, who have been most helpful by continuing to update us to let us know how matters are proceeding. We would also like to thank those neighbours, who helped by alerting the police and club members and turning up the next morning to clear the debris.

We continue to welcome enquiries from new (or past) members and our Membership Secretary – Sue Crooks, tel: 01494 562539, e-mail: [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com) will be pleased to send you details.

*Ingrid Tomlins - tel: 01494 446063 – e-mail:  
RGTomlins@aol.com*

## Naphill Evening WI

May 11<sup>th</sup>, a lovely day for the Resolutions meeting held at Jenny’s home. Coffee was served, then we got down to the serious business of debating and voting for the two proposed resolutions – renewable energy and more sports facilities for children and adults. We had an informal discussion and there was a unanimous ‘Yes’ vote for both. This was followed with a delicious ploughman’s lunch eaten in the garden. It was so pleasant, members were reluctant to leave!

Our last meeting, which occurred after the press date, was interesting and thought provoking. Mary Blow talked to us about the Street Children Pro Deo Romania and how several homes were set up to care for these children. There is a constant need for warm clothing, food and other items, which are taken out by lorries making tedious journeys to and from the UK, sometimes being held up at Customs for 11 hours. Donations are also important to enable them to fund these projects. So many good people undertaking these worthy causes. At this meeting we also discussed the new WI magazine and as it is going to go ahead anyway, it was suggested that members wrote individually to National to complain if they are not in agreement.

On June 10<sup>th</sup> once again we are looking forward to the Naphill & Walters Ash Village Fete where the good ladies of the WI will be providing refreshments in the village hall, the WI tombola stall (gifts needed for this) and last but not least the beautiful float. Do come along and support us. We will be reporting on Travelling Ladies by Louise Reed in our next issue of the Gazette, and hopefully the report from our link delegate who is attending the AGM in Cardiff. We wish her an enjoyable trip. June 15<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating our 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday with a party and entertainment by The Delectable Selection. New members can be assured of a warm welcome and making new friends.

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

## Naphill Neighbours

ANTIQUES were the subject of our May meeting and we were entertained, informed and educated by Simon Brown of the Bourne End Auction Rooms. A full hall - all ladies - sat spellbound listening to Simon talking and giving the values of the many pieces of antique furniture he had brought with him, from a long-case clock to a nursing chair - and a fake scrimshaw turtle - and then the 30 or more items brought along by our members and guests. Some of us even found we were owners of quite valuable items.

Members (and anyone else who would be kind enough to contribute) are reminded that cakes, biscuits, jams etc are needed on our stall at the FETE on Saturday, 10th June. No excuse if you are away on the day - cakes can be left beforehand with Sheila (562888) or Hazel (563977) to go in their freezers.

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 12th June when we will welcome Mr Ron Pearce who will be talking about PHOTO-JOURNALISM. The tea

hostesses on that evening will be Betty Jones, Sheila Vesey and Muriel Adams.

We are looking forward to our day in Bournemouth on Thursday 15th June. The coach leaves Naphill Village Hall at 9.00am sharp and we are, of course, hoping for a sunny day at the seaside.

June will certainly be a busy month for Naphill Neighbours.

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

## **Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club**

We are indebted to Mr. David Meldrum for kindly stepping in at the last minute to replace our scheduled speaker for 28th April who was unfortunately unable to come. Mr. Meldrum talked to us about his experience in environmental health having started work as a Sanitary Inspector, through changes of name to Public Health Inspector, and finally to the present title of Environmental Health Inspector as the scope of the work expanded to cover workplaces in addition to the

quality of water, foods and sewage! Although retired, Mr. Meldrum is still passionately concerned that the environment should be protected and encouraged us all recycle as much waste as possible.

We were delighted to once again welcome Mr. Colin Oakes on 12th May when he spoke to us about poet John Milton who spent a short time in Buckinghamshire in the 17th century to escape plague hit London. Milton was a precocious child who could speak Greek, Latin and Hebrew at five years old; in addition to being a great poet he also wrote tracts on a number of topics including support for the Parliamentarians during the English civil war. The house in which he stayed in Chalfont St. Giles is the only surviving residence of all those in which Milton lived and now houses the Milton Museum.

Our programme for June will be:

June 9th : The Club Birthday Party with entertainment by the Swan Singers.

June 23rd: Music by Banjo Revival

June 30th: Garden Party hosted by Richard and Valerie Pushman

*Doris Lording : 569424*



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## **Readers Letters**

### **Council Tax**

Dear Mr Frost,

Following your letter in May's Gazette, I am sorry you feel you hear very little from your Parish Councillors.

You raise the point of the increase in the Hughenden Parish precept, the following explains this increase:

The Hughenden Parish Council precept for this year went up by £10,000 which is 8.475%.

Playgrounds went up by £2000 as the Parish Council has taken over responsibility for their upkeep, even when they are owned (and previously maintained) by village halls. Grass and hedge cutting has gone up by £800 and this may well increase further as we are likely to have to cut the area at Templewood, which is due to be handed over to the Parish Council shortly (good news). Insurance has gone up by £100 and street lighting energy has been put up by £200, although this may not prove to be enough as we brace ourselves for some large increases in energy costs, which weren't known about when the precept was set. There is an increase of £1700 for the provision of the toilet facility at the Garden of Rest and a further £4500 for the upgrading of the roadway. The above totals £9,300 which more or less covers the increase in service costs. There is obviously a natural increase in salaries.

The cost per household has gone up from £35 to £38 per annum, based on an estimate of 3400 households.

The rise of £3 (all round figures of course) per household per annum equates to less than 6 pence per week.

Councillor Matt Piercy : [matthew\\_piercy@lycos.co.uk](mailto:matthew_piercy@lycos.co.uk)  
: 562081

## Old Gazettes

I am delighted that money has been spent on preserving the Gazette's past but disappointed that the job cannot be completed through lack of cash. Would it not have been better to maintain the £2 annual subscription rather than reduce it by 50p? That way, perhaps the preservation could have been completed.

Alan Lewis

*Editor's comment: The decision to start properly archiving the older editions was taken after the decision to drop the subscriptions and certainly before I discovered how much the acid free storage materials cost! I think the solution is to slowly work our way through them oldest first thus spreading the cost year on year.*

## House Clearance Sale

We are emigrating to Australia at the end of June and are holding a clearance sale at **14 Main Road, Naphill** on **18th June (10am-4pm)** and **19th June (10am-2pm)**. There will be lots of household goods for sale including loads of toys (indoor and outdoor), baby items and exercise equipment. Please feel free to come and browse and you may find some excellent bargains! Please call 01494 565580 for more info.

Cheryl Page

## The Naphill and Walter's Ash Fete



### SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Your diary entry for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June should read 'Must go to the Fête. 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 would like to dress up the theme this year is 'Film Characters'.

If you have not already received your copy of the free Fête Programme it will be with you shortly. Take a look at the masses of things that will be happening that day. There will be the traditional music-led procession that starts from Forge Road at noon, followed by

## SPRING CLEANING?

**Then turn out all those good quality books that you no longer have house room for and help raise funds at this year's fete!**

If you have novels and children's books, in good condition, that you no longer want I would be pleased to receive them at "Endsleigh" Clappins Lane.

**(No book deliveries on the day of the fete please)**

Pauline Pool: 564226

everything from displays in the arena to Welly Throwing and dozens of side stalls. You really must finish off the day by coming to the Fête Dance that starts at 8.00pm and finishes at midnight. This year we have booked Garry the radio DJ from mix 107 who is sure to put on a really super disco. (If you want to be sure of tickets 'phone Ted on 563034) Save your energy for twelve hours of fun, it's too good to miss.

Football fans will be able to see every minute of England's first World Cup match - it will be on our large screen in the Scout & Guide hut and the score will be broadcast over the PA system. Come to the Fête to groan and cheer, beer will be on hand to celebrate with!

If you want to help the Fête, books will be welcomed by Pauline (564226) as long as they arrive before Fête day, your unwanted things will be welcome on the Bric-a-Brac stall (Ian on 564824), I need your old wellies 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!

The appeal for donations from those who cannot get to the Fête has clearly been welcomed. So far (12 May) we have received £358 and more is still arriving. Please support our heavily used and much appreciated Village Hall by sending me a cheque (£5 or whatever you can afford) payable to 'Naphill Village Fête'.

Don't forget to put pen to paper and write to me and tell me about your 'Best Neighbour'. Your name will remain confidential but everyone who is nominated will receive a certificate and the winner's name is added to the list of much appreciated people on the 'Best Neighbours' cup. Judging is by a panel of our village elders (!).

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

*Ted Chapman Fête Organiser, 22 Ash Close,  
Walters Ash, HW, HP14 4TR. (563034)*

## Second Hand Emporium

Oh dear, our salesmen and ladies are getting a trifle anxious, very few phone calls. Remember you will not be ringing India or listening to 'Greensleeves' or even someone saying "press one for so and so or two for something or other. No, you will be speaking directly to the person you require, who will be pleased to hear you say " I've got something for your emporium" Please get searching and find a little item or two and 'make their day'.

*Please ring Ian on 564824, John on 565563 or Bob on 563846.*

## Naphill Village Hall And Playing Fields Council

Sarah Bacon agreed to stay on as Chairman for yet another year and was duly elected. We are all very pleased about that!

The chair saga continues. Another model was viewed, tested and approved . We hope to get funding for these from the Lottery's Grants for All to supplement the grant obtained from the Community Leader's fund via our Councillor, Richard Pushman.

The leak in the Gents toilet has been fixed but the damage from this affected the plaster work and ceiling, which will have to be put right before we go ahead with our planned refurbishment.

Michael Clarke, although not a member of the Village Hall, has once again come to our rescue. A potentially disastrous flood was avoided by his swift action when he fixed a leak in the roof of the new extension. Even so, this was not before the cloak room floor was flooded and the ceiling damaged. Heaters and de-humidifiers were needed, and quickly, to dry the place out. Ken Wright, our Treasurer, arranged this and was presented with a bill of around £400.

And so it goes on. Small problems, big problems, they all require someone who is prepared to sort them out.

Don't forget the fete on Saturday 10th June.....BE THERE!

*Don Turner 562645*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

### Planning

**06/5923/FUL** Pippins, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Erection of detached outbuilding to rear.

**06/5991/FUL** Lark Rise, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Erection of replacement 3- bed dwelling with basement and replacement detached garage and shed. (App. 06/5135/FUL withdrawn).

YHA Hostel, Bradenham (The old school) has been closed by the YHA because it has not produced enough revenue. Every attempt to persuade the YHA to reverse their decision has failed. There are now no YHA hostels closer than the one at Jordans. Developers are currently awaiting an Appeal decision on whether or not the building can be converted to a private residence.

Next Meeting: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Naphill Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## The Naphill and Walter's Ash Sky in June 2006

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 11 and new on 25. Venus is a morning star this month, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn can be seen in the evening in the west. Although the sky never gets really dark at this time of the year, it should be possible to see Mercury above the western horizon around June 11 and the Moon will be 5° north of the planet on 27.

The Moon will be 4° south of Jupiter on 8<sup>th</sup>; Mars will be 0.6° north of Saturn on 18; Moon will be 3° north of Saturn on 28 and the Moon will be 2° north of Mars on 28<sup>th</sup>. The Andromeda galaxy is beginning to appear in the north-western sky late in the evening.

	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
<b>June 1</b>						
<b>Rise</b>	04.51	09.33	03.33	08.22	18.07	09.15
<b>Set</b>	21.11	01.15	17.32	24.33	03.52	24.50
<b>June 8</b>						
<b>Rise</b>	04.47	18.02	03.22	08.18	17.36	08.51
<b>Set</b>	21.18	02.37	17.51	24.17	03.23	24.24
<b>June 15</b>						
<b>Rise</b>	04.44	24.39	03.12	08.15	17.05	08.28
<b>Set</b>	21.23	08.27	18.10	24.00	02.54	23.58
<b>June 22</b>						
<b>Rise</b>	04.45	02.02	03.05	08.13	16.36	08.04
<b>Set</b>	21.25	18.34	18.29	23.42	02.25	23.33
<b>June 29</b>						
<b>Rise</b>	04.47	08.31	03.00	08.10	16.07	07.41
<b>Set</b>	21.25	23.51	18.47	23.23	01.57	23.07

### Star

The Sun is a star, one of 200 billion in the Milky Way Galaxy. They are self-luminous bodies which were initially made mostly of hydrogen held together by gravity and which in their cores individual nuclei collide and take part in nuclear reactions that release energy in the form of light and heat converting the hydrogen into helium. When the hydrogen has been exhausted, the helium burns into carbon

and the star adjusts itself into a red giant. A star the size of the Sun takes about 10 billion years to go through this process. A star 6 times the size of the Sun cannot sustain itself in hydrostatic equilibrium and it collapses and explodes as a supernova type II that leaves behind a neutron star. The smallest remnant is often a pulsar that is spinning and normally on its way to becoming a black hole. Smaller stars, the size of the Sun, contract without an explosion to become white dwarfs. Supernovae are quite rare events and according to Chinese astronomers there have been seven or eight of them in the last 2000 years, the last four having taken place in the Milky Way in 1006, 1054, 1572 (known as Tycho's supernova) and 1604 (known as Kepler's supernova). The latest well-known supernovae exploded in the Large Magellanic Cloud in 1987, 150,000 light years from Earth.

## **BUCKS OPEN STUDIOS**

**JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

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***Email; [VI-group@btconnect.com](mailto:VI-group@btconnect.com)***

***Four artists are participating in  
Naphill.***

***Mig Smith, Stafford Dobson and  
Keith and Roni Wilkins***

## **Bode's Law**

Bode's Law is a numerical sequence that uncannily represents the distances of the planets from the Sun. The sequence starts 0, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, 192... where each number is double the previous one with the exception of the first in the series. Then add 4 to each of the numbers and the following series emerges: 4, 7, 10, 16, 28, 52, 100, 196... Bode noticed that if the distances of the planets from the Sun were measured in tenths of the astronomical unit (1 AU is the distance between the Earth and the Sun) then the series quite accurately represents the distances of the first six planets. The exact figures are 3.9 for Mercury, 7.2 for Venus, 10 for Earth, 15.2 for Mars, 52 for Jupiter and 95.4 for Saturn. For some years Bode's series was considered to be of idle curiosity. Then Uranus was discovered and the correct figure was 192. Those events lead to a prolonged attempt to find a planet in the area of 28. The first asteroid found was Ceres with a distance of 27.6, astonishingly fitting the numerical pattern suggested by Bode. By this time Bode's sequence had graduated into the status of a 'law' although Neptune (300) and Pluto, when discovered, failed completely.

## **General Theory of Relativity**

Last month gave a short article on Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity. Now follows an even briefer article on his General Theory of Relativity developed between 1907 and 1915. It states that a uniform gravitational field (like that near the Earth) is equivalent to a uniform acceleration. What this means is that a person cannot tell the difference between (a) standing on the Earth, feeling the effects of gravity as a downward pull and (b) standing in a very smooth lift that is accelerating upwards at just the right rate of exactly 32 feet per second squared. In both cases a person would feel the same downward pull of gravity. A far cry from Newton's view of gravity as a force acting at a distance.

General relativity can be used to solve a problem on the elliptical orbit of the planet Mercury. The orbit does not exactly repeat, but twists around in such a way that the perihelion position of the planet (its nearest point to the Sun) moves in space. It does so by 43 arcsec per century more than Newton's predictions. General Theory of Relativity sorts it out.

Einstein's Special Theory of Relativity predicted that time does not flow at a fixed rate: moving clocks appear to tick more slowly relative to their stationary counterparts. But this effect only becomes really significant at very the high velocities that approach the speed of light. When "generalized" to include gravitation, the equations of relativity predict that gravity, or the curvature of space time by matter, not only stretches or shrinks distances (depending on their direction with respect to the gravitational field) but also will appear to slow down or "dilate" the flow of time).

## **News from ‘Christians in the Community’**

We recently enjoyed a Fellowship Safari with three homes welcoming us during the evening – quite a challenge for the three hostesses to ensure everyone does not overload on tea and coffee!

We look forward to seeing you at Naphill Fete on the 10<sup>th</sup> June on our Sweets and Plants stall, and also at Hughenden Village Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> July. If you have some sweets or plants to donate to the stall please let me know.

The Friday night childrens’ group KRASH will meet on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the The Father’s House (formerly Naphill Evangelical church).

*Norma Clarke 01494 563116*

## **The Father’s House**

*(Home of Naphill Mission)*

Over the last few months on the first Friday of the month we have opened Chatterbox Charity Café at The Father’s House (11am – 2pm). This is a place where anyone can come and have light refreshments, over morning coffee/tea or the lunch time period in a relaxed and informal setting. The homemade cakes have, I must say, been outstanding and they have not helped improve anyone’s waistline hence why we also offer some healthier options for those who want to resist temptation. All the profit made will go to helping those in need in the developing world and around £120 has been made so far.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally convey the churches thanks to everyone who has come along and supported us so far. This last month particularly saw a great response from the other local churches and members of the local community and as well as some nice food, a warm and friendly atmosphere was, I believe, enjoyed by all. Thank you all for helping make a significant splash in the ocean towards helping those in need.

We have a couple more sessions when we will open before a break in August (**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**) so please come and support us to help reach our initial target of raising at least £200 – 250 towards a project in the developing world, details of which will be in the church soon.

Also should you like to volunteer in either helping on the day or by donating a cake that we can sell, please call Polly or myself on the number at the end of this article.

### **Families**

Being in a field of work that helps try to meet the spiritual and practical needs of others I am aware that despite the general apparent wealth of many people within our own society and community there are still a great number of needs or issues that need addressing in them, some of which we may not recognise or at least choose not to.

Something however, I believe concerns many of us is the moral decline we regularly see within today’s society, we see dishonesty or immoral behaviour in just about every part of it, no longer do we see a respect for authority and that is often due to the fact that we seem to be unable to believe or trust anyone in positions of authority which can extend even to the members of our own family.

Through my own life experience and what I have come to understand since becoming a Christian I believe much of the route of the problem stems from the decline of “**the family**” and what were traditional family values within society. How many times do we see the youth of today taking the council and advice of friend’s or outsiders rather than parents or family? Some advise that so often destroys rather the lead to a healthier more fulfilled life. There has been especially in the younger generations a social and cultural shift in where our most important relationships take place and for many it is not in the family. Have you noticed how popular TV programs like “Friends” that promote this idea are? Is following social trends the answer? Has “the family” any relevance in today’s society or should it be consigned a place in the grave like many other institutions of the past?

Some of us will have good and bad memories and experiences of what it is to be “Family” all will have played a part in what we are or have become. Yet this whole concept of family has been one of the mainstays that have kept nations and communities like ours stable and secure but are now coming under ever increasing threat and attack.

Later this month I hope to begin addressing some of the issues surrounding “**the family**” in our society today from a Christian perspective. Why the family so essential, How we can have better marriages, how we can help one another, how we can help and teach our children to grow up in an ever changing world, what some of the issues facing teenagers are (hopefully from that perspective), care for our parents, whether we are redundant after 55? These are just some of the topics I hope to address in a series entitled “**Families on the front Line**”.

Some of you reading this article though concerned about the issues surrounding “family” may be worried that your questions might not be answered because of its Christian bias. Therefore, in order to try and help make sure this series, as best as possible, is relevant and available to all, *Christian and non Christian* I like to make the following requests: 1) If you have any questions concerning family that you’d like to see addressed please would you send them to me by post to: **The Manse 124 Main Road**, e-mail or telephone. I will attempt to address all serious questions

and concerns. 2) You may not feel comfortable coming to a church setting but happy enough in a small discussion group type setting in a home. If that is so again please let me know so that the possibility of setting up a small group can be looked at but this will depend on if there any response.

My belief is that God does have the answers that can help us with family life but it is up to us whether we will listen and allow Him to help us apply them.

Finally, if you have any needs or concerns and would like help, prayer for or just to talk over please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other local churches. The Lord is loving and compassionate to all who genuinely come to Him, all we endeavour to be is His vessels of love and grace so that all might come to know Him.

I look forward to hearing from you or seeing you in Chatterbox.

Bob Tel. 01494 563304  
Email: [thefathershouse@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:thefathershouse@dsl.pipex.com)

## Naphill Horticultural Society

### Summer Show

#### Naphill Village Hall                      Saturday July 1st

Our Annual Summer Show takes place on Saturday July 1st and is your chance to show off what you can grow in your garden or allotment

Despite the cold, late start to the season, 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 July 1st so why not pick up a schedule and have a go?

I know that some of you feel quite daunted by the thought of entering anything, so, to try and encourage you, we have included some useful hints and tips for the first time exhibitor in the schedule. It really is quite easy, and there are always people on hand on the day of the show that would be only too happy to advise you on how to stage an exhibit.

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?

If you forgot to pick up a schedule at the plant sale last month, they 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 and the ever-popular auction of donated exhibits will take place at 4pm.



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Cathryn Carter 563233

## Lacey Green Windmill - 2006

Lacey Green Windmill will be open to the public from 2.30pm to 5.30pm on Sundays and bank Holidays between 1st May and 24th September in 2006.

The windmill is the oldest smock mill to survive in this country. It was built around 1650 and was in use until 1915. The mill retains its original massive mid 17th century wooden machinery. Restoration to preserve the mill and bring it back to working order has been carried out since 1971 by members of The Chiltern Society.

The mill is located 2 miles south of Princes Risborough. Follow signs to Lacey Green from A4010. The mill is behind 'The Whip' at the top of the hill. Please park in Pink Road. Admission is £1 for adults and 50p for children. A booklet about the windmill is available for £1.50.

For enquiries, please telephone 01844 275871. You can now see further details on the windmill's own web site: [www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk](http://www.laceygreenwindmill.org.uk).

*Betty Hardy*

## Naphill Baby & Toddler Group

**Naphill Baby & Toddler Group** are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies. We offer a **friendly** environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while the children play with the numerous toys and make new friends.

We meet every **Thursday** during term-time at the **Naphill Village Hall** between **2-4 pm**. Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

We have some more great special events to look forward to this year including:

- ❖ **Teddy Bear's Picnic** (a date in **August** yet to be arranged), to give us all something to look forward to during the Summer Holidays!
- ❖ **'Pottery Painting'** on **19<sup>th</sup> October** for the children and/or mums during the regular toddlers session. The cost will be based just on the items painted.
- ❖ Also in **October** we will be holding our regular **photography session** where you can have beautiful family portraits taken by a professional photographer at very reasonable prices. Date to be notified. This session is open to everyone and time slots can be booked by calling Zoe on the number below once the date has been announced.
- ❖ **Christmas Party** on **14<sup>th</sup> December**, with a professional children's entertainer, special Christmas tea (with mulled wine and mince pies for the mums!), and special early visit by **Father Christmas** himself!

*Cheryl Page: 565580*

## LINK Group Meetings

When I moved in to the village 13 years ago, there was an article in the Gazette about a group of mums with young children who would take turns to host a fortnightly meeting in their homes. It was designed to support expectant mums and those with young children below pre-school age, and was a great way to get to know others with babies and toddlers of a similar age. These very informal coffee and play sessions helped us to learn from each other about things relating to this age group, as well as having a social morning discussing other topics.

The group was very successful and ran for over 10 years before the membership ran dry.

A new group has recently been formed in the hope that we can give others this opportunity of making new friends and getting out of the house with those little folks for a morning on a fortnightly basis.

We meet up on alternative Thursday mornings from 10.00am – Noon. If anyone is interested in coming along you would be very welcome. Please contact Caroline Oxnard on 01494 563906. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Caroline Oxnard*

## Naphill Brownies

You all know Barbara Clarke reached retirement from Brownies earlier this year.

The Pack has been kept going until Easter by her Granddaughter and now until 6th July by me, the District Commissioner. Sadly, no one has come forward to volunteer to take the pack on. This now means that Thursday 6th July will be the last Brownie meeting in Naphill. It also means that a very long Brownie tradition in the village will come to an end and girls aged 7-10 will no longer have the opportunity to be a Brownie. At present the Pack has a long waiting list.

I am enjoying my time with the Brownies, but have many other Guiding commitments, a family and a job, so am not able to take it on in the long term. For my Guide unit it also has far reaching implications because most of our Guides come from Naphill Brownies and when they are no longer coming through it will mean the end of Guiding in this village.

If you know of anyone who is interested in running Brownies, please let me know. Or if your daughter is on our waiting list you might like to take it on. It is not a life sentence, but fun and it is wonderful to do things with children of all abilities and that everyone can bring different skills to.

You can contact me on 01494-562254 or [deirdre-jim.hansen@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:deirdre-jim.hansen@tiscali.co.uk) or at a Brownie meeting, Thursdays from 6.00-7.15pm in the Naphill Scout and Guide hut.

*Deirdre Hansen, Hughenden District Commissioner.*

## Naphill & Walters Ash School

This month our column is given over to a child from the school who writes from a personal point of view about has been going on here at school over the past few weeks.

For the past few months some of us have been

school were doing optional tests, except for the children in Reception and Year 1 who weren't doing any type of tests this week. Everyone has been trying really hard when they have been doing their tests and I'm sure they've all done well.

That's what has been happening on the academic side of school but we have also been very busy with sporting events. For the first time ever Year 2 went to represent the school in a mini tennis tournament there has also been a lot of netball played by the A and B teams have done really well, they have played in tournaments. On the Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March Naphill and Walters Ash school hosted the inter school tag rugby tournament which we won as well. We also have a lot of events coming up like on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2006 there's a Rounders competition and there's also the Year 6 games coming up on 8<sup>th</sup> of June along with many other events.

We have had a very busy year so far and we are looking forward to the rest of the year.

*Grace Coleman Year 6*

### **Growing Perennial Vegetables Part 3: Good King Henry**

Good King Henry has at least two other names – mercury and Lincolnshire asparagus. It is a traditional English vegetable and has been found growing wild near ancient Roman sites in the UK. Good King Henry crops for nine months of the year.

The seeds are extremely small and only a few germinate. The plant grows about 30 inches high and flops over so that it occupies an area about 4 feet in diameter. The leaves are quite large, 3 or more inches in diameter in the shape of the spade in a pack of cards. Good King Henry is most unusual in that it pushes up new shoots all the time which have flowers on them immediately, seemingly as they emerge from the soil. As the shoots grow to their full height the flowers develop and leaves emerge from the sides of the shoots.

As the plants mature they can be replanted about one foot apart. In the open they start pushing up new shoots in March, they grow all year, then they are beaten down by severe frosts in December. They then leave strawy stems which can be removed and composted.

The weeds cannot grow in the vicinity since they are swamped. Since pests do not seem to be a problem one does not need to use chemicals so the crops are perfectly organic. I feel that the plants would grow in almost any soil.

Now for some magic. The plants have two distinct

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types of crop. One takes the leaves only, leaving the narrow stems, and cooks the leaves like spinach. About 100 leaves are adequate for two people. The taste is very good, like a refined sort of spinach, which goes particularly well with oily fish such as mackerel, salmon and herring. And this is a spinach which does not bolt and has an enormous growing period.

The young shoots can also be used like asparagus. In late April I cut half the plants (now 30 inches high) down to the ground and put the cut plants in the compost heap. This brutal treatment stimulates the roots to put forth a host of new shoots. When the shoots are 6 to 9 inches high I crop them, again cutting them down to the ground. I then take the cut shoots, remove nearly all the lower leaves together with their stalks (the stalks are stringy) but leave on the flowering top and a few very small leaves. The shoots are then cooked and eaten like asparagus. Later in the season the other half of the row can receive the same brutal treatment.

They are simply delicious on their own with butter but can also be served as a side vegetable with meat and fish dishes.

*Mike Mason*

*NB This is an extract only. Mike's full article can be obtained from the Editor.*

# Don't Miss the WANSA Summer Fete!

Saturday 8th July from 11.30 to 2.30

at Naphill & Walter's Ash School

Fancy Dress Competition

Tea Tent

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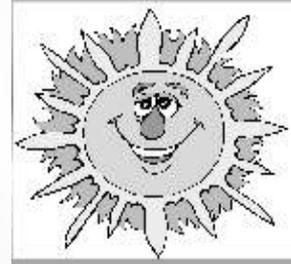
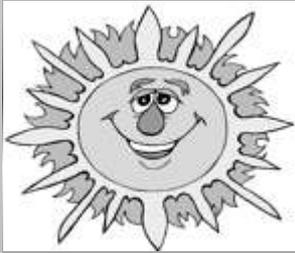
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## When three's not a crowd

Naphill's youngest triplets – and probably the first to be born in the UK, being delivered on 1 January 2006 – are thriving. Parents Lorna and Dave West moved to Hunts Hill Lane in March as their Marlow Bottom home was too small to accommodate the sudden expansion. The triplets – Millie, Matthew and Oliver – are siblings for 2½-year-old Charlotte, seen here on the left. The arrival of the three means that Lorna and David now have two of each – and are happy for the numbers to stay that way!

If anyone has a spare hour and feel they would like to help, perhaps by taking the triple-buggy for a walk through the admiring village, please give their mum a ring on 563898. In the UK, around 120 sets of triplets are born each year.

*Alan Lewis*



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## Editorial

What a wonderful day for the fete and what a superb display and turnout we had. Along with everyone else, I would like to add my thanks to Ted Chapman and all who helped.

I am very grateful to Joe Graziano and Rod Smith who have come forward to help me get the older copies of the Gazettes scanned and saved electronically.

Joe's company Graphic Data have given us a really reasonable price to image the bulk of the old Gazettes and the sample they ran for us was very encouraging.

Meanwhile Rod is scanning the very oldest copies which are already bound and need to be done manually.

By the next edition we should have several copies of them all in safe hands around the village.

My next task is to find a way of making them easily available for anyone to look at and the Internet would seem the most sensible option once I know how much space they will take up.

I hope you all have a lovely summer break.

*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
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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

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## County & District Councillor's Report

It is always a mistake to read through old files and I could not help but notice that 40 years ago, I was writing for the Naphill Gazette a monthly article called "Local Matters". Although largely related to news from the Parish Council it had many of the same subjects that give us concern today. Speeding through the village, unsuitable planning and acts of vandalism etc. Critics might well ask what has been done about it? My reply would be that they are issues, which depend very much on our own attitudes. It would appear that human nature is slow to change – if indeed it ever does!

On planning matters, the Appeal Inspector has overturned two recent rejections by the Development

Control Committee making something of a mockery of so called local democracy. I have warned previously that recent government legislation has made it very difficult to slow the relentless drive for increased housing in the area.

The new speed limits are in place and have not generated too much comment. In the main drivers are keeping within them. I would remind readers that they are limits. One does not have to drive at those speeds if the conditions indicate that a more cautious approach is necessary.

The County Council issues press releases on a regular basis and some are relevant to local issues. An Older People Conference is being organised in Aylesbury town centre on 5<sup>th</sup> July, titled "Words into Actions". Starting at 9.30 a.m. and finishing at 3.30 p.m. and a free lunch is provided! More information can be obtained by phoning 01296 387620.

Enjoy your summer holidays, I hope the days are warm and sunny with perhaps, rain at nights to keep us all happy.

*Richard Pushman*

## **Notes From Hughenden Parish Council – June 2006**

The Parish Council continues to fight to preserve the green spaces in the village, and to try and prevent backland development. Unfortunately, too often, Wycombe District Council's refusal to permit the building of a dwelling in someone's back garden is subsequently overturned on appeal to The Planning Inspectorate.

The Parish Council objected to the development in the gardens of 9 and 10 Ash Close because it considered the proposed dwelling, by reason of its size and scale related to adjoining properties, would have an adverse impact on the surrounding properties and would result in the loss of amenity trees and be un-neighbourly. Cllr Pushman referred the matter to the Development Control Committee of Wycombe District Council and permission to build was subsequently refused. The owners of the land appealed against this decision and the Planning Inspectorate has allowed the appeal.

I quote from part of the judgment of the Planning Inspector. 'It is my opinion that the overall scale and massing of the proposal would be sympathetic to the surroundings area, would not significantly alter the existing pleasant, reasonably quiet, residential character of the area or harm the appearance of Ash Close.' Well, it is just an opinion! However, this view is backed up by recent policy guidance (PPG3) which encourages

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

*Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is [naphill@lycos.co.uk](mailto:naphill@lycos.co.uk)*

*Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail [mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk](mailto: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/>*

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*Hughenden Parish Council: Tel 01494 715296, Email [hughendenpc@btconnect.com](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)*

councils to make better use of land within built up areas. The fact that Naphill and Walters Ash are rural settlements, and NOT built up areas, seems to me to have been ignored.

I mention all this partly because it is relevant to the work we are doing on Village Design Statements. Naphill and Walters Ash Ward has consulted you all, drafted a Statement, and is almost ready to send it out to residents for final consideration. The other wards in the Parish are also working on Statements relevant to them. The hope, and expectation, is that the final document will be a material consideration when future planning applications are submitted and considered by Wycombe District Council, in consultation with the Parish Council.

Please respond to the proposed design guidance in the Village Design Statement when you have had a chance to look at it. It will certainly have something to say about building in gardens. OUR VDs WILL ONLY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IF A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF RESIDENTS AGREE WITH IT.

*Peggy Ewart - Vice Chairman, Hughenden Parish Council*

## Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



As the year gallops away – can we really have passed halfway already? – I am glad to report the Family Funday proved to be a very enjoyable afternoon – helped by good weather and lots of enthusiastic input at all levels. The younger set began on the tennis courts and then graduated to badminton, cricket and other park games, duly organized by Paul and Nick. The grown-ups took over all three courts and played continually, until the inviting odours, from the barbecue, manfully operated by Nick and John, beckoned. A very appetizing meal was consumed with gusto and, in spite of fears of shortages, there proved to be more than enough to satisfy all! We are now looking forward to our next social event which is the ‘Pimms & Tennis’ afternoon on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm (again – members should note that there will be no organized morning club session on this date).

The Naphill Fete afternoon also enjoyed clement weather, if a little too warm for some! We were very proud of our Beginners Club ‘101 Dalmatians’ entry in the procession, who all looked very fine as they marched enthusiastically along in the procession. In spite of a rather important football event at the same time, there appeared to be a continuous stream of participants on the ‘Bouncy Castle’ (‘woman-ed’ by the Tennis Club). Sadly, though, not so many visitors managed to find their way over to the Tennis Club to try out their serving skills against the speed gun or throwing Balls into the Bucket. Overall, however, in spite of the lure of the ‘big match’, Ted Chapman, chief NVC Fete organizer (and tennis club member), reports the afternoon had raised a ‘tidy sum’ for the Village Hall.

The summer programme of matches played in various leagues is now well underway, with rather mixed fortunes as far as our club is concerned. Bucks Shield Ladies team have drawn 1 match and lost 1 and our Mixed 1 team has won 2 and lost 2. Unfortunately, our Mixed 2 and Aylesbury Ladies teams have yet to celebrate a win – which I’m sure will come eventually. Our Mixed 2 captain has stated that he felt his inexperienced team had definitely improved from last year and were enjoying their matches, in spite of the results to date. No news on Aylesbury League Mens team at this stage. Our Rusty Racquet and Coaching evenings have been well-supported, with two still to be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July. These have been organized in conjunction with the LTA’s ‘Play Tennis 2006’ campaign, aimed at encouraging people to take up the sport.

Our popular Junior evening sessions have also been well-supported and the last coaching session will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, with a tournament planned for the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Spectators welcomed! All family (and friends) – come along and cheer for your very own ‘Naphill Junior Champion’! We hope the younger members will practice all they have learnt by using the courts throughout the summer holidays and the rest of the year (except, of course, when required by Senior members for club sessions or matches).

As a tennis club, we do play throughout the year and always welcome new members at any time. Please contact our Membership Secretary – Sue Crooks, tel: 01494 562539, e-mail: [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com), who will be pleased to send you details.

*Ingrid Tomlins - tel: 01494 446063 – e-mail: [RGTomlins@aol.com](mailto:RGTomlins@aol.com)*

## Naphill Evening WI

Congratulations to Ted Chapman and all his many helpers for a superb day on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> June. The village fete was once again a huge success. The ladies of the WI were kept very busy making and serving refreshments, manning the tombola stall and even managing to receive 1<sup>st</sup> prize for our stupendous float and the prize for best adult costume – who would want to live anywhere else – well done!

In May we were enlightened on Travelling Ladies by Louise Reed, sadly the attendance was down due to many members’ holiday commitments, but nevertheless we had a pleasant evening. On the day we go to press it is our 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday party, another enjoyable event. We are being entertained by the Delectable Selection and will tell you all about it in our next issue. The Speen delegate who went to the AGM at Cardiff is sending us a report as unfortunately she cannot attend our July meeting.

It is Valerie’s games evening with supper on the 6<sup>th</sup> July, so do come along and enjoy the fun. Tickets will be on sale from the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, contact Valerie Pushman. A reminder now for Jessie’s tea afternoon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August in aid of Cycle Cuba. Tickets, in the usual form of a competition, will be sold at our meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, where we will hear about ‘The other end of the tape measure’ by Mrs P Mitchell. Competition is a tape measure – do have a look through your sewing box and bring an entry. The July 27<sup>th</sup> walk and pub supper has been arranged by Judy and Betty, details will be given at the next meeting. The fit ladies will look forward to the walk, but for those who cannot manage it, do come for the supper. It is sure to be a friendly affair. The

Denbigh's Vineyard trip on 17<sup>th</sup> August has been cancelled owing to lack of support. Remember, we would still like to offer friendship and many activities to new members, so do come along, call one of the numbers below.

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

## Naphill Neighbours

Our cake stall and hamper raffle at the Fete raised the magnificent sum of £422.80 so a big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to this grand effort.

At our June meeting photo-journalist Ron Pearce told us about his career when he joined a newly-formed press agency. He brought along a selection of his photographs and explained the interesting stories behind each one. Nearly all his photographs started with a tip-off with the results being sold to national newspapers or television. The background tales were sometimes spine-chilling, often humorous and always absolutely fascinating.



## Hughenden Church Teas

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By the time you have read this we will have had our day at the seaside and are hoping for good weather while we enjoy the 'offerings' of Bournemouth.

Our July meeting will be on Monday 10th, when Mr Nicholls will be entertaining us with his MEMOIRS OF A GROCER - a trade which is virtually extinct in these days of supermarkets. It should be a nostalgic evening. The hostesses are Sonja MacMillan, June Belsham and Viv Baker.

There are still some tickets available for our outing on Thursday 21st September when we visit London to see the Queen's 80th Birthday Exhibition at Buckingham Palace. Please contact Sheila Rolfe on 562888 if you would like to join us on this "one-off" event.

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club

Our birthday celebrations on 9th June were enhanced by a concert by the Swan Singers, all members of the Wycombe Orpheus Male Voice Choir, whose joy in singing communicates itself to their audience. The programme was an enjoyable mix of music ranging from 'Chattanooga choo choo' to Schonberg's 'Bring him home' interspersed with solo performances and recitations. The concert was followed by tea prepared by the committee together with a birthday cake baked, as always, by Mary Davies.

Our forthcoming programme will be:

July 7th : Entertainment by John Howard (Accordion)

July 21st: Quiz

There will, as usual, be no meetings during August and because the Village Hall will not be available on 8th September our first meeting after the summer break will be on 22nd September.

*Doris Lording : 569424*

## New Start for The Wheel

Mark and Claire are looking forward to moving into Naphill and reinventing The Wheel !!!

We will be arriving on the 19th June and we are excited about settling down in Naphill after the last 10 years plus of running pubs throughout the country. You name somewhere we've probably lived there at some point in our lives!

A new menu will be introduced along with a great selection of wines and real ales that will include guest ale rotation. We are planning to host events that will range from theme nights, charity events, team events, private parties and BBQ's.

We would like to make The Wheel a fun place to be and offering you that much needed break from your day to day life. We are looking forward to serving you all in the near future and hearing your ideas and suggestions, as we are very aware that the reinvention of The Wheel will take more than the two of us.

Looking forward to meeting you,

*Mark and Claire*

## **This Year's Fête and Next Year's Fête!**

Fête Day was a real success. The hot and breezy weather and England's World Cup game affected the attendance but thousands of people came and had a great day out. The huge TV screen attracted at least 100 people and the atmosphere there was terrific. I'm sorry that the Evening Disco had to be cancelled but only a handful of people had indicated a wish to attend and it would have been a rather dismal affair.

Now the prizes have been distributed and the money has been counted. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the Village Hall funds were swelled by over £6,600. That was a fantastic result and thanks are due to our sponsors, the people who advertised in the Fête Programme, several organizations and individuals who gave us their goods or services free of charge and all of the people who came and participated in the procession, ran stalls, and joined in the fun of the day. We sincerely thank you all for your contributions.

It is time for our thoughts to turn to next year's Fête. I intend that it will be the last one that I organise and I would love to hear from someone who will 'shadow' me next year and take over in 2008 (with my backing if required). The job is not too difficult, all of the letters are written and a list of all the helpers exists. Do please come and join in - it is very satisfying.

Would you, or your organisation, like to think of a theme for our next Fête? It should be something that children, adults, stalls and floats can dress up for, that leaves a pretty wide choice. Please let me have your ideas within the next month as we need them for the headed notepaper and our first letters go out in August! We will present a prize to the winner on the next Fête day.

## **For JAMIE**

**Teddy tucked in pyjama top  
Climbing out of wooden cot  
Weekend trips to A & E  
Hanging high in cherry tree**

**Cheeky grin on cheeky face  
Love of brussels, not the place!  
Special dogs, your best friends  
Fires lit with plastic lens**

**Games played on local green  
Strawberries with loads of cream  
Chipmunks fed with loving care  
Dodgems bumped at local fair.**

**Bike rides in the local dells  
Swanage Bay, collecting shells  
Kite tangled in windswept tree  
Nasty stings from stamped on bee.**

**Fished, swam, loved the water  
Unlike Dave, was much shorter  
By seventeen was so glad  
Being taller than old Dad**

**Snoring loud, left on light  
Empty fridge from late night bite  
Bonfire nights, massive flames  
Love of football and all games.**

**Staying young can't be so bad  
Than getting old and grey like Dad  
No aching limbs, or failing sight  
Or false teeth in a glass at night**

**We think of you every day  
Memories will never go away  
Son so loved, so much fun  
Never forget you, precious son.**

**Dad (Father)**

*Ted Chapman, Fête Organiser: HW563034*

***P.S. I have this year's lost property so if you cannot find your mobile, sunglasses, England Cap or girls pink make-up bag please do 'phone me.***

## **A Huge 'Thank You'**

Our Fête relies heavily on the goodwill and support of lots of individuals and organisations. We give our heartfelt thanks to the following who supported us in so many ways (the list is in no special order):

Group Captain Carol Smith (RAF) - Station Commander RAF High Wycombe and the personnel of the Station and Media Services, Valerie and Richard Pushman, Tim McLaughlin and his staff and pupils, Andrew Wilmot, all the village volunteers (too many to list), Steve Curtis and Richard Dobbs (Electrical Installation), RAF Halton Flying Club, High Wycombe U3A, Lorrettes Majorettes Display, Frazer Morgan School of Dancing, Bucks Free Press, mix 107, Booker Gliding Centre, Mini Skips, Bucks Aerials (TV aerial), Dominic Urhart (30 bales of hay), Philip Green & Partners, Coles & Blackwell, JNP Partnership, Ercol Furniture, The Black Lion, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Verco Office Furniture, Bekonscot Model Village, Morrisons Supermarkets, Boots the Chemist, Fendom Dawson (Solicitor), Woolworth's, Allen James (Solicitors), Marks & Spencer, Buddleia Book-Keeping Services, Croft Enterprises, McDonald Restaurants, Crendon Timber Engineering, our local shops for prizes and engraving and all of our advertisers..

*Ted Chapman Fête Organiser, 22 Ash Close, Walters Ash, HW, HP14 4TR. (563034)*

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**on July 29th**  
**9.30am - 5.30pm**

## **Naphill Fete 2006**

What a terrific day we had! But what possessed me to say I would run the Book Stall this year. No one told me the hours of work I would need to put in, nor the hundreds of books that would be delivered to my door. Our garage looked like a warehouse with box upon box of books sorted, waiting to be sorted or just waiting!

We got there in the end and the help given us on the day by my family and friends was much appreciated.

However, a very special thank you must go to all you folks who emptied your bookshelves to give us books to sell, then bought them all back again!

I do have ten boxes of books unsold and too good to throw away so, if you didn't make it to the fete and would like to look and purchase give me a call. Any further monies I make will go to the Village Hall funds.

*Pauline Pool 564226*

## **Second Hand Emporium**

Thank you to the suppliers and buyers, it was a very lucrative day both for the bargain hunters and the village hall. The customers went away satisfied and the village hall was richer to the tune of £941.00, with more to come, we will easily top the thousand mark. "Well done" is the very least can be said to 'Trish' Bowen and Co.

*Bob Davis*

## **Naphill – The Fete– Friends – Marriage**

Congratulations to Ted Chapman and his team for another very successful fete – lots of people, wonderful procession, hot weather (but a little less wind next year please Ted!)

As usual I was able to catch up with friends I hadn't seen for ages but for me this year there was extra special news to pass on – the wedding of my daughter. Nineteen years ago at Naphill Fete my daughter had met a group of lads pressed into action to run the skittles stall. She became a very close friend with one of those lads until he went to university and then over the years they drifted apart and then (to cut a long story short) they met up again five years ago and have lived in Singapore for the last three years.

They got married in May in Bali in a stunning outdoor location and 30 family and friends were lucky enough

to share the experience with them.

The bridegroom Phil Nakajima and his family from Japan, Austria and New Zealand were eager to learn all the news from Naphill as they had all at some time visited the family when they lived on the Main Road opposite Bachelors stores. My daughter Sally keeps up with all the news via our computers but both of them will be back in Naphill for the two weeks before Christmas and hope to meet as many of their friends in the Wheel during that period (one of the highlights of every visit!).

I wonder if any other friendships started at this year's fete – I hope so!

*Norma Clarke*

## **The Country Store**

By the time the next edition goes out it appears that we will sadly have lost The Country Store. It won't seem the same without it and I would like to wish Paul and Pam, and of course Philip (how will I live without that wonderful home cooked ham?) and their staff the very best for the future.

The other shops in the parade have asked me to confirm that they are not affected and it is business as usual.

*Judy Whitehouse*

## **Help Celebrate Your Local Trees**

Throughout the Chilterns people are being asked to record their special trees in order that they can be celebrated and managed sensitively and sustainably.

The Special Trees and Woods Project, which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, can provide a simple recording form for anyone that would like to record a special tree or wood.

There may be a special tree on your village green, in your local park or on your favourite country walk in the Chilterns. It may be old, a rare species, an odd shape or be a landscape feature; some trees even have names or stories associated with them. Whatever the reason behind your special tree, we want to know about it!

Can you think of a tree or wood that you would miss? If so, record it! Don't delay, log on to [www.chilternsaonb.org/special](http://www.chilternsaonb.org/special) or call Liz Manley on 01844 355 525 for a recording form. The Special Trees and Woods Project is part of the Chiltern Woodlands Project, registered charity number 1002512

*Liz Manley - Special Trees and Woods Project*

*Tel: 01844 355 525 Mob: 07979 497 688*

## **Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes - June 2006**

By the time you read this the Fete will be a distant but very happy memory and our sunburn should have faded. What a lovely day, and one when we see our community at its best, all working together. Many thanks go to Ted and his band of helpers for providing something for everyone, and to all the village organisations who played their part. The final figure should be a significant and very welcome boost to our funds, but the day is about much more than just fund raising, its about a load of fun (headaches too, I know along the way) and a real feeling of community. Well done Ted. You bore the brunt of it all, sorted the weather again, and I think you have a job for life!

We had our annual litter blitz before our June meeting. A band of willing helpers donned their "Marigolds" and tidied up around the hall and Crick. We got it done in record time this year and found much less rubbish than usual. It might have been down to the very wet May, or the fact that the Fair left the Crick immaculate after their visit. Anyway, for whatever reason it was good to have less work to do. It is never the best of jobs and I thank those of the village hall council who turned up to help.

The work on the men's cloakroom is progressing. We have quotes in and now have to finalise the schedule of work and choose the best quote to get the work underway. Let's hope it gets going soon.

If you park your car in the village hall car park on a Wednesday morning could you please bear in mind that the Mobile Library van needs to be able to get into the car park and turn round between 10.00 and 11.00. Some cars have parked out of the marked spaces leaving no room for the library van to turn round in the car park. If you keep within the marked lines then there should be plenty of room. Thank you.

The dancing classes would like to fix a barre along a wall in the main hall. If anyone knows of collapsible or folding barre that would not intrude too far into the hall then could they let us know.

The notice board outside the Hall is just for notices relating to village events. Any posters or notices relating to other events will be removed. Also could you please put posters up with drawing pins and not staples as these are really difficult to remove. We have one more meeting before we break for the summer. Lets hope this proper summer weather continues with the rain falling only at night to keep our gardens green!

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

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

### Planning Applications

**06/6096/FUL** 4 Bayley Gardens, Naphill. Single storey front extension.

**06/6168/CLE** Chiltern House, Stocking Lane, Hughenden. Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of site by TTL Chiltern Ltd and others for mixed use. (Planning conditions requested to forbid further extension outside site area, in accordance with LP policy GB9).

**06/6202/CONCG** Site 1, RAF High Wycombe, New Road, Walter's Ash. Single storey extension and alterations to Bdg 3.

**06/6235/FUL** Moseley Cottage, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Replacement building.

**06/6250/FUL** Olga's, 2 Model Cottages, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Single storey side and rear extension.

**06/6301/FUL** 236 Main Road, Walter's Ash (should be Naphill). New garden shed to rear.

**06/6305/FUL** Barn Hips, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Single storey side extension and part 2-storey/part 1-storey rear extension.

**06/6307/CONCG** RAF High Wycombe, Main Road, Naphill. Provision of portacabin for temporary accommodation.

**06/6363/FUL** 121A Main Road, Naphill. Single storey extension to side.

### Highways matters

We have received reports of deteriorating road surfaces and a growing number of quite deep potholes in local roads including Hunts Hill Lane and Louches Lane among others. BCC highways department has been asked to investigate and rectify the defects.

### Dates of Next Two Meetings

Thursdays 13<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006, 8.00 pm Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## The Naphill and Walter's Ash sky in July and August 2006

The Moon is full on July 11 and August 9 and is new on July 25 and August 25. Venus is a morning star. Mars is an evening star. Jupiter is a bright evening star. Saturn is also an evening star. The Perseid meteor shower should be at its best on the night of August 13 with 'shooting stars' moving with a radiant in the northeast about 75 times every hour. There is an interesting open cluster in Orphiuchus 40° above the southwest by south horizon slightly northwest of the

3<sup>rd</sup>-magnitude star Beta Orphiuchi. Through binoculars you will be able to see about a dozen 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> magnitude stars. On July 5, the Moon is 4° south of Jupiter; the Moon is 3° north of Saturn on 26 July and is 1° north of Mars on 27 July. The Moon is 5° south of Jupiter on August 2; Moon is 3° north of Venus on August 22; Moon is 0.5° south of Mars on August 25; Venus is 0.07° north of Saturn on August 27; Moon is 5° south of Jupiter on August 29.

	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
<b>July 1</b>						
Rises	04.49	10.56	02.59	08.00	15.59	07.35
Sets	21.24	24.13	18.52	23.18	01.49	23.00
<b>July 8</b>						
Rises	04.55	19.40	02.58	08.07	15.32	07.12
Sets	21.21	01.39	19.09	22.59	22.59	22.34
<b>July 15</b>						
Rises	05.02	23.27	03.00	08.05	15.05	06.49
Sets	21.15	10.37	19.23	22.40	24.50	22.09
<b>July 22</b>						
Rises	05.11	01.38	03.07	08.03	14.39	06.27
Sets	21.07	20.03	19.34	22.20	24.23	21.43
<b>July 29</b>						
Rises	05.21	09.52	03.17	08.00	14.14	06.04
Sets	20.57	22.29	19.42	22.00	23.56	21.18
<b>Aug 1</b>						
Rises	05.25	13.24	03.23	08.00	14.04	05.55
Sets	20.53	23.00	19.44	21.52	23.45	21.07
<b>Aug 8</b>						
Rises	05.37	20.43	03.38	07.57	13.40	05.32
Sets	20.40	03.29	19.46	21.32	23.18	20.41
<b>Aug 15</b>						
Rises	05.47	22.33	03.56	07.55	13.16	05.10
Sets	20.27	14.08	19.44	21.11	22.52	20.16
<b>Aug 22</b>						
Rises	05.58	04.01	04.16	07.53	12.53	04.47
Sets	20.13	20.05	19.39	20.51	22.26	19.50
<b>Aug 29</b>						
Rises	06.10	12.24	04.38	07.51	12.31	04.25
Sets	19.56	21.21	19.32	20.31	22.00	19.25

## BUX VOX SINGING STUDIO

### Annual Summer Workshop

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2006**

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## Dark energy, dark matter and luminous matter

We can see billions of stars in billions of galaxies and yet when this is compared with the mass of all galaxies (determined from their dynamical properties) there is a huge discrepancy. The mass of galaxies is vastly more than the luminous matter. Astronomers call this unseen mass 'dark matter'. But we have not yet finished. If we imagine a region of space having been emptied not only of all the matter but also all radiation and outward push we are left a vacuum. In the absence of gravity there is no way of measuring the energy in the vacuum but astronomers know that 74% of the density of the universe is vacuum energy or dark energy leaving 26% as matter (22% dark matter and 4% luminous matter). We are left with the astonishing conclusion that all luminous matter represents only 4% of the total energy in the universe.

## Equation of Time

The equation of time is the formula or function that relates apparent solar time (sundial time) with mean time (clock time). Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) is taken as the standard of reference. Universal Time is the more modern term for GMT and is the same value. Sometimes apparent solar time lags behind GMT and sometimes it is ahead. There are two reasons. The Earth moves round the Sun in an elliptical orbit. When the Earth is at perihelion in its movement round the Sun, it moves faster than at aphelion and consequently the Sun appears to move faster relative to the background of stars. This affects the length of the apparent solar day. The second reason is that the plane of the Earth's equator is not the same as the plane of the Earth's orbit round the Sun, but is offset from it by the angle of obliquity or the inclination of the Earth's axis (23.43°). The net result of these two factors is that apparent time is ahead of mean time between April 16 and June 15 and again between September 2 and December 24, the difference reaching maxima of about 3.75 minutes and 16.3 minutes on May 15 and November 4 respectively. Apparent time lags behind mean time during the rest of the year reaching 14.3 minutes and 6.3 minutes on February 12 and July 27. The two times are the same on September 1, December 25, April 16 and June 18 (dates vary very slightly according to how far west is the observer from Greenwich). Old fashioned fob watches sometimes have some of the data derived from the equation of time inscribed on the inside of one of the watch's covers. Also the equation of time data is sometimes inscribed on the stonework or metalwork of sundials to enable the observer to make accurate corrections at different times of the year.

## Escape Velocity

The escape velocity is the minimum free flying velocity of an object leaving the confines of a large massive body. This velocity does not take account of the resistance of the atmosphere surrounding the large body. It is also just sufficiently large to escape from the gravitation attraction of the large body and will forever escape from that body.



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The escape velocity of the Earth is 11.2 km per sec but here the object being ejected from the planet has also to escape from the resistance of the atmosphere. From the Moon where there is no atmosphere, the escape velocity is about 2.4 km per sec. Objects cannot escape from black holes because their escape velocity is greater than the speed of light or greater than 300,000 km per sec.

## Celestial Co-ordinates

On the Earth we measure the location of a town, mountain or river by using latitude (measured against the position of the equator), and longitude (measured against a great circle passing through the poles and Greenwich). In order to determine the position of an object on the imaginary celestial sphere it is necessary to have another co-ordinate reference system but what do we use as the basis? The equivalent to Greenwich is the imaginary point where the planes of the Ecliptic (the plane of the orbit of the Earth moving round the Sun) and the Earth's equator intersect. This point is sometimes known as the First Point of Aries. There are several systems used by astronomers but one frequently encountered is where measurements are taken from the First Point of Aries, and measured in hours, minutes and seconds and is called Right Ascension. The other measurement (in degrees, minutes and seconds)

is called Declination and is the measurement from the plane of the ecliptic (negative if below the ecliptic).

*Grant Woodruff*

## **From the Vicarage - June 2006**

I have a confession to make. Despite all the publicity I have not yet got around to reading 'The Da Vinci Code'. This is probably a very foolish oversight as there is no doubting the stir this book has caused and together with the release of the film, many people will be seeing a fictional view that challenges the traditional Gospel stories. Whilst I might be reassured that there is nothing in these stories (more of that in a moment) which will in any way damage the Gospel account, there are plenty of people around who will be ready to believe that what is in fact a work of fiction is based upon fact.

Apparently (remember I have not actually read the book) the central premise is this: The Catholic Church has kept the true facts about Christianity hidden through force and terror: These facts include the news that Jesus was married to Mary Magdalene, that the fabled Holy Grail was not the chalice used at the Last Supper but the Womb of Mary Magdalene who bore Jesus' daughter, Sarah: That the descendants of Mary and Jesus became kings of France. Also, Jesus was not the son of God, he was a mortal prophet who inspired millions to live better lives. It was the Emperor Constantine who proposed a motion to 'upgrade' Jesus to a deity at the Council of Nicaea in AD 325, whereupon Jesus became the Son of God by a narrow vote!

The Da Vinci code is written as fiction, cleverly presented as fact, but purports to base its ideas on three principle sources, which it cites as 'The earliest Christian records'. These are:

1. The Dead Seas Scrolls, (found in the 1950's in a cave near Qumran in the Judaeian desert), the Nag Hammadi Coptic Scrolls (found in 1945) and a hypothetical document which some biblical scholars enticingly called 'Q' (from the German 'quelle' which means source.)

The Dead sea scrolls contain all of the Old Testament books except Esther, biblical commentaries on OT books, psalms and hymns, and material belonging to the Qumran community itself. Nowhere do they contain any information whatsoever about Jesus. In other words they are not 'early Christian records' at all. From the Nag Hammadi documents have come one of the best know 'alternative' gospels, the Gospel of Thomas. The version of Thomas we now have, like most of the Nag Hammadi material is written in Coptic,

# **HARVEST BARN DANCE**

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an Egyptian language of the time. This in turn was translated from Syriac, a language quite unlike the Aramaic Jesus must have spoken. The point here is that the Syriac traditions that Thomas 'embodies' far from being an early source as Dan Brown claims, actually come from the second half of the second century, far later than the earliest gospel accounts of Matthew Mark Luke and John. Also the sayings of Jesus as they appear in 'Thomas' show clear indications that they are not actually as original as the material (where it exists) that they parallel in the Gospels. For Instance when Jesus says in Matthew, Mark and Luke, 'Render to Caesar the thing's that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's, the sayings in Thomas adds '...and to me the things that are mine'. Also, Thomas and the Nag Hammadi material represent a world view quite unlike that which Jesus, a Jew would have held. The material of Nag Hammadi is very non-historic, written generations after the facts whilst claiming direct secret knowledge about them. Whilst the Gospels are of an earlier time, containing material from eye witnesses who personally knew Jesus, the material which purports to have been written by the apostle Thomas could not possibly have been, as he had been dead for decades!

As for Q, this has always been hypothetical anyway. It was supposed to be the material we have in the gospels which is common to both Matthew and Luke. If such a document existed at all (which is highly doubtful) it adds nothing to what we already have in the gospels and certainly does not contradict them.

Lets have a look at another claim, that no-one believed that Jesus was divine before the council of Nicaea in AD 325. This is nonsense! The Gospel accounts, (which remember predate Dan Brown's 'sources') together with the New Testament letters of Paul (which predate the gospels!) quite clearly show that the Gospel writers and Paul came to see Jesus as more than a mere mortal. In other words the Da Vinci code fails to produce any credible evidence of an earlier form of Christianity in which 'no one believed that Jesus was divine', relying as it does on material, which far from being the earliest sources, are predated by the traditional Gospels and letters of Paul.

Dan Brown might have produced a good read, which I have yet to sample it myself but he has most certainly not produced history. As for the Catholic Church covering up these ideas. The translations of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the Nag Hammadi documents have been available at any good book shop near you for years! Enjoy a good story, but understand that it is just that, a story.

*Simon Cronk*

## **Naphill Horticultural Society**

Please remember that our Summer Show takes place in the Village Hall on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 2pm, so if you have not yet got a schedule and decided what you can enter, contact Don Turner right away.

There will be teas, a raffle and sales table so you can make an afternoon of it before the ever-popular auction of exhibits at 4pm.

If this reaches you too late, there is always the Autumn Show, which has exactly the same format and takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The schedules cover both shows, so you can plan ahead for September. Do come along and support us if you can.

Lastly, remember to take the time to enjoy your gardens this summer. They are not always best viewed from a kneeling pad with your head amongst the weeds – sit back in a chair and admire your handy work (always best done with a cool glass of something in one hand!). Happy gardening.

*Cathryn Carter - 563233*

## **Naphill Fete**

Pippa Nash scored 10.08 seconds on the time trial for the Brownie Maze. She beat Phil, who the team tried to find to offer him the opportunity to beat Pippa's time, but they couldn't find him.

Well done Pippa, that is an amazing time. Thank you to everyone who took part in this competition.

*Deidre Hansen*

## **Naphill Brownies**

You will all be pleased to know that since my desperate plea last month several people have phoned to offer help. Many thanks to all of those. The great news is that, Judy Pope and Ruth Daly have actually offered to take it on. They will do their warrants and run the pack. They will be helped by a warranted guider. They no doubt will need help with various activities as time goes on. This means that all those girls currently on the Naphill Brownie waiting list who are 7 will be contacted. Judy and Ruth have also reopened the waiting list. You can contact Judy on 564576 and Ruth on 565571.

*Deidre Hansen*

## **Naphill Baby & Toddler Group**

**Naphill Baby & Toddler Group** are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents/carers with toddlers and babies (ages 0 to 5). We offer a warm, **friendly** environment for parents and carers to meet over tea and biscuits, while the children play with the numerous toys and make new friends.

With the warmer weather finally here the children have enjoyed playing outside in the lovely (fully enclosed) garden, and the babies and children who prefer slightly quieter play have enjoyed the cool confines of the hall to read the books and play with the jigsaw puzzles. The children have also explored their creative talents with the large collection of playdoh and colouring activities.

This will be my last report as Secretary of the group because my family and I will have emigrated to Australia by the time this Gazette hits the streets. I would like to thank my fellow Committee members and all the mums I have met at the group for all their support and friendship during our time here, and wish them and their families all the very best for the future.

We will also be saying farewell to many of our older children (and their mums) in July as they will be starting 'big' school in September. This will be a very big step for them and we wish them all well for the

Sadly for us this also means that there will be a significant drop in the number of children attending the group, but we are hopeful that lots of 'new' mums will come along and give us a go. The group will only be able to continue for as long as the support is there, and it would be a great shame if it is forced to close due to lack of interest. The Committee is always open to new members and this is the best way to share your ideas and influence how the group is run.

We still have some great special events to look forward to this year including:

- ❖ **Teddy Bear's Picnic** (a date in **August** yet to be arranged), to give us all something to look forward to during the Summer Holidays!
- ❖ **'Pottery Painting'** on **19<sup>th</sup> October** for the children and/or mums during the regular toddlers session. The cost will be based just on the items painted.
- ❖ Also in **October** we will be holding our regular **photography session** where you can have beautiful family portraits taken by a professional photographer at very reasonable prices. Date to be notified. This session is open to everyone and time slots can be booked by calling Zoe on the number below once the date has been announced.
- ❖ **Christmas Party** on **14<sup>th</sup> December**, with a professional children's entertainer, Christmas tea (with mulled wine and mince pies for the mums!), and a special early visit by **Father Christmas** himself!

We meet every **Thursday** during term-time at the **Naphill Village Hall** between **2-4 pm**. Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer and first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee-paying sibling).

For further information about any of the above events, or about the group in general, please come along during session time, or call Zoe our Chairperson, on 01494 444502.

*Cheryl Page*

## **Naphill Pre-School**

As the weather is improving the children have been enjoying using the garden and learning "all about me". The children have also been busy gluing and sticking to make pictures some of which will be made into mugs or cards.

The pre-school committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us and came along to the barn dance, we raised a much needed £500 towards materials and new equipment.

We thoroughly enjoyed the Village Fete and participating in the procession. Other dates to look forward to are Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July when we will be having our Sports Day and also the last day of term and the Teddy Bears' Picnic which will be on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

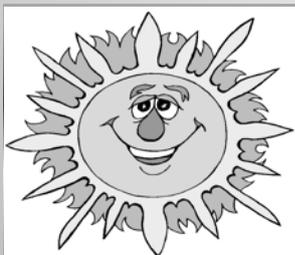
For general information about Pre-School or to arrange a visit, please call our Supervisor Tanya Stevens on 0796 2902248 (am) or 01494 563053 (pm and eve).

*Debbie Marchant: 565046*

## **Don't Miss the WANSA Summer Fete!**

**Saturday 8th July from 11.30 to 2.30**

**at Naphill & Walter's Ash School**



**Fancy Dress Competition**

**Tea Tent**

**Beer Tent**

**BBq**

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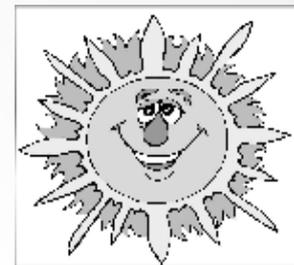
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### Editorial

Having been urged on by Matt Piercy and David Leith I am experimenting this month with a colour insert. At the time of writing I have no idea how it will turn out but I thought we should celebrate the summer by reminding ourselves of a few of its events. My thanks to all those who contributed photographs including Michael Bowker and Alan Jaycock of Wycombe U3A Photogroup, Bob Foggo and Mike Pool.

The old editions of the Gazette from 1937 to 1974 have now been scanned and returned to me on a single CD. Once I have checked through them all I will take

several copies of this CD and ensure that they are stored independently with local people. The final cost of the scanning was £500, bringing the total archiving expense to around £750.

The small ads have reached a full page for the first time and I still have quite a long waiting list for the large advertising space. We are clearly seen as a prime target area for local businesses. Talking of adverts, before I get calls I know I have left The Country Store advert in. The space is taken but the artwork was not available for this edition and I didn't want the extra cost of two lots of amendments!

*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

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## County & District Councillor's Report

Holidays require me to write this article during July's heatwave, ready for the September edition of the Gazette. It is almost difficult to leave this beautiful Chilterns countryside whilst it is enjoying such lovely summer weather. Usually we depart in cold and rain making the journey well worthwhile! What a superb summer it has been for local fetes, Naphill's being no exception. All praise to Ted Chapman and those who helped him for keeping up the splendid record of community effort in fund raising and giving widespread enjoyment to village residents and its many visitors.

The new adjusted speed limits are now all in place and drivers, in the main, are keeping within them. There are some who ignore whatever limit is applied and for them a penalty would appear to be the only solution. When the six-month amnesty is completed, the little white van with its concealed camera could yield a number of culprits who consider the Main Road as an alternative to Silverstone racetrack.

The government's withdrawal of assisted borrowing support has placed in peril many of the county councils capital spending plans. Indeed many of the new schemes for schools and roads will have to be postponed for the foreseeable future. To fund the interest on these schemes, in the absence of government support, would add one and a half percent to Council Tax. This would increase year on year; a solution deemed too expensive on our already hard pressed taxpayers. So difficult decisions have been forced upon us, not all to everyone's liking. One scheme in the balance is the new road junction at Culverton crossroads, where Woodway joins the A4010.

In October I will give notice of my intention to call a "cluster meeting" of all organisations in the county division of Greater Hughenden. County Councillors are expected to hold these from time to time as part of the 'Getting Closer to Communities' policy, delivering local services locally. Hopefully this meeting can be held late October, early November.

Councillors Community funds are again available for members to allocate to worthwhile local ventures which need support. Any organisations should contact me before the end of October to discuss the possibility of a grant being available. Not big money but a useful supplement to local voluntary effort. Those who have contacted me in recent months will be actioned at the same time. I am available on 564152 or by e-mail on [richard.pushman@btinternet.com](mailto:richard.pushman@btinternet.com)

*Richard Pushman*

## 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](mailto:naphill@lycos.co.uk)

*Village Hall* bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail [mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)

## Homes to be Rated for Energy Efficiency

In future you won't just find energy ratings on new products. An energy efficiency grading system will be a compulsory part of Home Information Packs which are to be made available to house hunters from June 2007. The easy-to-read A to G colour-coded scale will indicate both a home's energy efficiency and carbon dioxide emissions. For more ideas on improving your home's energy efficiency rating, call the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012 or log on to [www.mkea.org.uk/energyrating.html](http://www.mkea.org.uk/energyrating.html).

*Deidre Hansen*

## Almost Strictly for the Birds

On Friday, July 20, I had a bad night. Not unusual of course because the combination of heat and humidity must have posed sleeping problems for millions of people not used to such extreme conditions. Fellow insomniacs may be interested to know that I had read in bed for 30 minutes (The Music of the Primes) and put the light out at 11.30. I was asleep by midnight but then was fully awake at 1 am with a long night ahead. Now I am not one of those professional insomniacs who read in bed during the small hours and slip downstairs to make tea at 3am. I am disciplined: I just

lie there quietly and think! In this way I have solved the World's problems several times but no one will listen! On this occasion I decided to draft an article for the Gazette. Herewith.

Actually remaining awake all night on the Common in the summer can be quite exciting because one becomes involved with nature. I was treated to a vast variety of interesting noises, culminating in a battle on the front lawn. There were stoats about making their weird shrieks and several owls. I find the tu-whit tu-whoop of the owl a truly fascinating call and when one eventually attacked a stoat, the noise of battle was both dynamic and cruel. Exit one stoat.

Bird song began at 3.10am whilst it was still dark. Blackbirds were to the fore and in good voice. One perched just outside our bedroom window and was positively noisy yet delightful. Our two thrushes joined in later.

At 4.10am the milkman arrived and listening to him running to and from the porch delivering our pint of full cream milk (I despise the thin variety) brought it home to me that he has in his job found the ideal way of saving time and simultaneously obtaining all the exercise he needs. He must be a snip for the London Marathon. Keep fit - deliver a pint of milk a day!

Our cat, Fraser, came in through the cat flap at 5.15am. I wonder what he thinks about stoats and owls. He had his tail bitten earlier in the summer and I wonder if a stoat was responsible. Fraser is a coward and would run away from a confrontation so his tail would be vulnerable.

The Red Kites began their breakfast patrol later, about 5.40am. Their variety of song is very interesting. Two notes, 'C' sharp and then 'F' sharp followed by one, two (the most common) three or four 'A' sharps. What do the different 'A' sharp calls mean, if anything? Anyway the birds briefly roost on Falcon's Oak (the tree) and then split into two groups. One proceeds down Forge Road and across the Main Road down to the Battingswood Gardens area and the other along the common. It all seems routine and planned. Clearly they are contented with life in Naphill.

At 7.45am Fraser brought in a (thankfully) dead baby squirrel which I managed to seize from him and feed to a kite. I wonder how the birds in Lebanon and Israel are faring. Doubtless their casualty rate is high too but Hizbollah and the Israeli army will not brood over such matters.

However in the inevitable welter of information, comment and conjecture generated by the tragic events in Israel and the Lebanon, it seems to me that two bizarre aspects of the situation have been overlooked. First we have the supreme irony that the focal point of the clash is the safest place in the world, quite immune to terrorism, Jerusalem. Why? Simply because the religious icons and artifacts of both the Jews and the

Arabs are almost intertwined and therefore provide an umbrella of security for both.

Second, the Holocaust, the obscene attempted genocide of the Jewish race, was initiated by the Nazis and some 6 million Jews were killed. But the so-called 'final solution' was not fully implemented. Had it been so, there would have been no Arab/Israeli clash over Jerusalem and the Middle East would have been a very different and peaceful place. It is indeed a strange a vicious world and how lucky we are to live in our green and pleasant land.

*David Leith*

## **Naphill Lawn Tennis Club**



Preparations for our 'Pimms 'n Tennis' afternoon began with for Maddy, Sue, Sarah and I at 10am on the Sunday morning when we arrived promptly at Peterley PYO, to fill baskets with really fresh fruit! After an hour or so, we had picked our fill of strawberries and raspberries in anticipation of other club members duly supplying the 'Pimms' part of the fare. All this activity combined to ensure that we had a very pleasant afternoon, filling all the tennis courts and our appetites! Turnout was good but, as usual, there was still room for more! The next social fixture on our calendar is a 'Tennis & Lunch', planned for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Unfortunately, due to the fact that our Ladies Bucks Shield Team has had to re-arrange their last match and this was the only mutually convenient date, this event will be postponed. A new date will be discussed at our next committee meeting, with members being notified accordingly.

Our summer fixture list has almost been fulfilled with mixed fortunes. As things stand at the moment, our Mixed 1 team has played 7, won 3 and lost 4; our Mixed 2 team has also won 3 and lost 4; our Ladies Bucks Shield team has played 4, lost 3 and drawn 1, with 2 to play; our Mens Aylesbury League team has won 3, lost 1 with 1 to play and are currently second in their table. (Results of Ladies Aylesbury Team are not available at time of writing).

Junior coaching suffered a bit of a hiccup when, without any apparent notice, our coach failed to turn up, leaving one non-playing tennis Mum with 18 children on courts, expecting their usual lesson! Fortunately, Mikki Toone, our Junior Co-ordinator, who had been looking forward to a well-deserved evening off, stepped in and persuaded her very talented son, Adam, to sort out the mess! He also filled in on the following week, as it turned out the coach was on holiday and somehow a replacement had not been supplied to replace her. Our thanks are due to Adam for his sterling efforts in filling the gap!

As you may recall, around the end of February, the club suffered an incidence of vandalism, whereby debris was scattered over our courts by inebriated youngsters, who were duly apprehended by the local police, thanks to prompt action by neighbours who heard the commotion. I am very delighted to report that, out of the blue, the club has recently received a letter of apology and a cheque in reparation. In these cynical times, such an action is very rare and unexpected. Whilst we would have preferred the event not to have happened, we would like to thank the young person for his commendable attempt to put things right!

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact our Membership Secretary – Sue Crooks, tel: 01494 562539, e-mail: [Smc2000@aol.com](mailto:Smc2000@aol.com), or the undersigned.

*Ingrid Tomlins - tel: 01494 446063 – e-mail: RGTomlins@aol.com*

## Visit to Kew Gardens 14th September

A visit to Kew Gardens has been arranged by Naphill and Walters Ash Conservatives. A coach will leave the Village Hall at 9.30am and return by 5pm. The coach cost is £12, including driver's gratuity, with entrance fees extra. In this way visitors are able to obtain appropriate concessions for themselves, and decide whether they want a guided tour within the grounds. The entry cost for senior citizens is £8.75. It is also possible to visit the newly refurbished Kew Palace where Prince Charles gave a dinner for the Queen's 80th birthday ( entry cost £4).

Please ring Peggy on 565969 to book, or to obtain further information. All are most welcome to join us.

*Peggy Ewart*

## **Hughenden Church Teas**

**Why not come and sample the excellent value cream tea, a slice of delicious home-made cake or toasted tea cake with a cup of tea or coffee whilst enjoying the beautiful views from the historic Church House in Hughenden Park.**

**Open every Sunday and Bank Holidays from April 16th to October 22nd**

**2.15pm - 5.15pm**

## Naphill Evening WI

Here we are again after the summer break. We hope you all enjoyed the lovely sunny weather and it wasn't too hot for you. To get back to our Birthday party on 15<sup>th</sup> June, it was a very pleasant evening with the usual good food and surprise entertainment from the Delectable Selection – topical and humorous. They really made our evening special. What a perfect evening for Valerie's Games! Sitting under the marquee, enjoying our ploughman's supper and sipping a glass of wine. Everyone joined in the games, so much so, that we did not have time to finish before the light faded. What wonderful fun - thank you Valerie for your hospitality.

Another well planned, enjoyable evening was the walk on July 27<sup>th</sup> ending with supper at the Red Lion at Whiteleaf. The sun kept out for us and the food was good. Thank you Judy and Betty for tramping the route several times to make sure it was suitable. The afternoon tea on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August was a financial success and we were able to give £100 to Cycle Cuba. Well done ladies! We hope you enjoyed it in spite of the cool and windy weather, thank you for turning out. Included in the donation was the quiz prize money donated by the three winners. As we write, August 14<sup>th</sup>, it is the group meeting at Angie Magee's home. This may be the last one as she is stepping down after several years and so far nobody has come forward to replace her which is a great pity. The autumn group meeting will still take place on 17<sup>th</sup> October at The Pastures, hosted by Downley Village Evening, speaker Robert Fromous talking about Kensington Palace. The competition will be a 'Diana' memento.

October 19<sup>th</sup> will be our AGM and we will be looking for members to join our committee. If you have some spare time and think you have something to offer, as you all have in different ways, please put your name forward to one of the committee members. Believe us, it is very rewarding. Before that however, we hope to see you all at the next meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> September: 'Education, Education, Education' speaker Tim McLoughlin, Headteacher at Naphill & Walters Ash School. Search out an old school report or textbook for the competition. Bring along your husbands and friends, and hopefully any new members who wish to join. Friendship is the name of the Game.

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

## Naphill Neighbours

At our last meeting before the start of the holidays we were entertained in the true sense of the word, i.e. "to give pleasure or amusement" by Mr. Peter Nicholls, who recalled for us his life as a grocer (the Fortnum

and Mason sort) in Wendover. It was a very humorous talk and for many of us was quite nostalgic. There was no club meeting in August but we went on two outings. The visit to The Mill at Sonning was most enjoyable and we had a delightful day at Highgrove in the private garden in Gloucestershire of Prince Charles - perfect weather, beautiful intimate gardens and a charming and informative guide.

We meet again on Monday, 11th September when the subject will be **VICTORIAN JEWELLERY AND SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE 19TH CENTURY** by Mrs. M. Sopp. The tea hostesses are: Janet King, Valerie Gibbs and Faith Cussell.

We are looking forward to our visit to London to see the Queen's 80th birthday exhibition in the State Rooms at Buckingham Palace on 21st September. Just a reminder to those members who have booked for this outing that the tickets must be paid for at the September meeting.

Hoping everyone had a good summer.

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

## **Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club**

Banjovi Revival provided lively, foot-tapping music for our meeting on 23rd June when we enjoyed singing many favourite songs led and encouraged by Banjovi's Sally Edwards.

We once again enjoyed the hospitality of Richard and Valerie Pushman at a party in their pleasant garden on 30th June. We were blessed with good weather and the warmth of the afternoon was matched by Richard and Valerie's welcome.

The musical entertainment for our meeting on 7th July was provided by accordionist John Howard with a programme of well known songs and a selection of unfamiliar but pleasing instrumental pieces.

For our final activity before closing for the summer break we joined with Hughenden Good Companions for a trip to the Ferryman Inn at Bablock Hythe in Oxfordshire. Lunch was followed by a two hour variety show which included vocalists, comedians and a charming display by children from a local dance school.

As mentioned in the last edition of the Gazette, the Village Hall is not available on 8th September so we shall re-start our meetings on 22nd September when the speaker will be Mr. Peter Smith.

*Doris Lording : 569424*

## **Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes**

I am writing this in the middle of the summer holidays in August. We have no meeting of the Village Hall Council in August so our last meeting was at the start of July. This seems an age ago and looking through my notes and the minutes of that meeting there really doesn't seem to be anything important to report on now. We get back to business in September and I will let you know the gist of our discussions then.

I must apologise to those residents whose privacy was compromised by the tall bouncy slide placed right over by the Downley Road boundary by the fair. The fair came to us at the last minute asking for a pitch as they had been let down by another village at short notice. Having checked that there were no bookings for the Crick over the week they wanted we went ahead. We then subsequently found out that the football club had arranged two matches to be played on the Crick during the fair's stay. That is why the fair had to place themselves right down at the far end away from the pitches. Having seen the height of the slide and its position I asked them if it was possible to move it away



### ***Helping Children With Disabilities***

Come to the Pantomime at the Wycombe Swan on Saturday December 9th in the evening. Nigel Havers is starring in **PETER PAN** and PACE has got a block booking of excellent tickets costing £20.00 each. The price is the same as buying the tickets directly from The Swan but PACE buys them at a discount and the 'change' will help PACE to help more children with motor disorders such as cerebral palsy. Further details from **FRANCESCA WALL on 01494 562220.**

Some of you may have heard about the PACE Centre for children with motor disorders. Through a series of individual carefully tailored programmes, children at this Aylesbury Centre are encouraged to develop independent living skills - skills that we so often take for granted. Each child is guided on an individual basis to achieve as much independence as possible with the aim of successful inclusion in his or her local school. An all round education, including skills of physiotherapists, conductors, speech therapists and teachers help then achieve this.

These are our local children so *please* help us to help them and their families.

# *Naphill & Walter's Ash Summer Fete 2006*





# *Naphill & Walter's Ash School*

**Learning the importance of the connections of life**



A week away at the Shortenills Environmental Education Centre, learning to become Earth Champions, proved a great success for 40 Year 4 children from Naphill and Walter's Ash School. Earth Champions is a programme of thought-provoking activities where pupils learn about the cycle of life and discover some of the wonders of the natural world. They were taught how life on Earth operates and is interlinked, how man now threatens the natural balance and what they can do to help. The children learned the importance of the sun's energy and became Munchline Monitors to

discover what eats what. They followed the journeys of 'Water, Air and Soil Specks' as they travel round the natural world. They also met the 'Connector Inspector' to discover how everything in the natural world is connected and how pollution or damage to one connection can affect all the others. One popular activity was the 'secret of solitude'

"But I'm the captain I deserve more"

**Learning the importance of**



## *Farewell to The Country Store*



## *Wedding*

Congratulations to Emily Harris and Adam Pool who married on Friday 4th August at The Tythe Barn, Bicester. Emily and Adam met at the village firework display five years ago. Moira and John Harris and Pauline and Mike



from the houses but it was going to be too big a job once it had been initially installed. I tried! The fair personnel were very pleasant and seemed to act responsibly. The booking fee was very welcome and it provided entertainment for the children during their holidays. Again I apologise to those of you who felt overlooked.

By the time you read this the summer holidays will be over and we will be looking forward to Autumn, the Fireworks and the Christmas Fayre. Do support us in these events and come and have a good time.

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

## Village Firework Display

The fireworks will be held on 4 November this year. As last year we would remind people that if they wish to provide large items of wood for the bonfire that they deliver it to the crick on the morning of 4 November which would help us out a lot. If they cannot do that then please do not dump it on the car park. There will be a marked out area for bonfire wood.

I would like to thank Dave Lowe for his contribution to the bonfire fund last year. He contributed as he said that it would cost him a lot of money as a trader to dispose of the wood in the normal manner. Perhaps other traders could follow Dave's lead and contribute to the fund when they dump wood on the bonfire. Dave Lowe has also been very generous in lending us his trailer for many years which enabled us to collect wood from around the village. Unfortunately Dave has now disposed of the trailer so if anyone else could help please contact us.

*Andrew Wilmot*

## News from 'Christians in the Community'

KRASH (Kids Really Are Special Here) for children aged 6 to 11 years will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September 6.30 pm The Father's House, Naphill.

TRASH (Tweenagers Really Are Special Here) for 11's and over will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 7 pm Church House, Hughsden.

There will be a meeting of 'Christians in the Community' on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm in Church House, Hughsden.

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6 pm there will be a joint Harvest service at Naphill Methodist Church when we are invited to donate rice, pasta, salt, oil etc. which will be sent to charities in Romania and Moldavia.

If you would like a lift to any of the above just 'phone me on 563116.

*Norma Clarke*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

### Planning

Applications to 10 July 06:

**06/6496/REM:** Rear of Cresta Rise, Chapel Lane: Reserved matters application on Outline p/p)3/6952/OUT for erection of 1 x 3 bed detached house and garage. Objection to high pitched roof design of garage.

**06/6556/FUL:** Riva, Naphill Common, Naphill. Erection of single storey side extension. As property in AONB bordering Green Belt, concern over appearance (policy GB3) and no indication regarding car parking spaces.

**06/6626/VCDN:** Hunts Hill Farm, Hunts Hill Lane, Naphill. Variation of condition 5 (building and manege use to be incidental to enjoyment of dwelling) of planning appeal decision 03/5295/FUL for the formation of manege and change of use to mixed agricultural and equestrian use to allow commercial livery for a maximum of 5 horses. Objection (a) Application can only apply to the limited area detailed in the Inspector's report (which includes the condition) and not the whole farm, making the application invalid. (b) Detail on Form PP2 is incomplete. (c) Hunts Hill Lane is not a major highway and large vehicles using this road on a regular basis would present a traffic hazard. (d) Loss of amenity. Applications to 14 August 06 (not yet considered by Res. Assn.)

**06/6850/FUL:** Site 1, RAF High Wycombe, New Rd., Walters Ash. Provision of portacabin to provide ancillary accommodation (transfer of existing building from Site 3 to Site 1).

**06/6920/FUL:** Fountain Court, 4 Parkway, Walters Ash. Construction of replacement garage and front porch.

**06/6958/FUL:** 129 Main Road, Naphill. Change of use from A1 (Shops) to A2 (Finance and Professional Services).

**Date for your diary.** Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2006. Dinner Dance, Naphill Village Hall.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 8pm. 14<sup>th</sup> September 06. Naphill Village Hall.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## Readers Letters

## Back Garden Developments

With reference to the articles on planning matters by

Ms P. Ewart and Mr. R Pushman in the July/August edition of the Gazette, their work to try and combat creeping urbanisation in our rural Chiltern hilltop villages is to be appreciated and recognised along with input by the Naphill and Walter's Ash Residents Association.

It is unfortunate that our villages appear to be considered as an overspill built-up area of Wycombe in the minds of Wycombe District Council planners and the Planning Inspectorate, who working to the present government guidelines, is consequently leading to undesirable back garden developments being approved.

Whilst the struggle to implement a Village Design Statement as a material consideration to be taken into account for planning applications is laudable, it is feared that probably only a change of Government or Government policy will halt the rash of opportunistic back garden developments such as our villages are currently experiencing.

The driving force to build in back gardens is clearly not to provide affordable housing for youngsters of the village so that they can remain in the locality but appears to be simply financial gain at the detriment adjoining and nearby residents who view their gardens not as an investment to capitalise on but to enjoy.

This practice is certainly deplored by the majority of the residents in our villages and is considered unacceptable.

*Phillip Dover - 562053*

## The Great Wall Of Coombe

For as long as I can remember I have enjoyed looking out for progress on the new wall, on the right as you drive down Coombe Lane. It's a masterpiece, and far superior to it's predecessor. At the time of writing we appear to be approaching the latter stages.

I once read that in China communities were brought closer together during the building of the great wall – I have certainly felt the same. Let's hope the feedback from the astronauts aboard the latest Challenger space mission have positive news to report on the aerial view.

*Matt Piercy*

## Fund Raising Thanks

Last month I ran the Wycombe Half Marathon for the Home Of Rest For Horses in Speen. I have single-handedly raised over £1100 for the charity and will give the charity a cheque from my bank for the amount in the very near future. I will then collect any outstand-

ing sponsorship money. It is just to thank the generosity of the people of Naphill and Walter's Ash who sponsored me, and as a reassurance for them that the money is ACTUALLY going to the charity.

*Chris Webb - "Brambles", The Coppice, Walter's Ash*

## Pete's Party 157 Templewood 1-7-06

Pete Wardell would like to thank all who made the party such a great success. We managed to raise £1591 for the Stokenchurch Dog Rescue in memory of our Jamie. Apologies to any neighbours, and canines, for any excessive noise, the music and fireworks. Next year the party will be held at Naphill Village Hall on Saturday 14th July. Thanks again to everyone.

*Pete Wardell*

## 80th Birthday - 30th June 2006

Yesterday was my 80th birthday - what a day! How can I express my sincere thanks for all the 40 plus cards, presents - too numerous to say what they were.

Thank you so much to my friends, neighbours and relations for all their good wishes, phone calls and visits.

I went to bed a very tired but very happy person. Thanks again.

*Daisy Leek*

## Recognizing a Stroke

*(reprinted from the U3A Newsletter)*

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognised, diagnosed and getting to the patient within the first 3 hours. Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognise the symptoms. Now Doctors say a bystander can recognise a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to **SMILE**.
2. Ask them to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.
3. Ask them to **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** "It is sunny out today".

If they have trouble with any of these tasks, call 999 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher. After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness and speech problems, researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at

the American Stroke Association's annual meeting last year. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

*D Butler*

## BBQ at The Wheel

I have lived in Naphill for 15 years, and have never seen the Pub and the garden so full!! It was a wonderful family event, enjoyed by young and old alike. I have some lovely pictures of all the youngsters lined up against the fence, faces amazed, watching the lads swinging fire. The band was brilliant and I would say that in deference to those who lived close by, I thought it very considerate of Mark and Claire (the new Landlord and Landlady) that they stopped the music quite early on in the evening so that not too many people were disturbed. I am sure no-one minded, after all, when you live near a Pub you must expect a certain amount of noise! I did notice several close neighbours of the Wheel who came round to join in the fun. Everyone tucked into the BBQ which was very tasty. Over the years, we seem to have had a plethora of different Landlords at the Pub - it is so nice to welcome Mark and Claire to the village, and I know my family will join me in wishing them every success. A Pub should be the heart of the village, somewhere where people can meet and chat, talk over the day, and enjoy. I think with Mark and Claire now at the helm, this will be the case.

*Janet Cooke - 8 Oakeshott Avenue*

## A Wheel Success!

Mark and Claire would like to thank Naphill for their support on Saturday 5th August. It was a fantastic family day which was made very special by the 100s of people that turned out for the event. We are already planning the next event for the 23rd September so keep your eyes and ears open for further details.

We are also excited about being able to offer the Naphill and Walters Ash community Thai food from the 25th August from 12-2.30pm and 6pm - 10pm Monday - Sunday, there will also be traditional English food available, which means a great choice for all. just to top it all we will also be offering a takeaway facility for the Thai food so that you can enjoy the taste of the orient in your own homes.

On a separate note we will be holding a Beer Festival in October for all the ale drinkers, the date is still to be confirmed and will be advertised as soon as we know. One again thank you to everyone for the 5th August and to all the wonderful letters and phone calls thanking us for a great day, it was our pleasure and we look forward to the next one!

*Mark and Claire*



**Sale starts at 2.00 pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006**  
**At Hughenden Village Hall, Coombe Lane**  
**Viewings from 10.00 am on day of sale.**  
**Bar and Refreshments throughout the day**  
**Superb lunches from 12.00 noon to start of sale**

Items for the sale must be brought to the hall on Friday evening from 6 pm onwards or before 9.30 am on Saturday. Items may either be 100% donated or will be sold on a 50% to the charity and a 50% to the owner basis. In either case a brief form of description will need to be completed on delivery to the hall.

Lots may include quality items, antique objects, wine and food, small items of quality furniture and electrical items if new in boxes. The sale will also include an auction of promises (on the 100% basis only). No item should be entered in the sale if it would be likely to sell for less than £10. If you have any questions or would like to have an entry or "Promise" form please telephone 01494 564198

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## Naphill and Walters Ash Sky in September 2006

Venus will be setting broadly at the at the same time as the Sun and will not visible to the naked eye at the end of the month. At the beginning of the month it might be seen as a morning star. Mars sets just after the Sun. Jupiter sets in the evening about two hours after the Sun. Saturn is a normal morning star. The Moon is new on 22 and full on 7 when it is also sometimes

	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
<b>Sep 1</b>						
Rises	06.19	16.35	04.48	07.56	12.34	04.15
Sets	20.00	22.36	19.41	20.30	21.51	19.27
<b>Sep 8</b>						
Rises	06.31	19.58	05.11	07.55	12.13	03.53
Sets	19.43	07.14	19.29	20.09	21.26	19.01
<b>Sep 15</b>						
Rises	06.43	23.14	05.35	07.54	11.52	03.30
Sets	19.26	17.11	19.17	19.48	21.21	18.35
<b>Sep 22</b>						
Rises	06.55	06.46	05.58	07.53	11.31	03.07
Sets	19.09	10.03	19.02	19.27	20.37	18.09
<b>Sep 29</b>						
Rises	07.08	15.30	06.21	07.53	11.11	02.44
Sets	18.52	21.20	18.49	19.06	20.11	17.43

known as the harvest Moon. Autumn starts on 23. There is a partial eclipse of the Moon on 7 at 18.54. On 19 the Moon is 2° north of Saturn; on 21 the Moon is 0.8° south of Venus; on 22 there is an annular eclipse

of the Sun visible in the southern hemisphere; on 23 the Moon is 2° south of Mars; on 26 the Moon is 5° south of Jupiter.

### Precession

The rotational axis of a child's spinning toy top moves periodically round the vertical position of the toy. This movement is called precession and is similar to the movement of the rotating Earth's axis. The difference is mainly the time of a top's return to its original position of a few seconds compared with the 25,800 years it takes for the Earth to return to its initial position. The cause for the Earth is the gravitational attractions of the Sun and Moon on the non spherical Earth. For a top, the cause is the flattening of its 'equator', or its equatorial bulge. At the present time, the Earth's axis points more or less to the pole star, Polaris. In 12000 years it will point towards the star Vega, the brightest star in the constellation Lyra.

### Astrology

A large number of people believes that the stars can accurately forecast our futures. After reference to the date, and if possible, time of birth astrologers are said to be able to give information about our futures. The procedure is based on the theory that the planets, the Sun and the Moon as well as the twelve 'zodiacal signs' and the horizon combine in ever-changing ways with respect to each other to influence events in the future. As was shown in the 1998 September *Gazette* there is only a tenuous connection between the true astronomical constellations and those used by astrologers. In fact there are 13 constellations in the zodiac and not twelve as used by astrologers and it is therefore easy to conclude that there is no worthwhile connection between astronomy and astrology. Astrology has been used for over 2600 years and official astrologers were appointed to the courts of government to give advice on the most propitious times for actions that will affect the people, such as wars. In ancient Mesopotamia many celestial phenomena such as eclipses were regarded as messages from the gods to warn of pending disaster or good fortune. To be able to forecast an eclipse accurately was a very powerful tool in the hands of astrologers and it follows that the knowledge of a good deal of astronomy became essential for those practicing this pseudo science. The Christian Church and later Islam frequently condemned astrology because it denies free will and because it makes God irrelevant to the universe. But in spite of this, astrology continues to attract vast numbers of adherents to the practice.

### The Pleiades

This group of stars are often known as the seven sisters. This open cluster, located in the constellation Taurus, contains six good naked eye stars although under the best conditions it is possible for one with good eyesight to see seven, consists of some 500 stars



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located about 580 light years away. The cluster has been known since ancient times and is a beautiful sight using even the lowest powered binoculars. The group is about 100 million years old and is expected to last another 100 million years before the individual stars will have moved relative one with another. The Pleiades is located in the ecliptic and is often occulted by the Moon.

### The Hyades

This is another cluster of stars in Taurus but is not as conspicuous as the Pleiades. It is centred near to the bright star Aldebaran which is not a member of the cluster. There are at least 40 stars in the cluster visible to the naked eye but the brightest one, Theta – 2 Tau, has a magnitude of only 3.4 and is located about 1500 light years away. The cluster contains some 300 stars and is 625 million years old. Binoculars significantly improve the sight of the cluster. Like the Pleiades the Hyades is located in the ecliptic.

### Brown Dwarf Star

Brown Dwarfs are stars with a mass of between 0.01 and 0.08 solar masses (10 – 80 Jupiter masses) and are not sufficiently large for nuclear reactions to take place. The surface temperature of a Brown Dwarf is about

2500 K (compared with the Sun's 5770 K) and these stars are identified in infrared surveys. Heat is generated by the release of gravitational energy as the star slowly contracts.

*Grant Woodruff*

## **Naphill Horticultural Society**

**Autumn Show - Saturday 2nd September  
Naphill Village Hall 2pm**

It hasn't exactly been an easy summer for us gardeners-like me, most of you will have either developed arms like Popeye from carrying cans of water, or had to watch your precious plants fade away.

If you fall into the Popeye category, we are hoping that you will come up trumps and make the Autumn Show a success. 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, and contain handy hints for new exhibitors.

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, a reminder that our annual Cheese & Wine evening will be on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>. The evening will start with a talk by John Clews from the RSPB entitled "Action for Birds". This is always a sell out evening, so put the date in your diaries and I will have more details next month.

*Cathryn Carter - 563233*

## **Perennial Vegetables: Globe Artichokes, Ciboule, Welsh Onions and Sorrel**

I have already covered what are for me major crops: asparagus, seakale and Good King Henry. Now for four more which I have grown for a great many years but are not as important for me as the first three.

### **Globe Artichokes**

Most of you will have eaten globe artichokes and some readers may grow them. One eats the immature flower heads, scraping the flesh off the inside of each green "petal" then tackling the artichoke heart at the base. They are delicious served hot with melted butter or allowed to go cold and served with vinaigrette sauce.

# **HARVEST BARN DANCE**

**Hughenden Village Hall  
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I have grown them successfully for about 13 years. I then tried growing them from seed and purchased as plants in pots – however about half the plants died each winter and I did not know why. Seeing as they are perennial and should last at least five years I concluded that I was doing something wrong. Hitherto I had grown them in the back garden - where they were very decorative - but I decided that my next small batch of seedlings would be planted on the allotment. The results were amazing. Instead of growing about 30 inches high they were over 60 inches high; great huge plants with many flower heads. The soil on my allotment, much better than that in the garden, must have been ideal for globe artichokes.

Then I found the answer as to why I was losing half the plants each winter. I learnt that the roots cannot stand being soaked during the dormant period. So I covered the plants with clear polythene sheet from December to March to create a relatively dry zone and have not lost a plant since.

As for pests and diseases, I have had no trouble apart from an occasional attack by blackfly and their accompanying ants. The blackfly target the petals and careful cleaning is necessary before the artichokes are cooked.

### **Ciboule**

Ciboule are perennial spring onions which grow under the ground and are believed to have originated in Siberia. They can be cropped all the year round – although they are a little small in the middle of winter. They are a strong spring onion, ideal in salads for those who like a spring onion with a lot of bite. They are also excellent cooked in Chinese cuisine and in other dishes, or used generally as onions.

I acquired my ciboule about 20 years ago at a plant sale where someone sold me a few bulbs - which looked like shallots - and told me to plant them six inches deep. After a year each one had produced between 30 and 50 spring onions. One digs them up for the kitchen, putting one back into the hole and, a year later, one has 30 to 50 more. They are extremely prolific and do not appear to suffer from attacks by pests or diseases. They are grown about a foot apart and are best grown like leeks, ie a hole over 6 inches deep is made with a crowbar and the ciboule popped in and watered once.

### **Welsh Onions**

Continuing with the onion theme here is another useful perennial vegetable which could occupy an odd corner of your vegetable plot or a place in a flower bed. Welsh onions grow to about 2 feet tall and propagate like shallots on the surface of the soil. One can therefore carefully take complete onions from the cluster including their long green stalks or simply take the stalks for salads or cooking. They can be cropped most of the year but the stalks are beaten down by frosts in winter. They survive the harshest of winters with no protection and do not appear to be affected by pests or diseases.

I have had my patch of Welsh onions for about 15 years. I grew them from a packet of seeds with no problems. They produce flower heads in May – I remove them to divert their energy into producing more bulbs. They transplant easily. They are a great standby for those occasions when one runs out of onions – and the green stems can be used in salads like spring onions.

### **Sorrel**

Sorrel is used by many gardeners as a herb, but I grow it as a vegetable. I use the leaves as a particularly fine spinach which goes very well with fish.

I grew my sorrel from seed about 20 years ago. It has grown quite happily on the allotment in a short row ever since. As for pests, a muntjac deer grazes them down to the ground in the depth of each winter. (I identified the culprit from the tiny hoofprints.) However, the deer never touches them for the rest of the year so I do not mind its winter foraging.

The sorrel pushes up flower stalks in May so these have to be removed. If the seeds fall some will germinate and the seedlings can be transplanted easily.

### **Conclusion**

Well, those are the seven perennial vegetables which I have grown for a great many years. If any reader has experience of other perennial vegetables I would be grateful if you would write to the editor with your suggestions. I am always on the lookout for new ones to try and other readers may be interested by the real experiences of fellow gardeners.

The allotment year ends in September and the invoices go out from the parish council for the forthcoming year (£10 for a whole plot, £5 for a half plot). It is the time of year when plots become vacant. If you would like a plot please telephone the parish clerk on 01494 715296.

*Mike Mason*

## **Lacey Green Singers - Appeal For New Members**

We are currently planning a Mozart Concert on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>. November, to coincide with the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that composer's death this year. This will provide a special opportunity to show off the almost unique 1792 Samuel Green organ at St. John's Church, which would have been built when Mozart was alive. The church is currently undertaking a major fund raising campaign for the complete restoration of this historic instrument.

We shall be performing the Mozart Requiem, and a few smaller pieces, which will be very appropriate for Remembrance Day, and we thank Rev. Denise Critchell for welcoming us into her church. The usual Remembrance Service will be held in the church on the following day. This is always a very moving occasion, and Rev Denise has asked me to say that anyone from the village will be most welcome at the 10.00.a.m. service.

Our next event will be the usual Christmas Concert will be on. Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec.

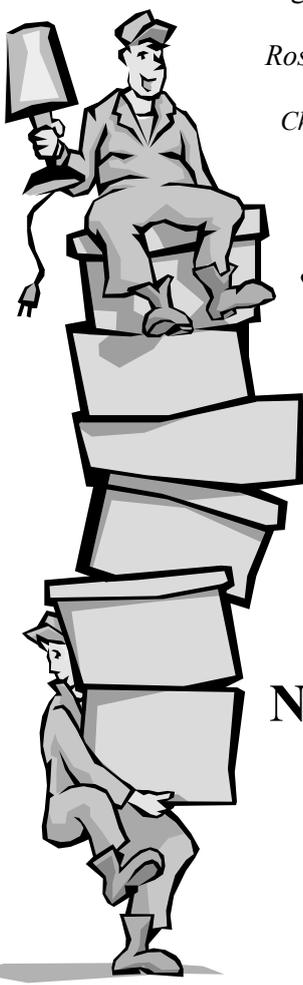
The choir is improving all the time under the leadership of our very talented Choir Director, Cathie Kaye. However, at the moment, we are seriously concerned by the lack of men, especially tenors, coming to sing with us. One very faithful member will be leaving the village soon. Another tenor is currently in hospital, so I am urgently appealing for any men who would be willing to help us out, even if it is only for the autumn Mozart Concert.

We would also welcome men with no previous experience, who would like to have a try at singing. We have a special training day on Saturday Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>. from 10.00.a.m. to 4.00.p.m. Rehearsals are from 8.00.p.m.

to 10.00.p.m. on Thursday evenings in St. John's School Hall during term time.

The choir draws members from all around the Lacey Green, Naphill, Speen and Hughenden area. We would be happy to spend extra time helping any volunteers. This would be a good opportunity for younger men to have a go. Without them to provide continuity, many small choirs, such as ours will find it impossible to perform the varied repertoire of music, which we enjoy. Singing is very satisfying, and great fun. It would be very sad if we had to make the decision to become an all ladies choir.

Please give me a ring if you are at all interested in either helping out for one concert, or having a go at singing in a choir.



Rosemary S. Mortham (01844 345863)  
*Chairman Lacey Green Singers*

**Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 7th 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.*



## Link Group Coffee Mornings

**Meeting alternate Thursday mornings in a home environment, for mums and carers with babies and young toddlers.**

**Please call Lesley on 564693 or Caroline on 563906 for details of next meeting if you want to come along.**

## Naphill Brownies

Ruth Daly and I are very much looking forward to our new challenge running the Brownies with effect from September, along with another Guider and three young Leaders.

We have seven new Brownies joining us in September; we are looking forward to meeting them and hope they will enjoy their time with Naphill Brownies.

During the first term we are planning, as a unit, to work on the environment badge. This will involve looking at recycling, litter picking on the crick, ways to use less water and finding out about endangered species. We also hope the girls will start to work on individual badges they would like to complete in their own time, to tie in with their hobbies at home.

We have a jumble sale on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Village Hall and have tickets booked to go to the Pantomime in January and possibly a Pack Holiday at the end of January so we have a busy time ahead!!!!

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off being seven, please contact myself on 564576 or Ruth Daly on 565571.

*Judy Pope*

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## Editorial

The colour centre to last month's Gazette seems to have been well received. I am therefore considering another after Christmas to capture the various festive events around the village.

I have been asked to print a request for more information about the cross that has appeared in our woods sometime over the last few years. It is constructed of concrete and has the initial J upside down on the back. It nestles carefully in the roots of an uprooted tree on one of the smaller and less used footpaths.

Who put it there?

How long has it been there?

What does it signify?

Would love to receive information, or indeed theories, for the next edition.

*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

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## Missing Pages in Last Month's Gazette

We have been informed that some pages were missing from a few copies of the last edition. If you were unfortunate enough to receive a deficient copy then we apologise.

We do rely on the printer checking his product before delivering to us but he must have missed this problem.

If you are desperate to see what you may have missed please let us know. We do have a few spare copies.

*Mike and Pauline Pool*

## County & District Councillor's Report

Many readers use the County Councils Household recycling depots at Bledlow and Booker. They are an extremely popular facility. One difficulty has been the presence of height barriers to deter the use of trade dumping. This has precluded private owners of estate cars, four wheel drive and other larger vehicles from accessing the sites other than at the weekends when there can be over subscription which leads to the inconvenience of legitimate householders. Weekend visitors have not all been residents, and trade waste disposal has taken place by owners of large vans, trailers, etc. To deter this incorrect use of the facility a permit scheme is being introduced in the near future. This will enable residents, who have a large trailer or van, to take their household waste and redundant appliances to the depots. Those taking household waste items by car, MPV or 4 wheeled drive will have access every day as the height barriers will be removed. The permit, free of charge and easily obtained from the County Council by return of post, will identify bona-fide users. Full details will be published later in the year and should lead to an improved service to all householders.

It might be appropriate to remind readers of the law related to waste as fly tipping is an increasing menace to our countryside.

- Illegal dumping has been an arrestable offence since 7 June
- Persons engaged in illegal dumping can be fined up to £50,000 or imprisoned for up to six months if convicted at Magistrates' Court.
- There is no limit to a fine which can be imposed at Crown Court, and a sentence of up to 5 years imprisonment can be imposed.

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

*Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is [naphill@lycos.co.uk](mailto:naphill@lycos.co.uk)*

*Village Hall bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail [mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)*

- Householders must check that a person or business removing waste from their property is registered as a waste carrier.

The 'Illegal Dumping Costs' campaign is being delivered by the Waste Partnership for Buckinghamshire, which includes Buckinghamshire County Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council, Wycombe District Council, South Bucks District Council and Chiltern District Council in association with The Environment Agency and Thames Valley Police.

*Richard Pushman*

## Remembrance Sunday

### 13<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2.45 p.m.

*Richard Pushman*

## Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



After the indifferent weather in August, the first part of this month has been very pleasant and ideal for playing tennis. Turnout has been steady although Thursday evening club sessions have now been suspended until next summer as the evenings are rapidly drawing in, reminding us that the onset of shorter daylight hours and cooler temperatures are on the way. Club sessions on Sunday and Tuesday mornings (10am start) continue, weather permitting. However, during January and February, the Sunday club session will begin at 1pm, to allow any frost etc. to clear.

Members are reminded that we also have an indoor court booked during the winter months at the Bucks. Indoor Centre at Cressex on certain Friday evenings (7.30-9pm) and available dates are displayed on the notice-board in the Clubhouse. Any member wishing to take advantage of this facility should put their name against the date selected or contact Maddy (01494 523495), who has 'volunteered' to monitor this and collect the cost (£27). Obviously, members should make up their own '4's (or '2's – if they feel very fit!) and remember to take a tube of balls with them from club stock.

Some of our midweek players have recently organized themselves as a coaching group on Wednesday mornings (currently 9.30-10.30) with tuition by licensed LTA coach Zoë Doney, who is keen to offer this facility to members and non-members. Anyone interested in joining this session or organizing a similar arrangement should contact Zoë direct on 07734 818369 (cost is £5 for members and £6 for non-members).

On the social side, our postponed 'Tennis & Lunch' Sunday has been re-arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> September – the idea being that participants bring along a dish to share with each other and enjoy a good session of tennis. This is due to be followed by an 'Autumn Ramble' with pub lunch organized by Terry Crooks (tel: 01494 562539) on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October and ending the year with our Tinsel Tournament on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Another event, a date for which will be announced soon, is the mandatory but often ignored AGM which every club is obliged to hold annually and where members can air their views on the running of the club. Attendance is traditionally poor but it is a very important event and usually only takes around a couple of hours to ensure that Naphill LTC continues to provide facilities to play tennis on The Crick. Watch for the date and try to make a point of coming along please!

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact our Membership Secretary – Sue Crooks, tel: 01494 562539, e-mail: [Smc2000@aol.com](mailto:Smc2000@aol.com), or the undersigned.

*Ingrid Tomlins - tel: 01494 446063 – e-mail: RGTomlins@aol.com*

## Naphill Evening WI

As we have not had a meeting since last going to press we will be reporting on several issues in the November gazette.

There will be our September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting about Education, Education, Education by Tim McLoughlin, our AGM on the 19<sup>th</sup> October and members will have attended the Group meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> October to hear Robert Fromow talking about Kensington Palace. In regard to the Disraeli Group, we are pleased to tell you that Angie McGee has agreed to stay on for another year and is planning an outing to Kensington Palace on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November as a follow up to our talk. We would think this will be very popular. Also, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2007 she has already arranged speaker Martin Sirot-Smith to tell us about the 'History and Organisation of Sulgrave Manor', competition – a posy of flowers suitable for the coffee table.

A delegate and visitors will represent us at the half yearly AGM on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> October, so if anyone would like to attend please let us know.

Two of our members have moved house this month and we are thankful to say they have not left the village - we hope they will be very happy in their new homes. October 19<sup>th</sup> is of course our AGM and we hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend. We are sure it will be an interesting evening. The following meeting, on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, is once again an 'Open' one. We are sure husbands and friends will enjoy it, as it is 'The History of Royal Flying', speaker Mr G Laurie; the competition RAF memorabilia. We look forward to seeing you there, 7.45pm at the village hall!

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

## Naphill Neighbours

At our September meeting Mrs. Sopp entertained us with her interesting talk on VICTORIAN JEWELLERY @ SOCIAL HISTORY OF THE 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY. We had no idea that fashions in jewellery were influenced by social changes - Prince

**Saturday**  
**4 November**  
*On The Creek*

**Fire lit 6.30pm**

**Display 7pm**

**BBQ from 6pm**  
**run by Sports Club**

**Mulled wine**

**Soup**

**Pavilion bar**  
**run by Mens Club**



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**£4.00 adults, £1.50 children**

**On the night**  
**£5.00 adults, £2 children**

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**Please note: NO sparklers allowed**

Albert and the industrial revolution made it possible for all except the very poor to enjoy owning beautiful jewellery. We were able to examine her fascinating display from beautiful cameos to coral necklaces (given as good luck tokens), from hair bracelets to crumbling Indian earrings. She ended her talk with the wise saying "Clothes wear out but jewellery lasts a life time or even two".

On Monday, 9th October we will be holding our AGM with a brief resume of our past activities and the election of the committee, followed by an illustrated talk on BEAUTIFUL BRITAIN by Mrs. Adnitt. The tea hostesses are: Valerie Pushman, Betty Leaver and Yvonne Bullock.

It seems too soon to be talking of Christmas, however, plans have to be made some months ahead and our plans for the festive season include an outing to the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday, 21st December at 3pm for "A Christmas Sing-Along" with the London Concert Orchestra and soloists, followed by a drive through London to see the Christmas lights. The coach leaves Naphill in the early afternoon and tickets cost £35 for members and £36 for guests. Everyone is most welcome, so if you would like to join us on this seasonal outing please phone Sheila Rolfe on 562888.

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

## **Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club**

As, at the time of going to press, we have not resumed our meetings following the summer break due to the non-availability of the Village Hall, my only contribution this month is to list our programme for October.

October 6th: A Victorian Picture Show, together with Bring and Buy.

October 22nd: Talk by Mary Burnett "Voluntary Work at the RSCPA, Blackberry Farm

*Doris Lording : 569424*

## **Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes**

Our September meeting was an event of two halves.

After welcoming everyone back after the summer break we set about our usual business. For once we did not have to deal with vandalism that is usually our problem during the long school holidays. The Hall remained unscathed this year. Maybe it was the poor weather in August or maybe it was somebody else's turn, but it was lovely to come back to a Hall that was

in the same state as we had left it in July. This helped our finances. Indeed the treasurer's report was very encouraging. The Fete money was more or less all in, we had the bonus of the extra fair booking, and no repairs to windows etc. to pay for. Things looked healthy. Ken our Treasurer provides a graph of our balance month by month and this August's column was twice as high as last years. Great. Then we moved on to the maintenance of the Hall!

As I am always telling you, maintaining the Hall eats up money. As quickly as we raise money, we find the need to spend it, and now is no exception. After a brief period ( a very brief period) of satisfaction that finances were healthy we went into the second part of the meeting in which we discussed all that needed doing.

Work on the men's cloakroom (which I am assured is in a dire state) is ready to progress. Estimates are in and we have given the go ahead for the work to start. While the work is in progress the men will be using the disabled loo.

The sports pavilion is due to have a "birthday" so that it is in a fit state to be used for small meetings. It has been unloved for a while and needs a thorough spring clean and tidy up. Some of us will form a working party to get it sorted so that it becomes a useful space. If you are able to join us in this then do give me a ring. Thanks.

The stained ceiling tiles have been replaced but the leak is still in evidence and the marks are starting to reappear after the rain of August. We are trying to treat them to halt the marks so that we don't have to get major works done to completely revamp the "tower". An ongoing issue. The flat roof also needs attention and we are going out to tender for quotes to get this work done.

So - please continue to support us I our fund raising efforts. Our next events are :

- The FIREWORKS on 4<sup>th</sup> November
- The CHRISTMAS FAYRE on 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- The UTTC PLAY on 9<sup>th</sup> December

Please get these dates in your diary and come and support us and enjoy yourselves.

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

## The Father's House

Again a very great thank you to you who came to the **Chatterbox Charity Café** at the beginning of September though it was obvious many people were still away enjoying what I hope was a warm and refreshing summer break. Our next opening will be on FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER so I hope you will join us then to continue to help people in the developing world, a little over £250 has been raised so far.

With the recent upheavals that have gone on in a certain political party it once more struck me how easily we as humans will generally discard someone once they lose their usefulness or popularity. This in turn caused me to think how must those people who have given their all to something feel when they know that they are no longer wanted, how do they feel when they have in a sense been thrown out, got rid of.

Leaders or workers in political parties are not the only ones who suffer this dilemma, redundancy, a business closer, children leaving home, old age, and retirement has or will effect us all at some stage in life and these can be moments in our lives when we feel as though we have



### *Helping Children With Disabilities*

Come to the Pantomime at the Wycombe Swan on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> in the evening. Nigel Havers is starring in **PETER PAN** and PACE has got a block booking of excellent tickets costing £20.00 each. The price is the same as buying the tickets directly from The Swan but PACE buys them at a discount and the 'change' will help PACE to help more children with motor disorders such as cerebral palsy. Further details from **FRANCESCA WALL on 01494 562220.**

Some of you may have heard about the PACE Centre for children with motor disorders. Through a series of individual carefully tailored programmes, children at this Aylesbury Centre are encouraged to develop independent living skills - skills that we so often take for granted. Each child is guided on an individual basis to achieve as much independence as possible with the aim of successful inclusion in his or her local school. An all round education, including skills of physiotherapists, conductors, speech therapists and teachers help then achieve this.

These are our local children so *please* help us to help them and their families.

lost our usefulness and sense of worth and even our identity. For many of people the identity of who we are is measured by our worth in what we do or what we have. For many years this was my condition having experienced redundancy, the failure of a business through ill health and a number of other life experiences that tended to knock me down. My usefulness, worth and identity were based on what I did and what I possessed. Only if I showed others I was successful could I possibly be acceptable because only then, so I thought would people like me and want to know me.

Not until into my late thirties did I discover that what is important is not my worth or identity based on what I did or what other people might have thought of me but what God thinks of me. It was then that I found that there was more to life than gaining status or wealth amongst my fellow human beings.

I realised and it still astounds me today that I am of extreme value and worth to God, so much so that He sent His One and only Son Jesus to die on the Cross for me so that I could be reconciled to God and become a part of His family.

For me and countless others the Christian life is “**a life worth living**” because we’ve found that God loves and accepts us just as we are when first coming to Him, we didn’t have to meet certain expectations or criteria first and we can have a personal in intimate relationship with Him. But He also loves us enough not to leave us as we were. We have also found that He will never discard us because of failures, uselessness or lack of popularity. Nothing can separate us from the love of God and in my experience it often seems that it is the despised, rejected lowly and broken that He shows special favour towards.

You may be riding the crest of a wave at the moment, especially on the popularity front, everything is going well, you have no worries or needs but where or to whom will you turn should your perceived worth, usefulness or popularity all come to an end? What is your worth and identity based on?

My hope is that you will discover it is who you are in God’s eye that is important. God loves and values each one of us but He cannot reveal that to us if we keep turning our backs to Him and living lives independent from Him.

To help you discover that there is more to life and that Christianity does have the answers to life’s sometimes very difficult questions please do take an opportunity to look at something like the **ALPHA COURSE**, one has just recently started at St Michael’s and all Angels in Hughenden or just give me a call. It will be one of the best moves you can possibly ever make in life towards discovering who you really are, what you could be, where you true worth lies and what great value God places on you.

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*Bob Semple - Tel: 01494 563304*

## News From ‘Christians in the Community’

On the first day back of term KRASH got off to a lively start with the children enjoying a mixture of games, singing and arts and crafts.

Because some of the children and adults had been to one of the Lighthouse holiday clubs during the summer we will continue singing of the songs we learnt there and we have also booked the Lighthouse puppets to do a session at KRASH – probably in November.

There is only one session in October – the 13<sup>th</sup>.

By the time you read this we will have had the united Harvest service at the Naphill Methodist Church on the 24<sup>th</sup> September and our gifts of rice, pasta, coffee etc. will be starting their journey to Romania.

If you are aware of anyone that would welcome a visit from a member of ‘Christians in the Community’ either because they are unwell or lonely please let me know.

*Norma Clarke 563116*

## Naphill & Walter’s Ash Residents Association

**Planning:**  
**06/7083/FUL** Dawn, Stonefield Rd., Naphill, Insertion of front dormer in conjunction with loft conversion.

**06/7116FUL** and **06/7117/LBC** Coombe Barn,  
Coombe Lane, Naphill, Erection of detached double  
garage (normal and listed building application.  
**06/7131/FUL** No 1 Site RAF High Wycombe  
Refurbishment of Café 1 (bdg.68), including  
small infill extension

**Correction** to “Date for your Diary” in the September  
Gazette. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November should read Saturday  
18<sup>th</sup> November.

**Candlelit Dinner Dance. Saturday  
18th November, Naphill Village Hall.**

Another chance to enjoy yourself at this popular annual  
village event. Bar opens at 7:30 pm, dinner at 8:15 pm.  
Dancing again to Geoff Jolliffe’s lively Late Edition  
Band. Delicious Menu choice includes Steak and Ale  
Pie, Spanish Style Chicken, and for vegetarians,  
Creamy Mushroom Parcels, followed by Chocolate  
Caramel Terrine, Lemon Tart and coffee. Tickets are  
excellent value at £18.00 from Janet 01494 564569,  
Carole 563508, Daisy 562602, Gloria 563634. Open to  
all residents and guests. Newcomers to the village very  
welcome.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## Readers Letters

### The Country Store

We have moved to Bledlow Ridge and will be open by  
the time you read this Gazette. To move house is bad  
enough for anyone but to totally empty one shop and  
completely set up another with equipment and stock on  
top of moving house is quite something else - thank  
goodness for family and friends.

We shall continue to offer a similar range, although it  
has to be smaller, but with a larger deli-counter and  
continuing with brands like DREW’s bread, JUDITH’s  
cakes, off- licence etc and we shall now have  
newspapers.

The address is:

**The Country Store  
Kedai  
Chinnor Road  
Bledlow Ridge**

**Tel: 01494 481369**

We would like to thank all our loyal customers in  
Naphill and Walter’s Ash for their support and look

forward to welcoming any who come to see us and  
shop at our new store.

*Pam and Paul*

### Daisy Leek 80th Birthday 2nd July 2006

Apologies to Daisy Leek, whose 80th birthday I  
incorrectly published in the last edition as 30th June.  
This does however give me an opportunity to add my  
congratulations to Daisy, she is an inspiration to us  
with all that energy and sense of fun.

*Judy Whitehouse*

### BBQ at The Wheel

Having been a Naphill resident for the past 63 years,  
I’m always looking for entertainment locally. Having  
heard that we have new people running The Wheel I  
thought I would go there and have a look. On arriving  
there I was introduced to the Landlord and Landlady  
and found them to be very pleasant hosts. In  
conversation I was told that there was going to be a  
barbeque on 5th August at the pub. I thought  
entertainment in the village at last, I will go to that. On  
arriving at the barbeque I was amazed at how many  
people were there and how happy and well behaved  
they all were, families with children, people on their  
own etc. I must give praise to Mark and Claire for the  
really fantastic way the conducted it. Roll on the next  
one.

*Phil Lacey*

### The End of An Era

Well, not quite! It is however the end of my collection  
of used postage stamps. My outlet has ceased to exist!  
In a way this is understandable as children no longer  
have stamp collections - just a sign of the times.

With your help I have been able to raise money to buy  
many things for my son and his housemate’s home in  
Nailsworth, Gloucestershire. Things like planters,  
pictures, cutlery, saucepans and many other items to  
make life more pleasant for those young men who  
suffer from Asperger Syndrome, a form of autism for  
which there is no cure.

I am sure you would like to know that I have handed  
my left over stamps to John Bullock, so they will be  
going to a worthy cause. “Recycling” is my middle  
name!

Thank you so very much for all those used stamps you  
have given me over many years.

## How To Survive a Heart Attack

(reprinted from U3A Newsletter)

From Health Cares, Rochester General Hospital, USA. It is 6.15pm and you are driving home alone after an unusually hard day at work. You are really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about 5 miles from the nearest hospital but you don't know if you will make it that far. Without help the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint only has about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However you can help yourself by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough. A cough must be repeated every seven seconds without let up until help arrives or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way many heart attack victims can get to hospital. Tell as many people as possible about this, it could save lives.

D Butler

*Editor's Comment: I was a little wary of reprinting this article, and in fact held it back last month, as my First Aid training always instructed us to call for help as the very first action to take in any emergency and these recommendations, although very helpful, seem to underplay the importance of dialling 999. Also I was concerned at the apparent advice that you should continue to drive in such a condition. Perhaps there is a Doctor amongst our readers who could comment on this next month?*

## Naphill and Walters Ash Sky in October 2006

The Orionid meteor shower should provide on average a sighting every two minutes during the early morning of 23 in the east. British Summer time ends on 29; put back your clocks one hour. The Moon is new on the 22 and full on 7. Venus and Mars are too close to the Sun and cannot be seen. Jupiter is an early evening star, setting soon after the Sun; Saturn will be good in the mornings. On 16 the Moon is 2° north of Saturn; Mercury can be seen during the early weeks of the month in the west; on 22 the Moon is 4° south of Venus and 3° south of Mars; on 22 Mercury is 4° south of Jupiter; on 24 the Moon is 5° south of Jupiter; on 25 Venus is 0.7° north of Mars.



**Sale starts at 2.00 pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006**  
**At Hughenden Village Hall, Coombe Lane**  
**Viewings from 10.00 am on day of sale.**  
**Bar and Refreshments throughout the day**  
**Superb lunches from 12.00 noon to start of sale**

Items for the sale must be brought to the hall on Friday evening from 6 pm onwards or before 9.30 am on Saturday. Items may either be 100% donated or will be sold on a 50% to the charity and a 50% to the owner basis. In either case a brief form of description will need to be completed on delivery to the hall.

Lots may include quality items, antique objects, wine and food, small items of quality furniture and electrical items if new in boxes. The sale will also include an auction of promises (on the 100% basis only). No item should be entered in the sale if it would be likely to sell for less than £10. If you have any questions or would like to have an entry or "Promise" form please telephone 01494 564198

**In aid of a new Sound System  
for St Michael and All Angels Church**

	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
<b>Oct 1</b>						
Rises	07.11	17.00	06.28	07.52	11.06	02.37
Sets	18.47	23.52	18.44	19.00	20.04	17.36
<b>Oct 8</b>						
Rises	07.24	18.39	06.51	07.52	10.46	02.14
Sets	18.31	09.22	18.30	18.40	19.39	17.10
<b>Oct 15</b>						
Rises	07.37		07.15	07.52	10.27	01.50
Sets	18.14	16.36	18.16	18.19	19.15	16.44
<b>Oct 22</b>						
Rises	07.50	08.14	07.39	07.52	10.08	01.25
Sets	17.59	17.38	18.02	18.00	18.51	16.17
<b>Oct 29</b>						
Rises	08.03	15.27	08.03	07.52	09.49	01.01
Sets	16.44	23.02	17.49	17.40	18.27	15.51

### The Sun

The Sun is far from being uniform on its surface. It contains sunspots, flares and other prominences that can be seen through a telescope, suitably protected from the dangerous brightness that can damage human eyes irrevocably. These follow a 22 year cycle thus in effect producing a variable star. The beginning of the cycle, spots start to appear at latitudes of about 30° and consist of appearance and disappearance throughout the first 11 years finishing with sunspots at about 15°.

Sunspots are dark regions in the photosphere and have lower temperatures than the surrounding part of the Sun. The polarity of the spots in the northern hemisphere is the opposite to the polarity of the spots appearing in the southern hemisphere. The polarity pattern for the second 11 years of the cycle is the other way round to that in the first 11 years.

### Galilean Satellites

Galileo started his academic career when he was appointed in 1592 to the chair of mathematics at the University of Padua in Italy. He first became a controversial figure when he challenged the church view of the permanency of the heavens by writing and giving lectures on the 'new star' that turned out to be Kepler's supernova in 1604. Then in 1609 he heard of a spyglass invented in Holland that made distant objects seem near. He immediately constructed a telescope to suit his requirements and made a number of discoveries including moveable sunspots, irregularities on the surface of the moon, the phases of Venus, the changing shape of Saturn and in particular the four large moons or satellites of Jupiter. He also mocked the views of the Jesuit astronomer, Christopher Scheiner who amongst other things religiously followed the doctrine of the Bible that the Earth is the centre of the Universe, a view that was contradicted by the revolution of the satellites of Jupiter. These four satellites became known as the Galilean Satellites and can be seen with quite cheap binoculars. They are Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto with periods round Jupiter of 1.77, 3.55, 4.16 and 16.69 days respectively. Their magnitudes vary from between 4.6 and 5.7. Ganymede is the largest satellite in the Solar System, being larger even than the planet Mercury and the minor planet, Pluto.

### Libration

The Moon is in synchronous rotation around the Earth which means that the same face of the satellite points to the Earth throughout its monthly motion round the Earth. But there are some slight variations: the Moon appears to rock from side to side and to nod slightly up and down. These movements, called libration, make it possible for an observer on Earth to see 59% of the Moon's surface over a period of 6 years. These librations occur because the velocity of the Moon varies at different times in its orbit and because the plane of the Moon's equator differs from the plane of its orbit.

### Hubble Space Telescope (HST)

The Hubble Space Telescope was launched in early 1990 but almost immediately was seen to suffer from the inability to bring all parallel rays of light to the same focus (known as spherical aberration). It turned out that the primary mirror was wrongly shaped. The



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effect of this shortcoming was for a point source of light, such as a star, to appear as a small disk. There was also a problem of its huge solar arrays being deformed every time the telescope passed into or from sunlight. The only long term solution was the insertion of new equipment on its first servicing mission in December 1993. The effect was stunning and has produced an astronomical revolution in the pictures and other dramatic information that the HST has produced. It has been able to identify some brown dwarfs and massive black holes in the centres of galaxies. The telescope has also been able to map Dark Matter by means of gravitational lenses and has observed supernovae in distant galaxies to find evidence of dark energy. The age of the universe has also been refined giving a figure of 14.3 billion years. The life of the HST has been extended until 2008 or a bit later as a result of the servicing missions.

The next step will be the development of far more sensitive ground base telescopes. Then probably to follow will be the launch of the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) with a launch plan of 2011. The JWST will be a much more sophisticated machine than the HST. Its segmented mirror will unfold from its stowed position after launching. The telescope will be

cooled by radiating the heat it gains from the Sun into space without the consumption of a coolant. One of its tasks will be to look into the so-called dark ages of the universe – the time shortly after the big bang when the cosmic microwave background became infrared radiation to the time when stars, galaxies and quasars lit up the universe again.

*Grant Woodruff*

## **Naphill Horticultural Society**

### **Cheese & Wine Evening Friday October 27th**

**Naphill Village Hall  
7.00 for 7.30pm  
Tickets £8.00  
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 27th** in the Village Hall.

The evening will start with an illustrated talk by John Clews of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds entitled “Action for Birds”. This covers the work of the RSPB, some reasons for declining bird numbers, special projects, and how we can all encourage more birds into our gardens.

We will then tuck into the now famous buffet of cheese, pâté, salad etc.

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, 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. Our particular thanks go to Don Turner who has organised the shows for several years, but has now passed the reins to Peter Davis.

Incidentally, we have three items of lost property from the shows. A ladies white cardigan from the Summer Show, a Pair of yellow-handled scissors and a lightweight blue jacket from the Autumn Show. If you think these may belong to you, please give Don a call on 562645.

See you all on the 27<sup>th</sup>

*Cathryn Carter - 563233*

## **Your Soil – The Final Frontier?**

The main contender for the final frontier appears to be space – indeed, that is the by-line for a famous TV series. Certainly space is vast and the results of investigations using various types of ever-more-powerful telescope often bring to light evidence which conflicts with earlier theories. Another final frontier, much closer to home, is the deep depths of the oceans. Many life forms remain to be discovered and, when new ones are revealed, they are often astonishing and beautiful.

However, another contender for the final frontier is the soil beneath our feet. Despite man’s progress in acquiring knowledge about our environment it is astonishing how little we know about the myriad organisms which live in the soil. Apart from worms, slugs, beetles and other insects there are thousands of varieties of bacteria, viruses and fungi. They all form part of our environment in a really close and personal way.

It is impossible to remove every trace of soil from the food we eat – so down it goes, sometimes cooked, sometimes uncooked. There are hosts of bacteria in our stomachs which are essential to our processing of food. It is believed that some of those bacteria come from the soil we eat. There are some people who eat unwashed vegetables, such as carrots, in order to ingest healthy bacteria to aid digestion. I am not advocating that we all rush out into the garden and commence eating soil but you get my point. Small children are frequent ingesters of soil and I feel that primitive man also, wittingly or unwittingly, ingested a lot of soil. So it would appear that the bacteria, viruses and fungi in the soil are not very toxic to man, although some may be – but which?

We simply do not know, yet, the varieties of bacteria, viruses and fungi in the soil. There are hundreds of varieties of mycorrhiza for example (the fungi which have symbiotic relationships with plant roots together with bacteria and supply plants with the nutrients and trace elements they need).

### **New Antibiotics**

Once we do know a lot more about the bacteria, viruses and fungi beneath our feet, and have been able to extract and isolate particular types, research might lead to the discovery of new antibiotics or other pharmaceutical products of benefit to human health. We are talking about tens of thousands of new species waiting to be discovered. It seems highly likely that

beneficial organisms will be discovered, especially since we have already been ingesting them for millions of years. (Using DNA sequencing technology developed for the human genome project, scientists are now extracting and analysing soil samples with the aim of discovering new antibiotics and pharmaceuticals – and applications for the agricultural sector.)

On my allotment I am ever-more aware of the value of the soil and the need to look after it. Weeding, de-stoning, composting, manuring and watering are all valid techniques for maintaining and improving the soil so that the crops we grow will be bountiful, tasty and healthy. I have written before about the avoidance of digging and man-made chemicals which kill the friendly and essential mycorrhiza mentioned above. I am into my seventh year of no-dig gardening (and 34th year of chemical-free gardening) and all my crops appear to grow well. All the bacteria, viruses and fungi in my soil are now living undisturbed and, hopefully, happy lives and providing the perfect environment for my crops. Long live the gardeners' final frontier!

I am grateful to the Good Gardeners' Association (01453 520322) for the information on mycorrhiza mentioned above

*Mike Mason*

## **Naphill Brownies**

Our first ever Brownie Meeting got off to a flying start, we started the evening by playing dodge ball, followed by the Brownies going outside to do an alphabet find on the crick and the remaining half decorating rich tea biscuits with lots of icing and hundreds and thousands ending up all over the place.

We ended the evening with a pow wow where new sixers and seconders were allocated their new positions and Brownies were chosen to be Brownie Buddies for the 7 new Brownies joining us next week.

We were pleased to survive the first week, and look forward to many more exciting weeks ahead of us.

Please remember to come along to our Jumble Sale on Saturday 7th October at 2 p.m. Collections of Jumble will be made on the Saturday morning.

If you would like to add your daughters name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off being seven, please contact myself on 564576 or Ruth Daly on 565571.

*Judy Pope*

## **Naphill Baby & Toddler Group**

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group are an informal group

while the children play with numerous toys and make new friends.

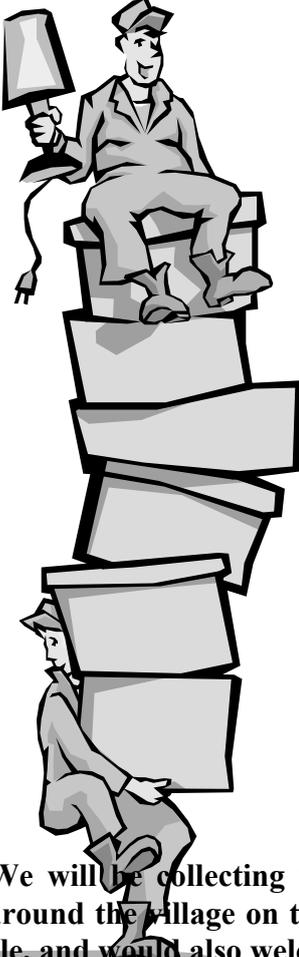
We have some great special events in 2006:

- Pottery painting – 19<sup>th</sup> October during the regular Toddler session. Come and get creative painting mugs & plates etc...
- Christmas party – 14<sup>th</sup> December with a professional children's entertainer and special early visit by Father Christmas himself! (Price £5 for first child and £3 per subsequent child. Time 2-4pm). Please phone Zoe to book your place!

We meet every Thursday during term-time at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm. Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

For further information please come along during session times or call Zoe on 01494 444502 or Una on 01494 566164.

*Zoe Hart*



**Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 7th 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.*



## **Link Group Coffee Mornings**

**Meeting alternate Thursday mornings in a home environment, for mums and carers with babies and young toddlers.**

**Please call Lesley on 564693 or Caroline on 563906 for details of next meeting if you want to come along.**

## **Naphill & Walter's Ash School**

"We never close" would have been a suitable slogan for the school during this year's summer break. Over the holiday period a number of extra curricular events took place including: a choral workshop run by Bucks VOX, football training led by Wycombe Wanderers, a multi-sport week hosted by Premier Sport and a mobile skate park provided by Wycombe District Council. In addition, the School Holiday Club was once again well supported with the children experiencing a range of thoughtful activities and healthy action.

Work identified in the School Improvement Plan to upgrade the school operating procedures, entry security and the classroom and playground environs was also carried out. Interactive White Boards with their projector units have been installed in each classroom and in one of the Reception Class areas. Additionally, the offices and classrooms have been networked to provide improved communication and access to the host of spectacular information and teaching facilities on offer via the Internet. It appears the days of squeaky chalk on grimy blackboards and being disciplined by a well directed duster are now well and truly gone.

The courtyard area adjacent to the Reception Class has a new marquee type cover to replace well worn trellis work and an old herb garden. This will allow the Reception Class children to take their breaks and have class activity time outside, even when it is raining. The term marquee does not do the construction justice as it is a permanent structure and looks very impressive and durable. A new reception area by the main door is now up and running and should provide for better entry

security in addition to alleviating congestion in the school outer offices.

Over the years, one of the main complaints received from pupils has been the lack of exciting and motivating things to do in the playground; hopefully, this should no longer be the case. The surface of the playground has been freshly marked out for a variety of games including football and netball. There is also an exciting activity trail which starts with the usual "hop scotch" type layouts but finishes in a raised walkway that will exercise the children's coordination and dexterity skills. Many congratulations to the Walters Ash and Naphill School Association (WANSAs), the school's PTA, which through their fund raising efforts provided the finance for the activity trail.

~~I understand there is no truth in the rumour that the Royal Marines/SAS have shown an interest in using it for their training but you never know!~~

*Bob Foggo - Chair of Governors*

## **Naphill Pre-School**

This Autumn term we have been concentrating on Nursery Rhymes and have welcomed new children who have settled well.

Our AGM was on 19<sup>th</sup> September and we would like to thank very much the outgoing committee for all their time and help during the last year and would like to welcome the new members.

There are still places available so if you would like more information about pre-school or to come for a visit please call Tanya on 0796 2902248 (am) or 01494 563053 (pm and eve).

*Debbie Marchant: 565046*

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## Editorial

At the time of writing, with summer barely ended, it seems odd to be so focused on Christmas activities and to realise that next month's copy will be the Christmas one.

We have another packed edition of the Gazette this month, I am actually struggling to fit it all into 13 pages and have had to hold over a couple of articles of general interest until I have more room so apologies to those affected. It is wonderful however to see how much is actually going on in the villages.

I didn't get any response regarding the mystery cross but it was a very small photo so when I have more room I shall print a larger copy in the hope that someone may know something about it.

Fingers crossed for a dry night for the fireworks. Please note that the time for lighting the bonfire has been changed since the last edition.

Look forward to seeing you there.

*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 (Small Hall)	4.00-8.15pm
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

## Small Ads



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## Late Delivery

We apologise for the late delivery of the October edition of the gazette. This was partly due to our being away until Friday 29 September. We had arranged, before we went away, for the printer to deliver the copies to us on that day so that we could get them out to our willing band of deliverers before the end of the month. Unfortunately he did not deliver the copies until the following Monday evening, as he had been ill on the Friday. We will do our best, with the support of the printer, to make sure that you receive your copy in good time in the future.

We are also aware that a number of copies had pages missing and other pages duplicated. What we do not know is how many copies were affected and some feedback from our readers would be useful. This matter has been taken up with the printer who will endeavour to make sure it does not happen again.

There are just a few spare copies available if you are desperate to see what you have missed.

*Mike and Pauline Pool*

## Your Village Needs You!

We are looking for a volunteer to deliver the Naphill Gazette, in the Stocking Lane area, as our previous stalwarts have moved away.

These are delivered to your door just ten times a year for you to deliver to households.

Think you can help?

Just give us a call on 564226 and we will let you know what it entails.

“In anticipation”!

*Mike and Pauline Pool*

## County & District Councillor's Report

Public consultation, public participation workshops, the internet and numerous other means of involving the public in shaping the future, are being used by all levels of both national and local government. The wealth of information now available to us all is overwhelming. This is particularly so of local councillors, who have to cope with a myriad of consultation documents and questionnaires, involving strategies, policies and forward planning issues. So much so that one is in danger of not always reading the small print and thereby missing a vital point which can give rise to dangerous consequences. I am always grateful to readers for writing to me, with their views, on subjects of local concern. I cannot always reply to all of them. Where a personal issue is involved, I do try to provide an answer. Planning involves important local issues and generates a lot of local comment and suggestions. I am disappointed when, supporting the majority opinion against a particular

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*Naphill Website* is at :

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Andrew Wilmot designed and maintains the site - his e-mail address is [naphill@lycos.co.uk](mailto:naphill@lycos.co.uk)

*Village Hall* bookings can be made by ringing 565604: e-mail [mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk](mailto:mbc2@home410.fslife.co.uk)

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

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*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](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)

development, a Planning Inspector rules against the local wish. So much for local consultation!!

I do suggest reading the Wycombe District quarterly publication which is delivered to all households. It contains much useful information about available services and what is going on in the District. Similar comments apply to the Buckinghamshire Times covering all the County Council information and news.

At this time of autumnal bonfires, I get many calls re their legality or otherwise and there appears to be no legislation that is applicable in the absence of local by-laws. However, nuisance can be a reason to invoke the Environmental Services help. To establish nuisance, a record would need to be kept by the resident making the complaint. With the assistance of such a record Environmental Services can investigate and take any necessary action. A more simple solution might be to have a word with the offending neighbour and seek their co-operation in being more reasonable as to the time and number of occasions burning takes place.

I have reported the missing cats eyes along Main Road Naphill, 15 I have counted. A similar number is missing along the Hughenden Valley.

The Conservation Board of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty together with the Campaign for Rural England are rightly concerned about the excess clutter on our rural roads. I have asked the County Council to review the amount of signage on our roads. One sign I

could agree to is the prevention of heavy lorries from using our narrow lanes.

*Richard Pushman*

## Remembrance Sunday

**12<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

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. Revd Janice Pettipher will conduct the Service and all are welcome to attend.

The Poppy Collection commences on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Please give generously in memory of those who gave their lives in the defence of our freedom and for those servicemen who continue to serve our interests at this present time.

*Valerie Pushman*

## Naphill Lawn Tennis Club



Since last month's edition, the winter fixture programme has begun well for our Bucks Ladies and Aylesbury Mens with wins for both teams. This is the first time for some years that we have entered a Mens team in a winter league and, as there are 'home' and 'away' games, they are facing a busy programme of 12 matches, all of which have to be played at weekends. We wish them luck and hope they have an enjoyable and successful season! We also hope the Ladies team continue their winning way in their remaining 5 matches.

There is really not much else to say at this time of year as the date of our AGM has not yet been fixed, due to the fact the next committee meeting is just after the deadline for this bulletin. Members will, however, be notified individually and so this cannot be used as an excuse for not attending! Volunteers for the various offices are always required!

We continue to try and play on Sunday and Tuesday mornings at around 10 am throughout the year (except in Jan and Feb when Sunday session moves to 1pm) and always welcome new and existing members to come and join us. As I have pointed out in the past, it is quite refreshing to brave the elements for an hour or so in the dead of winter, particularly if the sun makes an appearance too! It's not a bad way to get a breath of fresh air into the lungs and a bit of exercise for the body! Give it a try – I dare you! Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary, will be pleased to supply details to any prospective new members and her telephone no. is 01494 562539 - e-mail: [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com).

*Ingrid Tomlins - tel: 01494 446063 – e-mail: RGTomlins@aol.com*

## Badminton

Are there any ladies interested in joining us for some not too serious games of badminton.

We are a small friendly group of 'mature' ladies who meet on Tuesday afternoons (1.30 to 3.30) at Hughenden Village Hall.

Please contact: Jenny Holmes on 563085.

*Nancy Hussey*

## Naphill Evening WI

Education, Education, Education – our talk on 21<sup>st</sup> September by our local headmaster Tim McLoughlin, was most enlightening and entertaining with his reminiscences of working in a inner London problem school before coming to Walters Ash. So many different languages and cultures, most of us remember school days with just English spoken.

Once again we are going to press before the October events have taken place, so here is a reminder of what we will report on in our next issue. October 17<sup>th</sup> is our Group Meeting at the Pastures, Downley, speaker Robert Fromow talking about Kensington Palace. This will be followed by a visit to Kensington Palace on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, there may still be seats available if anyone is interested. Our AGM is the 19<sup>th</sup> October and then the half-yearly Council Meeting is on Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm at the Civic Centre Aylesbury. Quite a busy month!

Remember, the 16<sup>th</sup> November meeting is an open one with speaker Mr G Laurie telling us about "The History of Royal Flying". We are sure it will appeal to male visitors and any friends who want to come along. All are welcome.

Finally, Christmas is coming! Please think about some little gifts for the WI tombola stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and if you are baking, we will be asking for cakes as once again we will be doing the refreshments. Our meeting in December will be our Christmas party on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing all our members at both of these events.

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

## Naphill Neighbours

Our AGM last month was brief and businesslike. Reports of our successful year were followed by the election of the committee and then an enjoyable slide show of BEAUTIFUL BRITAIN. If you want breathtaking views no need to go abroad. The

**Saturday  
4 November**

**On The Creek**

**Fire lit 6.00pm**

**Display 7pm**

**BBQ from 6pm  
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**Mulled wine**

**Soup**

**Pavilion bar  
run by Mens Club**



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photography was very professional, especially the shots of reflections of mountains and clouds.

The Queen's 80th Birthday Exhibition in Buckingham Palace exceeded our expectations. On a sunny September day we toured the nineteen State Rooms and in two of them saw the Queen's beautiful dresses made for state occasions grouped by colour, from the 1940s to the present day. Some of her magnificent jewellery was also on show. On our way out through the garden at the end of the tour we treated ourselves to royal ice cream (from, I understand, our local Beechdean Dairies!).

On Monday November 13th at 8pm Mrs. Beryl Hulbert will be giving us an illustrated talk on FAR NORTH OF QUEENSLAND AND SINGAPORE. The tea hostesses are Margaret Stallwood, Isobel Lane and Doreen Burge. A reminder to members: Please bring along to this meeting your gifts for the Naphill Neighbours tombola stall at the village Christmas Fayre, which is being held on Saturday, 2nd December. Thank you in anticipation.

We still have two tickets available for the Carol Concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday, 21st December (£35 for members, £36 for guests). If anyone would like to join us for the concert and a tour of the Christmas lights in London, please phone Sheila Rolfe on 562888.

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

### **Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club**

At our meeting on 22nd September, Mr. Peter Smith gave a very informative talk on water supplies, explaining the 'hydrological cycle' whereby water from the sea is picked up by clouds, falls to earth as rain, drains away into rivers and returns to the sea to start the cycle again. Mr. Smith covered many points relating to supply of water including the number of tests carried out on drinking water (82) and the importance of the geological make-up of the area for accessing available water. He then went on to relate the many hazards which can be encountered when sinking boreholes, especially when maps of service installations such as electricity, gas and telephone lines are inaccurate.

Gordon Casbeard and Tony Brown of A Touch of Glass presented "A Victorian Magic Lantern Show" at our 6th October meeting. The apparatus dated from 1880 although it has now been converted to use electricity. There were various groups of slides which included sets depicting a story, rather like a strip cartoon, and 100-year old photographs of the Chiltern area - High Wycombe, Wendover, Chesham and Amersham. After a 'commercial break' showing original Cadbury's chocolate and Fry's cocoa advertisements the presentation continued with slides which could be manipulated

by the operator to produce a moving effect. Each group of slides was accompanied by either an amusing poem or an equally amusing commentary. The whole show was most enjoyable.

For the meeting on 3rd November, Dr. Maisy will be giving a talk entitled "Spare Parts" and there will be a Christmas Bring & Buy.

Our Christmas Lunch will be held on 4th January, 2007 and further details will be announced later.

*Doris Lording : 569424*

## **Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes**

A busy meeting as will become apparent from this report.

We are reinstating the notices at the entrances to the Crick reminding people not to let their dog foul the area, and if they do, to clear it up. The reasons for this are obvious. It is an area used for a variety of leisure activities by young and old and we need to keep it a pleasant and safe facility.

**WANTED - A PIANO** - The current piano in the Village Hall has come to the end of its useful life. We do have a continuing need to have a piano in the Hall. The ballet classes have to have the use of a piano, not a keyboard, to prepare the children for their exams, and some organisations and entertainments in the Hall use the piano regularly. We are, as always operating on limited funds so if you have any knowledge of a piano that is no longer needed anywhere do please let us know (563479).

We had a long discussion about the state of the play area. The equipment in the play area is subject of regular safety checks and it is felt that it is needing replacing soon. The Village Hall Council owns the equipment (thanks to your generosity) but it is maintained by Hughenden Parish Council. The Parish Council can replace like for like at their expense but it was felt that we ought to open the discussion to the Village as a whole to see what equipment should be provided. Other local village have more extensive facilities, but obviously these would mean extra expense for us. Do let us have your views.

The work on the men's cloakroom is due to start in early November and hopefully be completed by the beginning of December. During the work the men will use the disabled WC and the door between the Men's club lobby and the Main Hall will be locked.

**FIREWORKS** - the plans are well in hand for another grand display. If you able to give up a couple of hours and act as Steward on the night do contact Don Turner.

**FETE** - plans are underway. Ted is determined to make this years his last as organiser so if you feel that

you could step into his shoes do contact him and work with him during the run up to this year's fete in preparation for the 2008 fete. Thank you.

We have been unsuccessful in our bid for funding for new chairs. We have enough money put aside for 40 new chairs but need about 120 in all. When we provided the play area and the double glazed windows for the Hall village families and organisations were generous enough to sponsor the improvements and by spreading the cost this way we were able to get the work done. Do you think your family could sponsor a chair for £25 as a thank you for all that living in this village does for you. I'm sure you would appreciate sitting in greater comfort at future events!

Don't forget the Fireworks on 4<sup>th</sup> November and the Remembrance Service in the Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

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

## **Fireworks**

The RAF have approached us to combine resources for this year and into the future as the field that has previously been used by the RAF fireworks organisers for their own display is now unavailable for the foreseeable future.

The RAF has kindly donated a large sum of money to our fireworks display so that RAF personnel do not miss out on a display this year. So RAF personnel will be joining us this year. We will also have the RAF fire service on hand and I expect that they will be contributing in other areas as well.

As a result we are buying a lot more fireworks, not to lengthen the time of the display but to have more things going off at the same time to create an even better spectacle. We will also be lighting the bonfire earlier, at around 6:00.

*Andrew Wilmot - Chairman - Fireworks Committee*

## **Christmas Fayre Cake Stall**

Ladies, it's time to roll up your sleeves and get out the flour. Dave and Ted need your creations for the Christmas Fayre Cake Stall in the Village Hall on Saturday 2nd 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!

*Dave and Ted.*

## **A Christmas Carol**

We are delighted to welcome back the Ubiquitous Touring Theatre Company to Naphill Village Hall on Saturday, 9th December at 8.00 pm, to perform 'A Christmas Carol'.

It is a musical adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic with songs especially written for the production. There will be laughter and tears in full measure and there is no better way to lead in to Christmas than to experience A Christmas Carol.

The tickets will be in the region of £7.50 each but the final price will depend on the refreshments that I hope to arrange, but all will be confirmed in next months Gazette. For now, could I ask you to telephone me to reserve your tickets on a first come first served basis.

Those of you who have enjoyed the past productions of the UTTC will know only too well their commitment to quality and professionalism, and 'A Christmas Carol' will be no exception. Do not miss it!

*John Harris - 01494 562099*

## **The Father's House**

My article this month comes more in the way of making appeals for help and support.

However, just before I do that I'd again like to say a very big thank you to everyone that supported the **Chatterbox Charity Café** on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. Our next opening will be on the **3<sup>rd</sup> November**.

As those who came saw we have decided to help support the ROPE Charity (**Relief for Oppressed People Everywhere**) based in Great Missenden.

Registered  Charity No: 1069608

ROPE's vision is to help the destitute throughout the world. Through practical, sustainable and direct action they relieve the terrible effects of oppression. We are hoping that we can link up with a particular project and community overseas the ROPE helps support and not only we as a church but you as a community here will show great interest and want to help in by supporting the café. All profits from the café will go to help bring relief to some oppressed people. More information can be found at: [www.roke.org.uk](http://www.roke.org.uk)

Please support the café by coming to have a light lunch or a cup of our freshly made coffee and home made cakes on the first Friday of each month (except August & January). We would like to be a little more busy than we have been and you will find it is a good opportunity to meet with others in a relaxed, informal environment over

what we been told is some excellent refreshments. All our profits go to help those in need and we've raised so far just under £300.

It may seem too early to be talking about Christmas but I have been talking with a few people recently who were saying how much they enjoyed being involved in "**Operation Christmas Child**" last year. What some seemed disappointed about was that there did not seem to be anyone locally who was willing or able to temporarily store and deliver boxes this year to one of the nearest Drop-Off Points.

### **What is Operation Christmas Child?**

**Samaritans Purse its organisers writes:** "Since 1990, **Operation Christmas Child** has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 47 million boys and girls. Last year Samaritan's Purse in the UK sent out *over 1.18 million gifts* to children across Eastern Europe and Africa. This annual project enables caring individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses, and other organisations to fill ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for hurting children around the world.

### **Operation Christmas Child sends a message of hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.**

The gifts are given regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs to children requiring nothing of them, their families or communities in return. Wherever it is culturally appropriate and in partnership with our local partners, we make a booklet with Bible stories available to children in their own language. With the help of thousands of volunteers, Samaritan's Purse collects and processes these gift filled shoe boxes in its warehouses across the UK. Then, working with national churches and charities, Samaritan's Purse delivers the gifts to children in hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps, homeless shelters, and impoverished neighbourhoods."

We as a local church will be distributing some leaflets about this years "**Operation Christmas Child**" in the area and should you like to make up a shoe box for a needy child we will also temporarily store and deliver them to a local Drop-Off point for you. We have between the 4<sup>th</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> November to make up the boxes and drop them off so we will look to have collected them together here in Naphill/Walters Ash by the 19<sup>th</sup> November so we can take them all in together for the next day to our nearest drop off point.

### **We shall be having a special interactive service for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am looking at how the boxes bring hope to the children who receive them.**

If you would like more details of how to make up a box (*you will need the Samaritan's purse check list of what is and is not suitable to put in the boxes*) please call at The Father's House at 122 Main Road, phone 01494 563304

or e-mail me at: [thefathershouse@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:thefathershouse@dsl.pipex.com)

Alternatively you can find more information on the Samaritan's Purse website: ([www.samaritanspurse.uk.com](http://www.samaritanspurse.uk.com)) or phone their Helpline 08700112002



Registered Charity No: 1001349

Would **you** please help to make a difference?

All of us in this community are reasonably comfortable and my hope is that if you are not already doing something you will join us in sharing some of what you have in helping make a difference to those who have very little or nothing.

By putting together a shoe box with gifts in and coming to the Charity café you can, especially as we approach Christmas, make a difference.

Thank you. Shalom

*Bob Semple - Tel: 01494 563304*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

**Candlelit Dinner Dance. Saturday**

**18th November, Naphill Village Hall.**

Bar opens at **7:30 pm. Dinner 8:15 pm.** sharp, so that we can get maximum time for dancing to Geoff Jolliffe's popular Late Edition Band at **reduced** volume this year! Delicious Menu choice includes Steak and Ale Pie, Spanish Style Chicken, and for vegetarians, Creamy Mushroom Parcels, followed by Chocolate Caramel Terrine, or Lemon Tart. Coffee or tea to follow. Tickets at £18.00 are going fast. Don't delay in booking with Janet 01494 564569, Carole 563508, Daisy 562602, or Gloria 563634. Open to all residents and guests. Newcomers to the village very welcome.

### Planning:

**06/7251/FUL.** Barn Hips, Stocking Lane, Naphill. Demolition of existing garage and construction of two-storey rear extension and single storey side extension. (Over 50% increase on a Green Belt site).

**06/7310/FUL** 144 Main Rd., Naphill. Construction of single storey garage extension and open porch in front.

### Books Wanted for Christmas Fair



Good condition and not too old please

Phone Sally 562281 or leave in front porch of Woodside, Forge Road

All proceeds to Village Hall funds

**06/7316/FUL** 127 Main Rd., Naphill. Fish and Chip shop, now being converted to a Chinese Takeaway. Installation of replacement and larger extraction duct to rear elevation.

**06/7359/FUL** Fire Station No 1 Site. RAF High Wycombe Walters Ash. Single storey extension to form garage for site fire engine.

**Date of next meeting.** Thursday 8pm 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2006, Naphill Village Hall. If Village Hall being used for an election the committee will meet at Poland House on corner of Ash Close. As space there is limited it may be difficult to accommodate anyone else, but please phone in advance to let me know if there is any subject you wish to raise.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## Readers Letters

### AONB

The above initials seem to mean in Naphill - an Area of Outstanding New Buildings - we are indeed in danger of our village becoming like a town with the density and inappropriate design and size for plot of a lot of the new housing. None of it seems affordable to youngsters. Older people leave their bungalows which are then renovated and increased in size, doubled in price and then sold.

The impact on residents of constant building never seems to be taken into account. The area at the end of Chapel Lane has in the past 5 years alone seen a huge increase with acceleration in gardens being sold off to one builder in particular:- a mini estate of 28 houses in a plot little more than an acre and in great danger of the if you can't beat them join in mind set. Hedges are lost, trees destroyed and however 'desirable' a 'cottage' these are gone for good.

As far as I know, Hughenden is green belt and does not have the same problem. I am not sure where the Village Design Statement is but it had better appear soon. At the moment it is a builders bonanza.

*Helen Seys Llewellyn, Greenways, Chapel Lane*

### Thank You

A big thank you to everyone in the villages who came to David's funeral, sent flowers or has given me help and support over these last weeks. Thank you to Claire and Mark at The Wheel who laid on a splendid buffet as a gift to David.

*Jenny Roughan*

### Thank You

I would just like to thank the Mums from the school who went knocking on doors to find out who owned the cat which had been run over on the main road on the night of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>/Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks to them, we received a phone call from our

next door neighbour and were able to bring Cocoa home and bury him under the rosemary bush near where he loved to sun himself. So thank you from the whole family.

*Liz Smith - 283 Main Road*

## The Country Store - Delicatessen Orders for Christmas

Before we left many people asked if we would be able to provide their Christmas orders. We are very pleased to say that we will providing home cooked hams (all three varieties and any quantities including whole hams) plus a selection of other cooked meats, cheeses, olives etc, fresh bread, rolls, cakes and a good selection of wines including fine wines.

To place your orders, ideally by the end of November, order forms are available at the shop at Bledlow Ridge.

*Paul and Pam Oram -*

## Multiple Sclerosis Society

Ploughman's Lunch

Mini Bazaar, Raffle, Tombola,

Books, Gifts, Cakes etc.

Hughenden Village Hall

Doors open 12 o'clock

Lunch 12.30

**Saturday November 3rd £3.50**

*Barbara Fleming 562519*

## Naphill and Walters Ash Sky in November 2006

The Moon is new on 20 and full on 5. Venus and Mars

	Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
<b>Nov 1</b>						
Rises	07.08	15.11	07.14	06.52	08.41	23.47
Sets	16.38	01.05	16.44	16.32	17.17	14.39
<b>Nov 8</b>						
Rises	07.22	17.47	07.38	06.53	08.22	23.21
Sets	16.25	11.45	17.34	06.14	16.53	14.13
<b>Nov 15</b>						
Rises	07.35	01.22	08.02	06.54	08.03	22.55
Sets	16.17	14.22	16.21	15.56	16.29	13.46
<b>Nov 22</b>						
Rises	07.48	10.11	08.25	06.55	07.44	22.19
Sets	16.04	16.16	16.21	15.38	16.06	12.52
<b>Nov 29</b>						
Rises	07.59	13.28	08.46	06.55	07.25	22.02
Sets	15.57	00.16	16.19	15.22	15.43	12.52



# CHARITY AUCTION

**Sale starts at 2.00 pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2006**  
**At Hughenden Village Hall, Coombe Lane**  
**Viewings from 10.00 am on day of sale.**  
**Bar and Refreshments throughout the day**  
**Superb lunches from 12.00 noon to start of sale**

Items for the sale must be brought to the hall on Friday evening from 6 pm onwards or before 9.30 am on Saturday. Items may either be 100% donated or will be sold on a 50% to the charity and a 50% to the owner basis. In either case a brief form of description will need to be completed on delivery to the hall.

Lots may include quality items, antique objects, wine and food, small items of quality furniture and electrical items if new in boxes. The sale will also include an auction of promises (on the 100% basis only). No item should be entered in the sale if it would be likely to sell for less than £10. If you have any questions or would like to have an entry or "Promise" form please telephone 01494 564198

**In aid of a new Sound System  
for St Michael and All Angels Church**

set just before the Sun and so will be quite difficult to see. Saturn with its rings rises late in the evening and is particularly bright. Jupiter, the largest of the Sun's planets, sets soon after the Sun. On the whole, the planets this month are difficult or impossible to see because they appear so close to the Sun. 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.

### Hertzsprung-Russell (HR) diagram

Every star evolves from a gas cloud to a large ball of gas that is self luminous and self supporting. They are self supporting because the inward gravitational pull of their material is balanced by internal pressure from the hot gas within. The HR diagram gives an indication of the evolution of the star during its life showing the absolute magnitude (the magnitude it would assume if it were at a distance of 32.6 l.y. or 10 parsecs, an indication of luminosity) against the temperature. A star evolves because energy is emitted from the surface, nuclear fuel is consumed and its composition changes. Stars spend most of their lives in the main sequence and then many move to the giant phase. The Sun is about 5 billion years old and at present is in the main sequence of the diagram. In about another 5

billion years it will have used up much of its hydrogen and will become a giant and the star builds up a carbon-oxygen core and thus changing track on the HR diagram. The later stages Sun will be stripped of its material through the generation of its powerful solar wind. Even later the Sun will become a white dwarf. Very much larger stars consume their nuclear fuel faster and miss out the red giant stage and eventually the star becomes a supernova. (See also the article on Stars that appeared in the *Gazette* in 2006 June).

### Exoplanet

Exoplanets are planets outside the solar system. The first one discovered was in 1995 orbiting a Sun-like star known as 51 Peg. Exoplanets may be detected if the planet transits across its parent causing the parent to dim very slightly and briefly. Over 100 of them have been discovered since then although some of the planets have proved to be brown dwarfs and not planets. About 5% of main sequence stars have a giant planet at a distance of less than 2 Astronomical Units from the star (for comparison, Jupiter is 5.2 AU from the Sun) but there is no data about small solid Earth-like planets. The other approach of listening for responses to the SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) messages we are sending from Earth have produced no results.

### Solar System Planets

After much discussion, a decision has been made about Pluto, Eris and Ceres. They are not to be known as planets but as dwarf planets. This decision of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in 2006 August means that Pluto known as a planet since 1930 has been downgraded. This is largely to embrace large bodies such as Eris (the name endorsed by the IAU and previously nicknamed Xena), slightly larger and found beyond Pluto in 2005, into a comprehensive system of nomenclature. Undoubtedly there will be other dwarf planets found beyond Eris. Ceres is much nearer the Sun, in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, and is large enough to be classified as a dwarf planet. So after 75 years, we return to the eight planets, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune our recent ancestors knew and add three dwarf planets, Ceres, Pluto and Eris.

*Grant Woodruff*

## Naphill Horticultural Society

Having cleared away the last of this year's plants, 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. We have changed supplier to Dobies, a long established firm with lots of experience in the seed and plant world.

The scheme is open to members and non-members, so if you would be interested in placing an order, let me

**Chatterbox  
Charity Café**

"MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE"  
Using Fairtrade products.

All profits go to help people in the developing world

**First Friday  
Monthly  
11:00 till 14:00**

at

**The Father's House**  
(Home of Naphill Mission)  
122 Main Road  
(Opposite "Floreat" Florist)  
Tel: 01494 563304

CHILDREN'S CORNERS  
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A Warm Welcome  
Serving  
Homemade cakes  
Sandwiches, snacks  
Fresh speciality coffees & teas

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 will automatically receive a catalogue this year.

Happy browsing!!

*Cathryn Carter - 563233*

## Ancient Trees – Our Living Heritage

There are many special trees throughout the Chilterns and some of these are ancient. Such trees have done well to survive various hazards over the centuries such as disease, man, squirrels, grazing animals and competition from other plants. Because of this, the Special Trees and Woods project is celebrating ancient trees in the Chilterns with the forthcoming conference in High Wycombe. This free event is aimed at those with an interest in special trees, both the amateur and professional alike.

This half day conference is being held at Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College, High Wycombe on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2006. Thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, this event is free to all interested delegates. However, places are limited so

# Naphill Christmas Fayre

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Should you be interested in running a stall on the day, please contact Norma Clarke on 563116

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.

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

*Santa's Grotto*

*Raffle*

*Refreshments*

*Mulled Wine*

*Craft Stalls*

*Games*

*Tombola etc. etc. etc.*

please book by calling 01844 355 525 or go to [www.chilternsaonb.org/special](http://www.chilternsaonb.org/special) for a booking form.

*Liz Manley -*

*Special Trees and Woods Project (01844 355525)*

## **WDC Ranger Service Local Events November 2006**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 'Fungal Foray', Marlow Common.**

Join a WDC Ranger and learn more about the weird and wonderful world of fungi. This event is suitable for people with little or no knowledge of fungi.

**Booking is essential.**

**Meet:** 10am Royal Oak PH, Bovingdon Green, Chalkpit Lane, Marlow.

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** 'Mammal Detective at Brush Hill LNR', Princes Risborough.

Come and look for the signs of mammals that live on this Local Nature Reserve. If you are lucky you may even see some. This walk is 1½ - 2 miles long, involves a fairly steep descent with a steep climb at the end. Bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear.

**Meet:** 10am by the 5-bar gate at the top of Kop Hill, Princes Risborough.

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>** 'Wildfowl Walk at Little Marlow Gravel Pit'.

Yet another chance to come and see the variety of ducks, geese and waders that can be found on this nature reserve. This walk is suitable for all, as it circles the lake and is fairly flat. Bring waterproofs and sturdy footwear in case of bad weather.

**Meet:** 10am public car park, Coldmoorholm Lane, Well End, nr. Bourne End.

### **'Scrub bashing/path and glade work: Various Sites.**

Join the Rangers with this important conservation work removing encroaching scrub to create a mosaic of habitats suitable for a wide variety of wildlife.

Gloves, tools and hot drinks provided.

Stout footwear and warm weatherproof clothing are essential.

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** at Round Wood.

**Meet:** 10am by the 5-bar gate, half way up Roundwood Rd., Sands.

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Gomm's Wood.**

**Meet:** 10am Cock Lane cemetery car park, Tylers Green.

### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> at Castlefield Wood'.**

**Meet:** 10am in the lay-by, New Rd., Sands.

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 'Ridgeway to go part 4 – The Hampdens'.**

This walk has a distinctly historical slant as it enjoys stretches of the ancient earthwork of Grimm's Ditch, the Ridgeway National Trail and Hampden House. This 6½ walk has undulating climbs and descents, is graded easy to moderate and should take approximately 3-3½ hours.

**Meet:** 10am Whiteleaf car park (SP823035). **This is a booking event.**

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 'Prestwood LNR work party'.**

Come along for an hour or two and really make a difference by helping to remove encroaching dogwood and blackthorn regeneration. Bring a potato to cook on the fire. Sturdy footwear and weatherproof clothing are advisable.

**Meet:** 10am Prestwood Picnic Site, off Hampden Lane, Prestwood (SU 866991).

**For further information on any of the above events, please contact WDC Ranger Service on 01494 421825 or email:**

**Ranger\_Services@wycombe.gov.uk**

## **SSAFA Forces Help - The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association**

The National charity, SSAFA Forces Help, runs a nationwide Support Line for all Service personnel and their families. This provides a fully confidential, independent and non-judgemental service aimed at listening to people who are experiencing any kind of difficulty. This includes calls from the families of the ex-Service community as well as those in the services now.

The issues people call about include anxiety, depression, isolation, bereavement, relationship breakdown and debt to name but a few. The Support Line operates outside the military chain of command, thus ensuring full confidentiality. Benefits for callers vary from simply feeling relief through talking things over with an understanding outsider through the clarifying problems and considering options for appropriate action.

The Confidential Support Line number is free and it is open from 10.30am to 10.30pm every day, 365 days a year. The number is 0800 731 4880.

If any readers are interested in devoting some of their

## **Naphill Pre-School**

After half term we will be exploring journeys and later on in the term thinking about Christmas.

The children have produced some lovely designs which are being professionally printed as Christmas cards which we are looking forward to seeing.

We will be having a Christmas Shopping Evening on 21<sup>st</sup> November with Virgin Vie, Fun Junction and Demarle Cookware amongst other things which will be a good chance to avoid the crowds and do some early Christmas shopping or just to have a drink and a chat. For more information please call the number below.

If you would like more information about joining pre-school or to come for a visit please call Tanya on 01494 564037 (am) or 01494 563053 (pm and eve).

*Debbie Marchant: 565046*

## **Naphill Baby & Toddler Group**

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents / carers with Toddlers and Babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over Tea & Biscuits, while the children play with numerous toys and make new friends.

We meet every Thursday during term-time at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm.

Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

For further information please come along during session times or call Zoe on 01494 444502 or Una on 01494 566164.

*Zoe Hart*

## **Naphill & Walter's Ash School**

It has been a great start to the year with lots of new children joining us and our own children settling in to their new classes. Our new interactive whiteboards are proving a real 'hit' with children and teachers alike. This new ICT development certainly seems to be revolutionising the way lessons are conducted. We now have broadband internet access to all classes with teachers being able to access video streaming and the like to really help bring lessons alive.

In school sport, the boys in Year 5 held up well against Manor Farm School last week and although were narrowly defeated showed great patience and teamwork in their seven-a-side match. Future football events include

CE School.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October we have a tag rugby Tournament held at High Wycombe Rugby Club with players drawn from Years 5 and 6. The team will be accompanied by Mrs Hawes and Mr Stallwood in what promises to be a very popular event. The first cross-country running event this year is the Liaison

Competition on November 30<sup>th</sup> at Monks Risborough School which will involve children from Years 3, 4, 5 & 6. Later in the term on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December a regional netball tournament will be held at Princes Risborough Upper School will be held for the girls in the netball team. As part of the schools involvement in the School Sports Coordinator programme and responding to the wishes of the children we will be offering a new experience for children in Key Stage 2. A Kick-Boxing Club will soon be on offer though we are still organising the exact nature of the activities with the coaches.

Many thanks for all the Sainsbury's vouchers we received over the last two terms. We have been able to buy new playground games and an 'Agility Pack, for use in athletics lessons.

The first week back after the half term, holiday has been designated as Local Studies Week. In this week children will be given opportunities to study an aspect of local life that is not otherwise taught in the curriculum. Much of the National Curriculum Geography elements will be covered in this week and the themes include 'Our School Environment', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt!', '1901 Census' and 'Brick Making'

*Tim McLoughlin - Headteacher*

## **Naphill Brownies**

A big thank you to all of you who supported our recent jumble sale, another successful fundraising day.

We have been very busy at Brownies working on the environment badge. We took along lots of rubbish and worked out what could and couldn't be recycled through playing lots of fun team games.

This week we used lots of left over clothes, fabrics and hats from the jumble sale and each six designed an outfit to be worn at the fashion show the Brownies will be holding at our new Brownie enrolments in a few weeks time.

We have also been on an exciting treasure hunt which took us all over the crick and down Downley Road and we have been planting sweet pea seeds, conkers and acorns.

During the next few weeks we will be doing Halloween and Fireworks crafts and in November plan to spend the whole day making lots of lovely Christmas crafts and toys.

We are collecting used stamps in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind; if you have any to donate there will be a box at the Brownie Guide Hut and also in the Post Office.

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off being seven, please contact myself on 564576 or Ruth Daly on 565571.

*Judy Pope*

## **Guide and Brownie Jumble Sale**

As you will know Naphill Brownies and Guides have just held their bi-annual jumble sale in Naphill Village Hall. All the hard work paid off and both units are better off. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this achievement.

This money helps us with our activities, giving to charity and with the purchase of equipment. If we did not have this money, the subs would have to rise, we would have to cut back on all those fun things we do and find alternative ways of supporting a variety of good causes. Both Guides and Brownies enjoy selling jumble and buying it!

We are very grateful to all the people who donate jumble and then come back to buy it.

We would not be able to do this without the enormous help we get from not just all the parents, but also all those other people who come from wide and far given up a valuable Saturday to collect jumble, sort it, sell it and then help clear up. As well as those who provide the much needed refreshments. Many people have no connection with the Brownie or Guide unit, but give up their time. They all deserve a great big Thank You.

Of course the main organiser over the years has been Barbara Clarke. She and Michael, her husband and her daughter and son-in-law as well as their grand-children have over the years done a fantastic job twice a year, with a smile on their faces. This October was the last one that Barbara organised. The current Brownie and Guide leaders are indebted to Barbara for all her organisation and now superb handover notes. Both units have so much to thank Barbara and her family for.

We will continue with the jumble sale every 1st Saturday in October and March, the village hall is already booked. All help is very much appreciated. We will still collect jumble from your houses and bring it back to the hall.

Barbara is still around to offer advice and assistance and many people who have been helping for years have promised to continue. It is always interesting, fun and enlightening.

Many, many thanks to all those helpers and we look forward to seeing you Saturday 3 March 2007.

*Deirdre Hansen - Guide Guider*

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## Editorial

The final editions of the old gazettes have been manually scanned and added to the electronic archives. I would like to thank Rod Smith and his son who spent hours and hours on this to get the best possible reproduction.

As the year closes there are many other people to thank, all of whom volunteer their time and energy to ensure that the Gazette continues to reach you. Thanks

to David Leith, who so ably looks after our finances, to Pauline and Mike Pool and their distribution team and finally to all those who contribute articles for the magazine.

We also thank everyone who supports us with advertising, and Gary our printer at Gem Offset.

With very best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

*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 (Small Hall)	4.00-8.15pm
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

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## A Christmas Message

Life is not put to one side at Christmas! Far from it, for many people it is over stressful and for some it is a season of pain which is not dimmed by the false cheer as they are reminded that life is filled with difficulties.

However there is another side to it all – a side which of course is what it is really all about, and yet one which so many miss. It is not a truth that we will buy in the shops or find under the Christmas tree on Christmas day. It cannot be got by seasonal excess of drink and food, and it can be with us all year, long after the post Christmas sales are over and the new year resolutions are forgotten.

This truth is the wonder of God's love seen in the birth of a child. It is the knowledge that God has shared in the vulnerability of human life. This truth is the magnificent statement to us that God has come among us, a light shining in the dark place. At Christmas we can truly say of ourselves 'we are not alone'. In the Bible this child is given a very special name, Immanuel which simply means 'God with us'.

We invite you to come and celebrate this Good News of the birth of Jesus Christ at our various churches or at Naphill Village Hall Carols by Candlelight, and we pray that you will experience the peace and joy and hope that has been given to us all through this special birth.

*Bob Semple - Minister, The Father's House, Naphill*  
*Janice Pettipher - Minister, Naphill Methodist Church*  
*Simon Cronk - Vicar, St. Michael & All Angels, Hughenden*

**Sunday 17<sup>TH</sup> December**  
**4pm – Naphill Village Hall**

### **'CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT'**

**St. Michael and All Angels,  
Hughenden**

*Sunday 17th December*

10.30 am CHILDREN'S NATIVITY  
6 pm CANDLE LIT SERVICE OF  
NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

*Christmas Eve*

9.30 am SIMPLE COMMUNION  
3 pm CRIB SERVICE  
11.15pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

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Email [hughendenpc@btconnect.com](mailto:hughendenpc@btconnect.com)

*Christmas Day*

8 am HOLY COMMUNION  
9 am CHORAL MATINS AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY  
COMMUNION  
10.30 am FAMILY COMMUNION  
5 pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**Naphill Methodist Church**

*Christmas Eve*

11 am MORNING SERVICE  
11.15pm CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

*Christmas Day*

10.30 am CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

*New Year's Eve*

11 am CAROL SERVICE

**The Father's House, Naphill**

*Christmas Eve*

10 am CAROLS AND COMMUNION

## *Christmas Day*

10 am CAROL SERVICE

The first thing I'd like to say this month is a very big thank you to everyone who got involved in the **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** project that I mentioned last month. Although at the time of writing this year's appeal still had a six days to go many of you had already responded magnificently and the stage in the church was starting to get nicely covered. I shall let you know how many we finally received to send off in our February article.

All the shoe boxes from this area are this year going to children who would not normally get a Christmas present in **Belarus** and I'm sure they will bring joy and happiness to many.

Also thanks to everyone who has supported our **Chatterbox Charity Café** with many commenting on how they enjoyed the homemade soup on offer last month. Again we saw record takings the profits of which will go towards helping the poorest of the poor through the Charity **ROPE**.

All this has confirmed in my mind the generosity and willingness of many to help the disadvantaged and I believe this helps reflect just a little of the love and compassion God showed for the world through sending the gift of His Son Jesus Christ the reason we celebrate Christmas each year.

However, Christmas for many has, I believe become over complicated, stressful and a festival that promotes greed mainly I believe because of false expectations and the total loss of what Christmas is meant to be about.

Many people I have spoken to are sick and tired of the glut that Christmas has become and have changed how they approach it. For some it has been putting Christ back into Christmas which has included maybe giving to the poor rather than the family. I'm glad that it is not only Christians that have followed this trend.

God never meant Christmas to be as complicated, stressful, or glutinous as so many seem to have made it. Christmas should be a time of simple celebration and thanksgiving to God marking the time when He sent His only Son to begin His earthly life so as to eventually be the means by which God would make it possible to reconcile the people of the world to Himself.

Jesus started his life in the squalor of a simple but lonely stable, became a refugee, lived in a humble/simple way and during his ministry had no home of his own. Then at the age of 33 having showed love, compassion and

mercy to thousands was executed in the cruellest of ways known to man at the time on a cross. What was it all for because by some of today's standards Jesus' life could seem to have been one of total failure?

At Jesus' birth the angel's sang: "***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests.***" **Luke 2: 14**

It is because of what happened at Easter. It may seem far too early to mention Easter but Christmas and Easter are inseparably linked because it's through what would initially seem the failure of Easter that God accomplished the impossible, the possibility of mankind's reconciliation with God.

Jesus' mission, strange though it may seem to some, was to come to die and give His life as a ransom for many. It was only through Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection that mankind, can know true peace even in the midst of troubles by believing and trusting in Him as Lord. It is through faith in Jesus that we can come back into a personal relationship with God.

Christmas does not have to be complicated or stressful and certainly never glutinous if we celebrate it for its' true meaning, God sending us the gift of His Son Jesus Christ

My hope and prayer is that you will have a stress free and simplified Christmas that celebrates and accepts God's precious gift and therefore come to know His joy, peace and favour forever.

Once again, a very big thank you for your generosity, support and gifts to our Christmas and ongoing projects to help the poor and disadvantaged and therefore making a difference in the world.

A very Happy **Christ** filled Christmas and New Year to you all.

*Bob Semple Tel: 01494 563304*

## **News from 'Christians in the Community'**

Hope you like mince pies! As usual we will be delivering boxes of mince pies to widows and widowers in Naphill and Hughenden Valley. If you know of someone who has recently been bereaved and would appreciate a visit please let me know. We shall also be hand delivering over 2,000 Christmas cards detailing service times over Christmas in the local churches.

At the Carols by Candlelight service at Naphill Village Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> December the carols have been chosen by village organisations and afterwards we shall be serving mulled wine and mince pies (with alternatives as well!) Hopefully some of the children from KRASH will perform a 'playlet'.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December we will be carol singing in the local pubs – not collecting money but handing out chocolates.

KRASH (Kids Really Are Special Here) will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> December and go carol singing around the village on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December (via the fish and chip shop as we did last year).

We shall be collecting for the Toybox charity during the carol singing and Carols by Candlelight.

Our next meeting will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at Naphill Methodist Church. If you would like to join in with any of the above events or would like a lift please 'phone me on 563116.

Happy Christmas

*Norma Clarke*

## **County & District Councillor's Report**

It is hard to believe that we are so close to the year end and that once again the Christmas season is almost upon us. I use the word Christmas deliberately because that is what it is. There is considerable pressure to avoid the obvious, in order not to cause offence to a minority who do not share the same views. Unfortunately in public life political correctness is stifling public debate and I for one am beginning to rebel against these restraints and bring into the open those questions that do need wider public discussion. There are many of them, especially those arising from the need to cut and trim local government expenditure as a result of the government reductions in funding of those counties mainly in the south east. Resulting from this, panels of members are looking critically at the budgets of those services provided by the county council. One difficult area is Adult Disability Service and Mental Health. Also under review is the service for Older People. It is hard to see where savings might be made without cutting services to vulnerable people. To meet the increasing costs of these, we will have to cut the funding of highway schemes and only provide minimum maintenance to our roads. Already the gritting and salting programme has been reduced for this winter although Buckinghamshire County

Council's winter programme treats more of the road system than other similar sized authorities. A reader's letter last month, expressed the general concerns about building intensification and its changing effect on the village appearance. This subject causes me very great concern. In the last 12 months, the Development Control Committee has refused six backland applications by developers within the village. Five have been allowed on Appeal. I have spoken before about the undemocratic planning arrangement where one person can make a decision against the will of the majority but I fear that we have not seen an end to this situation. Lacey Green and Hughenden Valley were "washed over" by the Green Belt but it has not saved them from intensification, as building in back gardens is euphemistically called. However, I look at those new houses in the village, the building of which during the past 20 years was vigorously opposed. The Orchard, and those houses at the corner of Forge Close and Main Road to name but two. They are now part of the village scene and provide homes for many who are valued members of our community. Perhaps all new build is not a disaster but I am concerned at the cramming into every available green space and will continue to resist it whenever possible.

The Greater Hughenden Ward councillors are now back to their full complement of three members with the election in November of Larry Haig, who joins myself and David Carroll in representing this area. To all readers, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a New Year blessed with peace and happiness.

*Richard Pushman*

## **Notes From Hughenden Parish Council**

### **Village Design Statement (VDS)**

Some of you are doubtless wondering what has happened to the Village Design Statement for Naphill and Walters Ash. It has certainly taken longer than expected to bring it to fruition. This is partly due to Government changes to the planning procedures; it took Wycombe District Council some time to consider what its advice should be in the changed circumstances. The good news is that WDC has accepted that the consultation process Hughenden Parish Council has followed meets the new requirements. A draft of our VDS has been sent to WDC for comments and advice. Once these are received the final draft will be submitted to residents for consideration. We have been assured that the final document will be of material consideration when future planning applications are considered.

One view that has emerged strongly from local consultation is a wish to prevent backland

development. The gradual erosion of the green space provided by back gardens is much regretted. Your Parish and District Councillors have fought hard against such development only to lose when the applicant appeals to the Government Planning Inspectorate. A recent case was the permission given to build a house adjacent to the Green Belt in the back garden of 232 Main Road. A success has been the rejection of the appeal against Wycombe District Council's refusal to permit four three storey houses to be built on the Auchinyell site in Downley Road. The inspector considered the plans would result in a bulky appearance which would be readily visible in views along Downley Road from the south; the proposed terrace would be very prominent and out of character. Win some, lose some!!!!

### **Templewood**

The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of all the children's playgrounds in the Parish. This responsibility was taken over from Village Hall Councils because the cost of meeting current health and safety standards was prohibitive for them.

The Council is looking into the possibility of providing a play area of some sort on the land it has been given at Templewood. The thought is to design a low maintenance wooden adventure trail suitable for use by young children. This would be aesthetically pleasing in that location, and provide something different from the existing facility on the Crick. We will let you know more about this once designs and costings have been considered.

Further landscaping and shrub planting, plus some seating, are also under consideration.

### **Access to Parish Council Information**

The Parish web site is currently accessible via the Bucks County Council web site. However, the information is difficult to keep up to date in this format and so the Council is looking at the alternative of a stand alone web site. It is hoped to have this up and running in the New Year. Then agendas and minutes of meetings will be readily available for those with access to the internet. We will continue to provide hard copies of these at strategic points in the Parish.

The Parish Council meets at 8pm on the second Tuesday in each month (except August). Forthcoming Planning meetings are on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, January 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact me, or one of your other Councillors, if you have any comments or queries.

Peggy Ewart	565969
Ian Bond	564824
John Harris	562099
Matt Piercy	562081

*Peggy Ewart, Vice Chairman*

- *Hughenden Parish Council*  
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## **Something Different?**

Christmas is with us again: 2006 has flashed past and I am wondering how to introduce a novel element into the Christmas edition of the Gazette. Ah! Yes, I hear you say. What about a competition with a prize: a seasonal bottle perhaps? Right, let us try something a little different. I shall pen a short Christmas message in two languages which you are unlikely to have encountered. All you have to do (!) is identify the two languages and give an approximate translation of the message. The best answer received by 20 December will be rewarded with a seasonal bottle on 21 December.

Herewith.

Gaja Kristmaske kaj Felicia Nova Jaro. Sed tempo estas mallonga. Tiej estas Kriistmaske kartoĵ farti acetita, skribita kaj postita. Kristmaskedonacoj farti electa, acetita kaj pakita. Boteloj de bona gajigli - vino, biero kaj likvoroj farti acetita. Ankaŭ mangajoj de sezono (melengro kaj Kristmaske pudingo) acetita kaj preparita. Procedi tuj antaŭ tempo malaperi kaj problemoj komenciigli.

PS. Aithris, ceud Mear Noillag agus ceud Sona Nuadh Bliadhna do an math pobuii de Naphill & Walter's Ash.

*David Leith*

## **A Big Thank You**

We would like to thank all of the willing volunteers who regularly drop the gazette through your letter boxes each month and to wish them, as well as all of our readers, a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

We would particularly thank those deliverers who have, for various reasons, found that they are unable to continue performing this task.

Norman and Jean Perfect moved from Stocking Lane to Tylers Green some while ago and passed the job on to their next door neighbours, Bill and Jenny Price. Then Bill and Jenny moved elsewhere in the village and we have another volunteer to deliver in Stocking Lane. In fact we have had four volunteers following the appeal in the last issue but the job goes to Ruth Daly with our thanks. We will keep the other three names on a reserve list.

After many years delivering the Gazette Ann Bull has also decided to "retire" as she wishes to reduce the

number of activities she is engaged in. She has passed her round in Coombe Lane to her near neighbour Valerie Gibbs and we would like to welcome her to the job.

Finally we would like to wish Norman, Jean, Bill and Jenny every happiness in their new homes.

*Mike and Pauline Pool*

## **Norman Lancelot Rabson**

If you were near Naphill Village Hall on Sunday October 29th you would have heard the sounds of 90 or 100 people singing "Happy Birthday" and giving three cheers to celebrate Norman's 100th birthday. The party was arranged by Marcia and Terry Fendom and their family and it was packed with many surprises for Norman.

Norman moved to Naphill in 1982 when a widower to join his only son John and family. In 1986 he met Margaret (Young) and they married and have enjoyed their happy marriage in Naphill ever since. It was Margaret's daughter Marcia and son-in-law Terry who planned the afternoon.

Norman was in the Metropolitan Police Force for 30 years rising to the rank of Superintendent of Met. Police. On his birthday cake were ribbons of his achievements, one being on duty at Buckingham Palace when our Queen left for her coronation.

The next part, which was a great surprise for Norman, was arranged by Richard Pushman.

The Queen's birthday greetings card was presented by Superintendent Charles Griggs (Officer Commanding Traffic Operations Command Met Police) who arrived on the latest BMW motorcycle (85 miles on the clock) which had all the latest technology on it. He also gave Norman a letter of congratulations from Sir Ian Blair and a special plaque from the Metropolitan Police with framed photos of the latest police patrol car used in London. He spoke of the changes which have taken place since Norman's service years.

With Superintendent Griggs was a colleague who drove down to Naphill in the latest BMW patrol car also up to date with all the latest technology and Norman was taken for a drive through Naphill in it afterwards.

A super birthday cake was then brought into the hall which Norman cut. We all had a slice together with a glass of champagne to drink his health.

It was a truly memorable afternoon for Norman and for

all of us to share it with him. "Congratulations, Norman" may you share many more happy years together with Margaret.

*Pam Smith*

*\* Please see centre page for pictures*

## **Naphill Lawn Tennis Club**



Looking back on the events which have taken place since the last edition, I can report that the Ramble on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, organized by Terry Crooks, was very much enjoyed by ten intrepid members. In the warm autumn sunshine, the group set out from Ibstone, trekking up hill and down dale to 'The Frog' at Skirmett, where they enjoyed a very sustaining lunch at that hostelry, before returning to Ibstone – tired but fulfilled in mind and body! The NVC-organized Firework Night on the 4<sup>th</sup> November was another very successful local event enjoyed by all who attended, with NO complaints from us when we had to sweep the debris from our courts the following morning! Congratulations to the organizers for their hard work!

Continuing with the social theme, members are reminded that we are due to provide cakes for the stall at NVC Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December this year. Please don't forget your contributions otherwise Ted will be most upset as this stall, which he and his friend 'man' on our behalf, is usually a 'nice little earner' for the NVC funds! Our next and last social event of the year is our 'Tinsel Tournament' on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, when, following a morning's tennis, we usually sit down to seasonal lunch, provided by members, in the clubhouse, to kick off the festive season!

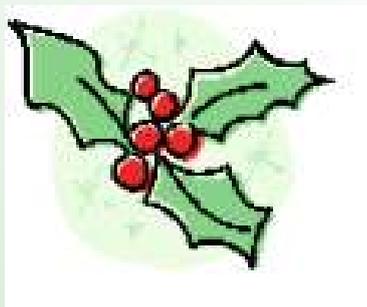
Returning to the subject of tennis, the winter league matches seem to be going well with wins for both Mens and Ladies teams, whilst Tuesday and Sunday club sessions continue, with the Sunday sessions due to move from 10am to 1pm in January and February. Our AGM is due to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> November, which will no doubt review our coaching situation, among other matters. However, the present committee is already exploring new avenues, bearing in mind that there were a few sessions that did not quite go to plan last summer, although there has been generous support for our 'Rusty Racquets' initiative.

Members are also reminded that we book an Indoor Court at the Cressex Tennis Centre. The cost of a

Norman Lancelot Rabson - 100th Birthday Congratulations



# Naphill Christmas Fayre



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

In the Village Hall

Doors open 1.00 p.m

Santa to arrive at 1.15 p.m.!

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.

Make sure you come along and have a great time.

*Santa's Grotto*

*Raffle*

*Refreshments*

*Mulled Wine*

*Craft Stalls*

*Games*

*Tombola etc. etc. etc.*

**Christmas  
Carols by  
Candlelight  
Sunday 17th  
December  
Naphill Village Hall  
4.00 - 5.00pm**



**Mulled wine,  
coffee and  
mince pies  
afterwards**

session at 7.30 – 9am on Friday evenings is £27.00 per court and available dates are Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, and March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> - contact Maddy Morris on 01494 523495, e-mail: [Maddymorris99@aol.com](mailto:Maddymorris99@aol.com), if you would like to book any of these dates.

For any further information on the club and membership details – contact our Sue Crooks, our Membership Secretary, on telephone no. 01494 562539 –  
e-mail: [smcr2000@aol.com](mailto:smcr2000@aol.com).

*Ingrid Tomlins - Tel: 01494 446063 – e-mail: [RGTomlins@aol.com](mailto:RGTomlins@aol.com)*

## Naphill Evening WI

After an enjoyable evening at our AGM in October, we are pleased to welcome our new president, Nancy Hussey, and committee member Joan Kearsley. We offer them all our support for a good year in 2007.

The council meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> was well attended and the controversy about the new magazine was discussed (as you will have heard at the November meeting). We had a very enthusiastic speaker, Paul Morrison, photographer, talking about Antarctica. Two members also attended Flackwell Heath's 49<sup>th</sup> Birthday party. It was an excellent evening - good food and entertainment by the Banjovi Revival. So much to enjoy in the W.I. The Remembrance Service took place in the village hall as usual, ending with the laying of wreaths at the memorial stone. It is always rewarding to see so many children taking part, our future generation. Our November meeting, 'The History of Royal Flying' will be reported in the next issue, and we will also have had our theatre outing to see Guys and Dolls.

Now the year is coming to an end and the dark nights are with us, there is still plenty to look forward to. We have the Christmas Fayre in the village hall on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, and our WI Christmas party December 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30pm. Another reminder, on 20<sup>th</sup> December the two Carols are putting on their sherry and mince pie evening. Those who were there last year know it is an evening not to be missed.

Now all that remains to be said to our readers, is "Have a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year".

*Jessie Higham 562061 and Juliet Shortall 565018*

## Naphill Neighbours



**NAPHILL SCOUT AND GUIDE**  
**HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE**

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**NAPHILL SPRING FAYRE 2007**  
organised by the Naphill Scout and Guide Headquarters Committee.

**SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2007**  
2-4pm Naphill Village Hall

We would be interested to hear from anyone who would like to have a stall at our Spring Fayre to sell their products.

For further details and price  
Please contact JILL WILKINSON on  
01494 564271

Our November meeting, when Mrs. Beryl Hulbert gave her illustrated talk, "Far North Queensland and Singapore" was both enjoyable and interesting. Her slides showed the flora and fauna, particularly of northern Australia, which are so different from ours in the northern hemisphere - colourful birds, butterflies and fish, incredibly intricately-formed blooms and, of course, cuddly koalas.

The Committee has been busy organising our Christmas Dinner, which will be held on 11th December. We are looking forward to a delicious festive meal followed by an entertaining performance from Fiona Harrison entitled "George Don't Do It!"

All the tickets have now been sold for our trip on Thursday, 21st December to the Royal Albert Hall for "A Christmas Sing-Along" followed by a tour of London's Christmas lights. Our coach leaves the village at 12.45 sharp.

Our first meeting of 2007 will be held on Monday, 8th January when Mr. Tony Brown will give his nostalgic magic lantern show A TOUCH OF GLASS. Tea hostesses are Rhiannon Ratcliffe, Margaret Pearce and Joan Blunden.

Wishing all our members and their families a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy new year.

*Hazel Vickery : 563977*

## **Naphill & Walter's Ash Over 60's Club**

Dr. Tony Maisey's talk on 3rd November, entitled 'Spare Parts', was absorbing and thought provoking. In addition to listing and circulating examples of parts of the body which can be replaced, Dr. Maisey outlined the ethical and legal concerns which can be encountered by doctors. Although Dr. Maisey injected a good deal of humour into his talk we were left in no doubt about the weighty decisions physicians have to make if, for example, only one replacement organ is available which would be compatible with a number of patients - who should receive it?

The forthcoming programme is:

December 1st: Joyce Wooster will be talking about music. In addition to "Bring & Buy", please bring your Christmas cards for distribution at the following meeting.

December 15th: The Twyford Bell Ringers

January 4th, 2007: Christmas Lunch

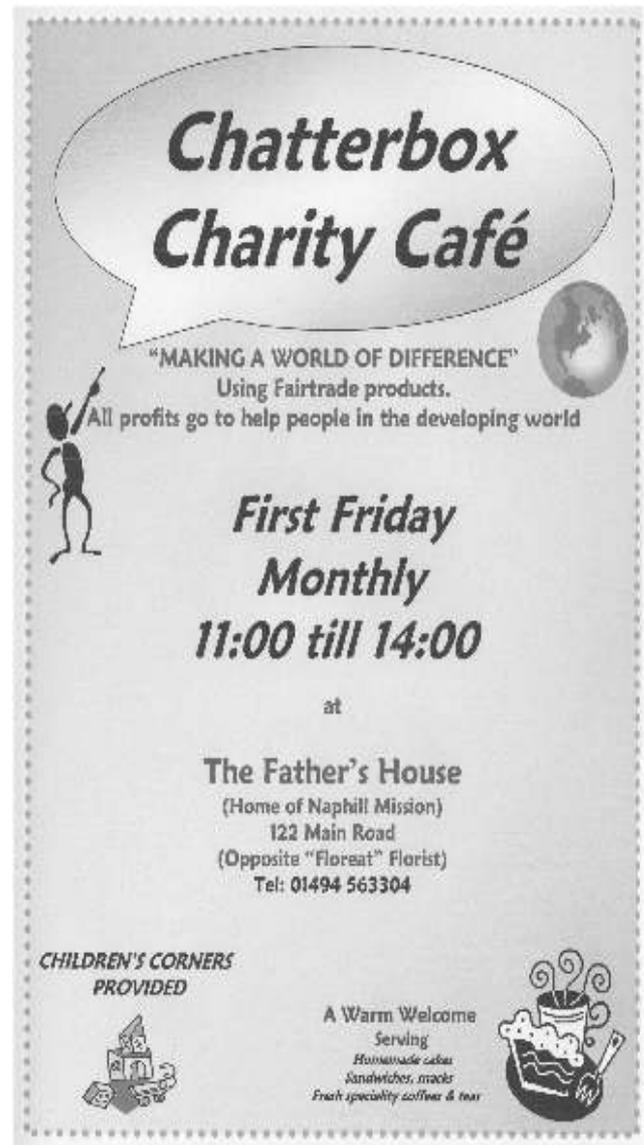
We wish you an enjoyable Christmas and a very happy New Year.

*Doris Lording : 569424*

## **Naphill Village Hall and Playing Field Council Notes**

Our meeting was on the Monday straight after the firework display and both the excellent display and the excellent financial result were topics of discussion. Our profound thanks go to all those involved in the organisation of this event which just gets better and better every year. The clear night and the full moon made conditions perfect and we ended up with record profits. Brilliant. My thanks also go to those who have cleared up the bonfire remains in record time. No nagging needed this year! The only problem that occurred on bonfire night was that the "Day-Glo" vests, specially purchased to be worn by the helpers had gone missing. Has anyone an idea of their whereabouts?

We have received several offers of a piano to replace the current one in the Village Hall. Thanks to all those who have contacted us. It does have to be a good old fashioned piano and not a keyboard I'm afraid as the Royal Academy who are the governing body for the ballet exams insist on the children having



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a piano accompaniment. No keyboards. We are liaising with our piano tuner to help us pick the replacement. Can anyone help with transporting it?

The dancing school are wanting to attach a barre to the wall on the entrance hall side of the main hall. This is to be as unobtrusive as possible but is necessary. Currently the students have to hold onto the backs of chairs which is not totally satisfactory or safe.

We are going ahead with ordering the new chairs. Thanks to those who have already agreed to sponsor chairs, and to those of you who still wish to sponsor a chair for £25. (Cheques should be made payable to Naphill Village Hall). It will be great to start the new year with smart and comfortable new chairs.

The refurbishment of the men's cloakroom is now underway and maybe even finished when you read this. I understand that it is long overdue and should be a great improvement when it is done. Thanks for your patience during the work.

Our next event is the **CHRISTMAS FAYRE** on the

**2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER.** Do please make sure you buy your draw tickets. If you have them done before the day could you please fold the counterfoils into quarters ready to go into the drum. It should be another great event. Santa is booked and his grotto should be as magical as ever. There will be a variety of stalls to help out with your Christmas shopping and refreshments to keep body and soul together. Look forward to seeing you there.

This is the last Gazette before the festive season so may I take the opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and health, wealth and happiness for 2007.

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

## The Annual Naphill and Walters Ash Quiz

The Naphill and Walters Ash Quiz has rapidly established itself as the most popular one in the area. We aim to provide an evening's entertainment with a variety of different quiz techniques and a collection of jokes (including one or two naughty ones!).

The WI provide a truly excellent Ploughman's, Clive sets up a full bar, and Daisy (who else?) runs a raffle with prizes that have ranged from a riding lesson to a bag of manure.

Everyone will be able to answer most of the questions so do come along and enjoy yourselves. The price of £7 per person (which includes the Ploughman's) is really good value for money. Numbers are limited and some people will be disappointed so note **7pm on Friday 23th February** in your nice new diary now and 'phone Ted on 563034 to book.

Do come if you can or send us a raffle prize if you can't. Proceeds are in aid of Village Hall funds.

*Ted Chapman*

## Naphill & Walter's Ash Residents Association

### Planning:

**06/7451/FUL** RAF High Wycombe, New Road, Walters Ash. Installation of fire booster pump station.

**06/7468/CLE.** Willow Barn, New Road, Walters Ash. Certificate of Lawfulness for use of barn as residential. (Objection: This is on the Shana riding stables site in Green Belt/AONB where non-agricultural development is not normally allowed. The "barn" was

originally a derelict greenhouse that was converted into a wooden building and used as a shop by Floral Crafts Ltd. until it ceased trading. The building was eventually used as 'residential' without planning permission, and insufficient firm evidence has been submitted as to its first use as 'residential'.

**06/7492/FUL.** Formosa, Chapel Lane, Naphill. Erection of a detached 4-bedroomed dwelling with conservatory to rear and detached outbuildings as an alternative to that approved under 05/06128/FUL. (Objection: the plan is contrary to Condition 7 of 05/06128/FUL which prohibits any further extension to the new dwelling permitted in the garden of Formosa.)

**06/7508/TPO.** 232 Main Road, Naphill. Crown and lift to 4m two lime trees. (The pruning is necessary to allow builders' vehicles into the 'back garden development site!').

**06/7532/FUL.** 1 Beech Park, Walters Ash. Erection of summerhouse in garden.

**06/7669/FUL.** Blacksmiths, Downley Rd., Naphill. Construction of single storey rear extension.

*Gloria Leflaive 563634*

## Your Letters

### Keep Fit

If you think you have a need to either get fit or maintain your fitness then why not come and join our keep fit class which is held in the Physiotherapy gymnasium at Wycombe Hospital every Wednesday evening from 6.15 pm to 7.15pm. All adult ages and fitness levels are catered and the class is taken by a fully qualified instructor. The cost per session is £3.50 and you only pay for the sessions you attend. Come and join us and enjoy a class with a relaxed social atmosphere. No need to book just turn up. Enquiries to Ron Collins on 01494 562240 .

*Ron Collins*

### Encouraging Wildlife

Invite your friends rounds for breakfast, lunch and evening meal and why not allow them to stay ... indefinitely - yes I mean frogs, newts, toads and dragonflies etc., and why not let them invite their friends round for drinks like robins, blackbirds, song thrushes, woodpeckers, hedgehogs, field mice etc., and enjoy Britain's indigenous wildlife with the help of The Natural Pond Company. Tel: 'Frog' Nash (01494) 452077 or Email Frognash@hotmail.co.uk

*Kenneth Nash*

## Thank You

Last month I appealed for help to deliver the Gazette in the Stocking Lane area.

I am delighted to tell you I received three phone calls offering help. This gives the opportunity to have a permanent deliverer and two others prepared to help out when needed.

So a very big 'thank you' to Ruth, Nina and Mark.

*Pauline Poole*

## Local Art in Flourishes in Naphill/Walters Ash

It was most gratifying to see that local art is still alive and flourishing in Naphill and Walters Ash. This example of bus stop art is thought to be from a



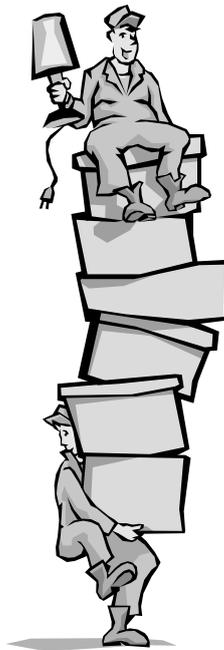
devotee of the "Moronic Scribblers Faction" of artists and amply shows that even those of an anti- social disposition or limited ability can produce class work.

It was also pleasing to note that in making the timetable difficult to read, especially for the old or those with sight difficulties, the work was functional as well as artistic.

Perhaps the artist would like to make his/herself known to the authorities so that they can be rightly rewarded by, for example, an Artists Special Bequest Order (ASBO). The work currently remains anonymous although it does appear to be signed.

*Bob Foggo*

## Lost - Video Recording of Lacey Green Player's Production of "The Wizard of Oz"



**Guides and Brownies Jumble Sale**

**Saturday 3rd March**

**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.**

Do you remember Lacey Green Players production of The Wizard of Oz way back in 1984?

If so, do you remember ever watching the video recording made by my husband, Stephen Shiu, or did you ever borrow the video, copy it, or know someone who borrowed it or has a copy? We seem to have lost the original. It was only when Madeline Cleaver asked if she could borrow the video that we realised that it was missing. Madeline would love to be able to show the video to her grandchildren so that they could see their grandfather, Bill, playing the part of Tin Man so brilliantly.

Naturally we would also be very pleased to have it back if anyone realises they still have it, or to borrow a copy, as our three daughters also took part in it. Our oldest daughter Catherine was in the orchestra, along with Madeline's son Jeffrey, and our younger two, Rachel and Johanna, were in the dancing scenes (particularly memorable for the dance of the skeletons in ultraviolet light!).

So if anyone has any information regarding the whereabouts of the original recording, or has, or knows anyone who has, a copy, do please contact either myself on 01494 563837, or Madeline Cleaver on 01844 345992.

*Jill Shiu*

## Found

The following items were found at the crick following the firework display:

Lady's gold watch, woolly hat (possibly belongs to child or young lady) and a mobile phone.  
If you think they may belong to you please telephone me on the number listed below.

*Pauline Pool 564226*

## The Wheel

Well it's amazing to think that we have been here in Naphill at The Wheel for almost 6 months, and what a great 6 months it's been. Mark and I have been made to feel so welcome in the village, especially by all our loyal regulars who have been happy to help us when we've needed it.

There have been so many highs with a few low moments. I'm sure you are now all aware the Thai food did not go quite to plan and that we are now back to a traditional pub grub menu. Unfortunately these things come to challenge us but we are not easily beaten.

In the last few months so much has happened; In September we had our first Hog Roast which was an experience for all of us involved it could not have been done without Steve ([www.mr-porky.co.uk](http://www.mr-porky.co.uk)) who cooked the pig, although a little help from the back up team was required at one stage (thanks Jan and John). We had great live music from James Henton and are also proud to have raised over £100 for the RNLI.

The joint beer festival with the Whip Inn was a fantastic three days with us having twenty different ales from around the country and also one all the way from the Isle of Man, which was the first to go. We also had two ciders which were a definite hit, although some people's heads may not agree! Here's to the next one in April.

Bonfire night was amazing and the display on the Crick was fabulous. It was great to see so much support from all the villagers. Our outside bar was a success and the hog roast went down well as there was nothing left again!

We are also proud to be sponsors of Naphill Football Club and also High Wycombe RUFC Colts team. I would also like to thank Tom at Altum Interactive for his brilliant set up of our web site which has all our up

and coming events, menus and much more you can find us at [www.thewheelnaphill.com](http://www.thewheelnaphill.com).

We would both like to wish everyone in Naphill and Walters Ash a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Claire and Mark*

## Hughenden Valley Surgery - Pharmacy

We now have an independent Pharmacy and Pharmacy shop based within our surgery.

Opening hours are 8am to 12.30pm then 1.30pm until 6.15pm.

Enquiries direct to Pharmacy Telephone: 01494 565458

*Sheena Jolliffe - Assistant to Practice Manager*

## Unwanted Christmas Presents

Whilst the summer months and our village fete may well seem an eternity away, might I ask readers to consider donating any unwanted Christmas presents to the tombola stall. Any item, no matter how small, will be gratefully received. I will gladly collect donations or they can be left at Michaelmas Cottage, 2 Lacey Drive, (off Chapel Lane) Naphill. Tel. 01494 562240 Many thanks in anticipation. Best wishes to all for a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

*Ron Collins*

## National Women's Register

Would you like to join a group where friendship and intelligent conversation are the priority?

The National Women's Register, NWR for short, is a women's group who meet fortnightly in each others homes. We form local groups so that you don't have far to travel.

We meet at 8pm until about 10.30pm with a break for coffee and biscuits.

There is a 6 monthly programme of activities. Ask the local organiser Alison Frost 01494 564466 for a copy of the new programme currently being prepared.

*The Lacey Green and Hughenden Group.*

## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2006

Naphill Village Hall was packed out at our village Remembrance Service on 12<sup>th</sup> November, conducted this year by Rev'd Janice Pettipher. Naphill Scouts, Guides, and other village organisations placed wreaths at the memorial stone.

The result of our recent collection for the above appeal was £1,478.67 which was made up as follows: collecting boxes £1,082.92; Village Hall Service £193.75; Wreaths £202.00.

My sincere thanks to everyone who did the house-to-house collections and for all who had boxes within their businesses. 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).

### FREE OFFER!

**If anyone would like to have a full floor standing electronic organ they should contact my Irish colleague Mr O'Brien on**

**01494 712626**

**Mention my name - John Bullock**

*Valerie Pushman*

## The December 2006 and January 2007 Sky in Naphill & Walters Ash

Sunset will be at its earliest on December 13 and sunrise will be at its latest on 30 and the shortest day on 22. The Moon is new on December 20 and January 19; it is full on December 5 and January 3. The Geminid meteor shower should be at its brightest on December 13 and 14 in the east with an expected 75 hourly rate of hits; the Quadrantids on January 3 and 4 with an hourly rate of 80. 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> magnitude. On 10 Dec the Moon is 1° north of

Saturn; on 11 Dec Mars is 0.8° south of Jupiter; on 19 Dec the Moon is 5° south of Mars and Mercury; On 21 Dec the Moon is 4° south of Venus. Venus sets after the Sun and will progressively more prominent in the sky later in the months. Mars is a morning star. Jupiter rises before the Sun and will become a bright morning star. Saturn in the evening after the Sun sets. In January, the Moon is 0.8 degrees N of Saturn, and on 17 it is 5 degrees S of Mars and on 20 it is 0.7 degrees S of Venus.

		Sun	Moon	Venus	Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Dec	Rises	07.48	1346	08.35	06.41	07.06	21.54
1	Sets	15.57	0304	16.23	15.18	15.37	12.32
Dec	Rises	07.57	1915	08.52	06.41	06.46	21.26
8	Sets	15.54	1123	16.28	15.04	15.14	12.05
Dec	Rises	08.03	0231	09.04	06.41	06.27	20.58
15	Sets	15.53	1251	16.37	14.50	14.51	11.37
Dec	Rises	08.08	1041	09.12	06.41	06.08	20.29
22	Sets	15.56	1739	16.51	14.39	14.28	11.10
Dec	Rises	08.10	1207	09.15	06.39	05.48	20.00
29	Sets	16.01	0215	17.09	14.28	14.05	10.42
Jan	Rises	08.10	1329	09.15	06.38	05.39	19.48
1	Sets	16.04	0637	17.17	14.24	13.55	10.30
Jan	Rises	08.07	2155	09.13	06.36	05.19	19.18
8	Sets	16.13	1028	17.39	14.16	13.32	10.02
Jan	Rises	08.03	0513	09.07	06.32	04.59	18.48
15	Sets	16.23	1213	18.01	14.09	13.09	09.33
Jan	Rises	07.56	0935	08.58	06.27	04.38	18.17
22	Sets	16.34	2110	18.24	14.04	12.46	09.05
Jan	Rises	07.46	1213	08.47	06.21	04.17	17.47
29	Sets	16.47	0539	18.47	14.00	12.22	08.37

### Local Group of Galaxies

This subject last appeared in the Gazette in 2002 March, when emphasis was given to the two largest galaxies in the group, the Andromeda galaxy and the Milky Way. The name 'Local Group of Galaxies' was coined by Edwin Hubble when he realised the association of the nearest galaxies to the Milky Way. There are now 43 galaxies so named with some of them being linked strongly with the Milky Way and others being associated with the Andromeda galaxy (now thought to be 2.5 million light years away). There could well be further ones to be discovered. All but three are dwarf galaxies, some once globular clusters ejected from mother galaxies, but even these consist of millions of stars. The local group is not uniformly filled with galaxies and dark matter, more in clumps. This local group is as a whole interacting with another group called the Sculptor Group.

### The Arts and Astronomy

This can be a vast subject and I will be very selective. Shakespeare was born after the theory of the Earth being the centre of the universe was largely abandoned. Most speeches in his plays involving astronomy did not refer to the universe argument except in so far as they referred to the validity of astrology. Views against were

normally expressed by rebellious characters. A lot later, Thomas Hardy compared in *Two on a Tower* infinitesimal lives with the vastness of the stellar universe. A modern observatory appears in the novel, *First Light*, by Peter Ackroyd. *The Ode to Charles Sumner* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow draws attention to the time it takes for light to travel from stars to our part of the universe. The American poet Robert Frost had a lifelong interest in astronomy and referred to celestial material as part of the fabric of the Earth. Primo Lemi, like Frost, referred to the Big Bang in his poem *A Star in a Stone Boat*. Science fiction has an enormous history in the use of astronomy starting perhaps with H G Wells, Jules Verne, Kingsley Amis and Isaac Asimov to name but only a few. Arthur C Clarke can hardly be ignored with his *A Space Odyssey* and the movies made from the story. Then there is Fred Hoyle who was basically an astronomer who managed to write novels at the same time, the first of which, *The Black Cloud* is still well-known.

Art in Astronomy has also a large repertoire starting with Van Gogh's *Starry Night* in which a French village is depicted below the Moon, Venus and the Milky Way. The Star of Bethlehem and astronomical instruments have been shown in scores of paintings over the years. William Blake also shows Newton rather scornfully in *God as an Architect*. More recently space art has its place too.

#### **Bathwater and Pendulums**

Air flowing to a low pressure region is induced to rotate over the surface of the Earth by the Coriolis force generated by the Earth's rotation. This causes anticlockwise rotating low pressure systems and clockwise rotating high pressure systems in the northern hemisphere. The rotations south of the equator are the reverse. The force is named after the French scientist Gaspard de Coriolis (1792 – 1843). Many have heard of claims that water leaving the bath when the plug is removed will rotate in a certain direction because of the rotation of the Earth, an indirect reference to the Coriolis force. In fact it is all nonsense for the Coriolis force is far too weak to have any bearing on the subject and the direction of the swirl is much more to do with the shape of the plug hole or some other local influence such as the bath's construction and installation.

There is a good example where the rotation of the Earth can be seen in the laboratory. A pendulum has the remarkable property of the invariability of the plane in which it oscillates. The French physicist, Jean Foucault, devised an experiment with of a very long pendulum. When set free at the beginning of one of its swings, the pendulum will continue to swing in that plane even though the Earth moves in its daily rotation from the point of suspension. The apparent result is the movement of the plane of the pendulum's swing but in truth is direct evidence of the rotation of the Earth.

*Grant Woodruff*

## **Naphill Horticultural Society**

Our recent Cheese & Wine evening was a great success, and John Clews (RSPB) has asked me to pass on his thanks to you all for making him so welcome, and also for making it his second best ever evening for recruitment- 10 people signed up for membership which is fantastic.

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 2nd March 2007. Details later, but make a note in your diaries. The problems we experienced last year should be alleviated by the hostess trolley the caterer has purchased to ensure that the plates are hot!

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 - 563233*

## **Allotment News**

The results of the 2006 competition for the best-kept allotment have been announced. For the Naphill allotments at Louches Lane, Mrs Stilwell came first, Mr Bartholomew was second and Mr Ball was third. For the Walter's Ash allotments at Clappins Lane, Mr Wilson came first, Mr Pool was second and third was myself.

For the overall results in Hughenden Parish (about 280 allotments), Mr Wilson came first and Mrs Stilwell came third – a very good result for Naphill/Walter's Ash. However, Eddie Wilson's coming first in the Parish for the third year in succession is a remarkable achievement.

At the time of writing there were six people on the waiting list for an allotment at Walter's Ash and three on the waiting list at Naphill.

*Mike Mason*

## **Naphill Brownies**

Ruth Daly and I would like to say thank you to the Brownies for putting up with us for our first term of running the unit, they have shown so much enthusiasm in everything we have thrown at them. We would also

like to say a special thank you to Deirdre, Naomi and our Young Leaders for their guidance and support.

We have recently enrolled our six new Brownies to the unit, and during the evening the Brownies entertained the parents with a fashion show and two Brownies completed their Hostess badge which involved baking cakes, serving refreshments and washing up afterwards!

A big thank you to Barbara Clarke for giving up a Saturday and running another fantastic Christmas Craft Day, the Brownies loved every minute of the day and took home some beautiful crafts.

We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas stall at the Christmas Fayre, in Naphill Village Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and we have the Brownie and Guides annual Christmas Carol Service in Speen on the 7<sup>th</sup> December where we will be performing a Christmas Carol.

We are already busy planning fun activities for January; we are going to the Pantomime at Wycombe Swan on January 7<sup>th</sup> to see Peter Pan and have our first Pack Holiday weekend taking place at Ellesborough Guide Centre at the end of January. We will also be welcoming four new Brownies into the unit in the New Year.

We are collecting used stamps in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind; if you have any to donate there will be a box at the Brownie Guide Hut and also in the Post Office.

If you would like to add your daughter's name to the waiting list, even if she is a long way off her seventh birthday, please contact me on 564576 or Ruth Daly on 565571.

*Judy Pope*

## **Naphill Pre-School**

If you would like more information about joining pre-school or to come for a visit please call Tanya on 01494 564037 (am) or 01494 563053 (pm and eve).

*Debbie Marchant: 565046*

## **Naphill Baby & Toddler Group**

Naphill Baby and Toddler Group are an informal group run voluntarily by parents for parents / carers with Toddlers and Babies. We offer a friendly environment for parents and carers to meet over tea & biscuits, while the children play with numerous toys

and make new friends.

We meet every Thursday during term-time at Naphill Village Hall between 2-4pm.

Admission price per session: £1.20 for carer & first child, 50p per subsequent child (under 12 months are free if accompanying a fee paying sibling).

For further information please come along during session times or call Zoe on 01494 444502 or Una on 01494 566164.

*Zoe Hart*

## **Christmas Tree Lights**

Its that time of year again when collection tins will be placed in various shops around the villages.

This year we have lost The Country Store, missed by so many, who were one of our top collectors.

Can you please help by dropping a few coins in the tins to help us with the cost of lighting.

*Pam Smith*

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